

Mr. Bennett Superintending Operations in His Garden.—No. 3.

The Window Culture of Bulbs

R. S. Rose, Peterboro, Ont.

EASTER bulbs should now be in and coming forward. Watch them; if they are coming along too fast take them out of the warm sunny window, and place them in a cooler window. They will then remain stationary. When you want them to come into full bloom bring them back to the full heat and sun of the window, which will bring them out to perfection.

The varieties that have given us the most satisfaction for pot culture, are:

Daffodils: Von Sion, Incomparable, Poeticus (Pheasant's Eye.)

Hyacinths: Single or Double (all mixed colors.)

Narcissus: Paper white.

Jonquils: Common single, sweet scented or common double.

Chinese Sacred Lily.

All of these we grow in pans, with the exception of the Chinese Lily, which is grown in a bowl of water and pebbles. Narcissi can be grown the same way, and Hyacinths in water, using the regular bottle. We personally like the pan culture the best, one reason being that it is easier to give them to our friends when grown that way. The shallow pan I think gives better results than do the ordinary pots. I do not mean by this that the bloom will be any better, but that the plant will appear to better advantage, and also have a more natural look.

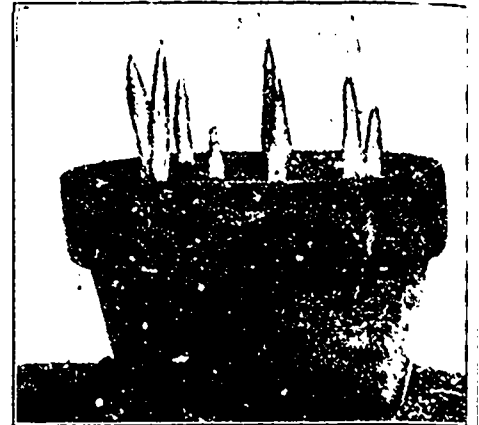
Any good florist's bulb catalogue will give you an idea as to how many bulbs will go to each sized pan. From these you can judge for yourself. On no account put in more bulbs than what the

catalogue calls for, for as a rule it will be the limit, and the pan cannot furnish nourishment for more.

As to the soil it is well to make as good a compost as possible. Old decayed turf or virgin loam mixed with some leaf mould, sharp sand and a little bone meal, suit all varieties of bulbs very well.

After planting put pans in a dark, cool place, free from frost, such as a dark corner of the cellar. Water when needed, that is when the soil seems dry.

Do not bring pans to the light until well started, the leaves being from one to three inches high. This will take six weeks or more. One can have bloom throughout the whole winter by bringing your bulbs forward in relays.



A Pot of Bulbs Ready for the Window

Flower Jottings

About fifty years ago one might travel all day long, up and down our concessions, and hardly see a flower growing. Now you will hardly find a farm without some flowers, many of them with very pretty gardens.—Chas. Jas. Fox, South London, Ont.

The rose is a gross feeder, and will quickly respond to generous treatment, in fact, all roses to do themselves justice must have a rich soil. A deep rather heavy loam, on a dry well drained sub-soil is most suitable, but ordinary garden soil if properly worked and well manured with good substantial manure, grows them very well.



A Section of Mr. Bennett's Greenhouse Showing Gloxinias and Other Flowers.—No. 4.