

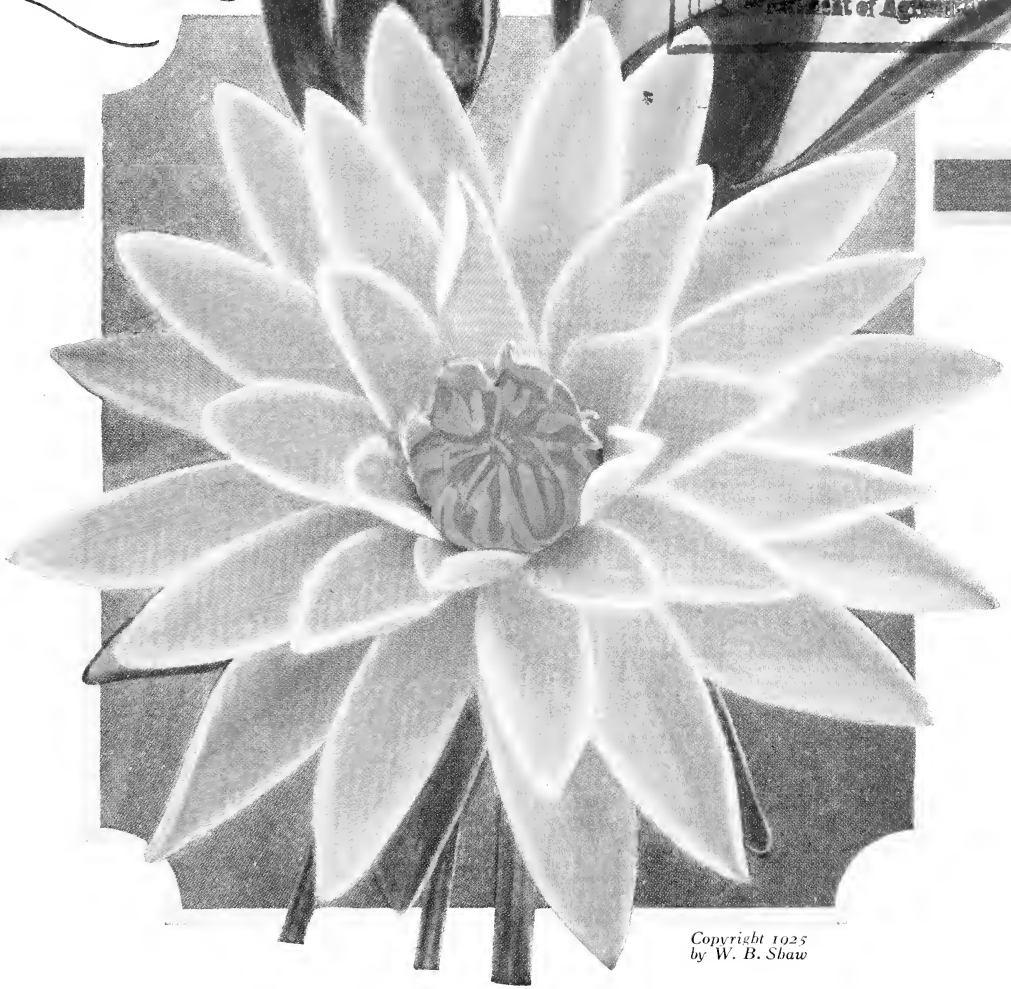
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# *Rare Water Lilies*

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## Water Lilies for A Garden

There are no flowers that are easier to grow than water lilies, and none that equals them in range of color and delicacy of perfume.

To grow water lilies successfully in a garden, there are three requisites—quiet water, open sunshine, and rich soil.

If one wishes to add to a garden the charm of water lilies, the simplest method is the introduction of a cement pool. If a carefully selected site be chosen, and the pool built to conform to the rest of the garden, one is sure to be charmed with results. The rectangular pool is the least expensive, but one with a natural outline is more artistic. In either case the pool should be at least two feet deep with sides slightly slanting outward at the top so that the formation of ice will not crack the cement. Always avoid the use of a coping, unless the garden be formal), allowing the grass to come directly to the edge of the water.

