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In the

Bonnewitz European Iris Garden

With Prices for 1924



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Up-to-date Iris List



I am a Dry Goods merchant, and one of the first qualifications of a successful Dry Goods merchant is to be "up-to-date." The expression "up-to-date" in the Dry Goods trade means that the merchant should be posted on both styles and qualities of merchandise sold, or suitable for being sold in a Dry Goods store.

I am trying to be just as "up-to-date" in my "European Iris Garden" as the best merchant can possibly be in his Dry Goods store. With this end in view, I have for years purchased foreign Irises as soon as they were offered, and I spent the months of May and June, 1922, visiting every grower and introducer of Irises in both France and England, beginning in the south of France with Denis, and in turn visiting Dessert, Millet, Vilmorin, Cayeux and Maron in France, and Bliss, Yeld, Hort, Dykes, Wallace, Perry, Murrell (Orpington Nursery Company), and Bunyard in England. In order to see each of these gentlemen, and usually his garden also, and to attend the Show of the National Horticultural Society in Paris and the Show of the Royal Horticultural Society in London, and to place my orders at convenient times, I crossed the English Channel seven times, and I am glad to tell you that my experience leads me to believe that the Channel does not deserve the bad name which I have so often heard attributed to it.

The Irises I purchased two years ago have in most cases multiplied satisfactorily, and as many of them have not yet been grown in America, I am offering them to growers and enthusiasts, and it is probable that within a year or two every one of them will be shown at our various Iris Shows throughout the country. Some of these varieties, including importation charges, cost me over fifty dollars for a single root and, as these Irises had been growing two years in their new home, I naturally anticipated perfect bloom from the old clumps this spring, and had no hesitancy whatever in mailing over twenty thousand invitations to Iris lovers throughout the United States to visit the garden and enjoy the bloom with me. All readers of my Garden Notes know the story of the freezing weather for five successive nights the last of May, and that the bloom of my "European Iris Garden" was destroyed for this season, but as the roots were not damaged, I will maintain the garden for another year, and I hope that Iris lovers will not hesitate to bring their note books, and help decide which varieties deserve a permanent place in our American gardens.

This booklet contains a list of the varieties of which I have stock enough to quote a price for sale this season, and it contains, also, following that list, the names of the other varieties which are

growing in the garden and which have not multiplied sufficiently to offer in a general way to the public. However, on most of these varieties I could spare a single root or two, if there is any particular reason a purchaser should have it immediately. I do not suppose it is necessary for me to tell you that some of these varieties which are listed at a high price this year, will be listed at lower prices next year, and eventually we can look forward to all of them being sold for two dollars each, or less. However, as Irises multiply rapidly, it is sometimes profitable to pay even ten dollars for a single root, knowing that the increase from it will be more rapid than the decrease in price.

I believe every root in my garden is true to name, but should any root which I send out, prove to be untrue, I will return the price paid me for it.

Terms—CASH WITH ORDER.

Irises will be sent by express and customers can pay transportation charges upon arrival of shipment. When only a few Irises are ordered, purchasers may remit five (5c) cents extra for each root, and the Irises will be shipped by parcel post. If six or more roots are ordered shipped by parcel post remit thirty (30c) cents additional for each dozen roots.



Irises Offered for 1924

- ALCAZAR (Vilmorin)** \$0.50
 One of the largest and best of the new Irises. I have never known a single person disappointed with the color or size of this thrifty French Iris. The standards are violet with a blue tone. The falls are of a pleasing warm purple.
- ALPIN (Millet)** \$1.00
 This is a new dwarf variety from M. Millet's garden. It bloomed for me the first time this year, and it may deserve a permanent place in our gardens.
- AMBASSADEUR (Vilmorin)** \$2.00
 This tall, stately Iris seems to please everyone on account of its beautiful colors and splendid habit, and at the price at which it can now be sold it will be the best seller of the season.
- AMBIGU (Vilmorin)** \$1.00
 This Iris is somewhat like Opera but, although it is newer than Opera, I do not believe that it is equal to that famous variety.
- ANDREE AUTISSIER (Denis)** \$7.50
 Like many of the Denis seedlings this one apparently should be given protection from the fall, winter and spring rains, for its increase has been very slow. This variety may prove to be exactly like Mlle. Andree Autissier.

- ANNE BULLEN (Hort)** \$12.50
 This variety I purchased on Sir Arthur Hort's reputation. Mr. Wister, Mr. Wallace and I visited Sir Arthur in his own garden, but this particular variety was not in bloom on that day, but Mr. Wallace, who had seen it the year previous, gave it high praise. I can spare only four roots of it this season. It may not be worth the price at which I list it.
- ANN PAGE (Hort)** \$10.00
 I admired this variety greatly in the big Chelsea Show in London two years ago, but I fear like many of Sir Arthur Hort's varieties, it does not multiply rapidly, and so it will not soon be sold at a popular price.
- APHRODITE (Dykes)** \$35.00
 This is supposed to be one of the very best of the pinks, or lilac pinks, but it increases very slowly and I do not advise its purchase at this price. Of course it will be cheaper within two or three years, and at that time I hope to have a nice stock of it.
- ARAC (Yeld)** \$3.00
 This variety shows ability to stand our climate and to make good increase, but we must wait another year to know its quality.
- ARAGON (Bliss)** \$4.00
 My notes tell me this variety has true orange-colored standards with falls like the older variety Fro. It sounds quite like the description of Citronella, but the bloom stalk is not as tall as Citronella, which I saw blooming in England two years ago and in Mrs. Taft's garden this year.
- ARCHEVEQUE (Vilmorin)** \$0.50
 If this variety had a little more height and greater size it would rank with the best Irises in the world. Two years ago in Mr. Perry's garden in London, Mr. Wister, Mr. Wassenberg and I saw a new variety with exactly Archeveque colors, but with larger size and with greater height, and I bought a root, paying thirty-five dollars and importation charges for it, but unfortunately, it died after being planted in my garden. I will try to secure another root of it this year. I place Archeveque in my "select" list.
- ARGONAUT (Bliss)** \$2.50
 I hesitate very much to recommend this variety which has bloomed in my garden, but I may be more favorably impressed with it next year.
- ARLEQUIN (Denis)** \$2.00
 This variety, sold to me as one of Denis' productions, has increased so that I can afford to send out a few roots of it at two dollars each this year. I am not certain that it will be of permanent value to our gardens, but I am sure that some other Iris enthusiasts will be glad to give it a trial. A doubt has arisen whether or not it is a Denis seedling.
- ARMAND CLAUDAUD (Denis)** \$3.00
 This variety has not yet bloomed in my garden, and I cannot remember its points of merit well enough to place it in my "select" list. Some Iris enthusiasts may wish to buy it on their faith in M. Denis.
- ARMEE D'ORIENT (Millet)** \$1.00
 This new dwarf bloomed this year for the first time. I will watch it another year before giving it my approval.

- ARMENIAN (Millet)** \$1.00
This variety is somewhat like Madame Blanche Pion. I have grown it several years and can now, on account of its increase, afford to sell it for one dollar a root.
- ARSACE (Millet)** \$1.00
The frost or freeze did not allow me to see the blooms of this variety this year, but I have managed to grow a nice lot of roots which I can sell at a reasonable price.
- ASIA (Yeld)** \$5.00
Asia, Prospero, and Lady Foster were the three best varieties in the Chelsea Show in London two years ago. It does not multiply as rapidly as Prospero, and has a trifle softer color. It is usually considered Mr. Yeld's best variety, and nearly all Iris lovers are looking forward to placing it in their gardens.
- ASKABAD (Van Tubergen)** \$1.00
This variety came to me from Holland and I have not found any extraordinary qualities in it.
- ASSYRIAN (Bliss)** \$10.00
It was a great disappointment to me not to be able to see this variety in bloom in my garden this year. It is advertised as one of the very best Pallidas.
- ATLAS (Millet)** \$1.00
This was produced in the same garden as Madame Gaudichau, and it is somewhat similar to it in coloring, but smaller.
- AURELLE (Denis)** \$10.00
This variety may prove to be one of the best from this famous hybridizer, but it has multiplied so slowly that I will be able to spare only three roots of it this year. I have not seen it in bloom and I do not yet advise its purchase.
- AUORE—Pallida** \$1.00
This variety has been blooming in my garden for three or four years, and the slight pink tone in its light blue color has made it very attractive. It is not, however, as good as Mlle. Schwartz, or as large as that famous variety.
- AZURE (Bliss)** \$1.00
This vigorous variety has colors which somewhat resemble those in Dominion, and it seems to be admired by everyone who sees it. It is one of the best selling varieties in my garden.
- BALARUC (Denis)** \$3.50
This new white variety is not, I believe, as good as Queen Mary (or White Queen, as it is sometimes called), but Balaruc is still quite scarce and consequently the price is not as low as it will be in two or three years.
- BALLERINE (Vilmorin)** \$3.00
This Iris is on the Lord of June type, and is almost universally admired. It does not increase as rapidly as Lord of June, but it may possibly have slightly better standards.
- BELCOLOR (Denis)** \$1.00
This variety is not yet in very many gardens. It bloomed for me this year, but it is only medium in size and the color is not outstanding. I can spare only a few roots this year, and will give a more definite report as to its color next year.

