

THE JAPANESE IRIS.

A New Jersey Florist's Display of the Coming Flower of Fashion.

Good authorities say that the Japanese iris is to be the next fashionable flower.

The Japanese iris differs in the most striking way from the indigenous iris of America (versicolor—the "blue flag").

The Japanese iris, whether double or single, is as flat as a camellia.

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Men Who Make Fee-Giving a Very Profitable Investment.

"It is wonderful how many prominent business men, who would not put their hands in your pocket to pick your purse for any consideration, will stand in with the restaurant waiters to beat the establishment," said a prominent hotel man.

"How is the game worked?" "It is a simple thing, but it depends entirely on the large crowds that throng fashionable restaurants at dinner time.

"How?" "In this way: The customer gives the waiter a daily tip of ten cents. The waiter is careful to see that his beneficiary gets a thirty cent check, say every time he eats a ninety cent meal.

"Are waiters never caught at these tricks?" "Of course, once in a great while. A yellow chap that wore his white apron at the end of that eating bar for six months," said the speaker, pointing to the bar, "got caught at last."

"Are there no means to prevent this beating the house?" "The hotel man shook his head sadly as he said: "Not entirely."

FREEDOM OF THE TOWN.

How It Was Conferred Upon "Foreigners" in Days Gone By.

In a recent historical address at Gosham, Me., Rev. Elijah Kellogg, speaking of his ancestors who were among the early settlers of that town, mentioned an old usage of colonial times.

"It was the custom," he said, "to warn persons out of town unless they had real estate or had such a character as rendered them useful members of society."

This warning a new-comer out of town was commonly a mere matter of form.

In those days it was customary to elect men "free men of the town" in town meeting.

"It was expressly ordained that from thenceforth no alien should under any circumstances be admitted to the freedom of the said city, save only at the Hustings of London, and by the assent of the commonalty, and upon the sufficient security of six reputable men of the trade which such person should have followed, and should intend to follow."

It will be observed that during those times admission to the freedom of the city involved admission to some guild, or craft, which the freeman was required to follow, and that in any other employment he could not engage.

It is enough to say that William confessed that he had gained the freedom of the city deservingly.

It also appears that after he was deprived of the freedom of the city, he could remain and follow the calling of "coursur" (jockey) only he would have to pay "customs and all other things, the same as one who is a foreigner"—that is, just the same as he would have to pay had he come from Waltham, and not been admitted freeman.

A WHISTLING GIRL. How a Chicago Damsel Entertained the Patrons of a Street-Car Company.

Chicago has one thing that in a long and varied experience I have never encountered elsewhere—a girl that whistles in the street cars.

—A Burlington youth obtained a young lady's hand in rather an unfair manner. She was trying to climb up a ledge at a picnic when he asked her for it.—Free Press.

STREET LEMONADE.

An Interesting Business Conducted by Italian Savants on City Streets.

The haughty youths who jerk soda-water did a tremendous business in sirup and squirt, but the palm of hot-weather commerce was awarded to the Italian savants who brew lemonade on the street, and who drew in fortunes hand over hand.

Street lemonade is gauged in price and quality to suit all grades of society from tramp to millionaire. You can get a glass for two cents, three cents or five cents.

For five cents the man will rinse the glass in a mysterious bucket under the counter, and will polish it with his own private handkerchief, insert two spoonfuls of crushed sugar with a flourish which alone is worth the price.

Like the June-bug and the bridge-cake, the street lemonade man is a strictly summer institution.

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The slow-paced conservatism of its old-time residents is still seen in the modern city; but it is now so wedded to Yankee enterprise that we meet here an almost ideal community, safe, but progressive, not engrossed in mere money-getting, but cultivating as well the social amenities of life, and extracting from existence, as it passes, a healthful and rational enjoyment.

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GROWTH OF DETROIT.

An American City Which has Changed its Nationality Three Times.

Detroit is one of the oldest cities on this continent. Before Hendrik Hudson set foot on the island of Manhattan, and while Henry IV. still sat on the throne of France, the Hurons pointed out the site whereon it is built to Champlain, the founder of Quebec, as the natural gate-way to "the vast seas of sweet water."

This dream was inherited by the French monarchs; but it was not until ninety years later that one of them attempted to make it a reality.

Then Louis XIV. commissioned the Sieur Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, who from 1694 to 1699 had been in command at Mackinaw, to found at Detroit a settlement, and erect there a fort to hold the region of the Great Lakes for the French Government.

When, in pursuance of the peace of 1763, it was quietly transferred to the United States, this was the case that Detroit has had a unique history.

In the summer of 1825 cannon planted at intervals along the line of the Erie canal, all the way from Albany to Buffalo, announced that Clinton's great work was completed.

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GOVERNMENT TESTS. The Royal Baking Powder Declared Superior to all Others.

The fact that Royal Baking Powder is, in all respects, the best baking powder offered to the public has been established beyond question.

Prof. H. A. Mott, when employed by the U. S. Government to analyze the various baking powders of the market to determine which was the best and most economical, and an extended investigation, reported in favor of the Royal, and it was adopted for government use.

Prof. Mott has continued his examinations of baking powders sold at the present day, and now affirms it as the result of a deliberate judgment, arrived at after most thorough research and a careful examination of the principal brands of the market, that the Royal is undoubtedly the purest and most reliable baking powder offered to the public.

"The Royal Baking Powder is absolutely pure, and has so found it in many tests made both for that country and the U. S. Government.

"I will go still further and state that, because of the facilities that company have for obtaining perfectly pure cream of tartar, and for other reasons dependent upon proper proportions of the same, and the method of its preparation, the Royal Baking Powder is undoubtedly the purest and most reliable baking powder offered to the public."

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