The simplest way to plant in a concrete pool is to provide boxes about two feet square by one foot deep, with rich soil. Cow manure is the best fertilizer, but commercial fertilizers can be used. Place one water lily root in each box, covering up to the crown of the plant. Then cover with an inch of sand or gravel to prevent discoloration of the water, and also to prevent the fish digging around the roots.

Hardy lilies will blossom in about six weeks from the time of planting, and will bloom from May until September. The water should be from nine to twelve inches over the crown of the plants. If tender water lilies be planted they will come to you with the ball of earth in which they have been started. They need only to be placed in the soil, just as you would repot any plant, remembering that the richer the soil, the finer the flowers.

If it be desired to beautify a natural pond, one must place the roots in the soil at the bottom, being sure that they do not float up, placing stones on them if necessary to insure their permanence. If protected from water fowl or other depredators until established, they will then take care of themselves.

If one be lucky enough to have a slow running stream on his estate, nothing could be lovelier than water lilies naturalized in such a spot. Always remember to plant in the sunshine.

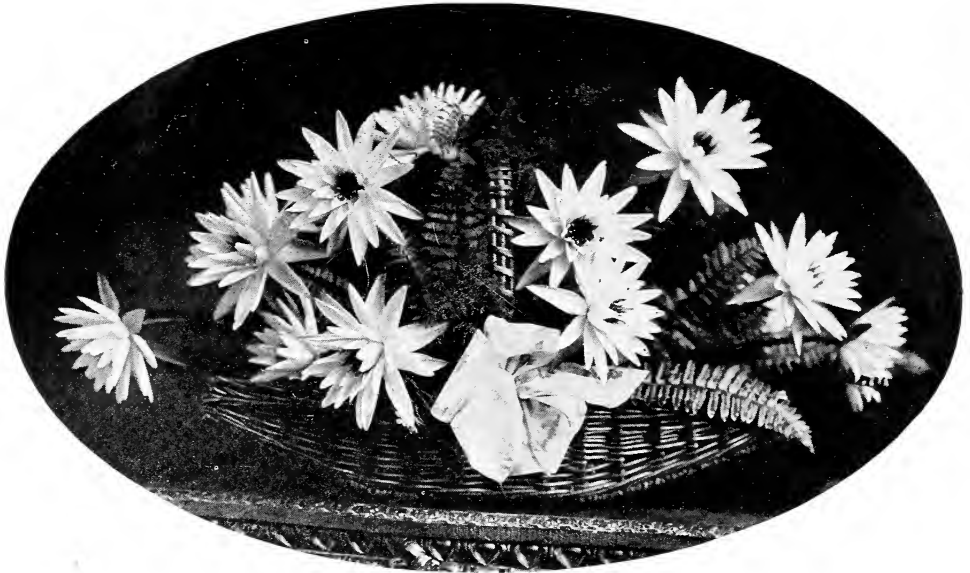
When winter comes, the water may be allowed to remain in the pool, if the formation of ice would not be greater than ten inches as in and around Washington, D. C., or the water may be drained off and the boxes or tubs covered with leaves, or boughs and litter to prevent the frost from reaching the roots.

In the case of tender lilies, the plants should be treated as annuals and be replaced each year, as the cost is not great and few people have the proper facilities for starting tender water lilies.

The use of marginal plants and sub-aquatics, adds much to the grace of a water garden. Arrow-head, pickerel weed with pure white and bright blue blooms, respectively, are good, while the yellow water poppy and dainty forget-me-not, the parrot's feather and water hyacinth, all have a particular charm of their own.

In any pool, large or small, a few fish are a necessary addition to eradicate the larvae of the mosquito.





NYPHAEAE ROSE AREY.

