

# HARDY FLOWERS.

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DESCRIPTIONS OF UPWARDS OF THIRTEEN HUNDRED  
OF THE MOST ORNAMENTAL SPECIES,

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DIRECTIONS FOR THEIR ARRANGEMENT, CULTURE, ETC.

## "Daffodils

That come before the swallow dares, and take  
The winds of March with beauty : violets dim,  
But sweeter than the lids of Juno's eyes  
Or Cytherea's breath ; pale primroses,  
That die unmarried, ere they can behold  
Bright Phœbus in his strength : . . . . .  
bold oxlips and  
The crown-imperial ; lilies of all kinds."

SHAKESPEARE.

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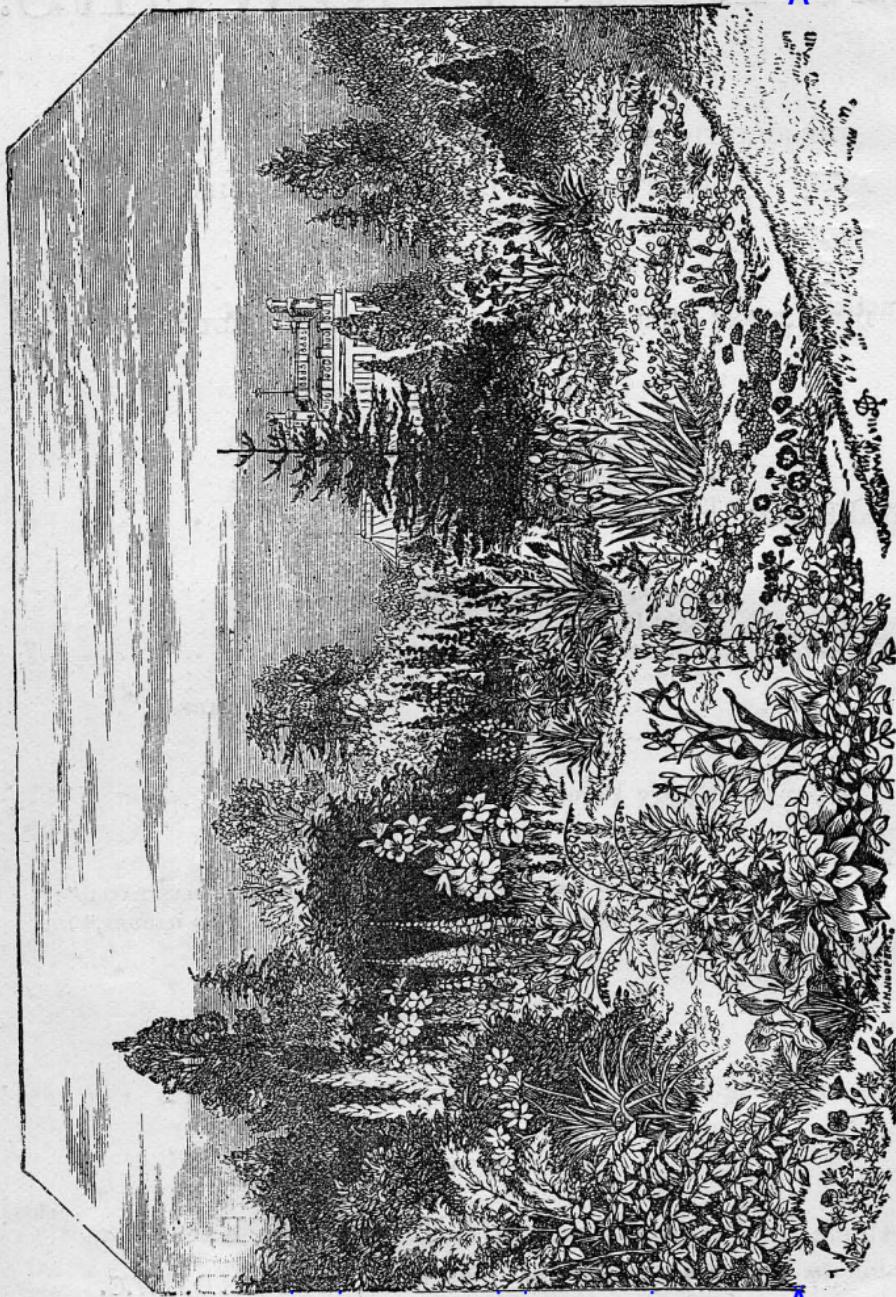
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call the vales, and bid them hither cast  
Their bells and flowerets of a thousand hues.—MILTON.



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