

# MARY GARDEN RESEARCH

## *A Progress Report*

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PARADOXICALLY, the very literature and book-learning which destroyed the popular religious traditions of Christendom during the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries took it upon themselves to record the disappearing externals of these same traditions in the nineteenth. It is thus the secular lexicographers—not religious tradition—that we are to thank for the preservation of many of the centuries old "Mary" names of plants which have come down to us today. And this is why many religious people are indifferent or incredulous when confronted with reports of the old religious plant names.

### *Mrs. Lillie Pioneers*

But it was not from secular dictionaries that the Mary-flower tradition took root and found new life in the United States in the early nineteen thirties. It came as an offshoot from the old popular tradition which still survives in the monasteries and countryside of England. For it was in England that Mrs. Frank R. Lillie of Chicago, first learned of the Mary-named flowers, and conceived of the idea of planting a number of them in "Garden of Our Lady" adjacent to the Angelus Tower she had given for St. Joseph's Church, Woods Hole, Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1929.

Not the Mary names, but the spirit behind them was the important thing to Mrs. Lillie. She saw that in their origin these names were things of the heart. She realized that before the invention of printing the people of the countryside had no books telling of

Mary. "The flowers were all they had." In their day the Mary-named plants may have been more potent than any book of theology. Consider the shamrock. And she believed—as our Mary's Gardens experience has borne out—that they can still have such potency today . . . "especially for the children."

### *Mrs. Emerson Collaborates*

In her search for Mary-named plants suitable for use in the Woods Hole Garden of Our Lady, Mrs. Lillie was assisted by her good friend, the late Winifred Jelliffe Emerson of Chicago, who, incidentally, was not a Catholic. It was Mrs. Emerson who first tapped the wealth of Mary names of plants lying dormant in secular dictionaries; and it was from her research that the Woods Hole garden was planned by Miss Dorothea K. Harrison, landscape architect, and laid out by Mr. Wilfred Wheeler, distinguished horticulturist, and first Agricultural Commissioner of Massachusetts.

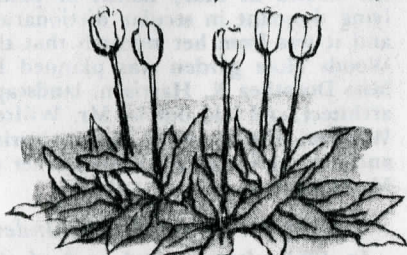
### *Original Research of Founders*

In 1951—after we had read of the Woods Hole Garden in an article by Rev. James J. Galvin, C.S.S.R., Editor of *Perpetual Help*—the writer and Edward A. G. McTague founded Mary's Gardens in Philadelphia as a means for publicizing and restoring the old Mary flower tradition. "Why not more than one Garden of Our Lady?" we said. As Mrs. Emerson's research papers could not be located for us by Mrs. Lillie—now in her eighties—we conducted our own research in the libraries of the Pennsylvania Horticul-



tural Society and the University of Pennsylvania, as well as the Philadelphia Public Library, to provide the documentation we considered it prudent to have before we started our public work. It was not until the spring of 1954 that Dr. Emerson came upon the original research while cleaning out the attic of his home. These papers, which he kindly presented to us as a gift, are now part of our growing Mary's Gardens library.

This fall, after completing the spring and summer tasks of sending out seeds and plants and answering correspondence, we combined Mrs. Emerson's research and ours into a single documented listing of Mary-named flowers. The immediate occasion of preparing this list was to provide documentation for the Mary Garden section of the Marian Year Exhibition held at Loyola University, Baltimore, under the direction of Rev. Francis X. Knott, S.J. We were most happy to make it available to Father Keane for first publication in the February '55 issue of *QM*.



And thanks to Father Keane and to Father A. S. Horn, a collection of Marian stamps was made available for the Loyola Exhibition . . . including several stamps showing Our Lady surrounded by flowers symbolically associated with her.

But the list of Mary names of flowers is by no means complete. It is a growing restoration. To date we have done little research in languages other than English. Even our English language research is narrowly limited by the time required for our prior family

and job obligations, and by the tending of our own Mary Gardens.

#### *Search "On the Run"*

Lacking the time for a systematic search of libraries, we have done our research "on the run" so to speak—relying on prayer and providence. Take the instance of a recent trip to Chicago. After our first day's work, we set out to spend a Mary's Gardens evening in the stacks of the Chicago Public Library—stopping at St. Peter's Church for a prayer to Our Lady that our labors for her might bear fruit. And they did. While getting our German language research under way with the help of Grimm's *Deutsches Wörterbuch*, we were overjoyed to find an additional fifty new English namings in Wright's *The English Dialect Dictionary* on an adjacent shelf.

#### *Fundamental Objective*

Each flower named for Mary is another tribute to her, and another testimony to the deep love for her borne by the people of Christendom. "Of Mary there is never enough." But our fundamental Mary's Gardens objective is not to accumulate a list of names. It is to help others start Gardens for Mary and to heighten the prayerful religious sense of their gardening work. Our real joy, therefore, is the discovery of new Mary named plants which will contribute horticulturally to the materials available for planting in Mary Gardens. Among those found in Chicago were: the daffodil (Our Lady's Ruffles), sweet William (Our Lady's Tuft), phlox (Our Lady's Wedding), daisy (Mary's Gold), peony (Mary's Rose), and Job's Tears (Mary's Tears).

Two complete lists of Mary-named plant life are presented in this issue of *QM*. It is hoped that readers of *QM* will help build up this list further by sending any names they know of . . . in French, German, Spanish and the Slavic languages, etc., as well as in English.





### *Outdoor Mary Shrine*

The gently flowing lines, the highlights, and the soft whiteness of the ceramic statue of Jesus and His Virgin Mother are set off by a wood background painted blue and framed by weatherproof rustic brown roof, sides, and base. The housing is 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ " high, 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ " width over all, and the floor is 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". The ceramic statue is 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " tall, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " at base. Complete, postpaid within U. S., \$11.00. Statue only, \$4.50. Send check or money order.

### *QM Readers Can Help*

It is especially hoped as Rev. Daniel F. Dunn, Executive Secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, asked in his monthly column, that readers of *QM* will "talk with their friends who have come from other lands, perhaps in your own home circle . . . and tell them that we would be interested to know of any flowers which in their homeland, in their own tongue, were named after Our Blessed Mother. Ask them, also, if particular blossoms were used for certain feasts of Our Blessed Lady, and what the significance

was. . . . While the Mary names of flowers still live in their hearts and on their lips, please take the opportunity to gather these rich traditions. Send them along, that we may record them for future generations. People of future years will be grateful to their unknown benefactors who aided in listing the many devotional practices used by gardeners of many lands in paying tribute to the lovely lady, the Mystical Rose, the fairest flower of the human race."

Each Mary name should be accompanied by the present-day common name of the same flower and, if possible, by its Latin, botanical name.



