

THE CULTURE OF HYACINTHS.

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"Everybody is insane on some point," said the philosopher, or the proverbialist, or one of those unpleasantly psychological people whose lives are devoted to talking others the faults of frail humanity. My own pet hydropathia lies in the direction of growing hyacinths—it is a common "fad" in England; it extends, too, to the female sex, almost every lady there succumbs to it. The cult does not seem to have many apostles here, so partly with a view of inoculating your readers, partly to reply in excess to several who have questioned me upon the cultivation, management and defects of Dutch bulbs, and partly to suggest the establishment of a winter flower exhibition, I take up the pen. I may commence with the premise that "amongst your readers some,—if not many—will be found who have neither heard of nor seen "the Queen of Winter Flowers," few will be acquainted with the varieties, and fewer still possess definite knowledge of the methods of raising, the propagation of new varieties and the *tout ensemble* pertaining to the history and culture of these plants, which nowadays are to be found in every well to do household in England and France, in whose honor exhibitions and shows (not exactly World's Fairs) are held, and whose export from Holland forms a large item in the commerce of the industrious Dutchman. It has been my custom during these last ten or twelve years to have imported and grown—two perhaps rather attempted to grow—Hyacinths, in the country in which I was temporarily located. In this country the bulbs may be grown to perfection, but their cultivation, to obtain this result, is attended with difficulty, for reasons which I show hereafter.

The Wild Hyacinth is a native of Asia, found in profusion near Bagdad; from this weed have been developed the scores of cultivated and named varieties and the thousands of varieties allowed to pass into oblivion as not possessing sufficient attractiveness for decorative purposes. The wild flower similar to its cultivated congener possesses a delicate and subtle odor, which can be obtained as toilet perfume by the fat extractive process (digesting the flower in purified and melted fat for several weeks, subsequently extracting the oil of Hyacinth from the fat by washing the pomade with alcohol); the ordinary water distillation process so largely used in the manufacture of Attar of Roses in the Levant destroys the delicate and subtle odor of the Hyacinth. One frequently hears of "the odors of Araby," and the senses may involuntarily conjure up the exquisite perfume of the Hyacinth; those, however, who have travelled in the East, are aware that the much vaunted fragrance of the Orient is confined to the Harems and Bazaars, the perfumes of Araby commonly met with in the streets and villages would in this unpoetic occidental world be fragrant and fragrant as well in the noses of the Inspector of nuisances and the Board of Health.

The conditions of culture most favorable to the hyacinth are long rooting in the dark, a moderate moisture, a cool temperature, a porous rich earth, and plenty of light at flowering. In hot climates the bulbs will not bloom, they are essentially a cold climate flower. I attempted to grow some in India, most of them rotted, those which did grow produced long graceful leaves, they never showed blossoms, this was in the Deccan, but at Simla on the slopes of the Himalayas, where snow is present from November until March, the flowering is good; in Australia (Victoria) I failed to produce anything but a weak weed sort of flower much resembling the Blue-bell, in this instance the bulbs were six months older than ordinary due to the southern winter commencing in June. Into Egypt I also imported them, but they never got beyond the Custom House at Alexandria; that institution, unlike Caesar's wife, was not at that time by any means above suspicion, to this day I hold to the faith that as a new and luxurious description of European Onion, my hyacinths served to satiate the curiosity and appetite of some Egyptian Bey or Pasha. In Holland the country of dykes and dams Hyacinths grow to perfection; in the vicinity of Haarlem there is a patch of rich loam whereon the major part of the world's supply is raised. England, Belgium, Germany and France have competed with the Dutchman—so also they have in those square faced friends known as Holland Gits—and in both instances they have failed to produce a first class article; the soft moist climate of south western Ireland seems to grow these Dutch raised bulbs better than the drier English climate. Experience in Canada will however mostly interest the reader and short as has been my residence in this country, I am able—partly from my own results and partly from the successes as also the lamentations of others—to write with some degree of confidence on this head. The chief drawback to their growth in Canada is the system of house warming; the excessively dry, warm Canadian house with its stoves and furnaces is not so well suited to their perfect development as is the cold open fire place of the English home: the professional florist employs a damp oppressive graduated warmth, the householder too often uses a dry bracing heat; the one adopts an island atmosphere, the other that of a sandy desert.

