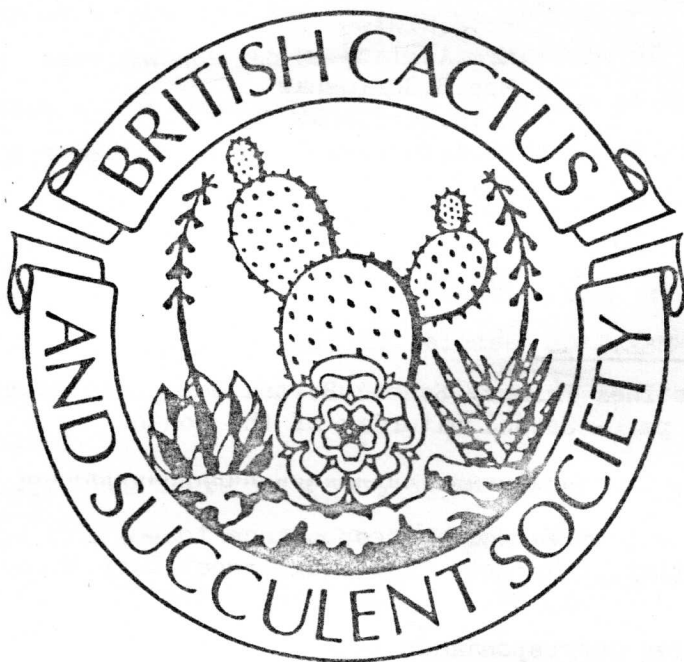


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BRITISH CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY, MANCHESTER BRANCH.

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After a long break without a newsletter I have at last managed to get this latest offering typed up. The reasons for the delays in publication have been mainly due to a lack of material and also with many problems at my place of work. However many thanks to Harold Gaulton for the two very interesting articles plus several others I hope you will find this edition up to standard.

As I am writing these notes the growing season seems so far away, nighttime temperatures of -8°C , snow drifts of 2 - 3 feet. It makes me wonder how the plants can put up with it all. So far I have managed to keep the temperature of the greenhouse above freezing, with the exception of one night where a temperature of -3°C was recorded in the coldest part of the greenhouse. Only time will tell what the losses may be.

Progress on the National Show /Convention are progressing well, the full itinerary should be released soon. Remember that as much help as possible from all our members would be very appreciated.

As you will see there is a very interesting itinerary for our meetings this year. Let us know what you think to the meetings and offer any suggestions on how you think we could improve the evenings.

I will finish these few lines on the usual note, please, please, write to me with any articles, thoughts, questions, if enough articles come in I can produce the newsletter on a much more regular basis.

To the general public and some of the newer members the referring to plants by their botanical names rather than their common names seems to be rather too technical or a bit of a big headed way of talking but the system of naming developed by Linnaeus is fairly well foolproof, it is internationally used, so that a plant such as Mammillaria rhomboides is recognised as such anywhere in the world. Out of interest the Americans use common names a lot, however this causes a lot of confusion, for instance different states use different plants under the common names of:- Queen of the Night, Old Man Cactus, Easter Lily Cactus, Comb Cactus, Hedgehog Cactus etc.

Some common names used in the U.S.A. are listed below.

- FEATHER BALL CACTUS - MAMMILLARIA PLUMOSA
 ARIZONA QUEEN OF THE NIGHT - PENIOCEREUS GREGGII
 BISHOPS CAP - ASTROPHYTUM MYRIOSTIGMA
 SAND DOLLAR - ASTROPHYTUM ASTERIAS
 STRIPED CHIN CACTUS - GYMNOCALYCIUM MIHANOVICHII
 POWDER PUFF CACTUS - MAMMILLARIA BOCASANA
 GOLDEN LACE CACTUS - MAMMILLARIA ELONGATA
 OLD MAN CACTUS - CEPHALOCEREUS SENILIS
 BEAVER TAIL CACTUS - OPUNTIA BASILARIS
 COB CACTUS - LOBIVIA HERTRICHIANA
 CANDILABRA CACTUS - OPUNTIA IMBRICATA
 (GIANT) SAGUARO - CARNEGIA GIGANTEA
 OCOTILLO - FOUQUIERIA DIGUETII
 " FASCICULATA
 " SPLENDENS
 CIRIO }
 BOOJUM } IDRIA COLUMNARIS
 MILAPA }
 ORANGE LILY - LOBIVIA AUREA
 SNOWBALL CACTUS - MAMMILLARIA OLIVIAE
 STRAWBERRY HEDGEHOG - ECHINOCEREUS ENGELMANNII
 GLORY OF TEXAS - THELOCACTUS BICOLOR
 STAGHORN CHOLLA - OPUNTIA VERSICOLOR
 EAGLE CLAWS - HOMALOCEPHALA TEXENSIS
 HORSE CRIPPLER - " " " "
 CANE CHOLLA - OPUNTIA SPINOSIOR
 MEXICAN PINCUSHION - MAMMILLARIA MAGNIMAMMA
 LITTLE BARREL - SCLEROCACTUS WHIPPLEI
 LACE CACTUS - ECHINOCEREUS PECTINATUS VAR. REICHENBACHII
 EASTER LILY CACTUS - ECHINOPSIS MULTIPLEX
 SNAKE CACTUS - NYCTOCEREUS SERPENTINUS

