

SOME ATTRACTIVE CACTI—III.

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FIG. 2290. *CEREUS PERUVIANUS MONSTROSUS*.

FROM the present appearances it would seem that Cacti are coming into more favor with the general flower-loving public. There is scarcely a floral magazine that is not running a series of articles on these wonderful plants, and this shows that the people are enquiring about the genus. There is a fascination in collecting anything that is hard to get, and every enthusiast tries to get something rarer than his neighbor has. This is the case with stamp and coin collectors, and it is the same with collectors of Cacti. There is this advantage that the

"Cactus Crank" has, his specimens are always rewarding him with splendid bloom, and yearly growing in value. The field also is unlimited in extent, the known varieties running into the thousands, and abundance of room open for hybridizing and grafting to produce new varieties and effects. As these facts become known the Cactus becomes more popular, and that seems to be what is happening now.

In this article only a few sorts will be touched on. From March onward the Cacti begin to send out their flower buds, and new growth after their winter's rest, and those fortunate enough to possess some good ones will be watching the process with expectant interest.

In the first photo is shown a good picture of the *Cereus Peruvianus monstrosus*, described in the December Horticulturist. This fine plant was grown in London for a number of years before it came into possession of the present owner, and is a valuable

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