

## REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS

YEARS ago when I began to cultivate flowers, I knew nothing of the Dianthus Hedde and Laciniatus, beautiful Pinks that came from Japan and bloom the first season. The first varieties were single flowered but the skillful florist began to improve them in size and form and new double-flowered varieties were developed and introduced. One of the most beautiful of these was introduced by Vilmorin under the name of Diadem Pink, the flowers being large, very double and every petal richly variegated, red, pink and purple and distinctly margined with white. The handsome wood engraving here given, I found in the American Agriculturist at that time from whom I got it- That exquisite Japan Pink has never been excelled or displaced, it is still beautiful and makes a gorgeous bed. I take pleasure

in still supplying the seeds of this superb old Pink. It well deserves its place among the finest varieties of Japan Pinks yet introduced. Packet of 200 seeds 5cts. See page 34.

Beautiful Ipomoeas. Some years ago I sowed seeds of Ipomoea Violaacea Vera, Heavenly blue also white, known also as Rubro-coerulea. I sowed of both colors and the vines grew rapidly during Summer, attaining the height of 30 to 50 feet and in early Autumn the buds began to appear in great numbers and such a display of lovely Ipomoeas, I had never before seen- The plants

revellled in the viney and became almost smothered with bloom, eliciting the admiration of all beholders. The new Violaacea Vera Praecox blooms earlier and the Heavenly blue flowers are always a source of pleasure to all who grow them. The light blue co-or especially handsome, is not found in any other Ipomoeas, the nearest to approach it is that of Ail Grandiflora Ferrandiana, a vine that blooms more promptly and is a novelty worth growing. Plants are readily started from seeds, easily transplanted and thrive in any rich sunny bed. See page 52.

A Lovely Vine. One of the most beautiful of seedling vines is Thunbergia Alata. The seeds start readily and the plants conic quickly into bloom. In good soil and a sunny situation they will grow rapidly to a height of fifteen to twenty feet and be covered with bloom from early Summer until frost. The foliage is handsome, and the flowers large and attractive, mostly shades of yellow with a distinct black eye, or pure white with a black eye. For a

porch, or to cover a summer house, hardly anything better could be recommended. If the plants are grown in pots they will soon cover a pot trellis and if transferred to the window will bloom freely throughout the Winter. It is one of the good vines that I heartily recommend.

A Rare Vine. On page 15 is an engraving and description of the new wax Gourd, ornamental and nutritious as food and as easily grown as a squash. Try it, only Sets. per packet.

About Success. As arule my patrons send glowing accounts of their success. One stating that she grew plants from each of 70 packets except one packet and she thought that it did not have time to come up. It is annoying to have a report from another that out of 50 packets, she got but one

plant. Such reports excite my sympathy and regret, sympathy for the one who would waste money for choice flower seeds and get no results because of careless sowing and regret on my part that so many of my good seeds were wasted for the same reason. These reports tell us who truly love flowers and who do not, but simply admire them-

The mother who truly loves her child gives it her best care and attention and it thrives and velopes. The one who does not hold her child in tionate regard, neglects it and it often suffers and dies. The same is true of the love of flowers and plants. Most of my patrons are

and are successful. They are delightful people to deal with and I am always glad to give them such information and help as will promote the best results. To the careless and neglectful patron of



DIADEM PINK

Au old Japan Pink that has never been excelled in beauty.

whnch I have but few, I sometimes send a second package embracing such seeds as Sunflowers, Four-o'clocks, and common Zinnias, flowers that will afford beauty even if thrown into the soil and allowed to be cared for by nature. I guarantee the vitality of my seeds, but to have them replaced, reports must be in accordance with the requirements given in the little booklet of directions, etc. sent with every package. In that little booklet I tell just how I sow seeds myself, there may be better ways, but as a rule, success will be attained by carefully following the explicit directions which I give, and by which I have the best success myself. It seems he artless and wasteful to spend money for first class seeds and get no results because of carelessness and neglect. Park.