



NEATLY STAKED AND WELL GROWN.

Sweet peas in Mr. G. C. Holder's garden at Porirua.

Sweet Peas." It deals also with the best waved or Spencer varieties; the best grandiflora or old type varieties; classification, how to exhibit, the best manures to use, the newest varieties, how to decorate tables, and many other practical and useful hints. Mr. Sydenham, in giving a description of every known sweet pea in commerce says: "I know there may be a few others that have been exhibited during the last year or two as new varieties under fancy names, but these must be looked upon with great caution. There may also be some other new varieties that have only been exhibited during the past year (1909) in different parts of the

country, but as they were neither sent to Reading for trial, nor exhibited in any of the larger shows, I can hardly be blamed if they are not described." Mr. Sydenham gives the following, what he considers the best, forty-six varieties in cultivation or that will be in commerce during the present year:—

- America Spencer
- Asta Olin
- Black Knight
- Black Knight Spencer
- Brilliant Blue
- Clara Curris
- Constance Oliver



A COLLECTION OF SWEET PEAS, SET UP IN THE SYDENHAM RURAL DECORATIONS, EXHIBITED IN LONDON, JULY, 1909.

- Countess Spencer
- Dazzler
- Dorothy Eckford
- Earl Spencer
- Elsie Herbert
- Etta Dyke
- Evelyn Hemus
- Florence Morse Spencer
- Frank Dolby
- G. C. Waud
- George Clark
- George Herbert
- George Stark
- Helen Lewis
- Helen Pierce
- John Ingram
- King Edward VII.
- King Edward Spencer
- (The King)
- Lady Grisel Hamilton
- Lord Allthorp
- Lord Nelson
- Marjorie Willis
- Mrs. A. Ireland
- Mrs. Chas. Foster
- Mrs. Collier
- Mrs. C. W. Breamore
- Mrs. Hardestyle Sykes
- Mrs. Henry Bell
- Mrs. Hugh Dickson
- Mrs. Walter Wright
- Mrs. William King
- Paradise Carmine
- Paradise Ivory
- Queen Alexandra
- Saint George

- Sumproof Crimson
- (The King or King Edward Spencer)
- The Marquis
- White Spencer

Mr. Sydenham describes the following as the best 24 waved varieties: Apple Blossom Spencer, Clara Curris, Constance Oliver, or Mrs. Henry Bell, Countess Spencer, Etta Dyke, Evelyn Hemus, George Herbert, Helen Lewis, Marjorie Willis, Mrs. Charles Foster,



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Mrs. Hardestyle Sykes, Sumproof Crimson or The King, America Spencer, Black Knight Spencer, Chrissie Unwin, Elsie Herbert, Frank Dolby, Glylys Unwin, Mrs. A. Ireland, Mrs. Henry Bell or Constance Oliver, Paradise Ivory, Phenomenal, The Marquis Zephyr.

A GENEROUS OFFER.

We understand that Mr. Sydenham has made a splendid offer to the Auckland Horticultural Society. He proposes to donate to the Society for the show to be held in December a first prize challenge cup to be won two years in succession or three times in all before it becomes the property of the winner. In the meantime the holder of the cup would be entitled to a gold medal until it was won right out, or any piece of plate he fancies to the value of two guineas. Mr. Sydenham will also give a second prize of two guineas in cash or a piece of plate of rustic decoration to the value of two pounds ten shillings; a third prize of 30/- or rural decoration to the value of 41/7/6, and a fourth prize of 21/- or medal to the value of 25/-, and a special medal, value 15/-, to every prize if there are six exhibitors, and another prize if there are eight exhibitors, and another if ten exhibitors.



SWEET PEAS IN NEW ZEALAND GARDENS.

This scene was taken in Mr. G. C. Holder's garden at Porirua, and illustrates the method of supporting as well as the vigorous growth of the plants.