- BELGICA (Parmentier)** \$1.00
 This variety is evidently an old one, but it impressed me very well as I saw it growing in the French gardens. I will sell a few roots of it at one dollar each, but it may not have enough merit for a permanent place in our gardens.
- BELISAIRE (Cayeux)** \$20.00
 I am sorry that this new French variety has not increased enough for me to offer many roots of it for sale this year. As I recollect it in the French garden two years ago, it was one of the best of the new varieties and I had hoped greatly to see its bloom this year, but the late freeze in May killed all of its bloom. Within a year or two I hope to offer it at a more attractive price.
- BENBOW (Bliss)** \$2.00
 I have had this variety several years, but it has given me very little increase and I am not sure that I can recommend it for our American gardens.
- BIANCA (Millet)** \$2.00
 This variety has light yellow standards, and the cream falls are overlaid with lines of deep red lilac. I can spare very few roots of it this year.
- BLACK PRINCE (Perry)** \$3.00
 This variety comes nearer to Dominion quality and color than any of the varieties originated before Dominion. In some parts of the United States it will not grow at all. In fact, I lost every root of my first three importations of it. Since that time I have imported it seven times, but with all my efforts to increase my stock I have only a very small number of roots which I can dispose of.
- BOLINGBROKE (Hort)**
 Like many other of Hort's varieties, it is hard to get established in America. I will not be able to sell a single root of it until next year, although I have imported it twice. I hope its quality will justify the long wait.
- BLUE BIRD (Bliss)** \$3.50
 This variety has not taken kindly to my "European Iris Garden." I have imported it twice and its increase is very, very small. It did not bloom this year.
- BLUE BOY (Foster)** \$0.50
 This variety is remarkable for having a blue beard, very much bluer than any other variety I have ever seen. It has a few other good qualities as an Iris, in addition to the special color in its beard.
- BLUE LAGOON (Bliss)** \$4.00
 Like Blue Bird, this variety has been hard for me to establish in my garden. After several years I have only four rhizomes of it which I can offer, but the blue in its bloom is refreshing.
- BOSSUET (Cayeux)** \$2.00
 I have not yet seen enough of this variety to recommend it for planting in American gardens.
- BRUNO (Bliss)** \$35.00
 This seedling from Dominion has standards of a pronounced tan color and when it can be sold at five or ten dollars a root I am sure it will be appreciated in America. I was probably foolish to pay eight English pounds each for three roots of it two years ago; but my enthusiasm for it will probably rise again when I am able to see it in bloom.

CAMELOT (Bliss) \$2.00

This is a very light plicata, and the standards are penciled more than the falls. I have only a small stock of it this year, but will probably be able to offer it at a more attractive price next year.

CANDINAL (Bliss) \$40.00

This beautiful Dominion seedling gave excellent bloom in my garden this year—very much better than I saw of the same variety in England two years ago. It is very tall and has a splendid branching habit, the blooms are of excellent substance, almost, if not entirely, equal to Dominion and, while it is not cardinal in color, it is the best approach toward red of any of the Dominion seedlings. Of course it is not worth the eight English pounds which I had to pay for it, but I am sure all American Iris lovers will be glad to own it when it can be sold at a reasonable price. I place it at the head of the Dominion seedlings because it is the only one which was able to withstand the freezing weather in May and it gave me absolutely perfect bloom in June.

CATERINA (Foster) \$0.50

Some seasons this splendid variety is nearly as good as Queen Caterina and Mother of Pearl. I do not hesitate to recommend it.

CELIA (Yeld) \$0.50

Mr. Yeld introduced this variety, and consequently it should be among the best, yet my notes tell me that it is not of as great value as Prospero and Asia. If other Iris lovers care to see its bloom I will sell a few roots of it at fifty cents each.

CENGIALTI \$0.50

I include this Iris in this list because it is one of the original species, and Iris breeders are finding it of value in helping produce new varieties.

CENGIALTI LOPPIO \$0.75

This is a later blooming variety of the above species and possibly should be included in a breeder's stock.

CENTURION (Bliss)

This variety has increased so slowly that I cannot spare a single root of it until next year.

CHASSEUR (Vilmorin) \$6.00

This new yellow Iris when first shown two years ago, attracted universal attention. Some of the new American yellow varieties may be better, but I know of no European variety as good as it.

CHATELET (Vilmorin) \$5.00

This is one of the very newest Irises from Vilmorin's garden, but I have not seen enough of it to know whether it will rank with Ambassadeur and Magnifica or not. It must wait until next year before it gets my permanent approval.

CHERUBIM (Vilmorin) \$0.50

A couple of years ago there was a great deal of interest in this new Iris on account of its delicate pink tone, but Troost is rapidly displacing it now.

CLEMATIS (Bliss) \$1.50

This variety has very much the form of the intermediate variety, Dorothea. Although it is an English Iris it received an award of merit at the big Iris Show in Paris two years ago, but I am not altogether sure that it deserved this high honor. It does, however, resemble the Clematis after which it was named.

- CLEMENT DESORMES (Denis)** \$5.00
 I was fortunate in seeing some bloom on this variety this year, and I was pleased with the peculiar apricot color on the standards, and I noticed the unusual fact that the falls, while very beautiful, were much lighter than the standards. I will wait until next year before advising its purchase.
- CLUNY (Vilmorin)** \$1.50
 This is a very vigorous new French Iris. It has a slight suggestion of the colors which have made Mlle. Schwartz so famous and, while I do not believe it is as good as Mlle. Schwartz, yet I am very sure that it will have a welcome in American gardens.
- COLONEL CANDELOT (Millet)** \$1.00
 This is one of the best Irises which approach red in color, and as it is very vigorous, I believe American Iris lovers will be glad to own it.
- CORA (Millet)** \$1.00
 This variety has bloomed two or three years for me and it shows good size and vigor, and I have been very well pleased with it.
- CORBIE (Denis)** \$5.00
 My notes tell me that this variety is slightly darker than Lancelot, but even so, I am not sure that it deserves a place in our gardens. I can spare only four roots of it, but I do not believe anyone should purchase it with the thought in mind that it is worth the price at which I list it. If it blooms next year I will endeavor to give a better description of it.
- CORRIDA (Millet)** \$1.00
 This is a splendid tall Pallida, and I believe that lovers of Pallida Dalmatica will be glad to welcome it. I am glad that I have enough stock of it that I can afford to sell it at a popular price.
- COUNTESSE D'HAUTEVILLE (Millet)** \$1.00
 This new dwarf attracted considerable attention in the garden this year and if it blooms as well next year I will give it my approval. Of course when a stock of it has been accumulated it will be sold at a lower price.
- CREPUSCULE (Verdier)** \$0.50
 My notes tell me that this dwarf Iris is of very attractive deep blue purple color. I will wait until next year to recommend it.
- CRETONNE (Bliss)** \$2.50
 This has not yet given me enough bloom to give it a rating or a recommendation. I will have it marked so visitors to my garden next year can help decide its merits.
- CRUSADER (Foster)** \$2.00
 I like this Iris very much, but it has not multiplied as rapidly for me as many others. I have not heard any criticism of it and I believe that it deserves a recommendation.
- DAISY HILL (Smith)** \$2.50
 I have imported this Iris with an English name from Holland, and it has given excellent satisfaction in my garden. It is tall and pleasing in color and habit, and if it blooms as satisfactorily next year as it has the past two years, I believe I will be willing to give it my approval. I have only a few plants for sale this year.

- DALILA (Denis)** \$1.00
 This is one of the most attractive of the French Irises, and its beautiful white standard and red lilac falls attract the attention of everyone. I do not hesitate in recommending it for all American gardens.
- DANIEL LESUEUR (Denis)** \$2.50
 This is a Mary Garden and Madame Chobaut type of Iris with a blue lilac tone, as it bloomed in my garden, and it apparently has not a very great deal of vigor, and so I will not approve it until testing it further.
- DAPHNE (Bliss)** \$5.00
 This Iris is very much talked about and I remember we gave it a great deal of attention in England two years ago. It is somewhat of the same type of coloring as B. Y. Morrison, and it may have a permanent place in our gardens. Stock of it is still very scarce and I can spare comparatively few roots of it this year.
- DARIUS (Parker)** \$1.00
 This is an old variety, but I know some of our most enthusiastic Iris lovers want to see it retained with the new introductions. You will undoubtedly find it quoted at fifty cents in many price lists. There are two varieties with this name and unfortunately for me, I have only a small stock of the true one.
- DELICATISSIMA (Millet)** \$1.50
 This variety does not increase for me as rapidly as the other varieties M. Millet has placed on the market, and I am not sure whether it is worth the price I am compelled to ask for it. I hope all of us will have an opportunity to see it next year.
- DEJAZET (Vilmorin)** \$1.00
 I have seen some blooms on this variety which look very promising, but I do not rank it as high as Ambassadeur, Magnifica, Medrano and other very successful Vilmorin introductions.
- DEMI-DEUIL (Denis)** \$0.50
 This variety does not please me nearly as much as Valery Mayet and I do not recommend its purchase, although I am sure many Iris lovers will want to see it for their own information.
- DEUIL DE VALERY MAYET (Denis)** \$3.00
 This is a very pleasing variety with an approach toward red, altogether different than that made by Colonel Candelot. It is not as tall as Ambassadeur, but I sometimes think that there is more life to its color than in the famous Ambassadeur. I am very much interested in it, and I am quite sure that when it can be sold at a popular price everyone will want it. It seems to have more vigor than many other Denis varieties.
- DIADEM (Bliss)** \$2.00
 This variety is of a red lilac tone and the falls are darker than the standards. It is interesting but I do not believe that it will ever rank as one of the great Irises. However, another year may lead me to change my mind.
- DIAMOND (Caparne)** \$1.00
 This is an intermediate variety which I think American Iris lovers should see. Of course it will soon sell at a much lower price.
- DIANE (Vilmorin)** \$2.00
 This variety has not bloomed in my garden, and I have not a distinct recollection as to its appearance in the French gardens two years ago.

