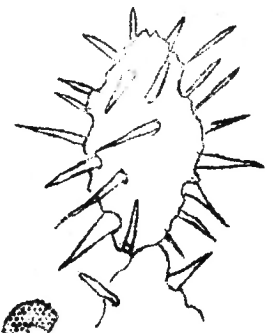


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BE PREPARED

1st around the corner, as you know, It's time to show the world what we grow; "Be Prepared" to join our marching band, "Be Prepared" to give a helping hand; Don't solicit from your neighbors, that's not nice, But many plants are needed, so be concise; "Be Prepared" that's the San Diego way, "Be Prepared" for that grand eventful day...

Our Society has taken that high step again by entering our wares in the nineteenth running of the San Diego County Fair and Southern Calif. Exposition-the World's Largest Outdoor Flower Show. Our modest efforts in the past have brought a great deal of satisfaction to the members of our Club, as well as, needed finances from the prize money to assist in promoting our Club activities.

In the past it has been difficult to stuff 60 or so people into the the limited confines of the Cactus and Succulent Garden exhibits; and finding activities to give all, who were interested, an opportunity to help, was at times futile. Thusly, this year we are expanding our realm to seven exhibits. Contained in each are functions and tasks to satisfy the artistic bent or physical prowess of anyone.

(1) Cactus Garden-an artistic assemblage of xerophytic plants in an outdoor garden. (2) Succulent Garden- a dramatic arrangement of succulent plants other than Cacti in a home garden mode. (3) Interior Garden- a lush semi-tropical display of plants befitting an atrium or enclosed patio ostentation. (4) House Plants-done in a "Grandma's" sun porch theme. (5) Miniatures-a collection of small plants arranged in a dwarf desert and mountain motif complete with rule train. (6) Grafts-a barrel of fun with the odd-balls and serious endeavors of man's effort to challenge nature. (7) Outdoor Living-an adventure in the luxuriant world of a green thumber's gracious paradise.

MAY MEETING

Saturday, May 4th. 2pm

Floral Assoc. Building
Balboa Park

"AEONIUMS IN THE WILD"
a slide review
from

"The Exotic Collection"

Rare Plant Sale

EXCHANGE TABLE
-Refreshments-

Clay Pot Sale

All kinds of flora can be used this year; not only Cacti and succulents, but ferns, palms, philodendrons, house plants, and others of every description in containers, as wild as, your imagination will allow. We don't wish to short anyone the opportunity to display his choicest charge; please, don't short us. -Js-

MAMMILLARIA OF THE BAJA

CONTINUING with the observations of Howard E. Gates of Cacti in Baja, California, on his field trips to that region; we list the elusive genus Mammillaria. We offer this

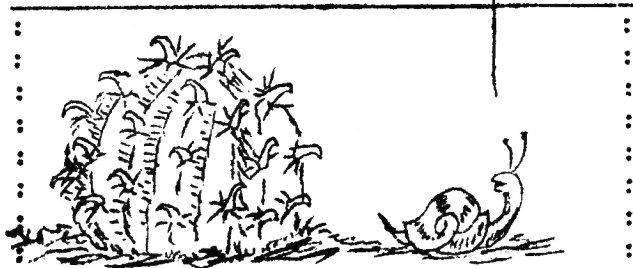
list in hopes that you will some day be able to vacation or travel through this remote "land's end" part of the world; and in doing so, will feel as though there will be many friends to greet you and make you welcome on an otherwise lonely and difficult journey.

Bring out you maps again, and follow along as Mr. Gates takes us on a tour in search of these small plants which hide among the rocks or sheltered under desert chapparal. MAMMILLARIA ARIDA, we have diligently searched for in the area around La Paz, especially to the east, but never found any plant that we felt fulfilled the requirements of the description in regard to number of central spines. Mam. baxteriana is the closest to the description of this. MAMMILLARIA ARMILLATA, is found in sandy soil under trees in numerous locations from La Paz to the Cape.

MAMMILLARIA BAXTERIANA, was found in the hills south east of La Paz and often occurs in granite rock crevices. Its area is quite restricted. MAMMILLARIA BLOSSFELDIANA, originally found by and described by Mr. Gates is a coastal species found in sedimentary soil along the shores of Vizcaine Bay. Its area of greatest abundance is on a low bench just above the beach at Bahia de Santa Rosalia, where it can hardly be distinguished from the small stones which surround the plants. MAMMILLARIA BRANDEGEEI, was found from near Johnson's Ranch southward in various locations almost to Mission San Ignacio. It is not particular as to type of soil, but is found on flat sedimentary ground. In many coastal locations it is flat topped, surken to or even below the ground level. Inland near Rancho Mesquital and towards Mission San Ignacio, it is more globular and rises well above the ground. Mam. gabbii appears to be synonymous with this species.

