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CAMELLIAS

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AND OTHER RARE PLANTS
James W. Robinson

On Main Highway in Town of San Pablo

San Pablo, California

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CAMELLIAS (Rose of Japan)

Information regarding the culture and growing of Camellias will be found on Page 9 of this catalogue.

I wish to say at this time that a great deal of my success as a grower is due to the kindness and unselfish co-operation of Mr. Robt. Rubel of Crichton, Alta., the foremost Camellia authority in America.

I also wish to credit Mrs. Robinson for her faithful and untiring attention to my cuttings and grafts in my absence, Mrs. Robinson being an expert propagator.

OTHER RARE PLANTS

While we carry a full line of popular trees, shrubs, plants, bulbs, etc., at popular prices, we are listing here only a few **Very Rare** stock for those who care for something **newer, better, and different**. Some of these are not offered by **any other firm in America**.

Shipping. Please advise how to ship. In absence of such instructions we will ship according to our best judgment without assuming responsibility for damage in transit.

B. B. meaning Baled Plants.

Quotations subject to prior sale. Orders booked subject to strikes, inspection, shortage of stock and other delays over which we have no control.

Non-Warranty. While we exercise the greatest care to have our Nursery products all genuine and reliable, we give no warranty expressed or implied as to description, quality, productiveness, or any other matter, of any Nursery stock, bulbs, seed or anything else that we sell.

Camellias were quite popular several years ago, until the embargo on foreign countries went into effect. At that time it was considered difficult to propagate Camellias and very few attempted it. This is no longer considered so by good propagators, and ca-

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CAMELLIAS

Space will not permit details as to all sizes of each variety, but good value will be given, rarity of varieties considered, and information as to size and prices can be furnished on any variety.

No.

1. Full double red medium size, free flowering. A good cut flower variety. One very large tree I know of setting 5000 flowers annually. Small potted plants, 50c; larger plants, \$1.00 to \$7.50, according to size.
2. A mixture of very pretty hybrids, probable each one different. Small potted plants, 50c each, or 10 for \$3.50.
7. Miss Nelson—a beautiful single pure white with yellow center. 1-foot size, \$1.50.
8. Medium size double light pink; good cut flower. Small potted stock, 50c; larger plants, \$1.00 up, according to size.
B. B.
9. Double variegated, very pretty. Sizes 1 foot, \$1.50 and up.
10. Single bright red medium size flower. Small pots, each 50c, or ten \$3.50. Free flowering and considered good for grouping at a small cost.
15. Professor Sargent—a beauty, one of the best, rich deep crimson, distinctly beautiful flowers, 3 inches and over, globular compact, 12 slightly ruffled guard petals, long narrow curled, having the appearance of an incurved chrysanthemum usually carrying 220-230 petals—blooms Dec. to Feb. It is an extraordinary type that will appeal to those wishing something finer.
38. Double bright pink 3-inch flowers; strong, upright grower. One foot, \$1.50; larger sizes, \$2.50 and \$5.00.
39. (Cheerful) large bright rosy red, deep green foliage. Contrasts well with the

- showy flowers. 4-inch pots, \$1.00.
40. Alba Plena. A very large double pure white. One of the best whites. 4-inch pot, \$1.00; larger sizes, \$2.50 up.
 41. Kumasaki. One of the very finest large showy double red flowers; 4-inch flowers. plants, 1 foot, \$5.00. B. B.
 42. Glorious. This wonderful flower is a dream—so exquisite in its coloring and richness as to cause doubt at a short distance as to whether it is real or wax a pretty peach blossom pink mottled white with a high satiny gloss. Only a limited number, and not carried by another firm. If we had to cut our list to one variety we would keep this one. One-foot blooming size, \$5.00; slightly larger branched plants, \$7.50; B. B. small potted stock, \$2.50.
 43. Double, beautifully soft, satiny peach-blossom pink. Medium size free flowering, 1 foot, \$2.50.
 44. Double pretty pink, good size, similar to Pink Perfection, but we like it much better. One foot, \$1.50; other sizes, \$2.50 to \$3.50.
 45. Pretty foliage, medium size, double bright crimson. A sure winner, One-foot, \$5.00 B. B.
 - 45a. Hadley, another pretty deep crimson. Limited number. One-foot, \$2.00.
 46. You will be fortunate, indeed, if you order before the supply is gone, a beautiful 3-inch flower, petals forming a slight whorl in center opening, shell pink, which color it holds for several days, when it deepens to a salmon in center. Three or 4-inch pots, \$7.50; larger size, about one foot, \$10. Only one to a customer.
 47. Grandeflora Rosea. One of the finest and largest in cultivation. It would be hard to exaggerate the wonder of this flower: Your collection isn't complete

without it. The flowers often running 5-inch diameter, deep pink. Small potted stock, about 3 inches high, \$3, or a few nice blooming size plants 12-14-inch B. B. and blooming size, \$15; larger size, \$25 up.

