

However, the information is there, authoritative and exact, and, although it is not always presented in a manner easily accessible to the reader, forms a valuable contribution to the literature of vegetable growing.

The book is primarily interesting to commercial growers and students, but all those who are concerned with the cultivation of vegetables will find much that is helpful in its pages.—MONTAGUE FREE.

My Growing Garden.—By J. HORACE MCFARLAND. (216 pages, MacMillan Co. \$2.25.)

A very useful book on the making of a garden spot from an old and practically abandoned property has been written by Mr. McFarland, the chief horticultural printer and publisher in this country. As a record, largely, and confessedly personal, of the joys and sorrow of planting; of breathless expectation and final achievement, the book will delight those who have passed through, or are in the throes of a similar enterprise. Many practical hints and schemes for planting are outlined, but the author does not fail to enlarge on that feeling for gardeners and gardening which has filled English literature with delightful reading from James Thomson to our own time.

The book is arranged in twelve chapters, one for each month, and the author leads us from the earliest stirring of the hunt through the seedsman's catalog through the garden panorama to winter's snow. There are 36 plates, five in color, the rest in sepia, which serve as admirable illustrations of a garden book that is quite out of the ordinary.—N. T.

The Garden Beautiful in California.—By ERNEST BRAUNTON. (Cultivator Publishing Co. 1915.)

This is not, as its title might suggest a book on garden design, nor is it even a handbook of planting design. The single chapter devoted to garden planning is neither adequate or fortunate in treatment or in content. The following chapters, which deal with various available plants and their cultural requirements are of more value although one does not find sufficient emphasis put on many desirable species which are essentially Californian, and some space is given to plants adequately treated in literature from the eastern gardens. Typical are the very inadequate generalizations about the genera *Acacia*, *Eucalyptus*, *Pittsorum*. The book will do well for a beginner discovering his plant materials but will not supply all the knowledge needed for the attainment of the *Garden Beautiful*.—B. Y. MORRISON.



Taylor, Norman. 1917. "My Growing Garden. By J. Horace McFarland [Review]." *Journal of the International Garden Club* 1(2), 551–551.

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