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# H. E. MEADER'S

**BLUE RIBBON** 

# GLADIOLI

1918



# The Gladiolus

The Crowning Splendor
of
The Garden



MRS. FRANK PENDLETON

#### H. E. MEADER, DOVER, N. H.

Breeder and Grower of the World's Most Beautiful Orchid-Flowering Gladioli.

CHARTER MEMBER
AMERICAN GLADIOLUS SOCIETY

# H. E. MEADER'S GLADIOLI

WERE

#### Awarded First Prizes

AT

Convention of Society of American Florists, Mechanics Hall, Boston, Mass. 1914

American Gladiolus Society's Show, The Casino, Newport, R. I. 1915

Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Gladiolus Exhibition, Horticultural Hall, Boston, Mass. 1916—1917

Newport Horticultural Society and Newport Garden Club, Newport, R. I. 1916

New York Horticultural Society, Bronx Park, New York City, 1917

Also over 80 Awards, Blue Ribbons, etc., at various other shows, seasons of 1912—1917

## The Gladiolus Oneen of Summer

Where can be found its equal? The easiest flower to grow and lasts by far the longest when cut. Covering an unequalled range of color, from delicate tints of white, pink, yellow, and lavender to the brightest blood-red scarlets, deep purple, and richest dark crimson shades, in hundreds of distinct varieties, the cream of the giant-flowering sorts.

To gaze upon a group of these regal flowers is to admire them. They compel attention. The intense, glowing hues of the more brilliant varieties dazzle the eye, while others in the paler tints rest the vision and delight the senses of the beholder.

This flower is rightly called the people's orchid, as no other can outrival the surpassing beauty of its bloom. Your favorite color can here be found, embodied in floral lovliness, as nearly every shade has its representation in gladioli. Long ago, the gladiolus occupied a humble place, in our grandmothers' gardens, and its color and shape were very ordinary, but gradually by improved methods of hybridizing it has rapidly advanced to claim recognition as the queen of all our summer flowers. Cross-fertilized by many eminent horticulturists, clearer and brighter colors, larger blooms, and wider opened flowers have been produced, making in all a result of wondrous perfection.

Cut when the first flower expands and placed in water they continue blooming along the stem to the very topmost bud, lasting at least a week and holding their beauty throughout. From four to eight blossoms are opened at a time, and as the lowest fade they are easily detached, thus keeping the bouquet as fresh appearing as when first placed in the vase.

The bulbs that produce these magnificent flowers are to be obtained at prices which allow them to grace the humblest garden as well as the most

elaborate. Anyone, however inexperienced, can grow gladioli successfully, as the bulbs I furnish are most vigorous and the culture is very simple.

Visitors are cordially invited to inspect my collection, one of the most valuable in the United States, at any time during the blooming season. The process of cross-fertilizing in producing new varieties is very interesting and new seedlings are constantly blooming here for the first time. I have many new and rare varieties, native South African sorts, also import yearly the latest European novelties, which are usually of great beauty.

Bulbs of different varieties differ in size, many of the choicest varieties do not produce a large bulb, however, I send out only strong blooming sizes which are carefully inspected and sure to bloom even under adverse circumstances.

#### Myrtle

# The most beautiful pink yet produced in a Gladiolus

Clearest, dainty rose-pink, softly dissolving into a throat of clear creamy white, its cool angelic beauty is most entrancing. Early flowering; in perfect alignment on straight spikes, the opening buds very closely resemble creamy-pink tinted rose-buds with slightly flaring petals. Distinctive in form and color and of good size, "Myrtle" stands among the very elite of "Wizard" Kunderd's many exquisite productions—its show record proving this variety the unbeatable pink Gladiolus.

Awarded Silver Medal, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 1912; First Class Certificate, Newport Horticultural Society, 1916; First Class Certificate, New York Horticultural Society, 1917; First Prize in Pink Section, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, in 1917, etc., strongest competition. I also received highest awards at many other shows seasons of 1915-1917.