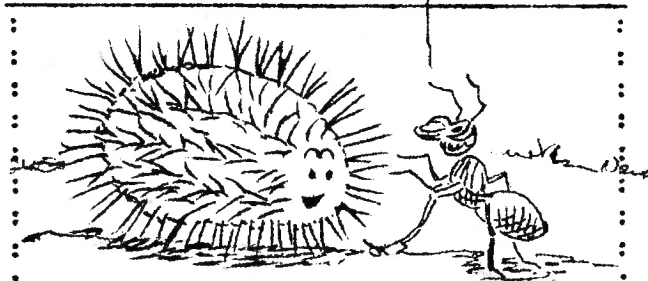
MAMMILLARIA BULLARDIANA, was found under trees in flat sandy soil in the southwestern portion of La Paz. Its range seems to be quite restricted. MAMMILLARIA CALVENSIS, was found under trees in flat sandy soil near Las Planes, along the road from San Antonio to Bahia de los Nuertes. This vicinity was re-visited in 1961 during a time of drought, (con't next page)

I'll never crawl over one of those things again. That was the toughest obstacle course I ever encountered. I got hung up GOOD a couple of times, thought I'd never make it. Going up was where I really got hooked, coming down wasn't so bad. I should have gone around the thing in the first place.



FEROCACTUS LATISPINUS AND SNAIL

I can't ROLL it - - -
I can't PICK IT UP - - -
I can't get my pincers in it - -
I can't even GET NEAR IT - -
With that kind of resistance there must be something really GOOD in it---maybe SEEDS. I'm going to be different, I'm going for help.



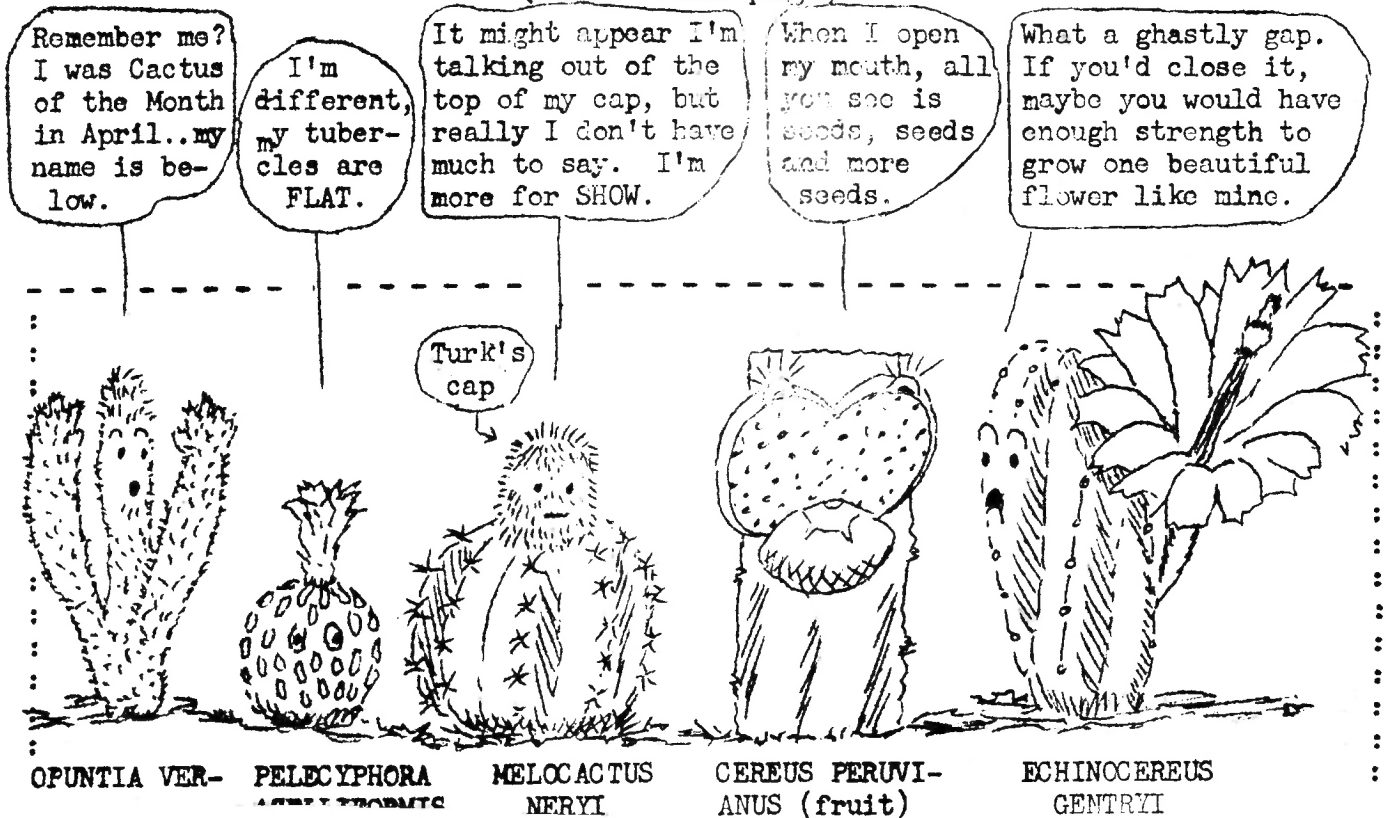
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MAMMILLARIAS OF BAJA (cont)

and could not be re-located in the time available. MAMMILLARIA CAPENSIS var. PALLIDA, was collected under trees in flat sedimentary soil at the foot of the mountains northeast of Mission Todos Santos. It is very similar to the species except for a much paler flower color. MAMMILLARIA CERRALBOA, we never collected this plant, but did obtain some plants from a fisherman who brought them from Gerralvo Island. MAMMILLARIA DAWSONII, again we were not able to find this one, but were told by Dr. Dawson that it comes from under shrubs on the shores of Vizcaine Bay.

