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Bulbs For Winter Flowering Indoors

This is now the time to pot up bulbs for winter flowering in the house. There is no more fascinating experience than the cultivation of spring flowering bulbs, and if a few simple points are attended to, success is practically assured. Do not delay procuring your bulbs until the choicest specimens have been sold. Bulbs naturally deteriorate if kept long out of soil at a time when they should be making their root growth, therefore, it is well to pot them up as early as they can be procured.

Compost for Potting

An ideal compost or potting soil for all the varieties of bulbs I shall mention is prepared by thoroughly mixing one-third good, rich garden soil, one-third leaf mould and thoroughly rotted manure and one-third sharp sand, adding a three-inch potful of bone meal to a bushel of the compost. But unless the manure is old and thoroughly rotted, do not use it, for should it be at all fresh, it would induce the bulbs to rot, therefore, if you cannot procure old manure, use additional leaf mould instead. The leaf mould and manure should be passed through a small meshed sieve previous to mixing it with the soil and sand. Place a piece of crock (broken flower pot), concave side downward over the drainage hole in the bottom of the pot, then cover the entire bottom with a one-inch layer of moss.

Insert the bulbs in the compost that the tops come about level with the rim of the pot and sprinkle a little charcoal or sand at the base of each bulb previous to planting. In potting make the soil fairly firm, but leave a space of about one inch to allow of easy watering.

After Treatment

The pots should now be placed in the open, thoroughly watered, and left there for a few days previous to storing away to complete their rooting. An ideal place to store them during the rooting pro-

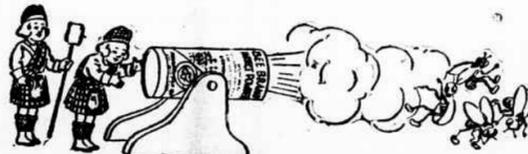
cess is a cold frame. The pots, however, should have a covering of ashes or soil, as they must be kept quite dark until the roots are formed, while the covering serves the double purpose of preventing the bulbs getting out of position when the roots begin to grow.

If no cold frame is available they may be stood in any convenient position in the open. The covering referred to over the pots should be at least three or four inches deep if you are using a frame. Do not place the sash in position unless during heavy rain storms or in severe freezing weather. Later in the season and according to location during very severe frost it may be well to give an additional covering of leaves, rough litter or old sacks.

If you are not using a cold frame, it would be well to bring the pots under cover towards the end of November or during December, according to location. They may now either be stored in out-house or cool cellar. Should the floor be of concrete, spread a two inch layer of damp ashes or soil before placing the pots in position again covering the pots with ashes or soil as previously advised.

A mistake often made by amateurs in growing bulbs in pots is to place the pots in heat before the bulbs are properly rooted, and by this method, imperfect or perhaps no flowers at all, are the invariable results. Therefore, before bringing the bulbs indoors or at least into a warm room, make sure that the roots have run right to the bottom of the pot. The condition of the roots can be easily observed by inverting the pot, supporting the soil with the fingers, giving the pot a sharp tap when soil and roots will come out intact, and are easily replaced again. When the bulbs are taken from their rooting quarters, it may be observed that the point of growth is almost white, there-

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