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THE SARCOXIE NURSERIES
Fruit and Ornamental Trees
Peonies a Specialty

Sarcoxie, Mo. Aug. 9, 1911.



Mr. G. B. Brackett,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:--

When Peonies bloom in all their splendor, gorgeous tones of red and crimson, delicate pink and snowy-white, haven't you often resolved to do some planting next fall? Perhaps a few clumps on the lawn, an addition to a select collection, a border for a walk or drive, or bold masses surpassing the rhododendron in size and magnificence of bloom. On the following pages you will find the brilliant James Vick, the delicate Dorchester and the magnificent Festiva maxima, with all shades and tints between, including the beautifully tri-colored Golden Harvest.

I wish you could go over our fields with us and see the condition of our plants and the care we give them. I am sure you would understand why our Peonies are of such superior vitality. Ideal climate and a rich soil with our modern and thorough cultivation gives a healthy, thrifty but not forced growth, a plant full of real life and vigorous promise. You will be rewarded with a wealth of flowers next spring by planting early this fall, and they will increase in size and profusion of bloom from season to season, a yearly source of wonder and delight. Order now and they will be shipped at the time when best results follow planting.

Respectfully,

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Wild Bros. Nursery Co.

By C. M. Wild

The Popular Peony



ALBA SULPHUREA
A Beautiful Sulphur Yellow

LARGE and showy without being coarse, ranging in color through almost every tint of pink, white, red and crimson, with even a startling approach toward yellow, the modern Peony rivals the rose in fragrance, beauty and variety of form. A collection of a few select varieties will supply an abundance of cut flowers, a yearly source of wonder and delight. Whether as specimen clumps on the lawn, among other perennials, or as an edging for shrubbery, the effect is charming. As a border for a walk or drive, or a low ornamental lawn hedge, they are unusual and attractive. On grounds of large extent bold masses are gorgeous, surpassing the rhododendron in size and magnificence of bloom.

Planting instructions. Hardy as the oak, they are so easy to grow that little need be said. Often, in neglected gardens, one sees large clumps that have flourished and bloomed for years. Yet they amply repay all attention given them. Peonies thrive in almost any soil, but succeed best in a deep, rich, moist loam.

If you want to give them ideal conditions, dig to a depth of two to three feet, thoroughly mix with the soil about one-third of well rotted manure, or a little finely ground bone, adding a little sand or fine gravel if the soil is inclined to be sticky or heavy. Fill a few inches above the surface to allow for settling. Cover the crowns three inches, firming the soil well, and planting two to three feet apart. Keep the soil well stirred the early part of the first two summers. A winter mulch of coarse, strawy manure is a benefit, especially the first winter if planted in late fall. When spring arrives remove the coarse portions, stirring the finer parts well into the soil, taking care not to disturb the pinkish-white buds just beginning to appear. While hardy without, an annual winter mulch is well repaid with increased size and profusion of bloom.

Here in the Middle West, we grow Peonies in immense quantities, our nurseries being the hub for shipments to all points of the compass. Ideal climate, a rich soil, and the most modern and thorough cultivation make for superior vitality in our Peony roots. They are of liberal size, full of real life and vigorous promise, and will reward you with a wealth of bloom.

None of the following varieties are single, though Marie Jacquin often blooms single when first transplanted. The name in parenthesis following the variety name is the originator or introducer with date of introduction.

Five of a variety at the 10 rate; less at each rate; write for 100 rates giving list of wants.

Couronne d'Or (Calot, 1873.)—Snowy white with yellow reflex, some central petals edged and flaked carmine, golden stamens showing through and lighting up the flower; very large, imbricated, ball shaped bloom; very late; vigorous growth, strong stems; excellent. 50c each, \$4.00 per 10.

Delicatissima.—Clear delicate pink; a good bud and large flowers borne on strong, healthy stems; very fragrant and free blooming; midseason to late; vigorous, healthy grower and a good cut flower variety. Very similar to Floral Treasure. 50c each, \$4.50 per 10.

Dequeslin.—Dark lilac-crimson, full flower. 15c each, 70c per 10, \$5.00 per 100.