MAM. DIOICA, is found from Tijuana south along the coast towards the Thirtieth Parallel and then from shore to shore to the latitude of La Paz. It grows in all types of terrain and varies greatly in size & habit, color, and size of both flowers and fruits. This species with Mam gummosus for the honor of occupying the greatest area in the Peninsula. MAM. FRAILEANA, was found in the rugged hills on the promontory east of La Paz. Usually in rocky ground. MAM. GATESII, was found in the southern end of the Sierra de la Victoria in canyons to the west of Santa Rosa and on hills near the shore in the vicinity of Rancho El Tule. MAM. GOODRIDGEI, was never found by us, but was said to occur on Cedros Island. MAM. HUTCHINSONIANA, was found under trees in sandy soil to the west of the range of hills extending from Galmalli to El Arco. It is not plentiful as very few specimens have ever been found.

MAM. LEWISIANA, has only been found in one small range of granite hills seven miles northwest of Rancho Mesquital. It grows at the base of racks on hills, but is more plentiful in alluvial soil. However, it is not numerous in any location and is very difficult to find because of the flat top which is usually depressed to or below the surface of the soil. MAM. LOUSIAE, we never actually found this species, but hunted for it with Ted Hutchison, the discoverer, on the narrow coastal bench beneath the escarpment south of Rancho Socorro; it may be the smallest and the rarest of the Peninsular Mams. It is our understanding that Bob Taylor has located this species, but we do not have any further information regarding it. MAM. MARSHALLIANA, is only known (can't next page)



MAMMILLARIA OF BAJA (con't)

to occur in the crevices of the granite cliffs on the bank of the arroyo east of San Bartolo. MAM. MICROCARPA, we found a colony of typical plants growing in sandy soil just east of Rancho Mina on the road from Calmalli to the Gulf. MAM. PACIFICA, was found under trees on the plain at the foot of the mountains northeast of Todos Santos. This is the only Peninsular Mam that appears to have a dichotomous branching habit. MAM. PENINSULARIS, a coastal species found from a little south of El Pescadero around Cape San Lucas towards San Jose del Cabo for a few miles. This is the only Mam. known to us that exposes its pulp and seeds by a transverse crack about one third the way down from the tips of the fruits. This species is not very particular about type of soil. MAM. PETROPHILA, was found at high altitudes near the summit of the northern end of the Sierra de la Victoria. It was in both rocks and soil.

MAM. PHITUAIANA, was found on steep canyon sides in the lower part of the Sierra de la Victoria a few miles east of Pescadero. Also by Baxter in similar locations on the east slope of the same mountains west of Miraflores, and by George Lindsay near Las Planes. This will probably be found in other locations in the Cape District. MAM. SHURLIANA, was found northwest of Rancho Mesquital in the same ridge of hills as Mam. Lewisiana, usually in alluvial soil just below rocky slopes. Very hard to distinguish from Mam. dioica when not in flower. MAM. SPECIES, on flat sedimentary soil fifteen to twenty miles east of Mission San Ignacio, we found a number of plants probably close to the Microcarpa group. These plants had many more and longer spines than the typical Mam. microcarpa. Flower is light pink. Mammillarias are the most widely spread group of cactus in the Peninsula, there appears to be some kind to be found every place.

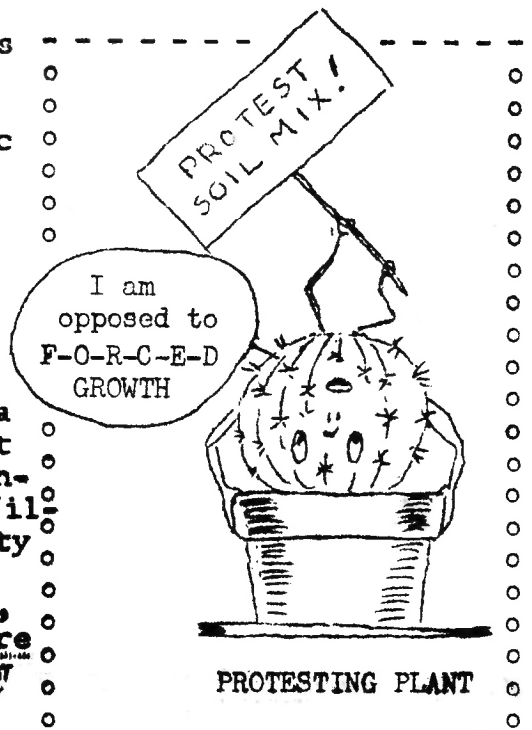
Since the trips of Howard Gates, folks like the Tegelbergs, Hutchin- sons, Lindsays, Morans and Taylors have combed these arid lands to ex- pand our knowledge of the flora that exist there. Many new species of the families listed, as well as other plants worthy of cultivation, have been added to the foundations observed by Gates. It should greatly en- hance our appreciation of Cacti to retrace their footsteps in these otherwise trackless wastes, in thought or in reality! -Js-

SEE THE U.S.A.