Sources of information should be given, whether books or whether localities in which the names are still in current use today.

And most of all it is our hope that some readers of *QM* will be able to further the restoration and extension of the living Mary flower tradition by starting Mary Gardens of their own . . . that working through, with, in and for Mary they may grow closer to Jesus Christ.

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# MARY GARDEN LITERATURE

## OUR LADY'S GARDEN

15 pages. 20 cents. Instructions on the spiritual aims and benefits of a Mary Garden. The essentials of principle and practice for sowing seeds indoors before outdoor planting time, and for sowing directly in the garden. Facts about the habit and cultivation of forty-two Mary-named plants with indication of season, period of bloom, height, and color. Also, information on the symbolism and associations of these plants.

With the above is included the Forehanded Steward-Steward Artist, which offers instruction for the beginnings and development of design, planting and layouts for a Mary Garden, large or small. Also, it provides clear brief directions for late winter and early spring starting of seeds indoors at a sunny window for early maturity, earlier bloom in the garden.

## GARDEN PRAYER

From the sixteenth century English translation of a gardening book by one of the St. Vincent Abbey in France. Printed on one side in green on white textured heavy fine quality paper 4" x 7 1/4". Suitable for mounting or framing. 20 cents.

## GARDENING FOR OUR LADY

By John S. Stokes, Jr. 3 pages. 20 cents. From *America* (Jesuit national weekly review)—Reports the fundamental thinking of Edward A. G. McTague and the author with respect to the Mary Garden idea, and the potential of the Mary Garden movement to restore Christian religious sense and values to gardening.

## MARY'S GARDENS

By Robert Ostermann. 5 pages. 20 cents. From the *Irish Ecclesiastical Record*, Dublin, Ireland. A Catholic thinker considers the action of Mary's Gardens to restore Catholic thought, tradition and teaching; and he is brought to meditation by the old Mary names for flowers.

## FLOWERS OF THE MADONNA LETTING THE LIGHT SHINE THROUGH

4 pages. 20 cents. Two articles from the Christmas 1953 issue of *Horticulture*, oldest U. S. garden magazine and official organ of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Harold N. Madden, co-author of *Plants of the Bible*, in *Flowers of the Madonna* tells of sixty-two Mary-named plants, and gives the old and, in some cases, current religious symbolism and associations.

Daniel J. Foley, Editor of *Horticulture*, in the Christmas inspired editorial *Letting the Light Shine Through*, offers encouraging thought for those who yearn to see the religious sense of Christ's Mass restored to Christmas . . . so, too, for those who are willing and able to assist in restoring Christian religious sense and wisdom to gardening. The story of St. Fiacre, a patron saint of gardening, is included.

## MAN IN GOD'S GARDEN

By John S. Stokes, Jr. 6 pages. 20 cents. This article from the *Catholic World* cites many historic and spectacular cases of men adopting spiritually and morally dangerous and degrading principles and practices in their gardening interests and activities; at the same time reveals the true, sacramental nature of the garden. Also, it points to the garden as truly manifesting God's providence, richness, and artistry. It shows that we must have recourse to prayer and the sacraments if we are to avoid the spiritual and moral pitfalls of gardening.

## MARY GARDENS

By Daniel J. Foley. 12 pages. With illustrations. 15 cents. Reprinted from the *Herbarist* (1953), official organ of the Herb Society of America. This article tells of many Mary-named plants. Also, it reports on the Mary Gardens theme in religious art in the time of Christianity.

## MY GARDEN PRAYS

By Rev. James J. Galvin, C.S.S.R., Editor, *Perpetual Help*. 5 pages. 20 cents. Father Galvin tells why you and many in all walks of life may receive spiritual good and offer spiritual benefits to others by employing a Mary Garden and Mary-named plant life in any garden as a means to honor Our Lady and for restoring all things in Christ.

## HONORING MARY WITH GOD'S ARTISTRY

By John S. Stokes, Jr. 3 pages. 20 cents. From *Catholic Art Quarterly*, official organ of the Catholic Art Society. An application of the traditional and profound Catholic thought and of true art principles for the design, plan and layout for a Mary Garden of any size.



### FLOWERS OF OUR LADY

By John S. Stokes, Jr. 4 pages. 20 cents. From *Benedictine Review*. This article points out the true dignity which manual labor possesses as a foundation of stable and harmonious community living. And it proposes the sowing and tending of a Mary Garden as a beginning means for restoring dignity to labor and for restoring a religious sense and habit to all work.

## BOOKS

### PLANTS OF THE BIBLE

By Harold N. and Alma L. Moldenke. 364 pages. \$7.50. The Chronica Botanica Co., buckram, xx, 95 plates and illustrations.

### THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER

By Joseph Henry Jackson. 31 pages. \$1.00. Illustrations by Tom Lea. Harcourt Brace & Company.

### OUR LADY OF THE BIRDS

By Louis J. A. Mercier. 72 pages. \$1.50. St. Anthony Guild Press, illustrated. Brother Stephen advances in knowledge of life and of God and His creatures by tending a monastery garden dedicated to Our Lady.



### from "THE IRISH ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD"

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John Stokes and Edward McTague are not in the seed business, nor are they dominated by the idea of big sales. These men are selling *work* . . . for a lifetime, they hope. The person who can plant a garden of Our Lady's flowers without his reflection turning occasionally in her direction will be rare. And Mary is, as always, the high swift glorious road to Christ. This points to another fact: the garden they wish to nourish is within. Mary's Gardens is an appeal to the heart.

'This is thy stewardship,' concludes an early sixteenth-century English gardening pamphlet, 'whatsoever thou be. And if thou carelessly omit to do thy office thou makest a hard account for thyself, which God forbid if it be His good pleasure . . . therefore love God above all things, and thy neighbour as thyself.'

—ROBERT OSTERMANN.



# PLANTS NAMED FOR OUR LADY

Compiled from research by Winifred Jelliffe Emerson, Chicago, Illinois, 1932,  
made at the suggestion of Mrs. Frank R. Lillie; and from research by Mary's Gardens,  
Philadelphia 43, Pa., 1951-1954. Printed with permission of Mary's Gardens.

