

some soil the same that is used for potting, and pressing this firmly around the roots, and watering well. The plants having been well hardened by exposure during the day, and the soil, by this time, being sufficiently warm, there should be little or no check to the growth of the plant. The plants should be staked at once after being transplanted, using strong stakes about 3 to 3½ feet long, one or two stakes according to the size of the plant. They must be tied up at least once a week during the season of heaviest growth, otherwise they are liable to be broken by the wind. They must be watered over-head every day and given a feeding of strong liquid manure two or three times a week. Some authorities say that the entire border should be mulched with stable manure, four inches thick, but I have found that mulching the roots of each plant with some lawn scrapings does well enough.

The buds of the Dahlia grow in threes, like the Chrysanthemum, a large one in the centre and small on either side, on each shoot. If you want well developed flowers it is well to nip off the two side buds, leaving the large centre one, and in the case of medium growers it is better to thin out a good many of the lateral shoots, but plants growing large flowers not so much so. The beauty of the flower is estimated principally by its perfectly circular shape without having any petals projecting beyond the others. Should any disk show in the centre of the flower, it is considered a great defect, and to allow this centre part to develop, prize growers often go to the trouble of placing a hood over the flower to keep the sun's rays from the rest of the flower that this disk may have time to grow.

Dahlias can be grown in three rows in a border, and can be ordered from the florist, as first, second or third row plants, the front being a dwarf variety and the third row reaching as high as four or five feet.

There are endless varieties of dahlias, Messrs. Cannell & Son, a firm in England, famous for their dahlias, showing in their catalogue of 1897 more than 600 distinct varieties for

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