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A Supplement to the  
1931 Catalog  
of the

**W. L. Crissey Alpine Gardens**  
Base Line Road  
Gresham, Oregon

*"Your catalogs are just Greek to us"*

Well, if the plant names aren't Greek, most of them ARE Latin. I admit it, and even apologize for it. But as I'm not responsible for the christening and can't do very much about it, probably the most helpful thing under the circumstances will be several collections enabling new customers to order understandingly. Two excellent ones are listed on the inside front cover of the 1931 catalog, others equally attractive follow the lists of wall, bog and late summer flowering plants on the following pages of this folder.

First, for the benefit of already initiated gardeners, who seek new and choice occupants for rockery or border, the following supplemental list (in addition to catalog of 1931) is submitted:

Unless otherwise specified, the plants in this list prefer sun. An (R) designates those especially suited to the rock garden.

**LIST OF NEW OFFERINGS**

	Each	Dozen
<b>Aethionema Warleyensis (R)</b>	\$.50	\$5.00
A seductive little charmer if there ever was one. The pink flowers are lovely against the stiff blue green leaves. May and June blooming. 6 inches.		
<b>Achillea Argenteum (R)</b>	.30	3.00
Silvery foliage, white flowers, six inches tall. Choice.		
<b>Alyssum Idaeum (R)</b>	.35	3.50
Very dwarf, with profusion of yellow flowers smothering the gray foliage.		
<b>Alyssum Moellendorffianum (R)</b>	.35	3.50
A charming trailer with bloom of richest gold.		
<b>Alyssum Spinosum (R)</b>	.40	4.00
A symmetrical, prickly cushion of gray-green, sometimes attaining a diameter of a foot. Obscured by white flowers in late spring. Excellent for winter effect.		
<b>Anemone Magellanica (R)</b>	.35	3.50
This sulphur yellow gem comes from the Straits of Magellan. It's easy to grow. 4 inches.		
<b>Androsace Lanuginosa Leichtlini (R)</b>	.35	3.50
Few rock plants equal this in beauty and long blooming period. The charm of its trailing masses of silvery foliage is enhanced by delicate white flowers, each with a rose eye.		
<b>Armeria—Bee's Ruby (R)</b>	.50	5.00
Very deep rose colored flowers, held aloft on stems a foot high. To see this is to want it.		
<b>Asclepias Tuberosa</b>	.35	3.50
In July and August the flower heads of intense orange are an arresting sight. Extra fine for borders or large rockery. 18 inches.		
<b>Aquilegia Glandulosa (R)</b>	.45	4.50
To say the flowers are blue and white conveys faint idea of the beauty of this rare columbine. It is exquisite. 12 inches. Light shade.		
<b>Dianthus Annie Laurie (R)</b>	.40	4.00
Single hardy carnation, of clear orchid pink, fragrant, and free blooming. A very choice novelty. 12 inches.		
<b>Dianthus Brevicaulis: (R)</b>	.35	3.50
A miniature beauty. Tiny rose flowers rise from the compact, grassy tuft. 4 in.		