The Bulbs are placed on the market in September, the latter part of October or early November is the best time for planting them—Clear-skinned, hard, heavy, bulbs give stronger flowers than do the light scaly ones, size and color are no criterion, some varieties run small. A good soil is the rich black earth found about St. John, mixed with about one-third of sand to render it light, porous and pliable, ordinary garden earth is improved by previous manuring: Wooden boxes six to eight inches deep, containing several bulbs at least 3 inches from each other produce far stronger and better plants than do earthen pots, they also give more pleasing results, the drainage must be good, stagnant water is injurious. Remove all the little off shoots and loose skin, plant the bulbs with the apex uncovered by earth, water them and remove to a dark cool place, not exceeding 50° F. in temperature. In the dark cellar they are allowed to remain for four or five weeks until well rooted: Many florists "plunge" them by burying the pots in coal ashes (not wood ashes) tan or moss; casing the pot and bulb some four or six inches above the surface: when well rooted the plants are removed to a half light for a fortnight, subsequently to full sunlight. The florists, whose trade in cut flowers necessitates a constant succession of blooms, remove the bulbs from the dark cellar or plunging frame at various intervals, "forcing" the earliest required flowers at a temperature of 60° to not exceeding 70° F.; in this manner, by selecting early and late varieties, with early and late planting, a succession of blooms are obtained lasting from December until May. The Dutch growers recommend early planting of the bulbs for late flowering, keeping them covered in the dark cold cellar, and forcing late, rather than planting the dry bulb late: better rooting is certainly obtained by early planting; if the flower when in bloom is kept in a subdued or colored light and at a temperature not exceeding 40° the bloom of many varieties will frequently last for four weeks. Heat and strong sunlight develop brilliancy of color, but individually each tends to produce early withering. Hyacinths are not injured by a slight frost, during the intense frost of March 7th., of last year, my own, then in full bloom, were frozen stiff, the leaves hung down, but they recovered their normal appearance in twelve hours, during this season and as late as Sunday April 3rd., my present collection was frozen stiff. In the New England States some of the hardier varieties are grown out of doors, for this purpose the bulbs are planted deeply in November, and merely covered with straw &c., during the winter.

The principal defects of growth naturally form an interesting subject in a country where faulty growth is so extremely common, they consist chiefly of "Excessive growth," "Premature flowering" and "Tardy flowering." Excessive Growth: The stalk is long and generally bent over, the bells wide apart, the whole plant appears lanky: caused by very dry rooms, very hot rooms, or forcing weak bulbs. Premature Flowering: The flower blooms inside the leaves, which are stunted and close to the bulb, presenting a dwarfish appearance; this very common defect is caused by insufficient rooting in the dark with too early or too great a subsequent growing or forcing temperature. Tardy Flowering is due to insufficient air, want of light or too cool a temperature at incipient flowering; the remedy is easy; if the flowers have not withered give warmth and light. During this year late planted bulbs have had a hard season to contend with, rooting has been defective, and I know instances where window gardening has been spoiled by premature flowering. Ladies prefer to grow hyacinths over water, although the flowers never attain to the perfection of earth raised bulbs; their appearance and neatness—qualities inherent in woman's nature—commend it as superior. Rain water, not lake water, should be used, and changed only when it smells offensively; the glasses must be kept in the dark until the roots are at least 3 1/2 inches long, then proceed as with pot flowers. Double hyacinths are not suited for water growth. Gas light is perhaps the greatest enemy to hyacinth culture, so many have been destroyed by the sulphurous fumes that in gas lighted houses they are seldom grown. If the plants are removed to another room or placed on the floor the deleterious effects of gas are minimized. In over heated rooms the cold draughts on the floor can be utilized to prevent forcing.

On the method of population I have had several enquiries: the Dutch growers encourage the multiplication of offshoots by injuring the bulb; the latter is usually stabbed, or cut crosswise from the base half way upwards; this or some similar operation is made in July and always on a dry day when life is dormant (the period of vital rest) after replanting in October numerous offshoots sprout up these are allowed to grow, and increase in size. The following autumn these are again replanted this time in richly manured earth to further develop their size, the growth is repeated in the third and fourth years (the flower itself at an early stage of bloom is cut off so as not to weaken the bulb by seeding) until in the third, fourth, or fifth year a marketable bulb is formed. In this process of wounding a bulb to obtain numerous offshoots ever practiced on onions? In this province where onions are so largely grown, the experiment is worthy of trial: the cross cutting must be made on a dry day, and the injured bulb dried in sunshine; on a rainy or foggy day, excessive bleeding and rot would set in. The different varieties of hyacinth which now number several hundred which include all shade of color from white and lemon yellow to blue-black are obtained by sowing the seed: of the thousand new and useless varieties thus obtained from a single stalk one only may be worth cultivating, this of course is slowly increased by offshoot cultivation, a new variety possessing some special feature readily sell to connoisseurs for \$6 per bulb. Hyacinth planted in earth can be regrown

