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## The

Sensational New Pure Yellow Gladiolus Flora

## SEASON 1923-1924

A. B. C. Special Offering of
"SUPREME QUALITY"

## Gladioli

In the Newer and "Worth-While"
Cut Flower Sorts
Also

## Standard varieties which are of value to the florist today

Produced on A. B. C. Hazelcrest Farms and on Contract by Gladiolus Specialists in various points of Michigan and Indiana, where soil and climate are particularly adapted to the purpose.

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## American Bulb Co.

NEW YORK
6 Murray Street
(West of Broadway)


Large.Flowering Primulinus Hybrid Gladiolus

## Alice Tiplady

The introduction of this wonderful variety caused the florists "tade to sit up and take notice of the real value of this new type, and when
MAIDEN'S BLUSH
illustrated on opposite page, was offered, it created just as much of a sensation in the cut flower markets of the country.
AIICE TIPLADY (1915-Primulinus species $x$ yellow Kunderdii). A grand, large Primulinus of most beautiful orange saffron color. Very choice. Alice Tiplady was awarded the First-class Certificate of Merit by North Shore Horticultural Society, Manchester. Mass., Summer of 1919 . Winner of hundreds of later awards.
We offer bulbs grown from the originator's (Kunderd) stock. PRICF
Per 100 Per 1000 $\begin{array}{lrr}12 / 2 \text {-inch up } & \$ 5.50 & \$ 50.00 \\ 11 / 4 \text { to } 11 / 2 \text {-inch } & 5.00 & 45.00\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}11 / 4 \text { to } 11 / 2-i n c h & 5.00 & 45.00 \\ 1 & \text { to } 11 / 4-i n c h & 4.50 \\ & 40.00\end{array}$

## A.B.C. "SUPREME QUALITY"

 GLADIOLI
## LARGE-FLOWERING PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS

## Are "Coming Into Their Own"

Some two years ago, Mr. A. Miller, president of the American Bulb Co., sensed the value to the florists' trade of some of the more recent introductions of this type and secured from American specialists (A. E. Kunderd and others), likewise Holland growers, and at considerable expense, a collection of varieties which had already made a name for themselves in the American and European markets, the bulbs of which have been propagated on Hazelcrest farms and are now offered to the trade at prices within the reach of all (see opposite page). The extreme gracefulness of this new form commends them to every retail florist, and they are in a class by themselves especially for bouquet, basket work, etc. Another very important feature to the grower is that varieties like Maiden's Blush (illustrated and described opposite) can be brought into bloom in about 80 days from time of planting.

## See Complete List Opposite

The following is an extract from the Florists' Exchange, issue of April 21, 1923, by that well known florist and horticultural writer, Fritz Bahr. Note what he says regarding the value of PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS, as well as an economical way of planting bulbs.

## "GLADIOLI IN FRAMES"

## Planted Between the Annuals


#### Abstract

If you sow Asters, Zinnias and other annuals in frames outdoors to be either sold as plants during May and June or for use in your own grounds, it might be well to consider sowing the rows just a little wider and plant Cladioli between them. This will in no way interfere with the seedlings; by the time you take them up, the Cladioli will hardly be over 6 in. or 8 in . in height, but even if they should be taller than that, they won't cause any shade to speak of. Planting Gladioli in a frame now will mean that you are able to cut flowers maybe ten days or two weeks sooner than when planted in the open. Are you going to plant enough of the Primulinus hybrids this season? They are especially good for early flowering and so much more graceful than the larger-flowering varieties. Plant first-sized bulbs for early; we find that even the small-sized bulbs of this sort bloom if given enough time, but of course they don't give as heavy spikes as the larger bulbs."


American
CHICAGO,
172 NORTH
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# A.B.C "SUPREME QUALITY" Gladioli 

The Sensation of the Cut Flower Markets During Season of 1923

New Large-Flowering Primulinus Hybrid

## MAIDEN'S BLUSH

Extract from The American Florist, issue of June 23, 1923:
"Gladiolus Maiden's Blush has found the greatest favor on the Chicago market this season. Poehlmann Brothers Company, who forced a large number of same, obtained an average of one and one-half spikes per bulb. The E. C. Amling Co., who planted Maiden's Blush at their Richmond greenhouses, secured the same results. Spikes of Maiden's Blush realized an average of $\$ 1.50$ per dozen wholesale, the output being sharply taken up daily. It is predicted that this new variety will eventually be more largely planted for greenhouse forcing than any other kind. Maiden's Blush is of a beautiful pink shade, each 100 bulbs producing on an average over 150 salable spikes. Not the least item of importance in favor of Maiden's Blush is the fact that it readily blooms within 70 to 90 days after planting.
"The American Bulb Co., through special permit from the Federal Horticultural Board, has been able to import several milion bulbs in all sizes and each year a nominal number of forcing size bulbs will be offered to the trade."

