

All fruit trees need a little iron in the soil. If none is present naturally, some iron filings, or tin waste, or old iron may be buried over the roots. It will appear not in the growth of the trees, but in the soundness and colour of the fruit.

In a German work called "The History of the Rose," the writer mentions that the largest rose tree known to exist is in the marine garden at Toulon, France. It is of the species known as the Banks' rose, bearing white flowers. The branches stretch over a length seventy-five feet high. The stem near to the root measures two feet eight inches in circumference, and the plant yields fifty thousand roses during the months of April and May.

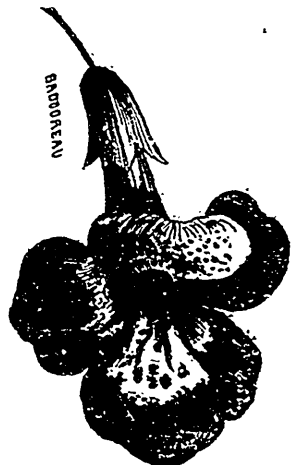
The fountain on the grounds of Seth B. Hunt, at Bennington, Vt., is the highest but one in the world. It is drawn from the hills through a six-inch pipe, throwing a stream 168 feet, presenting the appearance at a short distance of a single silver bar. Its cost was \$25,000. The grounds about it are thrown open to the public on Tuesday and Friday evening.

REA'S SEEDLING QUINCE.—This was originated by Joseph Rea, Green county, N. Y. It is a splendid fruit, averaging considerably larger than the apple or orange quince. The quality is good, and the tree a strong grower, with large, dark foliage. In planting for market we would choose this and the orange or apple shaped variety.—*Rural New Yorker*.

MIMULUS CUPREUS.

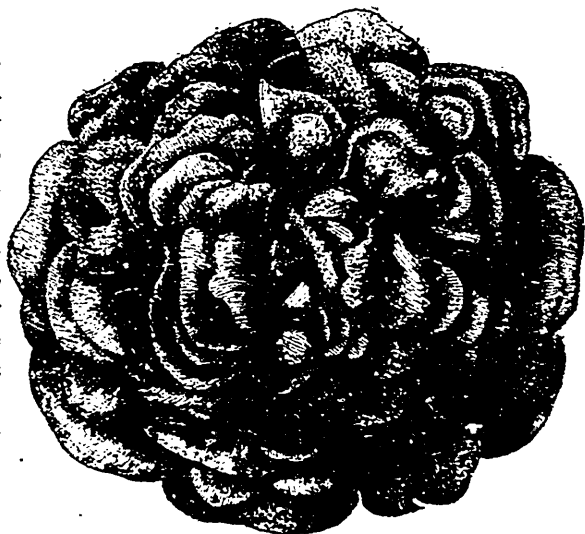
We find the following description of this charming little flower in Mr. J. A. Simmers's catalogue:—

"*Mimulus cupreus*, a new biennial, half-hardy species, six to eight inches high, with handsome, glossy foliage, and large, finely formed flowers in great variety of colours, spotted, marked, dotted and blotched; very free flowering, valuable for borders and bedding."



ROSE BALSAM.

The balsam is too well-known to need describing. It is a universal favourite. More perhaps than any other flower, it is a comfort and joy to poor people, who have little time and space for gardening. How often do we see a box of balsams in full bloom shedding beauty from the window of a very humble dwelling, and showing that the inmates are not without taste and refinement, though their lot is hard, and their fare none of the best. A love of flowers ought to be encouraged in all classes for many reasons. It is well also that choice kinds should be cultivated, as they need no more attention than common ones. Very ordinary looking balsams are often grown when better ones might easily be had. The one above illus-



trated is known as the Improved Rose or Andrieux Balsam, and is one of the finest varieties in cultivation.