

➤ Question Drawer. ➤

We shall be glad to answer all questions relative to Horticulture, Floriculture, and Forestry, in these columns, but cannot undertake to send answers to such questions by mail.

The following questions 1001 to 1010 were asked by some of our Horticultural Societies, and answered by Prof. H. L. Hutt, O.A.C., Guelph.

Umbrella Plant.

1001. What care does it need in respect to light, heat, moisture, repotting, etc?

Umbrella plant, or cyperus, like many other plants with inconspicuous or no flowers, may be grown quite successfully in a north window when room cannot be spared for it in southern windows. It does well in the ordinary temperature of a living room, from 60—70 during the day, and 10—15 less at night. It requires plenty of moisture, and is the better of being given plenty of room in the pot.

Rex Begonia.

1002. What is the cause of its dying in spite of close attention?

It should not be forgotten that this plant, like most others, requires a period of rest after its season of vigorous growth. During the winter months it should be rested by keeping it in a cool place, and giving it no more water than is necessary to keep it alive. After resting it should be repotted, put in a warmer place, and given water enough to sustain vigorous growth. New plants should be propagated from time to time, that the older ones may be thrown away after they have been grown two years.

Primula.

1003. What should be done with it after its flowering season?

Throw away old plants after they have

flowered, and sow fresh seed this month (March) for plants to bloom next winter.

Hypericum Moserianum.

1004. Does it require shade, or will it do better in full sunshine? What protection does it need in winter?

We have not grown this variety, but judging from those we have grown, we would give it full sunshine and a covering of straw or long manure for protection in the winter.

Tree Peonies.

1005. Are they good for house plants in pots?

These are sometimes grown under glass in the Old Country, but we have never heard of their being so grown in this country. After being forced into bloom in the house they are useless for a similar purpose for two or three years afterwards.

Fritillarias.

1006. Are they good for culture in pots? How many in a six inch pot? Is *F. recurva* the best.

Fritillarias may be forced for winter bloom the same as hyacinths or tulips, but they are more satisfactory for outside culture. *Fritillaria aurea* and *meleagris* are recommended as suitable for pot culture. One bulb is sufficient in a six inch pot.

Plumbago.

1007. Will *Plumbago Capensis* and *P. O. Flore Pleno* make good window plants, or house plants for the winter?