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<b>Dianthus Speciosus (R)</b>	.35 3.50
Flowers so deeply lacinated they might best be described as graceful lavender-rose fringe. Absolutely distinct, but not difficult.	
<b>Draba Azoides (R)</b>	.25 2.50
Attractive rosettes of hairy leaves, two inches high. Spring brings a crown of yellow bloom. Especially fine for the tiny rockery, or a special niche.	
<b>Draba Columbiana (R)</b>	.25 2.50
A fine rock plant. Yellow flowers, against a foil of dull green foliage. Dwarf.	
<b>Dryas Octopetala (R)</b>	.35 3.50
A shrubby little evergreen about six inches high with particularly fine foliage. Each lovely white flower (and they are borne in abundance) has eight petals, as the name indicates.	
<b>Euphorbia Myrsinites (R)</b>	.25 2.50
Very ornamental on account of its bluish-green foliage. Not a spreader, but so strong growing it is most appropriate for the large rock garden, or generous pocket. Trailing. Yellow flowers.	
<b>Genista Prostrata (R)</b>	.50 5.00
There is nothing more charming than these dwarf brooms, a golden shower in spring (and occasionally in the fall) and interesting evergreen shrubs at all times. Hot, dry situations suit them. Height 6 inches.	
<b>Genista Sagittalis (R)</b>	.50 5.00
Just as attractive as Prostrata, entirely distinct, but with curiously winged stems. Vivid yellow flowers. 6 inches.	
<b>Gentiana Acaulis (R)</b>	.75 7.50
This jewel from the Swiss Alps is the ambition of every rock gardener, with its big trumpets of the richest blue imaginable. These appear in spring, and frequently again in autumn. A soil with perfect drainage and a liberal mixture of stone chips is essential to success. Sun or light shade.	
<b>Geranium Lancastriense (R)</b>	.50 5.00
Large pale pink blossoms rest on the low green foliage mat. One of the most desirable of this family. Sun or light shade.	
<b>Geum Bulgaricum (R)</b>	.35 3.50
One of the rare dwarf rock varieties that everyone raves about. Orange. Including flower stems, only 8 inches high.	
<b>Helianthemum "Brilliant" (R)</b>	.35 3.50
Single flowers of clear, deep cerise, which always excite admiration and comment.	
<b>Helianthemum Praecox (R)</b>	.35 3.50
A variety seldom seen. Grayish foliage and yellow flowers.	
<b>Helianthemum "Sudbury Queen" (R)</b>	.35 3.50
This is an English sort. The little single roses are of the most arresting bronze-orange.	
<b>Incarvillea Delavayi</b>	.25 2.50
Sometimes called the Hardy Gloxinia, for its trumpeted flowers of rich rose resemble that flower somewhat. Too, the foliage is unusually handsome. Not a rock subject, but an extra fine perennial for early summer bloom.	
<b>Iris Pumilla (R)</b>	.25 2.50
The ordinary purple sort is fine, but give your garden a treat with some of these far less common kinds—yes, they are just as dwarf and just as early. <b>Prairie Gem:</b> Light, clear yellow. <b>Stuart A. Hybrida:</b> A more pronounced yellow. <b>The Bride:</b> Pure white.	
<b>Iris Siberian—Pygmy (R)</b>	.50 5.00
How fortunate we are to have this dwarf form of a universal favorite, for "Pygmy" is ideal for the rockery, or fronting the perennial border. The color? Dark violet. Light shade.	

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<b>Iris Stylosa (Algerian Iris) (R)</b>	.30 3.00
It's hard to believe that this iris presents its lovely lavender-blue blossoms in mid-winter. But it does and they're fragrant too. A light, perfectly drained soil and sheltered, sunny position spell success. Grassy foliage, flowers 6 to 12 inches.	
<b>Lavandula Delphinensis (Lavender)</b>	.25 2.50
The plant, a rather dwarf form some two feet in height when grown. The fragrance of the flowers is an indescribable mingling of rose and lavender truly delightful.	
<b>Lilium Tigrinum</b> <b>A special at 20c, 3 for 50c</b>	1.75
For barbaric color and charm, a planting of several groups of these bulbs (not less than six to a clump) cannot be excelled. Orange and black, as everybody knows. Fall planting.	
<b>Lychnis Alpina (R)</b>	.25 2.50
Bright rose flowers and cushions of olive green make this a most attractive rock plant. It is but four inches tall, and blooms in June and July.	
<b>Lychnis Lagascae (R)</b>	.35 3.50
A pretty little evergreen from the Pyrenees, bright carmine flowers. 3 inches.	
<b>Muscari (Grape hyacinths) (R)</b>	
If you want a real thrill plant a full fifty of these bulbs. See special offer on last page.	
<b>Muscari Comosum Plumosum (R)</b> <b>2 for 25c</b>	1.50
(Feather Hyacinth). Rightly named, for the flower is just a delicate mauve plume, often eight inches in length. Don't plant one—plant six at least for real effect. Fall delivery.	
<b>Oenothera Missouriensis (R)</b>	.30 3.00
(Evening Primrose of the Prairie). Expands its gorgeous yellow flowers, often five inches in diameter, in late afternoon. Prostrate growth.	
<b>Papaver Nudicaule "Tangerine" (R)</b>	.25 2.00
This lovely Iceland poppy has petals of deep glowing orange, swaying gracefully on slender stems about 12 inches high. Extra fine for either rocky or perennial garden. Blooms all summer.	
<b>Papaver Orientalis "Crimson Belle"</b>	.50 5.00
Immense flowers of rich deep crimson, held on strong stems often four feet tall. Distinctive and new.	
<b>Ornithogalum Umbellatum (R)</b>	
<b>50 for \$1.50, 100 for \$2.50</b>	
"Star of Bethlehem." Dainty rock garden subjects with glistening white flowers in early spring. Groups of six to twelve, bulbs should be planted in early fall. A special price to encourage this mass planting.	
<b>Phlox Subulata "Fairy" (R)</b>	.35 3.50
Each delicate flower is pale blue with a dark purple eye. Desirable both for this unusual coloring and the very compact growth of the plant. A fine companion for Phlox Vivid.	
<b>Penstemon Menziesii (R)</b>	.35 3.50
This elegant creeper, with its tiny evergreen leaves and spikes of blue and purple, comes to us from the Cascade Mountains of the Pacific Northwest. June and July its time, 4 to 6 inches its height.	

