

terested party directly or indirectly; but I do not approve of invidious attacks made from behind the back of the *Pro. Kent*.

Early Peas.—In reference to Mr. M'Evon's report on Peas I think he must have a wrong sort in No. 1. I have grown it every year with the Empress since its first season in which it came out, and have always found it as early as the *Pro. Kent*; in fact it is always just done by the time the other comes in. I frequently sow from 15 to 20 sorts of Peas on the same day on purpose to test them. Last year I sowed 17 sorts, and for general purposes I think Fairbairn's Compendium stand high as a first quality. *Pro. Kent* has always been the best as far as the France, appears to be a good kind, producing as many as 12 Peas in a pod, which must ensure a good supply. *Richard Rillott, Donnington, near Spalding.*

The subject of Deep Wells has some sometimes discussed in your columns. I have a well 325 feet deep, and the 12-gallon bucket actually weighs 40 lbs. For many years I use a chain weighing 232 lbs; this, with the water, is still 96 lbs., amounts to 481 lbs. I have made an enormous saving of labour by using for the last half year Newell's patent wire rope, and I think there could not be the charity to say from experience whether there had not been a great saving in the weight of the bucket. Would zinc, or gutta percha, or leather serve? The bucket must be strong enough to withstand being occasionally dashed against the side of the well; and I must stick to my old substantial oaken friend? *C. D.*

Profuse Stock.—I send you a curious "frank of nature" in a double white Stock. At first sight it presents nothing remarkable, but having watched its development I do not remember to have seen such a development before. It came in summer it bloomed in the ordinary way; when the outer petals began to die off the centre of the flowers commenced swelling, and gradually formed lateral spikes of bloom; at the base of each is visible the ring from whence the petals proceed, and the growth in a cold heavy soil is very fresh wall. *James Ridly, Haebekrook, near Arminster, Devon.* [This is a case of flowers attempting to grow into branches instead of stopping to form their seed pods.]

Paper macké insects.—Can you give me any information upon an extraordinary appearance which was seen the other morning upon a paper macké tray which was lying on a writing table in the drawing room? There appeared all round the under side of the lip of the saucer shaped tray from 20 to 30 neatly invisible filaments, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length, with small white agglutinated spots at the ends. They were as numerous as little bristles, vibrated with the least breath, yet adhered very firmly. The saucer is 4 inches diameter, highly glazed and spanned, is in constant use, and dusted every morning. *W. F. M., Shirley, Croydon.* [These are evidently the stalks of eggs of a Hemipterous.]

Societies.

CALEDONIAN HORTICULTURAL: June 27.—The following is a report of the prizes awarded on this occasion. Shrubby Greenhouse Plants: 1st, Mr. Lockhart, or G. R. Dundas, Esq., with *Tetratheca verticillata* and *Asplenium humile*; 2d, Mr. Lockhart, Esq., with *Asplenium* prize for Cape Heaths, the kind produced being *E. spuria* and *Cavendishi*. Two Pelargoniums: 1st, Mr. Reid, or W. Wilson, Esq., with *Zara and Star* (Heck's); 2d, Mr. Stewart, or to the Marquis of Dornoch, with *Achrorion Schöleinii*. Flowering Plants: Pelargoniums in 6-inch pots: 1st, Mr. Forrest, or to Messrs. Swan, with *Carlos, Lucy, Sansapere, and Wonderful*; 2d, Mr. Henderson, or to C. K. Stewright, Esq., with *Fair Helen, Petruccio, Carlos, and Seraskier*. Two Fancy Pelargoniums: 1st, Mr. Stewart, with *Princess Victoria and Queen of Hearts*; 2d, Mr. Blair, or to Mr. Grieg and Annetto; 3d, Mr. Forrest, with *deccora* and *Lady Downes*. Four Fancy Pelargoniums in 6-inch pots: 1st, Mr. Henderson, with *erubescens, formosissimum, Celestial, and Criticism*; 2d, Mr. Forrest, with *Madame Sontag, Madame Van de Meyer, Lady H. Campbell, and Annetto*; 3d, Mr. Henderson, with *Princess Victoria, Queen of Hearts, and deccora* in 8-inch pots: 1st, Mr. Walker, or to J. Mood, Esq., with *Prince Albert and Omega*; 2d, Mr. Henderson, with *Countess of Burlington and Prince Albert*. Two Light Fuchsias in 8-inch pots: 1st, Mr. Walker, with *Queen of the River and King of Kent*; 2d, Mr. Henderson, with *Maid of Kent and Venus de Medici*. In roses, the 1st prize was gained by M. Buis, Esq., Tynning-hame, whose stand contained the following, viz: *Géant des Batailles, Baronne Crocrot, Jules Margottin, Louise Bataille, Charles Kelly, and the Empress*. Several other prizes were given. *Flours*: Triomphe de Paris, Adan, Richelieu de France, and General Jacquemont. A second premium was voted to Mr. Stewart, for Great Western, Mrs. Rivers, Lanei, Elize Sauvage, Blancflair, Charles Dawson, Smith, Colburn, Duchess de Montpensier, Lawrence, and General Klobner. *Flowers*: *Victoria*. 1st, Mr. M'Farlane, with *Barnett, Miss Lewis, Masterpiece, Rival, and a seedling named Mrs. M'Call*, in the way of *Abel Metsehild Khan*, from which it had been raised. *Calceolarias*: 1st, Mr. Stewart, with *Falstaff, Sir Walter Scott, George Shelby, and the Empress*. Several other prizes were offered by the office-bearers, the first of which (two covers) is for the best collection of Stove and Greenhouse Plants, was awarded to Mr. Blair, or to G. C. Arlinoth, Esq. His collection included *Tetratheca verticillata, Leschenaultia formosa, Episcia*

