

* Open Letters. *

Brugmansia Arborea, or Angle Trumpet.

SIR,—Of all the novelties in shrubbery, I think there is nothing to compare with the above-named one. I have one four years old which is now about six feet high, planted in a tub about fifteen inches deep, being a part of an old barrel, which I filled with the very best mould and some rotten stable manure, as this shrub is a very hearty feeder, and also needs plenty of water during summer or growing season.

It is a rampant grower, sending forth very strong stout branches; upon the new wood the flowers are produced, which are a wonder and surprise to the amateur, and no one will walk past this beautiful little shrub, loaded with its gigantic flowers, without making some peculiar remarks about it.

I have heard one observer exclaim, when looking at my shrub when in full bloom, that its beauty was really "supernatural." Last year my shrub bore nearly a hundred flowers, which are creamy white, about a foot long, and about five or six inches wide. The fragrance is delicately sweet, and will perfume a large back door yard for two or three weeks, if weather is favorable and not too hot.

My shrub had last year at one time opened sixty-five of those large flowers at once. This shrub is not hardy enough to allow the frost to strike it, but it is no trouble to winter it over in any room not below freezing point. I never had good luck by trying to winter it in the cellar; the wood is too soft and fleshy; it most surely will rot like a pumpkin-vine.

I have often wondered why the above-named beautiful flowering shrub is so little known. They are no more trouble to grow than the Oleander, Fuchsia and Hydrangea. I always cut back every spring, about two-thirds of last year's growth; this will insure good, stout, thrifty shoots for a good crop of flowers, and also keep the shrub from growing tall and awkward to handle.

The flowering season, if not allowed to grow during winter season, is last of August and September. They will also flower during winter if kept in a warm room and clear of insects, which are so destructive to house plants. But if now and again a sprinkling of persicatic, manufactured by Pickhardt Renfrew, Stouffville, Ont., is applied, it will soon free the tree of the pest.

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* Our Book Table. *

BOOKS.

The Supervising Committee of the Experiment Farm at Southern Pines, N. C., have just issued a very valuable and important work on "Plant Food." The book is well printed and handsomely illustrated with many fine pictures. It would pay farmers to read this book, which, we understand, can be obtained free by sending to the Director, Experiment Farm, Southern Pines, N. C.

PLANT FOOD.—Its nature, composition, most practical use. Prepared to aid Practical Farms, Experimental Farms, Southern Pines. W. C.

LANDSCAPE GARDENING as applied to Home Decoration, by S. T. Maynard, Professor of Botany Mass. Agricultural Coll. Published by J. Wiley & Sons, New York City. Price, \$1.50.

A beautiful and valuable work, with numerous illustrations. It treats of the principles of landscape art as applied to location and ornamentation, grading, lawn making, arrangement and grouping, pruning and care of shrubs, walks and drives, renovating old homes, parks and school-yards, climbers, herbaceous plants, etc. A book of 338 pages.

SPRAYING FOR PROFIT, a pamphlet of 72 pages, by H. E. Weed. Published by Horticultural Pub. Co., Griffin, Ga. Price, 20 cts.

CATALOGUES.

SPRINTOR.—5th Annual Catalogue and Treatise on diseases affecting fruit trees,

vegetables, etc., and their remedies. The enterprise of this firm is well shown by their excellent and useful catalogue. Especial attention is called to the mechanical emulsion attachment, which may be added to any of these spray pumps and by which kerosene or crude petroleum may be combined with water in any proportion required.

WEBSTER BROS., HAMILTON, Canada, 1899. Canadian plants for Canadian people. 74 pages.

E. D. SMITH, Helderleigh Fruit Farms and Nurseries, Winona, Ontario. Descriptive and illustrated catalogue, 132 pages.

BARN YARD MANURE, Bulletin 31, Central Exper. Farm, by F. T. Shutt, Chemist.

RESULTS obtained in 1898 from trial plots of grain, etc., by Dr. Saunders, Bulletin 32, Central Exper. Farm, Ottawa.

FREEMAN'S FERTILIZERS.—The W. A. Freeman Co., Hamilton, Ont. Contains 48 pages descriptive of the various fertilizers, with testimonials.

HERSEE'S RELIABLE SEEDS.—Edwin Hersee, Seed Merchant and Nurseryman, Woodstock, Ont.

SPRAY PUMPS AND NOZZLES.—The Deming Company, Salem, Ohio.

BRUCE'S CATALOGUE OF SEEDS, 1899.—J. A. Bruce, Hamilton, Ont.

A. G. HULL & SON, St. Catharines, Ont. 19th Annual Catalogue Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Roses and Plants.