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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.



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 grow all the time if it got a chance; but frost, be it ever so slight, generally kills it.

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 10th of October, and after removing to the house continued in bloom until the 12th of January, producing no less than forty flowers.



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 flowers to pay some attention to its cultivation. If kept in pots 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.

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



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

more clear and defined the stripe, the better. 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 Pink, if a good double flower is produced, as shown in engraving, is one of the most



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 coarse 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 autumn 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 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.

WILLAMETTE—WALLAMET.

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 contributors come from the ranks of both the Wills and the Walls.

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

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

SEWING MACHINES AND THEIR SALES.—In noticing the sales of Sewing Machines for the past four years the New York Daily News goes on to say, that during the year 1871, the Singer Manufacturing Company sold 181,250 Machines, being just 1,800 more than were sold by its two principal competitors during said year. During the year 1872, the Singer Manufacturing Company effected sales to the amount of 218,728 Machines, outnumbering those of its principal competitor during said period 45,870. 1873 the sales of the Singer Manufacturing Company reached 232,411 being 113,231 more than were sold during the said year by its highest competitor, and as many as were sold by all its other competitors combined. And here it is worthy of remark that, while the sales of the principal companies this year (1874) fell very considerably short of their sales in 1873, those of the Singer Manufacturing Company were largely increased. Well, conformably with their settled practice, the practice we mean of increasing their sales each succeeding year, the Singer Manufacturing Company, last year (1874) brought their sales up to the astonishing figure of 241,479 beating their most formidable competitor 133,543 Machines. We are governed in our statements by reliable "statistics of sales" made to the owners of the principal patents by those licensed under them. And in this place let us repeat that we hold to the rule that the comparative sales of a Machine constitute a good criterion of its merits, and more especially so when the rule in question has been thoroughly tested through a series of years.

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