

inches apart; and the bulbs may be placed at a distance of from four to eight inches apart in the rows, according to their size. As soon as cold, freezing weather approaches, give the bed a good covering of leaves, hay, old manure, or tan to prevent the frost from penetrating to the bulbs. As soon as the shoots push through it in the early spring, this covering should be removed, taking particular care that the shoots are not injured. The earth may be slightly stirred with a garden fork, so as to make the bed look neat and tidy.

The Japanese Narcissus or Chinese Lily is a new bulb. In China or Japan, no family, however exalted or menial their station, would think of being without it during their blooming season, and it is said that they have now succeeded in blooming it all the year round.

This craze is not only accounted for by their beauty and fragrance or ease of cultivation, but also because they are regarded as a symbol of good luck. The Japs believe that as long as their lily is in bloom, no bad luck can overcome them. Japanese ladies will have them in their parlor while they play their musical instruments. They may be grown in an ornamental bowl, dish, or large saucer, half filled with clean, white pebbles. Place the bulb on these, and fill the bowl or dish with water half-way up the bulb. If placed in a warm position, roots will form at once, leaves will be produced, and in a very short while several flower-spikes will open their beautiful white fragrant blooms.

**HOUSE PLANTS IN OCTOBER.—*Windows.***—We don't often build windows for plants, but rather get plants to suit our windows. If practicable, have your windows to open at the top as well as at the bottom. Get the brackets screwed into their places. Have the plant-stands in good repair, nicely painted and all ready. Have a bit of oil cloth for the floor under the plant stands, or along side the windows where your plants are, as now and again you can't help spilling some water, and it is easier to wipe up the water off the oil-cloth than off the carpet. Don't bring your plants into your windows as long as you can safely have them out-of-doors. We generally have some beautiful bright weather in October, cool at night, but warm in the day-time. Let the plants have the benefit of the warm weather, but cover them up or bring them in upon the piazza in the event of cold or wet weather. Toward the end of the month it may be well to house most of your tender plants.

***The Piazza.***—The piazza is a capital place for pot plants in October. All plants that are established in their pots can enjoy the south side, and those newly potted the shady side. If the plants are standing outside on the walks, in the event of frost, or a windy or wet storm, in a few minutes we can lift them on to the piazza where they will be safe, or if need be, by the aid of some old newspapers or a sheet or two we can make them doubly secure.—WM. FALCONER in *R. N. Y.*