

planted in such a mixture the fault would be due to some other cause than the soil.

The next and most important thing to insure success with winter flowering Bulbs is to get the best Bulbs possible, even at an advanced price, then half the battle is fought. Never be tempted by cheap collections of Bulbs, such as are offered in many of the catalogues and advertisements which may come before your notice from time to time. Fancy a seedsman offering a collection of 10 Bulbs for 25c., postpaid, and this collection to contain 2 Hyacinths, 1 Easter Lily, and 7 other Bulbs all different. The same seedsman will list Hyacinths at from 10c. each to 20c. each, and Easter Lilies from 10c. to 35c. each. Another collection will contain 25 winter flowering Bulbs, postpaid, for 50c.—this collection to contain 2 Easter Lilies, 3 Hyacinths, 4 Narcissus, 6 Tulips, and 15 other Bulbs. And again, another collection will contain 60 Bulbs, postpaid, for \$1.00—this collection, of course, would contain valuable bulbs in proportion to the price, the same as the first mentioned collections. I have often had to laugh when these collections, which have been received by those who have been tempted to send their money for them, have been brought to me for the purpose of having them potted up. The size of the bulbs was in most cases ridiculously small, so much so that I have often persuaded the owners of them not to go to the expense of potting them up, as it would certainly have been a waste of money on their part, and likely a customer lost to some dealer who handles good Bulbs at a reasonable price. Many are the persons who have been discouraged on account of their Bulbs not flowering, when they have thought it has been the fault of their wrong treatment, at the same time the Bulbs they had secured had not the flowering ability in them, and therefore would not flower under any circumstances.

The next matter of importance is the varieties of Bulbs best adapted for amateurs and window culture. After a long experience amongst Bulbs I would say that the following are the best and most advisable. I will mention them as near as