It seems that most southern Californians come from some other place originally, and when vacations are planned, they are not directed to some exotic tropical isle or land of many dreams; but to the contrary. Vacations are usually visits to the people and places back home conveying the pleasures of the "paradise found" or to re-evaluate the discomforts of the past to the luxury acquired since leaving.

This year as you venture out into the hinterlands, as a disciple of the "California gospel", we would like to arm you with a list of citadels of friendship and concord through- out our land. The following is a list of affil- iate Clubs with the Cactus & Succulent Soc'ty of America. If it is impossible for you to drop by at one of the meetings of this group, give them a ring on the telephone when you are

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the area; we are sure that this simple expression of good will and interest will be as indemnifying, as a "AAA" service truck in the middle of the Mojave.

For those of us who will have to be "stay at homers" this season, let's borrow a page from the Oregon Society's activities and write a letter to a Club close to "from whence we came" and ask, "How does your garden grow?"

NEW MEXICO C&S Society-Ann K. Sherman-228 Chama St. N.E. Albuquerque meets on 3rd Fri at U of New Mexico, Biology Bldg. in Albuquerque.

EL PASO Cactus & Rock Club-Mrs. J.S. Brown-5201 Timberwolf Dr. El Paso meets 1st Sat (except Jul & Aug) at Garden Club Center-3105 Grant,

RIO GRANDE C&S Society-Mrs. W.L. Gill-1214 E. Carrol, Harlingen, Tex. Meets 2nd Mon in homes of members.

LAS VEGAS C&S Society-Mary clement-5007 Bevvie Dr. Las Vegas, Nev. Meets 4th Thursday.

COLORADO CACTOPHILES-Mary Ann Heacock-1235 S. Patton St. Denver, Colo-Meets 4th Sun at BOTANIC Garden House-909 York St. Denver. Also Lee Chambers, Coeditor, at 756-3366

OREGON C&S Society-Mrs. A. Heide-4943 S.E. 104th Av. Portland, Oregon. Meets 2nd Sun at members homes.

DES MOINES C&S Society-Mrs. Edw. Horman-2242 Lyon, Des Moines, Iowa

The CAR-A-VAN STOPS-
Meets 3rd Thur at City Greenhouse (except Jul & Aug)
1538 Second Ave. Demoines, Iowa

ST. LOUIS-Henry Shaw C&S Society-Viola Mac-
kle-725 Rolfe Dr. St Louis, Mo. Meets 2nd
Sun at Shaw Gardens Museum Bldg. 2315 Tower
Grove Av. St. Louis, Mo.

CHICAGO C&S Society-Alice Kyzivat-9524 Monroe
Brookfield, Ill. Meets 4th Sun (except Jul &
Aug) Austin Town Hall, Lake St. & Central Av,
Chicago, Ill.

WISCONSIN C&S Society-Howard Davis-8-10629
So. 124th St. Hales Corners, Wis. Meets 2nd
Sun at Mitchell Park Pavilion

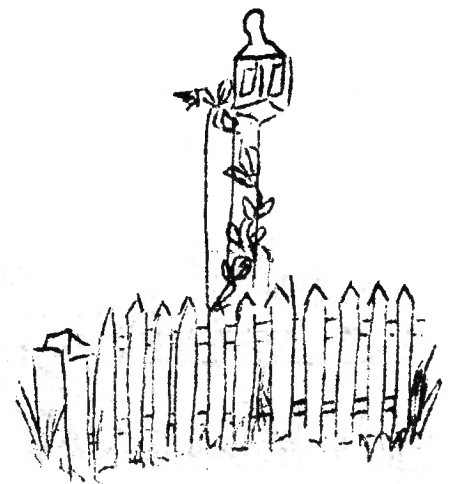
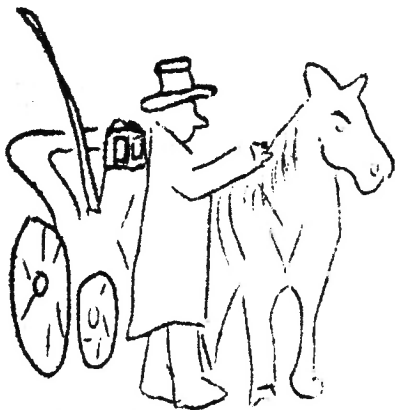
DETROIT C&S Society-Marion Enright-5942 New-
port, Detroit, Mich. Meets 2nd Sun at Hoffman
Tackle Co. 4099 Gratiot, Detroit, Mich.

PENNSYLVANIA-Midwest C&S Society-John Beck-P.O. Box 239 Sharon, Pa.
Meets at members homes.

NEW JERSEY-C&S Society of New Jersey-Miriam Ritzfield-150 Belmont St.
Englewood, N.J. Meets 4th Sun (Except Jul, Aug, & Dec) at Fairleigh
Dickson University Greenhouse.

