

The Night-Blooming Cereus.

The night-blooming Cereus belongs to the family of the cactuses, of which more than 500 species are known. Their native region is tropical America, though they extend on both sides of the equator, over 75 degrees of latitude.

The Cactus is a very juicy and vital plant, growing with jointed stems and branches; often covered with sharp spines and seldom having leaves. Subjected to great extremes of drought and moisture it has in its succulent structure resources of moisture which enable it to flourish verdantly for six months without rain, on torrid plains and arid summits and crags, while all other vegetation is parched and seared.

The Cereus is a sub-division of the family, including all the cactuses that have long, angular or round stems, and hollow, elongated flowers. There are three species of the night-blooming cereus described in books we have had access to. One belonging to the group of cereuses called Torch Thistle, which grow erect with slender stems, and two others to the group of creeping cereuses, having slender stems that hang down like cords, and putting out roots or filaments along the stem by which they may cling to walls or trees.

The former have a large, beautiful white flower, delicately, though not greatly fragrant, which when mature and strong is succeeded by fruit of a scarlet, shining color, having the size and form of a hen's egg.

The two latter have a large flower, sometimes a foot in diameter, with a dark brown outside, petals perfectly white, and a golden interior, and a perfume of prevailing and exquisite sweetness. The light reflected from its vivid calyx, which is filled with a beautiful radiation of recurved stamens, trembling around a central stylus, gives the center glow and effulgence like a star.

The above descriptions of the flower will apply strictly to each of the two last named varieties of night-blooming cereuses, and fulfill the description in the books of the cereus grandiflorus, though one variety has a six-sided and the other a four-sided stem. The season of flowering is July and August, and oft times several flowers will open in one night, and on successive nights. They begin to open about 7 or 8 o'clock in the evening, are fully blown about midnight, and close never to re-open, before morning.

The cereus group are all natives of the hotter parts of the cactus region. The grandiflorus was first brought to England from Jamaica about two centuries ago, for the Royal Garden at Hampton Court.

These plants should be grown in hot-houses, though during the hot weather of summer, may be placed in the open air with protection from great rains. They are cultivated in loam or leaf mould, mixed with sand or pounded brick and lime rubbish, in pots well drained with cinders, instead of potsherds or fragments of broken pots, as the latter retain too much moisture for the delicate and succulent roots. They should have rest after flowering, either by removing in a cooler temperature and withholding water, or if they are kept in a hot-house the water should be lessened. They should be kept almost without water from October to March, and then watered profusely while coming into flower. They may be readily grown from cuttings placed in sand, but before they are set they should lie in a dry place two or three weeks, until the cut end has time to dry.

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