

STACHYS TUBERIFERA.

THERE seems to be a great difference of opinion respecting the value of this new vegetable. Mr. E. S. Goff, of the Geneva Experiment Station, says:—

Stachys Tuberifera, a so-called new vegetable from Northern Africa cannot be pronounced a very great acquisition. It belongs to the Mint family, and produces small, fleshy tubers, which in our trial only attained the size of acorns.

A correspondent of *The American Garden*, says he is certain that it grows in the district of the Bay of Chaleur, P.Q., being, perhaps, brought there by the early settlers from France, but whoever introduced it, he considers it as great a nuisance as the Canada thistle or the dandelion.

It is just possible that the variety of Stachys growing near the Bay of Chaleur is not the same as the one recommended for a garden vegetable, as there are at least 160 named species, some of which are of a very weedy character and grow very freely.

Monsieur Fr. Burvenich, Professor in the State School of Horticulture of Belgium, in an article in the March number of the *Bulletin d'Arboricul-*

ture, etc., speaks favorably of the stachys, so far as his experience goes, and adds:—

"This new vegetable has been favorably noticed at the National Exposition of the Art of Cookery, held at Brussels in December, 1888. One of our friends, a great lover of vegetable culture, once said to us that the Crones (Stachys) were at



FIG. 44.—STACHYS.

least no worse than artichokes. But the question of taste is a settled one, for at the banquet given to General Carnot, upon his accession to the presidency, all the guests found the dish a delicious one."

We copy from this journal a cut of the plant showing the tuberous roots in their relative size.

SOME PROMINENT CANADIAN HORTICULTURISTS.—VII.

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IT is always interesting to trace the history of those gentlemen who have made their own way in

this world, and from humble positions gained wealth and honor. The consideration of such instances is