ORGAN PIPE - LEMAIREOCEREUS THURBERI
RED HEDGEHOG, CLARET CUP CACTUS - ECHINOCEREUS TRIGLOCHIDIATUS
PRINCESS OF THE NIGHT - SELENICEREUS PTERANTHUS
TEXAS RAINBOW - ECHINOCEREUS DASYACANTHUS
ARIZONA PINCUSHION - CORYPHANTHA VIVIPARA var. VIVIPERA
CHAIN FRUIT CHOLLA - OPUNTIA FULGIDA
COMB CACTUS - ECHINOCEREUS PECTINATUS
DEVIL'S FINGER - ECHINOCEREUS BLANKII
PURPLE PRICKLY PEAR - OPUNTIA SANTA RITA
PEANUT CACTUS - LOBIVIA (CHAMAECEREUS) SYLVESTRII
PORCUPINE CACTUS - OPUNTIA ERIACEA
COMMON PIN CUSHION - CORYPHANTHA VIVIPARA var. AGGREGATA
MILLERS PIN CUSHION - MAMMILLARIA MICROCARPA var. MILLERII
MIDNIGHT LADY - ERIOCEREUS BONPLANDII
BLUE CEREUS - CEREUS HEXAGONUS
FISHHOOK CACTUS - MAMMILLARIA MICROCARPA
MISSOURI PINCUSHION - NEOBESSEYA MISSOURIENSIS
LEMON VINE - PERESKIA ACULEATA
BUNNYS EARS - OPUNTIA MICRODASYS
JOSEPH'S COAT - OPUNTIA MONACANTHA var. VARIEGATA
GRIZZLY BEAR - OPUNTIA ERINACEA var. URSINUS
BOXING GLOVES - OPUNTIA MAMMILLATA
OLD MAN OPUNTIA - OPUNTIA VESTITA
PERUVIAN TORCH - CEREUS PERUVIANUS
MEXICAN GIANT - PACHYCEREUS PRINGLEI
INDIAN COMB CACTUS - PACHYCEREUS PECTEN-ABORIGINUM
TOTEM POLE - LOPHOCEREUS SCHOTTII MONSTROSE
OLD MAN OF THE ANDES - OREOCEREUS CELSIANUS
PERUVIAN OLD MAN - ESPOSTOA LANATA
SILVER TORCH - CLEISTOCACTUS STRAUSII
SCARLET BUGLER - CLEISTOCACTUS BAUMANNII
SUN CEREUS - HELIOCEREUS SPECIOSUS
RAT TAIL CACTUS - APOROCACTUS FLAGELLIFORMIS
RAINBOW CACTUS - ECHINOCEREUS RIGIDISSIMUS
PRICKLY ROSE - OPUNTIA ERINACEA var. RHODANTHA
INDIAN BASKET - ECHINOMASTUS ERECTOCENTRUS
TULIP PRICKLY PEAR - OPUNTIA PHAECANTHA
TURKS CAP CACTUS - MELOCACTUS SPEC.
SUN CAP - NOTOCACTUS AFRICUS
SILVER BALL - NOTOCACTUS SCOPEA
GOLDEN BALL - NOTOCACTUS LENINGHAUSII, ECHINOCACTUS GRUSONII
INDIAN HEAD - NOTOCACTUS OTTONIS
LEMON BALL - NOTOCACTUS SUBMAMMULOSUS
TOM THUMB CACTUS - PARODIA AUREISPINUS
CRIMSON PARODIA - PARODIA SANGUINIFLORA
THIMBLE CACTUS - MAMMILLARIA GRACILIS
OLD LADY CACTUS - MAMMILLARIA HAHNIANA

