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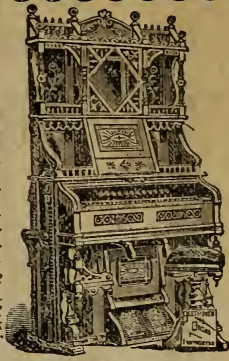
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Mrs. Jno. Schofield.

Clark Co., Ga., Oct. 25, 1894.

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Mame Richardson.

Chippewa Co., Wis., Oct. 28, 1894.

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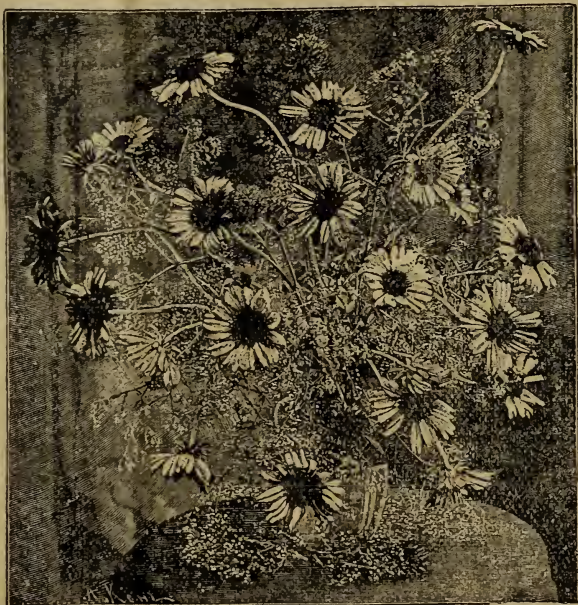
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## MIDSUMMER PERENNIALS FOR CUTTING.

AMONG the best of perennials for cutting that flower in July and August I have found these: *Anthemis tinctoria*, with yellow Daisy-like flowers; *Boltonia latiquamae*, with clear pink flowers; *Chelone barbata*, long airy spikes of scarlet tubular blooms; *Dracocephalus*, not brilliant, but very graceful, with soft purplish, Snapdragon-like flowers; *Coreopsis lanceolata*, very popular with professional florists, clear yellow flowers that seem to float at the end of long, wiry stems; *Dianthus*, including Pinks, Carnations, etc., those dear old flowers of whose radiant glories one nevertires; *Delphinium*, with fine spikes of superb blue flowers, extra fine for large bouquets; *Funkias*, lilac, blue and white, in spikes of small Lily-like flowers; *Gaillardia grandiflora*, with very gay flowers of the Daisy type; *Hollyhocks* in all colors, detached blossoms of which stemmed on wire are extra fine for the center of pretentious floral pieces; *Lychnis*, white, scarlet and pink; *Perennial Phlox* in all shades of white, lilac, crimson, etc., the one very best perennial I know of for cutting, its sprays of handsome flowers

working up most effectively in any form of bouquet or floral piece, showy, yet never too obtrusive; *Platycodon*, blue and white, the white especially fine for funeral work; *Potentillas*, of many rich and peculiar colorings; and *Pyrethrums* with Daisy-like flowers in many hues, including the popular *Marguerites*, always in demand for cutting; and last of all *Yucca filamentosa*, whose clusters of large creamy bells, are always admired in either corsage or vase bouquets.

To go with these larger flowers, we have the tiny-clustered *Euphorbia corollata*, and the misty, lace-like *Gypsophila paniculata*, together with the feathery sprays of *Clematis flammula*; we have the exquisite *Ribbon Grass*, and the floating barbules of *Stipa pennata* or *Feather Grass*; and we have the fragrant *Ambrosia*. For



GAILLARDIA GRANDIFLORA AND GYPSOPHILA PANICULATA.

foliage *Clematis coccinea* and of the lovely golden-netted *Honeysuckle* (*Aurea reticulata*), will give all that is needed. Lora S. LaMance.

McDonald Co., Mo., Oct. 25, 1893.

[NOTE.—This sister mentions *Gaillardia grandiflora* and *Gypsophila paniculata* as valuable perennial flowers for cutting, and we here give an illustration showing a vase of them as they appear in combination. This illustration is a reprint from *Gardening Illustrated*, but is so handsome and appropriate that we reproduce it for the benefit of our many readers.—Ed.]

