Plants and Flowers. WATER PLANTS.

Water byacinth, water ponty and parrots feather make beautiful plants for the lawn when planted in tubs of water. A small root will fill a washtub before the season is over and blossom every day for months. The tubs should have a thick layer of rich soil with a sprinkling of soot and then be filled aimost full of water.

almost full of water.

The plants usually need a small weight fastened to the roots to hold them down at first, but after once becoming established they need nothing more except to have the water replenshed occasionally. They grow rapidly and throw out new roots with which they anchor themselves to the soil.

The water poppy has saucer-shaped yellow blossoms with a darker center which are freely produced all summer, opening in the morning and closing at midday. Water hyacinth has large spikes of like-colored flowers which sparkle as if sprinkled with diamond dust, they are held high above the folinge and are so delicate looking that one would expect a breath to crush would expect a breath to crush

them.

Parrot's feather is more intended for edging tubs containing other water plants than for use glone. It grows in frailing form of feathery appearance and hangs over the edge of the tubs, making a very attractive border. Small parts of these plants can be kept over winter by planting them in a dish with soil and water. They should not be encouraged to grow much, as they would quickly outgrow the dish, but simply be kept alive for use in spring.—[Marian Meade, III. Meade, Ill.

WINTER FLORAL NOTES

Bulbs in pots, moss or water should be kept in the dark until root action is well under way. If this is not done and the pots or hyacinth glasses are at and the pois or reaching masses are at once placed in a strong light, the exciting conditions cause the top to start freely. Having feeble root action the plant makes a very short growth of both leaves and flowers.

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The days are lengthening and the sap will move faster and more water will soon be required. It is rather soon yet to repot anything, but a stock of suitable soil should be provided.

See that the drainage around the bulb beds and perennial borders is kept free, and that no more fee be allowed to accumulate than can possibly be avoided, lee is very apt to injure bulbs as they push themselves along in the spring.

To do their best in the window garden, plants must be arranged with some regard to their needs for heat or cold, sunshine or shade.

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Give the plants in he window garden a weekly spraying, if possible, as dust will accumulate on the leaves with surprising rapidity.

If farmers knew how much the planting of trees and ornamenting the grounds around a home added to its value they would do very much more in this direction. -[William Rennic,

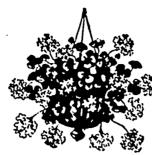
The Giant Flowered Geraniums, in tigor and habit of growth, size, quality and quantity of bloom and radiance of and quantity of bloom and radiance of coloring show great improvement over a rietles previously introduced. They are compact and pleasing in manner of growth with large healthy foliage. The flowers are perfect in shape, being round and in some cases beautifully supped produced in immense trusses and with a freedom truly wonderful. I. Childs has introduced some beauties which he has named after the Mater.

Spent Hops from the brewery easy to get in many localities, and like commut fiber may be used in the garden. Flerists sentelmes used in the gar-den. Flerists sentelmes use them for plunging small pols in, getting them theaper than any other suitable mate-rial and they are also used as a means of furnishing leatom heat.

Perennial Phlox is among the most satisfactors of all har ly perennials and unlike most hardy plants has a prolonged season of bloom. Having clean follage and growing 2 or 2 ft high, the flowers are produced in huge terminal panicles from June to frost. A most

heautiful continuous display is kent un all summer. The varieties are legion and of all colors.

A Pretty Hanging Basket for the plazza is easily and cheaply made from an old ox muzzle. Fasten three strings or wires to the rim to hang it by and



line the sides with thick pleces of moss from the woods. Fill the center with earth and set in some plants or put in a few seeds. For indoor use it is better to procure one made of crockery or to put a pot and saucer inside the muzzle to prevent the water dripping on the floor. For a winter basket there is nothing better than the common pink oxalls or a few slips of wandering Jew (tradescantia) and by geranium. Nasturtiums make a pretty basket in the summer, or the summer flowering oxalis, such as shown in illustration. These are easily raised from seed, or the builts may be dried off in the fall and planted out the next spring line the sides with thick pieces of moss out the next spring

Asilba Japonica makes a beautiful Easter plant and the dormant clumps of roots can be bought very cheaply, When given plenty of moisture and only when given picinty of mosture and only a little heat they will soon push forth their handsome foliage and the feathery blossoms. They need abundance of water, a lack of which would mean comparative failure with the plants. The roots also should have a good soaking in a tub of water before planting

The Golden Wonder Nasturtium is a brilliant yellow with a touch of red at the base of the petals. The plant does not form seeds, but is propagated readiiv from slips. They are especially fine for the window garden.



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