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BATTLE OF FLOWERS - JERSEY.

The Island of Jersey stages one of its biggest tourist-catchers of the season - the great carnival parade that's become a traditional part of the Battle of Flowers, celebrations. True, the sun isn't much of a help this year, but 75,000 spectators turn up just the same.

Now come the floral tableaux, each liberally decorated with pretty girls, as well as thousands of blooms. Gladioli, marigolds, hydrangeas, asters, simmia - all grown in the Channel Islands - cover the 80 floats in the procession, which goes on for about three hours. By the way, there's about a quarter of a million flowers in each tableaux. You don't believe it? All right then, count 'em.

And here's the tableaux that wins the Prix D'Honneur: a worthy victor. But too bad, it's life is over for the floats are stripped of their blooms to provide ammunition for the Battle of Flowers. Soon the air is thick with flying blossom in the floral free-for-all.

Just as well, they took them out of the flower pots!