## IN FAVOR OF BULBS.

AS I look out into my garden I see a profusion of Tulips of many colors and markings. It is three or more weeks since they have been making the garden gay, for I have the early as well as the late, and thus am enabled to enjoy their varied beauty at



a season when the garden would be almost bare of flowers were it not for the hardy spring bulbs. Only those who plant largely know the value and great beauty of the bulb garden in spring. No sooner does the snow disappear than the Crocus and early Snowdrop appear, quickly followed by Hyacinths, Sparaxis, Alliums, then the Trumpet Narcissus, Jonquils, Giant Snowdrops, Daffodils and Tulips. How pretty the white Daffodils are; and though I have been cutting them for two weeks, and largely for Memorial Day, yet there are scores swaying in the breeze before me. I have gathered freely from the Tulips, yet they seem none the less. And this is as it should be—enough to spare for others without despoiling the garden. I plant bulbs every fall, and set in the ground the Hyacinths that have bloomed in the house, and in that way I keep the bulb beds always well filled. I was not without Hyacinths in bloom from December till May last season, those in the house meeting those in the open.

The most trying time is when the foliage of the bulbs dying leaves a vacancy. I intersperse Lilies among them, which come into bloom during the summer, and then fill the bare spaces with annuals. I do not take up my bulbs oftener than once in three or four years. A top dressing of manure in the fall keeps the ground enriched. These suggestions may be helpful to some one in planting and caring for bulbs. They must have a place in your plans for the year. The money yearly expended on annuals and tender house plants, if invested in hardy bulbs, would bring in richer and more enduring results.

Mrs. M. D. Wellcome.  
Yarmouth, Me., June 1, 1894.

## THE CINNAMON VINE.

HAVING grown the "Beautiful Cinnamon Vine" for a number of years I feel that the Editor is justifiable in his not very flattering description of it, and think he does well in cautioning others who may be induced by the alluring advertisements to invest in them. After seeing the wonderful recommendations given in some of our leading catalogues, I secured one, gave it good ground, nursed it faithfully, and arranged for its growth a fanciful trellis of woven wire upon brackets over and around a double window facing the street. This, I fancied, would captivate the attention of my neighbors as well as passers-by, and also give the much desired shade. Well, I was successful so far as regarded the trellis, but for shade, I this year introduced some Morning Glories to help along. At first appearance in the spring I had better hopes, as its pretty leaves were frequent, large and glossy, but as it lengthened out they diminished in size, were more sparse, and terminated in such minute ones at the extremities of the vine, which probably reached twelve feet, that they could scarcely be called leaves, and the flowers were but a promise from rounded buds resembling Coriander seed, which dried upon their stems without opening. And now I am troubled lest, like the Editor, I have introduced a pest which will prove in the long run a regular elephant on my hands, one which will be almost impossible to eradicate, for I have ascertained by digging to test the qualities of its roots, that they grow fully two feet or more below the surface. I think there is a great injustice done to the public in overrating new plants, and I think also the public should be wary in accepting everything without knowing something of the consequences to follow.

S. G. C.

Central Ohio, Oct. 9, 1894.

IXIAS.—I have three Ixias in a six-inch tin dish. The soil is two parts garden loam, one part sand, and one part well decayed manure, sifted to mix. The plants have been in an east and later in a south window since the first of last October. The plants are a foot high, and all are in bud, each stem showing four or five buds. E. H. H.  
Dutchess Co., N. Y., Mar. 19, 1894.

LYCHNIS HAAGEANA GRANDIFLORA.

THIS makes a brilliant show for that scarce season in which we have little else but the Columbine. It seems perfectly hardy year after year, if it does not suffer from severe drought. If the blossoms are removed it will continue very well, and if allowed to perfect seed is sure to have a second



LYCHNIS HAAGEANA GRANDIFLORA.

season of bloom. I prefer to sow some seed for new plants each year. This beautiful Lychnis and Chrysanthemum inodorum ought to have a place in the collection of every flower lover who wishes perennials that will endure the severe winters of northern Wisconsin.

F. F. L. D.

Pepin Co., Wis., Sep. 18, 1894.

**GOURD HANGING BASKETS.**—Gourd shells make pretty hanging baskets. Take the large ones, cut the top off, drill a hole an inch from the top on each side, take two stout cords, cross under the basket, draw through the holes so they will draw up from the inside of the basket, and the weight of the basket will rest on the crossed cords. Such a basket filled with Ferns and flowers is pretty enough to hang in any window. The smaller Gourds make pretty vases and baskets for cut flowers.

N. H.

North Olmstead, Ohio.

THE ENJOYMENTS OF BULB CULTURE.

