

Better still, it will grow well and bloom freely in the sitting-room, if placed near the window and not kept too hot. It is a nice little bulb for all our country cousins. Put five or six bulbs in a five-inch pot. A little freezing will not hurt it when grown in a low temperature. There are two species on sale, *F. refracta alba* and *F. Leichtlinii*, between which there is only a trifling difference in color, the latter having a little more yellow in the throat. Both are fragrant, but *F. refracta alba* is much the better plant, and, with me, has bloomed earlier than *F. Leichtlinii*. Flowering bulbs may be obtained from the seed in a single year, if sown early and carefully grown; that is to say, seed sown early in the Spring will bloom the following Winter, but not all of them.—*Rural New-Yorker*.

BOOK NOTICES.

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THE FORESTRY REPORT of the Kansas State Horticultural Society for 1885, is full of useful information that is worthy of the careful consideration of our people and government. The paper on the use and abuse of our forests is full of eminently practicable suggestions. It contains, also, a list of forest trees, deciduous and evergreen, recommended for that State.

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