

Famous Botanist Brings Bounty!

Recently, Joseph Hooker accepted a job at Kew as director, after unearthing jaw-dropping amounts of plants and twenty-five new types of rhododendrons.

He started off as a surgeon in the Navy, voyaging to the Antarctic with Charles Darwin. While in India, he was imprisoned by the Rajah for exploring out of bounds.

Although he was a passionate botanist, he also wrote a number of books explaining plants, one of which was deemed 'the greatest work of the century'. As the director, he will (hopefully) expand the world of plants drastically and introduce many new varieties of plants to Kew.

Before him, his father was director which made the job much easier to get.

In a few days, Joseph Hooker will officially be director of Kew; he should continue to influence the study of plants and make many valuable contributions to Kew.