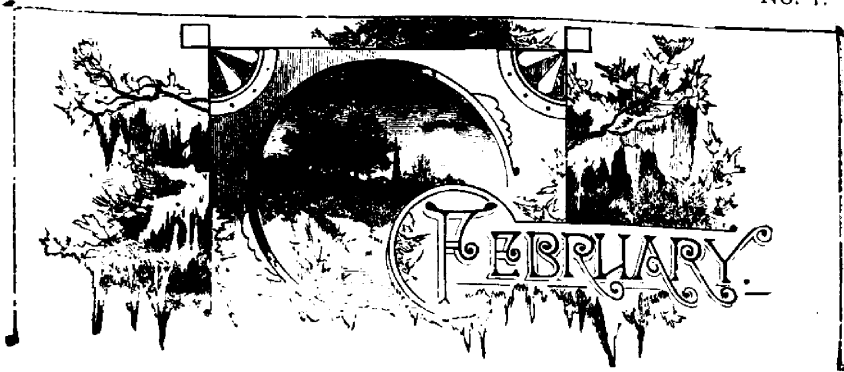


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MOST of our housekeepers who are flower lovers have taken pleasure in the thrift and daintiness of the old-fashioned *Oxalis rosea* and also *Oxalis alba*, which they generally know as pink and white Shamrock ; but they have not discovered half the possibilities of this gem of plants. It embraces a number of species of pretty, neat growing plants, elegant in foliage and bloom, the latter being produced in great profusion, and embracing a wide range of color. It is one of the most satisfactory of bulbs for window culture. For potting, use a good rich soil with a sprinkle of sand in it, placing from one to three bulbs in a four inch pot ; stand in a dark cool place for a few weeks to root thoroughly, then remove to a sunny situation in the window, or conservatory, in a temperature of about 60° Fahr. One of the best varieties for window culture is *Oxalis alba* illustrated by the accompanying cut. It will be seen that this is not the old *Oxalis alba*, but an improved *Oxalis alba*, having much larger blooms and of which the foliage branches out from a parent stem. Its dwarf, spreading habit and profuse bloom make it unsurpassed as a table plant. Flowers and leaves fold at night and open in the morning as with the old variety ; unless the plant is grown in a partially shaded situation, when the flowers remain open all night. *Oxalis Bermuda* buttercup, the newest of yellows, is of more luxuriant growth, and blooms in greater profusion than *Oxalis alba* ; one bulb will be sufficient for a five or six inch pot. The flowers are of purest buttercup-yellow, and of great substance. Well-grown plants have produced as many as seventy-five flower-stems and over one thousand blooms in one season. The bulbs of this *Oxalis* have been grown in the congenial soil and climate of Bermuda, until the bulbs-