

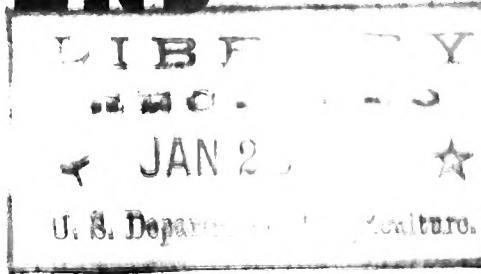
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VAN NESS WATER GARDENS

UPLAND, CALIFORNIA



Dear Friend:

Feeling sure that you are interested in Water Lily culture, we take pleasure in mailing you our 1939 Literature, giving the latest prices for our catalogued plants and listing our new varieties.

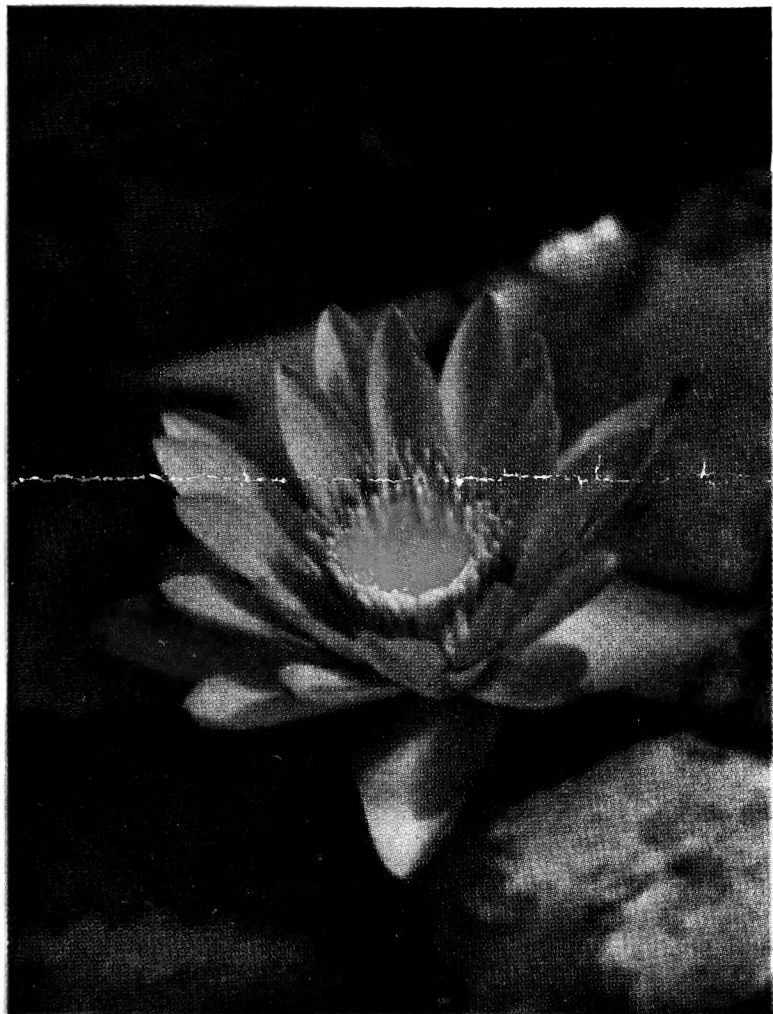
If you do not have our illustrated catalogue just drop us a card and we will mail one at once.

We wish to thank all of our customers for their part in making the past year the most successful one we have ever enjoyed; also to assure our new ones of our desire to please each and every one, sending only such plants as we would wish to receive.

