

October, till the frost becomes severe enough to stiffen the surface of the soil, say early in November; this gives time for the tubers to mature.

MR. TOMALIN. What kinds of Dahlia are best for this country?

MR. ANGUS. All are pretty good. The dahlia grows very well in this country?

MR. TOMALIN. Do you grow yours from seed? I tried that plan last spring; a considerable number of the plants have formed small tubers but as yet some merely have roots.

MR. ANGUS. I have not tried growing plants from seed.

PROF. BAIRD. I have no doubt that to grow them to as great a degree of perfection as Mr. Angus has, requires a good deal of care—starting them early in the greenhouse and transplanting them once or twice. But the average amateur can get good returns by just planting dry roots about the middle or latter part of April, or a little later—any time when it is suitable to plant potatoes. If young shoots come up before the frost is past they are liable to be cut off by frost. For two years part of mine have been planted in the ground without being in a hotbed at all and I have had good growth. They do not bloom as early as those started in a hotbed; still they have a long season of bloom before the frost comes and the flowers reach as great a degree of perfection as those that were forced in the earlier part of the season.

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