



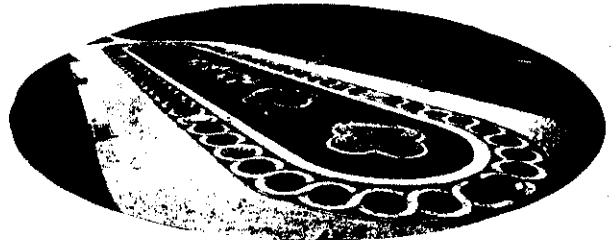
BALCH'S NEW TOMATO, FILLBASKET.

up with the others that it is difficult to define its original characteristics. The class, however, embraces some delightful forms with well-shaped flowers and handsome foliage, so that it is a special favourite, and most of the varieties bloom right up to winter.

A New Tomato.

The varieties of tomatoes at present in the market, besides being numerous, are of very superior quality in every way, so that a new sort must be of outstanding merit indeed in order to secure a position in the crowded ranks. Yet, notwithstanding the fact that there are a multitude of very fine tomatoes in cultivation at the present time, room can still be found for a good thing when it comes along.

The variety referred to is named Balch's Fillbasket, a most appropriate name, for it has never been the writer's good fortune to see such a fine crop in either a private or market garden. This



A FORMAL GARDEN AT SALT BURN-BY-THE-SEA.

Here we have the formal idea carried to the extreme; this being the more noticeable as this garden lacks big trees and large surrounding shrubberies to set it off.

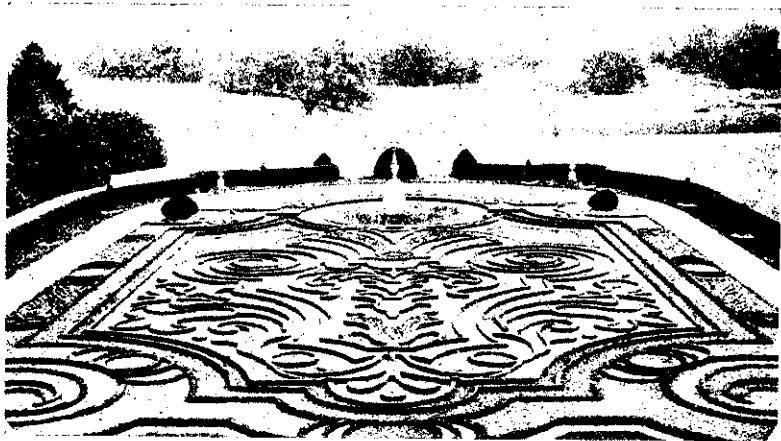
tirely free from disease of any kind. Another house, from which a crop of early lettuce had been taken, was filled with this same variety; three bunches were allowed to each plant, and such bunches they were!—every one as large as the one shown in the photo.

firm of seed merchants and bulb-growers, Barr and Sons, 11, 12, and 13, King-street, Covent Garden.

About this time Mr. Barr commenced his study of daffodils—then a practically unknown flower. He bought up collections of bulbs, and made special

shelter may be made to bloom in the heart of winter, while it is not too much to expect that before long we shall have regular succession of roses blooming all the year round, and that many which now extend their buds late in the spring and shed their leaves early in the autumn will either be changed to evergreens themselves or their leading properties imparted to others which are evergreen.

It is interesting to look into the classes which produce these late flowers. The hybrid perpetual from its name would be expected to furnish all we need; but, unfortunately many of this class are anything but regular in their capacity for flowering continuously.



A WONDERFUL FORMAL GARDEN AT STOKE EDITH, NOTABLE FOR THE MAZE-LIKE INTRICACIES OF ITS BOX BORDERS.

is a most profitable variety for any purpose, public or private, as it sets freely, is an immense cropper, and produces heavy bunches of fruit at short intervals all over the plant. The fruit is round and well formed, perfectly smooth, and of a rich, bright scarlet colour. The flesh is firm, with few seeds, and the flavour is all that can be desired.

We question if there is at the present time any other variety that would yield so great a weight of fruit in a given space. Two plants were selected for photographing in a house 100ft long by 20ft wide filled with this variety. The plants were about 8ft high—the average height of the plants in the house—and carried nine bunches each, which we estimated would be about 20lb to each plant. A single bunch, with some fruits cut off, weighed 3lb 10oz.

We were much impressed by the robust health of the plants, which were sturdy and short jointed, and en-

DEATH OF THE "DAFFODIL KING."

MR. PETER BARR, TO WHOM SPRING FLOWER'S POPULARITY IS DUE.

The death was announced on September 20 of Mr. Peter Barr, V.A.H., popularly known among horticulturists and flower-lovers as the "daffodil king."

For over twenty years the late Mr. Barr made a study of daffodils in his spare time, and the present-day popularity of the charming spring flower is largely due to his labours.

Born at Govan, N.B., in 1826, Mr. Barr was destined for the weaving looms, but his chief interests then, as later, were flowers, and at an early age he was employed by a Glasgow seedsman.

In 1861 he started business on his own account, founding the well-known

journeys to Spain and Portugal in search of new varieties.

On one of these journeys he discovered and cultivated the Queen of Spain daffodil, which can now be purchased at 17/6 per 100 bulbs, and is grown by every flower enthusiast.

Some of the most expensive daffodils now sold by Barr and Sons, which Mr. Barr cultivated and studied are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	
Taritsa	30	0	0	a bulb
Seraphine	25	0	0	a bulb
Masterpiece	25	0	0	a bulb
Bedouin	24	0	0	a bulb
Uncle Robert	18	18	0	a bulb
Peter Barr	10	10	0	a bulb

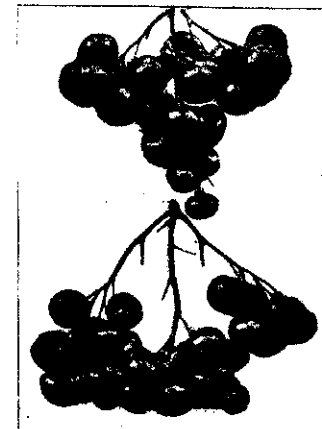
There are many other varieties of daffodil which are sold at £10 10/- a bulb.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY FLORAL CLOCK IN AN EDINBURGH GARDEN.

It is composed entirely of different coloured flowers, and actually records the time, the hands being moved by means of an electrical contrivance.



BALCH'S FILLBASKET TOMATO.

Top bunch weighs 3 lbs. 10 ozs. and under
lunch 3 lbs. 13 ozs.

Roses in autumn are not only desirable but valuable, especially when the bedding plants commence to fade. It is much easier to select the most characteristic members of this family than to define their typical character, for, though the term "hybrid perpetual" conveys to the mind of the experienced rosarian some very distinct ideas, there is not perhaps a single variety that could be justly selected as a type of the whole.

The first tea-scented roses came, curiously enough, from China about a century ago. The florists have operated upon them to such an extent that they are now a very numerous family, remarkable for scent, shape in bud state, and include the most exquisite tints. Being as a whole less hardy than the H.P.s., they flourish only in rich, well-drained soils, in somewhat sheltered spots; they are also largely grown for winter blooming under glass. The noisette rose was originally obtained from a cross, also about a century ago, and has now become so entangled by hybridising with the tea-scented that the original type seems almost to have disappeared. It is a lovely rose, and possesses in its original form the pretty feature of producing large trusses of blooms. The Bourbon rose originated in France almost a century ago, and this, too, has become so mixed