



THE CLEMATIS IN ONTARIO.



Y experience with the Clematis is entirely at variance with Mr. Gotts. (See p. 86.) In fact I have proved that all the varieties of Clematis may be grown with the greatest ease that are grown in England, and the luxuriant growth of foliage and wealth, variety and profusion of bloom which my garden shows, from May until the unopened buds are frozen hard, make a sight not to be forgotten. The first requisite is, they *must* have morning sun, and continue to have plenty of sun for at least half the day. Then the bed must be prepared fully two feet deep, just as an asparagus bed is prepared, almost wholly old manure and a good deal of wood ashes. No one should grow the double varieties at first, but should make their selections from the *Lanuginosa* and *Jackmanii* types. These require no cutting from the trellis and laying down, merely cutting off the whole top of the plant in the Autumn about ten inches above the ground and covering for one foot with manure. In the Spring the little sprouts grow to the height of a morning glory vine and blossom profusely. There is one double variety which, although called perennial wooded, still will blossom if the whole top is cut off. It is called *Belle of Woking*, and is a rich delicate lilac, large and as double as a rose. It is a great pity that gardeners do not grow this exquisite vine more. I have over sixty varieties, and would gladly increase my stock had I room for them.

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HOUSE PLANTS IN SUMMER.

WHETHER green house and window plants in general should be kept in their pots or turned into the open ground for the summer, depends upon what is desired of them. Probably most plants can be trained into better form in pots than in the open ground, and if one does not care