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*This volume on back yard happiness and health is
dedicated to my esteemed friend*

A. M. B.

*whose inspiration, assistance and encouragement have
made its existence possible.*

THE AUTHOR.

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Making the Back Yard a Garden Spot

EVERY home should be surrounded by a beautiful and artistic yard. Almost all appreciate this fact, and it will not bear argument, but there is considerable divergence of opinion as to the best way to make the yard beautiful.

The keynote of landscape beauty is harmony. It does not follow that you may not use contrasting shapes and colors, but it does mean that such contrasts must be used in a way to secure a pleasing general effect.

Because city dwellings are usually without front yards of a sufficient size to permit of planting, attention must be given largely to the back yard. Almost every one who does not live in an apartment has some sort of an inclosure back of the house, and as a rule this space is simply a dumping ground for refuse, a place to hang up the washing, and a summer garden for alley cats.

In the general treatment of country places the house is the dominant feature in the beautifying of the yard because there is ample land around it on