BIRD'S NEST CACTUS - MAMMILLARIA CAMPOTRICHA
 OWL'S EYES - MAMMILLARIA PARKINSONII
 MOTHER OF HUNDREDS - MAMMILLARIA COMPRESSA
 MISTLETOE CACTUS - RHIPSALIS MESEMBRYANTHEMOIDES
 RICE CACTUS - RHIPSALIS CEREUSCULA
 SNOWDROP CACTUS - RHIPSALIS HOULLETIANA
 LINK CACTUS - RHIPSALIS PARADOXA
 CHIN CACTUS - GYMNOCAECIUM SPP.
 CROWN CACTUS - REBUTIA SPP.
 FINE CONE - ENCEPHALOCARPUS STROBILIFORMIS
 DUMPLING CACTUS }
 MESCAL BUTTON } LOIHOPIHORA WILLIAMSII
 PEYOTE }
 BRAIN CACTUS - STENOCACTUS SPP.
 AGAVE CACTUS - LEUTENBERGIA PRINCIPIS
 GOLDEN BARREL - ECHINOCACTUS GRUSONII
 BLUE BARREL - ECHINOCACTUS INGENS
 EAGLE CLAW - ECHINOCACTUS HORIZONTHALONIUS
 FISH HOOK CACTUS - FEROCACTUS WISLIZENII
 WARTY HEDGEHOG - ECHINOCEREUS ENNEACANTHUS
 CREEPING DEVIL - MACHAEROCEREUS ERUCA
 CENTURY PLANT - AGAVE AMERICANA
 HEDGEHOG AGAVE - AGAVE STRICTA
 SEA SHELLS - ADROMISCHUS CRISTATUS
 PRETTY PEBBLES - ADROMISCHUS CLAVIFOLIUS
 LEOPARD SPOTS - ADROMISCHUS MACULATUS
 PLOVERS SPOTS - ADROMISCHUS COOPERI
 MOON STONES }
 SUGARED ALMONDS } PACHYPHYTUM OVIFERUM
 JADE PLANT - CRASSULA ARGENTEA
 TIGERS JAW - FAUCARIA TIGRINA
 RATTLESNAKE BUTTONS - CRASSULA TERES
 BABY JOSHUA TREE - SEDUM MULTICEPS
 AIRPLANE PLANT }
 SCARLET PAINT BRUSH } CRASSULA FALCATA
 NECKLACE VINE - CRASSULA PERFORATA
 ARAB'S TURBAN }
 SILVER DOLLAR } CRASSULA HEMISPHERICA
 GIANT'S WATCH CHAIN - CRASSULA LYCOPODIOIDES
 ST. ANDREWS CROSS - CRASSULA TRIEBNERI
 SILVER BEADS - CRASSULA DELTOIDEA
 PLUSH PLANT - ECHEVERIA PULVINATA
 PAINTED LADY - ECHEVERIA DERENBERGII
 CHALK LETTUCE - DUDLEYA PULVERULENTA

PEN WIPER - KALANCHOE MARMORATA
 ELEPHANT EAR - KALANCHOE BEHARENSIS
 DRAGONS BLOOD SEDUM - SEDUM SPURIUM VAR. COCCINEUM
 BOSTON BEAN - SEDUM STAHLII
 BURROS TAIL - SEDUM MORGANIANUM
 ROSARY VINE
 HEARTS ENTANGLED } CEROPEGIA WOODII
 CANDY STICK - SENECIO STAPELIAEFORMIS
 CROWN OF THORNS - EUPHORBIA MILLII
 BASKET BALL EUPHORBIA - EUPHORBIA OBESA
 COWS HORNS - EUPHORBIA GRANDICORNIS
 LACE ALOE
 PARTRIDGE BREAST ALOE } ALOE VARIEGATA
 WAX FLOWER/VINE - HOYA CARNOSA
 CONE PLANTS - CONOPHYTUM SPP.
 STONE FACES } LITHOPS SPP.
 LIVING STONES }
 TONGUE LEAF - GLOTTIPHYLUM SPP.
 HOTTENTOT FIG - CARPOBROTUS EDULIS
 ZEBRA HAWORTHIA - HAWORTHIA FASCIATA
 LOBSTER CLAWS - CHEIRODOPSIS PILLANSII
 SILVERSKINS - ARGYRODERMA SPP.
 RED DRAGON FLOWER - HUERNIA HYSYRIX
 KAROO ROSE - LAPIDARIA MARGARETHAE
 KNOBBLY TIGERS JAW - FAUCARIA TUBERCULOSA

WHAT NO ROOTS?

