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No. 1: Tulipa celsiana

The name given by the early botanists and Dutch tulip breeders to this beautiful little species was Tulipa persica, *and indeed most gardeners know it by this name today. It should, however, be called* Tulipa celsiana, *the name given to it by the great botanist de Candolle in 1803. He described it from a specimen grown in the garden of "C. Cels, Cultivateur-botaniste", who in turn had received the bulb from a tulip breeder in Haarlem.*

The Dutch florists of the day presumed it came from Persia, but it is actually found wild in southern Spain, Morocco and the Atlas Mountains.

It stands not more than 6 inches high, and in Britain it flowers in May, later than most other wild tulips. It readily establishes itself in a sunny, well-drained rock garden and will increase by creeping root-stock into large clumps. The flower is a star of clear yellow with the backs of the outer petals tinged with red, and it has a delightful scent.

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IN determining a régime for hyperacidic and peptic ulcer patients it is wise to allow for the greatly varying pattern of acid secretion from one individual to another.

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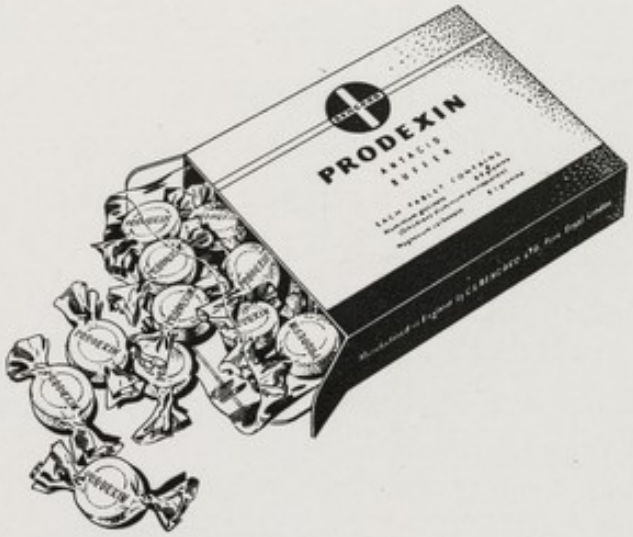

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