Trusting we may be able to serve you, we are,

Very sincerely,

*R & Van Ness
Mrs R. E. Van Ness*

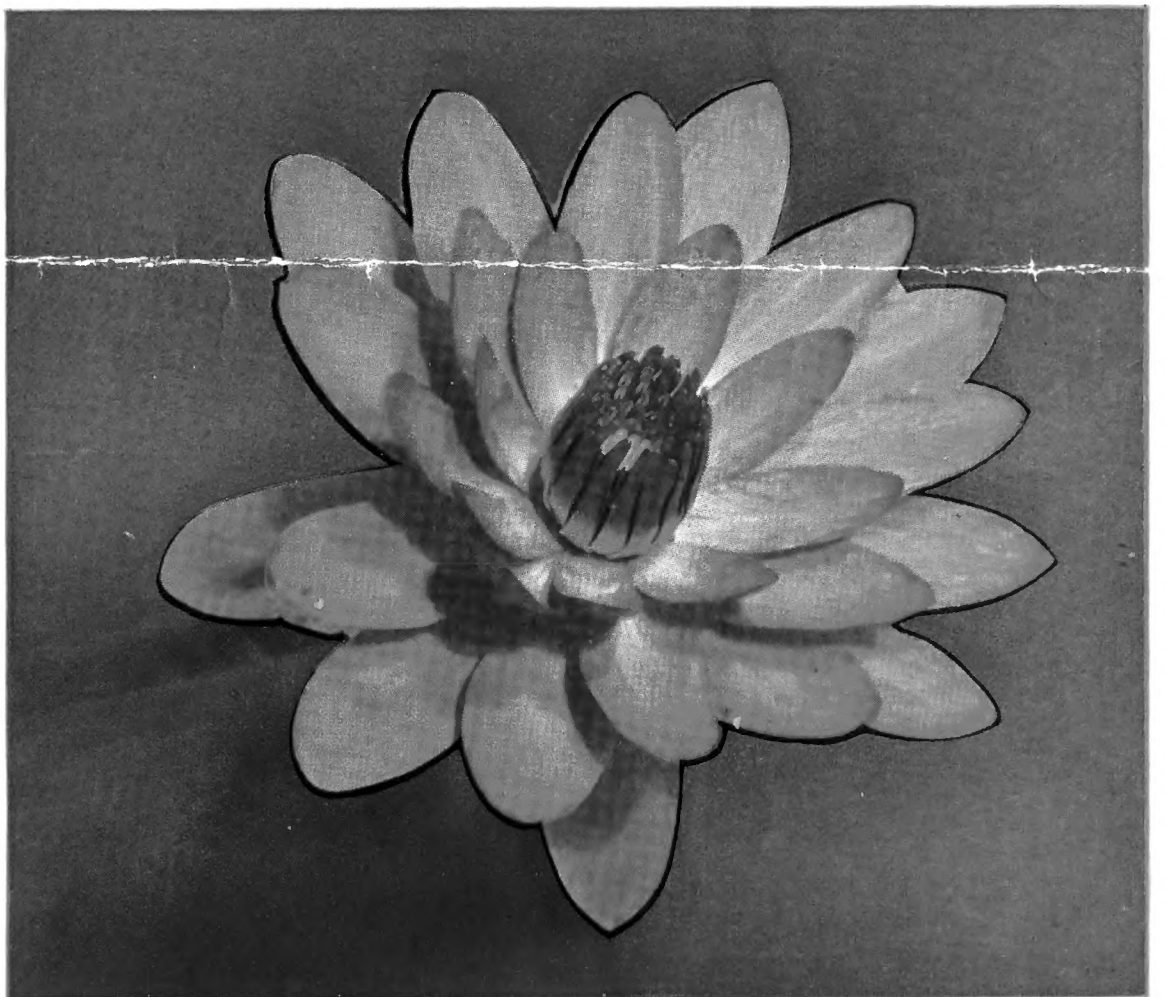


PANAMA PACIFIC

COLLECTION SUPREME

Escarboucle (Red Hardy)
Sunrise (Yellow Hardy)
Gonnere (White Hardy)
Amabilis (Pink Hardy)
Venusta (Pink Odorata)
Gloriosa (Red Hardy)
Pennsylvania (Tropical)
Pink Pearl (Tropical)
Janice (White Tropical)
Mars (Night Blooming)

**The choicest of all Water
Lilies. Postpaid . . . \$16.00**



H. C. HAARSTICK. Night blooming tropic.

VAN N E S S ' L I L I E S G U

PRICE LIST OF WATER LILIES

DESCRIBED IN OUR CATALOGUE

These prices (effective Jan. 1st, 1939) cancel all previous prices quoted in any of our catalogues.

