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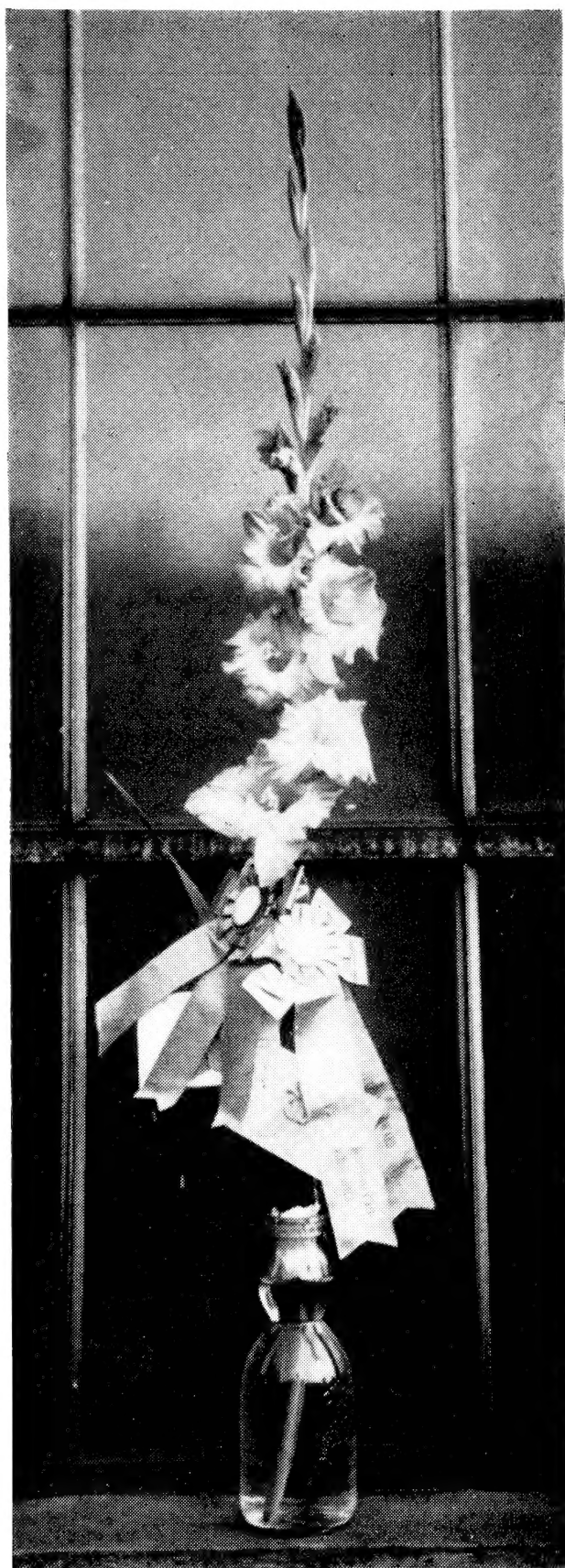
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Victory Queen

from the

Home of Champions

1946



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INTRODUCTORY

Common sense told us not to get out a list this year, but something dumb inside gave us a shove.

We do not have as many customers as most growers but more than we can handle with George doing all the work in all departments except some digging and cleaning.

Nineteen hundred and forty-four was the worst planting and growing season seen, read or heard of before, but this past season was simply Murder, Inc., with the wettest, muddiest, frozenest digging season this side of there. A dry, cool summer, following up a very late, wet spring. Our plantings too late to catch shows except for the Ohio State second show held at the Herbert O. Evans farm on September 9th. By the way, here's one place to go if you want to see plenty of top spikes and get mixed up with tons of good eats.

Sales were extra good last winter and we sold way too deep into our own planting reserve in almost all varieties. With the late spring most of our bulblet plantings were caught in the dry spell before they had time to germinate. However, they did germinate after the September 8th rains started, but were too small to bother digging, consequently making us very short on small sizes. All summed up, two seasons in a row that could easily be twins.

Please believe us when we say that our 1946 stock is very small, insufficient for our retail needs, with nothing to wholesale. Early orders may secure your needs complete.

Only a small portion of our four 1946 releases were planted in 1945—this also applies to 1944 planting—as with almost everything else, including seedlings on test.

We grow only what you find listed here; our own originations.

It is just possible we may be able to make a per ten price on a few items early in the season. Stock not cleaned or graded at the time of this writing, so it is impossible for us to name any varieties. This by correspondence only.

