

This Pelargonium originated with Mr. Fredrick Dorner, of Lafayette, Indiana, who obtained some Pelargonium seed from Ernest Benary of Erfurt. He noticed that one of the seedlings commenced to bloom about mid-winter, and continued to bloom for some ten months, during all which time it was never destitute of flowers. The plant grew vigorously and at one time he counted forty seven good sized trusses. It thrives remarkably well as a house plant, being very easily kept, and blooming without intermission for nine months in the year.

We regret that we are not able to give our readers a colored illustration of this Pelargonium, but such of them as are familiar with those known as the Spotted Pelargoniums will readily form some idea of its general appearance and beauty.

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### AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION.

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It is understood a Commissioner is coming to Canada during the ensuing summer, for the purpose of enquiring into and procuring for that country any economic trees or plants found here suitable for cultivation, and worthy of a place in the field or garden of the antipodes. In turning up Pugh's almanac for 1880, page 53, it is found that they have already procured from the continent some of our native grapes. The writer of the article in question says, "It would be far better for us to turn our attention more to the cultivation of the fine varieties of the American species of vines which are not affected with blight, or only very slightly so, as the well known Isabella and others which have been introduced into the colony. The following are a few of the best kinds, and cannot be too highly recommended: Adirondac, black; Ascot, a good white grape; Carter, black; Clara, yellow; Catawba, red; Cassady, white; Clinton, black; Creveling, black; Cunningham, a good white grape; Delaware, red; Diana, red; Elizabeth, white; Scuppernong, Ontario, Norton's Virginia, Lindley, &c."

It will be noticed in the list quoted that almost all the varieties named were introduced previous to 1866, and many of them are entirely superceded in Canada by much finer varieties. In the whole list only one of Rogers' (Lindley No. 9) is mentioned. It is observable that one of Charles Arnold's grapes (Ontario) is amongst those specified.