THE pleasure of watching something grow is one of the purest delights of life. The whole process of creation is miniaturized for us in the development of a plant. Whether that has anything to do with our enjoyment in watching the unfolding of plant life I do not know, but at all events the process is one of fascinating interest. And when the process can be made to go on before our eyes in the dead of winter, when nothing green gladdens the eye outside, by simply setting a pot of earth with a bulb in it on your window sill, and giving it a daily sip of water, why the wonder of Aladdin's lamp and all the magic ever thought of are as nothing in comparison. I say a bulb rather than a seed or slip, because—well, because I like bulbs the best. They are such bright, buoyant, fearless challengers of frost and cold that they bring happiness and cheer wherever they bloom. Christmas and New Year gain a new charm from a pot of Roman Hyacinths or sweet-scented Freesias or brave Narcissus. There will be no winter in your home if you have perpetual fragrance and bloom from these messengers of love and beauty.

John Wright Buckham.

Essex Co., Mass., Sept. 29, 1894.

**ABOUT CHINESE LILIES.**—Stones about an inch in diameter are most suitable for use in planting Chinese Sacred Lilies, though larger ones have crevices through which the tender roots can creep with ease, while tiny pebbles pack so closely together and are not so easily penetrated. Bulbs of the Lily planted late come into bloom in a shorter time, but while those planted early are more deliberate, they are apt to grow taller and the blossoms are more durable. Half a dozen bulbs at intervals will supply flowers all winter, and they will grow in anything, from a finger-bowl to a soup tureen.

Carroll Watson Rankin.

Marquette Co., Mich., Oct. 12, 1894.

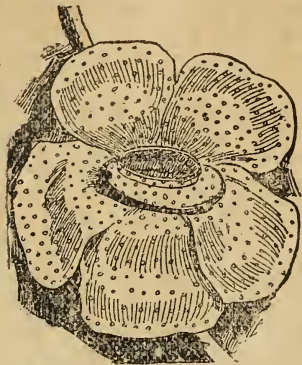
**HANGING BASKETS.**—I have a beautiful hanging basket. It is made of wire lined with moss and contains Mountain Moss and Wandering Jew. These completely cover the basket, and hang far below. It is greatly admired.

Ida D. Harrell.

Nansemond Co., Va., Oct. 5, 1894.

## RAFFLESIA ARNOLDII.

THE largest and most wonderful flower in the world was discovered on the island of Sumatra about eighty years ago by Dr. Arnold. Entirely destitute of leaves these singular parasites are provided with scales or bracts which conceal or envelope the flower. A swelling beneath the bark of some



RAFFLESIA ARNOLDII.

huge surface-appearing root of a large tree announces the coming of a flower. Soon the bark splits and the bud, resembling the head of a young Cabbage, bursts, showing five great lobes, which open and roll back on the edges. Then a circular ring appears, surrounding a deep cup, in the center of which is the ovary. Below the edges are numerous stamens, in which is located the pollen. The remarkable feature of the flower is its immense size, the largest species being forty inches in diameter. The central cup holds six quarts of liquid, and the weight of the flower is fifteen pounds. E. Frances E.

Delaware Co., N. Y.

**CHRYSANTHEMUM INODORUM.**—This Chrysanthemum has far larger, finer flowers than the usual Feverfew, and lives out of doors. It comes into bloom very early, and with care continues the season. Some of the self-sown flowers are single, very like the wild species, but these can be readily removed, and there are very sure to be fine ones. F. F. L. D.

Pepin Co., Wis., Sep. 18, 1894.

**SCABIOSAS IN CALIFORNIA.**—I have in bloom some very fine large-flowered Scabiosas. They are perfect balls. They bloom all winter and sow themselves. Mrs. W.

Alameda Co., Cal., Nov. 9, 1894.

