Bulbs will brighten winter days thoroughly from the bottom by standing the container in a pan of water. After the soil has sottled, it should be covering the lower one-third of each bulb. The soil should be kept moist at all times, but not sog-ov.

Forcing, or if you prefer, persuading bulbs is an interesting project for
this time of year, providing you
saved a few from the fall purchase
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to booms will perhaps "nurry" spring
a bit indoors.

"Nost bulbs that are hardy outdeors are suitable for forcing, They
can be forced either in a good potttign medium, vermiculite, or in water
sign density, vermiculite, or in water
sign force in water to hold the bulbs.

Set the bulbs about one to two inches
with the medium and gently firming
sized in the water to hold the bulbs.

Signal parts peat moss, loamy soil
bulbs in a six-inch pot make a fine
figurand is a good medium mixture.

Signal pots, plastic, metal or ceramhave a bulb planted in each side
econtainers can be used as long as

gy.

Now the container should be placed in a cold dark area (not freezing) for about two weeks so the roots can develop. I have placed crocus in a plastic bag in the refrigerator with good results.

THIS STEP can be omitted for paper-white narcissus, although they
do like a coel 10-00 degree F* in the
beginning in fact.

When the fact and the coel of the coel
when the roots are well establishd— test the development by gently
trying to turn the bulb — and growth
is showing an inch or two at the tip,
move the container to a location
with strong daylight, but little or no
direct sun.

alternative method of forcing nar-cissus. A low, wide container three to five inches deep is ideal. For obvi-ous reasons there should be no holes in the bottom. Clay, glass or ceramic bowls work equally well. Small clean pebbles, gravel or marbles can be used to hold the bulbs.

Fill the container about half to three-fourths full of pebbles. Place the bubbs gently on this layers other they are almost dueching. Head made they are almost dueching. Head made and the state of the layer half they are almost one of the layer half and be under the pebbles. Three bulbs in a four-inch container, or live in a six-inch one makes an attractive showing.

The next step is to gently pour water in at the side of the container, or layer they are the

down to earth Marty

When growing a hyacinth, the water should just touch the base of the bulb and be kept at that level. A piece of charcoal in the water helps keep the water sweet.

It is RECOMMENDED that the container be kept in a cool, dark place for two weeks prior to placing it in a warm suny location, but this step isn't positively essential. The roots are delicate and should not be disturbed — their growth can be tested as described earlier.

Generally, the cooler the room, the longer it will the cooler the room to bloom and the longer the bulbs will remain in the longer the bulbs will remain in the warm, it's good practice to place them in a cooler room at night.

Turn the pots every day so that all sides of the plant receive equal sunight. Remove the flower stakes after the flowers fade. The grass-like follinge can be enjoyed for several weeks.

I have found that daffodils and paper-whites dry very well and make a nice addition to the Inventory of dried flowers for decorating purposes.

dried flowers for decorating pur-poses.

The plant should be discarded when the leaves begin turning yel-low, as the bulbs cart't be used again for this purpose. If you choose to save the bulbs, allow them to ripen atturally and plant outdoors, al-though it may be several years be-fore they bloom.

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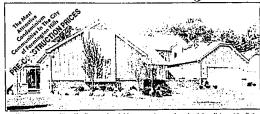
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