DILKUSH (Foster) \$3.00

I have imported this variety four times, and it does not take kindly to our American conditions. As a result of several years' effort I can spare only ten rhizomes.

DIMITY (Bliss) \$2.50

This variety did not bloom for me this year, but as I remember it last year it was the largest plicata I had ever seen. It has not increased for me as rapidly as some other varieties, and I will not be able to furnish very many roots of it this season.

DIONYZIA (Hort)

This variety pleased me very much in Sir Arthur Horts garden two years ago, and I purchased a root of it, but it does not seem to be adapted to our American climate, for at the present time, after two years of growth, I have only three rhizomes of it. I mention this fact in order that I may hear from other importers whether they have the same poor results with the Hort varieties. As importers, I believe we should encourage the sale of roots which have vigor, and discourage the sale of those which are not able to stand the rigors of our climate.

DIXMUDE (Millet) \$1.00

This is one of the new dwarfs introduced by Millet which had extremely large sized blooms this year. I will not give it my unqualified approval until it has proven itself further in my garden.

DOCTOR BLESS (?) \$1.00

My records do not tell me who introduced this variety, and I am not sure that a single root of it should go outside of my garden. However, it must have appealed to me two years ago, or I would not have brought it from Europe. If it shows quality I will call particular attention to it next year.

DOMINION (Bliss) \$25.00

This famous Iris is more talked about than any other Iris in the world because it has better quality in both standards and falls than any other Iris, and its colors are remarkably strong and fine. I believe it is the best seed parent in the world for new Irises. I saw all the Dominion seedlings—Bruno, Cardinal, Duke of Bedford, Conchobar, Centurion, Glamour, Moa, Swazi, Tenebrae, Titan, and Yeoman—in England two years ago, and every one of them showed Dominion quality in the bloom. During the blooming season this year I had the pleasure of visiting Mrs. Taft's garden in Cincinnati, where I saw the hundreds and perhaps even thousands of the Dominion seedlings which have been originated during the past four years by her nephew, Mr. Wareham. Among this vast number of seedlings, all of which showed their Dominion parentage, there were perhaps twenty of such outstanding merit in quality, form, color, branching habit, height, and especially beauty, that it seems a great pity that they are not being propagated and placed upon the market. One of them with a particularly beautiful bloom of light color measured fifty-four inches tall, and Mr. Wareham told me that if it is ever placed upon the market it will be under the name "New World." I am sure that every Iris enthusiast who has an opportunity to visit the Taft Garden next year will be delighted with the Dominion seedlings he sees growing there. I am not urging the sale of my Dominion roots, for I realize that although the price will drop each year, yet they are growing into more value for me, and are an excellent investment.

DORAK (Foster) \$5.00

I believe this variety is the result of a similar cross to that which produced Dilkush, and three importations and several years' waiting furnish me only three roots for sale.

DORA LONGDON (Bliss) \$1.50

This variety has not appealed to me as much as some other of Mr. Bliss' seedlings, and yet I may appreciate it when I can see it blooming in quantity.

DORINDE (Denis) \$3.00

This variety also will have to be listed without a recommendation this year. It has not multiplied very rapidly for me, but if other growers care to take a chance at it I can spare ten or twelve roots, and I would, of course, rather these would go into individual gardens so that we may yet a larger vote on its merits.

DORMAN (Bliss) \$1.00

This variety has multiplied very slowly and I have not found anything of special merit in it. I will, however, give it a very close examination two or three seasons before placing it in the discard list.

DRAKE (Bliss) \$2.00

This variety bloomed this year and I was pleased to observe that it had some of the same quality as Mlle. Schwartz, and it is possible that that we will be glad to retain it in our gardens. It has shown considerable more vigor than Dora Longdon and Daphne.

DU GUESCLIN (Bliss) \$5.00

This variety attracted my attention when in bloom, and, although I will not be able to sell many roots of it this year, yet I know I will be interested in seeing it again next year. It is not in the Dominion class, and maybe no higher up than Monsignor, but even if it is in the class with Monsignor, it is well worth a place in our gardens. It will be cheaper within two years.

DUKE OF BEDFORD (Bliss) \$50.00

This is a Dominion seedling and pleased me very much as I saw it in bloom in England two years ago, but it did not have the vigor to withstand the freezing weather in my garden this spring. If I remember correctly, I purchased three roots of this at a cost of over fifty dollars each, including importation charges, and I am in hopes that it will increase to such an extent within the next few years that I can get my money out of it when sold to Americans at a much lower price than I was compelled to pay for it in England.

DURIEU (Denis) \$5.00

I have imported this variety three times and have at last succeeded in getting it to grow, but it has not bloomed and at some future time I may find merit in it. I do not advise its purchase at the present price.

DUSKY MAID (Bliss) \$2.00

As this variety bloomed in my garden this year the standards were tan and the falls mulberry. I am not sure that it will deserve a place in our gardens, for it did not have the clear color effect which we are so glad to see in Dalila and other similar varieties. However, it is probable that American enthusiasts will be glad to pass their own judgment upon it. I can spare a half dozen or more roots this year.

ECKESACHS (Goos & Koemann) \$2.50

This new variety is darker than Lord of June, Lady Foster, and Crusader and it may possibly earn a permanent place in our gardens. I can spare a few roots of it this year.

- ECLAIREUR (Cayeux)** \$7.50
The originator believes he has made an improvement upon Rhein Nixe, but I am not sure that the world will agree with him. This variety attracted much attention in the French garden two years ago.
- EDOUARD MICHEL (Verdier)** \$1.00
This is one of the best of the varieties with large bloom which makes an approach to red through deep lilac. It should be seen looking against the light to appreciate its full beauty. I place it in my "select" list.
- EGLAMOUR (Hort)**
Like many other Hort varieties this one is very slow to make increase in my garden. I hope to be able to spare a few roots of it next year.
- E. H. JENKINS (Bliss)** \$5.00
I am glad to say that I believe E. H. Jenkins has merit. I have not succeeded in building up much stock of this variety, for it increases slowly. It will probably be slow also in coming to a very moderate price.
- EMIR (Yeld)** \$2.50
This is not as large an Iris as many of the Yeld productions but we spent considerable time on it in the English gardens two years ago. There is yet only a small stock of it in the United States.
- EUGENE BONVALLET (Cayeux)** \$1.00
I have considerable stock of this variety and so it can be sold at a much lower price than the varieties which are still very scarce. It is not as good as Opera.
- FEDORA (Cayeux)** \$10.00
This French variety seems much at home in my garden and I believe it will increase rapidly, and consequently will soon be sold at a popular price.
- FENTON (Hort)** \$15.00
This is another Hort variety which is very slow to increase in my garden and I can spare only three roots this year.
- FERAKAN (Foster)** \$5.00
I believe this is a very interesting variety and I will watch it with peculiar interest next year. My stock is still very limited and I will dispose of only a few roots.
- FLAMMENSCHWERT (Goos & Koenemann)** \$2.50
This variety resembles Iris King and some growers believe it is an improvement on Iris King, as the yellow in the standard is much clearer. It is possibly also a trifle taller than Iris King. I do not believe there is much of this variety in the United States at the present time and it may become even more popular than Iris King.
- FLAVESCENS RICARDI (Denis)** \$5.00
The name of this variety indicates what we may expect it to be, but purchasers will need to give it very careful attention, as its Ricardi blood makes it somewhat hard to handle.
- FRANCINA (Bliss)** \$1.50
This is a new plicata in which the pencilings are of an extremely red lilac color.
- FUERSTIN LONYAY (Goos & Koenemann)** \$2.50
This new Iris from Germany is darker than Edouard Michel. A few years' growth in our gardens will tell us whether it will supersede that variety or not.