## New and Rare Hardy Nymphaeas

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|----------------------------|--|----------------|--------|
| <b>Nymphaea Rose Arey.</b> | A new lily of a brilliant coral pink color throughout. Flowers 5 to 6 inches across, standing well out of the water. The petals are narrow and numerous, and curiously incurved, making it a very distinctive blossom. The stem is brown, the stamens golden yellow. It is a most prolific bloomer, flowering from May 15 to September 1. See front cover... | Each<br>Price, | \$2.50 |
| <b>N. Attraction.</b>      | A true attraction. Flowers 6 to 7 inches across, of a deep garnet suffused with rose. Stamens dark orange red, tipped with brilliant golden yellow. Stem brown. Sepals green without, but white within, lightly touched with garnet. A very free and continuous bloomer and very desirable. See back cover...  | Price,         | 10.00  |
| <b>N. Escarboucle.</b>     | The most striking water lily in our collection. The color is a brilliant crimson carmine, with orange-yellow center. The plant is a strong grower with a long blooming season. Attractive  | Price,         | 10.00  |
| <b>N. Mrs. Richmond.</b>   | The largest and most beautiful of our hardy water lilies. The blossom is perfect in form, with exquisite waxen petals of a delicate shade of violet rose. This water lily has the longest blooming season of any of the hardy plants.....  | Price,         | 25.00  |



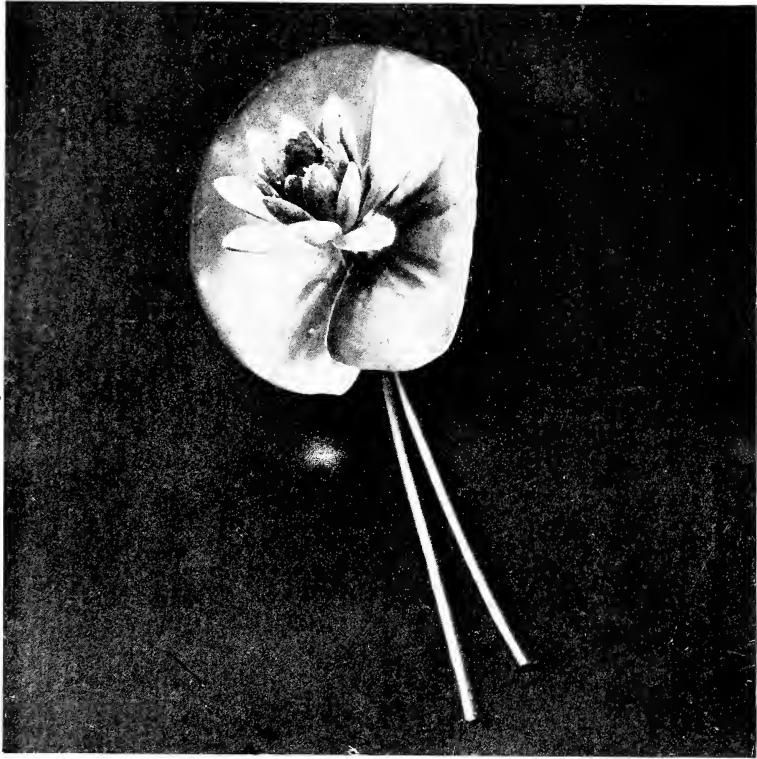


## Hardy Water Lilies

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| <b>Nymphaea William Falconer.</b> The most brilliant dark red hardy lily in cultivation. Flowers 5 to 6 inches across, of an intense bright garnet color . . . . .                   | Each<br>Price, <b>\$5.00</b> |
| <b>N. Gloriosa.</b> A superb variety with flowers 4 to 6 inches across, of a deep carmine rose color. A free, continuous bloomer and a very desirable variety . . . . .              | Price, <b>5.00</b>           |
| <b>N. Arethusa.</b> A free-flowering variety with large blooms of a brilliant crimson pink color. Desirable . . . . .  | Price, <b>2.50</b>           |
| <b>N. Robinsoni.</b> Large floating flowers of a dark orange-red color. A free bloomer and should be in every collection . . . . .   | Price, <b>7.50</b>           |
| <b>N. Pringelii.</b> A white lily of good size, particularly desirable on account of the stiff stem, standing 5 or 6 inches out of the water. Fragrant, and a good bloomer . . . . . | Price, <b>.50</b>            |
| <b>N. Suffragette.</b> A pure dazzling white lily, of the largest size, 6 to 8 inches across. Extremely vigorous in growth, blooming very late in the season . . . . .               | Price, <b>.75</b>            |

