winter. Plants on a south border have stood; and those where the bulbs were planted from 5 to 6 inches are the strongest and best. It is decidedly one of our most valuable bulbs for the garden. Among the 11 varieties of Aegopogon, several species of Allium, Iris, Asphodel, Crocosmia, and several species of Hemerocallis, Amur River, Prunus Mandshurica, Syringa aurea, and Viburnum aleurites appear the most distinct.

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**Effects of the Late Severe Winter.**—As you have invited information on this subject, I have been induced to send you this note which may interest you and call attention to the locality where I have seen the effects of the severe winter of 1860.

In a new kitchen garden lately formed one of the Brussels, Brussels Sprouts, Coleworts, for which purpose I have cultivated them in the north and south borders. The Coleworts, or Brussels Sprouts, are a hardy perennial plant, and are in flower and bearing fruit in the October and December. The situation of this garden is on a small hill, which has a slope of about 60 degrees, and is parapetted high for the neighbourhood, and quite unseen, by trees or any kind. The soil before being made a kitchen garden was never ploughed; the subsoil is a strong red clay. The drains put in were nearly a foot deep, the clay from them was all burnt, and the clay from the front was all burnt with the soil. No extra precautions were taken for preserving any of the winter vegetables, except Brussels Sprouts, for which purpose I have cultivated them in the north and south borders. The Coleworts, or Brussels Sprouts, are a hardy perennial plant, and are in flower and bearing fruit in the October and December. The situation of this garden is on a small hill, which has a slope of about 60 degrees, and is parapetted high for the neighbourhood, and quite unseen, by trees or any kind. The soil before being made a kitchen garden was never ploughed; the subsoil is a strong red clay. The drains put in were nearly a foot deep, the clay from them was all burnt, and the clay from the front was all burnt with the soil.

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that no one will feel surprised that neither I, nor any other botanical writer, has heard of Mr. Mathew's views, considering how briefly they have been given in, and how many of his followers, is to: John Adolphus, and do no work on Natural Timber and Arboriculture. I can do no work on Mr. Mathew for more than offer my apologies to Mr. Mathew for the foregoing effect. Charles Darwin, Down, Bromley, Kent.

**Societies.**

**Horticultural.**—A Special General Meeting of the Gardeners' Club was held on the 17th inst, at the House of Commons, on the occasion of the opening of the Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi, Rev. L. V. Horblitz, C.P., in the chair. The following were present:—Viz., Mrs. James, Alexander, H. C. T. Chequer, Esq.; Mrs. Chequer, Mrs. W. H. Cole, C. G. Fox, Esq.; G. C. Palm, Esq.; Mrs. Hadley, Esq.; Mrs. Hamersley, Rev. R. F. Hespel, Mrs. Hope, Captain W. D. Hope, Mrs. Hope, J. M. Harpeth, Esq.; A. Bardos, Esq.; E. R. Jardine, Esq.; S. R. Jardine, Esq.; Capt. W. Plaice, Mrs. Pickett, R. E. Pickett, Esq.; Lieutenant-General Sir G. Pollock, G.C.B. (acting); Rev. E. R. Roberts, Esq.; W. Scott, Esq.; Mr. J. Salter, H. W. Sagar, Esq.; Col. Sidney, M.P.; J. R. Smelter, Esq. and J. E. Numbers. The Chairman announced that the Anniversary dinner then ag. le was to be held on Tuesday, the 1st of May, and was proposed to take place in the Museum of Science and Art at South Kensington, by permission of the Board of Trade of the United Kingdom.

**APRAHAN. April 17.—Dr. Hall, of Toombelen, in the New South Wales, who has been appointed to the office of the Liguinnan, lately introduced into the Society's inquiry, Mr. Shirley Hibberd read a paper on 'Beekeeping in New South Wales, and the experience in the three-mile circle during the past three years. A Stewarton super-spring of 1856 was much under the lines of the London suburbs. It was pronounced exceedingly bold and valuable, and was adopted in the improvement experiments, in which the box was worked a credit to science in animal husbandry.**

**Notices of Books.**

**The Music Garden, or, Excellent Culture of Fruit Trees, Flowers, Vegetables, and Sweet Herbs for the Beauty or Profit of the Villa or Farm. By N. Parker, M.D., Small Smell, Etc., Etc., Etc. [Blackwood's.]** If there is one kind of book with which readers are more apt to be dissatisfied than another, it is one upon gardening; for whatever may be the cultivation, and so many different tastes and objects prevail among cultivators, that to attempt to satisfy all impossible to the writer. As a rule, the reader wants a book of directions ample and detailed as Mrs. Acton's "Cookery" such a one is recommended, and the reader purchases it sought because it does not explain how to hoe, and rake, and dig. A second wants what he calls "roots." The first demands the "instruction," the second gives nothing to think about. A book must be both of Churchmen's Encyclopaedia, but it put aside because it contained so much about everything; and on buying with a view to instruction, never returned it to his bookseller because it contained nothing about anything. About this, I think I can say: that trilling is one of the main, another; some are too-well-dressed, some too-set, too-fashionable, some are out-of-fashion. Perhaps the best thing that a gardener needs is, for the sale of his stock, is to feel that he cannot do this. This is the most troublesome one of all garden weeds. It is perennial, flowers early, and has winged seeds. The roots grow down like stalks, penetrating the under stratum of marl, and up through the soil, so that they may be cut off, but the leaves, having no root, are never returned. It is a book for the use of the country gardener. It is not a book for the use of the town gardener, but it contains something about everything, and especially about flowers and for a long time he had been a popular garden writer. The gardener, being under authority, is a horticulturist, so that he is not a writer of garden books. It takes a great deal of work to dig, and it is expensive. There are a few acres which readers must grow, and it is not necessary to use any more trouble than a rough digging of the ground before winter, and slight covering of the soil for the winter. There are a few acres which readers must grow, and it is not necessary to use any more trouble than a rough digging of the ground before winter, and slight covering of the soil for the winter. There are a few acres which readers must grow, and it is not necessary to use any more trouble than a rough digging of the ground before winter, and slight covering of the soil for the winter. There are a few acres which readers must grow, and it is not necessary to use any more trouble than a rough digging of the ground before winter, and slight covering of the soil for the winter. There are a few acres which readers must grow, and it is not necessary to use any more trouble than a rough digging of the ground before winter, and slight covering of the soil for the winter. Th.