Religious Name	Popular Name	Technical Name	References
Annunciation Lily	Madonna Lily	Lilium candidum	Bailey—1868
Assumption Lily	Funkia	Hosta plantaginea	Pers—1
Blue-eyed Mary	Collinsea	Collinsea bicolor	Web—1112, Wilder—356
Blue-eyed Mary	Blue-eyed Grass	Sisyrinchium angustifolium	I—543
Candlemas Bells	Snowdrops	Galanthus nivalis	M.C.—6
Joseph and Mary	Lungwort	Pulmonaria officinalis	Web—1167
Lady-Apple	Small variety of apple with one pink cheek		Emer—
Oud Lady's Balsam	Costmary	Chrysanthemum balsamita	Foley—38
Our Lady's Basin	Fuller's Teasel	Dipsacus fullonum	Foley—38
Our Lady's Beds	Yellow Bedstraw	Galium verum	Britt—294
Our Lady's Bedstraw	Yellow Bedstraw	Galium verum	Britt—294, Prior—131, Oxford—161
Lady-Bell	Gland Bellflower	Adenophora	S.P.N.—6 & 257
Our Lady's Belt	Meadow-Sweet	Filipendula ulmaria	Foley—38
Our Lady's Birthday	Italian Aster	Aster amellus	Woods—1937
Our Lady's Birthday Flower	Pennyroyal	Mentha pelegium	Woods—1932
Our Lady's Boots	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Lotus corniculatus	Mold—473
Lady's Bower	Traveler's Joy	Clematis vitalba	Britt—294, Oxford—1099
Lady Brake(n)	Bracken	Pteris aquilina	Gray—36
Lady-by-the-Gate	Soapwort	Saponaria officinalis	Gray—386
Our Lady's Candles	Evening Campion	Lychnis alba	S.P.N.—64, Gray—384, II—68
Our Lady's Candlestick	Oxlip	Primula elatior	S.P.N.—382, II—708, Britt—294
Lady's Clover	Wood Sorrel	Oxalis acetosella	Britt—294, Gray—533, II—431
Lady's Comb	Venus Comb	Scandix pecten-veneris	Prior—131, Britt—294, Gray—617, Oxford—1099
Our Lady's Cowslip	Goat's Rue	Galega lutea	Britt—294, Hook—384
Our Lady's Cushion	Rock Cress	Arabis albida	Britt—294
Our Lady's Cushion	Thrift	Armeria vulgaris	Oxford—1099, Prior—131, Britt—294
Our Lady's Cushion	Knapweed	Centauria nigra	Foley—38
Our Lady's Cushion	Golden Saxifrage	Chrysosplenium oppositifolium	Britt—294
Our Lady's Cushion	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Lotus corniculatus	Britt—294
Our Lady's Cushion	Mossy Saxifrage	Saxifraga hypnoides	Oxford—1099, Britt—294
Lady's Delight	Pansy	Viola tricolor	Gray—587, Oxford—1099
Lady's Eardrop	Touch-Me-Not	Impatiens biflora	Mold—473, I—440
Lady's Eardrop	Fuchsia	Fuchsia speciosa	Britt—294
Lady's Earrings	Balsam	Impatiens capensis	Gray—991
Lady Eleven o'clock	Star of Bethlehem	Ornithogalum umbellatum	I—509



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Our Lady's Eyes	Forget-me-Not	Myosotis scorpioides	Skin—119
Lady Fern	Lady Fern	Anthyrium felix-foemina	Britt—294, Prior—131
Lady's Fingers	Kidney Vetch	Anthyllis vulneraria	Oxford—1099, Prior—131, Britt—294
Lady's Finger	Cuckoo-Pint	Arum maculatum	Britt—294
Lady's Fingers	Golden Chain	Cytisus laburnum	Britt—294
Lady's Fingers	Everlasting Pea	Lathyrus pratensis	Britt—294
Our Lady's Fingers	Honeysuckle	Lonicera caprifolium	Britt—294, Gray—756, Ill—278
Lady's Fingers	Birds Foot Trefoil	Lotus corniculatus	Britt—294
Lady's Fingers	Orchis	Orchis mascula	Britt—294
Lady's Fingers	Primrose	Primula variabilis	Britt—294
Lady's Fingers	Cowslip	Primula veris	Britt—294
Our Lady's Flannel	Bugloss	Echium fastuosum	Woods—1932
Our Lady's Flannel	Small Bugloss	Lycopsis arvensis	Gray—683, Ill—93
Our Lady's Flower	Cuckoo Flower	Cardamine pratensis	Foley—38
Lady's Foxglove	Great Mullein	Verbascum thapsus	Britt—295
Lady's Flower	Pansy	Viola tricolor	M.C.—23
Lady's Frills	Primrose	Primula vulgaris	Britt—295
Lady Garten Berries	Variety of Blackberry	Rubus fruticosus	Britt—294
Lady's Garters	Ribbon Grass	Phalaris arundinacea	Britt—295, Gray—121, I—170
Lady's Garters	Variety of Blackberry	Rubus fruticosus	Britt—295
Lady's Glass	Corn Violet		Web—
Our Lady's Glove	Foxglove	Digitalis purpurea	Skin—23
Lady Glove	Foxglove	Digitalis purpurea	Britt—294, Gray—726, Ill—204
Lady's Glove	Birds-Foot Trefoil	Lotus corniculatus	Britt—295
Lady's Grass	Crab Grass	Digitalis sanguinalis	Emer—
Lady Grass	Reed Canary Grass	Phalaris arundinacea	Britt—294, Gray—121, I—170
Our Lady's Hair	Maiden Hair Fern	Adiantum capillus-veneris	Britt—295, Oxford—1099
Our Lady's Hair	Quaking Grass	Briza media	Prior—131, Britt—295, Gray—154, Oxford—1099
Our Lady's Hand	Spotted Orchids	Orchis maculata	Foley—39, Mold—473
Lady Keys	Cowslip	Primula veris	Britt—294
Our Lady's Lace	Dodder	Cuscuta gronovii	Prior—131, Gray—672, Ill—49
Lady's Laces	Reed Canary Grass	Phalaris arundinacea	Oxford—1099, Britt—295
Lady Laurel	Laurel	Daphne mezereum	Gray—590, II—574, Mold—473, Foley—38
Lady's Lint	Easter Bell	Stellaria holostea	Britt—295
Lady's Looking Glass	Venus' Looking Glass	Campanula speculum	Prior—131, Britt—295
Lady's Longing	Variety of Apple	Pyrus	Emer—
Lady's Mantle	Lady's Mantle	Alchemilla vulgaris	Oxford—1099, Prior—132, Britt—295, Gray—493, II—214
Lady's Mantle	Morning Glory	Ipomea purpurea	Britt—295
Lady's Mantle	English Morning Glory	Convolvulus major	Woods—1935
Lady's Meat	Wood Sorrel	Oxalis acetosella	Britt—295
Lady's Meat	Hawthorn	Crataegus oxyacantha	Britt—295
Lady's Milk	Milk Thistle	Carduus marianus	Britt—295
Lady's Milk Sile	Cuckoo Flower	Cardamine pratensis	Britt—295



