

RHODODENDRONS.

Hardy Varieties and How to Treat Them.

alks have an idea that rhododennot hardy and hesitate to plant shers have planted some that thrive, and they are disappoint-The editor of Gardening e are cases where the rhododenimperfectly understood. Some drons are perfectly hardy. Othcome from the mountainous d tropical countries and are not re, and there is a host of inter-

oper thing to do, then, is to find the varieties are perfectly hardy I confine our selection to these per hardy varieties are the des of our own R. Catawbiense, hority mentioned recommends cellent list of tried hardy sorts grandiflorum, Album elegans, Lincoln, Bertie Parsons, Biandidissimum, Delicatissimum, enm, General Grant, Grandi-Parpareum crispum, Crispum un elegans.

hould we treat rhododendrons in Mr. Falconer advises: Give ther from aweeping winds and well drained but moist earth to and don't try to cultivate them charged soil. Don't plant them ge, coarse growing trees whose ald rob the shrubs.

lant rhododendrons at any time Angust till May, providing the is fairly moist. After planting ich the ground with old forest eres with a sprinkling of sedge en to keep the leaves from blow-. It matters little whether the face east, west, north or south, the sweep of the wind through broken by rising ground, build-

des on Chrysanthemums, Etc. iss or plant lice on both roses vanthemums are well known

ardeners, but the latter are esdifficult to get rid of. se aphides are easily controlled,

thing will kill them. Pyrethonnce to two gallons of water; decection, a half pound to a galrater; whale oil soap and kerodaon, all are effective if only theroughly and persistently. hrysanthemum aphides are, howich more hardy, none of the subabove named acting in the same ms, according to the New experiment station, which dithat the tobacco decoction be pound to a quart, the

m, an ounce to a quart, the al soap and kerosene emulable strength. The dark or pecies of these insects is more m of life than the green forms. home is casential to success in plants, for so rapidly do these multiply that even a few escaplrestock the plants in a short

and in healthy condition.

The Jupanese Anemones.

distinct and beautiful species be represented in every flower Being at their best during the er and autumn months, when and borders most need replen-



LUSTER OF JAPANESE ANEMONES. gand attractive blooms are rare,

these anemones are doubly val-They are neat and compact in are hardy and flower freely when ha deep, rich soil.

ese plants may be effectively grown pot plant and in lines or masses in or mixed borders, though perhaps appear to greater advantage when en in groups.

seeing Plant Growth by Electricity.

periments have been made in France he forcing of plant growth by elec-An apparatus is used consisting high pole set in the middle of the at the top of which is a sort of copbroom with fine branches. This is exted by a steel wire with a network | Francisco Argonaut. belwires buried at a sufficient depth w the surface. At a trial in 1891 the hpon a field of potatoes was nearly bled, or was about 139 pounds on the without wires. In 1892 it was testar results. Whether it is likely to standard of measurement among the anme of practical use or only a scientoy remains to be seen.

The Old Strawberry Bed.

low up the old bed that has borne crops, as it will usually not pay to the ground to late cabbage or some er crop. The young bed that has he the first crop should have a thorcultivation and the plow run close nall pot set level with the surface. | Times.

FRENCH POLICE SPIES.

How the Government Manages to Secure Information Privately.

After all that has been said about the vileness of the police system under the empire, which rendered it almost impossible for any one to be safe from espionage, even in private life, it might well be supposed that the republic had done away with this machinery for discovering and weaving plots so much more nineteenth tentury. It remains, however, very much what it was 30 years ago. These things do not change in

Governments go, and the forms of gov-ernment, and these are succeeded by others, but the good old abuses—they must be thought good by some people—cling to the ship with barnaclelike tenacity. French official organization is about the most steadfast thing in the world, although all French people to whom you may speak on the subject agree that it is very bad. It is almost as difficult now as it was under the empire to be certain that a man whom you may meet, either in society or out of it, does not belong to the secret police.

All over the country there are mouchards—a term expressing something stronger than spies. I have been inconvenienced by them myself in the provinces. On one occasion I made a rather long stay in a little place where there were two hotels in flerce rivalry. One day a brigadier of gendarmes came over from a neighboring town on purpose to make inquiries respecting me.

He did not trouble me, but he questioned various people as to how I passed my time, about how much I spent a day, what sort of meals I had, and whether I appeared to have more money than I knew what to do with. The fact was I was suspected of being a spy in the pay HIGH-GRADE INSTRUMENTS, of a foreign government. As I consider a bold front to be the best whenever there is anything of this kind in the air. I got myself driven over the gendarmery, which was about eight miles off, and there had it out with the brave briga-

I soon discovered that an informer had been at work and that the informer was no other than the keeper of the rival hotel, who for years had been receiving pay as a member of the secret police. Situated where he was be must have been absolutely useless in that capacity, but at one time he must have done a service to somebody.

It is especially in Paris, however, that that the secret police is supposed to be indispensable. Every government wishes to be kept well informed as to all that goes on in an enemy's camp. Such information can only be obtained from those who are willing to play the part of a traitor or whose position enables them to observe what is going forward without exciting suspicion. They are technically termed "indicators" and may belong to either sex. When the Boulangist movement was convulsing France. the government had a great advantage over its opponents by handling of the secret fund and the secret police.

Boulanger's footsteps were dogged everywhere, and somehow M. Constans learned all that he wished to know concerning the plans and doings of the conspirators. An important point in this ground, dry tobacco dusted on system is to make the "indicator" feel stery plants when they are wet, sure that whatever happens he will not a week, will keep them be betrayed. The minister of the intethose by means of whose espiouage certain political information has been gath-

> paid from hand to hand in cafes or other nonofficial places by commissionnaires, and the name of no auxiliary outside of the ranks of the regular police ever appears in a book. Is it unpossible for the government to do without this abominable system, so opposed to the ideal of a democratic state? The Cottu-Soinoury scandal has led to much discussion on this question. - Boston Transcript.

An Obtuse Englishman.

A Mr. Kirbell, who had never been out of England until he went to Vienna, seems to have been a typical Briton and stubbornly insular to the extent of refusing to alter the time of his watch as he traveled eastward from England. No argument would induce him to budge. and when at Vienna he arose at unearthly hours and perambulated around the city alone, having persisted in being guided by his watch, stoutly asserting that the foreign clocks were all wrong.

Kirbell was very anxious also to keep a record of all the places he visited and always jotted down in his pocketbook the names of the various stations he had stopped at or passed. "How curious it is there are so many stations of the same name," he once remarked to a fellow passenger, who raplied that he had not observed it. Kirbell then showed his record to prove he was right, and, sure enough, over and over again occurred the word "Ausgang" (Exit), which he had confidently entered as the name of many stations passed on the route.-San

Standards of Measurement.

The "foot" is named from the length of that member in a full grown man. d plat to about 74 pounds on the Some say that it was so called from the length of the foot of a certain English apon spinach and other crops with king, but it is believed to have been a

cient Egyptians. The cubit is from the Latin cubitus, an elbow, and is the distance from the elbow to the end of the middle finger.

Fathom is from the Aryan, fat, to extend, and denotes the distance from tip p it, advises American Gardening. to tip of the fingers, when the arms of an average sized man are fully extended. -St. Louis Republic.

Letters of Introduction.

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despite the ground clean the
despit of the season. This applies with al force to the newly set bed. A bed be set late in July from young run-and therefore the letter should entail Pinch off the end after the first only minor courtesies not apt to put any and allow it to root on a sod or is one to any inconvenience.—Philadelphia



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