## GLOXINIAS.

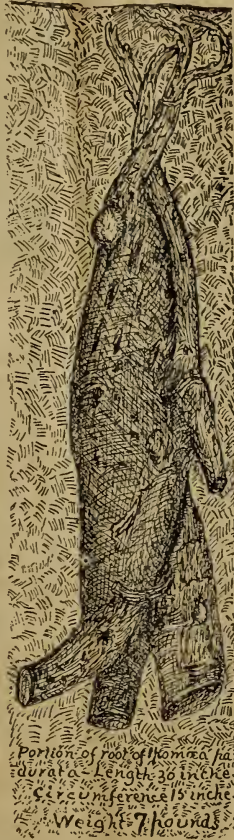
THERE are some plants that seem to be plebeian in their nature, others royal. Gloxinias, I think, are of the latter class. The easiest way to raise a Gloxinia plant is from a leaf or an end of a branch that does not show signs of budding. The leaf should be cut off close to the branch, or the branch should be cut square across just below a leaf joint, and placed in water in the sun if not so hot as to cause the leaves to wilt. If this should happen move into the shade. After awhile a bulb will form on the end of the leaf or branch, and little will grow from it. Now, it is difficult to express on paper just when these should be potted, but I will venture to say when a few roots have formed. It should be done before the leaf decays, and the bulb should be broader than the end of the stem. Put the bulb with the leaf attached in a small pot in a compost of leaf-mold, garden loam, sand and charcoal broken finely, about an inch below the surface. Place in a sunny window, and when the leaf dies a shoot will start which will continue to grow until it blooms, if it does well. I consider a branch better than a leaf ordinarily, but the best success I ever had with a Gloxinia was this: I had a leaf given to me in midsummer, and within one year it was a large plant with twenty-three blossoms on it at once, and many more buds. If a plant has six or eight blossoms open at once it is doing well. After blooming if a new shoot has started from the root it is well to cut off the top that has done blooming; otherwise let it die down, gradually withholding water until rather dry, when it may be set away to rest until a new shoot starts, then bring to the light and water. I usually change mine from small to larger pots as they grow. The blossoms will last much longer if kept from sunshine through the middle of the day in hot weather. Gloxinias may also be raised from seeds, which are nearly as fine as dust, and should be sown in or on top of a box of very fine soil. Just press them in and cover with a cloth before watering, and keep covered until they sprout, when light should be admitted. But they must be watched closely until large enough to be transplanted, when they may be treated as if grown from a leaf. R. F. Frost.

Middlesex Co., Mass., Nov. 12, 1894.



**IPOMŒA PANDURATA.**

LAST Spring I procured a good-sized tuber of *Ipomœa pandurata*, perhaps as large as a man's fist. I dug a hole at least one foot deep, mellowed the soil in the bottom, and pressed the tuber down into it. Then I covered it with only about two inches of soil, pushing narrow pieces of board down around the sides of the hole to keep it from caving in. It was four or five weeks—after the weather became settled and warm—before it evinced any disposition to grow, then two or three strong shoots burst through the thin covering of soil, and grew rapidly to the top of the open hole. As they grew I filled the soil in around them until the ground was level. The shoots soon reached the wire netting of the porch and rapidly mounted upward on it, weaving delicate stems in and out of the meshes. Other stems came through the foot of soil, and mounted to the top of the netting eight or ten feet from the ground, and the several stems and branches would aggregate a good many yards. The first flowers opened in the latter part of July, and thereafter it flowered constantly and profusely until the first heavy frost of October. Even now (October 29) it is full of buds in all stages of development, which cannot open on account of the cold. I expect that next year it will fully shade the south side of the porch, and make a remarkable display of flowers. When



Portion of root of *Ipomœa pandurata*—length 30 inches  
circumference 15 inches  
Weight 7 pounds

the tubers are received too early to be planted directly in the open ground I think it would be best to pot them and place in a warm situation to start into growth!  
Nancy Lee.  
Queens Co., N. Y., Oct. 29, 1894.

[NOTE.—After receiving the above contribution, in which reference is made to "a good-sized tuber of *Ipomœa pandurata*, as large as a man's fist," the Editor and a workingman with tools visited a farmer's cornfield which displayed great white patches of *Ipomœa* bloom during the summer. Selecting the easiest place to dig, a portion of one of the roots was unearthed, from which the accompanying sketch was made. The slender, budding parts, eight or nine inches long (indicated in the upper part of the sketch), are above the line of the plow, and are annually cut off by the farmer in cultivation, but they only add to the number of plants, while the large root in the subsoil soon throws up new shoots. It would be interesting to know the entire dimensions of a large root. The one here shown was cut off 30 inches below the surface, yet there were indications that the greater part of the root remained in the soil, as will be noticed from the sketch. A story is told of a farmer who found in a "washout" a tuber of *Ipomœa pandurata* the shape of and as large as a man (doubtless a small man), and from this the plant acquired the name of "Man in the Earth."—Ed.]

HOW I WINTER MY PLANTS.—I bring my plants in during October, and place them on a flower stand in front of an east window in a room where I do not keep a fire. Then, on each side of the flower stand I nail a piece of lath reaching nearly to the top of the window. These are joined together above, and attached to the window casing by other lath, making a framework upon which I fasten a piece of cloth or strong paper, forming a canopy. The three sides are then enclosed by hanging curtains. When there is danger of the plants freezing I draw the curtains and place a lighted lamp inside, and on cold nights pull down the window shade. I spray my plants about three times a week, and have healthy plants and plenty of blossoms all winter.