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Lady's Milk Sile	Spotted Lungwort	<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Britt—295
Our Lady's Milkwort	Spotted Lungwort	<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Britt—295
Our Lady's Mint	Spearmint	<i>Mentha viridis</i>	Britt—296
Our Lady's Modesty	English Violet	<i>Viola odorata</i>	Pers—2, Haig—30, 197, 270
Lady's Navel	Navelwort	<i>Cotyledon umbilicus</i>	Prior—132, Britt—296
Our Lady's Needle	Roman Wormwood	<i>Artemisia pontica</i>	Foley—37
Lady's Needlework	Hedge Parsley	<i>Torilis anthriscus</i>	Gray—623, II—626
Lady-Never-Fade	Pearly Everlasting	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	Emer—
Lady's Nightcap	Wood Anemone	<i>Anemone nemorosa</i>	Britt—296
Lady's Nightcap	Canterbury Bells	<i>Campanula medium</i>	Britt—296, Foley—38, Mold—473
Lady's Nightcap	Rutland Beauty	<i>Convolvulus sepium</i>	Prior—132, Britt—296
Lady-of-the-Snow	Alpine Anemone	<i>Anemone vernalis</i>	W.S.G.—23
Lady O' The Meadow	Meadow-Sweet	<i>Spiraea ulmaria</i>	Britt—296
Lady's Paint Brush	Orange Hawkweed	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	Gray—872
Lady's Pincushion	Thrift	<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Britt—296
Lady's Pincushion	Spotted Lungwort	<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Britt—296
Lady's Pincushion	Sweet Scabious	<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i>	Britt—296
Lady's Pocket	Touch-me-not	<i>Impatiens biflora</i>	Gray—560, II—440
Lady Poplar	Lombardy Poplar	<i>Populus fastigiata</i>	Britt—294
Lady's Pouches	Shepherd's Purse	<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Britt—296
Lady's Purses	Shepherd's Purse	<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Britt—296
Our Lady's Quishion	Thrift	<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Britt—296
Our Lady's Resting Place	Germander Speedwell	<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	M.C.—25
Lady's Ribands	Reed Canary Grass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Britt—296
Our Lady's Rose	Rose of Jericho	<i>Anastatica hierochuntica</i>	Skin—231, Thomas—29
Lady-Rue	Meadow Rue	<i>Thalictrum clavatum</i>	Gray—658
Our Lady's Ruffles	Meadow-Sweet	<i>Filipendula hexapetala</i>	Mold—473
Lady's Ruffles	Nhamp		Britt—296
Lady's Seal	Solomon's Seal	<i>Polygonatum multiflorum</i>	Prior—132, Britt—296, Gray—292, I—521
Lady's Seal	Black Bryony	<i>Tamus communis</i>	Britt—296
Lady's Shoes	Columbine	<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Britt—296, Gray—405, II—93
Lady's Shoes & Stockings	Bird's Foot Trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Britt—296, Gray—511, II—359
Lady's Signet	Black Bryony	<i>Tamus communis</i>	
Lady's Signet	Bryony	<i>Bryonia dioica</i>	Skin—68
Lady's Signet	Solomon's Seal	<i>Polygonatum multiflorum</i>	
Our Lady's Signet	False Solomon's Seal	<i>Similacina racemosa</i>	Foley—42
Lady's Slipper	Columbine	<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Britt—296
Lady's Slipper	Birds-Foot Trefoil	<i>Calceolaria</i>	Oxford—1099, Britt—296
Lady's Slipper	Lady's Slipper Orchid	<i>Cypripedium</i>	Oxford—1099, Prior— 132, Britt—296
Our Lady's Slipper		<i>Fissipes acaulis</i>	Foley—38
Lady Slipper	Lady Slipper	<i>Impatiens balsaminum</i>	Gray—306, Foley—39, Mold—473
Lady's Slipper	Bird's-Foot Trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Britt—296, Foley—39, Mold—473
Lady's Slipper	Fringed Milkwort	<i>Polygala paucifolia</i>	Emer—



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Lady's Smock	Marsh Marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Emer—
Lady's Smock	Canterbury Bells	<i>Campanula medium</i>	Britt—296
Lady's Smock	Cuckoo Flower	<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>	Oxford—1099, Prior—132, Britt—296
Lady's Smock	Rutland Beauty	<i>Convolvulus sepium</i>	Oxford—1099, Britt—296
Lady Sorrel	Wood Sorrel	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Gray—534, Mold—484
Our Lady's Tears	Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	Pa. Hort.—1951
Our Lady's Tears	Lily-of-the-Valley	<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Wilder—356
Lady Ten O'Clock	Star of Bethlehem	<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	I—509
Lady's Thigh	Variety of Pear	<i>Pyrus</i>	Oxford—1099
Lady's Thimble	Harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Oxford—1099, Prior—133, Britt—297
Lady's Thimble	Foxglove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Oxford—1099, Britt—297
Lady's Thimble	Germander Speedwell	<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Britt—297
Our Lady's Thistle	Blessed Thistle	<i>Cnicus benedictus</i>	Gray—861, III—560
Our Lady's Thistle	Blessed Thistle	<i>Carduus benedictus</i>	Britt—297
Our Lady's Thistle	Milk Thistle	<i>Carduus marianus</i>	Prior—133, Britt—297
Lady's Thumb	Lady's Thumb	<i>Polygonum persicaria</i>	Oxford—1099, Bailey—2741
Lady Tobacco	Pearly Everlasting	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	Gray—820, Mold—484
Lady's Traces	Lady's Tresses	<i>Spiranthus autumnalis</i>	Britt—297
Lady's Tresses	Quaking Grass	<i>Briza</i>	Oxford—1099
Lady's Tresses	Bird's Nest Orchid	<i>Neottia nidus-avis</i>	Prior—133
Lady's Tresses	Ladies Tresses	<i>Spiranthus autumnalis</i>	Britt—297
Lady-Whin	Rest Harrow	<i>Ononis arvensis</i>	Oxford—2416, Britt—294
Lily-of-the-Valley	Lily-of-the-Valley	<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Oxford—1143
Madonna's Herb	Mother-of-Thousands	<i>Linaria cymbalaria</i>	Emer—
Madonna's Herb	Ground Ivy	<i>Nepeta hederacea</i>	M.C.—10
Madonna Lily	Madonna Lily	<i>Lilium candidum</i>	Oxford—1184
Madonna's Milk	Red Dead Nettle	<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Gray—800, III—121
Madonna's Pins	Stork Bill	<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Gray—536, II—430
Madonna's Pins	Wild Geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Woods—1937
Madonna Rose	var. Hybrid Tea Rose	<i>Rosa odorata</i>	S.P.N.—430
Marie Bregne	Rock Polypody	<i>Polypodium vulgare</i>	Foley—39
Mary Bud	Marsh Marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Gray—404, II—85, 86
Mary-Bud	Pot Marigold	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	Oxford—1211, Prior—149, Britt—326
Mary's Eyes	Forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	James—4
Mary's Flower	Rose of Jericho	<i>Anastatica pygmaeus, hierochuntica</i>	Emer—
St. Mary's Flower (Australia)		<i>Marianthus, sp.</i>	Emer—
Marygold	Pot Marigold	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	Oxford—1206, Britt—324
Marygold	Marsh Marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Prior—148
Marygold	Annual Chrysanthemum	<i>Chrysanthemum segetum</i>	Oxford—1206, Britt—324
Marygold	Marigold	<i>Tagetes (genus)</i>	Oxford—1206
Marygold Fig	Fig Marigold	<i>Mesembryanthemum</i>	Oxford—696
Marigold Rose	var. Hybrid Tea Rose	<i>Rosa odorata</i>	S.P.N. 431
St. Mary's Grass	Johnson Grass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	Gray—95, I—121, Skin—145
Mary's Hand	Rose of Jericho	<i>Anastatica hierochuntica</i>	Emer—
Mary's Hand	Silverweed	<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	Woods—1937



