

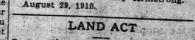
THE VICTOBIA COLONIST

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CACTI WITH BEAU

During the latter pa for a time the different one of the showiest plants. Years ago the tion were very popular a period of comparative showy members of t have made many friends, is an increasing demand This is not at all to be give but little trouble an by the amateur, provid part of the structure be winter temperature does 50 deg. In some country ing Cacti are favorite wi suited they are for such if the window is a very meets the requirements it is borne in mind that present day race are for of the hot, arid plains of ality to full sunshine can I Even if a greenhouse flowering specimens and d from the sun's rays, the especially at the end, in w be allowed uninterrupted not the case, their culture count be barred, as they if stood out of doors duri ticularly if assigned a good of a south wall or in som ensures the thorough rip which is so essential for th ers another season. Thor as above stated, essentiall it is an advantage to sha flowering season, as in this longer than if they are full-The cultural requirem cacti are not at all exac needed, should be done a are out of flower, as at tha is active, and there is ther them to become established it is by no means necessary every year, the operation, out, should be thoroughly able compost may be may loam and sand, and if the los nature, it may be lightened | being incorporated therewi large specimens, a little b moderately fine and mixed compost is an advantage. very essential that the pots oughly drained, while they large, as it is more than pro deal of the old soil may be ta unduly distressing the root must be pressed down mode necessary, the plant should stick, for the branches are sway about unless this is do ting is not required, the plan ed by an occasional dose of 1 ing the growing season.

These Cacti need to be wa ly during the summer month should be lessened an



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during the depth of winter almost dry, but not parched. the days and renewed root act may be given, increasing t buds develop. Propagation is a very sin

the shoots are pulled out of t a side twist they form the be further preparation being nece of 4 inches to 6 inches forms Half a dozen of these cuttings around the sides of a 5-inch po kind of compost as recomme and if stood on a shelf in the care is taken not to overwate root. Late spring or early su time to insert the cuttings. A few good varieties of Agatha, bright rose; Cato, cri Cooperii, cream; Delicatus, I dox, orange violet; Plato, scr ange; and Rosalie, violet of a Others worthy of special note phyllanthoides, a form of whic man Empress has been much s last two or three years. The variety are much smaller than ceding, but are born in great color being a bright rose pink Cactus (Cereus flagelliformis) window plant, as, if suspended will hang down for a consideral when the plant is studded with flowers it is really charming. sunny window is best for it .--- I

LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY

Comparatively few of the admire this delightful flower k wild British plant. During Ma frågrant blossoms appear in m nooks in the woodland. The flo cannot be compared for size wit the million throughout the yes the processes of retarding the fo the-Valley are always available known as Fontin's Giant has ex and, although not suitble for er is lovely for growing in the gard Grown outside, the flowers an come for cutting. Unfortunately dens the Lily-of-the-Valley plo glected. Being a good-natured once established it continues flower more or less year after any trouble. If properly cultiv the plants are more luxuriant i racemes of flowers more plentif dividual blossoms much larger