



FLORAL NOTES FOR AUGUST

HOW TO GROW FREESIAS—REPOTTING CALLA LILIES AND PELARGONIUMS—MAKING CUTTINGS OF GERANIUMS—RAISING PANSIES FOR NEXT YEAR—PRACTICAL HINTS

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FREESIAS.—A few of these pretty little Cape bulbs should be started now for early winter flowering. Reserve some bulbs for later potting, so as to have a succession of their sweet-scented flowers from December to April. Plant five or six bulbs in a 4 or 5-in. pot. Very rich soil is not necessary, soil that geraniums will grow well in will suit freesias. Cover the tips of the bulbs so that they are almost a quarter of an inch under the surface of the soil. The top of the soil should be about half an inch from the rim of the pot to allow room for watering. Stand the pots outside where it is not too sunny, never allow them to dry out, and do not keep the soil soaked with water all the time. Let the pots stand outside until early in September, then re-

move them to the window or greenhouse. Place them in a cool part of the house, as the freesia dislikes forcing. Larger blooms, and more of them, are the results of letting freesias take their time in growing.

CALLA LILIES

These should now be repotted if they require it. Do not over-pot them. Too large a pot often means lots of leaves, but no lilies. Sometimes a top dressing is better than repotting. This is done by taking about an inch or so of the old top soil, and putting some good rich soil in its place. Keep the calla lilies outside in partial shade until there is danger of early frosts. Water well when once established in the pots.