NEW YORK C&S Society-Lester Rothstein-5 Grace Court, Great Neck, Long
Island. Meets 2nd Sunday at the Snuff Mill, New York Botanical Garden,
Bronx, New York, home of the venerable Britton and Rose.

HAWAII-C&S Society of Hawaii-Wm. E. Dodge-4339 Papu Circle, Honolulu,
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- AT ALL THE BETTER PLACES

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HAWAII (con't) Meets at members homes.

Now for those of you just cruseing around California:

Cactus and Succulent Soc'ty of Cal.-Adole Krueger-61 Sky Way Ln., Oakland, Cal. Meets 2nd Sun Lakeside Park Garden Center, Oakland.

California Cactus Growers Assoc.-Mary Bellerue-Star Rt. 1 Box 710, 29 Palms, Cal. Meets at members homes with potluck.

Howard E. Gates Memorial C&S Society-Joyce Tate-11245 Hubbard St. Sunnymead, Cal. Meets 1st Wed p.m. at San Bernardino County Museum-18860 Orange Av. Bloomington, Cal. Also check with Art Montague-20371 Stanford St., Riverside, Cal. Phone 866-7387

Imperial Valley C&S Society-Irma Ortiz-218 Rockwood, Calexico, Cal. meets 3rd Thurs at Security First National Bank, El Paso St., El Centro.

Long Beach Cactus Club-Arloen Wright-231 Obispo, Long Beach, Cal. Meets 3rd Sun at Glendale Federal Sacings Community Room, 5285 Stearns Av. L.B.

Los Angeles C&S Society-Murray Skinner-339 E. El Segundo Blvd. Los Angeles. Meets 1st Sun at Fremont High School, 7676 S. San Pedro St. L.A.

Metropolitan C&S Society-Gayle Hanawalt-1607 W. 121st St. Los Angeles, Cal. Meets 2nd Fri p.m. at Prairie Recreation Center, 141 E. Prairie Av. Hawthorne, Cal.

Sacramento C&S Society-François Begle-Box 277 Clarkburg, Cal. Meets 4th Mon p.m. at Sacramento Garden & Sports Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento, Cal.

San Jose C&S Society-Harold Simons-14879 Las Flores Ln., Los Gatos, Cal. Meets 1st Sun at 1285 Lincoln Av. San Jose, Cal.

Sunset Succulent Society-Marlene Toeppen-507 Marguerita Av. Santa Monica, Cal. Meets 3rd Thurs p.m. at Joslyn Hall, 7th & Wilshire, Santa Monica, Cal.

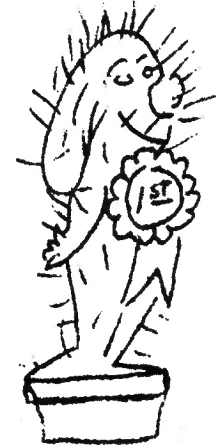
San Gabriel Valley C&S Society-Margaret Huber-2291 So. 3rd Av. Arcadia, Cal. Meets 3rd Wed at Los Angeles State & County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Av. Arcadia, Cal.

And San Diego C&S of course which meets the 1st Sat at the Floral Assoc Bldg in Balboa Park.

Last but not least Palomar C&S meets 3rd Sat at the Foreign Language Building at Palomar College, San Marcos, Cal.

It would appear that Californians are extremely interested in Spines and Flowers compared to the number of clubs elsewhere, either that of we just have less to do, Ha.

Said our Wagonmaster to Mrs. Scott, when she instructed him to make a wrong turn.. "Be careful, or you'll be seeing THE U.S.A. from the back of our Chevrolet, van that is."



... NO Biz, LIKE Show Biz!



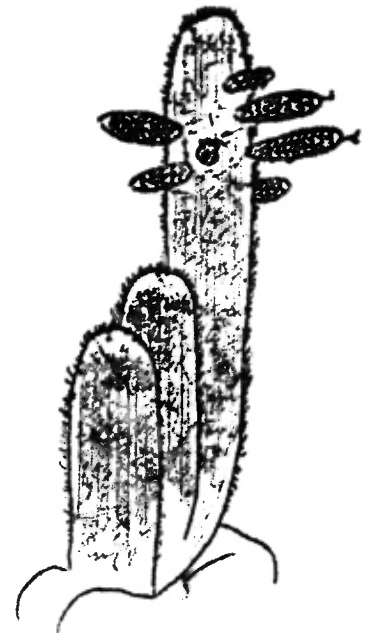
Saludos Amigos, Viva La Fair!

PLANT OF THE MONTH

ON OUR travels through "Cactusland" we once again stop in South America to pay our respect to the early blooming varieties that temper the thistly tongues of northern winds which still roam our land. As we pause at this crossroad in time and space, there stands before us upright and proud, an elegant column clad in crystalline calcimine with deep carmen fingers pointing out the many trade wind routes. Looking for all the world like the "Devil's Sign Post" at the crossroads of L'avez Styx, *CLEISTOCACTUS STRAUSII*, (klee-toe-kak-etus) (strous-i) is a most lovely species from the rugged lonely hills of southern Bolivia. Often called the "Silver Torch", it stands as a reminder that the beauty of nature need not always be apparent or limited to established standards and restraints, but is boundless in the conception of the observer in the recesses of life.

