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Lilies were the easiest of general culture, and secondly in what circumstances various other Lilies might be considered successful in different parts of the United Kingdom. The result of these inquiries is herewith published, with acknowledgments to those who so readily and courteously complied with the request.

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It must be understood that this is merely an amateur's handbook; a simple guide to those who wish to grow Lilies in English gardens. Several Lilies known to exist are not named in it, either because they are of secondary importance in our gardens or because they are scarce or tender or little known. They concern the botanist, whose business it is to know and to classify everything; they scarcely concern the gardener whose interest it is to know what Lilies will best grace his garden.

The Lilies named are (with grateful acknowledgment to the work of that eminent botanist) arranged according to the classification of Mr. J. G. Baker, so long Keeper of the Herbarium and Library of the Royal Gardens at Kew.

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A careful observation of the distinctive features of the great divisions of Lilies will not only give additional interest to the plants themselves, but will give the amateur grower some grasp of the botanical aspect, by helping him to observe the evidences of the common laws of structure that have been accepted in determining the relationships of the groups. No one could believe, who has not taken the trouble to learn these simple and now plainly defined characters, how the possession of such knowledge increases our interest in any group of plants. What a joy it is, in Daffodils for instance, to have acquired a "Daffodil eye," so that when any new Narcissus, whether collected wild or produced by intentional hybridisation, is shown, to be able at a glance to guess fairly nearly at its parentage and quite surely at its clanship. In the matter of Lilies it is much easier, for the forms in the several groups are more distinct.

In addition to the acknowledgment so justly due to Mr. Baker, it would be ungracious on the part of any one venturing to put together a handbook on Lilies to omit some grateful reference to the labours of others who have worked among these noble flowers; to the travels and writings of Mr. Henry Elwes, author of the "Monograph," the standard authority on Lilies; to the many years of experiment and written record of Mr. G. F. Wilson; and to the industry and perseverance of Mr. Max Leichtlin of Baden-Baden.