

few of these we will give the names. *Atropurpurea plenum* a double flower, of a rich, dark purple color; *Cardinale*, rich double vermilion, beautifully shaded; *Gloriosum*, large double flowers of a bright cherry crimson; *Prof. Durand*, pale yellow, semi-double; *Flavum duplex*, semi-double, pale sulphur; *Lilian Henderson*, the most prolific bloomer and finest of the white-flowered varieties: the flowers are double, full-petaled, rose-like in form, deliciously fragrant.

On small plants the double varieties frequently produce semi-double flowers, so one must not think they have been deceived, should this be their experience.

Oleanders require much moisture; that probably is why they are botanically termed *Nerium*, from the Greek *neros*, humid. I bed mine out in the summer, and think it is better than to keep them in pots. I find they root readily from cuttings placed in a bottle of soft water, and kept in a sunny window. All of the leaves, excepting two or three at the tip of the slip, should be removed.—MRS. M. D. WELLCOME, in *Ladies' Floral Cabinet*.

GRAFTING WAX.—Last spring, after considerable trouble, this recipe was obtained for grafting wax, and as it has proved satisfactory, it is given for the benefit of others: Take 1 lb of rosin,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of beeswax, and a little less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of tallow. Melt together in a small iron kettle, and stir thoroughly that the ingredients may be well mixed. Pour into a dish of cold water, and when cool, break into three or four pieces, and pull like molasses candy until white and fine-grained. When the whole is properly worked, divide into eight pieces, form into rolls six inches long, and wrap in oiled paper. To clean the kettle, rub it while yet hot with a teaspoonful of lard or tallow, and wash out with soap and warm water; repeat this, and rinse, and it will be as clean as ever.—O. A. O., in *Country Gentleman*.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

REPORT OF OHIO STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, for the year 1883-84. G. W. Campbell, Delaware, Ohio, Secretary.

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CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, Volume XVI., No. 5, published by the Entomological Society of Ontario, at London, Ont., \$1 a year. E. Bayne Reed, Treasurer.

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BOX OF GOOSEBERRIES for a name, from Mr. Geo. Smith, Manilla, Ont. We think this is the American Red, but not having grown the variety we can not speak with confidence. Downing describes the fruit as being of the size of Houghton, but darker in color when fully ripe; flesh tender, sweet, and very good. Mr. Smith says: about four years ago I ordered of some Yankee tree pedlars one hundred gooseberry plants, viz., fifty Houghton Seedling and fifty Downing's, but the result was I received about one-third each of Houghton Smith's Improved, and the variety I send you per sample post today. The berry somewhat resembles the Houghton, it is of better quality, but not quite so productive. It makes about the same growth of wood per year as the Houghton, but is inclined to crawl along the ground.