### RARE PRIMULAS AND NEW

<b>Primula Aurantiaca (R)</b>	1.00
The rarest sort I offer. With a moist situation its orange blooms, borne in whorls on a 12-inch stem, are exquisite. Shade.	
<b>Primula Beesiana (R)</b>	.35 3.50
A bog primrose, splendid for shady pool margin. Velvety purple flowers with yellow eyes appear in whorls. Often two feet high if suited with situation.	
<b>Primula Cortusoides (R)</b>	.35 3.50
Daintiness is the characteristic of this Siberian visitor to our gardens. Deep rose flowers held airily on 12 inch stems. Heart shaped, wrinkled leaves. It likes sun.	

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<b>Primula Frondosa (R)</b>	.50	5.00
Flowers of pleasing rose shade in rather late spring. Foliage of well grown plants is arched, reminding one of fern fronds, and has a mealy over-lay. Light shade and good drainage. Flower stems 12 to 18 inches.		
<b>Primula "Ipswich Hybrids" (R)</b>	.40	4.00
From the most delicate pastel shades to bright pink, rose and almost a burnt orange, a collection of these charming primroses is something to remember. They're at their best in bog condition in light shade. The whorled flower stems rising as high as two feet. Mixed shades only.		
<b>Primula Juliae (R)</b>	.50	5.00
Given a cool, rich soil, in light shade, this beautiful primrose will produce its red-purple flowers (intensified by yellow centers) for many weeks in the spring. Extra.		
<b>Primula Marginata (R)</b>	1.00	
A rare beauty for the discriminating grower. The toothed leaves are gray edged with white, and form a handsome rosette. Trusses of lavender-blue. Fragrant. Likes sun and lime. 4 to 6 inches.		
<b>Primula Veitchii (R)</b>	.40	4.00
Have you a shady place for a primrose aristocrat? Tiers of dark violet-magenta flowers, brightened by yellow centers, and unusual lobed leaves, make this sort an acquisition. 8 inches.		
<b>Salvia Pitcherii</b>	.35	3.50
This is one of the real glories of fall, remarkable for the rich ultra-marine blue of its flowers. Plant is of branching form, admirable for the border. Height 3 feet.		
<b>Scilla Italica (R)</b>	3 for 25c	.90
A less fastidious or a more lovely spring flowering bulb would be difficult to find. Plant in sun or shade, rock garden, woods or border, and enjoy its sky blue flowers on fragile 4-inch stems. (Don't plant less than a dozen).		
<b>Sedum Spectabilis Variegatum (R)</b>	.40	4.00
This strikingly variegated form makes impressive specimens, and heads of deep rose flowers are thrown in for good measure. 15 inches.		
<b>Sempervivums (R)</b>	.25	2.50
"House Leeks," "Hen and Chickens." All the sempervivums like full sun and perfect drainage, and then they reward you by increasing with charming abandon. Try them in the wall.		
<b>Greenii:</b> Prim medium rosettes of bright green.		
<b>Fimbriatum:</b> Distinctively fringed rosettes, deep pink flowers.		
<b>Lamottii:</b> Medium sized rosettes with glaucous sheen.		
<b>Laggeri:</b> One of the handsomest cob-webbed varieties, quite different from Arachnoides.		
<b>Wahlenbergia Dalmatica (R)</b>	.25	2.50
Flower heads of purplish blue—a poor description indeed for this most uncommon plant. It likes a stony soil not too dry. Blooms all summer. 6 or 8 inches high.		