The trade needs no introduction to that well known retail florist, Max Schling, and his opinion is valued highly. Read below what he says about Maiden's Blush.



## Gladiolus Maiden's Blush

The basket illustrated above was arranged by the well known Chicago retailer, Mr. George Wienhoeber,
and presented as a birthday gift to His Honor the Mayor of Chicago, who remarked in his letter of acceptance that it was indeed as beautiful as a Maiden's Blush.

General List of Worthy Varieties of Large-Flowering Primulinus Hybrids

| 11/2-in. \& up |  | $11 / 4$ to $11 / 2$ inch |  | 1 to $11 / 4$ inch |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Per}$ | Per | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & 1000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | Per 1000 |
| \$5.50 | \$50.00 | \$5.00 | \$45.00 | \$4.50 | \$40.00 |
| 5.50 | 50.00 | 5.00 | 45.00 | 4.50 | 40.00 |
| 4.00 | 35.00 | 3.50 | 30.00 | 3.00 | 25.00 |
| 5.00 | 45.00 | 4.50 | 40.00 | 4.00 | 35.00 |
| 5.00 | 45.00 | 4.50 | 40.00 | 4.00 | 35.00 |
| 5.00 | 45.00 | 4.50 | 40.00 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$. |
| 6.50 | 60.00 | 6.00 | 55.00 | 5.50 | 50.00 |
| 4.50 | 40.00 | 4.00 | 35.00 |  |  |

ALICE TIPLADY (Prim.)-A grand, large, vigorous saffron-colored Primulinus, extra fine. Strong grower. Exceptional cut flower. ${ }^{3 / 4}$ to 1 -in., $\$ 4.00$ per
$100 ; \$ 35.00$ per $1000^{2} \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. GOLDEN WEDDING (Prim.) CO............ den yellow shading to buff; tall, vigor-
 MAIDEN'S BLUYSH (Prim.) .......................... salmon pink slightly fushed light rose ORANGE BRILLIANT (Prim.)-Beautifull orange, extra........................ ROANOKE (Prim.)-Vigorous and large SOUVENIR ( Pr rim. ) --N......................... nary yellow Primulinus grandiforus, nary yellow Primulinus grandiforus,
the most perfect flowering of the purest canary yellow, grows and multiplies SUNBEAM (Prim.)-Pure yellow. Long spike of well formed flowers............... PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS-A new race of remarkable, dainty and beautiful
Gladioli. Perhaps orange and gold col. ors predominate, but they combine every shade in the rainbow. Usually the flowers are hooded, somewhat smaller than the ordinary Gladioli and the stems are gracefully curved. Very
 All of the above varieties are recommended for forcing. Equally serviceable for open-ground culture.

## A.B.C.

Special Forcing Grade "Supreme Quality"

## Gladioli

## Are Grown and Cured on Our Own Farms Especially For That Purpose

While bulbs of same grown in connection with cut-flower production generally give satisfactory results when planted in open ground, it is well known that such are not suitable for growing under glass. This is very important and should, we believe, be given careful consideration by the grower when arranging for his supply of forcing stock.

Gladiolus Blooms invariably bring good prices during May, June and July. Ask us about the best varieties for greenhouse culture.

## Start Right!



Gladiolus Mrs. Frederick C. Peters
The blooms of this new beauty are extra large, of a rich rosy lavender, with a patch of bright crimson on lower petals. More beautiful than Mrs. Frank Pendleton and declared by experts to be the "last word" in the newer introductions of Gladioli. Price: Blooming size bulbs each $\$ 1.00$, doz., $\$ 10.00$. (Supply quite limited.)
"Making Gladioli Pay in the Greenhouse" As in many lines of horticulture, the methods of culture followed "yesterday" are frequently superseded by practices that fit in more with the existing conditions of today, and a grower of many years' experience who has made a super-success of

## FORCING GLADIOLI

has compiled for us in understandable form the "meat" of his success. These complete cultural directions are supplied on request free of charge with orders for Gladioli. Bulb Com York, wany