M. E. Baldwin.  
Crawford Co., Pa., Nov. 8, 1894.

ABOUT BUTTERCUP OXALIS.—I have had the Buttercup *Oxalis* for years. It blooms out-doors all winter, and is hardy indeed. I have so much of it, and it spreads so that I have it turned under every spring, and lo, every winter it is still there with its tall stems of Buttercup-yellow flowers. It is very pretty, and great bunches of it are nice for bouquets. Mrs. M. G. Walker.  
Alameda Co., Cal., Nov. 9, 1894.

## MEXICAN PRIMROSE ONCE MORE.

I STARTED my Mexican Primrose late last fall in sand and good loam, well drained. It grew finely, and by January was nicely budded, but produced not a blossom. At last I discovered the cause, a green aphid—very small. Tobacco treatment soon drove them away. Then came the blossoms, over an inch across, each one opening four days in succession. When I bedded out my plants in the spring I cut it back severely and planted the cuttings in a circle around the old plant. How it has bloomed! Not a day but dozens of those lovely pink flowers appeared, large as a silver dollar, each opening the second day unless it was very hot. The soil was sandy loam, not very rich, and was watered once a week with manure water.

Mrs. Wm. Bain.  
Columbia Co., N. Y., Aug. 30, 1894.

DAHLIAS FROM SEEDS.—I favor raising Dahlias from seeds. The plants are easily and readily grown, and if the seeds are of a good strain there will be a fine display of colors, and many of exquisite double form. I sow in a mellow seed-bed when the ground is warm, so that they will germinate readily. I keep the soil stirred about the plants until they are ready to be transplanted, then I give them a rich bed and water them well when they need it, and they enjoy and seem to assimilate large quantities. I give them the suds on wash-day during the fall, and they thrive on it. I believe suds to be a good fertilizer for nearly all common plants. This is the way I grow my seedling Dahlias with ease and pleasure.

Lina.  
McLean Co., Ill.

KALMIA LATIFOLIA.—This well-known evergreen, commonly called Mountain Laurel, is abundant in nearly all sections of the United States, adorning the hillsides and mountains with its rich green foliage and elegant pink blossoms. The former has poisonous, narcotic properties. Set in rows the plants make a beautiful hedge.

E. Frances E.  
Del. Co., N. Y., Oct. 8, 1894.

BILBERGIA.—I have a beautiful pink Bilbergia in bloom. The plant was presented to me by Supt. Smith, at Washington, D. C. S. S. T.  
Jefferson Co., N. Y., Nov. 5, 1894.

## EXPERIENCE WITH GERANIUMS.

THE past year I had a windowful of blooming Geraniums all through the long cold winter, their cheerful faces embracing every shade of red, pink and white, amid a great variety of foliage, for I have fifty or more varieties.

Mine were not potted till late in September and October, and some were only slips just started, others plants from the bed, started in March, and had bloomed all summer. First, I was very careful about potting them, using one pound each of fine sand, garden loam and earth from the barnyard. This year I used leaf-mould instead of loam, and potted the plants earlier. Most of my pots were tin cans painted to look like crocks, and I found before the winter was half over that the plants in cans were doing much better than those in crocks. Before taking them in the house I watered them several times with manure water, and a few times after removing them to the parlor. Twice every month I gave the foliage a thorough drenching with warm water, and every rain that didn't freeze I put them out on the porch. There wasn't a month but they were out once. I had them in the southeast parlor where there are two large double windows, both east and south. I kept as many as I could at the south window till they began to bloom, then removed them to the east window, where the buds opened slowly and remained in bloom a long time. I had no fire in the room except on very cold nights. The room was warmed by a soft coal burner in the sitting room, on which I always kept a large pan of water. The room was quite cold by morning, but none of my plants froze. I watered them every morning if they were dry, using nearly boiling water, pouring it on the earth and not letting it come too near the plants. I have a bed out-doors this season of 110 plants.

Elnor M. C. Thompson.  
Champaign Co., Ill., Sep. 13, 1894.



AN EMBLEM OF LOVE.

"Which do you choose, my dear," he said,  
 "From this bouquet of flowers?  
 The rose is red, my love, is red,  
 And queen of the garden bowers.  
 "The Lily is white, is white, my love,  
 And pure as the Alpine snows;  
 A breath it wafts from a realm above  
 In every breeze that blows.  
 "And here is the Pansy's modest face,  
 All smiling to blush unseen;  
 Carnations, too, with a wealth of grace,  
 'Mid sprigs of the evergreen."  
 "I've made my choice, dear heart," she said,  
 Though neither the Lily fair,  
 Nor the Rose whose petals red—so red,  
 Soon flutter to the air.  
 "Nor is it the Pink of crimson hue,  
 Nor Pansy who smiles unseen,  
 But give me an emblem of love that's true—  
 A sprig of the evergreen."

