

there will naturally exist a wide difference of opinion, but Mr. Kelwey's view is as follows:—"The ground color should be pure, but if containing two or more tints, the flakes should be of a deeper shade and the lines in the centre of the petals should be clearly defined."

Grand Rouge, the variety figured above, in almost all respects conforms to Mr. Kevley's standard, while it surpasses it in others. The petals are not as broad toward the tips as in some of the later varieties. Otherwise *Grand Rouge* represents the best types of *G. gandavensis*. The flower is a clear bright scarlet, with small violet blotches in the throat. It is an old variety, but one of the very best, and can be bought for a few cents per bulb.



FIG. 1339.—

G. nanceianus,
Simon Lorenz.

G. Lemoinei,
Incendiary.

G. Childsi,
Henry Gillman.

In France a different type is admired, and two other forms widely different from the first, and from each other, have become very popular. They are known as *G. Lemoinei* and *G. nanceianus*. The former is hardy in climates scarcely less severe than ours. The stalk is thin, and as growth is very rapid, it is disposed to bend with its own weight. The plants accordingly require to be staked as soon as the spikes show and should be tied anew every day or two. It is seldom that more than seven or eight blooms are open at the same time. The flowers are smaller than in the *gandavensis* section, less closely set on the stalk, and not so widely expanded. Their coloring is however more vivid, abounding in strong contrasts. They run the entire chromatic scale from white to deep purple and violet, with large spots—usually darker than the main color—on the lower petals.

The variety, *Incendiary*, shown in the centre of the figure, is one of the largest and most brilliantly colored forms. *G. Lemoinei* multiply rapidly, and varieties only a few years introduced may be purchased at a very low price.

G. nanceianus is a race of daily increasing popularity. The French and German growers, and latterly, the English, are producing great numbers of new varieties, which have all the beauty of coloring of *Lemoinei*, while they greatly exceed that strain in the size of their individual flowers. The two upper sepals are usually very long and broad, but the flowers lack the substance of *Lemoinei*. The spikes of both strains have a lightness and grace which make a pleasing contrast with the somewhat stiff arrangement of the flowers of the *gandavensis* hybrids.