

Notes and News

The Horticultural Society of New York is raising a fund, for the aid of French fruit growers, in replanting the orchards of France devastated by the war, which it is hoped will reach at least \$10,000, of which about \$3000 has been subscribed by garden clubs, other horticultural societies and individuals. This fund will be distributed in coöperation with the American Red Cross and the Société d'Horticulture de France. An appeal for contributions to this fund is made to all in sympathy with its object. See the advertising section for the details of this most timely effort.

From all that the war means to us and our Allies, it is difficult to keep our minds. Yet there are other things which, even if they seem relaxation from the chief obligation of all of us, must not be neglected. A note from a recent issue of the *New York Sun*, points to one way of forgetting, for the moment, what we can forget permanently only to our peril.

"Flower growing has greatly increased as a recreation in this country as an indirect result of the European war. This is indicated by the interest in the coming exhibition of the Horticultural Society of New York, which is to take place at the American Museum of Natural History, November 9 to 11 inclusive. The more serious aspect of life at present has had the tendency to divert the American people from lighter amusement and to find relief from the pressure of other duties in avocations which bring them close to nature. Some also foresee that flowers will be required in all military hospitals for the solace of the wounded.

The attendance at the autumn show of the Horticultural Society of New York at the American Museum of Natural History, on November 8-11, seems to bear out the statement in the paragraph from the *Sun*. The show was more largely attended than any previous one. The foyer hall of the museum was filled with large bushes of chrysanthemums and tall pillars of blooms, while large individual blossoms and others ranging down to the tiny pompoms filled the adjoining galleries. Three of the large bush chrysanthemums came from the conservatories of Mr. Adolph Lewisohn, who in previous years has broken all records in the size of the bushes he has sent to the exhibitions. Two large bushes came from the estate of Mr. Samuel Untermyer and three from the country place of Mr. James B. Duke near Somerville, N. J.

A large basket, filled with tiny flat chrysanthemums, the original Asiatic species, from which the immense cultivated specimens of the western hemisphere have come, was one of the attractive exhibits. Among the prize win-

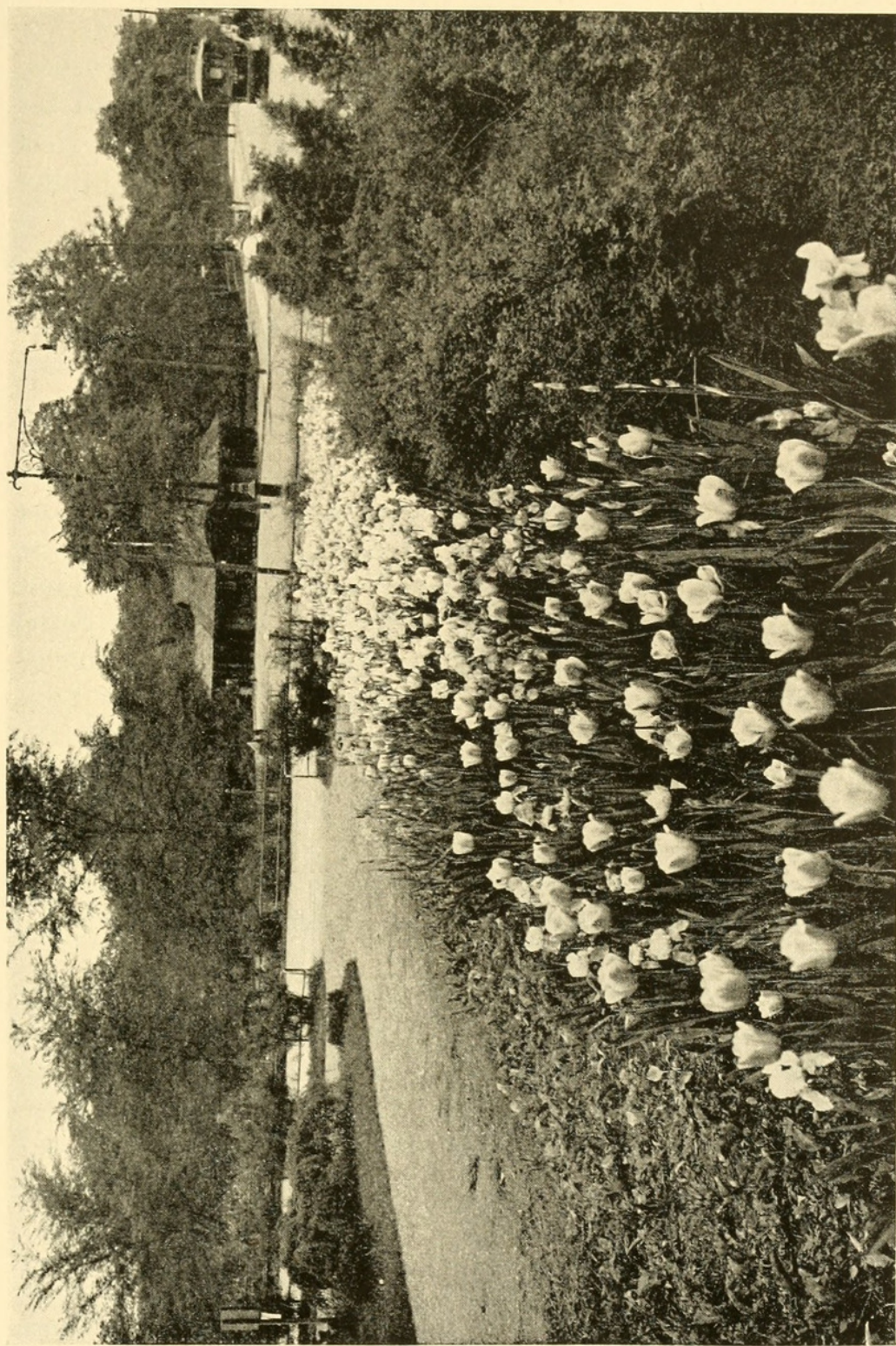
ners were Adolph Lewisohn, James B. Duke, Capt. J. R. De Lamar, W. B. Thompson, Samuel Untermyer, G. D. Barron, Percy Chubb, A. N. Cooley, Miss M. T. Cockcroft, Mrs. H. Darlington, Mrs. S. Newstadt, Mrs. Payne Whitney, Adrian Iselin and Frederick Sturges.