—*Florence J. Boyce.*

PÆONY-FLOWERED POPPIES.

THIS Poppy is distinctly individual in that it resembles no other flower. In our climate it is better to sow the seeds in the fall. The plants bloom at a time when flowers are scarce in many gardens; drouth does not affect them so disastrously as it does some flowers; it is sure to be admired for its purity, especially the white variety, and it is quite lasting (for a Poppy) if gathered before the blossom has fully opened. All these are good qualities, but there is another thing for which the white-flowered variety is to be commended—its adaptability to use on funeral occasions. During July it is often difficult to find a plentiful supply of white flowers, and this Poppy is a desirable as well as beautiful funeral flower. I have in mind an instance where a quantity of flowers not fully opened were arranged in the pillow design. Of course, they opened fully after being gathered some time, but that only made the piece more beautiful. It is a very accommodating flower for a simple piece, as a pillow, or for a bouquet. It is doubtful if intricate designs could be made so easily.

McLean Co., Ill. Lina.

CURIOUS CONDUCT OF A DOUBLE TIGER LILY.—A friend sent me one bulb of a double Tiger Lily. The first year it had very double blooms. The next year it sent up four stalks; two bloomed double, two single. This season it had two stalks bearing double blossoms. No Lilies had ever been in the grounds before.

Jefferson Co., Ill.

S. J. S.

"THE LOVELY MANETTIA VINE."

WHEN the Manettia first came into prominence I bought one "out of a book," and the tiny, brilliant blossoms were much admired; but alas, it stopped short, never to grow any more. I coaxed it, dosed it after the homeopathic, then after the allopathic system, tried more heroic treatment, but all measures proved unavailing, until it died. The next summer I bought one in the market which was a beauty, about a foot high, and laden with the bewitching little bells. Now I surely could not fail, so I repotted, and did all the things I had omitted the first time—result, curled, blacked leaves, a few sick-looking blooms, continued ill-health, decline, death. The floral magazines were all the time lauding "the lovely Manettia vine" to the skies. Then arose a spirited controversy giving the pros and cons of its success. Some purchasers had given sun, some shadow, some with failure, others with a degree of encouragement, a few blessed, more condemned, until "the lovely Manettia vine" became a by-word and reproach. At last an editor in dogmatic vein announced that it was not likely to give satisfaction outside a greenhouse. Later one came to me as an "extra" in a box of plants. Of course I was delighted(?). I potted it in an old tomato can, pushed it under some tall Chrysanthemums, and said "There; flourish in your greenhouse." I forgot all about it for some weeks, but during that time the rains had been falling "on the just and unjust," and one day I chanced to look beneath the bending branches, and lo and behold! a "lovely Manettia vine," indeed. It had branched from the root, and some half dozen stalks about ten inches high had lovingly entwined about and supported one another, and all vied in a contest for the greatest wealth of blossoms. I felt humbled in its gracious presence, and reproached when I looked at the tomato label, but I vowed it should have better setting. So I concluded its wants were partial shade and dampness, and since then have given it a daily bath. My plant is all the books say of it—royal-looking indeed, and it has entwined itself into my affection.

Cornelia Oldham Slicer.

[NOTE.—A handsome, more floriferous and more easily grown Manettia vine is *Manettia cordifolia*. It has tuberous, thickened roots and rests in winter, but it is a lovely summer-blooming trellis plant in-doors or out.—ED.]

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THE EDITOR invites correspondence with all who love and cultivate flowers.

DECEMBER, 1894.

HARDY BULBS.—The publisher has still a few Premium collections of Thirty Hardy Bulbs. These bulbs may be planted out at any time before the ground freezes up for the winter, but the earlier they are planted the better. After planting cover the bed with straw or stable litter, placing inclined boards over all to shed the cold rains.

MEXICAN PRIMROSE.—A sister in Florida complains of her Mexican Primrose. Her garden was formerly the site of a stable, and the soil is very rich. She has tried the plants in both sun and shade, but with the same result. This is a common complaint where the Mexican Primrose is grown in rich soil. It may bloom in the spring, but afterwards its entire energies seem devoted to growth and increase. Care should be taken in introducing this Evening Primrose in the South. It is hard to eradicate, and may become a nuisance.

