

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

## Information in regard to Bedding Plants.

The Stratford Beacon of last week in its report of the Stratford Horticultural Society meeting, had the following on BEDDING PLANTS.

Verbenas.—If I were confined to a single class of plants for summer decoration out of doors, the verbenas would be my choice, for in it we have a greater range of color than in any other plant, with the exception, perhaps, of the geranium. In addition to this it is a plant of trailing habit that is seldom injured by heavy rains or strong winds, and one of the most floriferous of the floral kingdom. It begins to bloom when only a few inches high, and never ceases until destroyed by frost. Most people err in not putting this plant out before they do, as it will stand quite a sharp frost uninjured, and by getting the benefit of the cooler days and nights in the latter part of May the roots take hold of the soil, thus enabling it to better withstand the scorching sun during the early part of June. It is also necessary, in order to have a continuation of good bloom throughout the summer, that the verbenas, in common with all other plants, should have fresh and rich soil. It is not particular whether it is of a clayey or sandy nature, providing it is fresh and well drained.

Geraniums.—The geranium is justly entitled to be called the queen of flowers, for no plant can compare with it for general utility. It is one of the few plants that can be made to bloom the entire year. It is useful alike for the window, the conservatory or the flower garden. When bedded out, young plants that are not root-bound are much preferable to those that have done service in the window or greenhouse during the winter, as it is too much to expect a plant that has bloomed all winter to continue to bloom freely during the summer. The treatment recommended for the verbenas will also apply to the geranium, both in regard to soil and early planting. As soon as the trusses of bloom begin to decay they should be cut off, for one truss only, if allowed to seed, is said to tax the recuperative powers of a plant as much as half a dozen trusses of bloom will do. A plant as usually grown in a 2½ or 3-inch pot for bedding purposes is apt to become root-bound. If the same sized plant were grown in a 4-inch pot it would give better satisfaction when bedded out, as the roots would then be in good working order, in which state they would take kindly to the change by throwing out new roots at once. Nor is this all to be gained by having the roots in good working order, for if you transplant a plant that is pot-bound into the open ground, the matter of ball of earth and roots will generally resist all the water you can give it, thus leaving the plant to perish for want of sufficient moisture. This, combined with the fact that most amateur gardeners defer planting out their geraniums until they consider all danger of frost to be over, is in my opinion the chief cause of this plant not doing as well as it otherwise would if planted out from the 20th of the 24th of May, for after this date there is not likely to be frost sufficiently hard to materially injure the geranium. As a proof of this I would say that I have this winter had eight degrees of frost in my geranium house, but saved them all by a copious drenching of cold water. I cannot leave this plant without referring to some of the variegated-leaved varieties. Notable among these are the bronze and silver-leaved, the former being one of the most attractive plants we have, while the latter is equally useful to contrast with dark-leaved coleus, &c.

The pansy is another fine bedding plant in shaded situations. It is so well known that it needs neither description nor praise. What it wants is a good soil, with a northern exposure and plenty of water. It will then prove its gratitude by giving an abundance of flowers of double the size it would under ordinary treatment. Although a hardy plant, it is desirable that young plants should be set out as soon as the weather will permit, in preference to the old roots, as they will produce much superior flowers.

The heliotrope is one of those delightful plants that no one can afford to do without, on account of the delicacy and sweetness of its flowers. It is somewhat tender, therefore should not be planted out as easily as verbenas or geraniums.

Annuals.—The Phlox Drummondii is without doubt the most beautiful and useful annual in cultivation—beautiful because of its long continuance in bloom and durability of the cut flowers in water. The flowers are white, crimson, scarlet, lilac, violet, etc., with a distinct eye of some other color. If planted in masses they have a much finer appearance than if mixed with other plants. It is not necessary to dwell on the merits of many of our annuals. There are many others well worthy of attention which will bloom at least two or three months during the summer and fall—notably, single petunias, balsams, stocks,

asters, salpiglossis and zinnias, the three last being autumnal flowering.