Dr. Bretonneau (Verdier, 1854.)—Delicate silvery rose to silvery pink, tinted lilac and chamois, center tipped cream, large, full, exceedingly fragrant flower; late midseason; vigorous, good stems, free blooming, much used for cut flowers. 35c each, \$3.00 per 10.

Dorchester (Richardson, 1870.)—Hydrangea pink; large, full, compact, fragrant flower; late; rather dwarf but vigorous, compact growth with good foliage; blooms freely. 40c each, \$3.00 per 10.

Duc de Cazes.—Broad guard petals of lively carmine red, center rose and salmon; very fragrant; midseason; above medium size, a tall, strong grower and useful cut flower. 30c each, \$2.50 per 10.

Duc de Wellington (Calot, 1859.)—Broad white guard petals, center sulphur-white, narrow and very full; a large finely formed, fragrant, late midseason variety; tall, vigorous; blooms freely; an excellent cut flower. 40c each, \$3.50 per 10.

Duchesse de Nemours (Calot, 1856.)—Sulphur white with greenish reflex, becoming pure white; no crimson flecks; shapely bud, full, cup-shaped, fragrant bloom; growth strong, vigorous; blooms freely in clusters; one of the best late varieties. 40c each, \$3.50 per 10.

Excelsior (Terry.)—Brilliant crimson; large symmetrical bloom; a good grower, one of the earliest crimsons, and a good lawn variety. 25c each, \$2.00 per 10.

Festiva Maxima (Mieliez, 1851.)—Pure paper-white flaked with purplish-carmine on some of the inner petals. Large, rose-shaped bloom; very fragrant; early. Of vigorous growth, with long, heavy stems; one of the best commercial varieties, and indispensable in all collections. 35c each, \$3.00 per 10.

Floral Treasure (Rosenfield, 1900.)—Bright clear delicate pink, shading lighter at center; large and fragrant; free bloomer in clusters; vigorous, with good foliage; extensively used for cut flowers. Very similar to Delicatissima. 35c each, \$3.00 per 10.

Gigantea.—Clear delicate pink, becoming silver tipped, with a silvery sheen; fragrant, very large, full flowers on long stems; among the earliest. A somewhat shy bloomer when first planted, but superb when established. 75c each.

Gloire de Chenonceaux (Mechin, 1880.)—Large, full, satin pink flowers, lightly shaded white, guards streaked and center petals flaked with carmine; good growth, and blooms freely in clusters; one of the latest. 75c each.

Golden Harvest (Rosenfield, 1900.)—Blush pink guard petals with a distinct blush white collar, golden blush center, a few inner petals tipped and striped with light crimson. A large, delicately fragrant tri-color, its total ef-

fect being creamy-pink. Medium early, a good grower and free bloomer. 35c each, \$3.00 per 10.

Grandiflora Rubra.—See Marechal Vaillant.

Grover Cleveland (Terry.)—Large, compact, brilliant crimson flower, very full and finely fringed; late; a good keeper; color rich and glowing, without purple shading. \$1.00 each.

Humei (Anderson.)—Clear cherry or rose pink, large, very full flower, with a pronounced cinnamon fragrance; very late. Growth strong, vigorous, with long stems; largely grown for cut flowers in some sections; a grand lawn variety. 30c each, \$2.50 per 10.

James Vick (Terry.)—Broad guard petals, very brilliant crimson; large; a free bloomer and medium strong grower; its brilliant color makes it a very attractive lawn or landscape variety. 35c each, \$3.00 per 10.

Jenny Lind (Barr.)—Broad guard petals, bright silvery pink, silvery reflex; inner petals narrow, shaded with salmon and chamois, intermixed with narrow whitish petals; fragrant; midseason; a tall growing, free blooming, striking variety. 25c each, \$2.00 per 10.

La Tulipe (Calot, 1872.)—Delicate rose becoming creamy-white, center petals tipped carmine, carmine tulip-like markings on outside of guard petals; a very large; fragrant, globular flower on long stems; late, and a vigorous grower; a fine delicate flower, good for all purposes. 40c each, \$3.00 per 10.

L'Esperance.—Beautiful rose pink of good size and form; full high tufted center; a very fragrant flower and one of the earliest Chinen-



DUC DE CAZES

Achille (Calot, 1855.)—Delicate flesh, finishing white; moderately large flower, very fragrant and quite early; free upright grower and very vigorous; profuse bloomer and a cut flower variety. 20c each, \$1.50 per 10.

