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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

**COLD STORAGE.**—A magazine devoted to Cold Storage, published monthly in New York, contains Prof. Robertson's details for construction of cold storage house in December number.

**LIQUID AIR** promises soon to be commercial product, purchasable by the gallon or by the barrel! A splendid plant for its manufacture has been built in New York City, with a capacity of about 800 gallons a day.

**FLORISTS AND AGRICULTURAL SHOWS**—We find the professional florist slow to exhibit at our amateur shows. If there is a long list of money prizes he will come to carry them away, but as for showing with a view of educating the public in the culture and growth of flowers for itself he is not in favor of it. Now we think he is making a serious mistake, for the more interest the ordinary housekeeper takes in window plants the greater the demand for the products

of the professional. Sanders, addressing the Chicago Florist's Club, said:

If my assertion is correct, that shows are an educator of the masses to love flowers, they should be encouraged in every way by those making a living from the sale of all agricultural products, which you see takes in all kinds, from state and county fairs, exhibits at horticultural and florists' societies' monthly meetings, up to the grand yearly fall show of flowers. Suppose for a moment, in your estimation, a good many of the exhibits are rather tame affairs. Do your share to improve them. Surely none will dispute, if a flower show, in whatever form encourages a taste for flowers, and causes more to be used, the grower can have no kick coming. Has it not been a fact at every one of our fall shows, prices for all good stock rise during that week, however dull the trade has been before. This being so we opine the wholesale man is equally benefited, as he gets bigger commission by the booming of his trade.

**THE SAN JOSE SCALE** was the chief subject up for discussion at a meeting of the Niagara Peninsula Fruit Growers at St. Catharines on the 15th of December. A previous meeting had met and adjourned without reaching any