#### The Flower Garden and Window. WORK FOR FEBRUARY.

This month is a good time to sow seeds of many plants used for bedding purposes, as it gives them ample time to get large enough by late May-the usual time for planting out. A very small space suffices to start them, which is important to all having limited room. As they become larger they reed more room. Many of the winter flowering room. plants are now past their best, or are out of flower, and can give way to

out of flower, and can give way to these new comers.

If it so happens that space enough cannot be found in the greenhouse, there is the hotbed and cold frame (which can be cheaply constructed) that during part of March and April is the very place to finish them in before planting out in the garden. A few of the flowers which can be grown readily from seed this way are the Margaret carnation, excellent for outdoor work, single and cactus dahlias, the gaillardia, dwarf lobella, nusturtiums, pansies, if dwarf lobella, nasturtiums, pansies, if sown at once, petunias, purple torenia, and the one sometimes called white

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seedlings than 'rom cuttings in the old
way, as they may be got into dlower by
planting time. Select colors to suit the
planting, although on the whole probably a mixed bed is best, if the plants
are raised from seed. The Madagascar
Vincas are excellent for this purpose.
For lines of color, take the Centaurea
candidissima. There is no better silvery white if a formal line is wanted,
while C Clementel or C gymnocarpa is
just the thing for a feathery or less
formal plant. The good old yellow
feverfew is raised from seed as easily
as a weed, and what is better for a
light yellow color for a border? The
Cobea is best for a quick grower. The
Japanese hop is coarser but excellent
for covering outbuildings, fences and
the like. The Mina lobato is a curious
free flowering vine. Even the passion
vine may be raised from seed. The
thunbergia and maurandia are modest
growers, but always welcome to mix
with other plants for the vase and rustic baskets.

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Plants in Windows will be getting more and more flowers as the days lengthen and more sunshine and air more and more flowers as the days lengthen and more sunshine and air can be given. Geraniums, azaleas, primroses, heliotropes and callas will soon be particularly free b'somers. Plants with large shiny leaves, such as palms, india rubber trees, etc. may get very dusty and will be helped by sponging the leaves. Where cuttings may be had, propagation may soon begin. It is particularly necessary in hot, dry rooms to cover them with a pane of glass to prevent willing before new root action begins. Once in thower, the blossom will last much lenger if kept rather cool, in a room not generally over 60 degrees. The larger the plant and more robust its growth the more water it will require. But a plant at rest or in a large put will, according to the amount of follage, need relatively less water. Still, in the dry air of a room all, except the cactus family and similar plants, which thrice with little moisture, must be carefully attended to of they will perish.

Make Your Own Plant Cuttings—

Make Your Own Plant Cuttings-The cuttings of many of the plants to be used in the flower garden should be be used in the flower garden should be rooted during Feb or March Geraniums made during these months should be covered with blooms during the summer months if they are given proper care. Other plants that add greatly to the beauty of the garden and which may be propagated by cuttings are the colcus, iresine, alternathers and centaura. These plants all root readily from cuttings—[W. H. Moore, Kan."

The Census Office has formed a plan for taking an early census of floriculture by mail and to publish the returns early. There are approximately 10,500 florists in the I'S. The special schedule asks for the (137) acreage devoted to floriculture and of each crop or variety of plants and slowers; the total area in square feet under glass and the tree of each crop or variety of flower or plant raised thereunder; the authori-of persons employed and the

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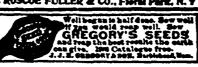
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