

ILLUSTRATED NOTES AND COMMENTS

Cuphaea Miniata. This, shown in the little engraving is an annual not well known, but deserves a place in the garden- It can also be grown in pots in Winter in a window- The flowers are showy and pretty, and produced for a long time, decorating the garden or window with flowers that are rare, bright and pretty- There are a number of other species, all of



which are worth growing, but the best known and most popular is Cuphaea Platycentra which is a favorite greenhouse plant with pretty scarlet flowers, tipped with black and often called Cigar Plant because of its peculiar-shaped flowers. This species is hardy in the South, but will not endure the Northern Winters. A mixed packet includes all the kinds and is always a source of pleasure. See page 33.

Gourds. The Gourds are a very ornamental class of plants but mostly rather coarse in foliage, the fruits, however, are of many different shapes and colors and the various kinds are a source of pleasure and admiration- The dipper Gourd includes many varieties, all with different formed fruits- The plants grow 10 to 20 ft- in height, have pretty white fringed fragrant firs, and are useful for covering a trellis or Summer-house.

While the fruits when ripened, can be kept and used for various purposes- The



bitter box or toy Gourds do not need a trellis as they thrive trailing over the ground. The little fruits in many shapes, colors, and markings are valuable as children's toys, and a little basket filled with the various kinds is interesting for the library table. The larger fruits known as Pumpkins, Squashes, etc- are edible and valuable for table use as well as for feeding stock- Always add at least a packet of mixed Gourds to your order- See pages 52 and 53.

Salpiglossis. This is one of the beautiful little annuals too much neglected- The flowers are Petunia-like in form, delicate in texture and their rich colors are gracefully penciled and marked, so that they are greatly admired- Plants grow 2 feet high, bloom freely during Summer, and when set 6 inches apart in the bed they make a fine display- Their exquisite beauty and easy culture commend them to

all who grow outdoor plants. See page 46.

New Campanula- On another page I offer the Campanula Medium, that blooms the first season when started early. This is a very desirable Canterbury Bell and should become popular. All the colors are represented and I feel that this is a very valuable novelty deserving a place in every garden- page 30.

Browallia Elate. Another little flower that does well in beds or window pots is Browallia Elate. It is everb looming, and the flowers are mostly blue and white- As window plants they are always in flower, even under unfavorable conditions, a quality that makes it a favorite for that purpose- The new Browallia Viscose is more compact in growth and much more free blooming- It will doubtless displace the older varieties because of these desirable qualities. See page 29.



Annual Chrysanthemum. These are flowers of the easiest culture blooming freely throughout the Summer, and making a fine display in garden beds- The little engraving shows a Chrysanthemum Tricolor (



), the flowers of which are variegated white, yellow, and red. Lord Beaconsfield is the best of these in singles. 5c. There are also double varieties which are perhaps more showy. C- Coronarium has flowers of various colors from white to orange. Seeds of

these germinate readily and plants are easily transplanted. Set them 8 or 10 in apart- See page 32.

Ten Weeks Stock. Why this annual is not more popular seems a mystery. It is of easy culture, not troubled with diseases, and possesses all the elements of a perfect pot and garden flower- The flowers are full double, fine in texture, bright in color, and remain in bloom for a long time. Started in Spring and transplanted 8 in- apart the dwarf kinds make a showy beautiful bed blooming throughout the season- Their fragrance makes the garden air redolent with delicious perfume. The improved Bismarck varieties are unsurpassed for growing in the conservatory or greenhouse. Mt. MacDonald of California has been giving special attention



to this flower, and his strain is world famous, meriting enviable awards from prominent societies- On another page I offer his best strain; the seeds coming direct from Mr. MacDonald. They will not only be sure to grow, but will produce the finest spikes and flowers. There are no better seeds than these, and I offer them with pleasure, knowing that they will be a source of delight to all who get them- See page 47.