- 47a. *Grandeflora Rosea Varigati*. Very large, some double. About 9 petals. Five-inch. Deep pink, satiny lustre, with occasionally pure white spots size of dime. Hard to propagate, so we only grow a limited number. One foot, \$5.00; one large plant, a perfect specimen with hundreds of flowers, 5-foot spread, \$500.00.
48. *Fujinomine*. A very pretty medium size waxy white, admired very much by the Japanese people. One of the very few fragrant camellias. 4-inch pots, \$2.50.
49. *Warataw* (Mrs. Sol Runyon). A beautiful large deep crimson with anemone center of small twisted petals similar to *Chandelier* in form with large outer petals—the king of its class. 4-inch pots, \$5.00, or 1-foot, B. B. \$7.50.
50. *Chandelier Elegans*. Considered by many the most beautiful of all camellias. Large double 5-6-inch diameter with small tufted petals in center. Anemone fashion, bright red, sometimes showing a variegation. These flowerse are so immense when a good strong plant is in bloom it is literally covered with blossoms. Blooming size plants, about 1 foot, \$2.50 up; one specimen, 5-ft., \$175.
52. *Madam Campbell*. A very pretty deep bright pink (sold both as a pink or red) and mostly called red. Very bright and showy—often having both single and double flowers on the plant at same time. A high class flower and very fine landscape variety. Small potted plants, \$1.00; larger blooming size plants, \$2.50 to \$5.00.
54. *Diakagura*. Double; one of the finest

of all. Ask to see our colored photo at show. Every double-edge of leaves sometimes showing a pretty margin of gold. As an all-purpose flower this one cannot be beat. Rather slow growing. Small potted plants, \$1.50; blooming size plants, about 1 foot, \$5; larger sizes, \$15 to \$25.

55. Peoniaflora. Double; a large creamy white, high center, like an Edulus Peoni occasionally showing carmine markings on edge of petals and a slight orange glow deep down at base of petals. Small potted, \$5.00.
57. Hiraki. One of the most beautiful variegated varieties. See our color photo at show. 1 ft. \$5.
59. Pink Perfection. Medium size, full perfect double flowers shell pink. Too well known to need further description. 4-inch pot, \$1.00; larger sizes, \$2.50 up.
60. Tricolor. The most remarkable camellia in existence. Medium size, full double; some of the flowers will be red, some white, some a mixture of red, white, pink all on the same plant. 4-inch pots, \$2.50.
61. Noblissima. Sometimes called White Warataw. Large, pure snow white with small tufted petals in center, similar to Chandelier. Nice plants. 4-inch pots, \$2.50; larger plants, \$15.
62. Jordan's Pride. Very large; light rose, border of pure white around each petal; very sweet, pleasant fragrance; nice plants. 4-inch pots, \$3.50.
63. Auguste De Fosse. A beautiful remarkable flower, good size, orange scarlet in color with darker stripes in center of petals. Potted stock, \$5; larger blooming size plants, \$15 to \$25.
64. Apple Blossom, a pretty creamy single flower of only 4-5 petals, about 2 inches across. Intense sweet fragrance, like sweet clover. Most fragrant of the very fragrant ones. 4-inch pots, \$5.00.

65. *Cuspidatti*. While many have been searching for immense flowers, you've overlooked the little gems—single, size of a nickle; pink, yellow center on nodding stems. Small potted plants, \$5.00:
66. *Camellia Thea*. Single, size of nickle, usually white with yellow center. dainty crinkly petals. Assorted or mixed. All pretty and showy smaller foilage. Small potted stock, \$1.00; other sizes, \$1.50-\$5.00:
67. *Sasanqua*. Usually single, in very attractive shades; generally some fragrance. 1 foot, \$1.50; larger ones up to \$7.50.
68. *Reticulati*. Largest of all—an immense flower 5-7 inches across, 15-20 petals loosely arranged. Purplish rose King of all camellias. One plant was known of in 1820 which flowered in 1824. Never have any other species been located by plant explorers. Small grafted plants, \$50. Twelve plants of any kind at ten times the single rate. This gives you two plants free on each dozen.
69. *Alba Plena Fimbriata*. Large double, pure white, pretty fringed petal. Sometimes known as Feather Edge. Small potted stock, 1 foot, \$5.00; larger size, \$15.00.

