

A NOTABLE AMATEUR GARDENER.



FIG. 2095. RIBBON GARDENING WITH CANNAS AND YUCCA.

MR. Alexander McNeill, when lecturing before the Paris Horticultural Society, met our friend Captain Peter Cox, and reported to us his marked success in fancy gardening. He also forwarded us a set of photos of his grounds, some of which we reproduce for the benefit of our readers. Mr. Cox has a lawn a little over an acre in extent, which slopes to the east, and on it are artistically arranged horse-shoes, circles, diamonds and long borderings, the effect of which is of a most pleasing character. These designs are made on paper, by the Captain himself and

handed over to his gardener to carry out the details. Having made a special study of his work the Captain's services are most valuable in lecturing before Horticultural Societies on ornamental gardening, or assisting village improvement societies on special lines of their work.

The president of the society at Preston has received from Mr. Cox three hundred plants to be distributed among the pupils for cultivation at home, who are to receive prizes for the best grown specimens at the end of the season; he also proposes to give a silver medal for the best collection of