

SOME VALUABLE ORCHIDS

REMARKABLE EXHIBITION AT A LONDON SHOW.

Priceless Plants Brought From the Forests of South America.

The great flower show the Royal Horticultural Society just held in the inner Temple Gardens, contained many floral oddities and a few striking novelties, says the London Express.

The most remarkable feature of the display was the wealth of orchids. Where you have something like \$375,000 worth of these fantastic flowers massed together, you are bound to find something rare, weird, or wonderfully beautiful.

Well known growers had brought plants from all parts of England, and at the end of the three days' floral carnival they were able to congratulate themselves upon having done a record amount of business.

One of the largest growers present stated that the orchid is growing more popular every year, and that owing to the comparative rarity of the plants prices are always rising. Plants listed at twenty guineas ten years ago are worth fifty guineas today.

VALUE OF PLANTS.

The romance that attaches to the plants, the fact that dangers of all sorts must be faced in tropical jungles and forests by those who collect them, the weird shapes and wonderful hues (some of them almost indefinable) of the flowers—all these have caused the orchid to catch the public interest, and now, when a man with a full purse and a love for flowers covets orchids, he leaves no stone unturned to gratify himself.

There are many common orchids worth, say, half a guinea a plant; and there is no reason, considering their abundance, for thinking that they will ever be sought but common. But when you come among the highly priced specimens, the orchid market sees sometimes some amazing fluctuations. A grower may, one year, have a certain plant worth a comparatively small sum, but in a few years that same plant may be priceless.

ONLY WHITE FLOWER.

Several years ago the Cypripedium faricanum, a variety of the lady's slipper orchid, was catalogued by Messrs. Bull, of Chelsea, at half a guinea a plant. To-day there are only three plants of that orchid in existence, and they are worth at least 1,000 guineas apiece. The other plants have all died off.

Messrs. Bull showed the only white orchid known to exports. For fifty years collectors had been hunting for such a specimen, when one of the firm's collectors found it in a Brazilian forest. Naturally the plant is priceless.

Its name is Laella Purpurata, Queen Alexandra. It is of purest white, with a yellow throat, lined with dark brown. Mr. Bull says that he will not run the risk of hybridizing the plant with itself for fear of weakening, or perhaps killing it, by allowing it to produce seed pods. He intends to propagate it by dividing the roots.

The fascination of hybridizing seizes upon all orchid growers, and they find the process an endless source of delight and profit. They never know what whim of shape or color will result, but they are perfectly aware that the mere taking of a tiny atom of pollen from one flower and placing it on the pollen of another may sometimes mean a fortune.

The show itself supplied an instance of fortunate hybridizing. There was an insignificant little bunch of orchid blossom representing one small hybrid plant in Belgium, for which its owner—Mr. Charles Vuylsteke—would not take \$15,000. The plant was considered far too precious to send to London from the nurseries at Lochristi, where it was raised.

One extraordinary thing about this hybrid is that its father, Cochlioda Noetziina, a small flower of vivid scarlet, is not a quarter the size of Odontoglossum Pescatorei, its white and purplish crimson mother. Yet the resultant hybrid is every bit as large, if not larger, than its mother. Another point about it—indeed, the feature that makes it so valuable—is that it is the first odontoglossum orchid to show a hue of red.

For years hybridists had been experimenting to introduce red into the odontoglossum family. Mr. Vuylsteke has succeeded, and his new orchid—Odontioda Vuylsteke—shows a hue of scarlet on a ground of white. Its lips are of rich yellow, and its border is of rose lilac.

Messrs. Cypher, of Cheltenham, showed a valuable novelty in the form of a white and green orchid of the lady's slipper variety—Cypripedium Callosum Sanderac—of pure white, lined with light green.

Among the growing mass of color presented by the thousands of orchids were many individual specimens which at once caught the eye. Sometimes it was for some amazing hue, that defied all description, and at other times it was because of an uncanny shape that gave to the flower an air of sinister intent.

"Oh," was the first surprised comment of one fair lady visitor, on catching sight of a Cypripedium Caudatum Wallisii that looked like a woman mad with drink, "will it hurt?" Then, recovering herself, she added

GOOD REASONS FOR ALL HE SAYS

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED W. N. BASKIN'S PAINS.

Well-Known Norwood Contractor Always Has a Good Word for Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Norwood, Ont., Nov. 21.—(Special).—Mr. W. N. Baskin, the well-known lumberman and railroad contractor, here, is one of those who never fail to say a good word for Dodd's Kidney Pills. Mr. Baskin gives the reason why as follows:

"For two years I was laid up with Lumbago and Kidney Disease. At times I would become very weak and would have to give up work. I did work on the C.P.R. and the Parry Sound R.R., and people all know how sick I was.

"Reading of wonderful cures by Dodd's Kidney Pills led me to try them, and I can say I have not had any pains since I used them. It just took three boxes to cure me completely." Lumbago is one of the results of Kidney Disease. Cure your Kidneys with Dodd's Kidney Pills and you will cure your Lumbago.

with a great deal of truth, "some of them do look dangerous at first." There was another cypripedium that suggested a piratical rover; indeed, looking at some of these flowers from certain positions, you could conjure up all sorts of images, quaint, beautiful, and ghastly.

