

AS SEEN THROUGH WOMAN'S EYES.

Coronation Lilies.

Nurserymen and florists at Home have made great preparations for the enormous demands which are to be made upon them at Coronation time. Flower dealers unite in prophesying that the season will be an extraordinary one for them. At present huge plots of ground are under cultivation, and great quantities of bulbs and different roots are growing, looking to the needs of the King's crowning.

It seems to be the unanimous opinion that the lily of the valley will be the flower of the King's choice. His Majesty is in so many ways consulting the Queen's taste as to the

details of the Coronation that it will not be surprising if he gives precedence to her favourite flower, the lily of the valley.

One dealer received an order for 14,000,000 lily of the valley bulbs, this number representing at least one billion blooms.

Miss Dalton, the florist of Pilgrimage-street, Ludgate-hill, says:—

"The rose and lily of the valley will, I feel confident, be the flowers most used for the Coronation, the former for massive decoration, the latter in more delicate ornamentation. The lily of the valley, tradition says, is the flower of the English Edwards.

"In designs," continued Miss Dalton, "the Imperial crown will be chief. I hear of some already being prepared in gilded natural leaves (prepared), and immense garlands in cypress leaves, either in natural green, scarlet, or gold, will be used. I am told on good authority that table decorations will be chiefly in scarlet and gold, or purple and gold.

"For street purposes artificial flowers will be chiefly used. West End mansions are likely to be decorated with the family coat of arms designed in real flowers, as well as the crown and Royal initials. The run on all June flowers will be immense. The golden buttercup and all the yellow daisy species will be

popular. The scarlet geranium will be much used in design work."

Romance of an Umbrella.

It isn't often that an umbrella is a factor in the course of true love and plays a part that makes its current run smoothly, yet that is what happened a few months ago, with the result of a happy consummation that has just followed, according to the story told by the president of one of the great banks in the financial district.

"I was not at all pleased with the attention that my daughter was receiving from a poor young lawyer,"



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