- GENERAL GALLIENI (Millet)** \$7.50
I found this name attached to a very beautiful Peony which bloomed in my garden this season, and I am hoping that this Iris which has been given the same name may rank as high in the Iris world as I believe the Peony will in the Peony world. I have not seen it in bloom and so I do not yet place it in my "select" list.
- GERALDINE (Yeld)** \$4.00
This is a tall Iris with white standards tinted lavender, purple falls and bright orange beard. I hope some purchasers will exhibit it at the Iris Shows next year, for the Iris Shows serve a most useful purpose in letting the world know the varieties which are really worth while.
- GERMAINE LE CLERC (Cayeux)** \$3.00
I am not able to give you a description of this new Iris, but I feel sure that the originator believes it has merit from the name he has given it. I can dispose of only a few roots this year.
- GIRAN (Foster)** \$5.00
I have imported this Iris twice and also bought it of an American grower, but it has not multiplied rapidly, and I can spare only a few roots.
- GLAMOUR (Bliss)** \$20.00
This is a beautiful Dominion seedling but in my garden this year the bloom was not quite as large as Lent A. Williamson. Its color may be somewhat better than Lent A. Williamson and I believe the quality of the bloom may be better. I will wait until the plant is three years old before giving it my complete approval. When we can sell Dominion seedlings at popular prices there will be a great demand for them.
- GNOME (Bliss)** \$4.00
This variety has not yet given me any bloom, and I can spare only a few roots. The name is attractive, and I am anxious to see its quality.
- GOLD CREST (Dykes)** \$1.00
The beard on this variety is very pronounced, of a beautiful shade of yellow, and contrasts very nicely with the attractive cold blue color of the blooms. There is another Gold Crest on the market which must not be confused with the one originated by Dykes.
- GOLIATH (Cayeux)** \$0.50
This is one of the earlier introductions of this originator and it does not have as much merit as some of his later ones.
- GRAMINEA (?)** \$1.00
This dwarf Iris which I procured from Mr. Farr several years ago has such outstanding merit both in color and size that I think special attention should be called to it.
- GREVIN (Vilmorin)** \$2.00
This is an Iris of good size and color and I believe that purchasers will feel that they get their money's worth at the price at which it is listed.
- GULES (Bliss)** \$1.50
The standards are of a bright rose lilac and the falls are much darker, approaching a red purple in color.

- HALO (Yeld)** \$3.00
 This is an attractive variety, but I do not believe that it has the size of Prospero and Asia. However, it is quite welcome in my garden and I believe that other friends of Mr. Yeld will be glad to have it in their gardens also.
- HAMADAN (Foster)** \$3.00
 This is not a new variety, but I do not believe that many Americans are growing it. It does not increase rapidly, and I am not yet sure that it deserves a permanent place in our gardens. I think it should be seen in some of the Shows next year, however.
- HARMONY (Dykes)** \$10.00
 The English grower, Mr. Murrell, tells us that this is a purple self, and that it usually carries four fully opened blooms at the same time. I believe that it is now being offered in America for the first time.
- HAUTEFEUILLE (Denis)** \$1.00
 Three or four years ago I thought this variety was a most excellent one, and it gave me wonderful bloom that year, and in my Garden Notes I gave it my approval, but I have never since found it as good. On account of its scarcity and slowness of increase I should list it at a fairly high price, but at the present time I do not believe that it is worth more than the price at which I list it.
- HERMIONE (Hort)** \$5.00
 I have heard a great deal of commendation of this variety, and it seems somewhat more vigorous than other of the Hort seedlings. Purchasers should not confuse it with the variety of the same name which was distributed ten or more years ago. It is unfortunate that Mr. Hort did not know there was a Hermione in existence, and that Mr. Dykes did not know there was a Gold Crest, and that Vilmorin did not know there was a Magnifica, for it is quite probable that some growers are innocently selling the old varieties bearing these names to customers who believe they are purchasing the new varieties.
- HEROCLES (Millet)** \$1.50
 The standards on this variety are cream, suffused with lavender. The falls are darker than the standards and the general effect is quite pleasing. Whether it will stand the test of time I do not yet know.
- HILDA (Bliss)** \$2.00
 This is a plicata and it seems to have considerable vigor and may have great merit in its bloom. I will be interested in telling you more about it next year.
- HIPPOLYTA (Hort)** \$3.00
 This is a late blooming Pallida but I will not try to describe it for you, for if you have ever tried to describe an Iris you have found how difficult it is to tell of the elusive colors which are always found in the better Irises. I am glad to say this variety seems to have more vigor than many other Hort varieties.
- HIPPOLYTA PERNET (Verdier)** \$1.00
 This is an old variety, but I can find no record of its sale in America. It looked good to me in France two years ago but has not bloomed since. I list it at a low enough price that a purchaser will not lose much if he should be disappointed with it.

HOMER (?) \$2.00

I procured this variety in Holland and I cannot tell where it was originated, but it bloomed prolifically last year and everybody who saw it was very much pleased. It is not as good and not as tall as Ambassadeur, and yet it had merit enough to please the visitors to my garden.

HORTENSE LEROY (Verdier) \$1.00

This old Iris pleased me two years ago in its French garden. If it blooms next year I will try to tell you of its comparative merit with the later originations among which it is now growing.

IGNACITE (Lemon) \$1.00

This variety is not as tall as Belgica, but its lavender standards and lavender falls, suffused with a red-purple over-lay make it so attractive that it receives attention among other Irises. However, I am sure it is not in a class with Lady Foster, Lord of June, Madame Gaudichau, Magnifica, Marsh Marigold and other of the very new and attractive varieties, and I may never place it in my "select" list.

IGOUF (Millet) \$2.50

This variety did not bloom this year on account of the freeze in May, but last year it gave excellent, large bloom of splendid quality but without any warmth in its blue coloring.

ILSAN (Goos & Koenemann) \$3.00

The standards of this variety are of a smoky rose color, while the falls resemble that excellent older variety Fro. It will probably have some value as a landscape variety.

IMPERATOR (Cayeux) \$10.00

Two years ago I considered this about the best of the Cayeux seedlings, and I was doubly pleased when I saw it in bloom again this year. I believe there is a place for it in our American gardens, but it is much safer for me to withhold my positive approval until I have seen great quantities of it in bloom. It will of course be lower in price in future years.

IRIS KING (Goos & Koenemann) \$0.50

This is an old standard variety of great excellence, and it is included here for the benefit of beginners in Iris culture. Its standards are tan and its falls are a good shade of red purple. All Iris gardens should contain Iris King, Rhein Nixe, and Pallida Dalmatica, for our Iris education must include the knowledge of these three varieties. You will probably find them listed at twenty-five cents each in some grower's catalogs and if you believe that grower to be reliable, with a reputation for keeping his Irises true to name, give him the order. You may find that on some other varieties my prices are higher than other reliable growers, and in such instances you will, of course, give the other reliable grower the preference.

ISOLA (Foster) \$1.50

This variety seems to have considerable vigor, but it is not in a class with Prospero, Asia, Lord of June, and Neptune. However, it is quite pleasing and may be of use where the extremely large varieties are not wanted.

ISOLINE (Vilmorin) \$0.50

This large Iris, whose falls make an excellent approach towards pink, excites admiration wherever shown. The falls are long and quite

broad and really have a rose pink effect in the distance, but the color when examined closely turns out to be lilac pink. Its greatest fault is that the falls have a pinched-in effect. It is very well worth the price at which it is now sold.

IVANHOE (Millet) \$2.00

This variety has been on the market several years but has not increased very rapidly in my garden. There is not another Iris that I can exactly compare it with, which probably means that it deserves a place in our gardens until some other variety of larger size with a similar color displaces it. It is not as large as *Ambassadeur*, but its peculiar lavender-blue color attracts attention.

JACQUELINE GUILLOT (Cayeux) \$15.00

This Iris is too new for a description to be found anywhere. Mr. Cayeux, from whom I purchased it, was very enthusiastic about its beauty, and when we see it in bloom next year we will know whether his enthusiasm is justified or not. I do not expect to sell many roots of it at its present price.

J. B. DUMAS (Denis) \$2.50

This variety has not bloomed for me and I cannot remember its color as I saw it two years ago in France. However, it has multiplied enough that I can offer a few roots of it for sale and I know that purchasers will do a good thing for the Iris loving public by exhibiting it at the Shows next year.

JEAN CHEVREAU (Cayeux) \$12.50

This very new Iris pleases me better even than *Madame Chobaut*. It is not large like *Magnifica* and *Ambassadeur*, but it stands very close examination, like *Mary Garden* and other varieties in that class. Of course it will be sold cheaper next year.

JOHN FOSTER (Foster) \$5.00

From the name of this Iris I would judge it to be very much worth while, but it has not yet bloomed in my garden. I do not advise its purchase now.

JUSSIEU (Denis) \$2.00

This Iris is of the *Madame Chobaut* type, probably not quite as fine as *Jean Chevreau*, but still good enough to be very interesting and, as there is more stock of it in the market than there is of *Jean Chevreau*, it can be bought at a much lower price.

KASHMIR WHITE (Foster) \$3.00

This variety has a large white bloom and is very attractive, but it is extremely difficult to get acclimated in my part of the United States. I have purchased it five different times, and after seven years' effort I have only thirty roots of it. The same effort spent on a variety like *Anna Farr* would have produced many thousand plants in the same time.

KHAMSIN (Millet) \$2.00

The standards are tan, faintly suffused with rose, and the falls are very much like the falls of *Her Majesty*.

KING GEORGE (?) \$1.00

KING GEORGE V (Perry) 1.00

I find that these two varieties are altogether different and, while I can furnish both of them, I do not know that either have very great merit. *King George* has *Cengialti* blood in it, and I don't believe the other has.

KNYSNA (Bliss) \$2.50

This variety has splendid deep yellow standards and red mahogany brown falls. I have very little stock of it, but I believe there are some other growers in the United States who can furnish it at a more reasonable price.