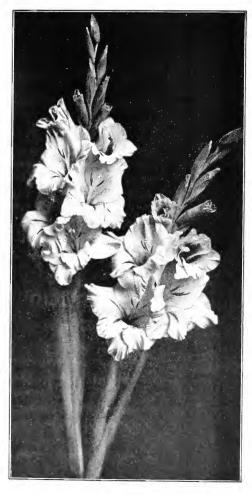
My prize winning strain of select, true to name bulbs 20c, each, \$2.00 per doz.

#### Gladiolus Kunderdi

The varieties marked (K) are selected from the productions of the foremost American hybridist, Mr. A. E. Kunderd.

Many of these have waved and fluted petals like the newer sweet peas, and have received highest awards at the leading flower shows, both here and abroad.

They are considered the most beautiful of all gladioli and represent the pinnacle of gladiolus achievement.



Kunderdi Glory

#### Hive Wonderful Novelties for This Season

#### The Finest We have Ever Offered

Lilywhite (K). (See lliustration). Pure as the lily! White as the snow! The long-desired spotless white gladiolus that will bloom well without special care; vigorous in growth and extremely early (flowering a full week ahead of all other white varieties in our gardens). "Lilywhite" is an ideal forcing variety and sure blooming garden sort. With a stronger constitution than any other pure white Gladiolus, absolutely healthy, and a profuse yielder of bulblets. "Lilywhite" stands in a class by itself. The blossoms are of lovely form, placed nicely on straight, tall spikes, and are of good size and perfect purity of color.

Strong bulbs 50c each \$5.00 per doz.

Not more than one dozen to a customer this season.

Mrs. Dr. Norton (K). The sensation of the last two exhibitions of the American Gladiolus Society Received a silver medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, also one from the Newport Horticultural Society. Very large open flowers, many open at once, on tall, graceful apike; color is creamy white, edges suffused with soft La France pink, soft creamy throat. A strong grower and very free flowering. Fine bulbs, \$1.50 each.

Purple Glory (K). The giant of the Kunderdi Glory race and of remarkable color. Deepest velvety maroon red, with almost black blotches, as if burned into the petals. Beautifully ruffled and a most extraordinary variety.

\$2.00 each for choice bulbs.

Fire Ribbon (K). (See illustration). Ten to twelve open blossoms on a tall spike, a long fiery band of richest glowing red. Wonderfully showy.

25c each

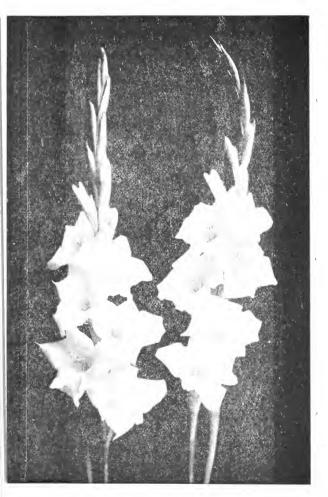
\$2 50 per doz.

Golden Glory (K). A large richly colored yellow with beautiful throat. Very vigorous in growth, with massive spike of nicely ruffled flowers of great substance. One of the very best.

75c each

\$7.50 per doz.

One each of the five marvelous sorts sent postpaid for \$4.50.



LILYWHITE.

#### Named Barieties of Supreme Quality

America. The most popular gladiolus in existence. An exquisite soft pale pink, tinted lavender, with enormous wide open flowers.

5c each 50c per doz. \$2.00 per 100

Augusta. A lovely pure white, with faint lavender stripe on lower petals. Often comes with several branches. Best white for general culture.

5c each 50c per doz. \$2.00 per 100

Baron Hulot. Deep violet blue, the best dark blue in cultivation, Always attracts attention.

5c each 50c per doz. \$4.00 per 100

Black Beauty. Dark blood-red flecked with black, the earliest of the very dark reds.

10c each \$1.00 per doz. \$6.00 per 100

Blue Jay. The finest American blue gladiolus. Vigorous, tall, and with large flowers of bright blue, with pure white spots in throat. A superb flower.

25c each \$2.50 per doz.

Brenchleyensis. Brilliant dazzling scarlet. A most vivid and intense color.

5c each 50c per doz. \$2.00 per 100

Chicago White (k). This variety is ivory-tinted, with fine lines of rose-pink in the throat. Recommended as the "earliest white" to bloom.

10c each 75c per doz. \$4.00 per 100

Crackerjack. Large flowers of rich velvety dark red. Throat is spotted with yellow on dark background.