Religious Name	Popular Name	Technical Name	References
Mary's Hand of Pity	Spotted Orchis	<i>Orchis maculata</i>	M.C.—25, 26, Foley—39, Mold—473
Mary's Heart	Bleeding Heart	<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>	Gyger—P
St. Mary's Herb	Mint Geranium	<i>Chrysanthemum balsamita</i>	Gray—847, Skin—4
St. Mary's Herb	Spearmint	<i>Mentha spicata</i>	Foley—39
St. Mary's Herb	Pansy	<i>Viola tricolor</i>	Emer
Santa Maria	Feverfew	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Ill—465
Mary Iris	Var. Iris	<i>Iris barnumae mariae</i>	S.P.N.—282
Mary Lily	Madonna Lily	<i>Lilium candidum</i>	Bailey—156, James—4
Mary's Pink	Red Campion	<i>Lychnis dioica</i>	Gray—384, II—69
Mary's Rue	Resurrection Plant	<i>Anastatica hierochuntica</i>	Foley—37
Mary's Rose	Rose Campion	<i>Lychnis coronaria</i>	Medici Print
St. Mary's Seeds	Sow Thistle	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Britt—326
St. Mary's Seeds	Milky Dasher		M.C.—
Mary's Slipper	Monkshood	<i>Aconitum napellus</i>	Pers—1
Mary's Tears	Star of Bethlehem	<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	M.C.—21, Gray—289 I—510
Mary's Tears	Spotted Lungwort	<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Britt—481
Mary's Tears	Bladder Campion	<i>Silene latifolia</i>	II—64
St. Mary's Thistle	Milk Thistle	<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Bailey—3169
St. Mary's Tree	Rosemary	<i>Rosemarinus officinalis</i>	M.C.—10, Skin—13
Purification Flower	Snowdrop	<i>Galanthus nivalis</i>	M.C.—8
Rose of Jericho	Resurrection Plant	<i>Anastatica hierochuntica</i>	Oxford—1754
Rose of Sharon	St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum calycinum</i>	Web—1849
Rose of Sharon	Shrubby Althea	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>	II—526
St. Joseph's Staff	Hollyhock	<i>Althea rosea</i>	Woods—1937
Sweet Marie	Hybrid Tea Rose	<i>Rosa odorata</i>	S.P.N.—449
Sweet Mary	Jupiter's Beard	<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Britt—460
Sweet Mary	Lemon Balm	<i>Melissa officinalis</i>	Emer—
Virgin's Bower	Clematis	<i>Clematis virginiana</i>	M.C.—45, Britt—482
Virgin's Bower	Wisteria	<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>	II—374
Virgin Flower	Costmary	<i>Chrysanthemum balsamita</i>	Mold—384
Virgin Flower	Snowdrop	<i>Galanthus nivalis</i>	Emer—
Virgin Flower	Periwinkle	<i>Vinca rosea</i>	Woods—1937, Mold—484
Virgin's Glove	Foxglove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Skin—23
Virgin's Nipple	Spurge	<i>Euphorbia lathyris</i>	Skin—19
Virgin Oil	Olive	<i>Olea europaea</i>	Mold—473
Virgin Pink	Garden Pink	<i>Dianthus plumarius</i>	Mold—484
Virgin Stock	Virginian Stock	<i>Malcomia maritima</i>	Mold—484
Virgin's Tears	Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	Woods—1937, Emer—"Mrs. Lillie"
Blessed Virgin's Seal	False Solomon's Seal	<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	Mold—473
Virgin Mary's Candle	Great Mullein	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Britt—481
Virgin Mary's Cowslip	Spotted Lungwort	<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Britt—481, Web—2287
Virgin Mary's Honeysuckle	Spotted Lungwort	<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Britt—481, Web—2287
Virgin Mary's Milk Drops	Spotted Lungwort	<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Britt—481, Web—2287
Virgin Mary's Pinch	Lady's Thumb	<i>Polygonum persicaria</i>	Britt—481
Virgin Mary's Nut	Molucca Bean	<i>Caesalpinia bonduc</i>	Mold—484
Virgin Mary's Tears	Spotted Lungwort	<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	M.C.—14
Virgin Mary's Thistle	Blessed Thistle	<i>Carduus benedictus</i>	Britt—482
Virgin Mary's Thistle	Milk Thistle	<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Britt—482



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## PLANTS NAMED FOR OUR LADY

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Religious Name	Popular Name	Technical Name	References
ady's Bells	Knapweed	Centauria nigra	Wright III, 500
ady's Berry (G)	Hawthorn	Crataegus	Grimm—77, Grieb—312
Lady's Birch (G)	Weeping Birch	Betula	Grieb—312
Lady Buddick	Apple	Pyrus malus	Wright III, 500
Lady's Cheeses	Marsh-Mallow	Malva sylvestris	Wright III, 500
Lady Crab	Variety of Apple	Pyrus	Wright III, 500
Lady's Cushion	Kidney Vetch	Anthyllis vulneraria	Wright III, 500
Lady's Cushion	Field Scabiosa	Scabiosa arvensis	Wright III, 500
Lady's Feather-beds	Meadow Saxifrage	Saxifraga granulata	Wright III, 500
Lady's Fennel (G)	Sweet Fennel	Foeniculum dulce	Grieb—312
Lady's Fingers	Horseshoe Vetch	Hippocrepis comosa	Wright III, 500
Lady's Fingers	A variety of Apple	Pyrus	Wright III, 500