Peter & Judith Schofield

This useful tip was picked up at Wythenshawe Park, it may not be known to everyone. It concerns the problem of root loss in Echeverias and what to do about it. Their technique is as follows:

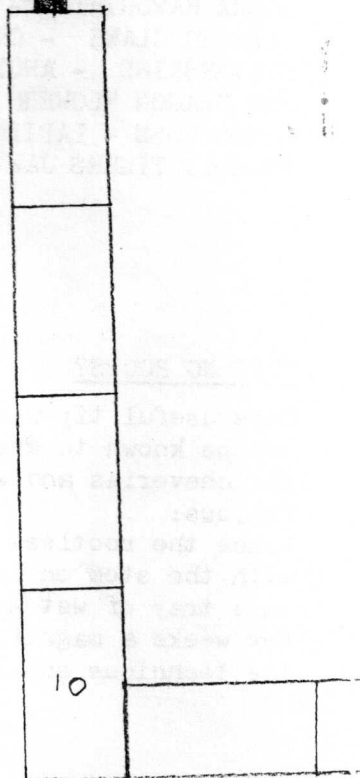
Place the rootless rosette on top of an upturned clay pot, with the stem on or through the drainage hole. Stand the pot on a tray of wet gravel. Leave it. We tried this and within a few weeks a magnificent set of roots had developed. Presumably the technique should work for other species as well.

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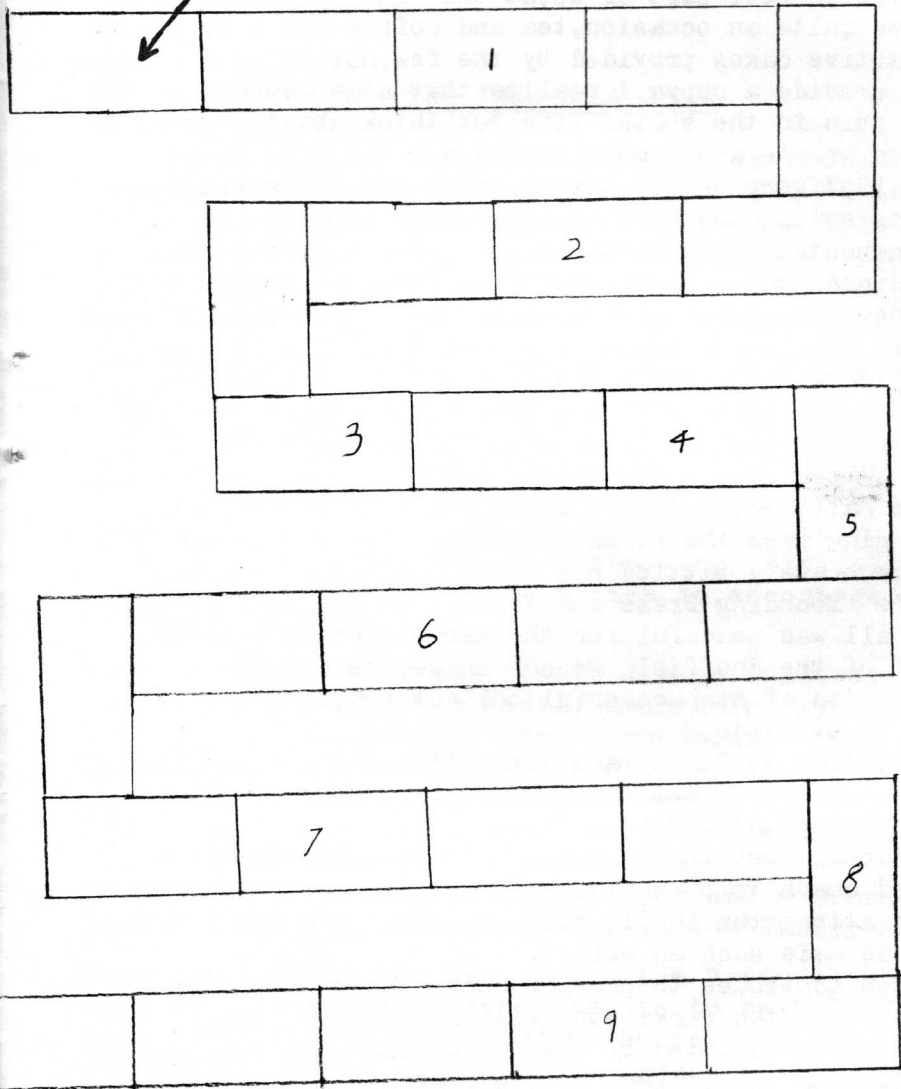
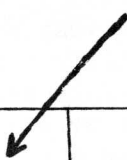
This game may be played by two or more players. Although it can be played by one, the idea is to be the first person to get to the *Mammillaria Manchester-branchana*. After deciding who's going to go first, that person should roll a die and move that number of squares. If you land on a number, refer to the table. After this the next player does the same thing, until one rolls a number that gets them to the end. If it takes them beyond the end, then they should go back that number of squares. The player who gets to the last square first, wins. This sounds easy but wait until you play it. One player playing on his own, can see how many rolls of the die it takes to get to the end.

