

SOME GOOD PLANTS.



FIG. 651.

THE *Yucca filamentosa*, or Adam's needle, seems to stand our cold winter better as it gets older. It makes a nice evergreen plant, and in summer (if the roots are not disturbed by digging) will give an abundance of flowers on strong stems, well raised above the plant to the height of four or five feet, and I have never yet seen them broken by the wind.

The Japan Iris is a new type of the old Flag, with double and single flowers of various shades and of different colors, making a grand addition to the list of border plants, and giving an abundant supply of bloom for a short time. They do not succeed well in a stiff clay, or on a too dry sandy soil, a dark sandy loam suits them best.

In *Pæonies* some of the newer kinds, with their fine markings will well repay the extra cost, and are a magnificent sight when in flower. They require little attention, but need a well-drained garden, a liberal supply of well rotted manure each fall, well worked in around the plant in spring.

The *Perennial Phlox* is another of which there are some fine kinds, and, like the *pæonia*, will give an abundance of fine flowers, if treated in the same way; but when flowering, if the season is dry, they should be mulched with coarse grass, or partly rotten straw and watered occasionally. They suffer in very dry seasons, but will well repay a little extra trouble.

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Ever-Blooming Climbing Roses,—Roses, hardy enough to stand considerable frost, and to serve as climbers are scarce, but one of the best is *Gloire de Dijon*. This has often been known to get through safely when the thermometer has fallen to zero. It is a rapid grower, and in a few years will cover the gable of a two-story house. The delicious fragrance of the tea rose, one of its parents, is abundantly displayed. The rose, William Allan Richardson, is said to be a successful competitor with *Gloire de Dijon* in the old world. Has any one had good experience in this country with it?—*Meehan's Monthly*.