LARGE FLOWERING GLADIOLUS Mrs. Frank Pendleton
This grand variety has, we believe, had the greatest influence in popularizing the better types of Gladiolus. Although Mrs. Pendleton has been on the market for several years, it is still in a class by itself for art flowers and

Extract from the writings of Fritz Bahr, Anthor of "Commercial Floriculture" and for the past 40 Years a Practical Grower.
GLADIOLI-Can You Make Them Pay?
In spite of all that has been said and written about Gladiolf, the many years they have been with us and the many beautiful new sorts which have been introduced durthe money out of them they should. To make Gladloll pay one must handle desirable sorts to begin with, start plantling from January on up to the time when everybody is flling gardens with them, and plant again for a late crop. A batch of bulbs planted now and followed up every three Weeks or so will not only produce the fnest spikes from successfully handled in even the smallest greenhouse with 5 ft . of headroom above the benches. and if short on bench room just now you can carry the plants along in $4-1 \mathrm{ln}$ pots for the next two months and plant out later. A Carnatlon house temperature does nicely-for extra early outcloor about the first of March, and planted in a frame later. Good sorts cost money, but they are the only ones for the florlst to handle, and it pays to take care of them. Fou can't grow too many, but try to have them in flower at own in the garden.

## A.B.C

 "SUPREME QUALITY" Gladiolus BulbsMainly produced on our own farms at Hazelcrest, 1ll., and under high cultivation.
Ninety per cent of the success in forcing Cladioli is, we believe, due to planting bulbs that have been especially cured for that purpose, and not such as have been cultivated during the summer season for cut flower production. We have specialized in forcing Gladioli for several years and our properly arranged curing rooms now contain a sufficient quantity of the kinds most desirable for the above-named purpose as well as for outdoor planting. The varieties listed on these pages comprise all that is good in cut-flower sorts and which can be had at a moderate price.
If you do not want stock shipped at once, we will hold same in our warehouses, where storage conditions are of the best, and ship at any date you name, up to March 15th. But order should be placed NOW if you desire to take advantage of the low prices as contained in this SPECIAL OFFERING.

## AMERICAN BULB CO.

## General List of Up-to-the-Minute Varieties




GLADIOLUS I'XMMACUIEE pure white. The most perfectly Introduction of the well known Hybridizers, Peter Hopman \& Sons, Hillegom, England.

| $\begin{aligned} & 11 / 2 \mathrm{in.} \\ & \begin{array}{c} \text { Per } \\ \\ 100 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | \& \& up |  | $\begin{aligned} & 11 / 2 \text { inch } \\ & \text { Per } \end{aligned}$ <br> 1000 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { incin } \\ & \substack{\text { Per } \\ 100} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| *MRS. FRANK PENDLETON- |  |  |  |  |  |
| The sensational beauty, winner of |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| rose pink on a pure white |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| striking way with the deep rich |  |  |  |  |  |
| lower petals; as showy as an |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| delicate coloring is producedFhen spikes are cut and carriedindoors as soon as the first |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| blossoms open;rioty inexistence |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$32.50 | \$3.30 | \$28.00 | \$2.70 | \$22.00 |
| *MRS. WATT-Glowing American |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| color; well opened flower, nearly |  |  |  |  |  |
| all flowers open at one time; |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| stiff; very distinct variety; cre-ated a good deal of comment |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| at recent exhibitions......... 3.50 | 30.00 | 3.00 | 25.00 |  |  |
| MIS EDITH CAVELLPure whitewith small |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 5.00 | 45.00 |  |  |
| MRS. W. E. FREYER-Fine large |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| flowers ..................... 5.50 | 50.00 | 5.00 | 45.00 |  |  |

## A. B. C. "SUPREME QUALITY" GLADIOLI

General List of "Up-to-the-Minute" Varieties - Continued


MYRTLE - The most beautiful pink yet introduced; clearest daluty ruffled rose-pink, softly dissolving into a throat of clear
creamy white; its cooi, angelic creamy white; its cooi, angelic
beauty is most entrancing; early flowering: in perfect alignment on straight spikes; the opening huds closely resemble creamyplink tinted rose buds with tive in form and color and of good size; Myrtie stands
among the elite of "Wizard" among the elite of "Wizard"
 per $100, \$ 35.00$ per 1000 ...... $5.50 \quad 50.00 \quad 5.00 \quad 45.00 \quad 4.50 \quad 40.00$ MISS LUCILLE - A very soft, shade; a most striking and beautiful color for forists' Work, and an extra fine forcing
variets which adds to its value: medium in helght, with long stem of six to eight wide open flowers at one time; early...... 3 MRS. O. W. HALLIDAY-Delicate pink, yollow throat; one of
the best for florists.......... 5.00 MARY PICKFORD-An extraordinary flower and spike of the most delicato creamy - white; low; stem and calix also white; worthy of a great name........ 8.00