Alba Sulphurea. (Calot, 1860.)—Broad white guard petals, center petals narrow, forming a full high cushion of sulphur yellow; agreeable fragrance; follows Festiva maxima; good grower, strong stems, and excellent for cut flowers. 35c each, \$3.00 per 10.

Alexander Dumas (Guerin, 1862.)—Brilliant pink interspersed with white, salmon and chamois; fragrant, pretty bloom, appearing with the earliest Chinese varieties; vigorous plant, strong stems, abundant large flowers. 30c each, \$2.50 per 10.

Alexandriana (Calot, 1856.)—Lilaceous rose of very large size and good form, the bloom appearing directly above the mass of foliage. Compact, dwarfish habit, especially suited for lawn and landscape work. 45c each, \$4.00 per 10.

Andomarensis (Delache, 1850.)—Large, cherry red; a vigorous, healthy grower and profuse bloomer. 15c each, \$1.00 per 10.

Andre Lauries (Crousse, 1881.)—Abundant, rosy red, fragrant blooms; one of the latest and a good low priced variety of its season; healthy, vigorous growth and long stems; an old standard. 15c each, \$1.00 per 10.

Baronne James de Rothschild (Guerin, 1850.)—Guard petals silvery rose, a purplish rose tuft being borne with a salmon center; moderately fragrant; midseason; of medium dwarf, but vigorous habit, very free flowering, and especially well adapted to lawn and landscape work. 15c each, \$1.00 per 10.

Belle Douaissienne.—Large, very full, imbricated; broad petals, flesh and salmon, flaked and edged carmine; a beautiful color; tea rose fragrance; blooms in clusters; a late lawn or landscape variety. 30c each, \$2.00 per 10.

Bride, The (Terry.)—Guard petals striped flesh, inside straw, finely fringed, whole flower nearly white; fragrant; midseason; long stems, compact habit; very free flowering and extensively used for cut flowers; especially good for lawn or landscape work. 25c each, \$2.00 per 10.

Charlemagne (Crousse, 1880.)—Creamy-white, center light lilac-flesh shaded with chamois and edged carmine; very large, compact, globular flower; fragrant; late; vigorous habit, free bloomer, and exceptionally fine color, though in rainy seasons the buds sometimes fail to develop properly. 20c each, \$1.50 per 10.

Claire Dubois (Crousse, 1886.)—Fine clear pink with glossy reflex; very large globular flower, very full, convex, petals incurved; fragrant; lasts well as a cut flower; vigorous, a good bloomer and fine variety. \$1.50 each.

sis to bloom; strong, hardy, vigorous, and a profuse bloomer, hence an excellent cut flower variety. This and *Edulis superba* may prove identical. 25c each, \$2.00 per 10.

Livingstone (Crousse, 1879.)—A clear shade of pink with some central petals flecked with carmine; massive buds and flowers with wide petals; opens slowly; fragrant; vigorous growth, long, strong stems; a late, tree bloomer. \$1.25 each.

Louis Van Houtte (Delache, 1854.)—Fine bright violaceous bright rose, clearer on base of petals, edges silvery; fragrant blooms open slowly and last well. 45c each, \$4.00 per 10.

Madame Calot (Mieliez, 1856.)—Large, convex, very full bloom; white tinted flesh, becoming almost pure white, occasional crimson flecks on central petals; fine bud; and excellent cut flower or lawn variety; good growth. 60c each, \$5.00 per 10.

Madame Chaumy (Calot, 1864.)—Petals broad, soft pink shaded bright rose, clearer on base of petals, edges silvery; fragrant blooms open slowly and last well. 45c each, \$4.00 per 10.

Madame de Verneville (Crousse, 1885.)—Very well formed compact blooms, literally packed with petals; very broad sulphur white guards, center rosy white with an occasional touch of carmine; delicate tea fragrance; indispensable. 50c each, \$4.50 per 10.

Madame Ducl (Mechin, 1880.)—Perfectly formed globular bloom; bright silvery pink, tinted and marked with salmon, silvery reflex; petals as beautifully curled as in a chrysanthemum; very fragrant; midseason to late; excellent for all purposes. 75c each.

