



Narcissus Leedsii Peach.

A flower of remarkable beauty, and like Salmonetta, quite a new break in colour; perianth pure white and slightly shouldered, crown long and straight, prettily fluted, and of a lovely apricot orange.

their place before the first soaking rain of autumn comes; a wet bed is very bad for them before they begin to grow. Those who are obliged to plant them when the soil is wet had better use a barrowful of dry soil and surround the bulbs with it. Anything is better than laying bulbs in mud. Daffodils should be ready to grow when the soil becomes wet, and while it is still warm. They require to make good long roots.

Few people will take the trouble to make any special difference in the soil where they are planting them, and it is hardly worth while to do so. Daffodils are said to like loam, and so they do. Soil which contains a large proportion of clay, but readily breaks up small when dug, is better for them than peat, or that which contains much vegetable mould; but it is less troublesome and as likely to lead to success to trust

to the goodness of the ordinary soil of the garden. *Narcissus poeticus* and its hybrids like a stronger soil than the Trumpet Daffodils, and of these the white-flowered Trumpets are more impatient of stagnant wet than the others; but it is a mistake to think that the tribe do best in very rich soil, and to plant them in manured soil often causes them to die out in two or three years. What we say about soil does not refer to bulbs grown in pots which are for one season's flowering. For them it cannot well be too rich. If the soil of the border in which the bulbs are planted is very fertile, the flowers will generally be fine for the first season; but after that there is a tendency to multiply too rapidly; the main bulb breaks up into slender divisions which crowd one another too much for healthy development; often many bulbils in addition are formed round the base of the old bulb, and the whole mass soon dies. In other cases, especially where the soil holds wet, the foundations are laid of a very destructive disease, called basal-rot, in which the bulb, after lingering for one or two seasons, gradually dies. Where a tendency to rapid multiplication prevails, try deep planting—say 6 inches instead of the regulation 4 inches—but those who wish to obtain a large stock of any choice kind, and prefer shallow planting, should dig up the bulbs early in every summer, and after allowing



Daffodils Obvallaris

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them to dry thoroughly, separate and re-plant them, giving growing room to each. Those who have a large mixed garden cannot replant their whole stock of Daffodils every season, but for delicate and choice kinds this treatment will be found successful. We do not believe that any soil which is naturally good for Daffodils ever becomes lull- sick; that is to say, conducive to disease or decay from being long under the same crop. We find that these plants grow thickly and flower luxuriantly for

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