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WATER LILIES ON THE LAWN.—*Orchard and Garden* suggests a very pretty plan for growing *Nymphaea odorata*. Several tubs, coal oil barrels cut in two will answer, may be sunk in the ground quite close to each other in a group, the spaces between them being filled with Calla lilies, tuberous-rooted Begonias, Caladiums Ferns, Grasses, etc. In planting, fill the tubs about half full of a mixture of good loam and thoroughly rolled cow manure in equal parts, in which imbed the roots, and cover the soil with about half an inch of clear sand. Fill the tubs slowly with rain-water, and replace the loss by evaporation.

Nymphaea Devonensis is commended as the queen of all water lilies, surpassing in brilliancy of flower if not in size of leaf, the famous *Victoria regia*. It is a night bloomer, each flower opening from 8 p.m. to 10 a.m. for three nights in succession. Under favorable circumstances a single plant of this variety will, in one season, cover a circle of twenty feet across, with leaves twenty-five inches in diameter, and flowers twelve inches from tip to tip of petals. The flowers are rosy red with bright scarlet stamens.

CARELESSNESS in handling Paris green and London purple is likely to follow the wholesale use of them. The dry powder rises almost imperceptibly. Breathing this will introduce arsenical poison into the system through the lungs. In case of accidental poisoning occurring, the best antidote to administer is the hydrated sesqui-oxide of iron, which should be taken at once.

BENEFITS OF SPRAYING.—Mr. A. C. Hammond, Sec'y Ill. Hort. Soc'y, states that, as a result of spraying one portion of his apple orchard in 1887, he gathered 500 bushels of apples, of which seventy-five per cent. were perfect, and eighty-five per cent. marketable; while from the same number of trees in the other orchard he had not a peck of perfect fruit. Let our readers give us facts and figures, until the question is settled to everyone's satisfaction. The writer has used fifteen pounds of Paris green this season on his orchard, while some neighbors say they have not confidence enough in it to go to the expense and trouble of applying it at all.

ROSEBUG.—The R.N.Y. recommends spraying with pyrethrum