- Nymphaea Loose.** A beautiful large white lily, 5 to 7 inches across with a peculiarly delightful fragrance. Particularly desirable, as it is a free and continuous bloomer, the flowers opening earlier in the day than any other lily. One of the best whites.....Price, **\$0.75** Each
- N. Marliacea Chromatella.** A free and vigorous grower with flowers 4 to 6 inches across, of bright canary yellow. One of the best .....Price, **2.00**
- N. Marliacea rosea.** Flowers 4 or 5 inches across, of a deep rose color. One of the best for cut flowers.....Price, **2.00**





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| <b>Nymphaea Marliacea carnea.</b> Flowers 4 to 6 inches across, of a soft<br>flesh pink. A free bloomer. Desirable.....   | Each<br>Price, <b>\$1.00</b> |
| <b>N. Marliacea albida.</b> Flowers white, large and quite fragrant. A<br>strong grower and a continuous bloomer.....   | Price, <b>2.00</b>           |
| <b>N. odorata.</b> This is the fragrant pond lily of the Northern States.<br>Flowers white, 3 to 5 inches across, with yellow stamens...  | Price, <b>.25</b>            |
| <b>N. odorata gigantea.</b> The native lily of the South Eastern States.<br>Vigorous grower with flowers measuring from 5 to 7 inches<br>across. Pure white .....                                   | Price, <b>.75</b>            |
| <b>N. odorata Eugenia DeLand.</b> Flowers 5 to 6 inches in diameter, star-<br>shaped with many petals of a deep rosy pink color. Very fra-<br>grant. A vigorous grower and a desirable variety..... | Price, <b>1.50</b>           |
| <b>N. odorata W. B. Shaw.</b> Flowers large, of a rich rose pink color and<br>very fragrant. A strong grower and continuous bloomer..   | Price, <b>1.00</b>           |

<b>Nymphaea odorata Luciana.</b> An exquisite variety. Flowers 4 to 5 inches across; pure rose pink, with delightful fragrance. . . . .	Each Price, \$1.00
<b>N. odorata rosea.</b> The Cape Cod pond lily. Flowers 4 or 5 inches across; color a beautiful rose pink, very fragrant. . . . .	Price, . 50
<b>N. Mary Exquisita.</b> A sweet-scented variety with flowers 5 to 6 inches across, of a beautiful pink color. A free and continuous bloomer and quite desirable . . . . .	Price, 1.00
<b>N. odorata sulphurea.</b> Flowers fragrant, 4 to 5 inches across, sulphur yellow, standing well above the water. A desirable variety. . . . .	Price, 1.00
<b>N. odorata sulphurea grandiflora.</b> Very similar to the foregoing, but with much larger flowers, and of more vigorous growth. . . . .	Price, 1.50
<b>N. Helen Fowler.</b> A seedling with fragrant flowers 3 to 5 inches across, of a very deep pink color. A strong grower and a continuous bloomer. A desirable variety. . . . .	Price, 1.00
<b>N. tuberosa rosea.</b> Flowers of an exquisite shade of pink, 4 or 5 inches across, standing well out of the water. Desirable. . . . .	Price, 1.00
<b>N. tuberosa Richardsoni.</b> Flowers white, 6 to 8 inches across, forming with its numerous petals a perfect globe when fully open. The most beautiful white lily. Fragrant. . . . .	Price, 1.00
<b>N. tuberosa maxima.</b> Flowers medium size, cup-shaped, pure white with strong fragrance . . . . .	Price, .50
<b>N. tuberosa carnea.</b> This is a new variety with flowers 5 to 6 inches across, delightfully fragrant, of a light flesh pink. A vigorous plant and a continuous bloomer . . . . .	Price, .50
<b>N. alba (English).</b> The well-known white lily from Europe. Flowers 4 to 5 inches across. A free bloomer and strong grower. . . . .	Price, .50
<b>N. Mexicana.</b> Flowers 3 or 4 inches across, bright yellow. A rather shy bloomer in this climate. . . . .	Price, 1.00
<b>N. Gladstoniana.</b> Flowers dazzling white, 6 to 8 inches across, petals concave and broad. A free and continuous bloomer and one of the finest white lilies in cultivation. . . . .	Price, 1.50
<b>N. Pink Opal.</b> A new flower with exceptional form and coloring, very deep pink, with an attractive rounded bud. Lasts longer after being cut than any other lily. . . . .	Price, 2.00



