

nations will perhaps take the lead, and sweet peas may follow, but the American, or perpetual, carnation has many advantages. It is very easily propagated, and in England, where these varieties used to be despised and looked upon as "abortions," they now have a firm hold on public favour, nor

can this be surprising when we consider how admirably these flowers are adapted for almost every kind of decoration work—the fine long, sturdy stems they throw up, their delicate perfume, and their splendid lasting qualities. They find a ready sale on the Covent Garden markets, and there can be little doubt they would do the same here.

Some of our very finest carnations very rarely produce an exhibition bloom in the open, unless they are practically "housed," and most of the American varieties are only suited for inside work. This, at all events, has been our experience with them, whilst the majority of American type raised in England have proved worthless in the open here.

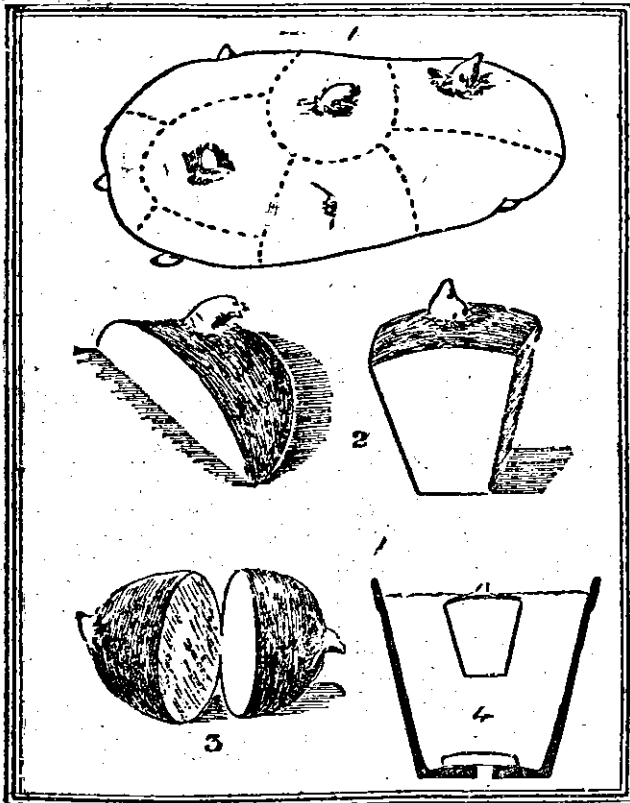
The perpetual carnation has come to stay, and it is useless shutting our eyes to the fact. We have it on what we regard as good authority that in a very few years' time the Perpetual Carnation Society of England will oust the other society, unless the two find some common ground, and amalgamate. Our present need, however, is some plant which will supply us with bloom when outside flowers are over, and we think that growers should be well advised in turning their attention to the growing of carnations under glass to meet this want.

POTATO EYES.

AND HOW TO PROPAGATE.

We give an illustration of propagating potatoes by a single eye or bud. This method is usually adopted when potatoes are scarce, and the practice is one worthy of consideration. Usually potatoes are planted with far too many eyes or buds, and some growers go over their plots, thinning out the weak shoots, which tends to the production of a more uniform sample. When the single-eye plan is put into practice, the eye should be thick and strong; weak, stringy eyes are little use for planting. The utility of single eyes is of great value in sending by post; the larger portion of the tuber can be cut off and only a small portion left with the eye, and if carefully packed in moss or damp sawdust

it will carry a long distance. It is advisable before packing for long journeys to allow the flesh to dry for a day. On arrival at the destination they can be set in the open ground if the season and soil are suitable; but where these conditions do not obtain they can be potted as shown in the illustration. Any amateur having a few choice potatoes may, by following this simple plan, put a distant friend in possession of a few of his favourite variety.



INCREASING A STOCK OF POTATOES BY EYES.

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