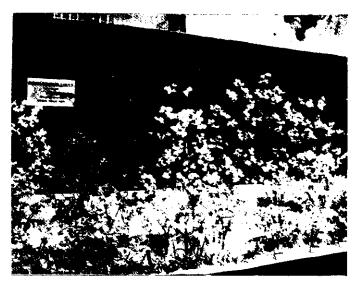


NEATLY STAKED AND WELL GROWN. Sweet peas in Mr. G. C. Holder's garden at Porirua.

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 knuwn 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 wirh 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 hat-fly 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 Speacer Asta Ohn Black Knight Black Knight Spencer Brilliant Blue Clara Curtis Constance Oliver



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

Countess Spencer Bazzler 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 John Ingram King Edward VII. King Edward Spencer (The King) Lady Grisel Hamilton Lord Mithorp Lord Nelson Lord Nelson Marjorie Willis Mrs. A. Ireland Mrs. Chas. Foster Mrs. Collige Mrs. Collige Mrs. Hardcasthe Sykes Mrs. Hardcasthe Sykes Mrs. Hugh Dickson Mrs. Walter Wright Mrs. Williem Kine Mrs. William King Paradise Carmine Paradise Ivory Queen Alexandra Saint George

Sumproof Urinson (The King or King Edward Spencer) The Marquis White Spencer Mr. Sydenham describes the following as the best 24 waved varieties: Apple Blosson Spencer, Ulara Unitis, Constance Oliver, or Mrs. Henry hell, Countess Spencer, Etta Dyke, Evelyn Hemus, George Berbert, Helen Lewis, Marjorie Willis, Mrs. Charles Foster,



MR. ROBERT SYDENHAM.

Mrs. Hardeastle Sykes, Sumproof Urinson or The King, America Spencer, Black Knight Spencer, Unrissie Unwin, Elsie Herbert, Frank Dolby, Ghalys Luwin, Mrs. A. Ireland, Mrs. Benry Bell or Constance Oliver, Ernadise Ivory, Phenomenal, The Marquis Zephyr,

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A GENEROUS OFFER.

We understand that Mr. Sydenlinn has made a splendid offer to the Auck and Bortenthural Society. He proposes to donate to the Society for the shows to be held in Becember a first prize challenge exp. to be weat two years in sucression or three times in all before it becomes the property of the winner, in the meantime the helder of the exp would be entitled to a gold medal until it was won right out, or any piece of plate le tancies to the value at two gameas. Mr. Sydenham will also give a second prize of two gameas in each or a press of plate of rustic decoration to the value of two pounds ten shillings; a third prize of 30° , or much decoration to the value of needal to the value of 2° , and a special medal value 15, to every prize if there are sight exhibits, and another if there are eight exhibits,



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.