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YOUR GARDEN AND MINE

By Ann Earncliff Brown (No. 58)

N a book I read recently I was look of a too carefully designed garstruck by this sentence: "A sculptor can always see in a piece of unmoulded clay a more perfect figure than he can ever hope to shape." While clay, modeller's clay, in my hands remains merely a lump, yet very truly do I know how the fingers, cunning to fashion beauty, itch to get at the moist clay. So must the landscape gardener feel when he is handed an unplanted garden lot and is free to create living beauty as best he may, using every hill and hollow, or any natural feature to further the design.

Not all of us have the ability or the opportunity to plan our gardens from the start. Many of us lack the seeing eye which looks on a particular spot, possibly a mere rubbish dump, and beholds it ablaze with a swiftly chosen bed of flowers. But a depressing hollow where storm water seeps is already to an expert eye a gracious lily pond where the sunshine lies meshed in the swaying stems.

One such garden I remember when I was taking stock recently. It was not large nor had it the terribly planned

den, yet with the art which conceals art it rioted joyously within the bounds made long ago for the still un-planted beds. As the south side of the house was the garden entrance, I stepped on a day of excessive heat, into grateful shade.

In the Shade

Within the shadow of the housewalls flourished all manner of shade-loving plants. A giant primula jostled smaller primulas, pansies, violas, the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley. Many ferns throve on what in so many gardens is a gloomy dank spot. Along warm bricked paths, set by the capable fingers of the two ladies with garden vision, I took my way to the gay north wall where massed scarlet geraniums in the evening hour were dazzling with that intensified depth of colour peculiar to the sunset hour of a Canterbury nor'-westery day. By the porch I was interested to see a climbing arbutilon, the deep red and gold flowers looking like myriad Chinese lanterns aglow.

Radiating brick paths led to all kinds of garden treasures. Roses, despite droughty conditions, were not allowed to be thirsty here. Lilies of every hue grew with roots shaded by humbler ground plants and heads to the sun, Beneath a fine old tamarisk I sat on a rustic seat and admired the massing of larkspurs and pink godetias. Space forbids the telling of all the story of that garden, but I knew that it had blossomed as beautifully in the imagination long ago as it did before my eyes that summer evening.
Such vision is rare indeed, and to

add to that the capacity for hours of work—weary uninspiring brick laying, patient planting and unremitting care well that is truly garden genius.

FOR MY LADY

The following are the YA Women's Morning Sessions for the week commencing February 23: 1YA: 10.30 a.m. Theme: World's

Great Artists Monday: Chaliapin Tuesday: "Your Cavalier" fea-

ture Wednesday: John McCormack

Thursday: Toscanini Friday: "Your Cavalier" feature

Saturday: Richard Crooks
2YA: 10.40 a.m. Theme: "Maori Music"

Monday: The Legends of Maui and Rangi, No. 1

Tuesday: The Legends of Maui and Rangi, No. 2 Wednesday: "Dombey and Son,"

Episode 7 Thursday: The Legends of Maui

and Rangi, No. 3
Friday: The Legends of Maui

and Rangi, No. 4
Saturday: "Dombey and Son,"

Episode 8 3YA: 10 a.m. Theme: "Lovers' Lilts From the Operas"

Monday: Popular Love Songs Tuesday: "Martin's Corner."

Episode 7 Wednesday: Popular Love Songs

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Saturday: Popular Love Songs 4YA: 11 a.m. Theme: Vocal Ensembles

Monday: The Revellers Maie Quartet

Tuesday: The Westminster Glee Singers

Wednesday: "Ernest Maltravers," Episode 7

Thursday: BBC Singers Friday: Kentacky Minstrels Saturday: "Ernest Maltravers," Episode 8

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Miss Downing has already passed two subjects of the degree, having taken Mathematics and Acoustics when she attended Victoria University College.

She has been frequently heard from

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