



FIG. 1908. *COLEUS SCANDENS*, AT HAMILTON, NOV. 1899.

The trite old saying "Better be sure than sorry," should always be borne in mind and acted upon by horticulturists at all times, but more especially during the uncertain and changeable weather experienced during the early autumn.

THE GREENHOUSE.—See that the heating apparatus for this department is in good working order before heavy frosts commence, it might save your plants, and perhaps several nights of worry and watchfulness later on.

The cutting bed should be ready to commence propagating cuttings of geraniums, coleus and all perennial bedding plants, necessary to secure stock for next season's use. Coleus, achyranthes and ageratum cuttings more especially, should be secured before even the slightest frost has touched them, as it is very difficult to strike cuttings of these, or of any other plants, after being

exposed to cold, chilly weather. A few old plants of coleus and achyranthes may be lifted carefully from the beds or borders before being touched by frost, and potted in light loamy soil in four or five inch pots. These can be stood down on the floor of the greenhouse, where they will get a fair amount of light and sunshine during the winter. If watered carefully at the roots only, and placed where the drip from the bench does not bother them, they will often give a good supply of much needed cuttings during March and April, when perhaps cuttings from fall stock are hard to obtain. The third week in September as a rule, is early enough to take cuttings of geraniums, and the more hardy varieties of bedding plants.

Tender plants, such as stevias, abutilons, poinsettias, eupatoriums, bouvardias, etc., will require to be taken indoors before the first early frost, the poinsettias being