



Nephrolepis Tuberosa Plumosa.

**NEW HYBRID CARNATIONS**

By L. M. BENNINGTON.

Thanks to the skill of the hybridist, we now have races of lovely, fragrant, ever-blooming carnations, dwarf and bushy in growth, that show buds and flowers in four or five months after the seeds are sown.

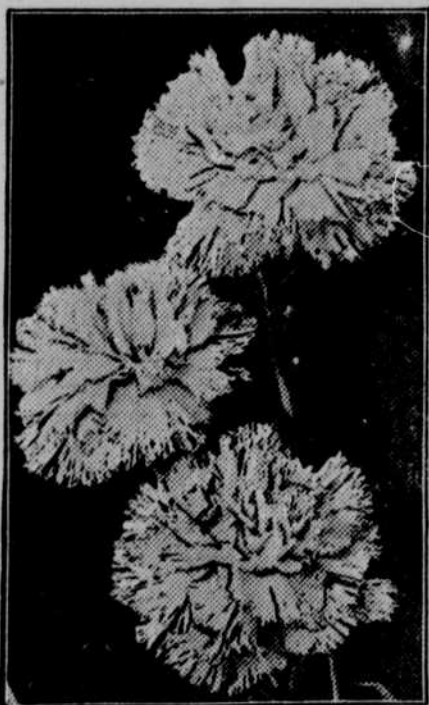
The flowers, too, are not only borne in abundance, but are of all the leading shades of color, from white through shades of pink to dark crimson, and from cream to bright yellow, as well as striped and blotched.

These new carnations are as easily grown as Japan pinks. The seeds may be sown in a box in the window during March or April, and the plants set out where they are to bloom when the weather becomes warm and settled.

Give them a sunny bed, and if you wish a fine show of flowers from each plant, pinch off the first stem that pushes up to bloom. This will cause the plant to stool out, and develop several stalks, each of which will bear a cluster of buds and flowers.

A rich, rather tenacious soil suits the plants, and they should stand eight inches apart in the row or bed.

For winter blooming sow the seeds in May or June and grow in pots, shift-



A Fine Example of New Striped Carnation.

ing into larger pots as the plants develop.

The seedlings are rarely troubled with rust, which is the bane of the florist's plants, grown from cuttings. The seeds mostly germinate in from five to seven days

**MULCH YOUR PLANTS**

If the season is warm, and the soil seems likely to dry out rapidly, water your plants well, and mulch about them with road dust. This will prevent the rapid evaporation of moisture from about the roots of the

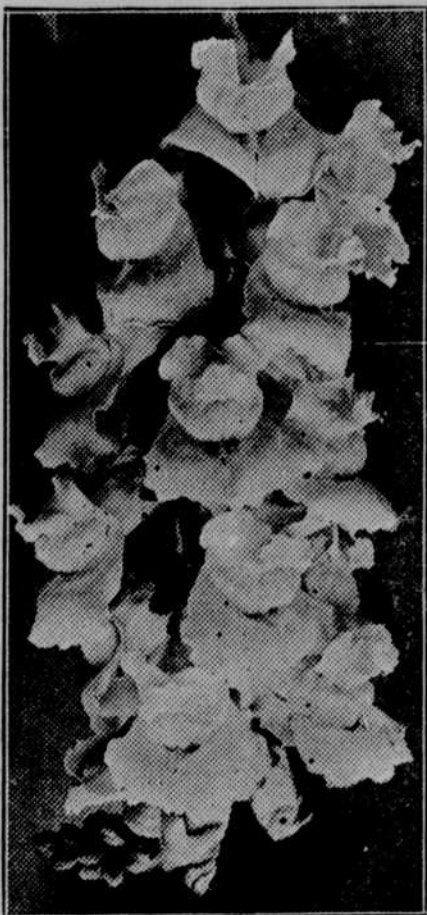
plants. Larger plants can be mulched with grass clippings from the lawn.

**FLOWER LIST FOR AMATEUR**

By L. R. O'BRIEN.

Among the most desirable plants for the amateur I would place the sweet pea first.

This flower has great value both for garden decoration and also for



Snapdragon One of the Old-Fashioned Favorites.

cutting. If care is taken not to allow it to develop seed, it will blossom during the entire season.

Plant at least three inches deep and as early as possible. Be sure and give a support of brush or of wire netting. The brush is preferable.

Among the old standbys is the petunia, which begins to bloom in June and keeps on blooming until frost. The flowers are showy and easily grown.

Phlox drummondii and the verbena are both profuse bloomers with a wide range of color and no garden should be without them.

Nasturtium, callopsis, the poppy and marigold are old tried and true favorites and should not be overlooked.

The most fragrant of flowers, the mignonette, the pansy, the ten week stock, the aster and the snapdragon should all find a place in the garden, however small it may be. A corner of bachelor's button, the ragged robin, requires little care and makes a glorious splash of color.

These are all old favorites, all are good, easily grown, and all are kinds that the beginner in gardening will soon get on friendly terms with.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT.**

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 24.—A Local League in Action.—A report from the Local Business League of St. Joseph, Mo., says in part:

"The Local League here has increased its membership threefold and is endeavoring to fill the place in the community for which it is ordained. The outlook to that end is very encouraging. The basic plan of action as adopted is 'one thing at the time.' For the present the task before us is that of getting our institution of charity, a hospital and orphanage for Northwestern Missouri, organized and endowed. Of course there are many minor activities engaging our attention from time to time as our league is becoming the clearing house for all ideas, projects and efforts of a social and economic nature."

**CHRISTIANITY.**

Christianity is the one religion which proffers to save a man without eliminating, mutilating or starving some part of his essential nature. Christianity saves men wholly. Buddha called upon men to realize their nothingness; Jesus helped men to become all that it was possible for them to become. Buddha said that life was evil and promised men a heaven of unending sleep. Jesus said that life was good and promised men a heaven of unending growth. Epictetus bid men suppress their emotions and urged them to deny gratification to their feelings. Jesus aided men to deepen and to strengthen and to direct their emotions. Christianity is not a repressive religion; it enables men to express themselves fully and finely. Christianity does not impoverish life; it enriches it. Christianity does not narrow life; it expands and enlarges it. Men become not less but more their real selves as they become disciples of Jesus. A petty starved nature is not that of a Christian. An emasculated anemic life is not a Christian life. Christ imparts both vitality and virility. He awakens undreamed of depths of vitality in our beings. He makes our personalities deep and rich. He imparts to us life and life evermore abundantly. A thorough-going Christian should have a healthier body, a stronger reason, a kinder heart, a firmer will, and a richer imagination than his fellows. Being a Christian means being increasingly broad-minded and large-hearted and deep-spirited. It means being an exuberant son of God. Christianity is not self-denial; it is self-realization. It is not primarily a creed or a chore or a ceremony; it is life becoming full, free and fine, and rich, radiant and rejoicing. It is life journeying toward wholesomeness.—W. T. McEeven, in "The Advance."

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