KURDISTAN (Dykes) \$6.00

This is a new variety with an extremely bright red purple coloring which bloomed early in the season before our disastrous May freezes and, although all the bloom was killed, yet it had the vitality to furnish new buds and bloom nearly three weeks after the freeze. I was much pleased with its color and believe it will be a valuable variety, especially for breeders. All visitors to the garden were attracted by it.

LA BEUTE (?) \$2.00

There are two distinct varieties sold under this name, and I am furnishing the one I procured in France, which should be true.

LADY BYNG (Bliss) \$10.00

This variety has not yet bloomed in my garden, although I have had it for two years. I do not believe there will be very much demand for it at the price I list, but in the meantime it can be increasing in my garden, and if it has great merit I will be glad to tell you of it next year, and I will probably then be able to sell it at a somewhat lower price. It is supposed to be in the Phyllis Bliss class with a slight pink tone.

LADY FOSTER (Foster) \$2.00

This is one of the most beautiful Irises of the Lord of June type, but it is extremely difficult to grow. I believe it is more beautiful than Lord of June but it is not as reliable as that famous variety. I can furnish comparatively few roots of it, and I hope that purchasers have better success with it than I have had.

LADY LILFORD (Foster) \$5.00

This is one of the varieties I have been trying for three years to grow but without much success. I will be able to spare a very few roots of it this year, but I believe it should be grown under glass.

LA ESMERALDA (Millet) \$2.00

This is an early blooming Iris, in which purple is the predominating color.

LA NEIGE (Verdier) \$1.00

This might almost be termed a standard white variety. I do not, however, believe that it is as good as Queen Mary, although some visitors in my garden thought they would just as soon have this variety as my favorite, Queen Mary. It is a very good grower, and much more reliable than Kashmir White.

LANCELOT (Bliss) \$2.00

This tall Iris has self color blooms of rosy mauve. I have not yet placed it in my "select" list.

LA NUIT (Verdier) \$1.00

This variety is very well named, but possibly it does not deserve a place in our gardens. It looks exactly as I expected when I knew that its name meant "The Night."

LA PERLE (?) \$5.00

This is one of the varieties which evidently needs more attention than the average grower cares to give, as in two years I have accumulated only enough to spare four rhizomes.

- LAVENGRO (Bliss)** \$2.00
 This Iris is of the Colonel Candelot type and my notes tell me that it may be better than Colonel Candelot. We will wait until next year to pass final judgment upon it.
- LE GRAND FERRE (Cayeux)** \$25.00
 I was extremely anxious that this very new variety should bloom in my garden this year, but I will have to wait another year to see if it is as fine in America as it was in France two years ago.
- LEONATO (Hort)**
 This variety pleased me better than any other in Sir Arthur Hort's garden, but it has increased so little in two years that I am not willing to place it on sale yet. What a pity that Hort's best Irises are not vigorous with us.
- LE PACTOLE (?)** \$3.00
 This variety bloomed this year and the colors seemed to be lavender and heliotrope, but I made a notation at the time that it was a very hard combination of colors to describe. Visitors to my garden next year will probably be able to help me to decide what the colors really are.
- LEONE TRENANCE (Bliss)** \$3.00
 This variety is very much like Perfection, and it is possibly an improvement on it. I am not convinced, however, that it is better than Perfection, and yet I may be willing to change my mind next year.
- LEPINOUX (Millet)**
 This was the tallest variety I saw growing in France, and I was very much impressed with its strength and vigor, but I believe that one of Mr. Wareham's new Dominion seedlings which I saw growing in Mrs. Taft's garden in Cincinnati was even taller and a great deal more vigorous and beautiful than this variety which I saw in France. I feel sure the Iris loving public will be pleased when Mr. Wareham of Cincinnati decides to place his Dominion seedlings on the market. They impressed me with their vigor and beauty.
- LEVERRIER (Denis)** \$5.00
 I have heard a great deal about this variety, and I have imported it six times, but it does not increase to any very great extent, and I have never had a single bloom in my own garden. It probably would succeed in California much better than in our eastern states, and I believe if I would cover it with a sash from July until the following March that it would probably bloom for me. Some few Iris growers are equipped to give this special attention, and doubtless they will be able to describe the bloom for us. I do not place it in my "select" list.
- LIONEL MILLET (Millet)** \$2.00
 This variety has bloomed for me two years and, while it is not as large as *Ochracea Coerulea*, which has been renamed *Sunset*, yet it has quite similar colors. I have been well pleased with it, although it may eventually be decided that when we have *Sunset* in our gardens we do not need *Lionel Millet*.
- LOBELIA (Millet)** \$1.00
 This is one of the new dwarfs and it possibly will replace two or three of the older varieties. We will look forward to seeing it again early next year.

- LORD OF JUNE (Yeld)** \$1.00
 This splendid variety has multiplied very rapidly in my garden, and at the price I am now able to sell it, I believe Iris lovers all over the country will be glad to have it in their gardens.
- LOUTE (Vilmorin)** \$1.50
 This is a very large red lilac Iris, and I was delighted with the bloom as it appeared in my garden. It may not be so large and beautiful another year, but this year I thought it ranked among the best.
- LURIDA—Species** \$1.00
 I list this Iris simply because I am told it is one of the species and not simply a variety. Iris breeders may be glad to have an opportunity to procure it.
- MADAME ABEL CHATENAY (Cayeux)** \$20.00
 I am sorry not to be able to give a report on this variety this year, for two years ago it attracted considerable attention in Mr. Cayeux's garden. If you visit my garden next year, give this variety close observation.
- MADAME BAZE (Denis)** \$1.00
 This variety is somewhat similar to Madame Chobaut, but I do not regard it as equal to that famous variety. However, it is a good Iris, and I believe at the price it is sold it will find a welcome.
- MADAME BLANCHE PION (Cayeux)** \$0.50
 Now that this splendid growing variety can be sold at a popular price, I believe it will find many friends in America. At fifty cents per root it will go into hundreds of gardens which could not have it at five dollars per root.
- MADAME BOULLET (Denis)** \$0.50
 This variety multiplies rapidly and I am quite sure that it will maintain a place in our gardens for several years.
- MADAME CHABAL (Millet)** \$2.00
 This new Iris is somewhat like Her Majesty. I presume it is better than Her Majesty, or Millet would not have placed it upon the market. We will get a better look at it next year, however.
- MADAME CHOBAUT (Denis)** \$2.00
 One of the most pleasing Irises for close inspection I have ever seen, as the colors are soft and the markings are delicate. I consider it the best in its class. It is not a particularly good landscape variety.
- MADAME DE GENLIS (Denis)** \$5.00
 I hope to give a description of this variety next year, but I do not place it in my "select" list now.
- MADAME DE SEVIGNE (Denis)** \$0.75
 This Iris is larger and more striking in color than Madame Chobaut, but it does not appear so refined.
- MADAME DENIS (Denis)** \$1.00
 I met Madame Denis, the lady after whom this Iris was named, when I was in France two years ago, and I really believe her husband should have named a more beautiful Iris in her honor. This one does not seem to be representative of M. Denis' best work.

MADAME DURRAND (Denis) \$5.00

This is the Iris which I think Denis should have named in honor of his wife, for next to Mlle. Schwartz it is the best Iris which I have seen come from his garden. However, it requires some very special attention. I have imported it eight times, and I saw my first bloom in my own garden this spring. In California I saw magnificent bloom stalks of this variety which reminded me of a very much improved and very much larger Quaker Lady. Its colors are somewhat softer than Quaker Lady and I could see that the bloom was three times as large as any Quaker Lady I have ever seen. It did not attain as great size in my garden as it did in California. I have lost a great many plants of this variety and would recommend that purchasers in the east cover it well in the winter with a frame, or with other material which will keep the cold rains away from it. I am sorry I cannot place it in my "select" list.

MADAME GAUDICHAU (Millet) \$3.00

The real name of this excellent Iris is Souvenir De Madame Gaudichau, but I feel justified in dropping the "Souvenir," for the name is long enough without the prefix. I believe the Iris world is agreed that this is the very best Iris in its class, and as it has great vigor, good size and attractive color I do not hesitate to recommend it and place it in my "select" list. I am glad it can be sold at a much lower price than in former years, for now it should be grown in every garden where Irises have a place.

MADAME GUERVILLE (?) \$2.50

This seems to be a very thrifty variety, and I will have a nice stock of it for blooming next year.

MADAME JANIAUD (Cayeux) \$10.00

I had good reports on this variety from the French growers last year. The roots I imported in 1922 died, but I was so anxious to have it that I made two more importations last year, and both of these are growing nicely. We will undoubtedly see bloom upon it next year. It is probably not worth the price at which I list it this year, but like many others it will be cheaper.

MADAME J. VERNOUX (Millet) \$2.00

This has not yet bloomed, although it has been growing with great vigor. Next year we will be able to decide upon its quality.

MADAME LEVEQUE (Verdier) \$1.50

This variety also must wait until next year for its description. It is evidently not a new introduction, and it is possible that American gardens do not need a single root of it.

MADY CARRIERE (Millet) \$1.50

This variety seems to me to be an improvement upon Afterglow, and that is giving it high praise, for Afterglow is one of the most appropriately named Irises I have ever seen. Mady Carriere, however, has a little more gold in its color, which makes it more attractive to me.