HARDY LILIES

RED

Conqueror	\$1.50
Robinsonii	1.00
Escarboucle	2.00
Gloriosa	1.75
Marliac Red	1.75
James Bryden	1.50
Nymphaea Andreana	1.00
Nymphaea Laydeker	1.25
Attraction	2.00
Red Laydeker	2.00
Newton	2.00
William Falconer	3.00
Sirius	3.00
Vesuve	2.50
Flaming Meteor	2.50
Picciola	2.50

YELLOW

Sunrise	\$1.75
Chromatella	1.00
Sulfura Odorata	1.25
Pygmaea Helvola50
Mexicana25

WHITE

Marliac Albida	\$.75
Gladstone	1.00
Alba Candidissima	1.00
Gonnere	1.50
White Laydeker	1.25
Virginalis	7.50
Wm. Dougue	1.00

PINK (ODORATA)

Rose Arey	\$1.00
Pink Opal50

OTHER PINK VARIETIES

Marliac Carnea	\$.75
Sumptuosa	1.00
Massaneillo	1.00
Neptune	1.50
Rene Gerard	1.50
Splendida	1.25
Formosa	2.00
Wilfron Gonnere	2.00
Esmeralda	2.00
Mme. Julian Chifflet	2.00

SUNSET VARIETIES

Comanche	\$1.25
Paul Hariot75
Aurora	1.00
Lucidia	1.50
Solfatare	1.50
Sioux	1.00

TROPICAL LILIES

Mrs. Edwards Whitaker	\$1.75
Marmorata	1.50
Blue Beauty	1.75
Pennsylvania	1.75
Blue Triumph	1.75
Henry Shaw	1.50
Gracilis Azurea	1.50
William Stone	1.00
Mrs. C. H. Ward	1.50
Stella Gurney	1.50
Gen. Pershing	2.00
Mrs. Sawyer	1.50
Zanzabar Purple	1.50
Zanzabar Rosea	1.50
Independence	1.35
Mrs. Geo. H. Pring	1.25

LEAF PROPAGATING TROPICS

August Koch	\$1.50
Panama Pacific	1.50
Amethyst	1.50

STAR LILIES

Blue Star	\$1.25
Red Star	1.50
Rose Star	1.25
Pink Star	1.25
ALL 4 VARIETIES	4.00

NIGHT BLOOMING TROPICS

Geo. Huster	\$1.35
H. C. Harrstick	1.75
O'Marana	1.35
Juno	1.50
Dentata	1.50
Mars	1.50
Rubra Rosea	1.50
Frank Trelease	1.50
Devonese	1.35
Dean	1.50
Dawn	1.50
Mrs. Hitchcock	1.50
Mrs. Hutchings	1.50
Tanganyka	1.50

LOTUS

Nelumbium Speciosum	\$1.50
Nelumbium Flavens	1.25
Double Red	2.50
Album Striatum (not listed in catalogue). A striking variation of the Japanese Lotus. Its flowers are large and very fragrant. The white petals are tipped, edged and faintly striped with rosy carmine..	\$2.00

COMPLETE POOL COLLECTION

ROBINSONII (Red)

JAMES BRYDEN (Red)

CHROMATELLA (Yellow)

GLADSTONE (White)

ROSE AREY (Pink)

SUMPTUOSA (Pink)

COMANCHE (Sunset)

PAUL HARIOT (Sunset)

With 10 water plants and grasses to complete pool.

