

yellow, hide-bound and moss-clotted; and then the owners tell me "the Apple is one of the fruits which will not do in Victoria"; but when you come to places where the Apple has all the ground to itself, or having other things growing with it, is still manured for both, then you will see that the Apple will do as well as elsewhere.

And what a country for the cooler-loving fruits and vegetables! The common Currant grows five feet high, and bears fruit as large as the Cherry or Versailles. And such Cabbage, Lettuce, Peas, etc., few if any of our readers ever saw.

I almost felt that I could remain here; but when I remembered the grapes and watermelons and tomatoes, and scores of other things which we have and they may envy, I shall feel free to return as happy as when I left home. —THOMAS MEEHAN, in *Gardener's Monthly*.

NEW PLANTS.

BEGONIA, PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR.—

A first class certificate was awarded to this new Begonia which is described in *The Garden* as an extremely fine double-flowered variety of the tuberous rooted Begonias, having large flowers whose petals form a perfect rosette of bright cherry crimson; while the plant is a sturdy grower and well furnished with blossoms.

ROSE, HER MAJESTY.—The floral event of the National Society's Rose Show, was the winning by Mr. H. Bennett, of Shepperton, the Society's gold medal for the best Rose in the show with his new Rose called Her Majesty. It is instructive to find that a homely English farmer, now retired from the occupation of corn growing, should have beaten both home and continental raisers by producing, not only for the year the finest new rose, but

also one which will probably prove the best of a decade of years. We are thankful Her Majesty does not wear those leafy habiliments of colour which have made so many of our new roses of recent introduction; on the contrary, it is of a lovely soft flesh tint. Just as A. K. Williams has proved to be the richest coloured and most beautiful rose of its class so far, so will Her Majesty occupy that distinguished position amongst fair roses—in fact, amongst regal flowers the queen. On stands of many blooms there has been such a ringing the changes upon the Baroness de Rothschild and La France, both very beautiful of their kind, that another new rose belonging to their section is indeed a treasure. Her Majesty, as becomes such a royal flower, is large in size and beautiful in form; and it was noticeable, in spite of the expansion caused by the heat, that she maintained her good looks to the last. —*The Garden*.

CHRYSANTHEMUM ALEXANDER DUFOUR.—A new early flowering variety distinct from all the rest of the race, inasmuch as it is a cross between the Japanese section and one of the varieties with short florets. The flowers are larger than any other of the early race, the florets being narrow, prettily reflexed, and of a bright amaranth, a colour peculiarly pleasing and cheerful, particularly under artificial light. As to its extreme floriferousness, the plants shown by Messrs. Cannell, of Swanley, bore evident proof.

EUCHARIS SANDERL.—A new bulbous plant from Columbia, and quite distinct from either of the other two cultivated species. It has large deeply furrowed foliage of a pale green colour. The flower-spikes overtop the foliage, and bear umbels of pure white flowers nearly as large as those of *E. grandiflora* (amazonica), but with the corona