C. strausii is one of a family of around 15 in number. It stands from 3 to 6 feet tall when mature; frequently branching from the base to form large clumps like a silvery candleabra. The stems are 1½ to 3 inches thick and divided by 25 low transverse furrows. The light green body is almost completely obscured by the delicate needle-like white spines emanating from the small areoles spaced scarcely 3/8" apart!

The white spines are almost too small and too numerous to count, but most journals relate that there 30 or more and range in length around ½" long! Usually there are four very pale yellow central spines up to 1½" in length, that are stouter and more prominent. Flowers are borne in reserved profusion from the upper middle part of the stem; where they arise laterally about 3½" long and assume a violet carmine hue. The petals are closely compacted, almost scale-like, and do not expand fully, even at the tip of the bloom. From this flowering habit (cleistogamous) the genus derives its name, from the Greek word *kleistos* meaning closed. When the bloom is receptive, the pale green stigma will protrude from the tip like a viper's tongue!



There are several species of *Cleistocactus* that are similar to *strausii* and are often sold as same, because they vary only slightly. If your plant doesn't check with the above description, check var. *Fricii* which has long white hairs at the top of the stems; *C. nivosus* whose flowers are larger, but the plant itself only attains a height of 2 to 3 feet; *C. jujuyensis* whose central spines are brownish; *C. hyalacanthus* with more transparent spines, glassy yellow centrals, and a cream colored stigma. All species do well in light well drained soil, and are considered rapid growers. They respond well to love and attention, as well as, full sunshine, warmth, and frequent watering when in bloom. These will all propagate easily from seed or stem cuttings!

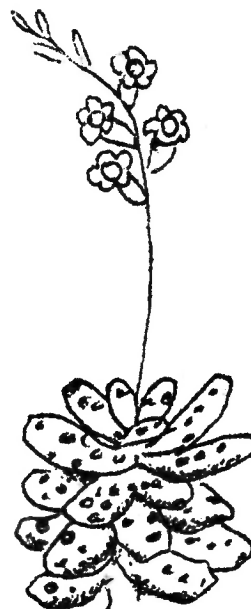
ADROMISCHUS (ad-ro-mis-kus) is a family of small succulent curiosities of 20 or more species all coming from Namaqualand and Cape Province in South Africa. The name is derived from two Greek words meaning stout-stalk, and like many other members of the *Crassula* clan has swollen fleshy leaves. Most often the stems will bear small aerial roots which quickly die, but persist on the plant. The leaves vary a
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plish-brown.

great deal in exotic shapes and are often mottled with blotches of pur-

A. festivus, nicknamed "Plover Eggs", is found in low clumps among the small crushed rocks very much like the bird's eggs it resembles. The erect leaves are club shaped, about 2 inches long, connected to the stem by a short fleshy appendage with the remainder tapering out like an inflated pouch 3/4" in diameter to a blunt end with somewhat wavy margins. The flesh is grey-green freely covered with purplish-brown blotches; from which the specific name is derived, referring to the festiveness of the pattern, as a shower of confetti at a parade down Broadway. The flowers are formed on an erect raceme, like a circus ladder with alternating rungs protruding laterally, but ascending from the center stalk. The raceme attains a height of up to 12" and the modest, very pale green, pink tipped flowers mature from the bottom to the top in a controlled release.

Commonly found in collections along with *A. festivus*, are *A. maculatus* (Calico Hearts), *A. rhombifolius*, *A. clavifolius*, and *A. cristatus*. They are easily grown and offer very few difficulties in cultivation. All species do not appear to be sensitive to soil and moisture conditions, provided they have good drainage. Avoid full sun, because there is a tendency to lose leaves in the hot summer months, probably an effort on the plants part to conserve water loss. However, the brighter the situation the better the coloration of the leaves. They are just excellent for house plants and small collections; mature specimens can be contained in a six inch pot. Most species will propagate readily from stem or leaf cuttings.



KAKTUSY

A FEW WEEKS ago our Librarian Ruth Nelson received a letter from one Professor Ferdinand Plesnich of Olomouc, Czechoslovakia. It was a request for Cactus seeds. The matter was brought up at the next Director's meeting and the ensuing Club meeting. Bob Taylor volunteered to supply seeds. Doc Vaughan said he would mail the seeds. Neither had the faintest idea of what was in the offing, what a little generosity might lead into. It could be a cactus patch, a lot of sticky things are involved. Doc quickly got himself entwined in red tape. He found it no simple thing to penetrate the "Iron Curtain" with cactus seeds--the two are not compatible. After a number of phone calls, visits, brush-offs, etc. Doc did finally get the underway, maybe over, maybe around, or maybe through the I.C. via established channels including Moscow. Doc is a determined sort of Cactophile, and he insisted on the mailed seeds going thru. He had overcome obstacles in earlier years as an investigator, a few legal spines and glochids weren't going to deter him now. When someone says "no", he has missed the boat, that word just isn't in Doc's vocabulary.