Postpaid

\$7⁵⁰

WARRANTED TO PLEASE

New Tropical Lilies Not Listed in Catalogue

BLUE

Col. Lindberg (True blue). This has enormous flowers with wide petals of deep blue, surpassing the other Nymphaeas in size, fragrance and beauty. As the name implies, the flowers tower in the air, high above the water. The leaves are large and oval, marked with brown on top, and flaked with purple beneath....\$1.75

Governor Louis Emerson. Huge china-blue flowers with a wonderful fragrance. The foliage is very attractive, having handsome brown stripes on rich green.....\$2.00

Whitaker Gigantea. The largest of all Tropic lilies, the blossom being large as dinner plates. A very delicate shade of blue, turning to white as the flower ages.....\$2.00

Mrs. W. R. James. A new, deep pink lily raised at Garfield Park, Chicago, by August Koch. The blossoms are large and well formed and the plant blooms profusely all summer. You will enjoy its showiness and sweet perfume.....\$2.00

Chicago. A clear pink lily, with quantities of large blossoms; blooms until frost comes, having as many as eight blossoms at one time. The leaves are profusely spotted with mahogany, making a very attractive plant.\$2.00

Mrs. Buskirk. The finest of pink water lilies, very distinct in color and a good bloomer. Flowers have 25 or more petals surrounding a mass of bright yellow stamens. Awarded Gold Medal at Cleveland flower show.....\$2.00



Greenhouses and Propagating Bed for Tropic Lilies

Pink Pearl. Large, silvery pink blossoms with pure white throat. Exceptionally large, very attractive...\$2.00

Patricia. A charming and free blooming lily. Beautiful crimson flowers, buds copper-red. A small growing lily suitable for the tub garden.\$1.75

Royal Purple. A Buskirk Hybrid. The darkest of all water lilies, being a velvety purple; is a free bloomer and is sure to draw the attention of all who see it.....\$2.50

Janice. A new pure white, bell shaped lily, which we consider the finest of the white day bloomers.....\$2.00

Missouri. A fine white night blooming variety. The earliest to bloom and one of the most dependable. A supreme beauty.....\$3.00

Columbiana. The finest rose colored night bloomer we have ever seen. Very large and double, with deep red leaves.....\$3.00

Hardy Lilies Not Listed in Catalogue

RED

Arethusia. Flowers are large with broad petals. Deep crimson in color, with heavy velvety sheen. Somewhat the shape of James Bryden and almost as dark in color as Wm. Falconer\$2.00

James Hudson. An exceptionally good, new variety. The tulip shaped blooms have sharp petals of rich red with mauve reflections. A rare European variety.....\$3.00

Sultan. A large, cherry red lily, the outer row of petals being a light rose. One of the best blooming lilies and one of the most admired. A vigorous and lusty grower..\$3.00

PINK (Odorata)

Venusta. The flowers are of a good size, with a charming cup shape, and stand above the water on stout stems. Has a delightful fragrance. A free and vigorous grower. Flowers open very early in the morning.....\$2.00

Eugene de Land. A very charming, sweet scented variety with soft pink petals which are pointed.....\$1.00

Odalesque. An intensely fragrant, deep cerise-pink, which opens earlier in the morning than almost any other lily \$1.50

OTHER PINK VARIETIES

Amabilis. Amabilis means pleasing, and you will surely be pleased with this lily. It is very similar to Mme. Chifflet, being star shaped, but is a larger lily. The bright pink blossoms are hard to describe for beauty, and the plant is a free bloomer.....\$3.00

Morning Glory. An exquisite, soft pink lily, particularly beautiful as they first open in the morning, being so waxy in appearance. The blossoms are very large and freely borne \$1.50

Lustrous. A large cup-shaped lily, rose-pink in color with a host of yellow stamens. Sepals deep pink inside and brown outside. There is a silvery sheen to the petals, making a color hard to describe. The plant is a strong grower, with short leaf stems, making a very desirable plant for a small pool \$2.50

Mrs. Richmond. A rare variety of singular beauty. Very large flowers of deep rose with lilac tints; petals broad and full, stamens a delicate canary-yellow. A rare and extremely choice lily.....\$5.00

Gloire du Temple-Sur-Lot. Remarkable and very double lily resembling an immense decorative dahlia in form. Opens a beautiful pink and gradually changes to a pure white. Frequently has over a hundred long, narrow curled petals \$3.00