SWORD LILIES.—The species of *Hemerocallis* are often known as Sword Lilies. The common ones are *H. fulva*, large, Lily-like, orange-scarlet flowers; and *H. flava*, smaller, more delicate flowers of a pleasing yellow color. Both species have sword-shaped foliage and bear their flowers in a cluster at the summit of a strong, fleshy scape. They are perfectly hardy, and will thrive in any rich soil.

FERTILIZER FOR LILIES.—Stable and barn-yard manure is often injurious to Lilies, especially when it comes in immediate contact with the bulbs; but bone-dust, wood ashes and fertilizers of similar character, when well incorporated with the soil, are beneficial rather than detrimental to the plants, and can be used with confidence.

## ASPIDIUM SPINULOSUM.

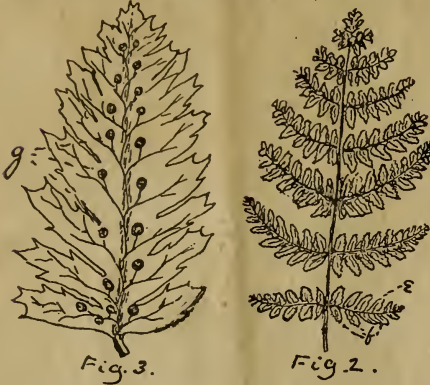
FERNs are classed and identified by botanists from the form and arrangement of the fruit or spore clusters which mostly appear on the under side of the leaves or fronds. In species of *Pteris* the spores are disposed in a narrow row on the under margin of the fronds, and the membranous edge of the frond recurves to form a covering. In some the spores are in little clusters of various shapes, sometimes borne upon a vein, sometimes at the side of a vein, sometimes at the extremity. These spore-clusters or sporangia are



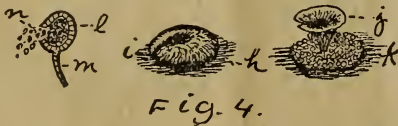
naked in some Ferns, but in others they are covered by a little membrane called the indusium, which is variously attached.

Illustrations are herewith given of a common Fern, *Aspidium spinulosum*. Fig. 1 shows the subterranean stem as it appears in autumn, and is found just at the surface of the ground. *a* indicates the base of old, decayed fronds; *b* the base of the removed living fronds; *c* the embryo fronds for development next season, and *d* the black, wiry, fibrous roots. Fig. 2 represents a developed frond, which is usually from one to two feet in length and five to nine inches in breadth, tapering at the ends as indicated. Fig. 3 represents the under side of a leaflet somewhat enlarged, to show the fruit-dots or spore-clusters, *g*. Fig. 4 shows the fruit-dots still further enlarged. Each "dot" contains a cluster of spore-cases or sporangia, each with a little stem, as indicated at *m*, and these stems are all attached at a common

point. When developing they are covered with a thin membranous lid, as shown at *h*, but as the sporangia begin to ripen this covering or indusium withdraws and assumes the form represented at *j*, and eventually falls off, exposing the sporangia as shown at *k*. In time one of these sporangia, shown at *l*, dries and its margin bursts, as at *n*, the spores scattering as indicated.



Members of the genus *Aspidium* are known as Shield Ferns, because of the shield like form of the indusium or spore covering, indicated at *j*. It is not strictly an evergreen Fern, but retains its handsome form and rich green color until mid-winter. It is found in shaded woods, and delights in decayed woods mould, the finest specimens



often growing in the decayed mould of a fallen tree. The frond germs for the next season's growth are well developed by autumn, and appear at the surface of the ground, only awaiting the warmth of the spring sunshine and friendly rains to unfold them. It is a Fern that can be easily removed, and will grow in any shaded place where the soil is loose and largely composed of decayed fiber or woods mould.

**HOYA CARNOSA.**—This plant likes a warm situation and usually does well on an upper shelf in the window. Water freely in summer, and sparingly in winter. Keep the plant in a small pot so that the roots may crowd each other in order to promote early blooming. If kept freely growing the plant often fails to bloom. It usually does best in partial shade.

PROTECTING ROSES.

**E**VERBLOOMING Roses that were bedded in the spring will mostly winter safely as far north as Pennsylvania without protection. Further north, however, the bed should be covered by a quantity of evergreen boughs, and in extreme regions place a board frame about the bed, fill in with evergreen brush or dry leaves, and cover with inclined boards to keep out rain and melting snow. Leave the upper part of the ends open to afford ventilation. Do not apply any covering till in December or early January, as the damage done by frost usually occurs in the latter part of winter and in early spring. Let the covering remain till the severe spring frosts are past, about the time Easter flowers are in bloom. If the cover is removed earlier it is sometimes necessary to give protection during the colder nights of early spring.

