

BULBS FILL SIXTEEN ACRES.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND CANNAS, CALADIUMS, DAHLIAS AND TUBEROSES FORM A BEAUTIFUL WORLD'S FAIR FEATURE.

St. Louis—Fifty thousand cannas, with their gorgeous array of colors; great caladiums, or "elephant's ears," with their mammoth foliage; modest dahlias, with their daintily colored petals, and beds of tuberose, with their wax-like flowers and intense fragrance, combine to make a floral exhibit that will cover sixteen acres of ground on the World's Fair site.

A North Carolina company furnished the bulbs for this display, and Joseph H. Hudkinson, superintendent of outdoor planting for the Department of Horticulture, has charge of the installation. The plants will not be seen in one mammoth bed or tract, but will be scattered in well modelled groups over the northern and eastern slopes of Agriculture Hill.

Many thousand choice tuberose bulbs, planted in beds in the six acre World's Fair rose garden, will next spring send up thrifty blooming spikes, and the fragrance of the blossoms, almost overpowering when breathed alone, will mingle with the more delicate perfume of the rose.

The tuberose bulbs will be so selected and planted that commencing with the early summer there will be a profusion of blossoms, and fresh supplies will constantly succeed one another until frost comes. The caladiums are grown mainly for their foliage, as the blossom is of little value. A large group of these almost tropical plants will be the corner of the terrace ten feet high and a quarter of a mile long that skirts the mammoth Palace of Agriculture on the eastern side. This terrace, straight as an arrow for nearly the full length of the giant structure, makes a curve near the southern end and forms a bank for

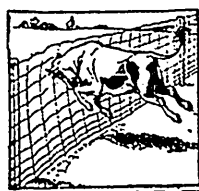
some of the beautiful artificial lakes between the Agriculture and Horticulture buildings. The caladiums thrive near the water and here they will attain perfection.

That the dahlia may no longer be considered a "back-yard" flower will be demonstrated by the prominent position allotted to it in the World's Fair garden, by far the largest and most pretentious ever seen at any international exposition. Time was when the dahlia was small and insignificant, but florists have taken it from that class and have developed it so that it ranks with the stately chrysanthemum, while blossoms now range from the size of a button to the size of a man's hand. The petals that radiate in a single row from the solidly colored corolla, take on all the tints of the peony or rose and when cut they retain their beauty for many days.

Until recently the bulbs for all these flowers were imported, and this monster exhibit will demonstrate the progress in the industry of growing, flowering and ornamental bulbs in this country.

Fish Inspector Berndt, of Honolulu, H. T., is making a collection of fish from Hawaiian waters that will prove an interesting exhibit at the World's Fair.

A copy of the pamphlet, "Principles of Profitable Farming," is before us in a new and revised edition. The principles of proper rotation with leguminous crops and the great advantage to be derived by such methods are explained in the pamphlet in a fascinating manner. A description of the Experiment Farm at Southern Pines, N.C., where the best methods of using fertilizers are being studied and put into practice, is also a valuable feature of this publication. A thorough perusal of the book would be of interest and benefit to all practical farmers and copies can be had, free of charge, by writing to the German Kali Works, 93 Nassau Street, New York, N.Y.



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