



MIMULUS—QUEEN'S PRIZE.

### FRENCH FARMS.

Those who think they have a small farm unless the number of acres runs up into the hundreds, should note how they practice farming in France. This is what a correspondent of the *New York Sun* found out in his travels:

When I asked a French farmer how his farm happened, like all the rest, so long and narrow, he said:

"It has been divided up so often. When a French father dies, he divides his farm, and each one of his children has an equal share. He always divides it lengthwise, so as to give each one a long strip. The long strips are easily cultivated, because we plow lengthwise. These strips always run north and south so that the sun can shine into the rows."

"How large is your farm?" I asked.

"My father's farm was 300 feet wide and 2,000 feet long. When he died, my brother had half. Now my farm is 150 feet wide and 2,000 feet long. It is quite a large farm. There are many farms much smaller than mine."

"What do you plant in it?" I asked.

"See over there," he said, pointing to

what seemed to be a gigantic piece of striped carpet, "is a piece of wheat sixty feet wide. Then comes a strip of potatoes twenty-five wide, then comes forty feet of oats, then ten feet of carrots, twenty feet alfalfa (luzerne), ten feet of mangel-wurzels, five feet of onions, five feet of cabbage, and the rest is in flowers, peas, currants, gooseberries and little vegetables."

"Can you support your family on a farm 150 feet wide and 2,000 feet long?" I asked; for the narrow strip seemed like a man's doorway in America.

"Support my family?" he exclaimed. "Why the farm is too large for us. I rent part of it now."

### HEN MANURE FOR ONIONS.

The *Germantown Telegraph* says: "Hen manure, where only a small quantity is gathered, is better adapted to the growing of onions than anything we ever tried. Although a very powerful manure we have dosed our onion beds very liberally, and we never saw any but the best results. When large quantities are saved, it should be made fine, mixed with two or three times its bulk of gypsum, and applied to the corn hills at planting time."