were of the deepest, richest colors known to this flower. The nasturtiums that were trained up the supports were of lighter colors, lemon and orange, and cream. The middle strings had been loosened and the vines had been drawn back from the center to each side by strong strings; the whole appearance being a diamond-shaped aperture surrounded by a drapery of living green. The effect was equally charming from within and without.—From Vick’s Magazine for April.

**SOME FLORAL NOTES.**

We notice that F. K. Phoenix & Son of Delavan, Wis., advertise Bechtel Double-flowering American Crab, and recommend it highly as a hardy ornamental tree for the West and Northwest.

*Centaurea Imperialis* is one of the new annuals, easy to grow. One lady says it was “the handsomest thing in annuals she saw last summer.” It resembles *Centaurea Marguerite*, but is a more vigorous plant and the flowers are larger.

In a recent number of the Orange Judd Farmer, Eben E. Rexford speaks of some “desirable new flowers.” Of the Rudbeckia, Golden Glow, he says: “Two years’ trial has convinced me that it is entitled to a place in the very first rank of border plants. It stood 30 degrees below zero weather without any protection whatever, and did not receive the least injury from it. It increases rapidly, a small plant becoming a large clump the second season, from which scores of stalks seven and eight feet high will be sent up, each one branching freely, and each branch bearing a profuse crop of rich, golden-yellow flowers as large as those of the new dahlias, and so similar in shape that they are often mistaken for the latter flower.”
He also speaks highly of the new bedding geranium, America, grown by Henry Eicholz: "Plants were sent the writer last year for trial, and the result was satisfactory in the highest degree. It is a lovely combination of pink, white and salmon. It is of bushy, compact habit, extremely free flowering, and has the merit of standing our hot sun well. Those who have grown tired of beds of scarlet Gen. Grant, and pink Mad Thibaud will be pleased to vary the program with this lovely variety, which does as well in the greenhouse in winter as it does in the garden in summer."

The Savitzii Abutilon Mr. Rexford considers a desirable variegated plant. "This new variety is of such compact habit that it makes a charming pot plant at all stages of its growth. Its foliage is much more heavily marked with white than De Bonn, and one familiar with the behavior of plants having leaves in which white predominates over green, would expect it to lose its foliage readily. But it does not do this. Plants procured last spring still retain the leaves that were on them when they came, and the white in them has not turned brown or taken on a sickly look. This is an excellent plant for use among other plants not in bloom, its lovely leaves being almost as ornamental as flowers."

A VISIT TO J. S. STICKNEY — SOME DESIRABLE ROSES.

Editor Horticulturist:—I never notice a tree of the Wisconsin Weeping Willow but what I feel grateful to Messrs. Stickney and Baumbach of Wauwatosa for having introduced it. It seems to be a strain of the old Babylonica, but has rather coarser growing branches and is hardier and perhaps more robust. Messrs. Stickney and Baumbach informed me recently, that they obtained it about 1865 from a nursery in Dodge county that had been abandoned. This