Sub-Tropical Gardening.—Of late years a great deal of attention has been paid to this style of decorating lawns, and it is justly gaining favor among people of taste and refinement. Instead of being dependent on the quantity of bloom produced, plants of a very different character are brought into use, such as the tanyah or caladium esculentum, cannas, bronze and silver-leaved geraniums, coleus, centaurea albantheria, &c., all of which are grown for the beauty of their foliage. A circular bed of about 16 feet in diameter, arranged with the following plants has a rich and tropical appearance from the time they are set out until killed by frost: For the outside row centaurea candidissima, a silvery-leaved plant of compact habit and a foot high, backed by two rows of dark leaved coleus, height, 1½ ft. At the back of these put a row of caladium esculentum, which, with its large dark green drooping leaves makes a fine contrast with the dark-leaved coleus; then fill up the centre with cannas, which will grow from four to seven feet high, thus forming a gradual slope from the centre to the outside edge. With the exception of the cannas, these plants should not be allowed to bloom. There are many varieties of plants not here mentioned well worthy of attention, but it would be useless to attempt to name them all, the foregoing being the most suitable for general bedding purposes.

## Mr. Gough and the Oxford Boy.

John B. Gough, in the course of his lecturing life, has found himself in some tight places, but his wit has never failed to bring him out safely.

An amusing story is told of him when he went to Oxford, England, to address the students on temperance. The students sent word to Mr. Gough that they "would not have temperance," and advised him not to persist in lecturing, but he went to the hall. For twenty minutes he spoke in pantomime amid the deafening cat calls of the boys.

Finally he stepped forward, demanded British fair play, and offered to whip every one of the five hundred students singly. This offer was loudly cheered, and promptly accepted, and a big six foot athlete was sent up on the stage. Gough, who is a little man, backed off as the big fellow approached him, and explained.

"My friends, you evidently misunderstand me. This is to be an intellectual contest, not a prize-fight."

The students cheered again at this evidence of American shrewdness, and ordered the debate to proceed. The college lad was, therefore, obliged to discuss with the temperance champion. He was at a disadvantage, but he quoted Scripture, and reminded the plucky lecturer that it was one of the Apostles who wrote to Timothy—a young man, too, like themselves—to take a little wine for the stomach's sake, and for his other infirmities. The lad shouted vociferously at this.

Gough slowly examined the six-footer from top to toe, and then said, "My friends, look at this athlete, this fellow with muscles like steel, who can wield the club of Hercules, who can bend an English yeoman's bow, who could knock down an ox with a blow of a hammer. He is the personification of health and strength, but he thinks he needs a little wine for his stomach's sake!"

Gough's inimitable manner of saying this had a tremendous effect. The students fairly yelled with delight, and their defeated champion retreated.

Another was sent up. He was the intellectual giant of his class, in contradistinction to the six-footer. He, with much self-confidence, made a finished argument for liquor drinking, based on Christ's changing the water into wine at the wedding feast. His comrades cheered him to the echo, and thought his argument unanswerable, and Gough was chaffed for his defeat.

"Young men," said he solemnly, "I admit that your champion has forestalled me. He has said to me just what I came here to charge you to do—Drink all the wine you can find that is made entirely out of water."

## Queer Mania.

We are now in the midst of the season in which the female portion of the community ties a towel about its head and proceeds to lay violent hands on the carpets. House-cleaning is an annual mania to which all females are subject about this time of the year. So far, all attempts of the most distinguished medical authorities of the age to account for the annual appearance of the disease, to diagnose its peculiar features, or to recognize its premonitory symptoms, have been in vain. The first indication that the attack has seized its victim is the tying up of the head with a towel, which is probably done through intention. This may be taken as presumptive proof that the disease in some way affects the brain and that nature wisely impels the victim to take precautionary measures for the protection of the seat of reason. A curious phase of the suddenness with which the disease comes on is that discreet and well-disposed women, to all appearance possessing well-balanced minds, and looked upon as models of propriety, have retired to bed at night without a thought of guile, have seemingly slept the sleep of the just, and have deliberately got up in the morning and proceeded to destroy the happiness of the family and shatter the peace of the domestic hearth by beginning to whitewash. How many men are there to-day who could go into the witness box and deny that they have gone home to dinner and found their wives, daughters and servant girls wrestling with the furniture and carrying on in the wildest and most hilarious manner as the result of an attack of the house-cleaning mania? We venture to say that if the truth were known the asylums are filled with females who have fallen victims to this fell disease, either through not having a properly balanced mind or through neglecting to tie a towel round their heads; while we are assured by a retired temperance lecturer that more men have been driven from their homes and forced to drown their sorrow in the flowing bowl because of the misery produced by house-cleaning than from any other cause. There is perhaps no more melancholy object on earth, or one more calculated to excite the compassion of all good men, than the spectacle of a confirmed house-cleaning sufferer from an acute attack of the house-cleaning mania. At these times the whole atmosphere of the house in which the disturbance is being created seems to be filled with tuck-hammers, washstands, lamp chimneys, brooms, whitewash brushes, pails, stove pipes, old boots, soap, scrubbing brushes, cold meat, chairs, plug hats, step ladders, and a couple of strange females. (Toronto Telegram.)

