

Bob Ridley, were some of the most remarkable. Mr. Cattell, of Westerham, was third with an excellent stand, in which we noticed Criterion, Lord Derby, George Elliott, Cygnet, and Charlotte Dorling.

In 24's Mr. Turner was also first with Criterion, George Elliott, Umpire, Mauve Queen, Midnight, Bob Ridley, Juno, Goldfinder, Lord Palmerston, Norfolk Hero, Mr. Stocken, Lord Derby, Andrew Dodds, Delicata, and others. Mr. Keynes was second—Baron Taunton, Anna Keynes, King of Sweden, Leopard, Fanny Purchase, and John Wyatt, being some of the best; and Mr. Perkins, of Northampton, was third, his blooms being also good. Mr. Legge, of Edmonton, Mr. Cattell, and Messrs. Garraway, of Durdham Down, were also competitors.

In the Amateurs' Class of eighteen, Mr. Thornycroft, of Floore, near Weedon, was first, with some very fine blooms of Norfolk Hero, John Dory, Cygnet, Mrs. Piggott, Hugh Miller, Juno, Lord Derby, Mrs. Henshaw, Volunteer, Mr. Critchett, Andrew Dodds, Admiral Dundas, Baron Taunton, Lilac Queen, Model, Lady Popham, Lord Palmerston, and British Triumph. T. Charlton, Esq., of Kebworth, was second with a capital stand, in which there were many of the kinds already named. Mr. Corp, of Milford, was third; and the Rev. Mr. Fellowes, of Shottesham Rectory, was fourth with a stand in which a yellow seedling, Mauve Queen, Lord Dundreary, and Hugh Miller, were noticeable. Mr. Hopkins, of Brentford; Mr. Sladden, of Ash; Mr. Perry, of Castle Bromwich, and several others also competed creditably.

In eighteen Fancies (Nurserymen), Mr. Keynes was first, with Baron Alderson, Garibaldi, Patent, Triomphe de Roubaix, Polly Fawcett, Carnation, Pauline, Mrs. Crisp, Reliance, Lady Paxton, Oliver Twist, Mrs. Wickham, Nora Creina, Regularity, Leopard, Harlequin, Queen Mab, and Sam Bartlett. In the stand of Mr. Turner, who was second, were fine blooms of The Flirt, Zebra, Summertide, Stafford's Gem (a very pretty crimson tipped with gold), Garibaldi, Harlequin, and Lady Paxton. Mr. Legge was third; Messrs. Cattell, Garraway, and Perkins also competing.

In the Amateurs' Class of twelve, the Rev. C. Fellowes was first with excellent blooms of Pauline, Lady Paxton, Fancy Queen, Oliver Twist, Harlequin, Queen Mab, Flirt, Summertide, and some seedlings. Mr. Corp was second, Mr. Slade third, and Mr. Perry fourth.

HOLLYHOCKS were not remarkable. Mr. W. Chater received first prize; Acme, Warrior, Princess of Wales, Invincible, George Young, and Rev. Joshua Dix were the best. Messrs. Minchin & Sons, of Hook Norton, were second; Messrs. Paul & Son third.

ASTERS.—Both German quilled, and French varieties were first-rate, Mr. Betteridge taking off the first prizes in both classes. Mr. Wyatt, of Epsom, was second, and Mr. C. Sandford third in each class.

GLADIOLUS.—With this flower a grand display was made by Messrs. Youell and Mr. Standish, of Ascot, who were respectively first and second; but it must have been a difficult matter for the Judges to have decided on their respective merits. Owing to the late heavy rains, however, many of the flowers had suffered somewhat, more especially those shown in the Amateurs' Class. Of Messrs. Youell's collection Madame Vilmorin, Ophir, Princesse Clothilde, Napoleon III, Madame Rabourdin, Mazeppa, and Pliné were fine. Mr. Standish had Etna (a fine red), Impératrice Eugénie, Mrs. Dix, George Stephenson, Brian Boru, Charles Davis (a beautiful scarlet with white markings in the throat), and others of which an account will be found in the report of the Floral Committee. There were also extensive collections from both the above exhibitors, which, though not for competition, were very interesting. Mr. Prince, of Oxford, had third prize. La Quintinye, Reine Victoria, Ambroise Verschaffelt, Le Poussin, Rembrandt, Madame Basseville, and Fanny Rouget were those shown best. Mr. Cattell had also good spikes. Among Amateurs Mr. Sladden, Mr. Perry, and the Rev. H. Dombrain were the successful competitors, ranking in the prize list in the order in which they are named. In their stands were good spikes of Prospero, Calypso, Le Poussin, Sappho, Jeanne d'Arc, Victor Verdier (small, but fine in colour), Endymion, and Bridesmaid.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Verbenas were shown in excellent condition by Messrs. Perkins & Son, and Mr. Perry, of Castle Bromwich, who received first and second prizes; fine large