Mary Patricia. The daintiest, deep peach blossom pink lily imaginable, and one that is exceptionally generous in bloom. Is especially good for tub-gardens.....\$1.50

Rosy Mcrn. A beautiful roseate pink lily with a true water lily fragrance. Except for its color it is like the Escarboucle, with spreading petals and handsome leaves. A free bloomer \$4.00

WHITE

Hermine. A dainty little white lily. Good for a tub-garden. The blossoms snuggle among the pads and are star shaped \$1.50

YELLOW

Moorei. A new lily from Australia, deeper in color than the Marliac. A rare plant having large blossoms and showy, spotted leaves.....\$2.00

SUNSET

Seignoureti. A gorgeous colored lily, but propagates so slowly it will be many years before it becomes common. One of the finest, freest blooming lilies grown, with bright orange-yellow flowers. A very rare variety.....\$4.00

Chrysantha. For the tub-garden this is a gem, with its soft, pinkish yellow blooms that deepen to a rich red. A splendid variety for the smaller pool.....\$1.00

Indiana. A copper colored lily with yellow and pink tints, deepening with age. Another gem for the tub-garden or small pool.....Special, 75c

Van Ness Water Gardens, Upland, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

A few weeks ago I received a shipment of your water plants and I am so pleased with them that I am ordering another lily. The plants that I have, although only a few weeks old, are full of bloom and growing very rapidly. They are positively the best aquatic plants I have ever had, being so large and healthy.

A pleased customer,

Kaysville, Utah.

MERRILL PERKINS.

TROPIC LILY COLLECTION

AUGUST KOCH (Lavender Blue)

MARMARATA (Blue)

MRS. WARD (Rose)

STELLA GURNEY (Pink)

MRS. PRING (White)

O'MARANA (Pink Night Bloomer)

JUNO (White Night Bloomer)

MARS (Red Night Bloomer)

This collection will not be shipped until June 1st as they are

all of the Tropical variety. Postpaid.....

\$8⁵⁰



MIDGARD

IRIS

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Iris is especially adapted to the poolside, seeming to belong there, and when not in bloom the foliage is very attractive. We have several choice varieties, among them the following are listed.

Baldwin (H. P. Sass 1926). One of the best of the dark blue-purple that belong in every good collection. A huge manganese violet self with an electric sheen in the falls, on 40-inch well branched stems.....**35c**

Buto (H. P. Sass 1926). Intensity of color makes this Iris stand out and catch the eye in any planting. A rich dark blue purple bicolor with velvety, nearly black falls of great size, and is a great bloomer.....**25c**

Challenger (Jacob Sass 1930). A huge very dark intermediate of Dominion race quality. S. dull dark purple. Falls dark, blackish violet, velvety, with a contrasting white beard, tipped orange. Falls flaring. The largest flowered intermediate, and a favorite wherever seen.....**25c**

Cretonne. Standards blue. Falls rich purple. One of the older favorites that is still popular.....**15c, 2 for 25c**

Jumbo (Jacob Sass 1927). An enormous dark velvety bicolor, with blue-violet standards and dark red-violet falls that deserve better acquaintance. Makes a grand group. S. Vanderpoels violet. Falls mulberry purple. Vivid yellow beard. Height 36 inches.....**25c**

Kochi. Deep, rich purple, the buds being nearly black. Blooms very early and sometimes the second time in a season.....**3 for 25c**

Knysna. Deep bronzy standards and reddish brown falls.....**15c**

Loreley. Standards bright yellow. Falls reddish blue. Very showy. 24 inches high.....**25c**

Lohengrin. Lavender blue. Standard pale. Falls edged in deep blue in perfect "blanket stitch".....**25c**

Matilda (Jacob Sass 1929). The bluest of all plicatas, and a flower of beautiful pattern and coloring. White ground, with a striping of soft bluish violet. Medium large flowers. 30 inches.....**2 for 25c**

Midgard (H. P. Sass 1926). The best known and most popular pink and yellow blend, always in demand. An Iris of exquisite coloring and heavy substance. Both standards and falls yellow with a flush of clear pink. A strong grower and free bloomer. 30 inches.....**25c**