## A Paper that Pleased Everybody.

There is one editor who has achieved the feat of running a newspaper to suit everybody. Occasionally, to be sure, he has complaints, but he never fails to satisfy the complainers that they are in the wrong. It wasn't always so with him. He only adopted the system after he got desperate. It was one day after he received some complaints, that he tried it.

A man came in and said: "Why didn't you print the whole of the proceedings of the Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Hogs, instead of a brief abstract?" The editor replied: "Oh, you made a speech that wasn't in the report, eh?" Then he went around the counter. The dust flew for a few moments and then it became more quiet. The editor relaxed his grip on the man's throat sufficiently to let him speak, and he said that he guessed that the article was all right, and he had only come to renew his subscription. He was let up, and paid the money, and left, and as he went out he collided with a man who had an ugly glare in his eyes, and dancing up to the editor said: "What d'ye mean, sir? I pay for a sensible newspaper and get a lot of stuff about cruelty to hogs. You ought to be put in jail for printing such air rot." The editor went around the counter again, and again the dust flew. It was fully five minutes before the editor could get the man's coat torn off and put him on the floor with his head in the coal scuttle. But he did it, at last. The man said: "We needn't prolong this agony. Your paper is the best in the world. It is all right. I'll take it for ten years in advance." Eight more visitors had the same experience. Then came one that the editor couldn't thrash. It was a woman: "What d'ye mean by publishing fashion articles from a three-year-old magazine?" she asked. "I made a bonnet according to your directions and its three years behind the style. Oh, you wretch! You mean, horrid, insignificant—oh-h!" "My dear madam you are right. I am not fit to run a paper. I stop at once," said the editor. "John, don't send up any more copy. Kill that article saying that this lady was belle of the ball last night." "Stop she cried. 'Your paper is the household treasure. I don't care about the bonnet, and came to ask you to our house to tea to-night.' The editor says he wouldn't drop the rule for anything. Everybody leaves satisfied with his paper.

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## Newspaper Laws.

We call the special attention of postmasters and subscribers to the following synopsis of the newspaper laws:

1. A postmaster is required to give notice by letter (returning a paper does not answer the law) when a subscriber does not take his paper out of the office, and state the reasons for its not being taken. Any neglect to do so makes the postmaster responsible to the publishers for payment.

2. If any person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether it be taken from the office or not. There can be no legal discontinuance until the payment is made.

3. Any person who takes a paper from the post-office, whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for the pay.

4. If a subscriber orders his paper to be stopped at a certain time, and the publisher continues to send, the subscriber is bound to pay for it if he takes it out of the post-office. This proceeds upon the ground that a man must pay for what he uses.

5. The courts have decided that refusing to take a newspaper and periodicals from the post-office, or removing and leaving them uncollected for, is *prima facie* evidence of intentional fraud.

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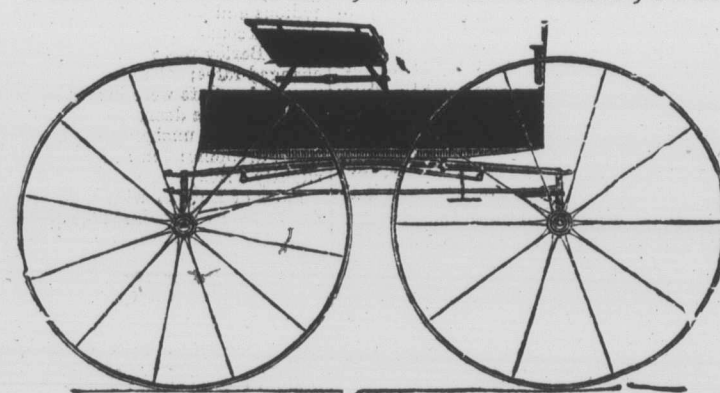
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