

varieties are best. *Brodiaea coccinea* is a very attractive little flower not often grown as it should be. *Chionodoxa* has beautiful blue flowers. *Chlidanthus fragrans* has very handsome yellow flowers of good size. A variety is catalogued as *Fragrans major*. This is wrong and very misleading. It is a totally distinct plant of different habit. It is *Hemrocallis major*, and, though a good thing, is inclined to be rather aggressive owing to its strong stooling habit. It is well worth having where there is plenty of room. Once planted it will look after itself. The crocus, hyacinth, and tulip are so well known as to require nothing beyond a reminder to plant now, though a hint about pot culture may be acceptable. The difficulty frequently experienced is to get the flower-head to throw up boldly. The reason is that top growth is always inclined to get ahead of root-development, resulting in stunted heads. When the bulbs are planted in the open ground this difficulty is not met, but in pots the crown of the bulb is of necessity too near the light. The proper thing to do after potting is to lay the pots on their side with the bottom ends against a wall. Then cover them up with a heap of coal-ashes or sand. Coal-ashes are best. Leave them for about six weeks. Then examine and bring out to light any that are pushing out growth. *Lachenalia tricolor* and *Nelsoni* are bright, easily cultivated plants. *Milla* or *Tritelia uniflora* are showy little bulbs. Some object to them because of an oniony smell. *Ranunculus* are very beautiful, though not so uniformly successful as most bulbs. They will not do in a soil that alters its character under the changing influence of wet and dry. It must be permanently friable and non-binding. Then they will succeed. *Sparaxis* varieties are all worth while.

Preparations should be made for raising *biennials*. They may be sown at any time from now up to the beginning of April. Most of this class of plant will fail to flower next season unless the plants are raised in autumn. Others will flower, but at a much later period. *Antirrhinums* are of this nature. Sow them in autumn for early summer flowers, and in spring for autumn flowers. *Gypsophila paniculata*, a much-sought-for plant, will flower next season if sown in autumn. This plant should be grown on in small pots. It is very hard to establish if the roots are broken. Canterbury bells; East Lothian, Brompton, and Intermediate stocks; dianthus, columbines, gaillardias, *Coreopsis grandiflora*, and various other perennials, as well as biennials, should be also sown, such as sweet-williams, and carnations of all races.

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The call for better farming means, first of all, right reasoning and a study of economic production; it means more and better farm equipment; fewer acres to the man, scientifically cultivated; greater variety of crops, heavier yields per acre, and more and better live-stock.