Religious Name	Popular Name	Technical Name	References
Lady's Finger (G)	Woundwort	Stachys	Grieb—583
Lady's Fingers-and- Thumbs	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Lotus corniculatus	Grieb—500
Lady's Flax (G)	Quaking Grass	Briza media	Grimm—78
Lady's Flax (G)	Costmary	Chrysanthemum balsamita	Grieb—312
Lady-Flock	Cuckoo Flower	Cardamine pratensis	Wright III, 500
Lady's Flower (G)	Pimpernel	Anagallis	Grieb—312
Lady's Glove	Cuckoo Flower	Cardamine pratensis	Wright III, 500
Lady's Glove	Fleawort	Inula conyza	Oxford—VI, 25
Lady-Gold	Pot Marigold	Calendula officinalis	Wright III, 500
Lady's Golden Bedstraw	Yellow Bedstraw	Galium verum	Wright III, 500
Lady's Grass (G)	Holcus Grass	Holcus odoratus	Grimm—78
Lady's Hair (G)	Dodder	Cuscuta	Grieb—312
Lady's Heart (G)	Bleeding Heart	Dicentra spectabilis	Gyger—P
Lady's Herb (G)	Costmary	Chrysanthemum balsamita	Grieb—312
Lady's Hops (G)	Yellow (Hop) Clover	Trifolium agrarium	Grimm—79
Lady's Keys	Cuckoo-Pint	Arum maculatum	Wright III, 500
Lady's Knives and Forks	Club Moss	Lycopodium clavatum	Wright III, 500
Lady's Leaf (G)	Costmary	Chrysanthemum balsamita	Grieb—312
Lady's Leaf (G)	Spearmint	Mentha veridis	Grimm—77
Lady's Mantle (G)	Aphananthe	Aphanes arvensis	Grimm—80
Lady's Mantle (G)	Common Mallow	Malva rotundifolia	Grimm—80
Lady's Mantle	(small alpine)	Sanguisorba	Zell II, 145
Lady's Mint (G)	Tansy	Tanacetum balsamita	Grimm—81
Lady's Needlework	Jupiter's Beard	Centranthus ruber	Wright III, 500
Lady's Needlework	London Pride	Saxifraga umbrosa	Wright III, 500
Lady Orchis	Orchis	Orchis purpurea	Wright III, 500
Lady Pear	Variety of Pear	Pyrus	Oxford—VI, 23
Lady's Rose (G)		Lychnis coronaria	Grimm—81
Lady's Rose (G)	Scotch Rose	Rosa spinosissima	Grimm—81
Lady's Ruffles	Double White Narcissus	Narcissus	Wright III, 500
Lady's Ruffles	Daffodil	Narcissus pseudo- narcissus	Wright III, 500
Lady's Sage (G)	Costmary	Chrysanthemum balsamita	Grieb—312
Lady-in-the-Shade	Love-in-a-Mist	Nigella damascena	Wright III, 500
Lady-Shake	Quaking Grass	Briza media	Wright III, 500
Lady's Shoe	Fumitory	Fumaria officinalis	Wright III, 500
Lady's Shoes (G)	Sweet Clover	Melilotus	Grimm—82
Lady's Slipper	Kidney Vetch	Anthyllis vulneraria	Wright III, 500
Lady's Slipper	Cuckoo-pint	Arum maculatum	Wright III, 500
Lady's Slipper	Horseshoe Vetch	Hippocrepis cosmosa	Wright III, 500
Lady's Smock	Cuckoo-Pint	Arum maculatum	Wright III, 500
Lady's Smock	A variety of Saxifraga	Saxifraga	Wright III, 500
Lady's Soap	Crow-Silk (Algae)	Conferva rivularis	Grimm—79
Lady's Stick (G)	Honeysuckle	Lonicera xylosteum	Wright III, 500
Lady's Tuft	Sweet William	Dianthus barbatus	Wright III, 500
Lady's Wedding	Early Phlox	Phlox	Wright III, 500
Lady in White	London Pride	Saxifraga umbrosa	Wright III, 500
Lady's White Petticoat	Easter Bell	Stellaria holostea	Wright III, 500
Marian's Violet	Canterbury Bell	Campanula medium	Oxford—VI, 162
Mariat	Canterbury Bell	Campanula medium	Oxford—1206



Religious Name	Popular Name	Technical Name	References
Mary's Apple (G)	Hasting Apple	<i>Pyrus malus</i>	Grieb—583, Wright—IV, 45
Mary's Coin (G)	Costmary	<i>Chrysanthemum balsamita</i>	Grieb—583
Mary's Delight (G)	White Violet	<i>Viola alba</i>	Grimm—1626
Mary's Drink (G)	Mountain Tobacco	<i>Arnica montana</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary's Flax (G)	Dodder	<i>Cuscuta</i>	Grieb—583
Mary's Flower	Daisy	<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Grimm—1626
Mary-Gowlan	Daisy	<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Wright IV, 45
Mary's Grass (G)	Ribbon Grass	<i>Phalaris picta</i>	Grimm—1626
Mary's Grass (G)	Pear-Wort	<i>Sagina</i>	Grieb—583
Mary's Grass (G)	Spurry	<i>Spergula arvensis</i>	Grimm—1626
Mary's Leaf (G)	Spearmint	<i>Mentha viridis</i>	Grimm—1626
Mary's Mantle (G)	Lady's Mantle	<i>Alchemilla vulgaris</i>	Grimm—1627
Mary's Mantle (G)	Wild Chamomile	<i>Matricaria</i>	Grimm—1627
Mary's Mint (G)	Spearmint	<i>Mentha viridis</i>	Grimm—1627
Mary's Nettle (G)	Horehound	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	Grimm—1627
Mary's Nettle (G)	Catnip	<i>Nepeta cataria</i>	Grimm—1627
Mary's Plant (G)	Mountain Tobacco	<i>Arnica montana</i>	Grimm—1627
Mary's Plant (G)	Lady's Mantle	<i>Alchemilla vulgaris</i>	Grimm—1627
Mary's Root (G)	Parsnip	<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>	Grieb—583
Mary's Root (G)	Tansy	<i>Tanacetum balsamita</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary's Rose (G)	Pheasant's-Eye	<i>Adonis aestivalis</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary's Rose (G)	Fly-Trap	<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	Grieb—583
Mary's Rose (G)	Daisy	<i>Bellis</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary's Rose (G)	Corn Cockle	<i>Lychnis githago</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary's Rose (G)	Pink Campion	<i>Lychnis viscaria</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary's Rose (G)	Peony	<i>Paeonia officinalis</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary's Rose (G)	Dog Rose	<i>Rosa canina</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary's Rose (G)	Eglantine	<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>	Grieb—583
Mary's Rose (G)	Sweet William	<i>Silene armeria</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary's Rose (G)	Catchfly		
Mary's Rose (G)	Woundwort	<i>Stachys</i>	Grieb—583
Mary's Slipper (G)	Lady Slipper Orchid	<i>Cypripedium</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary's Tears (G)	Job's Tears	<i>Coix lacryma</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary's Tears (G)	Gromwell	<i>Lithospermum officinale</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary's Thorn (G)	Dog Rose	<i>Rosa canina</i>	Grimm—1626, Grieb—583
Mary's Thorn (G)	Eglantine	<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>	Grieb—583
Mary's Tree	Tolu Tree	<i>Myrospermum toluferum</i>	Oxford-VI—162
Mary's Violet (G)	Canterbury Bells	<i>Campanula medium</i>	Grimm—1628
Mary and Joseph	Forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis palustris</i>	Wright—IV, 45

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# PLANT SYMBOLISM OF OUR LADY

I. THE FATHERS' PRAISE OF MARY, *Orate Fratres*, Collegeville, Minnesota, May, 1951, pp 268-271 (abstracted) :

"The following list of titles of Mary, drawn exclusively from the patristic writing . . . compiled by Sister Marie Stephen, O.P., of Rosary College, from *The Blessed Virgin in the Fathers of the First Six Centuries*, a book by Fr. Thomas Linus C.S.S.R., published by Burns and Oates in 1893.

