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potted, or when taken in in the fall, Azaleas should be started in a cool greenhouse temperature, ranging from 40 to 45 degrees at night. As the season advances, a higher temperature may be given, if it is desired to hurry blooming; but they make the best growth in a temperature of 45 to 55 at night, and the flowers last longer than when warmer. When they are making buds, remove the little weak leaf-shoots that may appear around the flowers; you do not want them to make a lot of new growth until the flowering is over. Water liberally, yet do not allow the soil to become sodden. In an over-hot, dry place they are likely to suffer from thrips, and greenfly is another enemy; fumigation with tobacco may be used for both insects. Hard syringing directed to the under side of the leaves will also dislodge thrips. Fumigation should not be used when the

plants are in full bloom, as the smoke is likely to injure the flowers. As the flowers fall, the seed-vessels should be plucked off, and the plants continued in the same temperature while they make growth. They may be syringed freely during this. When settled warm weather begins, say in June, the Azaleas may be set outside to ripen their wood, remaining out until there is a hint of frost in the fall. A slightly shaded place facing the north, where they will be free from drip, will suit them. It is a good plan to stand the pots on boards, so that there is less risk of worms entering them, and bank up to the rim of the pot with coal ashes or tan bark, so that the soil does not dry out so rapidly. The plants must be watered and syringed while in this position, and by the time they are brought in, their wood is well ripened, and upon this depends the extent of their bloom.—R. N. Y.

RUDBECKIA, "GOLDEN GLOW."

AS a lover of the beautiful in the flowery kingdom I want to pay an humble tribute to a recent garden debutante, Rudbeckia "Golden Glow." In the spring of 1896 I set out three plants that were about twelve inches high. In the month of August they had grown to a height of six feet, had branched out beautifully, and they were laden with their amber-like blooms for about a month. They survived last winter with slight protection, and this summer each plant grew into a magnificent bush, laden with exquisite fluffy yellow blooms, that were ready to challenge the beauty

and grace of the proudest chrysanthemum.

Its period of bloom lasts for more than a month, and when at its height it looks like a majestic bouquet of golden chrysanthemums. The flowers are so large, and in so great profusion, that there is scarcely any part of the plant visible except the slender, willow-like leaves. The huge bouquets that are daily plucked from its wealth of bloom will last a week in a vase supplied with fresh water each day. I would advise all lovers of the beautiful to try a plant this spring.—Vick's Magazine.