### *Have You a Bog?*

A garden pool, with the water allowed to seep over the edges instead of draining away through a pipe outlet, provides suitable conditions for the fascinating bog plant. Here are those which like wet feet:

Anemone Rivularis	Monarda Didyma
Astilbes	Primula Beesiana
Hemerocallis	Primula Bulleyana
Iris Bulleyana	Primula Ipswich Hybrids
Iris Folioso	Primula Japonica
Iris Japanese	Primula Pulverulenta
Iris Orientalis	Tradescantia Virginica
Iris Siberica	

### SPECIAL BOG OFFER

12 plants, all different, our selection, with value of \$3.50	\$2.50
25 plants of our selection, with an occasional pair of a kind, value to \$7.00	4.75

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### *The Charm of a Rock Wall*

With tumbling masses of graceful foliage and lovely bloom, is too seldom encountered. The rocks must be laid up without mortar, and such a wall properly built has retaining strength equal to solid, unsightly cement.

Plants which will make a rock wall a thing of beauty. They require moderate sun:

Aethionema Coridifolia	Erinus Alpinus
Aethionema Persicum	Gypsophila Repens Rosea
Alyssum Saxatile Compactum	Helianthemums
Arabis Alpina	Iberis Sempervirens
Arabis Albida Rosea	Jasione Humilis
Arabis Alpina fl. pl.	Nepeta Mussini
Asperula Cynanchica	Saponaria Ocymoides
Aster Mauve Cushion	Saxifrage Macnabiana
Aubrietias	Saxifrage Pyramidalis
Cerastium Biebersteini	Sedum Acre
Dianthus Arenarius	Sedum Lydium Roseum
Dianthus Caesius	Sedum Sarmentosum
Dianthus Deltoides	Sedum Spurium Coccineum
Dianthus Deltoides Maj. Sterns	Sempervivums (all sorts)
Erigeron Mucronatus	Thymes (all varieties)

### SPECIAL ROCK WALL OFFER

12 plants all different, our selection, with value of \$3.00 or better	\$2.00
25 plants, all different, valued at \$6.00 or more (our selection)	4.00

### *Your Rockery Need Not Lack Flowers in Summer*

The plants named below are of special importance because they bloom in summer and fall, after the lavish spring display of most Alpines. Aster Mauve Cushion is often in evidence during November.

Androsace Lanuginosis	Geranium Lancastriense
Armeria Vulgaris	Gypsophila Repens
Asperula Cynanchica	Linum Campanulatum
Aster Beauty of Ronsdorf	Mazus Pumilio
Aster Mauve Cushion	Nepeta Mussini
Bellium Minutum	Papaver Nudicaule
Bellis Perennis	Papaver Rupifragum
Calamintha Alpina	Potentillas
Campanula Bellardi Mirandi	Satureia Montana
Campanula Carpatica	Sedums
Campanula Muralis	Sedum Spectabilis
Campanula Rotundifolia	Silene Schafta
Ceratostigma Plumbaginoides	Tunica Saxifraga
Erigeron Mucronatus	Violas
Gentiana Septemfida	Zauschneria Californica
Gentiana Sino-Ornata	

### SPECIAL SUMMER FLOWER COLLECTION

12 plants, 12 sorts, our selection, to value of at least \$3.50	\$2.50
25 plants, all different, to be selected by us and worth \$7.00	4.75

### *Before You Build a Rockery*

It is suggested that the cost of a book on rock gardening will be richly repaid, especially since I offer two little volumes brimful of information at only a dollar each—the authors are F. F. Rockwell and Sir James Cotter. More pretentious is Louise Beebe Wilder's book at \$5.00, and that of the great Alpine authority, Mr. Correvon, at \$6.00. All are generously illustrated.

### *Don't Forget*

That practically all rock plants demand a friable, well drained soil, and labor is wasted in setting them in heavy clay which bakes in mid-summer and remains sodden through the winter. Peat moss, thoroughly worked in, is a great improvement to most soils.

