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The number of chickens that some persons in Sussex fatten for the market is astonishing, the larger dealers having from 2000 to 3000 birds in possession at one time. Now, if such a system as this could be established whereby allotment-holders could get the produce of the land to the market in consequence, their holdings would be a source of profit to themselves and a benefit to the dwellers in the towns. This is a subject well worthy the consideration of those who are about to seek to be appointed as Parishes' Collectors, and one that should have special interest for those in the rural districts, for if cheap carriage could be arranged, there would be but little fear of the laborious and expensive business of the produce of its declining, for it would be better cultivated, larger crops grown, and the entire community benefited.

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This is one of the prettiest forms of L. albida, and a fine instance of it from Reginald Young, Esq., Seaford Park, Liverpool, displays it at its best. The spike has fifteen pretty cream-coloured flowers, the lip of a rose-purple colour, and the other segments tinged with the same hue, but in lesser degree. As a winter-flowering plant it is very desirable. A fine flower of L. autumnalis, which expands to a width of 6 inches, is on the table.

CYPRISEPDIUM BORAZZI VARIETIES.

Flowers of the ordinary C. Borazzi, and of his darkest variety, are sent by Reginald Young, Esq., Liverpool, to show the wide range of variation and also the excellence of his form of the plant, the colour being very dark, the upper sepal almost black, with a slight margin of green, purple, and white. It is a handsome form, and one of the best of this showy and free-growing species.

ODONTOGLOSSUM CRINIFER.

This remarkable species, discovered by Boraz in eastern New Granada, and afterwards found by Wallis in the same locality, first flowered under cultivation by Joseph Bridges, of Sunny Hill, Llandudno, when he resided at Manchester, in 1852, and it was described in the Gardener's Chronicle of that year. It has again flowered with Mr. Bridges, who says, "I possess three plants, and the one I sent you the spike of is, I believe, the plant from which the original spike was taken and described by Professor Reichenbach. Two plants have been removed from the third, and they were to start with," It was with pleasure that I recognised the pretty little plant which the careful culture of Mr. Bridges had preserved, and of which I had heard so much. I possess about a dozen specimens of the little Professor Reichenbach, all differing from each other in some degree, but none so pretty as the variety "sapphirina," Tchb. 1, in Mr. A. H. Sowerby's collection, and which recently appeared with Mesres. Hugh Low & Co., the rose-purple spots on the spiny labelle of which makes it very attractive. Whenever we get an importation of O. crininum we are sure to get great variation, and doubtless some still handomer forms.

CYPRISEPDIUM POINTUINANZ.

Comparable in point of beauty only with the pale-coloured Cypripedium giganteum and Cypripedium bilenniulam, there is still an attractive appearance in the quaint form of the flowers of this singular plant. It appeared among imported specimens of C. callosum in the Nursery of Messrs. Carter of Sevenoaks, in 1876, and has since been at work with it, for the miscellaneous assortment, their holdings would be a source of profit to themselves and a benefit to the dwellers in the towns. This is a subject well worthy the consideration of those who are about to seek to be appointed as Parishes' Collectors, and one that should have special interest for those in the rural districts, for if cheap carriage could be arranged, there would be but little fear of the laborious and expensive business of the produc