minuta, Mahonia incisa, Erica breviflora, ventricosa, subnata, and tricolor Dundas, *Statice Halford, Pimelea ducosata, Hoya bella, Ixora coccinea, Oncidium flexuosum, Aphelaxis marathia purpurea, Eucalyptus speciosus, and Clerodendron Knappferi*. Extra productions placed on the tables for the benefit of the Society were: *Asplenium*, the generosity of Messrs. Dicksons & Co. were Pelargoniums, *Gloxinias, &c.*; from Messrs. P. Lawson & Son, *Calceolarias and Heaths*; from Messrs. J. Dickson & Sons, *Pelargoniums, including French fancy sorts, &c.*; from Mr. R. M. Sack, and Mr. J. P. Pender, *Asplenium, including Achlorion, alabamensis, Yuccogramma pervanum, Notochloa nivea, Toxela pinnata, and other interesting species*; from Mr. Douglas, several trays of *Pelargoniums, Roses, Verbenas, &c.*; from Messrs. Wright, Lenwick, & Co., *Dracoma mobilis, Sonerila marginata, &c.*; from Messrs. Calceolarias, Petunias, *Phlox Adonis, &c.*; from Mr. C. Alexander, *Pansies in pots, Delphinium Hendersoni, Linum grandiflorum rubrum, and new Shrubby Calceolarias*; from Messrs. Cunningham, Fraser, & Co., *box of Roses, including the variety, the Duke of Devonshire*; from Messrs. R. Rogers with herbaceous plants, and *Irises*. From the garden of C. K. Stewright, Esq., fancy Pelargoniums and a plant of *Erica Cavendishi*; from Professor Syme, a beautifully flowered plant of *Lepidolobium californicum*; from Mr. Armstrong, a plant of *Asplenium*; from Mr. Blair, *Asplenium, and the Hamburg Grapes*; from Mr. Pender, a neatly arranged collection of fruit and a dish of large Mushrooms; from Mr. Fraser, a specimen of *Oncidium pulvinatum, Alpine plants, and Ferns*; from Mr. Lockhart, *Clematis discolor*; from Mr. Stewart, *Stipagrostis, Stipagrostis, and the Hamburg Grapes*; from Mr. Blair, *Stipagrostis, and the Hamburg Grapes*; from Mr. Pender, a neatly arranged collection of fruit and a dish of large Mushrooms; from Mr. Fraser, a specimen of *Oncidium pulvinatum, Alpine plants, and Ferns*; from Mr. Lockhart, *Clematis discolor*; from Mr. Stewart, *Stipagrostis, Stipagrostis, and the Hamburg Grapes*; from Mr. Blair, *Stipagrostis, and the Hamburg Grapes*; from Mr. Pender, a neatly arranged collection of fruit and a dish of large Mushrooms; 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