

THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST.

OTHER BULBS.

"What other bulbs would be suitable for the house?"

"Narcissus of the Polyanthus section, especially the Paper White; the Trumpet daffodil and jonquil; Freesias, Ixias, Amaryllis, Star of Bethlehem, Siberian squill, and Glory-of-the Snow (*Chionodoxa Lucillæ*). Several varieties of *Oxalis*, described as bulbous, though really tuberous plants, are excellent for Winter."

"How are they treated?"

"They should be potted, as early as possible, in sandy loam, requiring good drainage. Put four or five of the tubers in a five-inch pot, as they are quite small."

FLOWERING PLANTS.

"How are violets, roses and carnations for Winter house plants?"

"I wouldn't recommend any one of the three in an ordinary room. I know that people sometimes report success with them, but the chances are against it. Violets might be tried in a room with little heat, simply kept free from frost, running about 40 to 45 degrees at night; but they would not stand an ordinary living room. Carnations will not stand dry heat, neither are such conditions suited to roses."

"What flowering plants would you recommend?"

"Cyclamens, azaleas, begonias and Chinese primroses are all satisfactory. The begonias are so cheap, handsome, and easily managed that they are sure to give satisfaction. The *Semperflorens* varieties are all excellent for the house, free Winter bloomers. *Erfordia*, with clusters of rosy salmon flowers, gives good satisfaction in the house during the Winter, and outside in the Summer.

Begonia Vernon and its varieties are similarly useful."

"What other types of begonias would you recommend?"

"The Rex or painted-leaf sorts. They give a handsome effect among foliage plants."

PLANTS WITH ORNAMENTAL FRUIT.

"The Otaheite orange is recommended for the house, is it not?"

"Yes, it is a very fine thing showing fruit and flowers at all seasons. While thriving in a moderate temperature, it doesn't like a sudden chill or excess of water. I have seen specimens which were allowed to stay outside during a cold Fall rain, being soaked and chilled at the same time, and the result was disastrous."

"What other fruiting plants would you recommend?"

"The old Jerusalem cherry (*Solanum Pseudo-Capsicum*) which may be grown from seed outside, and lifted in the Fall. It has bright orange-scarlet fruit. *Ardisia crenulata*, with bunches of bright red berries, and deep green, laurel-like leaves, is an excellent house plant."

FOLIAGE PLANTS.

Lists of palms and ferns suitable for the house have been given several times by THE R. N. Y.; these classes include the best selection of foliage plants. The familiar *Abutilon*, known to many amateurs as Flowering maple, may be included here; the white-edged variety, *Souvenir de Bonn*, is very good. *Coleus* is often tried in the house, but it has an unpleasant habit of dropping its leaves when chilled, and becomes very stinky and unhappy-looking if in a room where the temperature varies greatly. For a northern exposure, with poor light, *Aspidistra* and Bowstring hemp are the best foliage plants.—Rural New Yorker.