

is even more effective during the winter than in the summer months. It is so easily increased, and is so useful, even in the tiny (lump-pots, that, whether for table decoration or for large vases it is equally effective.

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**LIABILITY OF SEED MERCHANTS.**

At the Birmingham Assizes Mr. Robert Tunnicliffe Pooler, farmer, of Sutton House Farm, near Newport, Salop, brought an action against Messrs. White Brothers, Limited, seed potato merchants, Evesham, claiming £335 16/11 damages for certain alleged breaches of warranty on the sale of seed potatoes.

Counsel for the plaintiff explained that the defendants admitted that they contracted to supply the up-to-date potatoes, but they denied that they gave any warranty. On the contrary, they said it was part of the expressed term of the agreement that they would give no warranty, and they stated that the potatoes corresponded to the descrip-

are useless in dealing with this pest. A recent number of the "Bulletin" of the Trinidad Botanical Department gives a number of devices for their destruction, from which we quote the following:—

For the extirpation of ants the following remedies are good. To be effective they require attention and perseverance. It is well to find their main burrow or nest, if possible. Arsenic is sure destruction to them, but it is dangerous to handle.

Air-slaked lime plentifully dusted in warm, dry weather over and around the ant hills, or in the house or other places infested, will cause the ants to vacate them in a short time.

Snuff.—Dust a little snuff upon the floor of the rooms or pantry.

Draw a thick chalk line around a smooth tree or across an upright board or post, and they will not pass over it.

Camphor.—Put a piece of camphor, the size of a filbert nut, into two quarts of cold water. When cold apply to pot and other plants, and the insects will be driven off without injury to the plants.

Mix together one part of calomel and 10 parts of finely powdered white sugar, lay it in little heaps about their nests



**A New Berry, called the Lowberry, a cross between the Blackberry and Loganberry.**

To destroy black ants.—A few leaves of green wormwood scattered among the haunts of black ants will drive them away.  
Red ants.—Powdered borax sprinkled around will exterminate both red and black ants.

The "drag" which is stocked in 4-prong size, and occasionally 6-prong. These drags are rather heavy, and the prongs too long, but they can of course be shortened by a blacksmith. We think our correspondent could get one made by a handy blacksmith to suit his purpose. We append a drawing of what it should be like. The prongs (5) may be either round or flat. They make good work, but many gardeners won't have them, asserting that they are either too heavy or badly set.

**CHRYSANTHEMUM CALEDONIA.**

At a recent meeting of the R.H.S., some flowers of this remarkable single variety were shown measuring about 1 1/2 in across. The rays are rosy pink, with a white zone round the orange disc, and they stand out horizontally even after having been cut for some days. An Award of Merit was granted when shown by Messrs. George Williams and Sons, Manor House Nurseries, Canton, Cardiff. They also had a First-class Certificate at Edinburgh, and one of the same flowers were shown on this occasion.

**HORTICULTURE ABROAD.**

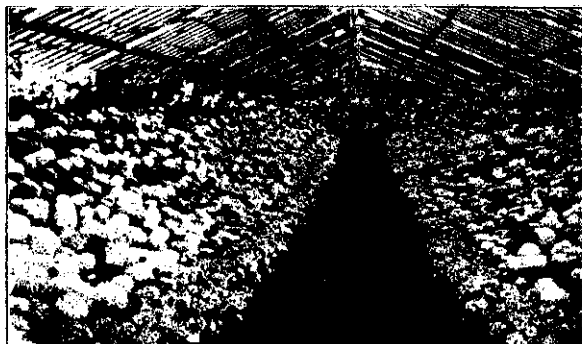
At a meeting of the Horticultural Society of New South Wales, Mr. A. Yates, vice-president, who had just returned from a visit to England, gave a very interesting account of the many fine things he had seen at Home, and the method of showing, etc. He said he arrived just in time for the second day of the Temple Show, and which no doubt is the finest show held. The exhibits were simply amazing, especially the trade exhibits. The centre of the show was composed mostly of orchids, while the sides were taken up with stove and other plants. The trade exhibits were there for sale as well as for show, each exhibitor having his own salesman. Major Halford's exhibit of orchids was something marvellous at the Great quinquennial show, winning the Veitchian Cup, and in which Miltonias were very much in evidence, although not much grown here. The American carnations were excellent blooms, four inches across, and four feet high, grown in pots. In Tuberous Begonias he had seen nothing to equal those at Home. The Shrewsbury Show was also an excellent one. Kerr's Hip-

**The "Buco" Cultivator.**

Mr. George Hart, of Pukekohe, writes for information about the "Buco" cultivator, which he has been unable to procure.



The cultivator is evidently not stocked in Auckland. The nearest tool to it is



**Chrysanthemum House in the Victoria Park, London.**

tion given. They denied all damage, and set up a counterclaim for the price of the potatoes. An invoice was forwarded to plaintiff on April 23, and attached to it was a pink slip stating that the defendants gave no warranty express or implied, and, while taking every care, accepted no responsibility in regard to the crop.

The plaintiff, giving evidence, said there were not two per cent of the potatoes of the "Up-to-Date" variety, the others being every mixture imaginable. He estimated his loss at £25 2/6 per acre.

Richard White (managing director of White Brothers, Evesham) said he was satisfied that it was all "Up-to-Date" seed. The pink slip setting forth the non-warranty clause was attached to all quotations and invoices. He wrote to plaintiff, quoting various prices, and to that letter a pink slip was attached.

His Lordship, in summing up, invited the jury to say, first of all, whether the contract between the parties included the non-warranty clause.

The jury said they were of opinion the plaintiff was unaware of the non-warranty clause when the contract was made.

This was a verdict for the plaintiff, and the only question remaining was one of damages.

The jury assessed the damages at £242 less the amount of the counterclaim. Judgment was consequently given for £210 6 6. Execution was stayed on the usual terms.

**NATIONAL SWEET PEA SOCIETY**

At the annual meeting of the National Sweet Pea Society (England) it was stated that there were 779 members and 51 societies in affiliation. The balance-sheet showed a total income of £573 14 6, including £263 0 7 subscriptions for 1908. The expenditure left a balance of £32 8 11.

**TO EXTERMINATE ANTS.**

Ants are often a great nuisance in the garden, and we are frequently asked how to destroy them. They are difficult to exterminate, and ordinary insecticides

and runs. The ants will eat it and die. Coal oil, mixed with six times its bulk of water, sprinkled over the nests every few days, will kill and drive them away. Pans or saucers nearly filled with honey or sweet oil attracts ants, and they are drowned in it.

Flowers of sulphur, 1lb.; potash, 4oz. Set in an earthen vessel over the fire until dissolved and united. Afterwards beat to a powder. Infuse a little of the powder in water and sprinkle in places infested with ants.



**A Group of Fine Foliage Plants as arranged for Exhibition.**