

cork or bark, with a little moss wired about their roots to retain moisture. The erect growers are best adapted to pot culture, while those of pendulous habit are displayed to the best effect if grown in baskets filled with peat and sphagnum moss, which should also be used in pots. The best drainage should be given. All the dendrobiums require a good deal of water while making growth. Cypripediums are of comparatively easy culture, and seldom fail to produce flowers. Plant them in peat and moss in about equal quantities, give their roots considerable room, and see that drainage is perfect. Do not let them get dry at any time, and be careful to see that water does not get into the axil of the leaf, as it induces rot. Do not try many kinds at first. Procure your plants of well-known dealers in this class of flowers, and ask for instructions for their culture to be sent with them. If you succeed with a few of the commoner and less exacting kinds, you can very safely try your hand at the culture of other sorts.

—EBEN E. REXFORD, in *Am. Agriculturist*.

AMONG THE FLOWERS.

The garden gate swung to and fro,
 Then came a whisper soft and low,
 And said the lily to the rose :
 " That is her lover, I suppose."
 Says rose : " He comes here every day,
 I wonder what they have to say ? "
 " They don't see us," the jasmine sighs,
 " Each looks into the other's eyes ! "

 " He loves her so," the rose replied,
 " Oh !—here they come," the violet cried.
 " He holds her hand," the pansy said,
 " And, like the rose, she blushes red."
 And rose remarked : " It is not right
 For us to listen—nor polite—
 To all their vows—and tender sighs—
 Oh ! dear—he kissed her—shut your eyes ! "

—Godey's Magazine.