


Taking Cuttings

frame becomes intensely warm and moist, and one would expect the plants to perish, but, on the contrary, they form roots in an amazingly short time. But the sand must be kept wet.

Snapdragon.—The Snapdragon or *Antirrhinum* is one of the loveliest of twentieth century flowers ; a mixed packet of the best seed will provide blossoms of exquisite and varied colouring. If no heated greenhouse is available in which to sow seed in early spring, undoubtedly the best plan is to sow seeds in July in pots of light soil in the frame. I have raised many splendid plants in this way without any difficulty. The seedlings show through within a week or two if kept moist and shaded, and soon need transplanting. My practice is to pot them singly in 3-inch pots and to keep them in these all the winter. In spring they are repotted into larger pots, or are hardened off for planting out of doors. Large, bushy plants that bloom for weeks together are obtained by this method of cultivation, which is strongly to be recommended to possessors of a frame.

Primula.—From seeds of Chinese *Primula* sown in a frame in June moderate sized plants that will bloom in early spring are obtained.