

ordinary form of *A. molle*. One of the peculiarities of this plant is to continue growing all the year, flowering from June to August. Lifted and potted in the autumn, its leaves remain green throughout the winter. It is somewhat tender in the climate of Paris, but is one of the most beautiful plants for the decoration of lawns and flower gardens.

Both the name of *A. latifolius*, and that of *A. lusitanicus*, under which it is also known, appear to be of garden origin.

We have to thank Mr. Robinson, whose handsome volume on French gardening we have had several opportunities of commending, for the use of the annexed cut, which shows the fine picturesque aspect of this *Acanthus latifolius*. It is one of those things that will not disgrace any position, and will prove equally at home in the mixed border, in the sheltering angle of a wall, or projecting in front of a shrubbery. Its quality of retaining its leaves till the end of the season is a strong point in its favour; and it is just one of those plants, which if a suitable spot for them can be found, are best planted and suffered to grow on undisturbed.

Hence, as it is, moreover, liable to suffer from extreme cold without it is provided with some protection, such a position as the front of a greenhouse or conservatory, close to the sheltering wall, would be just adapted for it. We need add nothing in praise of its beauty, which is well indicated in the woodcut.



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FROM the rich collection of Tropical Fruits grown by P. L. Hinds, Esq., Byfleet Lodge, there was exhibited at the meeting of the Royal Horticultural Society, on the 19th ult., a fruit of the Avocado, or Alligator Pear, the first, it would appear, that has been produced in England, perhaps in Europe, though the tree has previously flowered both at Syon and at Kew. This fruit is the produce of *Persea gratissima*, one of the Lauraceæ, and is much esteemed in the West Indies. The example exhibited was oblong pear-shaped, much like a dark vegetable-marrow, deep green spotted with red outside, hollow, enclosing one large seed, the flesh yellow about an