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FOR EXPERIMENTERS

AND OTHERS

Interested in New Floral Matters

(Vanderbilt Hybrids)



NUMERABLE letters ask us for the first seeds and bulbs available from plant experiments other than the well known Vanderbilt Hybrid Delphiniums, being developed here. We now offer limited supply of some of these, those trying them for experiment and reporting results to us, having first chance to obtain perfected results therein later.

The Burbank Delphiniums. Before the good news was announced that Stark Brothers Nursery Company of Louisiana, Mo., would hold the Burbank productions and experiments in tact, we obtained the original basic plants and uncompleted experiments in Delphiniums from Mrs. Burbank, with full rights to further develop them and distribute as such. These are now being held and further developed for Stark Bros., whilst also affording intense botanical interest in comparison with the Vanderbilts. In 1912 we used Burbank selections for a cross with a native species as a start for our strain.

The Burbank Gladiolus. Likewise we obtained a wide range of named, and latest Gladiolus experiments of Mr. Burbank; Flowered them last summer, found some most interesting new things amongst them, and recrossed many pairs for particular aims. Seeds are available, (gladiolus seeds vary widely from parent plant usually). Mixed packet 25c.

Gaillardias. We have a fifth generation plant selected for unusual tall, rigid growth and fine flowers, and a number of others, including clear yellow, selected from several European strains. The Vanderbilt, packet, 25c; mixed, 15c; clear yellow, 25c.

Dahlias. We received the P. P. I. Exposition award for Dahlia seedlings of which one, later named "Carl Purdy," gained wide interest at the Exposition gardens. Was sent East later, caused decided comment in several botanic gardens, and Garden Magazine rated it as **one of three best scarlet Paeony, flowered in America.** After long search we found it again in 1925, crossed it with Insulinda and believe striking new values are in the progeny in clear pure selfs specially, in yellows, crimsons, scarlets, and creamy whites in several dahlia types. This Carl Purdy is here, a ten-foot dahlia, very free, long season, and a blaze of pure scarlet, sun resistant flowers. Seeds, 25c; mixed yellows, 25c; mixed reds, 15c; general mixed, 15c.

Marigolds (African). We, this year, expect final of four year test of (to us) a new color in these plants, viz. fine lemon with base of petal cups a clear gold. No seeds available. Has anyone else such effects? We can supply a few seeds of a single French flowered, which grow four feet, with long stemmed blooms greatly favored in San Francisco florist circles.

Succulents. We aim to try some crossing experiments with the finer flowered succulents this season and have a growing collection, some for distribution, and many rarer kinds now in seed stage. Tell us which you want, or if desire to exchange for others in sedums, sempervivums, dudleya, aloes, flowering cacti, etc.

Delphinium Nudicale Hybrids. We shall have seeds of these available in midsummer, in colors not (to us) known in any botanical text. First bloom gave us all the main colors and shading. They are best used as spring blooming rock plants, or pot plants for shady nooks.

The above matters are as yet purely botanical, and if addressed, please mark as "Vanderbilt Novelties," not with communication re Vanderbilt Hybrid Delphiniums.

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