

### THE CLYDE STRAWBERRY.

garet, Wm. Belt, etc. Two years ago we saw the Clyde growing on the grounds of Mr. Stephenson, Guelph, and ever since we have been inclined to commend it as one of the best for general planting, on account of its uniform good size, and great productiveness. We therefore, read with some interest what Mr. E. W. Wooster says of it, in the December number of *American Gardening*, as follows :

That the Clyde is the most universally popular strawberry of to-day in America goes without saying. That it is deservedly so there can be no question, for although it has been pushed by its introducers, but not to that degree as is usual with most new introductions, most of which could not be compared with it in point of real value, by its own demonstrations wherever it has gone it has pushed itself most strongly to the front. Dr Staymen is deserving of much credit

for originating such a noble variety, the more so when we come to appreciate the fact that it was not over extolled by him ; neither, as fruiting with me for the first time last summer, have I found it over-praised by any introducer. In this respect it stands as a single exception to every other variety I have ever treated ; only a few others have I found equal to all that was claimed for them.

With the majority of fruit-growers I predict that this noble variety will have a short life of popularity, because they will fail to see the necessity of giving it that special culture which it demands in order that it may maintain its present high standard of excellence. The downfall of the Parker Earl among so many growers was, in my opinion, due almost wholly to this cause ; but among the most painstaking, carefully observing growers it is still one of the leaders.

### CALLAS EFFECTIVELY POTTED.



FIG. 1538. — CALLAS WITH VARIEGATED GRASS.

A VERY successful arrangement of potted calla lilies is shown in the accompanying cut. A florist writing to *The Country Gentleman* says of it :

It was a large pot containing three strong callas, and in the center a plant of zebra grass (*Eulalia japonica zebrina*, var.). The soil was rich, and during the winter a top dressing of fine manure was given it, with plenty of water. The growth was magnificent, both of the callas and the grass, which gave the whole object a particularly pleasing effect that is but too poorly expressed by a picture.

Many flowers were borne and it continued in beauty till late in the spring, when it was planted in the garden and given a rest.