

RICHARDIAS.

AMONG the many favorites for the window garden, there is perhaps none which is more generally grown in Canada than the one we call Calla Lily. Its large sagittate leaves, and its pure white spathe thrown back to disclose a bright yellow spadix, fully covered with flowers proper, make it a rich ornament to any window. No funeral

spread to be corrected, except among florists. The name belongs to another species of the Arum family, viz., *Calla palustris*, or Water Arum, a low perennial herb, which, although originally introduced from Europe, is quite common in the northern United States in boggy places, but is not worthy of a place in the window garden.



FIG 1044.—VARIEGATED CALLA, *RICHARDIA ALBO-MACULATA*.

decorations are thought complete without a liberal supply of the African lilies, and the length of time they will keep in a fresh condition is an additional point in their favor.

It will be a surprise to a good many to be told that the name "Calla," by which this flower is commonly known, is a misnomer, although perhaps too wide-

The *Richardia* takes the name from L. C. Richards, a French botanist, and is a genus comprising five species of marsh plants, natives of South Africa, four of which have been introduced for greenhouse cultivation.

They are of very easy cultivation, the most important point being to give them a plentiful supply of water during their