SOME FLY-TRAPS.

In a corner away from the orchids were some plants that really meant danger, although only to insects. There was a specimen of the Dionaea Muscipula, the Venus fly-trap plant, with its ugly-looking traps laid ready baited for unsuspecting flies.

Within the trap is a sweet nectar which insects love, and several little spines which they must touch before sipping it. But the touching of those spines means that the trap snaps, closing its teeth and barring all means of escape for the intruder. Then the flower feeds.

Another insectivorous plant shown was a Sarracenia Wilsonii, a trumpet-shaped trap about nine inches long. At the bottom is the inevitable bait of nectar. The inner sides of the trumpet are slippery as glass, and when an insect once reaches the bait it can never climb into safety again, but falls a prey to the voracious plant.

QUITE SAFE WITH HIM.

Pretty Daughter—"Ma, may I go boating?" Fond Mother—"Indeed you sha'n't. The idea! Who invited you?" Daughter—"Mr. Bliffers." Fond Mother—"Oh, yes, you may go with Mr. Bliffers. He has a cork leg, and if the boat upsets, just you hang on to that."

TILL NOON.

The Simple Dish That Keeps One Vigorous and Well Fed.

When the Doctor takes his own medicine and the grocer eats the food he recommends some confidence comes to the observer.

A Grocer of Ossian, Ind., had a practical experience with food worth anyone's attention.

He says: "Six years ago I became so weak from stomach and bowel trouble that I was finally compelled to give up all work in my store, and in fact all sorts of work, for about four years. The last year I was confined to the bed nearly all of the time, and much of the time unable to retain food of any sort on my stomach. My bowels were badly constipated continually, and I lost in weight from 165 pounds down to 88 pounds.

"When at the bottom of the ladder I changed treatment entirely and started in on Grape-Nuts and cream for nourishment. I used absolutely nothing but this for about three months. I slowly improved until I got out of bed and began to move about.

"I have been improving regularly, and now in the past two years have been working about fifteen hours a day in the store and never felt better in my life.

"During these two years I have never missed a breakfast of Grape-Nuts and cream, and often have it two meals a day, but the entire breakfast is always made of Grape-Nuts and cream alone.

"Since commencing the use of Grape-Nuts I have never used anything to stimulate the action of the bowels a thing I had to do for years, but this food keeps me regular and in fine shape, and I am growing stronger and heavier every day.

"My customers, naturally, have been interested and I am compelled to answer a great many questions about Grape-Nuts.

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GETTING IT RIGHT.

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"Very well," said the proprietor. "Well, I told my friend I was coming here to the office to pay my bill. My bill, you understand? Was that right?"

"Of course. What did he think?" "He said I should have said your bill. How about it?" "Well, yes; it certainly is my bill. That seems to be correct."

"But you said just now my bill was right."

"Oh, well; it's both. It's your bill and it's my bill."

"That makes it our bill, doesn't it?" "Yes," assented the proprietor, anxious to get rid of the man. "That's what it is—our bill."

"Well, that decision suits me to a T. Just you make out my half of it, and I'll pay you right away. There's nothing like getting things straight."

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Mrs. Culchaw (to visitor)—"You see I found it best to get a French maid for the baby. It is quite the fad, you know." French Maid (from adjoining room)—"Roisee yer jaw, me jool, while I toy yer bonnet."

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A HARMLESS IDIOSYNCRACY.

Mrs. Compton looked at her old friend with a slightly defiant gaze. "So you heard I'd married into a peculiar family," she said, slowly. "Well, I won't deny but what the Comptons have got some ways that aren't just like everybody's else. But my husband is just about the same as other folks most o' the time." The old friend gave her the smile of one who is open to conviction, but said nothing.

"He's got one little peculiarity," said Mrs. Compton, moved to confidence by the smile. "It's known in the family, but I don't speak of it outside; however, you being an old school friend and living way out West, I feel different."

The smile grew more encouraging and sympathetic. "It's nothing that worries me—not really," said Mrs. Compton, hastily. "It's just a little habit Silas has got into. When he's riled, instead of saying much, he goes up to the garret and takes everything out of my old piece bag, and puts it on over his head, and sits there till he feels better. I suppose some folks would call that a kind of a peculiarity, but I never take any notice of it, only I tell him he's got to put the pieces back, and he does."

Doctor (politely, but looking at his watch with visible impatience)—"Pardon me, madam, but my time is not my own! You have given me all your symptoms in sufficient detail; and now, perhaps, you will kindly—or—ah—!" Husband (not so considerate)—"Maria, he doesn't want to hear your tongue any more. He wants to look at it."

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects.

The Groom—"What are you thinking of, dearest?" The Bride—"I was thinking if your father and mother had never met, or we had never been born, or hadn't loved each other, or—something, how dreadful everything would have been."

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Father—"Well, Johnny, what did you learn in school to-day?" Johnny (refully)—"I found out that the teacher's got eyes in the back of his head."

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