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GLOXINIA SPECIOSA.

Class. Order.

DIDYNAMIA ANGIOSPERMIA.

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This most splendid subject has lately been introduced from South America, a country richly abounding in the most beautiful productions, which unhappily have been till now mostly shut out of the civilized world. The time, however, seems approaching when these treasures will be freely diffused. If the oppressions which men exercised upon each other during the dark ages of ignorance and barbarity were once to cease, all would feel the advantages, and enjoy the comforts of amicable commerce; that source of such incalculable benefits to nations.

Our plant is at present (June 1817) in fine flower, and will continue, according to appearance, for a long time. It requires a moderate stove heat, and in the flowering season should have a good supply of water: soil, a rich garden mould, or mixture of loam and rotten dung. It is increased by seeds, which are perfected in this country.



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G. Zollinger del.

G. Goussier sc.