1946 RELEASES

GLENOLDEN

Peggy Lou X Christabel

(About 85 days) No. 142-Z. . . . Big Chamois with yellow throat over buff. Near 6-inch floret, 9 open, 19 buds, overall length 55 inches. Excellent double row placement. Always straight, ramrod stem. Excellent propagator. A real beauty in this very rare color. A careful check of 122 spikes the past summer produced only two florets with more than one lip. Think everyone will like this one. One No. 6 bulb for \$2.00; bulblets, each 40 cents.

CHUNGKING

Peggy Lou X Miss New Zealand

(About 75 days) No. N-57. . . . Big deep rich orange with some cream markings on petals. Yellow lip with crimson markings in throat. Seven-inch, 8 open, 7 in color, 21 buds, 30-inch flowerhead, 65 inches overall. Good double row placement. Strong, straight, ramrod stem. One of the big boys you can see a long way off and admire. Largest floret at Ohio State (Cleveland) in 1942. Very oriental in color, type and name. One No. 6 bulb, \$2.00; bulblets, each 40 cents.

CHARMOLUCK

Peggy Lou X Mother Macree

(About 85 days) No. N-52. . . . Clean ruffled orange buff with creamy yellow throat. No marking except small picotee border of violet. Five-inch, 9 open, 19 buds, 27-inch flowerhead. Floret wide open. No hood. Tall, straight, ramrod stem. Very strong attachment. A beauty that should really win as well as an attractive cut flower. One No. 6 bulb, \$2.00; bulblets, each 40 cents.

NATALIE ANNE

Peggy Lou X J. S. Bach

(About 70 days) No. 96-Z. . . . Large rose self, except for small yellow markings with a tinge of deep green bordering a small orange blotch. Very clean with no flecking. Comes very near to being a light orange under natural light. Five and one-half-inch, 7 open, 19 buds, 26 inch flowerhead, 60 inches overall. Average placement excellent. Very good propagator. Straight, strong stem. Excellent performer in our gardens for the past several years and one of our favorites in this color. Commercial prospects very good. One No. 6 bulb, \$2.00; bulblets, each 40 cents.

1945 INTRODUCTIONS

VICTORY QUEEN

Mrs. Richard McGovern X Christabel

(About 90 days) . . . Introduced the year of our great war victories. A real floral tribute to our achievement. Undoubtedly the best Wilson origination to date, as proclaimed by our leading authorities. A marvel in pastel beauty and clearness. Rich salmon orange with deep cream throat with absolutely no flecking anywhere. Beautifully ruffled. Produces one spike only from any size bulb. A glad that looks as good under one light as another with a color that is deep enough to get away from that washed-out appearance. Planted too late in 1945 to catch other than one show; Ohio State second show on September 9. Spike opened a day late and had only five open in the show for a first in a large class. This spike had 6-inch floret, 30-inch flowerhead, 72 inches overall, which is average in our plantings for the past few years. Commercial growers and fanciers alike will be unable to resist the charms of Victory Queen and we predict all growers will be growing it. It is impossible to convey to your mind the real beauty and quality of this glad. Though shown little to date, has done remarkably well. Champion seedling at West Virginia, 1942; Ohio Award of Merit, 1943; champion seedling and color champion of show at Tri-State; champion seedling and runner-up for color champion at Ohio State main show (Akron); first, both one and three-spike at Ohio State (Cleveland) in 1944.

We have cut the price more than we should this year, considering the amount of stock on hand; almost one-half. YOUR year to buy. Undoubtedly we will sell out. Be smart and order early. Per each, No. 1, \$2.00; No. 2, \$1.75; No. 3, \$1.50; No. 4, \$1.25; No. 5, \$1.00; No. 6, 70 cents; bulblets, 25 cents, or 10 for \$1.50.

OKLAHOMA

Lavender Ruffles X Marmora

(About 90 days) . . . Another "WHAT A GLAD" color marvel exclusive that holds a spell over all who see it. Color, type and performance all made to order. A beautifully ruffled wide open pinkish lilac jewel for a queen's throne. You can not go wrong on Oklahoma. Fine propagator and we do believe all bulblets will germinate and grow in bone dry dirt; came close to it last summer. A year in and year out dependable good performer that should hold its own in the shows when it gets there. Our spikes last summer were like peas in a pod. Strong, straight stem, like steel, as stiff at one end as at the other.