Other miscellaneous, most new and rare stock.

Note—We can furnish a few specimen camellias ranging in price according to variety and rarity, up to \$1500.

Holly—English, 4-inch pots, 50c; We carry 14 varieties of fancy holly. Grafted stock, 1 foot or over, \$2.00. Penryi dwarf, small leaf, for rockeries, potted, \$2.50.

Pyracantha Flava—A new yellow berried one that does not blight. 2-foot, \$1.25.

Magnolia—Japanese, purple; large pretty purple flowers before the leaves, \$5.00 to \$20. Grafted.

Magnolia Conspicua—Large pure white Chinese. Flowers before the leaves. Grafted, \$5.

Magnolia Stellata—Grafted stock; pretty dwarf star magnolia 3 inches wide, narrow pointed petals before the leaves. 1-foot, \$5.00.

Magnolia Stellata Rosea—The new pink stellata; small grafted stock, \$25.

Magnolia Grandiflora—Common white; 1-ft., \$1.00.

Heather—*Malanthera*, pink, 50c; *Malanthera Rubra*, red, 75c; *Persoluta Rosea*, pink, 75c; *Hyalina*, pretty firecracker heather, 75c—4-inch pots.

Tigridias—A beautiful orange scarlet flower. Bulb. 25c; or dozen, \$2.50.

Roses—Beautiful new varieties, strong plants: *Talisman*, *Cuba*, *Cecil*, *Vesuvius*, *Duchess of Athol*. \$1.00 each; *Goldem Emblem*, *Daily Mail*, *Hadley*, *Russell*, *Isobel*, each 75c. or all ten above roses, one each, for \$6.50.

***Contortion Tree**—See Mr. Ripley's sketch in *Believe It or Not, Examiner*, Jan. 18, 1931, from far Tibet, China. We have the mate to it. Small plants grafted, \$25.

Rhododendron Ponticum — Mixed shades, pink to purple. red, 1 foot, \$1.00; pink pearl, nice grafted plants well branched, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$15 to \$25.

***R. Hugo de Vries**—Improved pink perle, don't fade; 1-foot grafted plants each \$25.

***R. Britannia**—Large trusses, bright red, 1-foot grafted plants, \$25.

Other good grafted red varieties, \$5.00.

Peonies—*Longfellow*, best bright red; *P. Re-vori*, deep crimson, very fragrant, each \$5.00; *Tomatoboko Ko.*, \$20; *Auguste Desert*, \$15; *Pierre Desert*, \$5; tree peonies, large bright pink, \$4-\$8; *Lutea yellow*, \$2.50-\$5.00; *La Lorraine*, \$35; *Prof. De*

Max. Cornu, \$35.

***Crimson Abelia**—You all know the old common abelia grandiflora, well this one I offer has beautiful crimson flowers, 1 1-2 to 2 inches long; potted plants, \$5! \$50 dozen.

Daphne Odara—Pretty sweet scented shrub, \$1.00 to \$7.50.

Daphne Laureola—Small sweet lemon flowers, followed by berries. Small pots, 50c.

Skimmia (Mando) a dwarf Jap. shade loving shrub, large evergreen foliage, small white flowers, sometimes followed by pretty scarlet berries at Christmas, small pots, 50c. Grafted or self fertile plants, each \$5.

Cactus—Nice plants in variety, 35c to 75c; assortment of 10 for \$2.50.

Azelea—Red Hinodegiri, 50c to \$7.50; half double pretty red Hexe, 50c to \$5.00, and others at \$1.50; blooming size Mollis, nice bushy plants, full of buds, \$2.50.

Andromedia—Japanese. Pretty lily of valley flowers, each \$2.50.

***Andromedia**—Rubra, in small pots, each \$10.

***Stranvesia**—A new berried shrub with pretty coral berries, no thorns, green leaves, bright red underneath. Small potted plants, \$1.00.

***Diosma Purpurea**—Dwarf shrub growing a foot high and a foot across, covered with pretty little purple flowers. 3-inch pots, 50c.

