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Raised Beds in Gardens Serve Many Good Purposes

Gardening in raised beds serves many good purposes. On hillsides, it is almost a must if one is to utilize the maximum space to garden in. And when you live on the level, raised beds add interest, often for the same gardens attractive. Hence we have another practical reason for creating such areas in our gardens. And to think we first considered only the beauty of growing things in this manner.

For one, a raised bed becomes a showcase for plant material. Not only does the sharp definition between the bed and the rest of the terrain call attention to plants, but they are also put up closer to eye level, where

they are more subject to inspection. This is true, moreover, whether the raised bed is a foot high or three feet high — an unlikely possibility in level gardens, but quite common in hillside landscape. Because they love welldrained soils, bulbs are high on the C.A.N. list of things to plant in raised beds. And this being the season to plant springblooming bulbs, you have a wide choice to start with:

Also by the very fact of its elevation, the raised bed permits you to display tumbling, or trailing plants which are lost when planted at ground level. We

think Ivy Geranium, Ground Morning Glory or Trailing Lobelia planted at the edge of a raised bed and permitted to spill over the side. Trailing Fuchsias are perfectly suited to this treatment in shaded areas. A second reason for using raised beds on level land

raised beds on level land is that they result in a more intimate garden. This is especially true around patio areas where the raised area can be capped with a bench for sitting while you chat with friends or plant a few bulbs.

This brings us to another good reason for raised beds — namely that they are easy to care for. They are easy to weed and easy to pick flowers from. The raised bed vegetable garden is also handy in this respect, for you have access to all areas when you want to

harvest your crops. There's no trouble with keeping good soil in raised beds, either, for if you fill them with good soil to start with an add whatever humus material needed to make it absolutely perfect you will have easy gardening from now to eternity. Drainage is often a prob-

Would-Be Scouts Invited to Party

Boy Scout Troop 315, Persons planning to at-sponsored by the Torrance Glen Patrick, FA 8-3071 or Moose Lodge will hold a Robert Tilley, FA 8-3576. Troop 315 meets from 7 weekend campout at the to 8:30 p.m. every Thurs-Boy Scout Explorer base at day at the Torrance Scout Cabrillo Beach tomorrow Center, 1524 Plaza del Amo. and Sunday. SALAD QUICKIE Persons with sons in the Please all the family with Webelos who are interested this salad quickie. Place in joining the Torrance troop are invited to be chilled canned fruit cocktail guests of the troop at 2 p.m. on fresh orange slices. Whip tomorrow for a family wie- 1/2 cup cream and fold in a ner bake and campfire. In- spoonful of mayonnaise and terested boys are required honey for the topper. to be 11 years of age. tend are asked to contact Use classified. DA 5-1515



The secret of furniture care is selecting the right polishes for the various wood finishes in your home. Gone are the days when polishing was a tiring, time-consuming task of endless rubbing to achieve the desired, well-cared-for gleam. Although antiques and worn furniture still require this kind of special attention, the rest of your furniture can be easily cared for with the newer polishes that give fine results with less effort. In the picture above the original satin finish of this Directoire bedroom furniture is kept that way with effortless care by using a cream polish. What Polishes to Use:

High Gloss Furniture—At least twice a year wax furniture with a liquid silicone wax polish. Between these waxings use a silicone spray type product. Both polishes will maintain the high gloss, provide cleaning and protection, and are very easy to use.

Satin Finish Furniture — Use a cream polish. Thoroughly moisten the cloth with polish and wipe over the surface. After the surface dries, a haze appears which is quickly wiped away with a clean, soft cloth. Many homemakers prefer to increase the gloss somewhat and use a silicone polish.

Low Gloss Furniture-To retain the dull dubbed appearance use a low luster cream polish.

Antique and Worn Furniture—To preserve and maintain the rich antique patina paste wax must be used. It must also be used on furniture finishes that are in poor condition. For worn furniture apply paste wax with a very fine steel wool to protect and reduce slight finish defects.