Marechal Vaillant (Calot, 1867.)—Blood red; one of the largest, of fine form; late; a good keeper, strong grower, and very showy flower. 25c each, \$2.00 per 10.

Marie Jacquin (Verdier.)—Large globular bloom, creamy white tinted flesh. When fully open golden stamens are disclosed at the center, suggesting the name Water Lily Peony. This variety is usually classed as semi-double, but on well established plants which have received good culture the early blooms are almost full double, while on newly set plants they are often single, always pleasing. Of unusual shape and shade, a very free bloomer in clusters, and extra good for lawn or landscape planting. 60c each, \$5.00 per 10.

Marie Lemoine (Calot, 1869.)—A fine sulphur white flower lightly shaded pink and chamois, with an occasional carmine edge; fragrant; very large and compact on strong stems of medium length; blooms freely and very late; desirable for all purposes. 80c each, \$7.00 per 10.

Mons. Bellart (Delache, 1850.)—Bright purplish-crimson of medium to large size; a tall grower and profuse bloomer. 15c each, \$1.00 per 10.

Mons. Jules Elie (Crousse, 1888.)—Glossy flesh pink, shaded deeper rose at base of petals, reflected silvery; very large, globular, imbricated flower on long, strong stems, fragrant; excellent for all purposes. \$1.00 each, \$9.00 per 10.

Myrtle (Terry.)—Light creamy rose, full double, of large size, blooming medium to late; good growth. One of Terry's best. 40c each, \$3.00 per 10.

Nellie B. Beckett (Pleas.)—Very bright deep rose, often margined with white when full open, being broadly tipped pearl and striped with light rose; one of the latest to bloom. 30c each, \$2.00 per 10.

Phrynee (Guerin, 1850.)—A near approach toward yellow, guards flesh, center canary yellow with carmine flakes medium to large flower, on long stems; medium to late; blooms freely over a long season. 30c each, \$2.50 per 10.

Queen Emma.—Opens Salmon pink, tinted lilac, becoming bright pink with silvery edges; large and full, blooming early and very freely; fragrant; vigorous; growth with long, strong stems; a good shipping variety, \$1.50 each, \$12.50 per 10.

Queen Victoria (Synonym Whitley.)—Fine broad guard petals; opens flesh white, becoming white; large, full compact blooms on good stems; fragrant; medium early; a healthy plant with good foliage and a free bloomer. One of the leading cut flower varieties, especially for Decoration Day and storage purposes. 25c each, \$2.00 per 10.

Reevesii.—Rosy flesh, tinted salmon and chamois when first opening; sometimes with a red blotch on center petals; of good size; medium late; growth upright with long stems; blooms freely. 25c each, \$2.00 per 10.

Reine Victoria.—Soft flesh color, clear, pale yellow center, with carmine spotted tuft; fragrant; a free bloomer of medium height, stiff stems. 20c each, \$1.25 per 10.

Rosa Barry (Elhwanger.)—Pure white of large size in clusters; a favorite variety; much like Queen Victoria but late. 80c each, \$7.00 per 10.

Rosea Superba.—Brilliant deep pink, fine form, compact; above medium growth, quite long stems, late midseason. 35c each, \$3.00 per 10.

Rubra Superba (Richardson, 1871.)—Deep glowing crimson with purple shading; very large and very full; fragrant; a vigorous grower with long, strong stems and a free bloomer; a desirable very late variety. 40c each, \$3.00 per 10.

Rubra Triumphans.—Rich purplish-crimson, satiny, with prominent yellow stamens; large, and the earliest of its color; flowers freely on long stems. Its brilliancy always attracts attention. 35c each, \$3.00 per 10.

Theodore Roosevelt (Pleas.)—Light, soft rose; very large, solid bud; fragrant; midseason to late. The massive blooms are borne on long stems; a most robust plant with deep green foliage. 45c each, \$4.00 per 10.

Peonies to Color (Not equal to the choicest named varieties, but extra good value.) Mixed shades of red. 10c each, 80c per 10, \$6.00 per 100.

Peonies to Color.—Shades of pink. 10c each, 70c per 10, \$5.00 per 100.

Peonies to Color.—Blush-white and light flesh. 15c each, \$1.00 per 10, \$7.00 per 100.