Up to last week Doc could not say for certain that the Professor had received the seeds, but events would indicate that he has now. After several postage stamps and translations, and reassuring the bewildered postman, Doc received a hard cover volume titled "KAKTUSY" and
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and six brochures. Doc describes them with great enthusiasm; he says they are "magnificent". He's as elated as if he had received a manuscript on Mammillarias from Mars. Doc has been working (poring over) translations of Czecho Slovakian, German, Latin, English, Cactish, all very stickery stuff. He described the illustrations as "terrific". And who is to question this man of letters in his evaluation of publications--surely not this gatezering said the editors of Time, Life, and Espinas y Flores at their monthly meeting.

The book "KAKTUSY" was published in 1965 in () Praha, () Prace, or () Prague; take your pick. The authors are F. Pazout, J. Zalnicek, and R. Subik. It is a 200 page volume. A line is forming on Doc's right. We think it may be a long line. Maybe it would be simpler if Mrs. Wachtel read it bit by bit and translated it at Club meetings, as a merit badge project of course. It may save time.

The Club and all persons involved are sincerely grateful to Professor Plesnich. His act is very generous and thoughtful. He appears to possess all the noble characteristics of a true Cactophile. Words fail to express adequately, the feeling of good fellowship and respect which has developed out of a packet of Kaktus seeds. Your cactus seeds are very potent, Bob. Many more acts undoubtedly will be added to this unfolding plot. One thing more. Has anyone in the Club read about Cactus in Siberia. You're in for a little learning. So the plot thickens, the action quickens, and the typewriter smokes. One never knows what may grow when seeds are planted in fertile soil and tended with human kindness.

-Rip Salis-

VITALOLOGY

BODY temperature is regulated with astonishing efficiency by a complex and delicately balanced mechanism.

Body heat is produced by the "burning" of the food we eat. Although this process goes on throughout the body, the principal centers for the generation of heat are the liver and the voluntary muscles. (That's why we shiver when we're cold; the muscles are being extra active in an attempt to turn on the heat.) Heat loss is accomplished through the skin. Blood flows in great volume in the vessels close to the skin; there at the surface of the skin, heat is dispersed by radiation and by the cooling effects of the evaporation of sweat. The central control for this process of temperature regulation is located in a portion of the base of the brain called the hypothalamus.

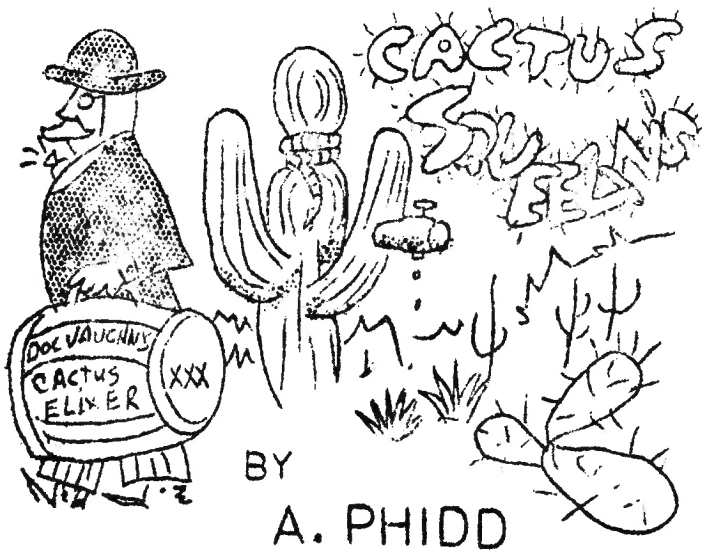
When the balance is upset and heat production exceeds heat loss, the body temperature goes up and we experience one of the commonest of all symptoms--fever.

Some people take comfort from the presence of fever; they are convinced that it is "burning out" whatever ails them. Actually, fever as such does not really function as a defense mechanism against disease.

Fever can rather readily be reduced by the time-honored treatment of taking aspirin; applying cold compresses, or giving cooling spong-baths.

If you happen to have Spring Fever or Cactus Fever, there is little hope for you; except that the prescription for Cactus Fever is far less expensive and longer lasting--plant, water, watch, & show. -Js-





THE SONG of May is a sad song-for pessimists, cynics, and do-baders.. the season "springs" flowers at their best.. "oh, what is there from life to fear? Why does the temples turning gray? Should God allow another year, We've friends to share it; come what 'May'...speaking of sharing...Doc Corliss recently took a trip northward to Capitola, Calif. to visit the Cactivity of Mr. Frank Reinelt. He brought back a number of new and unusual specimens, including a number of crosses and seedlings, which he made available to Club members at the April meeting.. Seedlings of *Gymnocalycium anisist-sii*, *baldianum*, *Lobivia Red Meteor X-famatimensis*, *Lobivia Orange Glow X-*

Big Red, *Lobivia marsoneri X- Stars & Stripes*, and a mixture of various varieties of *Echinopsis*..all were distributed to interested members ABE & LILLIAN FEINGOLD, EVELYN CHATHAM, NIBBY KLINEFELTER, along with many others...All grow well on there own roots..(the plants I mean).. but even better and faster if grafted...In our Club most anything can happen, so don't be surprised, if some of the members bring back specimens in full bloom next year..singing the stars and stripes forever with Big Red giving us that orange glow of happiness fever..(the membrs I mean, lump-head)..

