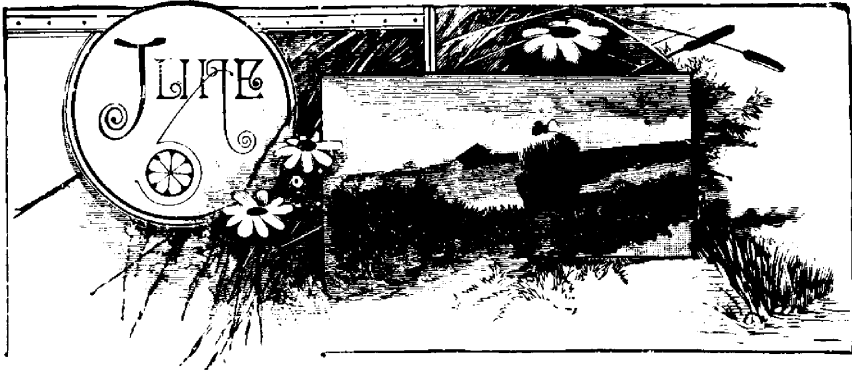


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A VIEW IN A GREENHOUSE AT AYR.



OUR readers who have taken an interest in the views of the chrysanthemums at Guelph, will also be pleased with a glimpse of what is being done in a private greenhouse at Ayr.

The wealth of huge blooms of chrysanthemums is magnificent, and is enough to inspire the most uninterested with some ambition to grow these beautiful children of Japan. The other photograph of *Brugmansia arborea* is also good, showing this plant in a cool house. This plant belongs to a class of ornamental plants, trees and shrubs, called *Datura*, which name is usually given to the annual species. The shrubby ones are known as *Brugmansias*. This one is a greenhouse shrub from seven to ten feet high, which was introduced into England from Peru in 1713.

We append a letter, which accompanied the photographs :

Sir,—I notice in Dec. '96 No. of the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, your query as to why more of your readers do not take more interest in your journal by writing for it. I have for some time wondered whether you cared to have any notes of experience from your readers or not, and therefore to show you my appreciation of your Journal, beg to send you a photograph of a view in the greenhouse here during chrysanthemum time ; our local artist failed to get a view of the entire length of the house which contained some hundreds of these lovely flowers. Out of some thirty varieties the ones principally seen in the picture are Ivory, Nircus, Queen, V. H. Hollock, Golden Wedding, Mutual Friend, Thos. Emerson, Ada Spaulding and Louis Bonheur. Should you care to have it I would be very glad to give you some of the methods followed by me in growing these flowers to be published in some future issue.

I am sir, yours very respectfully,

THE GARDENER,

at "The Gore."