1. fall over a cactus miss a turn
2. drive over a cactus puncture tyre go back 3 places to get it mended
3. shown short cut by friendly lorry driver move forward 5 places
4. poisoned by tarantula escaped from zoo go back 3 places to get antidote
5. cactus falls on you go back 5 places to see doctor
6. searched by Mexican Government miss a turn
7. photograph a cactus miss a turn
8. van serviced move 3 places forward
9. van air-lifted move 4 places forward
10. van breaks down miss a turn

By Lawrence Mays



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A LOOK INTO THE PAST - CAN WE LEARN ANYTHING FROM THIS?

Harold Gaulton.

In the last two issues of the BCSS journal we have read several letters about a 'Society in decline'. This makes you think whether this applies to the Manchester Branch. Although we gain a few new members and we lose a few each year, we need a bit more member participation, the small new influx needs to be made to feel part of us. At one time the refreshment break was quite an occasion, tea and coffee and a selection of attractive cakes provided by the few, now it is a struggle to even provide a cuppa. I realise that some members do not want to join in the social life, but think about it, what can you do to create a bit more interest.

In June 1957, very nearly thirty years ago, there was much more interest, in the NCSS newsletter it read:-

'The Manchester Branch started it's year with the usual annual dinner and a large gathering dined in lavish style at the New Millgate Hotel. The principal guests were Miss W. Dunn of the London Branch and Mr. & Mrs. F. Eye of the Didsbury Show Committee. February saw the first meeting in The Milton Hall, a move to the larger place being necessary due to the increase in membership, but one wondered if we had not jumped out of the frying pan into the fire, as at the previous hall, meetings were sometimes faintly disturbed by hymn singing from the rooms below, but on this occasion Mr. Parkinson bravely battled his voice against a rehearsal of the BBC's 'Sounding Brass and Voices' in the hall above. However all was peaceful for the March meeting when Mr. Kennewell of the Sheffield Branch showed us his own superb colour slides of his wonderful collection, an evening enjoyed by everyone.

April was 'Ladies Night' and activities included a plant sale and a brains Trust which would have gone on all night had someone not noticed the time.

An additional meeting in April was the occasion of an organised coach trip to visit a collection near Bradford and then attend the AGM in force, probably the first time a branch has made such an effort.

The branch continues to prosper under the guidance of the 'Old Firm' of Stan Parkinson, Keith Robinson & George Tomkinson, ably assisted by the ladies and committee, and it must be one of the largest active branches in the country.'

Makes you think.

In the early years of Manchester Branch letters regularly appeared in the NCSS journal newsletters, then they trailed off, a few years later in March 1964 the newsletter started:?

THE MANCHESTER BRANCH OF THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
The name 'Manchester' has not appeared in the newsletter for sometime, yet the Branch is quite active as was proved at the AGM on Dec. 14th. Healthy finances mean a happy treasurer and increasing membership, a contented secretary. For years nothing has appeared in the journal about our branch, what about a volunteer to let others know that Manchester Branch still exists.

THE 1986 SHOW YEAR

Our first show of the year is the Salford Show. We rely heavily on the income from this show to be able to bring speakers from all corners of the land to enrich our our meetings. Thirteen members gave us 250 entries and a very good show but there is room for many many more and we would like to see Your plants on the benches.

