

before by the writer; but as very few of the plants were in flower, the visit was a less interesting one than it would otherwise have been. Still there was very much to enjoy. Pitcher Plants, (*Nepenthes*,) were to be seen in almost endless variety, some of them with their graceful pitchers beautifully marked. Many of these were new seedlings, raised by crossing some of the older varieties, in which work Mr. Taplin has been very successful.

The collection of Orchids is very extensive, embracing an immense number of species, to which constant additions are being made. There were several of them in bloom, amongst which *Odontoglossum grande* is deserving of special mention; the *Cypripediums* were also attractive; *niveum* has very pretty foliage; *Roezlii* was in bloom, and a beautiful thing it was, with its bright colors and curious form; and there were large masses of *insigne*, with a profusion of flowers and flower buds.

Among the Ferns and Palms there were many that were graceful beyond description, while the collection of Crotons was truly magnificent. There was an immense show of Double White Camelias on very large and healthy looking bushes; *Eucharis Amazonica* was in bloom with its delightfully fragrant flowers, while *Lapageria rosea*, with its exquisite bell-shaped deep rose-colored blooms hung over head. *Passiflora princeps*, is a fine deep-red Passion Flower, a vigorous grower and profuse bloomer, and one which will succeed very well in a cold house, provided the temperature does not get lower than from 45° to 50°. An immense *Stephanotis* covered a large portion of the roof of one of the houses, and must be worth travelling a long distance to see when in bloom. But in such a hurried visit, with so many things to admire, the profusion was perplexing, and one could only wish that a place with so many charms was nearer home, so that it might be oftener visited.

On the grounds outside there were also many interesting things. The collection of Japanese Retinosporas was very fine, many of the specimens being from five to six feet in height, and strikingly beautiful in form and foliage. There was a thrifty looking row of *Eulalia Japonica* in bloom, with its many graceful plumes waving in the breeze. Some of the walks were prettily margined with the Japan Golden Leaved Honeysuckle, and others with *Euonymus radicans variegata*, both of which seem very suitable for this purpose, as they bear clipping well, and form very dense, neat, and beautiful margins. A