



Selling Sampaguita

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MAY is the month when flowers are needed for "Flores de Mayo" and for decorating homes. Very early in the morning before sunrise I go to the garden to gather sampaguita flowers which I make into garlands. As soon as I finish my breakfast, I go around my neighbors' houses to sell my sampaguita necklaces. My garlands sell fast because I string more sampaguita flowers for a necklace than other sellers do. My friends and other people never fail to buy my garlands because they make the buyers sweeter, more beautiful, and fresh-looking. On pleasant nights I always go to see the May procession to see my sampaguita garlands and the pretty girls wearing sampaguita necklaces. I always notice that "bees" and "butterflies" love to follow and hang around the sweet,

Making a Flower Garden

By EVA SUMAGPAO

(14 years old)

RAISING flowers is not at all a difficult job. In my case I found it quite easy.

First of all I cleaned, hoed, and loosened the ground in which I thought plants would thrive best. Then I proceeded to plant my flower seeds. I covered them with loose soil. When the plants came up, I watered and tended them. Day by day I patiently cared for my plants.

My toil and patience were rewarded when I had a number of blooming zinnias and other plants. It was not long until all my plants were in full bloom.

My flowers gave me a great deal of pleasure, and in raising them I had much healthful exercise.

Making a flower garden will provide splendid vacation employment for any school girl.

sweet "sampaguita blossoms"!

Securing a Collection of Philippine Minerals

By MARCELINO BRIONES

(16 years old)

SECURING a collection of Philippine minerals is an interesting hobby to follow, and there is almost no end to the number and variety of specimens which may be gradually secured, according to one's inclination. Minerals are acquired by collecting, exchanging, and purchasing.

It is best to collect small-sized specimens. Every specimen should be numbered, and information about each mineral collected should be written in a note book.

If you can visit some of the mines of the Philippines, you can secure some interesting specimens of ore. You might even get a small specimen containing gold if you visit some of the old mines in northern Luzon.