A Japanese Flower Vender's Basket. There is no country in the world where flowers are so universally beloved as in Japan. They are inseparable from the life, art and literature of the people, and to deprive the Japanese of their flowers would be to take the sunshine out of their lives ... Flowers are distributed among the people by means of perambulating flower-sellers, and by flower-fairs. The seller goes about the streets carrying two huge bamboo baskets swung from a pole across his shoulders. These baskets are divided into a number of different compartments, each containing a different variety of cut flowers or leaves. The carrier is sometimes almost hidden by the great mass of flowers and foliage he bears ... *Theodore Wores*. New York. [1 (1888): 338–339]