10c each \$1.00 per doz. \$6.00 per 100

Crystal White (Baer). A most vigorous new white of great purity, with small diamond shaped violet-lavender mark in throat. Very much like America in all but color.

25c each \$2.50 per doz.

**Dawn** (Tracy). Rose pink, of a beautiful tint. Flowers of graceful form. Spike tall and straight. Petals slightly waved.

20c each \$2.00 per doz.

**Eldorado.** Deep, clear yellow, lower petals spotted maroon and black.

10c each \$1.00 per doz. \$6.00 per 100

Evaline, Huge flowers of bronzy terra-cotta thickly flaked with smoky violet. Absolutely unique in coloring.

10c each \$1.00 per doz.

El Capitan (k). Very tall spike. Softest sulphur tint, slightly marked lower petals. A dozen or more good sized blooms open at a time. Good.

15c each \$1.50 per doz.

Glory of Holland. A new pure white with lavender anthers. Large flowers, well placed on long straight spike. A very fine variety.

5c each 50c per doz. \$3.00 per 100

Golden King. Bright glistening golden yellow with vivid crimson blotch. A first prize winner at many shows.

15c each \$1.50 per doz.

Golden West. A brilliant orange with darker mottled throat. A superb flower.

20c each \$2.00 per doz. \$16.00 per 100

**Harvard.** Perfect Harvard crimson, large open flowers. One of the best dark reds.

10c each \$1.00 per doz. \$8.00 per 100

Heliotrope. Deep velvety violet with almost black throat, the darkest blue Gladiolus. Flowers of my growing were awarded a first prizeby the Massachusetts Horticultural Society at their 1916 exhibition.

30c each \$3.00 per doz.

Ida Van (k). A most beautiful deep salmon red, or flaming orange pink. Very rich and brilliant color. Highest award at Cleveland, and certificate at London, Eng.

15c each \$1.00 per doz. \$8.00 per 100

Independence: Rich coral pink, brilliant throat and heavy, wax-like flowers, often lasting two weeks after cutting.

5c each 50c per doz. \$3.00 per 100

Ivory (k). Ivory white, with light markings in throat. Intensely ruffled, medium height; good. 20c each \$2.00 per doz.

Jessie. Rich velvety scarlet, tinted orange. Very early. Fine cut flower variety.

5c each 50c per doz. \$3.00 per 100

Klondyke. Primrose yellow with crimson blotches. Round shaped flowers and early bloomer. 75c per doz. 10c each \$5.00 per 100

Kunderdi Glory (k). First of a new race of gladioli with ruffled or wavy edged petals, originated by the famous hybridist, A. E. Kunderd. beautiful creamy-buff, tinted soft pink. Superb. 10c each 75c per doz. \$5.00 per 100

Lady Howard de Walden. Clear bright yellow with carmine blotch tipped greenish lemon in throat. Much resembling large yellow pansics. A very dainty sort.

15c each \$1.50 per doz.

A grand deep red, with strikingly marked white throat. One of the showiest and best reds.

15c each \$1.50 per doz. \$10.00 per 100

Lily Lehman. White lily-shaped blossoms with greenish tinged throat, slightly flushed with softest pink. A cool spring-like beauty.

10c each 75c per doz. \$5.00 per 100

Mary Fennell(k). Palest layender, tinged soft pink, paler throat. Large wide open flowers of misty lovliness. A Patrician among gladioli.

20c each \$2.00 per doz.

May. Fine white, flaked and variegated with rosy The most popular variegated gladiolus. crimson. 5c each 50c per doz. \$3.00 per 100

Meadowvale. Purest white, with faint pink line Vigorous and healthy, with very in throat. large bloom, and a good multiplier.

10c each \$1.00 per doz. \$8.00 per 100

Mephistopheles. Bright crimson, splashed with dark crimson and yellow, like a gorgeous butterfly Compels attention.

15c each \$1.50 per doz. Mrs. G. W. Moulton.(k). Flowers of extra large size; a solid dark rose red in color with very slight tracings of deeper color in throat. Tall spike and very showy.

25c each \$2.50 per doz.

