



Paxton s Flower Garden

By Sir Joseph Paxton, John Lindley

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 Paperback. Book Condition: New. 296 x 208 mm. Language: English Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Best remembered today for his technically innovative design for the Crystal Palace of 1851, Joseph Paxton (1803-65) was head gardener to the Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth by the age of twenty-three, and remained involved in gardening throughout his life. Tapping in to the burgeoning interest in gardening amongst the Victorians, in 1841 he founded the periodical *The Gardener s Chronicle* with the botanist John Lindley (1799-1865), with whom he had worked on a Government report on Kew Gardens. Paxton s Flower Garden appeared between 1850 and 1853, following a series of plant-collecting expeditions. Only three of the planned ten volumes were published, but with hand-coloured plates (which can be viewed online alongside this reissue) and over 500 woodcuts, the work is lavish. Further colour plates of orchids are to be found in Volume 2, clearly a reflection of Lindley s interest, but also of the wider fascination for these flowers.



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