

Spur, Princeps, Van Sion (double), Sulphur Phoenix.

#### HYACINTHS—SINGLE PINK AND ROSE

Charles Dickens, rosy pink; Gigantea, blush pink, large spike; Norma, fine rosy pink, large bells; Sarah Bernhardt, deep rose.

#### HYACINTHS—SINGLE RED

General Pelissier, deep crimson; Lord Macaulay, rose with carmine stripes.

#### SNOWDROPS AND CROCUSES

The snowdrops are the first flowers of spring, and usually bloom before all the snow has left the ground. The species known as *Galanthus Elwessii* is the most satisfactory. A good plan is to plant the snowdrops where the snow melts early so as to obtain flowers at the earliest possible date.

Crocuses bloom shortly after the snowdrops and are very showy little

*Scilla Sibirica* is the most satisfactory. *Scilla campanulata*, which blooms late in May, is useful as it comes when most of the bulbs are over. Chianodoxa, or Glory of the Snow, is another blue flower which is also satisfactory. *Chianodoxa Luciliae* is the one usually planted, but the flowers of *C. gigantea* are larger. Grape Hyacinths are also dainty little flowers which succeed well. The fritillaries are interesting spring flowering bulbs, the Crown Imperial being a very rapid growing and striking looking plant in early spring. The Guinea-hen flower, or common fritillaria, is also attractive.

### A Rose that Blooms Twice

Mrs. Arch Thomson, Erin, Ont.

I have a rose bush that produced two crops of bloom during 1905. I got it from Washington state three years ago. It is a house rose, I was told. In the house I managed only to keep it alive. Two years ago I put it in the garden, as I understood they are cultivated out of doors in Washington. Friends told me that I would lose it, but I thought I would try the experiment.

Last summer it bloomed at the same time as other roses, about July 1. The flowers were pink, quite large and double. About August 15 it budded again, and bloomed early in September. The flowers were just as large and perfect as those of the previous blooming. It is planted on the south-east side of a picket fence, and gets just the same attention as other rose bushes.

Last January, when the big thaw came, I wrapped it and other rose bushes with some old canvas. This spring it budded again, and bloomed about the last of June or July 1. The flowers that opened were perfect, but some of the buds were stung and did not open. The bush again bloomed in August.

### Flower Notes

Always keep house plants clean.

Remove every dying leaf on house plants as soon as seen.

Turn the plants in the window garden at least once a week.

Plant growing by those who simply grow plants because their friends have them, is likely to be a failure.

To develop the beauty of their color, most flowering plants require a good deal of sunshine.

Many people keep their rooms too warm for the health of both plants and persons.

Treat your house plants to a draught of fresh air on every fine day, by opening a window or door some distance from them.



Spring Flowering Bulbs Planted with Perennials in Border, C. E. F., Ottawa

#### HYACINTHS—SINGLE WHITE

Alba Superbissima, pure white, large spike; La Grandesse, pure white, the best white; Queen Victoria, pure white.

#### HYACINTHS—SINGLE BLUE

La Peyrouse, fine porcelain blue; Grand Maitre, deep porcelain blue; King of the Blues, deep glossy blue.

flowers. They should be planted in masses in the border or around shrubs or trees. They are also effective in the lawn and are planted by cutting and raising a small piece of sod and planting the bulb in the soil and replacing sod.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The scillas, or squills, are bright blue in color, and very striking in early spring.