Mrs. Francis King. Enormous flowers of beautiful flame-pink, measuring four to five inches across, under ordinary cultivation. Most showy variety and finest for decorating.

5c each 50c per doz. \$2.00 per 100

Mrs. Frank Pendleton (k). (See illustration). Bright rose-pink on a pure white ground. A giant blotch of richest carmine red on lower petals. No grander variety in existance. Awarded the highest honor of The American Glad. Soc'y, Mass. Horticultural Soc'y, and many others.

15c each \$1.50 per doz. \$10.00 per 100

Mrs. Watt. Royal red rose color, an American beauty shade, clear solid crimson. A variety that everyone loves at first sight.

15c each \$1.50 per doz. \$10.00 per 100

Myrtle (k). Tender and delicate rose pink, in the lovely shades of the trailing arbutus. The most beautiful pink yet produced in a gladiolus. Awarded Silver Medal by The Mass. Horticultural Soc'y, Boston, etc.

20c each \$2.00 per doz. \$15.00 per 100

Niagara. Very large, open flowers of soft, pale yellow. Waxy blossoms of great keeping quality.

10c each \$1.00 per doz. \$6.00 per 100

Norma Dee Childs (Childs). Large delicate shell pink flowers with darker mottling. Soft primrose in the throat. Very beautiful.

15c each \$1.50 per doz.

Panama. Deeper pink than America, of which it is a seedling. A lovely soft color, and considered by many the very best pink sort. Has won prizes at all the largest shows.

10c each \$1.00 per doz. \$6.00 per 100

**Peace.** Giant blooming white, very strong grower, strong lilac mark in throat. Flowers of great size and beauty.

10c each \$1.00 per doz. \$7.00 per 100

Peacock. Bright iris blue with velvety pansy throat blotch of crimson and yellow. Spike sometimes crooks, but a most vigorous and healthy light blue which grows and does well in any soil. 50c each \$5.00 per doz.

**Prophetesse.** Round white flowers with clear cut orange-red blotch in throat making a very beautiful contrast.

10c each 75c per doz.

Pink Beauty. The earliest to bloom of all the large flowering gladioli. Soft pink with brilliant carmine blotch in throat. Very popular.

5c each 50c per doz. \$2.50 per 100

Princeps. The amaryllis-flowered gladiolus. Largest blooming sort, single blooms sometimes measuring over six inches in diameter. Brightest scarlet, large white throat.

5c each 50c per doz. \$4.00 per 100

Rajah (k). Deep, rich red, suffused with a darker tint. Flowers of immense size, four to five inches across—four to six open at one time. Plant tall and vigorous. The best dark red yet produced. Awarded a silver medal by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Boston, August 19, 1911.
50c each \$5.00 per doz.

Red Amarillas(k). Brilliant blood-red flower of giant size on medium height plant. Blooms formed like an Amaryllis. Most gorgeous and showy red. Was awarded First for best red at the Soc'y of Am. Florists' Convention, Am. Glad. Soc'y Show, Boston.

15c each \$1.50 per doz.

Rochester White. A most exquisite flower of purest waxy white, even the anthers and pollen are white, no spot of other color. Awarded prizes everywhere.

25c each \$2.50 per doz.

Rose Glory (k). Very large flowers with beautifully ruffled petals of great substance. Purest rose-pink color, deeper in throat. A magnificent ruffled variety.

50c each \$5.00 per doz.

Rouge Torch. Large creamy-white flower with a rouge torch-like tongue on inferior petals, making a very striking contrast.

20c each \$2.00 per doz. \$12.00 per 100

Scarsdale. Pinkish lilac in color, nearly a mauve.
An odd and beautiful shade.

10c each \$1.00 per doz. \$7.00 per 100

**Taconic.** Bright glistening pink, large, open flower of great beauty. Tall, vigorous grower.

10c each \$1.00 per doz. \$6.00 per 100

**Tavistock.** A valuable introduction, originated by L. M. Gage, former secretary of the American Gladiolus Society. A clear scarlet with white throat, similar to Princeps, but opening more flowers at once. Very striking.

10c each \$1.00 per doz.

**The King.** Rich deep old rose, the throat bearing a blotch of red on a white ground. Very large open flowers.

10c each \$1.00 per doz.

