

The *Richardia* takes the name from L. C. Richards, a French botanist, and is a genus comprising five species of marsh plants, natives of South Africa, four of which have been introduced for greenhouse cultivation.

They are of very easy cultivation, the most important point being to give them a plentiful supply of water during their growing season. They will succeed best in a rich soil, made of a compost of good loam and cow manure in equal parts.

*Richardia Africana* is the proper name of the variety above referred to



FIG. 7—VARIEGATED CALLA, *RICHARDIA ALBO-MACULATA*.

as most grown by amateurs. It is a winter and spring bloomer, and is usually allowed to rest in the summer months, by turning down the pot on its edge and leaving the plant without water; or it may be planted out and left without care until early fall, and then potted.

*R. albo-maculata*, or the white spotted Calla, is by far the best of the other three for amateur cultivation. This one is highly prized for its foliage, which has a variegated appearance, while its greenish-white spathe, though smaller than that of *R. Africana*, is still very interesting.