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MARK TWAIN'S DOG.

Mark Twain is immensely popular with the farmers living around Quarry Farm, his summer home near Elmira, New York. He and his neighbors exchange experiences, and both profit thereby. The genial humorist tells of one farmer who purchased a hunting-dog that was highly recommended to him by a man who did not seem particularly reluctant about parting with it. When the dog was delivered, the farmer looked it over with considerable misgivings. It seemed shy and bashful,

and hardly the animal it was cracked up to be.

Anxious to give it a trial, however, he took it out shortly afterwards, and, as the luck would have it, ran across a fox. The dog took after the fox, and the two were soon out of sight, the farmer following as rapidly as he could. Finally he met another farmer, who in response to his inquiry, stated that they had passed in his direction. Asked as to how they were running, the second farmer replied: "Waal, it was nip and tuck; but I think the dog was about three feet ahead."

called "rust" in these autumn flowers a robust healthy constitution is one of the desirable points necessary to help make up a perfect type of plant and flower. Plants having flower stems furnished with glossy green well developed foliage are also necessary, a perfectly developed and thoroughly healthy foliage being quite as desirable from a decorative point of view as a flower of perfect form and color.

I had intended to make some remarks on the newer varieties of chrysanthemums tested at the college greenhouses during the past three years, but find I must defer that pleasure for a future number. I may, however, say that the flower shown on the right of cut above, represents a flower of 1903 introduction, Mdle. Marie Liger. As its name implies it is of French origin, and promises to be a popular and useful variety. The color is a bright silvery pink, the form of flower being of the attractive incurved type, its free flowering habit is also another recommendation for it.

Another beautiful rose pink flower shading to lavender can be seen in the center of the picture. This is one of the newer introductions of 1904, and is likely to prove one of the best varieties of recent introduction. Its robust, compact, sturdy habit of growth, and its bright rose pink Japanese type of flower, one of the standard colors, will possibly make this variety very popular with all flower-lovers, more especially professional florists. Miss Helen Frick is the name of this promising variety. On the left of the picture is seen a flower of a new variety called Mrs. Nathan Smith. The flower is of a pure marble whiteness, incurved in form, the broad ivory like substance of its beautifully formed petals adds very largely to its delicate beauty. This variety is named after the wife of one of the most prominent chrysanthemum growers in the United States. Mr. Nathan Smith has raised and distributed many of the newer varieties of foreign as well as American production.

The variety shown in cut No. 2 represents a flower of "Ben Wells," a variety of 1904 introduction. The strong robust habit of this plant, together with its floriferous character, as to the size of its pure white flowers, makes one feel justified in saying that this will be a popular variety, especially for amateur growers. As showing its floriferous character, I may say that one plant had fifteen blooms of extra large size on it, produced with only ordinary pot plant culture. Many of our student readers will I know agree with me, when I say that the first name of this desirable variety should be changed, so as to agree literally and physically with near at hand local surroundings.

Among other new varieties of 1904 tested, Kimberly, Golden Age, Uncle John and General Hutton, will increase the variety in yellow shades, whilst Etienne Bonnesford gives us an early flowering buff and apricot bloom. This variety is of rather dwarf habit, and will probably fill a want in flowers of this peculiar shade.

Among the newer shades of rich purple, the Rev. W. Wilkes gives us some new tints of coloring. The bright rose magenta of its bright semi-tinted petals, with the reverse of a glistening silver, makes this variety very noticeable among a collection of plants. The habit of the plant is also good.

Mention of other new varieties of 1904 must at present be deferred.

In concluding my remarks on this popular autumn flower there is one desirable feature possible in their development that I have omitted to mention, viz.: the introduction of types of late flowering varieties, that will give us a wealth of their gorgeous flowers in perfect condition at Christmas time. Their flowers are invaluable as decorative material, and if only their period of flowering could be extended until the holidays, their value would be largely increased. Efforts in this direction have already achieved gratifying results. Much more can and will possibly be attained in the evolution of this universally popular and world wide grown flower more especially in regard to its possibilities as a Christmas and New Year flower.

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