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FOR THE GARDENER

LAVATERA (*Malvaceae*)

Commonly called Mallow, it is a native of Asia Minor. One form is that of a hardy annual another comes under the heading of shrub. The annual plant can be raised from seed sown out of doors in April and May. Shrubby species can be increased by cuttings inserted into sandy soil.

The original of this plant bears rose-purple flowers and developments from this form have produced species which bear either rose, deep rose and white flowers. The flowering is very prolific and will continue throughout the summer and autumn.

The Mallow grows to about three feet in height and is relatively bushy so plenty of space should be allowed when planting. Another attraction is that the leaves are nicely shaped and are distinctly ornamental.

Tree Mallow, a native of Southern Europe, grows from six to eight feet in height. It is a deciduous shrub and bears mallow-like flowers in great abundance through summer and autumn.

Both the ordinary and tree varieties of mallow are very easy to grow and are not particular as to soil. Quite good results can be obtained in semi-shade and damp conditions.

Species: *L.arborea* — rose veined purple; *L.cachemiriana* — rose; *L.alba rosea* — clear rosy-pink.



CORRECTION

Mr W. Reutlinger, Attaché, Commercial and Economic Affairs at the Swiss Embassy in London, has asked us to correct an item which appeared in the last fortnightly issue of the *Swiss Observer*.

The article described Mr Reutlinger as Vice-Consul when, in fact, he has been promoted to Consul. In addition, no mention was made of the fact that Vice-Consul Mr Willy Kuenzi and Mrs Kuenzi were also present at the AGM of the Schweizerbund referred to in the article.

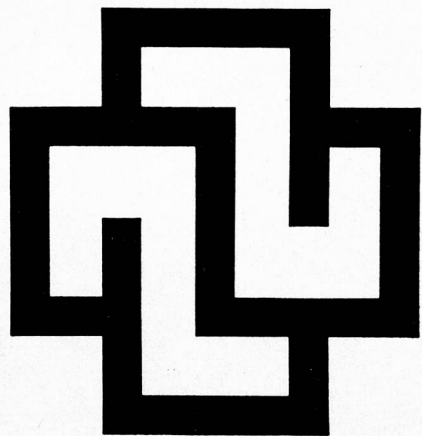
The *Swiss Observer* apologises for the error and the omission.

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A Quarter Century

Swiss-born Mr Kaufeler, Maitre Chef des Cuisines, at the Dorchester for 25 years had a large party given in his honour on 21 April.

Five of his chefs prepared a special menu for 150 guests.



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