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THE CULTURE OF FLOWERS.

We cordially invite all interested in the various branches of horticulture to send questions upon any subject on which information may be desired.

Nothing is so encouraging and satisfying as success in the culture of flowers. It is one of the few pleasures that improve alike the mind and heart, and makes every lover of these beautiful creations of Infinite Love, wiser, purer and nobler. We gaze upon the beautiful plants and brilliant flowcers with a delicious commingling of admi-ration and love. They are offsprings of our forethought, taste, and care—a new, mysterious, and glorious [creation. They grew, truly, but very like the sun and stars. But a few weeks ago the brown earthy beds were bare and lifeless, now they are peopled with the fairest and frailest of earth's children. Whilst we have plenty, let us not forget that a few months will soon alip by, and Jack Frost, with his chill-ing blest will metal-time. ing blast, will rudely wither all our flowery treasures. How pleasant it will then be to have a few fragrant flowering plants on our ndow-sills. Perhaps no flower will give ch general satisfaction, if properly treated, window-sills. as the Tuberose,



Our engraving represents a plant reduced in size, but giving a good idea of its appearance when in bloom, also a single flower nearly natural size. The Tuberose is an evergreen in a warm climate, and would all the time if it got a chance; but frost, be it ever so slight, generally kills it. In order to have a plant in flower about New Year's, obtain a few bulbs; plant one one about the first and one about the middle of August. These three plantings, with proper care and treatment, should in-sure flowers from Christmas until Valentine's Day. In selecting bulbs be sure and reject all that do not show signs of vegeta-tion from the center bulb. Plant one in a six-inch pot filled with the richest kind of compost, making certain that the pot has good drainage. Water slightly for a few days after planting, and sink the pot to the rim in a warm spot in the yard. After the green leaves begin to show, water copi-ously. A score was the property of the proously. As soon as cool autumn nights come on, remove it to the house, and always take care that no frost comes near it, and never allow the soil to get dry after the flowering stalk shows. The Tuberose, when in bloom, is very fragrant; so under no consideration allow it in a sleeping apartment, and if kept in a sitting-room it would be well to keep the upper sash of a window alightly lowered. The Tuberose smoother flowers but once; the old bulb can, however, from the planted out in the garden in the Spring.

and will produce a number of small bulbs which in turn will flower the second year. Last season we had a Tuberose in pot which commenced blooming in the garden on the toth of October, and after removing to the house continued in bloom until the rath of January, producing no less than forty flow-ers. It was one of the Pearl variety, which, ers. It was one of the Pearl variety, which, although a dwarf, is undoubtedly the best



The Funkia or Day Lily (so called because one of its flowers opens every day) is such a desirable late autumn bloomer that it would be well for our lovers of flowthat it would be well for our lovers of flow-ers to pay some attention to its cultivation. If kept in post they should have a shady place, and if watered daily they will begin blooming generally about the latter part of October, and if taken care of so that no early frost touches them, will continue in bloom until New Year's. The plant has light begot follows: light, broad foliage, neatly veined. The buds form in a cluster on a stem about eight inches in length, as shown in our eneight inches in length, as shown in our en-gravings, but usually one only opens every day. The flowers are of the purest imaginable white, trumpet-shaped, five inches in length. The blue variety has smaller flowers but larger clusters, and makes taller growth. Whilst speaking of Lilies it would be well to remind such of our readers as have Calla Lilies, that the best summer treatment for them so as to make them flower profusely in winter, is to remove them to a shed or any other sha place where rats will not get at them. Lay the pot on its side, and let it lay there without watering or any other care until about the middle of October. In our October number we intend to tell you just what you must do to make them produce the best and most flowers.

PINKS - CARNATIONS - PICOTEES - They all belong to the same family, known as The Carnation (Dianthus cary Dianthus.



ophillus) is a fine flower, very fragrant, smooth-edged, with head nooth-edged, with broad stripes running from the base to the outer edge of the petal, as shown in the engraving. The in the engraving.

more clear and defined the stripe, the bet-ter. The Picotee differs mainly in the



coloring, the stripes running around the edge of the petal. Our engraving shows a perfect flower, though there are some very good flowers with narrow and broken stripes running from the base to the outer edge of the petals. The Pink is smaller, more compact, and more mottled than striped, with white ground. The Chinese Pilk, if a good double flower is produced, as shown in engraving, is one of



brilliant and useful of all our garden flowers. The cultivation of the above-named varieties is very simple. Seed sown in the spring, in ordinary garden soil, will produce flowering plants the second season, or they may be started from cuttings in coalse gritty sand after the first of October; or what is still simpler, by layering in midsummer, which is merely cutting a slit in a young shoot to obstruct the flow of sap, and thus aid in the formation of roots. First, cut half way through the shoot, then make a slit lengthwise about one inch. Remove the earth a few inches in depth, and press the branch down so that the slit will open, then cover with soil. Roots will start where the cut was made, and so a new plant will be formed which can be removed in auturan or spring. All the Dianthus are hardy, and will live out doors all winter. Should, however, one or two be wanted to bloom in the house during the winter, all flower-shoots must be cut back until the middle of September. After that they may mounted september. After that they may be allowed to go on, and will then generally bloom nearly all winter. We had them last year all through the winter—as late as the first of March.

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We have adopted the rule of following copy until the orthography of any word is settled beyond controversy. Owing to this fact, the name of our beautiful river is spelled both ways in this issue, for our con-tributors come from the ranks of both the Wills and the Walls

Our Head-we don't mean our editorial ad-but the head of our paper, represents in the distance Mt. Hood and its sur rounding chain of mountains; on the right, in the foreground, a birdseye view of the cities of Portland and East Portland, divided by the Willameto tiver, and its final junction with the lordly Columbia on the left.

Type West Snock is the paper to send abroad to your friends. Columns upon columns may be written descriptive of our immense business houses, elegant man-&c., and never produce so vivid an impres-sion upon the mind as will a single glance at the illustrations which will appear in this paper.

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