Midwest (H. P. Sass 1923). Another plicata type, and of distinct character. Heavily ruffled large flowers, with a dotting of rose on a white ground.....**2 for 25c**

Mme. Cherri. One of the finest blended tones, being an orchid pink with a yellow undertone. At a distance the effect is almost a decided pink.....**25c**

Nebraska (H. P. Sass 1929). The latest yellow Iris to bloom. One of the richest yellows in the entire yellow scale. Standards ruffled apricot yellow, falls same color, with brown veining; dark yellow beard. A large flower, requires good drainage.....**50c**

Nymph (H. P. Sass 1926). An intermediate of empire yellow coloring that is an amazingly free bloomer. The clump covers itself with flowers so the foliage is hardly visible. One of the finest of the early yellows, and one of the most satisfactory.....**2 for 25c**

Purple Haze (H. P. Sass). A large French gray self of medium height of an unusual tone, suggesting the name. A fine companion for Eventide, in unusual tones.....**2 for 25c**

Queen Caterina. A superb variety, growing 3 feet in height. Flowers a pale lavender blue. Splendid for tall planting.....**25c**

Wambliska (Jacob Sass 1931). The largest, tallest, and finest of the really hardy, blue-white Irises. Snowy, glittering white standards with a blue tint in the heart of the flowers. Clear snow-white falls with pale yellow beard and a few yellow veins at the haft. 38 to 45 inches.....**50c**

Wacunda (H. P. Sass 1931). A much admired, big red-purple self of deep tone, with exceptional carrying quality for so dark an Iris. It makes a most effective garden group of deep red effect. A sister seedling to Rameses.....**35c**

Yolande. Falls, velvety pansy blue, black veins. Very beautifully formed flowers of heavy substance. Excellent for massed effect.....**25c**

Plants Under the Following Headings in Our Catalogue Remain Unchanged in Price:

Water Plants for the Small Water Garden; Tall Growing Water Plants; Under Heading "Complete Your Pool With These Plants"; Plants for Your Fish; Marginal Plants; Scavengers for Pool; Rock Garden Plants.

When We Ship Lilies:

We ship lilies at any time suited to your locality, and fill orders on same day as they are received if advisable to do so, but WE DO NOT SHIP TROPICAL LILIES IN THE LATITUDE OF NEW YORK, OHIO AND ILLINOIS UNTIL

AFTER JUNE 1st. SOUTH OF THIS LATITUDE THEY MAY BE SHIPPED AFTER MAY 15th. Earlier than these dates Tropical lilies are shipped at customer's own risk.

The Best Time to Plant Iris

is right after the blooming season, which is usually about June 15th. May be shipped until October.

Our Terms:

P. O. Money Order, Bank Draft or Check must accompany all orders. Make orders payable to VAN NESS WATER GARDENS, UPLAND, CALIF. California customers should add 3% sales tax.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS



ECHIUM

Echium. One of the most magnificent plants for a sunny location, with good drainage. The blossom a glow of bright pink, often attaining a height of 8 feet. A clump, as shown here will stop traffic with its outstanding beauty. Somewhat tender, but can be grown anywhere in Southern California or the Southern states. Seed per pkt. **25c.**



ZEPHERANTHUS (AUTUMN CROCUS)

Zepheranthus (Autumn Crocus). A very choice pool-side or border plant, having a mass of pure white blossoms. Begins to bloom in July and blooms continuously until frost comes.

6 bulbs for 25c

*Van Ness Water Gardens,
Upland, Calif.*

Dear Sirs:

I wish to compliment you on your excellent service. In checking my plants I find that all plants purchased from you are very satisfactory; even better than I anticipated. Thanks a lot.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours truly,