Peonies Mixed.—Mixed colors. 10c each, 60c per 10, \$5.00 per 100.



MARIE LEMOINE

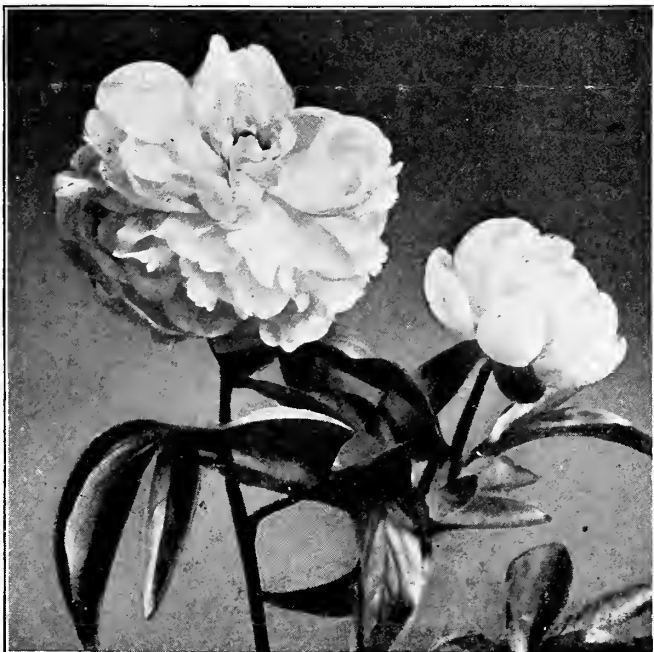
Officinalis or Early Flowering Peonies

Officinalis Alba or Mutabilis.—Large, light pink, finishing ivory. 30c each, \$2.50 per 10.

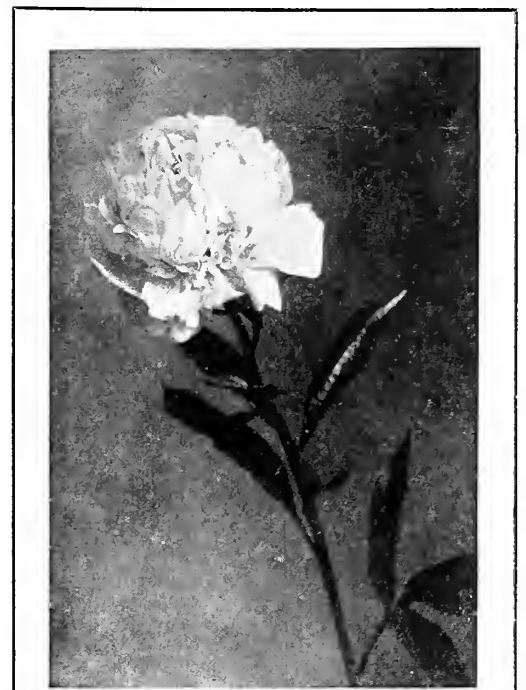
Officinalis Rosea.—Deep purplish rose of large size and good form. 30c each, \$2.50 per 10.

Officinalis Rubra.—The old-fashioned deep crimson peony (pinea), very early and therefore much used for cut flowers and landscape work. 30c each, \$2.50 per 10.

We have other varieties of Peonies we do not catalog. If there is any particular variety you wish, write us. Perhaps we can supply it. We have quite a complete collection.



MARIE JACQUIN, the Water Lily Peony



MADAME CALOT

Extra strong plants at 50 per cent advance; XX plants at double the catalog Price.

The Iris (Greek, Rainbow)

The peculiar charm and beauty of the Iris is proverbial. Their grand and royal colors make them invaluable in herbaceous borders, along walks and drives, for massing on the lawn or among shrubbery, or for naturalizing, both on account of their perfect hardiness and easy culture, and for their lavish wealth of bloom. The German Iris precede and bloom with the Peonies. Japanese Iris follow Peonies and precede Hydrangea Hills of Snow.



GERMAN IRIS

German Iris succeed in partial shade but produce their best in full sun. They are not particular as to soil—will grow almost anywhere—but do best in a well drained rich loam or garden soil, succeeding in quite dry localities. The beauty of their form and texture with the delicacy and wide range of colors has given them the name, "Orchid of the Garden."

