

cloudy, or a slight rain fall, or, in a word, if by any cause whatever the ice melt gently, and independently of the action of the sun, it seldom does any injury; and we have very often saved very delicate plants, which had by chance remained exposed to the frosts, by returning them into the green-house before sunrise, or by simply covering them before the sun had shone upon them.

One time in particular a very sharp frost happened in autumn while our orange-trees were out of the green-house, and as it rained part of the night they were all covered with icicles: but this accident was prevented from doing any injury by covering them with cloths before the sun rose, so that there was only the young fruit and the most tender shoots injured, and we are persuaded they would all have been saved if the covering had been thicker.

Another time our *geraniums*, and many other plants which cannot bear the frost, were out, when suddenly the wind, which was southwest, veered to the north, and became so cold that the rain, which fell abundantly, was frozen, and in almost a moment all that were exposed to the air were covered with ice; we thought, therefore, that all our plants were irrecoverably destroyed; nevertheless we had
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