

## THE FAMILY FRIEND.

This part of the MAGAZINE, for the future, will be devoted to instructive domestic reading for the *Home Circle*, such as SHORT PLEASING STORIES, DRAWING, MUSIC, BOTANY, NATURAL HISTORY, POPULAR GAMES, and amusements for the boys and girls, NEEDLE WORK, AMATEUR MECHANICAL PURSUITS, and all the elements of a *practical domestic education*; also GARDENING and ARCHITECTURAL NOTES.

### FLORAL CULTURE.

**BOCCONIA.**—Nat. Ord. Papaveraceæ. Linn.—*Dodecandria Monogynia*.—Ornamental foliage plants for single specimens or groups on lawns. *Bocconia Japonica*, a Japanese variety, nearly hardy, forms a bush-like growth from four to six feet in height, producing racemes of bloom from two to three feet in length; very effective during late Summer and Autumn months.

**VISCARIA.**—Nat. Ord. Caryophyllaceæ. Linn.—*Decandria Pentagynia*.—A genus of remarkably pretty, profuse-flowering plants, producing a striking effect in beds, ribbons, or mixed borders, grow freely in good garden soil. *Hardy annuals*.

**WALL-FLOWER** (*Cheiranthus Cheiri*).—Nat. Ord. Cruciferæ. Linn.—*Tetradynamia Siliquosa*.—The flowers of the Wall-

flower are deliciously fragrant, and greatly prized for bouquets. In the Spring garden they are indispensable for filling beds, making groups, and forming ribbons; the large massive conspicuous spikes of the double German varieties have a charming effect in beds and lines; while the more bushy, compact growth and profuse blooming of the single Wall-flowers render them exceedingly attractive, and most valuable for Spring gardening. They require the same treatment as German stocks. *Half-hardy perennials*.

**BRIZA MAXIMA** (Quaking Grass).—Large, a most beautiful variety; one of the best. *Hardy annual*.

**STIPA PINNATA** (Feather Grass).—One of the finest of the ornamental grasses; the seed, being slow to vegetate, should be started in a hotbed. *Hardy perennial*.



BOCCONIA JAPONICA.



VERBENA VENOSA.



SAPONARIA



VISCARIA OCULATA.



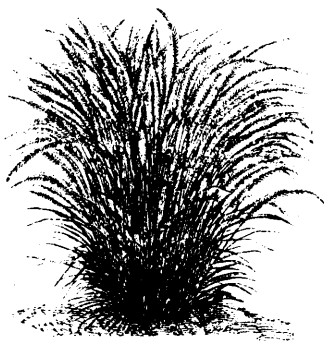
WALLFLOWER, DOUBLE.



SEDUM.



BRIZA MAXIMA.



STIPA PINNATA.



SANVITALIA