

We are indebted to Messrs. Hance and Borden, of Red Bank, New Jersey, for the colored plate of this new quince which accompanies this number. These gentlemen were so favorably impressed with the good quality of this variety that they have undertaken its cultivation and dissemination, and to them we are indebted for the above particulars concerning its characteristics. Should it prove to maintain in our climate the good qualities which they state, it has shown in New Jersey of coming early into bearing and continuing to yield heavy crops of large, well formed, highly colored, and highly flavored fruit, it will be a most valuable acquisition.

The quince is most frequently used for making a marmalade, by cooking the fruit soft, crushing the pulp and sweetening according to taste. Canned quince is a favorite dish with many, requiring only to be cooked soft *before* adding the sugar, else the quince will be made tough. Baked quinces are a most delicious dish. The core should be punched out, the space filled with sugar, and the fruit then baked in a pan containing just a little water. Eaten with cream and sugar—well, if you have never enjoyed this dish, there is a most agreeable experience in store for you.

BIGNONIA RADICANS.

Mr. T. H. Mackenzie has endeavored to grow the *Bignonia radicans* at Dundas, but has only had it bloom once in five years. The winters usually kill it down to the ground, and although the

root survives and throws up strong shoots the next summer, it does not produce flowers.

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For five new subscribers and five dollars we will send prepaid any one of the following collections of choice bulbs or plants. This is an opportunity to secure a fine assortment of beautiful flowers and valuable plants without cost, other than the pleasure of doing a favour to your friends by introducing this monthly to their notice, and of enlarging the circulation and extending the usefulness of the only horticultural magazine published for the benefit of Canadian lovers of fruits and flowers:—

Collection No. 1—One *Chionodoxa lucilla*, one *Lilium longiflorum*, two *Fritillaria meleagris*, two Spanish Iris, and two *Narcissus poeticus*.

No. 2—Five Tulips, two Chinese Peonias, one Spotted Calla, one Tiger Lily.

No. 3—A collection of five different Lilies.

No. 4—A collection of five different sorts of Iris.

No. 5—Two double and two single Hyacinths, and three double and three single *Narcissus*.

No. 6—Five herbaceous perennials—*Fraxinella*, *Dianthus*, Japan Anemone, Japan Spirea, and *Clematis erecta*.

No. 7—Three hardy flowering shrubs—*Hydrangea paniculata*, Spirea Van Houtte, and Purple Fringe.

No. 8—A collection of twelve different sorts of flower seeds.

No. 9—Four hardy Roses.

No. 10—Four Tea Roses.

No. 11—Three Polyantha or miniature Roses.

No. 12—Four Climbing Roses.

No. 13—Ten plants, to be chosen by you from the following list: Gerani-