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Fig. 1. Canna lily.

## CANNAS

The beautiful race of Cannas that we now possess was originated by M. Crozy, a French nurseryman, who, by crossing two species, obtained a new "break" of comparatively dwarf habit and with large flowers. Other breeders, especially Herr Pflizer and Herr Ernst, German nurserymen, have continued the work of improvement by cross-breeding and selection, with the result that a large number of beautiful varieties are now available for the garden, both under glass and in the open air in summer. In the warmer parts of this country Cannas are used as bedding plants; they are lifted in October and stored in a dry frost-proof place until March, when they are started in a little warmth with Dahlias, &c., and planted outside in June. They flower continuously from July onwards. Grown in pots under glass they form handsome pictures of large green or bronzed leaves and spikes of flowers, whose colours vary from rose to crimson, cream yellow to orange, or variegated, as in that shown in the plate.

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