**Tiger.** Brownish red, striped and tigered with bluish black, throat mottled yellowish brown. A most unusual combination of great oddity and beauty.

25c each \$2.50 per doz.

Velvet King. Large flowers of glowing velvety scarlet, intense stripes on lower petals. Very showy.

10c each \$1.00 per doz. \$7.00 per 100

War. (true). Deep blood red, shaded crimson-black.
Giant flowers of great substance and glowing color.
25c each \$2.50 per doz. \$18.00 per 100

White Glory(k). A gorgeous pure white of exact size as Kunderdi Glory, with beautiful iris blue throat. Fine as a delicate iris. Grand.

35c each \$3.50 per doz.

White King (k). As tall as Kunderdi Glory, very rich sulphur white, splendidly ruffled, and nicely marked on lower petals. (Synonym "Patrician") 20c each \$2.00 per doz.

#### European Novelties

Dora Krais. Long spike of wavy edged flowers many open at once; color, a rich buff lightly fleeked with peach pink. Elegant and attractive.

15c each \$1.50 per doz.

Elizabeth Kurtz, Large flowers of alabaster white, slightly flaked with pale rosy pink, pure white throat with no marking. Most distinctive.

15c each \$1.50 per doz.

Electra. Vermillion-scarlet with enormous flowers and tall spike.

25c each \$2.50 per doz.

Empress of India. Very dark red, tinged with purple, unique aud beautiful. Certificates of merit at Haarlem and London.

10c each \$1.00 per doz.

Europa. Snowy white, without any throat marking, The finest white. Certificate of merit at London, Paris, Berlin. At the Boston convention of this Society of American Florists, 1914, this variety took first prize.

15c each \$1.50 per doz. \$10.00 per 100

**Grand Violet.** A deep violet-purple, very rich in color, extra large and handsome, and a great novelty.

20c each \$2.00 per doz.

Halley. Delicate salmon-pink with pale yellow throat. Very large flowers. Certificate at London. One of the very earliest to bloom.

5c each 50c per doz. \$2.50 per 100

Liebesfeur. Awarded first prize for best red at Newport, R. I., August 15. Giant solid scarlet of brilliant hue.

25c each \$2.50 per doz.

Lovliness. Flowers of distinction, in daintiness unsurpassed. A clear, soft creamy shade, tinged with pink, very delicate color. Giant open flowers of great beauty.

15c each \$1.50 per doz.

Negerfurst. Glowing velvety dark blood red, flaked with black, white splash in throat fleeked with lilac pink.

Extra tall and vigorous and very early. A first prize winner in crimson class.

20c each \$2.00 per doz.

Pink Perfection. Lovely appleblossom pink, many flowers open at once. Considered the finest pink variety ever originated in Holland.

15c each \$1.50 per doz. \$10.00 per 100

Reine Blanche. Clear, pure white, no marking, tall spike and dainty flowers.

10c each \$1.00 per doz.

Schwaben. Canary yellow, shading to soft sulphury yellow. Certificate Paris, 1910. Very vigorous and a good multiplier.

15c each \$1.50 per doz. \$10.00 per 100

Yellow Hammer. Very beautiful yellow of rich tone, rare and lovely.

25c each \$2.50 per doz.

#### The Austin Specialties

**Herada.** Clear brilliant mauve; blossoms of immense size, a wonderful new color. Awarded first prize at Boston in 1916,

20c each

\$2.00 per doz.

**Evelyn Kirtland.** Beautiful shade of rosy pink, soft shell-pink center, bright scarlet blotches on lower petals. A prize winner everywhere.

25c each

\$2.50 per doz.

The etwo splendid novelties were originated by the famous lady specialist of Ohio, Mrs. A. H. Austin, and have been universally admired wherever shown.



EVELYN KIRTLAND.

#### Primulinus Hybrids

Dainty and graceful blossoms, slightly hooded, in form resembling butterflies.

These are obtained by crossing the native South African Primulinus gladiolus with our large garden varieties, and produce very unique shades, running from light cream through various shades of yellow to deep orange and salmon tints, aptly described as nasturtium colors.

Bulbs from my choicest crosses, 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.

#### Hangrite Collection

The following eight superb pink varieties, all different shades, sent postpaid for 50c.

