

last be wiped out. Protection from rain and dew is also a preventive. The rot spores do not germinate in dry weather. Bagging, if done early, almost always protects the berries from rot."

M. Crawford writes, in *Wine & Fruit Grower*, I have reason to believe that copperas is a preventive of the grape rot. In a small vineyard in Massillon, Ohio, where a quart to the square rod has been sown in July for three years, there has been no rot, while other grapes in the same neighborhood have rotted more or less every year. They formerly rotted in this vineyard.

(8) DESTROYING THRIPS.—A correspondent of the *Gardener's Monthly* describes his mode of destroying the thrips on his vines. After using hellebore with partial success, he employed burning kerosene, using a wire cup with a long iron handle, placing in it paper saturated with kerosene, which was ignited and passed rapidly and carefully over the foliage, avoiding the fruit. This was found the most efficient way of destroying the thrips.

(9) ROSE MILDEW.—Jean Sisley, of Lyons, France, the celebrated rosarian, says that about six pounds of salt to one hundred quarts of water has been found a complete cure for mildew and other low cryptogamic forms of plant life.

A Commendation. Sir:—Your publication is becoming increasingly interesting, each succeeding issue apparently outdoing its predecessor in interest and value to the orchardist, the landscape gardener, and the florist.

Wishing you every success,

I remain, very truly yours,

ROBERT HARRISON.

Belfast P.O., Huron Co., Ont.,
April, 1887.

Flowers.



PANSIES.

Fit emblem of a kingly race,
You bear your heads with regal grace,
Yet show withal a modest face,
O, royal purple pansies !

You turn my thoughts to childhood's hours ;
We had a garden then of flowers,
Gay and bright with rosy bowers,
And beds of golden pansies.

O, we were happy children then
Roaming wild through wood and glen,
Baby-faces we called them then,
These blue and yellow pansies.

They were our mother's favourites too,
Royal purple, and brown and blue,
Velvety black and yellow too,
And dainty pure white pansies.

We have left the homestead many a year.
That garden's but a memory dear,
That comes before me bright and clear,
Whenever I see pansies.

HILDA B. MONTY, in *The Mayflower*.

THE GLADIOLUS.

BY HERMANN SIMMERS, TORONTO, ONT.

I WOULD again remind the readers of *The Horticulturist* of the necessity of planting this beautiful variety of bulbs during the present month, the proper date being from middle to the end of May. Plant the bulbs two inches below the surface of the ground, in thoroughly well manured soil ; if inclined to be sandy, it is all the better suited