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### *If You Want to Know in Advance Exactly the Plants You Will Receive*

Here are two collections of named varieties, taken from the 1931 catalog, and at reduced prices:

#### *“Sunshine” Collection*

A strong plant of each of the standard sorts described, regular value \$4.25, will be sent for \$3.00.

*Achillea Ageratifolia*—white flowers.

*Alyssum Saxatile Citrinum*—Charming sulphur yellow.

*Arenaria Caespitosa*—Emerald green mossy effect.

*Armeria Vulgaris*—Free blooming—rose color.

*Aster Sub-coerulescens*—Harmony in lavender and gold.

*Bellis Perennis*—Blossoms all summer—red.

*Dianthus Caesius*—Finest rock pink.

*Draba Repens*—Cheerful golden yellow.

*Globularia Trichosantha*—Quaint blue blossoms.

*Iris Pumilla*—Dwarf, purple, charming.

*Nepeta Mussini*—Gray foliage—lavender flowers.

*Phlox Subulata*—Pink. Vigorous grower.

*Silene Schafta*—Rose. Valuable for midsummer bloom.

*Stipa Bulbosa*—Gay striped foliage.

*Thyme*—Red creeping form, blossoms midsummer.

*Veronica Repens*—Hugs the ground—blue.

*Tunica Saxifraga*—Filmy white.

#### *“Shady Retreat” Collection*

Most rock plants like sun, but here are some for shaded gardens. Strong plant of each, regularly amounting to \$3.25, for \$2.25.

*Ajuga Genevensis*—Blue. Vigorous grower.

*Anemone Huphensis*—Graceful habit. Pink flowers.

*Asperula Odorata*—Glossy, fine cut foliage. White flowers.

*Erinus Alpinus*—Ferny rosettes, pretty pink or lavender bloom.

*Campanula Pusilla*. A dainty blue gem.

*Iris Cristata*—Lavender, unusually good.

*Phlox Amoena*—Forms mats of lovely pink.

*Phlox Divaricata Canadensis*—Old blue is the color.

*Polemonium Reptans*—Blue bells in profusion.

*Saxifraga Hipnoides*—Thrives in deep shade.

*Saxifraga “Beauty of Ronsdorf”*—Bright red.

*Stachys Ciliata*—Variegated leaves, lavender flowers.

*Primrose*—Fine yellow sort.

**SPECIAL 1932 INDUCEMENT—A 10% value in extra plants will be included with all orders of \$5.00 and over—this does not apply to special collections.**



## Base Line Road

### *Extraordinary Offers on Bulbs*

We have large stocks of these and are making very low prices to encourage planting in quantity. With the exception of liliun Tigrinum (which is suited only to the border on account of its height) all are particularly appropriate for the rock garden.

#### **Scilla Campanulatum: The Wood Hyacinth**

Charming alike in the woods, at edge of shrubbery, as a border in front of a perennial planting, to outline a path, or in the rock garden, in mixture—pink, blue and white. The price is **\$1.00** for fifty, **\$1.75** for a whole hundred. Club with a friend, if you don't want so many. Better yet, plant them all yourself.

#### **Muscari: The Dainty Grape Hyacinth**

This is a large flowered sort. Plant fifty in a rock garden pocket which has 4 or 5 square feet of space. Then enjoy a lovely sheet of old blue for weeks in the spring. They grow nicely under deciduous trees, too, and in the woods. One customer has all her beds margined with them. Very special price 50 for **\$2.00**, 100 for **\$3.50**, 500 for **\$15.00**.

### *Just One More Reminder*

Order early before stocks are broken, and you will be sure to get your selection. The shipment can go at any time after mid-February.

### *Instructions for Ordering*

Send remittance or bank reference with order. Please do not send orders under \$1.00.

Packages will be sent to other states with charges collect, either by express or parcels post, as you may specify. Express is recommended.

This method is more satisfactory than attempting to quote postpaid prices, which must necessarily mean extremely small plants in many instances.

Three plants of a sort at the dozen rate.

The greatest care is taken to supply stock true to name and effort is always made to satisfactorily adjust any error in this regard, but in accordance with the custom of the trade, no guarantee is given.

**OUR COMPLETE CATALOG** (issued 1931) is still available and will be sent without charge upon request.

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