Japanese Iris should be planted in full sun. Naturalized along the borders of streams or ponds where their beauty is reflected in the mirror below, they are very effective. Contrary to a quite general belief, they do not require such a situation. Any mellow loam, enriched with thoroughly decayed manure, will produce flowers of wonderful size. While they do not demand it to give good results, they reach their highest development if well watered just before and during the blooming period. Water should not stand on the roots during winter.

German Iris (Fleur de Lis)

Five of a variety at the 10 rate, less at the each rate. 50 of a variety at 100 rate.

Celeste.—Standing petals pale lavender, falling petals deeper; fragrant; midseason, tall. 25c each, \$2.00 per 10.

Dalmatica.—A fine clear shade of

lavender; very large flowers; very tall, fragrant; midseason. 25c each, \$2.00 per 10.

Florentina.—Medium tall; white, with faint suggestion of lavender tint; large and fragrant. 25c each.

Harlequin Milanais.—Standing petals white, flaked violet; falling petals rich violet reticulated with white; large fragrant, orchid-like flower; blooms freely; tall; midseason. 15c each, \$1.00 per 10, \$5.00 per 100.

Madame Chereau.—Petals peculiarly twisted and crimped; white, elegantly frilled with violet; slightly fragrant; one of the tallest, with large, very beautiful blooms. 20c each, \$1.50 per 10.

Mozart.—Standing petals bronze fawn; falling petals purple-fawn, netted white. 10c each, 50c per 10, \$3.00 per 100.

Queen of May.—Very distinct in color; standing petals lilac-pink, falling petals, lilac blended in white, the total effect being almost pink, a large, fine very fragrant flower blooming midseason; tall. 15c each, \$1.00 per 10, \$7.00 per 100.

San Souci.—Standing petals golden yellow, falling petals yellow veined with crimson-brown; one of the brightest yellows; fragrant; medium height; a very profuse bloomer, beginning early and continuing late. 10c each, 60c per 10, \$3.50 per 100.

Sapho.—Standing petals deep violet blue, falling dark velvety royal purple; large, fragrant; tall; early. 15c each, \$1.00 per 10, \$6.00 per 100.

Speciosa.—Standing petals lavender-purple, falling petals dark reddish-purple; fragrant; blooms freely; late. 10c each, 60 per 10, \$4.00 per 100.

German Iris to Color.—Shades of light blue and yellow, 5c each, 40c per 10, \$3.00 per 100.

Japanese Iris

Japanese Iris are one of the most important hardy garden plants. The foliage is tall, narrow, and blade-like, stems slender and graceful with several buds to the stem. They differ from the rest of the family in the flatness of the flower, delicate shades of color, size of flower and breadth of petal. The blooms are very large and showy, exquisite combinations of color from snowy-white to deepest blue-black, through light blue, rosy shades, rich violet, royal purple, etc., often with a gold blotch and markings so delicate and complicated as to be impossible to adequately describe. Our collection is strictly select. 20c each, \$1.50 per 10, \$10.00 per 100.

Miscellaneous Herbaceous and Perennial Plants Including Hardy Lilies for the Open Ground

A garden is incomplete without at least a portion of these plants to welcome the return of spring with their wealth of flowers and foliage. An abundance of flowers is secured with very little expenditure. They increase in size from year to year, and of such easy culture, and thrive in almost any soil. While requiring little care, as they are to remain in one position for a number of years it is well to spade the ground to a depth of one or two feet, preferably two, apply a liberal quantity of well rotted manure, and mix thoroughly.

Lilies once established, require little care. While a few varieties, such as the Tiger, may do well in a heavy soil, the larger number prefer a moist, light, rich soil intermixed with sand and gravel, one from which any excess of moisture runs off. Manure, particularly if fresh, must not come in contact direct with the bulb. If well composted it may be placed within reach of the rootlets, the bulb being placed with sand or leaf mold around it; or it may be applied as a mulch to be carried down by the rains. As a rule lilies do best planted at a considerable depth, say about three times the length of the bulb.

Five of a variety at the 10 rate, less at the each rate; 100 rate on application.

Ascension, Madonna or St. Joseph Lily (Lilium candidum).—One of the most ornamental and popular. The flowers are immense, snow white, 4 to 5 inches long, very fragrant, and borne on stems 3 to 4 feet high. The best pure white hardy lily. We offer the superior.

