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All orchid-lovers will feel bound to possess it, and read it for themselves. And having perused it, they will want to have it within reach on the most accessible shelf of their garden library. -Gardeners Chronicle Mr. Boyle has done for orchids what Dean Hole did for roses set forth their beauty and poetry, and then dissipate the legend that only nurserymen and millionaires can grow them by showing any lover of a garden how to do so. Anecdote follows anecdote; hints and directions are thickly scattered through what in some hands might have become a dull volume; but all, thanks to the author's skillful style, is full of interest, and makes a book that no intelligent person will lay down till finished. Mr. Boyle's fascinating book, needless to say, should be studied together with Darwin's volume on the fertilization of orchids. Academy Although not a typical instruction manual for orchid growers; About Orchids contains many valuable hints on cultivation, and several paragraphs on how to hybridize. Frederick Boyle (1841-1914) was an English author, journalist, barrister, and enthusiastic amateur orchid lover. He takes the reader on a wander through the dangers and consequences of hunting orchids in the tropical jungles of the nineteenth century, and chats about the extreme peculiarities of orchid growth, behavior and structure, coloring the essays with his own experiences and with his delight in cultivating these beautiful plants. Beware! An amazing new hobby beckons! CONTENTS: MY GARDENING AN ORCHID SALE ORCHIDS COOL ORCHIDS WARM ORCHIDS HOT ORCHIDS THE LOST ORCHID AN ORCHID FARM ORCHIDS AND HYBRIDIZING