

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.

A Few Desirable Bulbs Which Can Be Had in Bloom for the Holidays.

The majority of plants in the window garden will be shy of blooming until after the days begin to lengthen, and even the flowers can be depended upon for the holidays...

Bottom Harvest for the Bermuda Easter Lily can be brought into bloom for the holidays if the bulbs are secured in time upon their arrival in the country...

Perhaps the most reliable bulb for Christmas flowers is the white Roman Hyacinth, the loosely-arranged spikes of fragrant blooms of which are inexpressibly charming.

The large flowering Jonquil (Campanula) of rich yellow color and delicate Mandarin scent, is a splendid addition to the window garden for early flowers.

The narcissus family furnishes several members which afford very early and extremely fine winter flowers.

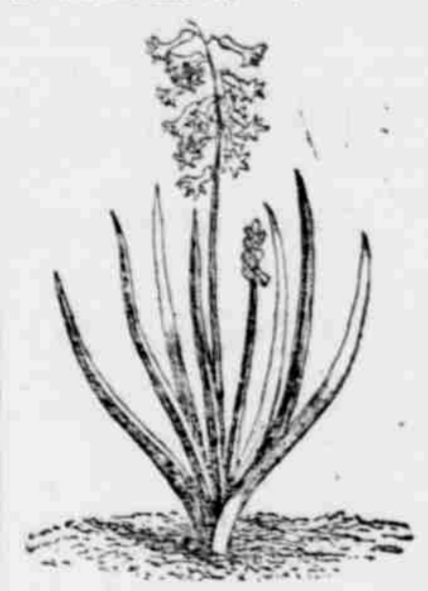
Among other bulbs that will give early flowers under house culture are Scilla Siberica, one of the most of all blue flowers...

In cultivating bulbs for winter flowering, any good garden soil will suffice, if enriched with old cow or sheep manure and made light and open with leaf mold or sand if heavy.

Among the bulbs which are most easily cultivated and which bloom in winter are those which will flower as readily in a glass dish filled with pebbles and water only as in pots of soil.

When putting the bulbs in the glass and water, they should be placed in water which has been changed in water once or twice during the winter.

posed, say a fourth of the bulb, in any case the bulb should be quite near the surface to ensure plenty of soil beneath them for root action.



about it, the pot is ready to bring to the light. The time which it requires for bulbs to root depends largely upon the time they are potted—if early it will require a longer period, and if late somewhat shorter.

There are no particular difficulties in the way of having success with all the bulbs mentioned in this article, and many others.

Beards on the Coming Woman.

Will the coming woman be a bearded Amazonian and the coming man a weak and hairless freak? We are told by the anthropologists, the physiologists, and other "ists" that the coming man will be as bald as a billiard ball, and that his face will be as smooth as that of a babe.

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Fig. 1. Front Elevation.

It is entered by outside steps, and also a stairway connecting with passage between hall and kitchen. The first floor contains a hall and front staircase, back stairway, parlor, dining room, kitchen, pantry and store room.



Fig. 2. Side Elevation.

stories, and two by nine in attic, all sixteen inches from center; main rafters, nine by seven inches; veranda rafters, two by seven inches—all twenty inches from center; valley and hip rafters, two by ten inches.

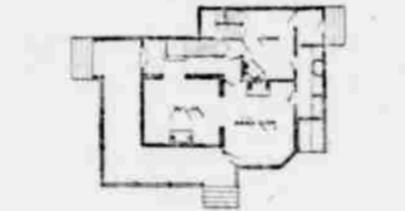


Fig. 3. First Floor Plan.

is of tongued and grooved merchantable white pine, blind-nailed to each beam. All other doors are of one by three-inch yellow pine, varnished and grooved, with worked, blind-nailed.

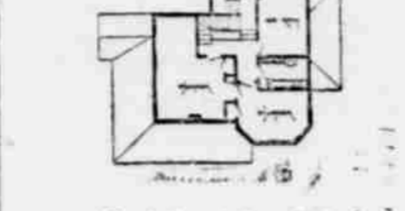


Fig. 4. Second Floor Plan.

cooper: water closet, Daveront pattern washout closet, wash bowl of white porcelain, with marble top, properly supplied with cold water from tank or water supply; hot water from boiler in kitchen.

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