House plants, their care and culture

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TO
MY MOTHER
WHOSE GENTLE SPIRIT TAUGHT ME TO DREAM
AND TO
MY FATHER
WHOSE ROUGH HANDS AND RUGGED HEART
TAUGHT ME TO WORK
PREFACE

While it is impossible to describe the many and varied conditions in which plants eke out an existence during the severe winter nights in our window gardens, yet it is hoped that the general consideration of such conditions have been touched upon and helpful suggestions made in this book.

Careful directions have been given as to the best possible place for a window garden, soil preparation, and general treatment of the cultural methods of growing common house plants, with minute directions as to the control of diseases and insects. With each plant described is a brief sketch of its history, as well as a careful description of propagation.

It is hoped that this book will aid in better and surer results in attaining the pleasure and other benefits in raising plants in the window or conservatory.

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