"Most holy paradise of Eden. Tree of good foliage. Tree of Life. Earth unsown. Cloud raining upon the earth. Burning bush unconsumed. Open Meadow. Blossoming rod of Aaron. Fruitful olive tree. Tree of the Father. Flower of the field. Lily of the valley. Spotless lily that brought forth Christ the unfading rose. Garden enclosed. Garden fertile though untilled. Vine fruitful with grapes. Vine bringing forth a pleasant odor. Rod that blossomed forth Christ as the flower. Mead of sweet savor. Unleavened meal, banishing from food the bitterness of death. Root of the loveliest Flower that blooms. Flower unfading. Garden of the Father. Root of all good things. Vine bearing beautiful grapes."

II. OUR LADY'S TITLES IN THE BREVIARY, *Worship*, Collegeville, Minnesota, May, 1952, pp 319-322 (abstracted) :

"Sister Marie Stephen, O.P. . . . has now compiled a second (list of Our Lady's titles), from the divine office of the Roman rite:

"Royal virgin of David's rose. Fruit to the barren. Paradise where blossoms the Tree of Life. Verdant tree of life-giving joy. Flourishing vine. Bush burning and unconsumed. Apple tree among the trees of the woods. Keeper in the vineyard. Garden enclosed Unploughed field. Cedar of Libanus. Cypress of Mount Sion. Bud of promise. Slender branch, carrying the Fruit of the whole human race. Priestly rod blossoming without root. Lily among the thorns. Flowering rod of Aaron. Rod of Jesse, flowering Christ. Fruit from which came the sweet Jesus. First rose of martyrs. Choice of first-fruits. Lightcloud, releasing heavenly rain. Rose soothing the afflicted. Rose giving back to all the destiny of salvation. Rose white by virginity. Rose ruddy by love. Rose white in seeking virtue. Rose ruddy in trampling vices. Rose white in purifying the affections. Rose ruddy in mortifying the flesh. Rose white in loving God. Rose ruddy in pitying her neighbor. Bridal flower. Garden of delight. Mountain of God, fertile and shady. Flowers of the roses in springtime. Lily at the edge of the stream. Flower of the field. Palm tree in Cades. Roseplant i Jerusalem. Rosebush in Jerico. Fair olive tree in the plains.







# MARY'S GARDENS

*Restoring Our Lady's Queenship Over God's Flowers and Shrubs*

IT WAS A SMALL AD in Monsignor Matthew Smith's *Register*, for us the most newsworthy of all Catholic weeklies, which first brought "Mary's Gardens" to our attention. With an eye to our Marian Collection we wrote immediately to the Philadelphia address asking to purchase anything about Our Lady which the outfit had to sell. They might have something to add to our collection; on the other hand they might be only another racket out for a fast buck.

Well, it wasn't a racket. In fact, it is one of the most magnificent Marian projects we have yet encountered. Its founders and sole operators, John S. Stokes, Jr. and Edward A. McTague, are two of the finest Marian Hobbyists of contemporary history. Their's is the Marian zeal whose inexplicable rarity moved Saints of every age to bemoan the tepidity of Catholic devotion to Our Lady.

## *The Stokes Family*

Several months ago we had the pleasure of a personal visit with John Stokes. His wholehearted and all-consuming devotion to Our Blessed Mother is so rare that we looked for

the specific cause of this peculiarity. Before long we found it: *he is a convert*. Many, particularly the converts themselves, deny that converts are generally more fervent than "born Catholics," yet we have always found them so. Of course the Stokes, who are of English origin, were originally Catholics. Thomas Stokes, born about 1438, was the last of the Stokes ancestors to die a Catholic. A grand-nephew of this last Catholic was on the jury which condemned St. Thomas More to death, and another uncle of the juror was one of the judges. A later ancestor, Thomas Stokes also, was a Quaker who settled in America in 1677. The co-founder of Mary Gardens, John S. Stokes, Jr., converted in 1946, is the first Catholic in the family in almost five hundred years.

## *McTague-Stokes Combine*

About five years ago John Stokes heard of a unique Marian garden in a place called Woods Hole, Massachusetts. A certain Mrs. Frank Lillie of Chicago had planted there some 50 varieties of flowers whose original pre-Reformation names were Marian. Mr.



Stokes told this story to his friend Mr. Edward A. McTague. Both were immediately enthusiastic about the possibilities of this project as a means of increasing veneration and devotion to Our Blessed Mother. "They were surprised to learn that even the English names of the flowers of the fields had been stolen from Our Lady, as well as her chapels and abbeys and the white statues over cathedral doors." They decided to do something about it. Why not interest others in this pioneer work of restoring Our Lady's Queenship over the flowers and plants which God had created for her? Out of their discussions was born a most admirable Marian hobby\*; in March, 1951, John Stokes and Edward Mc-

Tague became the co-founders of "Mary's Gardens."

#### *An Avocation*

The basic business of "Mary's Gardens" is supplying the seeds and the instructions for planting a Mary Garden. This the Stokes-McTague partners set about doing in their own homes and in their spare time. Now, after three and a half years of tireless research and labor, they have an avocational not-for-profit mail order business dealing in seed packages and literature for starting a Mary Garden. By writing to Mary's Gardens, 901 South 47th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, you can obtain a catalogue of their Marian wares. Fastest moving items are the following five:

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#### ***For Purchase and Sowing in Late Winter and During Spring***

The seeds are these annuals: Mary's Bud; Our Lady's Earrings; Our Lady's Pincushion; Mary's Gold (dwarf); Virgin Flower. Also this biennial which may be treated as an annual by sowing early indoors; St. Joseph's Staff.

6 variety garden for spring sowing \$1.00

Above-mentioned six packets, and one packet of each of these annuals: Our Lady's Tresses; Mary's Gold (tall); Our Lady's Mantle (*Convolvulus major*), and these biennials: Our Lady's Thistle and Eyes of Mary, which are usually treated as annuals; and Our Lady's Delight which may be so treated, and for such treatment requires sowing early indoors.