## Tender Day-Blooming Water Lilies

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| <p><b>Nymphaea Zanzibariensis.</b> A superb variety of the deepest purple. Flowers 6 to 8 inches across; very free-flowering, with strong fragrance. Very desirable .....</p> | <p>Each<br/>Price, <b>\$1.50</b></p> |
| <p><b>N. Zanzibariensis azurea.</b> Similar to the above, but with the flowers open wider, and are of a lighter blue color.....</p>   | <p>Price, <b>1.00</b></p>            |
| <p><b>N. Zanzibariensis rosea.</b> Flowers rose, of various shades, otherwise like the above .....</p>  | <p>Price, <b>1.00</b></p>            |
| <p><b>N. Izetta Jewel.</b> A new hybrid of Graecilis, with rich blue flowers, retaining all the grace of its parent. The most floriferous of all the blues .....</p>          | <p>Price, <b>2.00</b></p>            |
| <p><b>N. Pennsylvania.</b> A vigorous variety with very large, rich blue flowers. A free bloomer and a very desirable plant.....</p>  | <p>Price, <b>2.50</b></p>            |
| <p><b>N. Pulcherrima.</b> A beautiful variety with light blue flowers 8 to 10 inches across; yellow stamens. A free and continuous bloomer and very desirable .....</p>       | <p>Price, <b>2.00</b></p>            |



**Nymphaea coerulea. (Syn. Stellata.)** Flowers 4 to 6 inches across, pale blue, star-shaped and fragrant. A free bloomer and easily raised . . . . . Price, Each  
\$1.00

**N. Panama-Pacific.** A new variety with flowers of a distinctly new shade. Reddish purple with yellow stamens. A perfect beauty. Price, 2.50

**N. August Koch.** An attractive, free-flowering plant with large blossoms of a beautiful rosy lilac shade. One of the best of the newer introductions . . . . . Price, 2.50