**TREATMENT OF OLEANDER.**—The Oleander is an evergreen greenhouse shrub well adapted to house culture. It thrives in almost any kind of soil, but likes a well-lighted place and plenty of water while growing. The embryo buds are formed in autumn, and the plant should be kept in a cool room and sparingly watered during winter. In March give the plant a warm and more favorable position, and water more freely, occasionally using liquid fertilizer as the buds begin to develop. The plants winter well in a dry, frost-cellar, or in a partially heated room. Blooming plants should occupy from six-inch to ten-inch pots, according to size. In the South the plants are "hardy," and are used for the decoration of gardens and lawns.

**PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.**—The November offer of Chinese Narcissus and seven other bulbs for 25 cents is hereby recalled, as the collection cannot now be furnished complete. The 30 Premium bulbs and MAGAZINE for 50 cents can still be supplied, though it may be necessary to use some substitutes during the latter part of the month if the subscriptions come in as freely this month as in the past. This is the last call. If you want hardy bulbs secure them this month. After Christmas it will be too late.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I have two large bay windows with a southern exposure, in which I have fitted two zinc-lined stands containing three inches of soil, on which I set my pots. This gives me some of the conditions of a greenhouse, as the temperature of my rooms rarely falls below sixty degrees. My windows are the admiration of my neighbors throughout the winter. This year I shall endeavor to surpass all my previous successes.

Kings Co., N. Y., Aug. 25, 1894. A. W. G.

Mr. Park:—I wish to express my appreciation of the premium bulbs I received from you last spring. The Tuberous Begonias were planted in pots and bloomed continually from June until August, and then showed signs of exhaustion. After a few weeks rest I found them clothed in new foliage and covered with buds. I brought them into the window where they are full of the largest flowers I ever saw of the kind. I am sure they will continue in bloom throughout November. I measured one flower this morning that is four inches long. I find that they do not require much sunshine.

Ella H. Sullivan.

Davis Co., Iowa, Oct. 8, 1894.

Mr. Park:—The Liliun Auratum I got from you is just now in bloom, and is the grandest Lily I ever saw.

Mrs. P. Hull.

Jackson Co., Ore., Oct. 2, 1894.

Mr. Park:—Your Magazine alone is worth the fifty cents to anyone who loves flowers, and the premium could not be bought for that amount. I will recommend your paper to all. I wish you the prosperity you so well deserve.

Mrs. N. A. A.

Berkshire Co., Mass., Oct. 8, 1894.

Auratum Lily.—Mr. Park:—The Premium Gold-banded Lilies were immense, and seemed to thrive equally well whether planted in pots or out in the border. We all thought that bulb alone an ample and generous premium.

J. E. W.

Clackamas Co., Ore., Oct 24, 1894.

BRIEF ANSWERS.

Roses.—Seedling Roses are not likely to bloom the first year, especially if they are of the Hybrid Perpetual class. Even Tea Roses, however, can be safely wintered if set out in the spring, so that a strong growth is produced during summer, and a few evergreens are placed over the bushes as the severe cold of mid winter approaches. It would be advisable, therefore, to let the plants alone in their out-door quarters until they bloom, whether in one, two or three years from the time the seeds were sown.

Petunias.—To have Double Petunias make less growth and produce more bloom keep the plants in rather small pots of porous, sandy soil, and let them become pot-bound. In large pots of rich soil the energy of the plant is often expended in the growth of stems and foliage.

Hydrangea.—Hydrangea Otaksa is a hardy plant, and if set out in a sheltered place in the spring and allowed to become well established during summer will endure the winter. It would hardly be safe, however, to plant it out in autumn. If you have a plant in a pot set it in the cellar or in a cool room and water sparingly till spring, then bring the plant out and bed it where it is to grow.

Hardy Bulbs.—A Manitoba subscriber wishes to know if the 30 bulbs offered as a premium with the MAGAZINE are hardy in her cold climate. Doubtless most of them will be found perfectly hardy. It would be well, however, to pack the ground after planting, and cover the bed with a rather heavy coat of stable litter, placing some boards over all to turn off the cold rains. Always see that the bulb bed is well drained.

Those Premium Bulbs.—Mr. Park:—The premium bulbs came yesterday, and I never saw finer ones. That you can afford to give so many surprises me. Mrs. G. B. Sayre. Richland Co., Ohio, Oct. 9, 1894.

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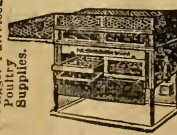
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