MAGNIFICA (Vilmorin) \$2.50

This is, I believe, the best Iris of the Alcazar type, and every visitor to my garden who sees it in bloom, manifests great surprise at its size and beauty. I do not believe that it is quite as reliable a bloomer as Alcazar and Ambassadeur, but even if it should bloom only once in two years, it will give great satisfaction to the owner of the garden in which it is placed.

MA MIE (Cayeux) \$0.50

Some of my friends think this variety is as good as Anna Farr, but the standards and falls are not so well rounded as Anna Farr, and in my garden they do not seem to have as much substance. However, it is a very good variety, and deserves a place in American gardens.

MARGARET MOOR (Bliss) \$1.00

Although this is a newer variety than Edouard Michel, I do not believe that it is superior to that variety. However, this is my own private opinion, and it is possible I may be mistaken.

MARSH MARIGOLD (Bliss) \$4.00

This variety has splendid orange standards, and the falls are better than on Iris King, and if I am not mistaken it is the greatest improvement in that line of colors that any introducer has made. It is probably not worth the price I am compelled to ask for it, but if I am right in believing that it is the best of its color, other growers will be justified in purchasing it even at the price quoted.

MAXIME CORNU (Denis) \$5.00

I am told that this variety has the Ricardi strain in it, and so we will probably have to give it some special attention. It has not bloomed in my garden, and I do not yet recommend it.

MEDRANO (Vilmorin) \$2.50

This splendid variety is taller and has larger blooms than Opera, and the color has slightly more of an orange tone and is very, very attractive. I am ready to give it my approval, and do not hesitate to place it in my "select" list.

MENETRIER (Denis) \$3.00

This variety I have imported six times and I am beginning to know how to have it adjust itself to our Ohio climate, but I have not yet succeeded in getting it to bloom. It is a pity that so many of the Denis varieties need special attention, but when they give us such blooms as we see on Mlle. Schwartz and Madame Durrand, we feel that we are willing to give them the attention which they need. I do not yet recommend this variety for our eastern states.

MIKADO (Denis) \$0.50

I cannot recommend this variety as its pink lilac color seems to me to have a washed out effect.

MIMUNG (Goos & Koenemann) \$2.00

Like many other German varieties this newcomer seems perfectly at home in our American gardens. It is not a great Iris, but it is a very adaptable one.

MIRAGE (Foster) \$0.50

MIST (Foster)50

These two varieties do not seem to have been planted to any extent in America, and it is possible that other varieties may be superseding them now, but I am placing them in this list so that Americans may see the kind of Irises which The Great Hybridizer, Sir Michael Foster, was instrumental in introducing into England.

MIRANDA (Hort) \$2.00

This is one of the tallest growing varieties with large blooms of a pleasing shade of purple. It is a valuable addition to our list of Irises, for it is more vigorous than many of the later Hort varieties.

- MISTRESS FORD (Hort)** \$15.00
 Mr. Wallace gives this variety very high praise in his latest list, but my own personal opinion is that most of the Hort varieties are being held at too high prices. This variety seems quite vigorous in my garden, although many Hort varieties are not. I can spare a few roots of it, but I do not recommend its purchase at the price.
- MISS EARDLEY (Perry)** \$1.00
 I have not a large stock of this variety, but it is almost as pleasing in appearance as Dalila, although it is altogether different in color. It is not large like Ambassadeur and Prospero, but I believe its gold and yellow and madder crimson colors will please.
- MISS WILLMOTT (Foster)** \$2.00
 I have imported this variety four times and have lost it each time until the last. I understand that it is of the same strain as Kashmir White, which you know is not vigorous, and so I do not recommend it.
- MISTRAL (Millet)** \$1.00
 This is another of the dwarf varieties originated by M. Millet.
- Mlle. SCHWARTZ (Denis)** \$3.50
 I believe this variety to be Denis' masterpiece, although if I lived in California it is probable I would regard Madame Durrand as his best Iris. Mlle. Schwartz seems to require little protection and has been able to stand the last two winters in this climate nearly as well as Lord of June and such other standard varieties. However, I advise that it be protected from the winter and spring rains.
- Mlle. YVONNE PELLETIER (Millet)** \$2.50
 This is probably the tallest Pallida I know and as it stands erect, its effect was very good in my garden.
- MOA (Bliss)** \$40.00
 This is a Dominion seedling and ranks near the top. I do not believe it is quite as tall as Cardinal, although I may be mistaken in this, because just before the buds were ready to open and before it had reached its greatest height, the entire bloom stalk was killed by our heavy freeze. When it can be sold at a reasonable price it will deserve wide distribution.
- MOLIERE (Vilmorin)** \$2.00
 This dark variety is a good grower and will probably be a success in our gardens.
- MORWELL (Bliss)** \$2.50
 I can spare a few roots of this variety but I have not seen any outstanding quality in it, and do not recommend it at this time.
- MONSIEUR AUSTIN (Denis)** \$5.00
 This variety fortunately bloomed for me this year and it is altogether different from any other variety in my garden, making its approach towards red through a deep lilac rose shade. I was particularly well pleased with it, and will be very glad to see it in bloom again next year.
- MONSIEUR AYMARD (Denis)** \$1.00
 This Iris is very much like Her Majesty, being an approach to pink. I do not know that it is better than Her Majesty, but it should be exhibited at the Iris Shows.

MONSIEUR BRUN (Denis) \$10.00

I have not had an opportunity to judge this Iris on its merits. I am quite sure, however, that I will be able to list it at a lower price next year.

MONSIEUR CHABER (Denis) \$10.00

This is one of the very latest introductions, and I cannot yet recommend it.

MONSIEUR CORNUAULT (Denis) \$7.50

This is one of the very difficult French varieties to grow in this latitude. I have imported it eight times and have never succeeded in getting a bloom from it. I believe it should be grown under glass and so I do not recommend it for the eastern states.

MONSIEUR HUBERT (Denis) \$10.00

I suggest that my readers allow me to keep such varieties as this until we can see the merits of the plants and blooms.

MONSIEUR O. PERTHUIS (Millet) \$5.00

The name of this variety is sometimes given as O. Perthuis, and at other times as M. Perthuis. In 1923 it gave us bloom of such splendid size and quality that we thought it was almost in a class with Dominion, but we were greatly disappointed in the bloom this year, for it did not show the same high quality nor splendid size.

MONSIEUR STEICHEN (Denis) \$5.00

I understand that this variety was produced by a cross similar to that which produced Zwanenburg. I saw it in France and was not impressed with its beauty, but will hope to see bloom on it in my own garden next year.

MRS. COWLEY (Bliss) \$1.00**MRS. TINLEY (Bliss) 2.00**

I saw both of these varieties blooming in England, and both have bloomed in my "European Iris Garden." They are pleasing in color, but may never rank with the great Irises of the country. Mrs. Tinley is very much the better of the two, and it is possible it may next year get into my "select" list. As they have been talked about quite a good deal, I am sure that some enthusiasts will want to place them in their gardens.

MRS. WALTER BREWSTER (Vilmorin) \$4.00

The color on this new variety is somewhat darker than Pallida Dalmatica, and the plant is not as tall as that famous old variety. I believe it received an award of merit at the National Horticultural Show in Paris a few years ago.

MYSTIC (Bliss) \$10.00

Mr. Murrell, of the Orpington Nursery Company in England, told me this new white variety was not adapted to American climate, but it has lived and multiplied for me, while Bertrand, the new Dominion seedling which I so much wanted, did not survive the winter in my garden.

NEPTUNE (Yeld) \$2.00

This variety is darker than Lord of June, and I believe it has more substance in the standards, though possibly it is not quite so large as that famous variety.

NINE WELLS (Foster) \$1.00

This variety is not in the class with *Ambassadeur* and *Prospero*, and yet it seems to have a place of its own to fill and may remain in our lists some time. I am told that "Nine Wells" was the name of Sir Michael Foster's home.

OCHRACEA COERULEA—SUNSET (Denis) \$3.00

This variety was originated by Denis but it attained its greatest popularity in England, where in 1922 it received an "Award of Merit" and by some means the name was changed to *Sunset*. Its color is the nearest approach to gold of any *Iris* I know, and the quality of its petals is superior to that of a great many varieties. Although it will eventually be lower in price, I do not hesitate to advise its purchase now.

OPERA (Vilmorin) \$1.50

Nearly everyone likes this *Iris*, and I am glad it can now be sold at a popular price. It is a prolific bloomer, and its color is so bright that it makes itself known wherever it is in bloom, and I have remarked that it has a particularly friendly color, not red, of course, but a red-purple of a very pleasing shade. It has a place in my "select" list.

OPORTO (Yeld) \$1.00

This is not in a class with *Prospero*, but I believe many garden lovers will want it because it was introduced by Mr. Yeld.

ORIFLAMME (Vilmorin) \$0.75

This is a much larger bloom than *Opera* but, although greater in size, it does not attract the attention which *Opera* does. However, it seems to hold its place in our garden lists.

PALLADIN (Bliss) \$10.00

This is one of Mr. Bliss' new varieties and we can probably sell it much cheaper within a year or two. I do not advise its purchase at the present price.