at season, it when the bloom commences to wither, the seed is pulled off the stalk thus preventing the seed from ripening. Water grown plants are almost useless for re-cultivation. White hyacinths grow to perfection in Canada, with some varieties the odor is so pungently fragrant that one cannot sleep in a bedroom containing two of them. Yellow hyacinths grow well last season and yellow varieties usually exhibit poor growth.

For bridal bouquets etc., the early Roman Hyacinth or better still, the small Tuscan met with on offshoots and double crowned bulbs are very effective and are now largely used. The pure white variety Baron Van Thuyt throws many offshoots. Early flowering pure white varieties are Grand Valenciennes and La Neige, the latter though somewhat expensive is the earliest of all hyacinths,—from the directions given, future brides despairing of orange blossoms, can prepare beforehand for the great event. The fascination of hyacinth growing is not merely due to the beauty of the flower, a test of skill is involved, no plant shows in so marked a manner the difference between good and bad growth and quite independent of the lottery part of the transaction, there is a serene and soothing satisfaction in knowing that your friend and rival Mrs. So and So has come to grief over her bulbs this year. Not many of your readers have heard of crocus glasses—they are not very common in Europe. The crocus can be grown over water, the brilliant purple, violet and white striped varieties have largely succeeded the old fashioned yellows. The bulb set in little dwarf ornamental vases make interesting and inexpensive presents to children—perhaps the glassware importers will take the hint for next season. Crocuses and snowdrops show to advantage when planted in patches beneath the grass of a lawn. A dozen bulbs are placed together in a clump in various places about six inches beneath the surface of the grass, they reproduce themselves year after year, they can be mown over, no further attention necessary excepting to remove some every fourth year owing to their enormous self multiplication. Of snowdrops I say little; this season, from whatsoever cause I do not know, my double snowdrops turned out a dismal failure—let us change a painful subject.

Tulips were once a fashionable flower, they seem to have entirely gone out of favor, but like the crinoides they will in all probability come in again. The beauty of the wild tulips of Palestine have been immortalized more than has that of any other flower tradition asserts that of them it was said "Behold the lilies of the field, they sow not, neither do they spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Window gardening and cottage gardening seems to be at a low ebb in this province—how different it is in England! there the front plot of every humble home is tended with care; the cottage which allows his front garden to run wild in reversion as a lazy man; in a higher position in life with the man of £300 to £500 income a jobbing gardener or spare man is called in to do heavy work, whilst the daughters of the household undertake the light work of the garden. Twenty-five years ago the same condition of things existed in England as now appears to exist in this province today, but within that period the wealthier classes have been stimulated to floral artismanship by the general advance of refinement, aided by numerous specific causes, foremost amongst these may be placed—fashions in flowers—the ritualistic movement, the prevailing asceticism of churches, the effects of that section of the newspaper press patronized by ladies (there was no such thing as a ladies' newspaper forty years ago unless the Family Herald could be called one)—and to some extent by the continuous advances in the brilliancy of the aniline dyes creating a demand for contrasts from the floral garden as well as by observant travellers penetrating into unexplored regions of the globe and developing hitherto unknown plants—orchids especially fall under this head. The peasantry too in their turn have also participated in the advancement of horticulture consequent upon the county families and local gentry introducing "cool" and "hot" houses, and patronizing, generating and presenting prizes at small local exhibitions for the best dish of garden produce, of flowers, etc., etc., grown by the mechanics and laborers. Not alone the radical press but every Tory newspaper had a word of praise for Mr. Gladstone when—not as first minister of the crown, but as a member of the House of Commons—on the 12th of January 1851, he delivered a speech in which he alluded to the "little Flintshire village of Hawarden the Homeric scholar and statesman in language eloquent in its very simplicity discoursed on our natural waste of fruit and fruit products and other unnecessary payments to the foreigner for articles of produce, which he produced within our island shores; and twelve years have passed since that address, yet at this date even the most ultra of conservatives admit that amongst the speeches of an orator whose eloquence rivals that of Cicero, Mr. Gladstone's well remembered "Jam Speech" delivered to an audience of simple rustics had touched the heart of emotional England. 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