America Pale Pink.
Independence. Coral Pink.
Mrs. Francis King. Flame Pink.
Mrs F. Pendleton. Blush Pink.
Panama. Rose Pink.
Taconic. Peach Pink.
Pink Beauty. Earliest Pink.
Halley. Salmon Pink.

#### Blue Ribbon Collection

The cream of Fancy Flowering Varieties, embracing all the principal colors, the twelve sent postpaid for \$1.00.

Pink Perfection. Dainty Appleblossom.
Reine Blanche. Purest White.
Mrs. F. Pendleton. Orchid-Fowering.
Glory. Ruffled Petals.
Niagara. Soft Yellow.
Baron Hulot. Deep Blue.
Harvard. Dark Crimson.
Princeps. Amaryllis-Flowered.
Liberty. White Throated Red.
Mrs. Watt. American Beauty Shade
Jessie. Velvety Scarlet.

Rouge Torch. Cream; fiery throat.

#### Collections in Separate Colors

Newest Sect 1. Reds, scarlets, crimsons, etc. \$1.00 25 bulbs. " 50 1.75

finest

44 100 3.00

shades

obtainable.

White, pink, yellow, etc. Sect. 2.

and

25 bulbs, \$1.50 4 4 50 2.35 44 100 4.00

Sect. 3. Blue, shades light lavender to dark violet. 25 bulbs, \$1.50 44 50 2.75" 100 5.00

All the above sections in mixture: \$4.00 per 100: 25 at hundred rate.

No orders for the above collections accepted for less than 25 bulbs.

Would it not please your flower-loving friend to receive by parcel post a neat box enclosing an assortment of carefully selected gladiolus bulbs, no two alike?

Your card enclosed if desired.

12, each a different color, \$ .50 \$1.00 25, each a different color,

Postpaid.

# Special Offer.

To those who have not grown my gladioli I will send 15 large flowering bulbs, each a different color, on receipt of 50 cents. Full direction for planting and care included upon request.

To anyone sending me an order amounting to \$2.00 or more I will enclose five fancy varieties of my own selection, free of charge.

Kindly mention this offer when sending your order.



FIRE RIBBON.

## **How to Grow**

Gladioli are the easiest of all summer-flowering bulbs to grow, and their culture is very simple, anyone being able to produce fine results with a little care and a small amount of work.

May is the best time to plant, although they may be planted the first half of June to good advantage. The blooming period extends from the end of July until frost. For best results a sunny location is best and a rather light soil.

Plant four or five inches deep and the plants will not require staking, also they will resist dryness better as the roots will be cooler. Well rotted manure, good potato fertilizer, or sheep manure, if well mixed with the soil will produce good results. Loosen surface of soil occasionally and keep free from weeds.

After flowering, when the foliage looks yellowish, usually about the first of October, dig the bulbs, cut the stems quite closely, and store in a cool, dry place. A cellar where potatoes keep well will suit the bulbs; but as a rule, they are easily wintered in any ordinary cellar where frost does not enter and the atmosphere is not too drying.

#### All-Star Collection.

A collection selected from the varieties (from all growers) awarded first prizes at the great Gladiolus Show at Bronx Park, New York City August, 1918 where ten to twelve thousand spikes of gladioli were exhibited.

The 12 supreme sorts sent postpaid \$2.00

Lillywhite: Snowy-white.
Myrtle: Arbutus pink.

Mary Fennell: Pale lavender.

Mrs. F. Pendleton: Orchid flowering.

Baron Hulot: Dark violet blue. Lovliness: Cream, flushed pink.

Europa: Purest white. Schwaben: Canary yellow.

Mrs. Watt: Deep rose red. Peace: Giant white. Niagara: Soft yellow.

Golden King: Deep yellow.

## Suggestions

Quality is remembered long after price is forgotten.

Specializing in one particular line tends to produce best results.

Our business is to grow gladiolus bulbs with such painstaking care and attention to detail that the vigor and blooming quality is so concentrated in the bulb that it is certain to blossom with only ordinary care, although the gladiolus responds quickly to extra treatment.

I do not list the cheaper mixtures, a low grade bulb will produce only a poor flower.

Cultural Directions will be included with each order if requested.