PALLIDA DALMATICA \$0.50

Although this is one of the very old *Irises*, yet it is better and more attractive than some newer varieties which are sold at many times its price. It will probably always remain in my "select" list.

PANCROFT (Millet) \$1.00

This is not one of the best of M. Millet's introduction, and we will probably not keep it in our garden lists very long.

PARC DE NEUILLY (Verdier) \$0.50

This is a splendid self colored purple and worth the price at which it is being sold.

PARSAM (Foster) \$1.00

This variety is not beautiful, but it is interesting.

PATIENCE (Foster) \$1.00

The standards are nearly a *heliotrope* in color, and the falls are of deep red purple.

PAULINA (Hort) \$2.50

This *Iris* has a pleasing lilac pink shade. It is not as tall as *Prospero*, but it has a splendid garden effect, and, unlike many of the Hort varieties, it withstands our climate.

- PEAU ROUGE (Cayeux)** \$15.00
This Iris has colors somewhat like Medrano, but I am not sure that it is better than that excellent variety. It is still very scarce, for it was introduced only two years ago, and of course it will be cheaper within a few years.
- PETITE AMIE (Millet)** \$1.00
This is one of the new dwarfs, but I am not yet sure it deserves a place in our gardens.
- PETIT VITRY (Cayeux)** \$0.50
This is a very rich purple self colored Iris and, while not as large as Madame Gaudichau, it is very distinctive.
- PHYLLIS BLISS (Bliss)** \$6.00
Mr. Bliss thinks that this is one of his very best pink Irises, but the progress toward an excellent pink Iris is very slow.
- PONT-A-MOUSSON (Millet)** \$1.00
This new Iris pleases me very much. I believe it is a little larger than Afterglow, but not as large as Prospero.
- PORCELAIN (Foster)** \$0.50
The name of this variety indicates its color. It is not new, but it is admired quite a great deal.
- PORSENNA (Yeld)** \$2.50
I heard Mr. Yeld say this variety received its name on account of its huge beard.
- PRINCESS ROYAL (Smith)** \$1.00
This is a very pleasing Pallida with a slight suggestion of pink in its coloring. It may not be quite as large as Pallida Dalmatica, but it is a worth while Iris.
- PROSPER LAUGIER (Verdier)** \$0.50
This is a very interesting Iris because it was the first good one in its class, which has now been perfected in the great Ambassadeur.
- PROSPERO (Yeld)** \$2.00
I am glad this very tall fine Iris can be sold at a reasonable price. Prospero, Asia, and Lady Foster were the three best Irises in the Chelsea Show in London two years ago, and Prospero was the tallest and largest of the three. It has my unqualified recommendation.
- QUEEN ALEXANDRA (Barr)** \$0.50
The bloom on this variety was unusually pleasing this year and I believe it deserves to be better known.
- QUEEN ELINOR (Hort)** \$2.50
This variety has not yet given me any bloom, and I do not remember of having seen it in Sir Arthur Hort's garden.
- QUEEN FLAVIA (Caparne)** \$0.50
This is a dwarf or intermediate variety with a good yellow color which has been on the market for many years, but I never succeeded in getting any stock of it with vigor until I purchased it in England two years ago. It has bloomed very profusely for two years, and so I do not hesitate to recommend it.
- QUEEN MARY—WHITE QUEEN.** \$2.50
This is the variety which is absolutely pure white and which surprised Mr. Wister, Mr. Wassenberg, Mr. Wallace and I when we saw it blooming in a French garden. None of us had ever heard of it before, and we were all delighted with it.

- RAFFET (Vilmorin)** \$1.50
 This variety may possibly be better than the grand old variety Perfection, which still deserves a place in all Iris gardens. Raffet should be exhibited next year at many of the Iris Shows.
- RHEIN NIXE (Goos & Koenemann)** \$0.50
 I cannot resist the temptation to tell all beginners in Iris culture to buy a root of this old but excellent variety. It is very tall and has pure white standards and rich purple falls.
- RHEINTRAUBE (Goos & Koenemann)** \$3.00
 This is a very tall variety with light blue standards and very rich dark purple falls. I can spare a few roots of it, and hope to have a nice stock of it next year.
- RICHARD II (Dykes)** \$3.00
 This variety was very outstanding in the Bunyard exhibit in the Chelsea Show two years ago, and I fell in love with it at that time. The colors are striking and it is apparently quite vigorous.
- RICARDI FONCE (Denis)** \$3.00
 This variety has been very difficult for me to grow, and I have never succeeded in getting it to bloom, although I have been growing it for three years. I do not believe that it will have great value in our middle west, but it may have value for California gardens.
- RING DOVE (Foster)** \$1.00
 This is an old variety, but it is still in great demand. It is not as large nor as tall as Prospero, but the general effect is very good.
- RODNEY (Bliss)** \$1.00
 This is a dark self violet blue Iris which I do not regard as one of the best of the Bliss varieties, and yet it should have a wider distribution before it is discarded from our garden lists.
- ROMEO (Millet)** \$1.00
 This introduction by Millet does not have as much merit as his Madame Gaudichau, but its fine bright lemon yellow standards are striking enough to cause everybody to give it a second look.
- ROSALBA (Bliss)** \$4.00
 This variety is deep rose in color, darker than Roseway, but I do not know that it is very much superior to Roseway. The bloom is not as large as I could wish, and yet undoubtedly it is an advance in the particular color in which it is classed.
- ROSALIND (Bliss)** \$1.50
 This is a pink lilac self, and the standards are only slightly lighter than the falls.
- ROSE SALTERNE (Bliss)** \$6.00
 This is a tall plicata of the Pocahontas type. It is yet very scarce in America, but undoubtedly within a year or two it will be quoted at a reasonable price.
- ROSEWAY (Bliss)** \$1.50
 This is a deep lilac rose pink colored Iris, not, however, quite so deep in color as Rosalba. It is an erect grower of good color, but we might wish that the bloom was larger.
- RUBY (Dykes)** \$5.00
 Ruby and Sapphire, the two new Dykes varieties, are attracting a great deal of attention in England. I do not believe either of them have bloomed in American gardens.

SALONIQUE (Cayeux) \$7.50

This variety was splendid in Mr. Cayeux's garden when we visited it two years ago, but I have not seen a bloom of it since. There is not yet enough of this variety in commerce to sell it at a popular price.

SAPPHIRE (Dykes) \$7.50

This new English variety deserves special mention, according to reports from Mr. Murrell, who grows it in England. I am sorry it did not bloom for me this season. It, also, is still very scarce.

SARPEDON (Yeld) \$2.00

This variety does not multiply very rapidly, but it undoubtedly deserves a place even if it is slow to increase.

SAUL (Denis) \$3.00

This variety is of the Colonel Candelot type and by some Iris enthusiasts it is claimed to be better than Colonel Candelot. The American public has not yet, however, had an opportunity to give its verdict on this question.

SAVIGNIAN (Millet) \$0.75

I have been growing this French variety for several years, and I can now sell it at a popular price. I sometimes think that if the bloom was a little broader and not quite so long it would be more pleasing.

SCHWANHILDE (Goos & Koenemann) \$2.50

This is a smaller bloom than the rest of the new German Irises, and it is lilac pink in color. I do not believe that it is as good as some of the new English varieties of the same color.

SHIRAZ (Foster) \$5.00

While I can spare a few roots of this variety, I cannot furnish a description of it. It may not even be worth a dollar.

SHIRIN (Foster) \$5.00

I do not advise the purchase of this variety, or the one preceding, until we have seen more of them. I do not believe they are adapted to our climate.

SIMONNE VAISSIERE (Millet) \$5.00

I would prefer to keep all of my roots of this new variety until we see perfect bloom from them. I believe it has colors somewhat like Rhein Nixe.

SOUV. DE DELAGRANGE (Millet) \$2.00

This variety is pleasing in color, but it is not as large as Madame Gaudichau. Its place is not yet assured in our American gardens. I believe we can drop the prefixe "Souv. De" from this and many other long French names.

SOUV. DE MADAME GAUDICHAU

See Madame Gaudichau.

SQUALEN'S MARGINATA (Denis) \$3.00

I presume from its name we will find a yellow border on the falls of this variety. I do not advise its purchase now.

SQUALEN'S VIEIL OR (Denis) \$1.00

As I remember the blooms on this variety they were made up of a combination of cream white and red purple colors. We will hope for a better description next year.

STAMBOUL (Foster) \$1.00

This is one of the large varieties, a worthy predecessor of Magnifica, and Alcazar.