When Good Folks get together...where would you find a more genial and happy gathering than our monthly meetings???a birds eye view of our Society in action shows our Jovial President with a ready smile and an evwr ready supply of words of wisdom, flanked on either side by our Secretary and Treasurer...all three radiate with a friendly smile as they carry out their duties...to the extreme left of the powers that be sits our Librarian with her apparently inexhaustible supply of Books, periodicals, magazines, and catalogs all pertaining to a cactophiles wants and issued on a first come, first serve basis..plus a few choice phrases on the literary contents...On the extreme right of the head table, is the Bragging table, where the end result of much grooming and small applications of plant nourishment are displayed under the watchfull eye of our overseer of pleasant and usually profitable trips..who without too much fanfare conducts the vote taking to ascertain the winner of the plant of the month award. He also describes coming events of great interest to the membership present.. leaving his audience with a feeling of serenity. Toward the right rear in a position to observe the goings and comings of all and to hear the proceedings for the benefit of *Esquinas y Flores* ..a rag that will stand up alongside any, sits out designer of plant layouts, connector of plant food and erstwhile cacti auctioneer... Lest we not forget, since her duties keep her hidden most of the meeting, we have our ver pleasant purveyor of choice cakes and cookies.. laid out artistically and served with a smile and a word of cheer..In the very center of this hive of activity is a distinguished group, our membership, which viewed from the head table expresses joy and elation in varying degrees, as



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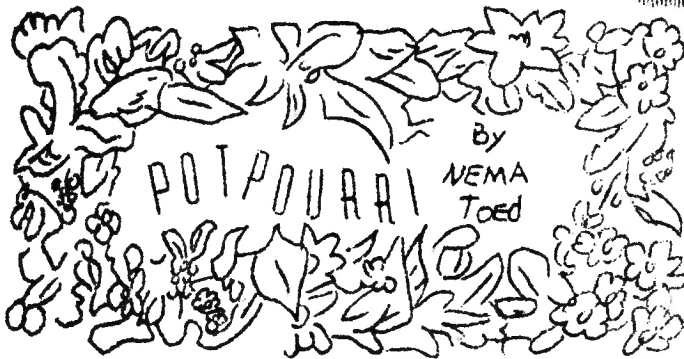
the program unfolds, what a restful and peaceful environment for our

plants to grow in...

ART MONTAGUE-sorry we didn't have a chance to chat last meeting... how did your "Orange Show" go??? will we be bumping heads at the Pomona Affair??? NEW BOOKS..sure, if you want something in particular and it's a might expensive for your personal library, let Ruth Nelson know...if it can be worked into the budgit, we'll add it to our everblooming thea- naeum of wholesome horticultural homage...if the book you want is already checked out, let Ruth know, and she'll bend every effort to see that you get it-S.A.P....

Good people, if you haven't made your mind up, as yet, regarding the Cactus Car-a-van to Voss's and Johnson's Cactus Gardens...and we put them in the same league...it could be that you're too late...but on the mere chance that the Wagonmaster is over subscribed sufficiently to order a second bus...you'll never know until you call-296-6022...This is a really, really big one..don't miss...Many times in Garden shows people mistakenly get involved with competitions among themselves and other groups...our feeling in this matter is best summed up in a statement given by Bobby Jones to a newsmen in answer to the query of who his thought- est golf opponent was, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen, or...to wit he answered.. "Old man Par".....

- A. Phidd-



DEAR NEMA; would like to see a "swap" feature added to the paper..I have duplicates of certain plants and would love to swap them off for some I don't have, or for some I need. Right now we are doing some work around the yard and would like to locate some Pampas grass and some Banana trees..am willing to dig.. (you'd better be)

In as much as I am the Affili- ate Director, would like to announce another Special Sectional Meeting of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America..All interested parties are invited to attend. It will be held at the Museum of Natural History 2559 Puesta Del Sol Rd., Santa Barbara, Calif. on June 9th at 1 p.m. The Museum will be open for tours in the morning.

The speaker will be Dr. Edward Anderson of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington. The subject will be Cacti of Coastal Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. There will be door prizes, plant sale, and other pertinent entertainment. For mor information contact me at 583-1087 or at the May meeting. Sinc. Perlso Lewis

Dear Perl, the swap idea is great..in the back yard we have a couple of holes we'll swap for anything..but let's get this ball rolling..BOB BUTLER told me the other day that he was starting an exclusive Aloe collection..and that he would swap dearly for new varieties...PHIL FRANZ will swap anything he's got, except ALMA, to make a deal..drop us a line and we'll see if we can't locate it for you... N.T.

Dear Nema; My neighbor R.J. WAGHYEL is grafting a Naval Orange with a Cactus, What do you make of that? -Troubled Tony

Dear Troubled; being the ex-tree surgeon that he is, we'd say he trying to spike his orange juice with out adding the vodka. -N.T.

An occasional laugh or happy thought acts like oil in a machine...

-Nema Toed-