At about the same time another autumn flower show was held at the Engineering Building in West 39th Street. It consisted mostly of Chrysanthemums, the chief exhibitors including Mrs. Payne Whitney and Mr. Percy Chubb. One of the interesting exhibits was a large round bush pink chrysanthemum exhibited by the Park Department of the Borough of Brooklyn, which was grown entirely in the open.

Information has been received by the Bureau of Plant Industry from Henry Nehrling regarding the effects of the cold wave in February, 1917, upon the Aroids cultivated by him in his garden at Gotha, near Orlando, Florida. *Anthurium cristallinum*, *A. regale*, and *A. Warocqueanum*, growing in exposed situations, were killed outright. *Pothos aurea*, *Nepthytis liberica*, *Monstera deliciosa*, several species of *Philodendron* and of *Anthurium*, and all the bushy Spathiphyllums, *Schismaglottis*, *Aglaonemas* and *Homalomenas* were injured but soon rallied; while *Spathiphyllum Wallisii* and *Aglaonema marantifolia* were not in the least hurt. An interesting variegated-leaved Aroid sent by Mr. Nehrling for identification proved to be *Syngonium podophyllum albolineatum*. He had received it under the name *Pothos argyrea*, a synonym of *Scindapsus pictus*. It has deeply-lobed palmate leaves with white stripes along the principal nerves. The typical form, with green leaves, does not appear to be cultivated. It is endemic in the tropical forests of Mexico, and was known to the ancient Aztecs under the name *Hoacaxochitl*.—W. E. SAFFORD.

The American Dahlia Society held a successful show at the Engineering Building on September 25. About 6000 varieties were shown. Among the prize winners were Judge J. C. Marion of Brooklyn, who brought from his summer home at Greens Farms, Conn., a collection of fifty wonderful blooms, all different, that brought a first prize. C. Louis Alling of West Haven, Conn., got a first with twenty-four varieties of short stemmed blossoms, and Frank R. Austin, a New Jersey grower, carried off several firsts. Mrs. C. F. Cortledge of Locust Valley showed some prize winning cactus dahlias, and Mrs. H. Darlington of Mamaroneck scored with several collections of long stemmed blooms.

Other prize winners were Mrs. A. B. Jennings of Fairfield, Conn. and John P. Rooney of New Bedford, Mass. Richard Vincent, Jr., president



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of the Dahlia Society, brought a lovely collection from his greenhouses at Whitmarsh, Md.

The Red Cross dahlia, a hybrid cactus variety, of a wonderful yellow color shading to deep orange, which was new last year and on the market for the first time this season, has been practically sold out. This Dahlia brought a special prize to John F. Anderson, of Bernardsville, N. J., the grower.

Rudolph Appel, White Plains, N. Y., took the prize for big dahlias with a pink blossom, with yellow center, and Alfred E. Doty of New Haven won the prize for the smallest with a red pompom, the "Belle of Springfield." Mrs. H. Darlington took, among others, first prize for a beautiful pink peony dahlia, and another first for a basket of deep red cactus dahlias.

The necessity of increasing the food supply puts a double obligation on gardeners,—to save and to produce. One of the causes of worry last season was the lack of trained assistance. In fact, trained labor is the one pressing need on farms, and promises to be, says the New York State College of Agriculture. Since it seems difficult to increase the better supply, the College proposes to help make what labor there is more effective by giving free technical farm instruction to residents of New York. This instruction is designed to be of use to farmers themselves and to farm boys over eighteen years old.

As contributing to this, the College calls particular attention to the winter courses. These are of a practical nature and everything possible will be done to meet special needs. For example, the course in farm mechanics will give special attention to farm tractors, if, as seems likely, the students enrolled desire such instruction.

A feature of the course will be a series of weekly lectures under the general title of "Making Good on the Farm." In this series will be included talks by leaders of agriculture in the state and by farmers who will relate their own experience in farm enterprises. There will also be several lectures aimed to acquaint the student with the various state and local agricultural agencies whose activities may help the farmer in the present emergency. These talks will emphasize the fundamental lines of agricultural development.

An announcement of the courses may be obtained from the secretary of the College, Ithaca, N. Y. and many will avail themselves of the opportunity to make 1918 a banner year. The small garden as well as the farm will profit by the courses offered at Cornell, and many partial failures in back lot gardening near the larger cities might be successful in 1918 if more people could attend the lectures.



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