- SUDAN (Bliss)** \$3.00
 This variety makes a good approach to red. The standards are tan and the falls are a peculiar shade of very rich red lilac purple. It is very striking and may deserve a place in American gardens.
- SUNSET (Denis)** \$3.00
 This is the same variety described under *Ochracea Coerulea*. It has a place in my "select" list.
- SUNSHINE (Yeld)** \$3.00
 This variety is very pleasing in color, but unfortunately not as large as *Prospero*.
- SUZANNE AUTISSIER (Denis)** \$3.00
 I saw this variety in bloom in Mrs. Emingholz' garden in Cincinnati about a month ago, and I was greatly pleased with it. I have imported this variety six times and it has never produced a single bloom in my garden, and so I am sure it will need special attention in the amateur's garden. It probably will grow satisfactorily in California.
- SUZON (Millet)** \$3.00
 This variety has not yet bloomed for me and so I will not attempt to describe it. Millet tells us that it is tall, late, and has large blooms of violet and purple.
- SWAZI (Bliss)**
 This is a Dominion seedling and it has given me more trouble than all the other Dominion seedlings combined, in trying to get it established in my garden. It does not seem to have as much vigor as *Cardinal*, *Moa*, and *Duke of Bedford*, but as we saw it in England we could not help acknowledging it was one of the best Irises we had ever seen.
- SWEET LAVENDER (Bliss)** \$4.00
 This variety does not multiply very rapidly for me. I do not believe that it is worth the price at which we are compelled to list it, but I may form a better opinion of it next year.
- SYPHAX (Bliss)** \$1.50
 This variety is striking in color, with its deep crimson purple falls, is fairly tall, but does not, in my estimation, rank with the great Irises.
- TAMAR (Bliss)** \$1.00
 This is a tall growing variety which has pleased me during the past two or three years. It is rosy lilac in color, and on account of its erect habit I believe will please many Iris lovers. It is not, however, in a class with *Lord of June* or *Prospero*.
- TANGIERS (Bliss)** \$2.00
 There are evidently two different Irises under this name, one of them having been originated in America. My stock came from Wallace, in England, and the bloom is somewhat like *Iris King*, but I am not yet certain that it is superior to *Iris King*.
- TARTARIN (Bliss)** \$2.50
 I cannot yet recommend this variety, although it has bloomed in my garden. It is possible that Mr. Bliss is placing too many new varieties in commerce, but as long as we continue to buy them we cannot blame him for taking our money.

- TENEBRAE (Bliss)** \$15.00
- TITAN (Bliss)** 20.00
Both of the above are Dominion seedlings and have Dominion quality in their blooms. Titan produces a very large bloom of rather poor color, and Tenebrae a comparatively small one of better color, and I believe that both of these varieties will be more useful to the breeder than they will be to the Iris lovers who buy them for their beauty.
- THELMA PERRY (Perry)** \$1.50
This variety grows with great vigor, but I will wait till next season to discuss the merits of its blooms.
- TOM TIT (Bliss)** \$1.00
This is a low growing Iris with Cengialti blood in it, and is useful in planting in front of tall growing Irises. Its color is a pleasing shade of blue.
- TRIANON (Vilmorin)** \$1.75
I believe this Iris was placed on the market at the same time as Ambassadeur and Magnifica, but it does not fill such an important place in our gardens.
- TREGASTEL (Millet)** \$0.50
This variety is of a red lilac color, both standards and falls, and has an excellent orange beard. I am glad it can now be sold at a popular price.
- TRISTRAM (Bliss)** \$2.00
I believe this variety is somewhat like Rhein Nixe, but I do not know that it is an improvement upon that good old standard variety.
- TROOST (Denis)** \$1.00
Some people believe this to be the best pink Iris in the world. It is a decided improvement upon Her Majesty and the color is strong enough that it is good for landscape purposes.
- TUNISIE (Millet)** \$1.00
This variety must wait at least a year before I give it my approval. Millet says the colors are mauve lilac and aniline blue.
- TURCO (Vilmorin)** \$2.00
This new variety is not as large as Ambassadeur and yet on account of its attractive lilac and violet colors I think it deserves to be grown in our gardens.
- VERDUN (Millet)** \$1.00
This is another of the new dwarf varieties and no doubt we can sell any of them at fifty cents or less per plant within two years.
- VINCENTIO (Hort)** \$10.00
I have purchased this variety four times within the last two years, and can now sell only three roots of it. This gives you some idea of how difficult it is to get the Hort varieties established in our gardens.
- WILLIAM MARSHALL (Perry)** \$1.50
This is a tall vigorous pallida which Mr. Cayeux told me was valuable as a seed parent. I do not know that it is any better than Pallida Dalmatica as a garden plant.

YELLOW HAMMER (Denis) \$3.00

This is an intermediate variety which blooms early, and the color is yellow with somewhat of a copper tone in it. I believe there will be a place for it in the American garden.

YEOMAN (Bliss) \$20.00

This is a Dominion seedling but I do not regard it as good in quality as the other Dominion seedlings, Cardinal, Swazi, Duke of Bedford, and Moa. I believe that Mr. Wareham in Cincinnati has possibly a hundred Dominion seedlings superior to it.

ZOUAVE (Vilmorin) \$1.50

This is a plicata on the order of Camelot, and I am glad that it has multiplied so rapidly that I can offer it at a popular price. I wish the Hort and Denis varieties would make themselves at home in our gardens, like most all of the Vilmorin varieties have done.

ZULLICHAU (Millet) \$1.00

This is the last of the new dwarf varieties from Millet. Like the others it will be cheaper within a year or two.

ZWANENBURG (Denis) \$1.50

A new Iris with Susiana blood or strain in it. Not particularly beautiful but very interesting.



**Note-Taking in Vilmorin's Iris Fields,
near Paris**

Each of the following varieties is growing in my "European Iris Garden" and it is probable that nearly all of them will be offered for sale in July, 1925.

ABENDA (Perry)	MERCEDES (Verdier)
ANGELO (Hort)	MIDAS (Bliss)
ANTONIO (Hort)	MLLE. ANDREE AUTISSIER (Denis)
AVICE (Bliss)	M. ARNAL (Denis)
BLANCHE (Hort)	M. DE GRULLY (Denis)
CANOPUS (Bliss)	M. TRINIDAD (Denis)
CENTURION (Bliss)	MOONLIGHT (Dykes)
CHARMIAN (Dykes)	MRS. CHARLES PEARSON (Perry)
COMMODORE (Bliss)	MRS. H. F. BOWLES (Perry)
CONCHOBAR (Bliss)	MRS. HETTIE MATSON (Perry)
CRETAN (Dykes)	MRS. MARION CRAN (Perry)
CYMBELINE (Dykes)	MRS. W. CUTHBERTSON (Perry)
DEJAH (Perry)	MUZERIS (Perry)
DESDEMONA (Hort)	NAZARIN (Foster)
DEUCALION (Perry)	OLIVIA (Hort)
DIONYZA (Hort)	OLYMPUS (Perry)
DUKE OF YORK (Perry)	OUR KING (Denis)
EGLAMOUR (Hort)	PALEMON (Perry)
EMPRESS OF INDIA (?)	PARAGON (Wallace)
FAITH (Bliss)	PARVAR (Foster)
FERDINAND (Hort)	PERONNE (Denis)
FERONIA (Perry)	PIONEER (Bliss)
GABRIEL (Bliss)	PRINCESS OSRA (Bliss)
GENERAL DE CASTELNAU (Millet)	PRINCESS TOTO (Bliss)
GEORGE YELD (Perry)	REGAN (Hort)
GLADYS ROBERTS (Perry)	RENE DENIS (Denis)
HARPALION (Perry)	RICARDI (?)
HELENA (Hort)	RICARDI BLANC BLEUTE (Denis)
HYPERION (Bliss)	ROBERT W. WALLACE (Perry)
ISIS (Bliss)	ROTORUA (Bliss)
J. C. WELD (Perry)	RUBY PERRY (Perry)
JEANNE (Denis)	SAFRANO (Dykes)
LADY CHARLES ALLOM (Perry)	SARACEN (Foster)
LADY SACKVILLE (Perry)	SEA NYMPH (Yeld)
LEANDER (Bliss)	SILVER MIST (Dykes)
LEONATO (Hort)	SIR HUGH EVANS (Hort)
LEPINOUX (Millet)	SPEED (Hort)
LIBERTY (Cayeux)	SUFFREN (Bliss)
LORD LAMBCURNE (Perry)	TELEMON (?)
LULWORTH (Dykes)	THESEUS (Hort)
LURLINE (Bliss)	TROADES (Perry)
MADAME BORIES (Denis)	TROUVAILLE (Cayeux)
MADAME BOYER (Denis)	VIKING (Bliss)
MADAME CECILE BOUSCANT (Millet)	VIOLETTA (Dykes)
MADAME LAMOUCHE (Millet)	VOLUMNIA (Hort)
MANON (Cayeux)	VULCAN (Foster)
MARJORIE TINLEY (Perry)	W. C. TERRY (Perry)
MAROCAIN (Millet)	WEDGEWOOD (Dykes)
MARY GIBSON (Perry)	WIGAN (Millet)
MASSENA (Cayeux)	WILLOUGHBY (Hort)
MEGAS (Denis)	YOLANDE (Millet)
MEMORY (Yeld)	ZILIA (Perry)

Do you wish to receive a copy of my Report of the Des Moines National Peony Show?

It has been my custom for the past few years to write up each National Peony Show and send a copy to every one on my mailing list. However, in my travels the past year, I have found that many people who are interested in Peonies are not at all interested in Irises, and many who are interested in Irises do not care for Peonies. In so many instances has this been true that I have come to the conclusion I am doing myself an injustice, and also burdening my customers and friends, if I send them booklets containing nothing of interest for them. I wish to send the report of the 1924 National Peony Show to everyone interested in Peonies. For this reason I have decided to send a copy of the Des Moines Show report only to those requesting a copy. The report is ready for mailing, and if you are interested in Peonies I want you to have a copy. *It is yours for the asking.*

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