



FIG. 2081. TULIPS.

that by taking in a fresh batch from the frame every week there would be a continuous display throughout the winter. The manure acts for two purposes, first to prevent severe freezing, secondly to allow a person to get at the pots to take the same inside when wanted. The coal ashes act for several purposes also, as to prevent worms entering the pots from above or below; to prevent mice or rats eating the bulbs; of which they are very fond; the young growth does not freeze so hard in ashes as any other material; thirdly, the growth made by the plants seems to stay just below the surface of the ashes until they are taken inside, and the time may be months—in any other material

the growth would be drawn and spoiled; fourth, if the ashes is left upon the pots or boxes containing the bulbs they will not require any water until the blooms are matured and cut; fifth, if the bulbs are in boxes, when the blooms are cut, the boxes may be placed outdoors, where the bulbs will be secure from frost, and mature bulbs for another season; sixth, it seems that the ashes prevent insects; seventh, unnecessary watering, and the cool temperature that the bulbs and roots are kept at by the ashes seem to encourage long stems. Be sure there is no wood ashes among the coal ashes used.

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