If gladioli are wanted by mail, add 5c per dozen for postage. Single bulbs mailed without additional charge.

When possible it is better to have your order shipped by express, as larger bulbs, also extra, are included to help pay the transportation.

Also we have a special rate on bulbs much lower than ordinary merchandize,

Remittances may be made by post office order express order, or postage stamps.

Bulbs are usually shipped about April 1st, but may be sent at any time desired.

If you can use bulbs by the 100 or 1000, write us for special price.

Kindly order as early as possible and address all orders to

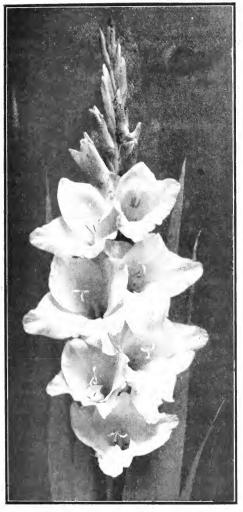
#### H. E. MEADER

Gladiolus Specialist,

Dover.

New Hampshire.

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MYRTLE

## Appreciation.

A very few selections from the many testimonials received from both professional and amateur customers and which were entirely unsolicited.

Extract from letter of F. S. Morton of the "Portland Evening Express," one of the most noted amateur growers of America.

" Of those you sent me I got good blooms, especially Tiger, of which I want more.

"The Grand Violet gave a very fine bloom,

flower being extra large.
"I exhibited 'Tiger' among others at the exhibition of the Garden Club of Lewiston and Auburn and had many comments on it. I had splendid results from it, tall and vigorous spikes and large and oddly colored flowers.

From a Woonsocket, R. I., Estate:

I suppose you are always glad to know that your gladioli prove satisfactory, perhaps you know they always will. But I cannot refrain from telling you that the bulbs I bought of you have proved true to type; the Pendletons and Pink Perfections are stunning! I have always had but yours are better!

Very truly yours,

From original letter on file.

I enclose order for gladioli and pay for the same. Please send me next year's catalog as soon as printed.

I obtained gladiolus bulbs last year from five different firms and yours were the only ones that bloomed.

Some of them measured six inches across and four feet high.

Very truly yours, m Mrs.

Every one of the forty bulbs received from you came up when the first bloomed, I thought it was the most beautiful flower that ever met my eye.

The others are now blooming, and are very, very lovely.

L. A. Woodworth, Fitchburg, Mass. From original letter on file.

Syracuse, N. Y.

Am enclosing amount of prize money won by you at the Newport show and wish to congratulate you upon winning in such severe competition.

Yours truly, Henry F. Youell, Sec. American Gladiolus Society.

August 4, 1913

We take pleasure in writing you that the gladioli we bought of you are the best (much the best) we ever bought, and we have been buying more or less for thirty years.

Thanking you for sending us such wonderfully good gladioli, we are,

Yours truly, E. H. Dwyer & Sons, Nurserymen, East Lynn, Mass.

The flowers from your bulbs were very fine and bloomed at a time when they were most useful to me.

G. S. Ramsburg,

Somersworth, N. H.

Introducer of Silver Pink Snapdragon.

Houlton, Me.

Your bulbs have always been of extra quality and I have never found any better. Am cutting some wonderful blooms and I saw nothing at the recent exhibition at Boston that could surpass them

H. L. Chadwick, Prop. Hillside Floral Co.

The bulbs received from you were the best and most perfect I ever saw. I am much pleased with them.

> Miss L. M. Clark, East Rochester, N. H.

Rochester, N. H., Sept. 28, 1912, W. N. Craig, Judge.— H. E. Meader showed one of the grandest displays of gladioli I have seen this season. his spikes were remarkably fine; most of the really good novelties and many standard varieties, including some fine seedlings, were exhibited.

# The American Gladiolus Society

Was organized in Boston, May 27, 1910

Its object is to promote interest in the G1adiolus and its Development and Culture, and its popularization.

Its membership consists of about all the leading American and foreign growers, and enthusiastic amateurs, as well.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1917-18

PRESIDENT, A. E. KUNDERD,
VICE-PRESIDENT, H. E. MEADER,
SECRETARY, PROF. A. C. Beal,
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