

The worst trouble in growing strawberries is that they need so much water. It takes 27,000 gallons to put an inch of water on an acre surface.

I do not like the hill system. It is a great deal of work and trouble.

MR. WHELLAMS. If we are growing strawberries with the idea of never taking trouble we will not do much of anything. With hills I can keep weeds down; it is impossible to do that with the matted row system. I would advise people to try the hill system. Let them try a few plants and they will soon find out for themselves. As regards trouble of snipping off runners—if you have a large quantity of strawberries there are machines. Buy automatic runner-cutters.



The Dahlia.

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The Dahlia when well grown is one of the noblest and most beautiful flowers in cultivation. No garden flower has improved more in the last ten years by careful selection and cultivation (if you except probably the sweet pea), and no flower is so little known, in its perfection, in our northern country, or indeed in Canada. A bowl of well grown Dahlias, on a drawing room table with its wealth of gorgeous coloring and back ground of rich green is a sight to charm the senses of any lover of the beautiful. The old stiff, round, honey-combed flower of our grandmothers has been superseded by an endless variety in shapes and coloring, the most beautiful of these, resembling the chrysanthemum in form, far surpassing them in richness of color and delicacy of shading, from the finest flesh tints to the most brilliant scarlet. The perfect Dahlia, however, is not obtained without great pains, as to grow it well and to have it in perfection during our short summer, requires constant and industrious labor from April to September.

The Dahlia, as you are aware, is a tuberous-rooted plant, the root somewhat resembling a sweet potato. It can be