Christmas Trees—Living ones in all sizes and prices from 75c up, in containers. Plant any time.

***Thuyu Borealis**—A beautiful new weeping cypress. Potted stock, \$1.50.

***Ligustrum Rotundefolium** — New hedge plants with small dark green foilage, like Box. Small potted stock for hedges, 10c each.

Gladoli Bulbs—Fine mixed large bulbs, 50c

dozen; 3 dozen, \$1.00.

***Epimedium**—Pretty little recurved blue flowers. 4-inch pots, \$1.50.

***Lachanalia**—Pretty firecracker flowers at Christmas. Small bulbs, 50c, or \$3.00 dozen.

Resurrection Plants—Come to life when placed in water, 25c; 3 for 50c.

***Double Tiger Lily**, each \$1.00.

Water Lilies—White or yellow, \$1.00; pink, \$2.50. Red or blue, \$5.00.

***Emerald Lawns**—(*Arenaria Verna Caestitsoa* growing only 1-2 inches tall, never requiring cutting, that beautiful new lawn. Plant by division 3 or 6 inches apart and it spreads together, one square foot making about \100 plants, which should plant 20 square feet. Per square foot, \$1. Sometimes called Scotch because its so close.

***Corlus Corluna**—Constantinople Nut, attains tree size with corky bark 2 feet, each \$2.50.

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(On main highway, in town of San Pablo)
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mellias are again coming into greater favor than was ever hoped. The time is now ripe for forming a society of American camellia growers.

There are over a thousand varieties of camelias; 576 of which were illustrated in color by Verschaffelt in 1848. Names of hundreds of fine varieties have been lost or are unknown for the present. Our rare varieties are listed by number, in some instances by name as well; some of the names having been verified by some of the best authorities in the U. S. In some rare varieties where it has been impossible to secure or verify the

names, we have given them temporary names, and in a few cases named them for the people who were kind enough to supply us scions.

Camellias were introduced into a part of Europe from China and Japan about 1700, a little later to France-Italy-Germany, and later to the U. S.

Camellias are the finest of all our broad leafed evergreens and it seems almost impossible that there are so many people who have not seen or even heard of them.

Commercial Opportunities—What a wonderful chance for anyone in any fairly mild climate to make big money in growing for cut flowers and shipping to the eastern market. We are prepared to make quantity price for this purpose.

Culture—**Camellias** delight in a uniform moisture protected from heavy winds. Water well after flowering to renew expended energy and keep it up during the dry summer months. **Camellias** grow well in almost any good soil not containing too much alkali. Leaf mold, humus and old-rotted cow manure are beneficial as mulches. If there are no **camellias** in your vicinity, that does not mean they will not thrive there. However, if in doubt, we are prepared to test your soil and make recommendations, for a minimum charge of \$2.50, this to be refunded with your first order for **camellias** amounting to \$25 or more. In this connection we carry the necessary chemicals and material for your convenience as recommended by us.

Hardiness—We have seen some fine large trees that stood a temperature of 2 degrees above zero with protectoin, though the new fall growth was bitten back by this temperature. In such a locality it would be well to make a raised burlap protection and avoid late summer watering so new growth will be well hardened aff before freezing weather. Some protection can be made for smaller plants, such as a frame with a removable top.

This should be removed when temperature is not below 20 degrees, to give them more air. Often the protection of a building or tree helps a great deal. In extremely cold countries they would have to be grown as a conservatory plant; in the winter not letting the temperature fall below 20 above zero, and not over 100 degrees in the other extreme. Seventy degrees is better, as too much heat will cause buds to drop. Here a raised burlap shade can also be used to good advantage. They would benefit a great deal by being removed to the open air during the summer, as they **are not** primarily a conservatory plant, but can be grown as such. In the ground in partially shaded or sheltered spots I have known them to stand a summer temperature of occasionally 120 degrees. In such case the ground should be mulched to keep the ground cool and watering done at the roots. With their ability to stand such a wide range of temperatures as above stated it should be easy to determine whether they will thrive in your locality. In some few sections where they would otherwise be a failure they can be made to grow under improved conditions and I am prepared to offer my services in this connection for a reasonable fee, or, for that matter, in any way pertaining to horticulture. References on request. For the convenience of some who will be in the Sebastopol section, Sonoma Co., Calif., I will arrange to have some of my rare stock at Robinson's Nursery, where you can call for it.

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