

MAKING A BIRD-BATH

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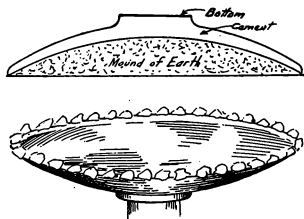
A BIRD-BATH not only adds to the beauty of a garden, but it is a sign to the birds that there is a friendly spot.

In order to make a bird-bath, all the material you need is a quantity of Portland cement, some sand, and some small pieces of ornamental rock. For the latter, a large colorful rock broken into small pieces is most satisfactory.

Decide on the circumference and the depth you wish your bird-bath to be. Then, in an out-of-the-way place, make a mound of earth to correspond to the measurements inverted. Cover this earth mound smoothly—several thicknesses of newspaper is best.

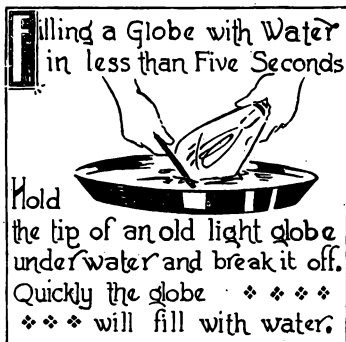
Mix one part of cement with two parts of sand, and add water to make a consistency easy to plaster over your paper covered mound. Make the edges not less than an inch in thickness. The cement should gradually be thicker towards the center where you mold a bottom for it to rest when it is finished.

While the cement is still soft, stick the small pieces of rock in around the edge. Make sure that they are not only solid, but that they show through the cement and protrude beyond the edge of the



WHY IS IT TRUE?

(Ask your high school friends.)



EXPLANATION: Much of the air was removed from inside the glass bulb. When a hole is made in the bulb under the water, the outside air pushes on the water and forces it up into the bulb.

basin.

When it is dry (in several days), slip a board beneath the basin and turn it over. Remove the paper; you may have to soak it out. Then make a paste of a small portion of cement and water, and rub it well into the surface of the bath.

For a pedestal on which to place this bird-bath, use two two-by-fours fastened together and sunk into the earth at least three feet. Place the bath upon the pedestal. Stain it a deep brown or green, train vines around it, and you have a thing of beauty which, to the birds, will be a joy forever.