

BEAUTIFUL SNOW.

Beautiful snow, beautiful snow,
Over its bosom we merrily go,
Now stars in the heavens are shining bright,
And moonbeams smile in the glittering night,
The earth in her own virgin garb is dress'd,
And pearls from heaven are strewn on her breast.

Away, away over the snow we fly,
Like a sporting cloud in the deep blue sky.
Away o'er the hills and the shrouded lakes,
Where the snow-clouds dance—where the tempest
wakes,
No spot on earth's bosom, no stain like care,
But boundless purity everywhere.

The streaming light over the northern star
Now sends through the heavens its radiant car;
The peerless moon like a gem on high
Gladdens the clouds as they pass her by;
A pure creation in silvery fleece,
And the breath of heaven is peace, sweet peace.

But the snow will weep when the breeze of spring
The odors of distant lands shall bring;
It will start at the summons and soon appear
On the bosom it loved like a frozen tear,
Like the waning light of some holy dream,
That fades when the morn's first smile is seen.

And thus like the snow will each beauty fade,
And the lustre that wealth and power have made;
The young and the old, the sage and the throng,
With time irresistibly borne along,
And our love and our joy, our hopes and fears,
Must pass like the snow from the earth in tears.

BERNE MARIE HENRIETTE is a magnificent, ever-blooming, climbing rose, of strong and vigorous habit. The blossoms are a beautiful, deep red; large, perfectly double and exquisitely tea-scented. It is justly considered the best of the deep-colored climbers.—*Floral World*. [It will not endure our winter weather, therefore must be grown here under glass.—*Ed. Can. Hort.*]

THE NEW STRAWBERRY "AMATEUR."—The *Rural New Yorker* says: "It was not so prolific as the Jewell; the berries did not average quite so large, and they dropped from the stem too easily, as if the stems were weakened by the tall leaves which covered the fruit entirely. The quality is somewhat better than that of Jewell—the plants remarkably vigorous and free from all disabilities. We regard the Amateur as at least worthy of trial."

THE SPOTTED CALLA LILY.—The Spotted leaved Calla—*Richardia alba maculata*—when well grown, is a very pretty plant, suitable for cultivation either in the greenhouse or window garden. In habit and manner of growth it bears a striking re-

semblance to the common calla, although the leaf is narrower and not so long, and, besides, it is beautifully spotted with silvery white. The flowers are somewhat smaller, of a creamy white color, with a purple blush in the center. This plant grows in the Summer only, and should be kept dry in the Winter. Let it remain in the pot until April, or until it shows signs of growth; then repot in a rich, moderately heavy soil. In repotting, drain the pot well, and during the plant's season of growth water freely. After flowering, water should be gradually withheld.—*CHAS. E. PARNELL, in Rural New-Yorker.*

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