



Flower Garden and Lawn. ❧

A "SPORT" GLADIOLUS.



FIG. 1617.—"SPORT GLADIOLUS."

THE gladiolus shewn in Fig. 1617 produced on the same stalk single, semi double and double blooms.

The bulb was bought of Vilmorin, whose growers are the Souchet establishment at Fontainebleau, where the Gandavensis strain first reached its present excellence. The double blooms were produced at the base of the spike, the semi-double near the centre, and the single towards the end.

The variety, *Tamerlan*, was introduced in 1883. As it is slow to multiply, and of great merit, it has maintained a comparatively high price. The stalk is strong, and set with well arranged flowers of medium size. The upper divisions are dark red, framed with slate on the edges; the lower, deep reddish carmine, and creamy yellow. It is a superb variety, even when it does not sport in the direction of doubling. *Zampa* and *Multipliant* are varieties which frequently have double blooms, but *Tamerlan* has not been previously known by its originators to sport in this way. I may add, to avoid possible confusion, that there is a different *Tamerlan*, of the Nanceianus strain.

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