Thick petaled variety. 20c each, \$1.50 per 10.

Tiger Lily (Lilium tigrinum).—Bright orange-scarlet flowers in large clusters on stems 2 to 5 feet high. It lives and thrives from year to year in the open border, where it should be planted in masses. 10c each, 70c per 10.

Tiger Lily, Double.—A variety with showy double flowers. 15c each, \$1.00 per 10.

Orange Day Lily (Hemerocallis fulva).—The tawny orange flowers, with wavy margins, are produced very freely in late summer on stems 3 to 4 feet tall. Grows luxuriantly in almost any garden soil, in moist places, and in partial shade, soon forming large clumps. Single and double. 10c each, 60c per 10.

Lemon Lily (Hemerocallis flava).—Flowers fragrant, clear yellow, 3 to 4 inches across, produced very freely in early summer. 20c each, \$1.50 per 10.

Bleeding Heart (Dicentra spectabilis).—An old-time favorite, rich in sentiment and associations, with large, deep rosy-red, heart shaped flowers, nodding in graceful drooping racemes. It is perfectly at home in any part of the hardy garden, and useful in shaded situations. 15c each, \$1.00 per 10.

Hibiscus, Crimson Eye.—Its large, showy, creamy-white flowers with a crimson eye are borne very freely in late summer on plants 3 to 5 feet tall; succeeds in any sunny position but best in a damp place. 15c each, 70c per 10.

Hollyhock.—An old garden favorite, effective in the herbaceous border

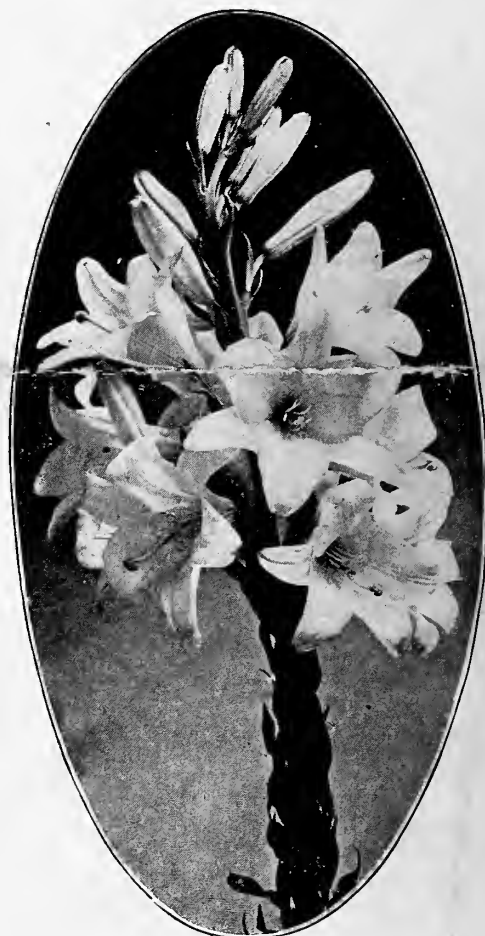
or among shrubbery for its tall spikes of single and double flowers. Strong plants for blooming next summer, mixed colors, mixed single and double. 20c each, \$1.50 per 10.

Spirea, Goat's Beard.—Elegant border plants with clusters of slender racemes of small white flowers in plume-like feathery panicles on stems 3 to 5 feet tall. Of easy culture. 15c each, \$1.00 per 10.

Mallow Marvels

Mallow Marvels.—Immense flowers from eight to ten inches in diameter, in fiery crimson, rich blood-red and shell-pink. Their great beauty is indescribable. Mallow Marvels surpass all other perennials in profuseness of bloom, flowering propensities and brilliancy of color. From July until October frosts arrive, the flowers continue to appear in profusion. Absolutely hardy, the Mallow Marvels have been tested and are thriving in Canada and in the mountain portions of the Northern States, as successfully as Georgia and Florida. Of herbaceous character. They come up year after year under varied conditions.

Two-year plants, to bloom the first summer, separate colors, crimson, red and pink, 80c each, 2 for \$1.50.



ASCENSION LILY
The Best Pure White Hardy Lily