trusses of Phloxes by Mr. Turner, of Slough; several boxes of Roses in good condition by Messrs. Paul & Son, and some excellent Asters in pots by Messrs. Cutbush. From Messrs. Veitch came the beautiful sweet-scented *Lilium auratum*, the curious scarlet *Anthurium Scherzerianum*, the fine crimson-foliaged *Dracena ferrea variegata*, *Odontoglossum grande*, the large white-flowered *Pancreatium zeylanicum*, and other plants, which were submitted to the Floral Committee. Mr. Bull had likewise an extensive group of new and rare plants, among which were *Gesnera Radiancy*, with highly ornamental foliage, some new arborescent *Begonias*, *Adiantum radiatum*, and the beautiful *Marattia elegans*, *Drosera dichotoma*, and several new *Caladiums*. Messrs. A. Henderson had the Cotton-plant in pod; Mr. Salter, variegated plants for ribbon-borders; and Messrs. E. G. Henderson, a selection of Ivies and variegated *Geraniums*; whilst Messrs. Carter & Co. had excellent double *Zinnias*, French Marigolds, Asters, and Everlastings.

The following remarks on the Gladioli and Roses exhibited, are from our valued contributor, "D., Deal:"—

[Notwithstanding the prevalence of disease amongst Gladiolus, the stands exhibited were of surpassing excellence, and it was evident that it could not have affected those growers whose magnificent spikes of bloom and luxuriant foliage displayed the very perfection of vigour and growth. The positions of the two great combatants in the Nurserymen's Class were the reverse of that at the Crystal Palace Show, Messrs. Youell being first, and Mr. Standish second. The spikes of bloom exhibited by the former were longer and fuller; but in variety and quality Mr. Standish's were unquestionably the best. He had besides several boxes of blooms, which made a grand display. Amongst the most conspicuous of his flowers were—Ganymede, a fine flower in the style of Poussin; Mrs. Dix, white, of good substance; Lord Clyde, a large and very fine flower; Etna, glowing red; Charles Davis, beautiful crimson with white feathers; George Stephenson, claret, a novel shade of colour; Princess Alexandra, a very novel flower, creamy buff, crimson feather, almost of the colour of a *Dendrobium*; Randle Jackson, light pink splashed with carmine, deep crimson feather; Boadicea, dark crimson splashed with deeper crimson; Brian Boru, very large, crimson, violet feather; Edith Dombrain, soft salmon, splashed with deeper shade; Demosthenes, fine shape; Euterpe, white, with violet feathers; Roscius, red, with violet lip; Pollux, cream, with dark red blotch; Mr. Marnock, cherry red; Aurelian, very bright crimson; Margaret, fine white; La Belle, beautiful soft pink; Mrs. Peach, peach, with deep crimson markings; and Mrs. Dombrain, a beautiful flower, something like *Impératrice Eugénie*, but better. In Messrs. Youell's were some fine blooms of Achille, Madame Vilmorin, Ophir, Oracle, Napoleon III., Poussin, Linné, Marie, Pliné, Ophir, and other well-known French kinds admirably bloomed. The same may be said of Mr. Prince's flowers, and of Mr. Cattell's, who had some promising seedlings.

In the Amateurs' Class, Mr. Sladden, of Ash-next-Sandwich, was first with seedlings Cleopatra, Hector, Volunteer, Prospero, Philip Van Artevelde, Sappho, Lord Clyde, Poussin, Adonis, Fanny Rouget, Madame Breol, Couranti fulgens. His stand was very effective and excellently bloomed. Mr. Perry, of Castle Bromwich, was second with Jeanne d'Arc, Sulphureus, Calypso, Le Poussin, Madame de Vetry, Mazeppa, Raphael, Marie, Achille, Janire, and Premier de Montrouge. The Rev. H. H. Dombrain was third with Standish's Mrs. R. Hole, Earl of Carlisle, Mrs. Dombrain (fine), Viola, Lucifer, Mrs. Livingstone, and Lemonade; seedlings Lord Warden, Orange Boven, and Bridesmaid, and Victor Verdier and Endymion.

Roses were exhibited in goodly number by Mr. Turner, Messrs. Paul & Son, and Mr. Clarke, of Brixton; they were good for the season of the year, and the prizes were awarded as named. *Senateur Vaisse*, Madame Falcot, *Maréchal Vaillant*, Catherine Guillot, Victor Verdier, Céline Forestier, *Triomphe d'Angers*, *Souvenir de Leveson Gower*, Madame Furtado, Comtesse de Chabillant, and other well-known kinds were on most of the stands; but it was surely quite a mistake not to offer prizes at this season for them.]

#### FRUIT.

The effect of this portion of the Show was much better