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Give Life to Your Room

By Orrine Conard

"SAY, roommate, I've discovered the bleak spot in our room! You said it lacked life and a certain liveliness which you couldn't explain! I think we need plants. Even one would help!

Yes, little freshman, you're right. Want to know what variety of plant is considered best in a college woman's room? Come on down the corridor and take a peek here and there.

Mildred's room first—in the window stands an iron frame holding two small flower pots. Out of each grows a hanging vine, which has been christened "Twin Ivy," but is commonly known as English Ivy.

So far so good!

Adra and her roommate display "Goo-Goo," Joe Penner's duck, in a new role. A hole in his back is the garden spot for a saucy little plant which sends one shoot right up beside Goo-Goo's head.

Farther down the hall Mr. Sweet Potato displays pride in gaining admittance to the dormitory by sending forth a luxuriant growth of lively green vine.

"He'll last about three months or more," one of the hostesses explains, "then we'll chuck him out and find a new beau."

Grapefruit seeds were the lowly beginning of the brightening greenery in another room. A spidery looking plant in still another window was called a strawberry geranium.

"I've had the best luck with my Joseph's Coat," boasts Verna Jane, the botany major, as she singles a small jardiniere from out the collection on the rubber mat in her east window. "I keep it in this so I can fill it up with water enough to last a while. Last year I grew it in water alone, but this year I've had it in this pot of dirt inside the jardiniere.

"This velvet-like flower," she adds, turning to another one, "is a Gloxinia, but this kind is very touchy. Several of the buds on mine blighted in moving. Either Wandering Jew or Ivy is good because they do not require so much sun or attention.

"The three Narcissus bulbs that I grew in bowls of sand in early winter were interesting and grew very well, too," Verna Jane adds.

And back to the freshman's own room, where ivy and cactus can be made to perform even if the fancier sorts do die by Christmas vacation.

Pine is now being treated to bring out the grain. The finished product is called pickled pine.

Big sleeves, together with much military braid, are in again.