Our other show is the Brnncn Show which is held at Middleton Civic Hall in September. The 1986 show had 327 entries from 21 members - a very creditable performance and a very nice display of plants - but I'm sure we can do better still! Where are all you members who dont show - have a go and let us see your plants. Allan Akers also did a splended job in persuading horticultural firms to provide some attractive prizes to encourage beginners and experts alike

Winners of trophies and Medals are as follows:-

Dr. G. Bailey - Ginn's Medal, Branch Trophy and the Medal
The name Manche Stanley Parkinson Trophy the

Mr. S. Ratcliffe - Coronation Plaque, Jacobson Plaque and a Bronze Medal.

Mr. P. Bint - Rowlat Trophy, Nixon Cup and a Silver Medal

Mr. T. Butterworth - Anniversary Cup.

Mr. H. Webb - Muriel Gaulton Trophy and a Bronze Medal.

Master A Rushton - Silver Medal in the Junior Section.

Remember 1987 is the big year - the National Show Year. This is a four-yearly event and is to be held for the first time in the North at UMIST in Manchester. It will be bigger and better than ever so please give us your full support.

John Hinton

Clues Across

- 1 & 3 down. Well known columnar cactus with it's own National Park
5. A very dry Mammillaria.
9. It was very pointed to upset the bin and write.
10. Don't let Eau ruin rag round this Gymnocactus.
11. A complete section until a letter was lost and a poison found.
12. A large genus of succulent plants found in Africa that sounds thick at first.
15. Can be a shirt or for golf though it sounds refreshing.
16. To be wanted very much for twelve months when losing a point.
18. Verses found in code sets that can be romantic.
19. Such a heater on a cold night does not benefit the greenhouse.
21. Did she discover any succulent plants in Egypt I wonder?
23. The answer to the question "Who likes growing cacti?" perhaps.
24. Very valuable if you agree to dispose of the start of the novel.
25. A container capable of holding many plants.
26. A well known Mammillaria expert to be found at Kew if you search properly.
29. A French friend who could aim properly.
31. A fissure to be found across many mesemb.
32. To rearrange names is the way to succeed.
35. A desirable Mammillaria of distinguished family background.
36. Should this Euphorbia be starved and still remain much sought after.

Clues Down.

1. A large highly succulent family of mesembryanthemums.
2. Very popular, splendidly flowered group of South American cacti that might repel you at first.
3. See 1 across.
4. A straggling cactus from south of the equator more popular for grafting than for growing in the collection
6. Dares to change round what the gardener does with what is on the labels.
7. Has the donkey chewed away at these plants until only the stump remains.
8. This sort of rainfall provides moisture for many desert plants but not regularly.
13. A Kalanchoe that constantly waves round the leaves.
14. Very much sought after Anacampseros found only after extremely careful searching in Little Namaqualand.

17. Knowledgeable people tell us this is the best means of providing moisture for our plants. (4,5)

21. Clouds of dust in the night sky.

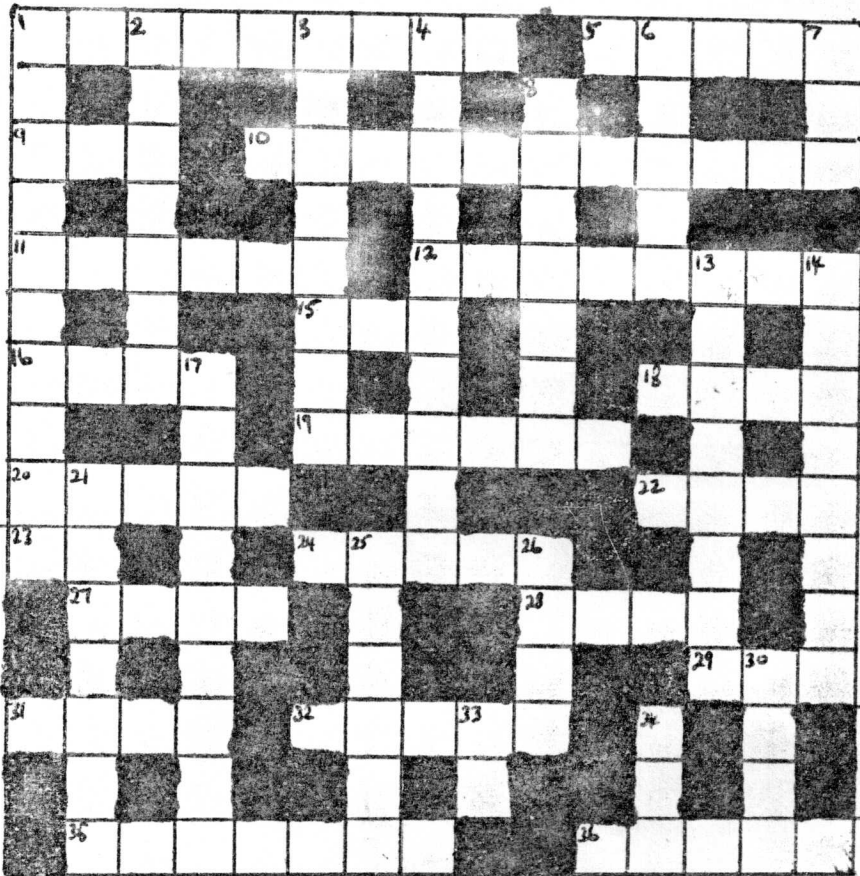
25. A *Thelocactus* found in N.E. Mexico that sounds tasty.

