

a weedy spindly plant, notwithstanding its pretty flowers, but when grown in a greenhouse its sturdy hardy and ornamental aspect reversed this unfavourable verdict. It is indeed recorded that at Clapham it has survived in the open air in winter, uninjured. Similar misconception prevailed in respect to *Abutilon*



*Thompsoni*, the utility of which was not even suspected till it was planted out in the open garden for the summer, as an experiment. Here, instead of the dingy, blotched leaves which had been generally seen under house culture, and which failed to procure it many admirers, it became quite brilliant in its mottled livery of green and gold and white, so much so that it must be pronounced a first-rate