

C. Drummondii is a native of Texas, and in cultivation grows about two feet in height. Plant very bushy and compact in habit. Flowers about two inches across, of a rich golden yellow color, with a small dark centre.

C. tinctoria grows about two and a half feet in height. Flowers are of a rich brown, margined with golden yellow.

low. Several varieties of this species are usually found in seed catalogues.

C. tinctoria fl. pl. This grows about two feet in height. The flowers are double, of a rich golden yellow, with wine maroon spots. A very desirable variety of recent introduction.—Vick's Magazine.

PYRETHRUMS.

PYRETHRUMS have been so greatly improved, both in the quality and color of their flowers, during the past few years, that they now constitute one of the most desirable groups of hardy plants the cultivator has at his command. Vigorous in growth and free in blooming, they afford a wide range of color, and are alike valuable for contributing to the attractions of the flower garden and supplying flowers for indoor decorations. While unsurpassed by any hardy plants of their season in the rich effect they produce in the garden, they are especially useful to cut from. The flowers are practically free from the objectionable odor characteristic of many of the composites, and can be readily arranged, either alone or in conjunction with other subjects, to present the most attractive appearance, and they retain their freshness for a considerable period. Not the least important of their many good qualities is the facility with which they can be grown, for it is not necessary to do much beyond planting them in well prepared soil in a suitable position to ensure a plentiful production of flowers for several years.

In engaging in the cultivation of either single or double pyrethrums it will in the first instance be necessary to

determine whether they are required simply for the embellishment of the flower garden or are wanted for the supply of cut blooms for exhibition or the decoration of indoor apartments. If intended for flower-garden decoration all that will be necessary will be to select suitable positions in the mixed border, and properly prepare the station by enriching and breaking up the soil. But when required for furnishing exhibition blooms, they should be planted in a bed in the kitchen garden or reserve ground, as they can then have any attention that may be required without interfering with other subjects. It is an advantage to plant those also that are to be cut from for house decoration in a bed or border elsewhere than in the flower garden, as when large quantities of flowers are cut the general effect is necessarily more or less impaired. In whatever position they are to be grown the soil should be liberally enriched with partly decayed manure from the stable or farmyard, and be then broken up to a depth ranging from one to two feet with spade or fork. In the preparation of stations in the mixed border two large shovelfuls of manure should be dug in at each. The beds, on the other hand, should have sufficient manure spread over the surface to form a layer about four inches in thickness,