W. P. SCHMICK.

3000 Albion St., Denver, Col.

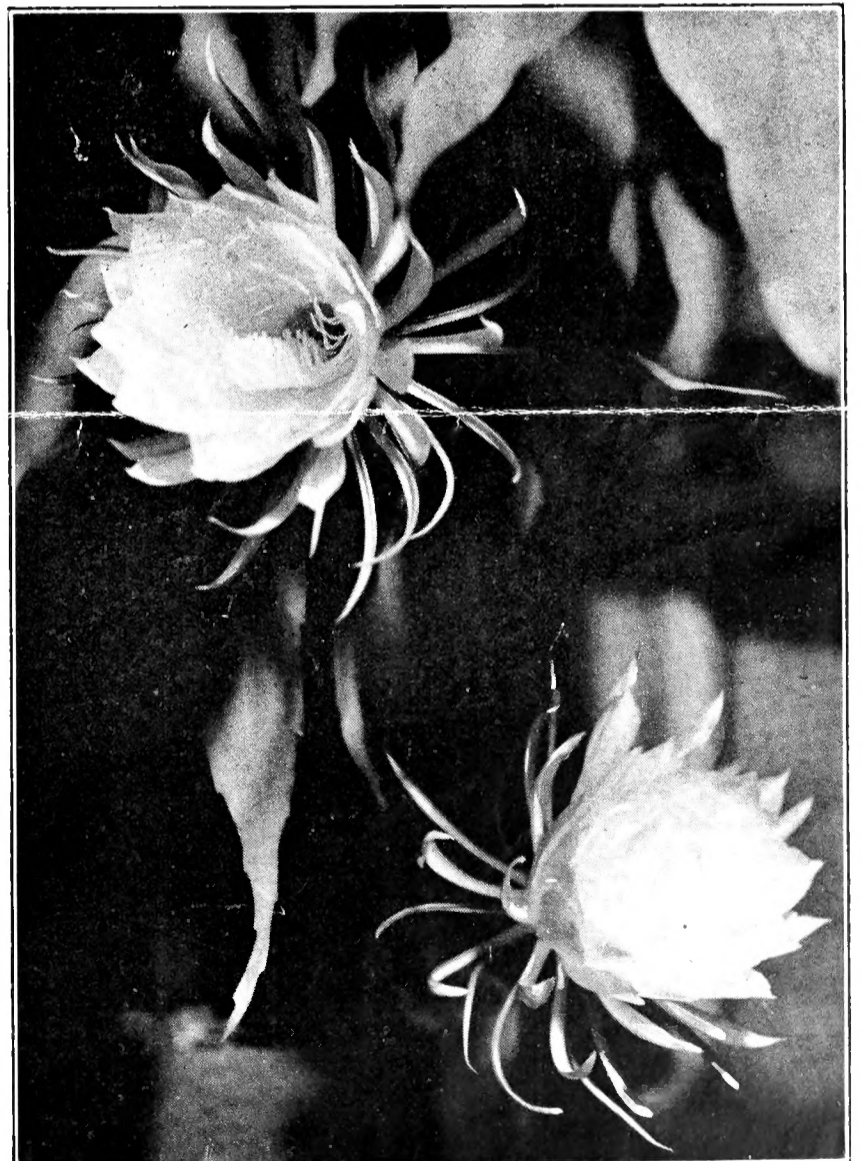
Queen of the Night (Phyllocactus Latifrons) (Epiphyllum oxypetalum). "It was the appearance in a daily newspaper of a picture of this flower under the name of Night Blooming Cereus, which caused the organization of the Cactus Society of America. This plant, when well grown and fed, may be shown with two or three hundred flowers during its blooming season of several weeks. . . . In my opinion nothing in the floral world approaches them for sheer beauty, and a single plant will stop traffic at your door." Description taken from "The Cactus Book" by Arthur D. Houghton, President Cactus and Succulent Society of America. **Well rooted plants \$1.00.**

Helxine (Baby's Tears). Very dwarf, moss-like creeping plant, with tiny bright green leaves forming a lacy mat. A pretty plant for the shade, under trees and in the rock garden.

Large portion 25c

Equisetum. The most beautiful of the rushes. Deep rich green with heavy markings. **25c.**

Shell Flower (Water Lettuce). A rosette of fluted blue-green velvety leaves. Grows best in a shady pool. **2 for 25c.**



QUEEN OF THE NIGHT

