

❖ The Garden and Lawn. ❖

FORSYTHIA.



THE members of this ornamental genus are extremely desirable as early spring bloomers. The first shrub in bloom on these grounds this spring was *Forsythia viridissima*, its yellow bell-like blossoms appearing on the lower branches when well protected by snow, before the leaves had attained quarter of their full size. Three species have been tried here, none with entire success. *F. Fortunei* is an upright form, more hardy than either of the two following. *F. Supensa*, is of trailing habits, resembling in this respect Bitter sweet (*Alastrus*), as a consequence it is more easily protected than those of upright habit. *F. Viridisima*, already referred to is probably the hardiest of this genus. It is usually injured at this point to some extent by the winter, which hinders a good show of flowers, as these appear on the wood of last year, but the vigor of the plant does not seem to be impaired. To obtain the best results in localities as cold as this, numbers of this group should be trained on trellises during summer, and laid down during winter. This will ensure early spring flowers.

They are easily increased by summer layering.

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HINTS FOR JULY.



THIS is the time of year when many of us are found working from early morning to late at night, and a time when those who have only a few colonies of bees, and not much experience, are willing to take a few directions without going elaborately into why and wherefore. Too much swarming should not be allowed. To avoid, to a large extent, after swarms, put the new hive and new swarm on the old stand, and put the old colony and hive on a new stand. If full combs are used in the upper stories, be sure, early in July, leave two full combs of honey untouched for each colony. This should be kept and not extracted until fall, and until one has ascertained that the bees have enough honey below for winter and spring. Do not leave sections on the hive until they are soiled by travel stain from the bees; when filled remove them. When the honey season is over and the sections are only partially filled there is also no use in leaving the sections on the hive.

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