26. So it is said.

29. Dressing the top of your plants can prevent this growing.

33. Do you say this to a cactus from South America.

34. A ridge on many cacti and succulents.



ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD IN NEXT ISSUE

FUTURE EVENTS

Manchester Branch:

Feb.14th: 'SALTA SAFARI PART 1'. Norman Wilbraham.
Plant travels in Argentina.

Mar.14th: 'PROPAGATION BY SEED AND UNIONS'. David Rushforth
A talk on how best to propagate succulents.

Apr.11th: 'THE SUCCULENTS OF ARABIA'. Alan Butler.
You will be amazed at the variety of plants from this
region.

Don't forget that the Table Show begins again in March with
Mammillaria and Echeveria/Pachyphytum.

Mid-Cheshire Branch:

Mar.4th: 'ASTROPHYTUMS'. Dr.R.Allcock

Apr.1st: 'KENYA'. J.Briscoe.

Meetings held at Hartford Methodist Church Hall, Northwich.
Further details from Mr.A.Mann.Crewe582030.

Wigan Cactus & Succulent Society:

Feb.18th: 'CONTINENTAL COLLECTIONS'. Mr.& Mrs.Beesley.

Mar.18th: 'PLANT AUCTION':

Apr.15th: 'STAPELIADS': MR.W.Keen.

Meetings held at Independant Methodist Church, Stopford St.
Higher Ince, Wigan. Further details from Mr.J.Harrison. Wigan
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Bolton and District Cactus Society:

Mar.10th.'MEXICO BY CAMPER'.N.Wilbraham.

Apr.14th.'Continental Nurseries'.Mr.& Mrs.Beesley

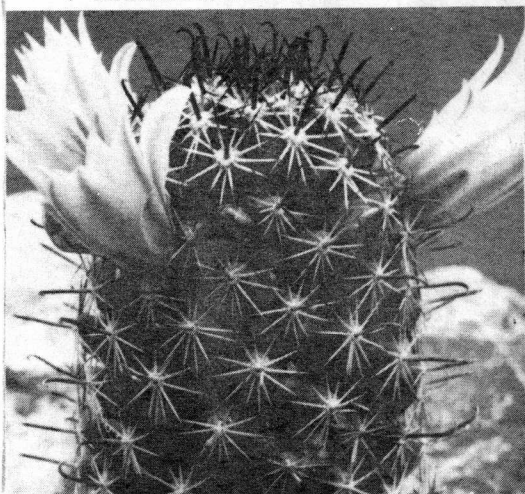
Meetings held at Dido Suite,Town Hall,Bolton.Further details
from Mr.P.Barker.Wigan 56440.

Warrington & District: No details available at time of going to
press

THE HAWORTHIA SOCIETY.

This new venture organised by Alan Akers caters for those people who have an interest in the genus Haworthia. So far two newsletters have been issued and some very interesting articles have appeared. At £3.00 per annum it is a must for all devotees of these plants. Further details are available from :- Mr A.Akers,Wades Barn Cottage,Buckden,Near Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 5JA. Tel. 0756 76 805.

▼ MAMMILLARIA sheldonii



▼ MAMMILLARIA elongata

