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Description: Hortus Veitchii was originally published by the famous nursery firm of James Veitch & Sons, Chelsea, London in 1906 to commemorate the huge contribution made by this firm to western gardens in the introduction of new plants from around the world.

This book is a study of the history of the botanical plant collecting explorers and hybridists, working for the nurseries of James Veitch and Son, Exeter and James Veitch and Sons, Chelsea during the period of 1840-1906. This includes chapters on the following; Lives of Travellers, Lives of Hybridists, Orchid Species, Orchid Hybrids, Stove and Greenhouse Plants, Insectivorous Plants, Exotic Ferns, Coniferous Trees, Trees and Shrubs and Climbing Plants, Herbaceous Plants, Bulbous Plants, Begonias, Hippeastrums, Orchid Hybridization, Nepenthes, Greenhouse Rhododendrons, Streptocarpus, Fruits and Vegetables.

About the author:
James Herbert Veitch F.L.S., F.R.H.S. was born in 1869 into a family of successful nurserymen. He was the eldest son of John Gould Veitch and like his father was to become a botanist and plant collector for the family nursery firm of James Veitch and Sons, Chelsea. Following a tour to the Far East and Australasia during 1891-1893 he wrote A Traveller's Notes which was published by James Veitch and Sons in 1896. He returned to England to become managing director of the firm in 1900, on the retirement of his uncle, Harry James Veitch (later Sir Harry). In November 1906, shortly after the publication of Hortus Veitchii, he retired from his duties due to ill health. This caused Harry Veitch to come out of retirement and return to lead the business until its eventual closure in 1914. James Herbert Veitch died in Exeter in November 1907, aged 39.

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