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## EVER HEARD of the EGYPTIAN WALKING ONION?

I hadn't either until I saw this contorted blossom in a friend's flower arrangement. Courtesy of her I soon had some bulbs. Some interesting facts about the plant:

1. It is a member of the allium/onion family (*Allium cepa* var. *proliferum*).
2. Young plants may be used as scallions in the spring, and the bulblets may be used in cooking similarly to regular onions, or preserved by pickling.
3. It is similar to common onions but with a cluster of bulblets where a normal onion would have flowers.
4. "The hardy bulbs set bulblets on stalks. Air-bound bulblets will sprout new smaller stalks, which fall over and replant themselves, hence the name Walking."<sup>1</sup>
5. And yes, it adds real interest to a flower arrangement.