American Bulb Company


Hazelcrest Gladiolus Farm of the American Bulb Co. Variety Schwaben in Foreground. Note Wonderfully Strong Growth of Plants. Liberal Spacing Insures A. B. C. "Supreme Quality" Bulbs

Don't fail to include the new pure yellow, Flora, in your list. It is a winner (see illustration on first page). -A. B. C.

## General List of "Up-to-the-Minute" Varieties-Continued



Complete cultural directions for forcing Gladiolus furnished free on request. Compiled by an expert.-A. B. C.

# American CHICAGO, <br> WABASH AVENUE 

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## A. B. C. "SUPREME QUALITY" GLADIOLI

General List of "Up-to-the-Minute" Varieties Concluded

VESTA TILLY (New) - WIl
e a money maker
iolet very vivid pink, with small
gates and grows welly, propa-
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { WHITE CITY (New)-Very beau- } & & & & & \\ \text { tiful pure white; late........ } 5.50 & \$ 50.00 & 5.00 & \$ 45.00 & \$ 4.50 & \$ 40.00\end{array}$ WAR-Deep blood red, shaded crimson black; very tall and of this beautiful shade of red;

WILBRINK-A sport of Halley;
retains Halley's earliness and
has the color of America; soft
yellow blotch on lower petals;
when better known, it is bound
to be in great demand; fine
forcer …..................... $4.25 \quad 37.50 \quad 3.75 \quad 32.50 \quad 3.25$ 27.50
YELLOW BIRD-A very pleasing
shacle of sellow, penciled with
dark wine color on lower petals.
PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS-A new
race of remarkable, dainty and
beautiful Gladioli; perhaps
domluate, but they combine ev-
ery shade in the rainbow; usu-
ally the flowers are hooded,
somewliat smaller than the or-
dinary Gladluli and the stems
dinary Gladluli and the stems
are gracefully
curved;

STANDARD MIXTURE - This
standard sorts in a big variety
and should not be compared
with the bargain mixtures of
culls and discarded kinds of ten
offered. We recommend this
mixture to those who desire a
guantly of good flowers with
out special reference to color
effect.................. $.2 .00 ~$
15.00
Varieties marked thus (*), are recommended for forcing. Equally desirable for

# CANNAS <br> Large Flowering A.B.C. "Supreme Quality" 



Canna The President

PINK SHADES, Green Foliage


YELLOW SHADES, Green Foliage


WHITE SHADES, Green Foliage
Eureka. 4 ft. The best white....................................... 5.0040 .00

## Miscellaneous Bulbs

|  | 100 | 1000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tuberoses Double Pearl. 3 to 4 -in. ci | 2.00 | \$18.00 |
| 4 to 6-in. circumference | 3.00 | 25.00 |
| Tuberoses Single | 3.00 | 25.00 |
| Caladlum Esculentum |  |  |
| 5 to 7-in. circumference. | 3.50 | 30.00 |
| 7 to 9 -in. circumference | 6.00 | 55.00 |
| 9 to 11-in. circumference | 12.50 | 110.00 |
| 11 to 12-in. circumference | 15.00 |  |
| $12-\mathrm{in}$. and up. | 20.00 |  |
| Calla Elliottiana |  |  |
| $11 / 2-\mathrm{in}$. diameter and up. | 20.00 |  |
| $2-\mathrm{in}$. diameter and up. | 25.00 |  |
| Modelra Vines | 3.00 | 22.00 |
| Cinnamon Vines | 4.00 | 35.00 |
| Caladlum, Fancy-leaved | 20.00 |  |
| Tuberous-rooted Begonias. Single: Scarlet, pink, crimson, yellow, salmon, white |  |  |
| Tuberous-rooted Begonias. Double: Crimson, scarlet, yellow, salmon, white, pink. |  |  |
| Llly of the Valley. A. B. C. Supreme Quality. Original cases packed 2500 and 3000 pips per case. |  |  |