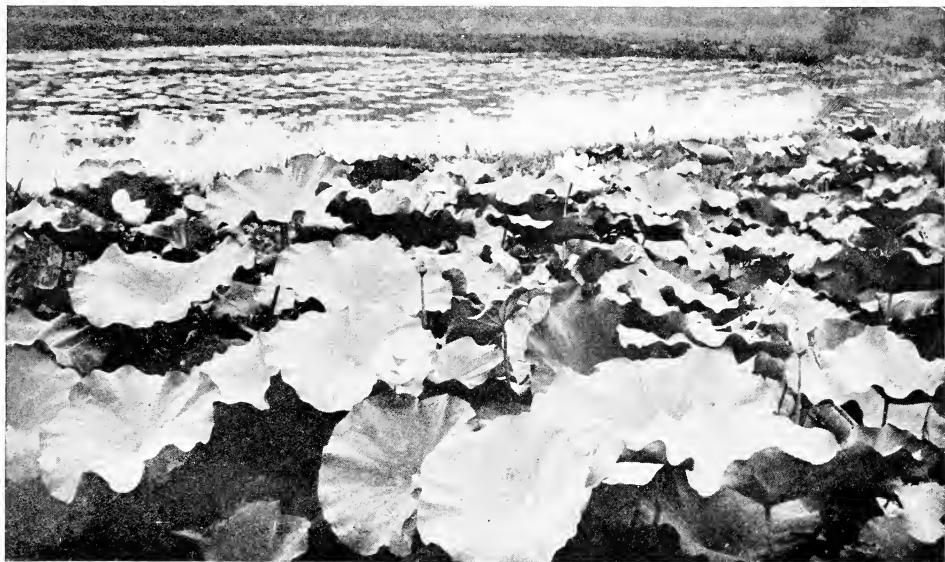
## Tender Night-Blooming Water Lilies

	Each
<b>Nymphaea Devoniensis.</b> Flowers 8 to 10 inches across, of a bright rosy red color, borne on stout stems well above the water. The plant blooms very freely and is one of the most desirable varieties . . . . .	Price, \$1.00
<b>N. rubra rosea.</b> One of the best red night bloomers in cultivation. Flowers 8 to 10 inches across, rosy carmine; petals broad at base, but pointed . . . . .	Price, 1.00
<b>N. O'Marana.</b> Flowers of the largest size; petals of a reddish pink with nearly white stripes up the center. A vigorous grower and a free-flowering variety . . . . .	Price, 1.50
<b>N. Bisseti.</b> Flowers 8 to 10 inches across, of a beautiful rose-pink color; petals broad and slightly concave, forming a cup-shaped bloom. Free in flower . . . . .	Price, 2.00
<b>N. dentata magnifica.</b> Flowers 8 to 12 inches in diameter, creamy white, with very wide petals slightly concave, giving the bloom a cup-shaped appearance. Stamens pure yellow. . . . .	Price, 2.50
<b>N. Kewensis.</b> One of our most attractive night lilies. Flowers exquisite shade of pink, borne in profusion. . . . .	Price, 1.50



NYMPHAEA BISSETI.





NELUMBIUMS.

## Nelumbiums

This class of plants is among the most worthy of cultivation, being about the most decorative, as well as the most interesting plant to the Aquatic grower. The foliage itself, being of a peculiar bluish green, covered with a light bloom like a peach, lends enchantment to any garden, aquatic or otherwise. The flowers are very large, exquisitely tinted, and with a delicate, yet oriental perfume.

**Nelumbium speciosum (Egyptian Lotus).** The easiest of all Lotus Each  
to grow. The flowers are large, of a deep rose color, shading to cream at base of petals.

Dormant tubers .....Price, **\$2.00**

**Nel. Shiroman.** This is considered by many the most beautiful variety of Lotus. The flowers are large, pure white, and very double, with a splendid perfume.

Dormant tubers . . . . .Price, **5.00**



**Nelumbium Pekinensis rubrum.** This is the best dark-colored variety. Each  
 The flowers are very large, of a rosy carmine color. The foliage  
 is large and handsome. Very free flowering.

Dormant tubers . . . . .Price, **\$3.00**

**Nel. Pekinensis rubrum plenum.** Identical with the preceding, but  
 with flowers very double, making it an extremely showy plant.

Dormant tubers . . . . .Price, **5.00**

**Nel. luteum (American Lotus).** A superb variety, with yellow flow-  
 ers. Indigenous to the Western and Southern States.

Dormant tubers . . . . .Price, **2.00**

## Aquatics for Marginal and Shallow Water Planting

<b>Sagittaria Latifolia (Arrow-head).</b> Graceful sub-aquatic, with arrow shaped leaves and snow white blossom. Grows 1 to 2 feet high . . . . .	Each Price,	<b>\$ .25</b>
<b>Typha Latifolia (Cat-tail).</b> Suitable for any pool not too small. Roots should be confined. . . . .	Price,	<b>.25</b>
<b>Limnocharis Humboldtii (Water Poppy).</b> Floating oval leaves and bright yellow blooms make these attractive, though they are tender and can only be handled outdoors in warm weather. . . .	Price,	<b>.25</b>
<b>Myriophyllum proserpina coides (Parrot's Feather).</b> Graceful feathery green branches of this plant add to a straight cold looking margin . . . . .	Per Bunch, Price,	<b>.25</b>
<b>Eichornia crassipes major (Water Hyacinth).</b> This is a floating plant with glossy green leaves and trusses of the most lovely orchid-like flowers of light lavender. Most desirable. . . . .	Price,	<b>.25</b>
<b>Zizania Aquatico (Wild Rice).</b> Ornamental grass, easily grown in shallow water. Graceful and desirable. . . . .	Price,	<b>.25</b>
<b>Myosotis palustris (Water Forget-me-not).</b> Most attractive of our sub-aquatic plants for a border. Perfectly hardy and with myriads of tiny light blue flowers exactly like our garden forget-me-not . . . . .	Per Bunch, Price,	<b>.25</b>
<b>Saururus cernuus (Lizard's Tail).</b> Small plant about 1 foot high, growing directly in the water with white flowers in long recurved spike . . . . .	Price,	<b>.25</b>
<b>Pontederia Cordata (Pickerel Weed).</b> A graceful plant with glossy green leaves and spikes of bright blue flowers. Grows directly in the water . . . . .	Price,	<b>.25</b>

Any of the above aquatics are a marked addition to the water garden, giving height and grace to an otherwise necessarily flat arrangement.



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