

REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS

GOD'S LOVE, AND BEAUTY

My Father in Heaven, help me never to forget Thy Love to me. It comes with the light of the morning, and it remains with the light of the stars of the night. It looks up at me in the beauty of the flower. It shines upon me in the smile of a friend. All beautiful things are the gifts of Thy love. Help me to be thankful, and to link every beautiful thing with Thee.

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friends are these your sentiments? If not, why not? PARK

In due time the plants appeared, standing erect like soldiers on parade, and grew from day to day until about 2ft. tall, branching into little trees. At last clusters of little buds appeared at the tip of every

branch. These opened into red phlox-like blooms and I thought I had never seen such beautiful flowers before, After some time, the flowers faded and dropped off, but I was surprised to find the little stems holding up broad thin disks that really appeared like little moons about the size of a half-dollar.



I knew then why the plant was called Moon seed, for each disc held a small seed that was apparent through the thin covering. As these ripened, I cut off the branches, tied them in a bunch and dried them for room decoration during the Winter. Park.

MY Esteemed Patrons: When I was a small boy one day in early Spring, my mother let me go to visit my aunt on the old Springtown farm. The sun was shining brightly, the robins held a concert in the blooming orchard, the golden daffodils waved their trumpets in the breeze as I passed along. It was a happy day for me and before I left, cousin Mary took down the little bag that hung by the window and divided her flower seeds with me, one was labeled Moon-seed and I wondered why, for the little seeds were not like a moon. The next day, however, I took the seeds to my little garden and sowed them in rows, carefully labeled.



ROYAL MIMULUS (*Imperialis*)

A MAGNIFICENT POT PLANT FOR THE PORCH OR WINDOW

Away back in the early '70s when I built and cared for my first greenhouse, two of the seedling plants that I particularly enjoyed were *Nierembergia Gracilis*, page 42, and *Mimulus Tigrinus*, page 40. The latter was given a rather shady place and moist sandy soil and the plants grew thriftily and bloomed abundantly. The flowers were single and quite large and the color was golden yellow blotched and marked in the most picturesque manner. They made such a fine display and were so much admired that I have ever since had a warm feeling for the entire list of *Mimulus*, or so-called Monkey Flower. New varieties of *Tigrinus* have been added, varying in colors and markings from canary to orange scarlet, adding greatly to their diversity and beauty. Queen's Prize with its variegations is a marvelous mixture, the fls. being very large, of many shades and richly marked. Recently, however, a strain with hose-in-hose or duplex flowers has been developed, known as *Royal Mimulus*, or *Imperialis* and I am pleased to give an engraving of a plant of this beautiful variety. It is a *Mimulus* of rare merit, very free-blooming and marvelously beautiful.