

purple fruit. This should be sown in boxes in heat and the seedlings pricked into thumb-pots, after they have formed the second pair of leaves. If kept growing, will usually flower the first season.

When fuchsias are forced for winter they seldom amount to anything the following summer, unless taken from the pots after they have finished, all the soil shaken off and replaced again in smaller pots in a rich soil and watered sparingly until well started again. Treated in this way, they will usually flower again in late summer or early fall, sometimes continuing up till winter very profusely.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE BERMUDA LILY.



WHO can measure the pleasure given by a beautiful flower? Who deserves more grateful remembrance than one who, through love alone, brings to our fair land the choicest growths of other countries to beautify and gladden our own good homes?

The fairest of lilies—the pure Easter flower—the Bermuda lily—was first brought to America from the Island of Bermuda, in 1876, by Mrs. Thomas P. Sargent, Assistant Purchasing Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

When she was leaving the island, in the spring of that year, two friends residing there gave her a few of the lily bulbs. Upon her arrival at her home she presented some of them to Mr. Robert Crawford, a near-by florist, who about a year later, sold the increase to Mr. William Harris, of Philadelphia. He began growing the bulbs and offered them to the public, with the addition of his name, as the *Lilium Harrisii*.

Mrs. Sargent was an invalid for many years. Her home in the suburbs of Philadelphia, was a centre for all that is lovely in plant growth, and her life was as beautiful and beneficent as the choice flowers with which she surrounded herself. For her loving devotion to their culture, the bountiful giving of her treasures to hospitals, flower-missions, the sick, and hosts of friends, her name should be canonized among the saints in flowers. She is now where lilies bloom as the emblem of purity. No more fitting resemblance could be chosen to keep alive her memory than in giving her name to the first flower of her adoption.—Vick's Magazine.

**The Caladium as an Out-door Plant.**—The beautiful caladiums with variously-colored variegated leaves, which made such a beautiful show at the Columbian Exposition, are usually regarded as solely green-house plants, and to require a very moist atmosphere at that; but they are very successful when grown in the open air, providing the soil is damp and the situation somewhat shaded from the full sun. Indeed, when the proper situation can be secured, there are few plants which will give more pleasure under open-air culture.—Mechans' Monthly for June.