12 variety garden for spring sowing \$2.00

The above-mentioned twelve packets, and one each of the following which are biennials or perennials. Our Lady's Nightcap; Our Lady's Basin; Our Lady's Glove; Our Lady's Candle; Our Lady's Shoes; Virgin Pink; Rose of Mary; Our Lady's Flannel; Our Lady's Cushion; Our Lady's Birthday Flower; Mary's Hand; Our Lady's Keyes; and Our Lady's Rue.

25 variety garden for spring sowing \$4.00

#### ***For Summer Purchase and Sowing***

These are biennials that bloom in the Spring following the sowing: St. Joseph's Staff; Eyes of Mary; Our Lady's Delight; Our Lady's Nightcap; Our Lady's Basin; Our Lady's Glove.

6 variety garden for summer sowing \$1.00

#### ***For Fall Purchase and Sowing***

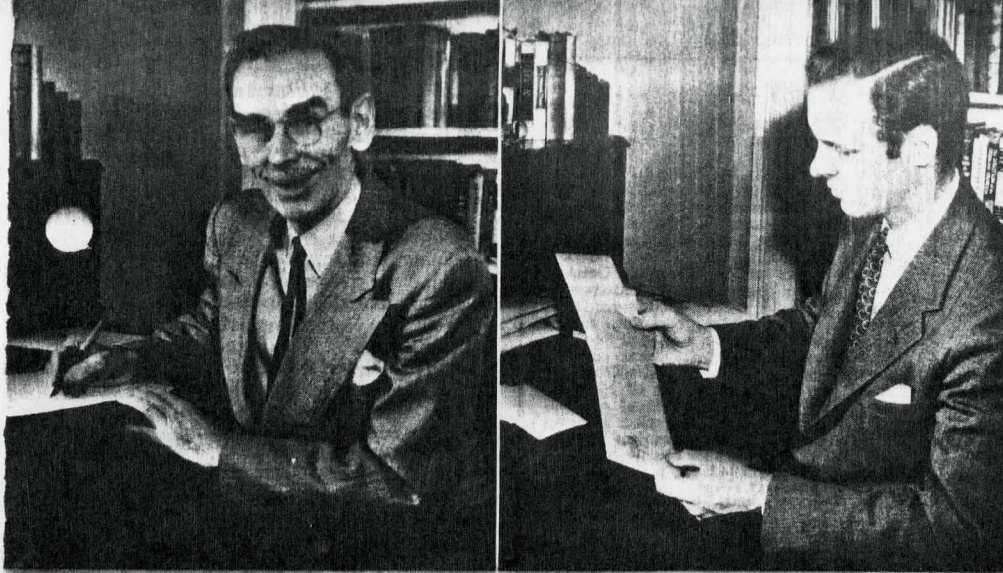
These perennials need fall sowing because the seeds require low temperature periods before sprouting time (the spring). They are: Mary's Slipper; Our Lady's Laurel; Christ's Mass Rose; Our Lady's Fingers; Our Lady's Cushion; Our Lady's Modesty.

6 variety garden for fall sowing \$1.00

Besides the above, Mary's Gardens also supplies Marian bulbs, Marian plants, about 50 varieties of individual seeds, out-door Mary Shrines and ceramic statues (see illustration page 53), cata-

logues, and a rich selection of *Mary Garden Literature* (see pages 54-55). Many of the Mary Garden pamphlets are included free with each initial order of seeds, bulbs, or plants.





*Edward A. G. McTague (left) answers a request for assistance in starting a classroom window-sill Mary Garden. John S. Stokes Jr. (right) prepares an "Our Lady's Garden" package of literature and seeds. Orders for these packages—containing the idea and practical means for starting a Mary Garden—have come in from all over the world.*

### *Scholarly Research*

One of the most scholarly contributions to Marian history in recent years is the research work done by Stokes and McTague on pre-Reformation Marian names of flowers and plants. In this issue of QM the complete tables of their research are published for the first time see (pages 56-63).

Although QM's prime interest in Mary's Gardens is the research work done on pre-Reformation Marian names of flowers and plants, the objectives of Stokes and McTague go far beyond this limited specific. Mr. Stokes outlines these over-all objectives as follows:

"There is much more to the religious tradition in gardening than the existence of symbolic names for flowers. In the garden we participate in the fundamental relationship between God, man, and nature, as set forth in God's command to Adam to 'subdue the earth.' We deal with essences, the

seeds; and with substances, the grown plants. We see the effects of original sin in the disease and death which enter our gardens each season. We also witness the promise of our resurrection the following Spring: '... but if the grain of wheat dies it brings forth much fruit.' And we learn again to trust in God's Providence: 'consider the lilies of the field. ...'"

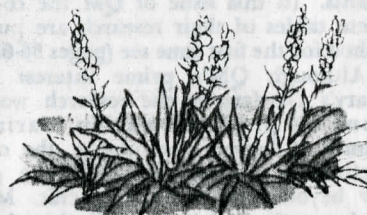
### *Educational Potential*

The Stokes-McTague combine is now evaluating the educational potential of Mary's Gardens both in the home and in the school. Many teaching Sisters have procured seeds for indoor soil containers for sunny classroom windowsills in the Spring, while hundreds of Catholic schools have procured Mary's Gardens literature for instructing children in the Mary-flower tradition of Christendom. Development of a full program, however, is held up by the fact that schools are



"We have Catholic high schools in 15 places today, with an enrollment of over 8,500 students, where in 1939 there wasn't a single Catholic school. . . . I am happy to report that our Mary's Gardens competition has been successful. As you know, the school year ends in March and opens in June—not like the June closing and September opening in the States. So we ended the competition on March 15th, and presented the prizes at graduation time. The Notre Dame of Morala won first prize . . . The second prize was won by Notre Dame of Marbel. The Third best garden was at Notre Dame of Cotabato; and the fourth, Notre Dame of Jolo. I am enclosing pictures of the Mary Gardens. . . . We had 30 different Notre Dame departments in the competition, including elementary, high school, and college. . . The first prize winner had the garden in the form of a huge Rosary, ten small bushes for each Hail Mary, and a large bush for the Our Fathers—ending in a great big Cross. . . ."

We profess our heartfelt admiration and gratitude to John Stokes and Edward McTague for their encouraging Mary's Gardens apostolate. We ask their pardon that this tribute to them and their work is so inadequate. We remind our readers that both are business men with families to support; that



not in session during the Summer growing season.

#### *International*

Although in existence less than four years Mary's Gardens has already reached out into many foreign lands. During the Marian Year an interesting inter-school competition was held in the Notre Dame schools of Mindanao, Philippine Islands. Rev. Joseph F. Boyd, O.M.I., Chancellor of the Diocese, who handled this Marian Year project, writes:

their colossal accomplishments for Our Lady are the product of those daily hours which others give to profane recreation. May their holy example be a Pentecostal fire to inflame countless other souls thus to labor for the coming of the reign of the Immaculate Heart of Mary among men. *Inspice, et fac secundum exemplar!*