Five-inch floret, 7 open, 18 buds, 26-inch flowerhead, 48 inches overall, excellent substance and texture, with placement very good. Almost formal in style.

Have to stop and dry our eyes as we look at the big price cut this year, which shouldn't happen to a dog. JUST ONE-HALF OFF. We can't afford it, but don't want anyone to have any excuse for not getting a start now. If you don't grow Oklahoma next summer, you're cheating yourself. We have a fair stock but probably not enough to go around. No. 1, \$1.50; No. 2, \$1.25; No. 3, \$1.00; No. 4, 75 cents; No. 5, 50 cents; No. 6, 35 cents; bulblets, 15 cents each, or 10 for \$1.00.

LAKE PLACID

Mammoth White X Yellow Perfection

(About 90 days) . . . A large, fine performing cream, almost white, with creamy yellow throat that checks up most favorably both as a show and commercial along side of our present day good ones in this color, but is different in type of floret. First three-spike and American Home Ach. winner at Ohio State (Akron), 1944. Did not bloom for shows in 1945. Can hold its own, however; we will bet our last postage stamp on that. We rate this glad right along with our best; the other fellow's, too. Small, wirey, straight stem. Good placement on high average. Heavy propagator. Bulblets of easiest germination. Six-inch floret, 8 open and better, 19 buds, 27-inch flowerhead, 65 inches overall. A fairly good stock allows a reasonably good cut in price. Commercial growers check on this. No. 1, \$2.00; No. 2, \$1.60; No. 3, \$1.30; No. 4, \$1.00; No. 5, 70 cents; No. 6, 40 cents; bulblets, 20 cents, or 10 for \$1.30.

SNOW MOUNTAIN

Colossus X Pearl Necklace

(About 70 days) . . . Another one of the big ones. The lovely drape shape floret a Powers' model could wear without spoiling dignity. About every spike crooks. If it grew straight, it would be a million dollar baby. Makes wonderful baskets, with the crook mostly coming just under the flowerhead, and there are enough near-straight spikes for basket centers. We can truthfully say we never saw more beautiful baskets of anything. For near-by florists it's a knock-out. Excellent propagator with bulblets germinating with the easiest. While we are listing Snow Mountain this year, our interest is not centered on making sales. We have about 1000 bulbs and would like to plant them all in 1946 to work up a stock for cut flower trade. Large, per each, \$3.00; Medium, \$2.00; Small, 80 cents; bulblets, 25 cents, or 10 for \$1.60.

TONY

Vagabond Prince X Rose Defiant

(About 90 days) . . . Mammoth clear light chocolate with contrasting orange blotch and a picotee border of cream. Lightly ruffled; no flecking. If you like this color it should more than please you. Somewhat hooded, but otherwise very good. Fine propagator. Bulblets of easiest germination. The largest chocolate introduced so far. Shown only once at Ohio State (Akron), in 1944; won first and second, one and three-spike in same class, sectional champion in 500 class. Stock not large, as it sold well last year. No. 4, \$1.20; No. 5, 70 cents; No. 6, 40 cents; bulblets, 15 cents, or 10 for \$1.00.

OHIO NONPAREIL

(90 days) 1940 . . . Big informal red. Extra good commercial. Same prices as King Click.

FLYING FORTRESS

Peggy Lou X Marmora

(90 days) . . . The FORT is holding top place among the mammoth class smokies, or any other class. An enormous spike with an enormous floret; customers reporting up to eight inches and over. Fourteen open in show rooms, 21 buds, 30-inch flowerhead, 60 inches overall. Color is a beautiful shade of soft lavender gray with a small, attractive blotch. Selling well and seen in quite a few shows and gardens the past year, which is only a beginning. We will not take up more space here for description. You'll all be growing it anyway sooner or later. First and champion formal seedling at Tri-State; champion seedling, Pennsylvania State; American Home Ach. Southeast Michigan; first Ohio State at both Akron and Cleveland shows; all first year out in 1942; first Ohio State with a score of 92 points, the highest score ever awarded by the Ohio Society; first A. A. and best Ohio origination at Ohio State (Akron); first and special for most open florets (13) in show at Ohio State (Cleveland), all 1944; show champion, Tennessee; longest flowerhead at N.E.G.S., Boston; first Ohio State second show in 1945. It is just starting to win. Think you can win with it? Why not? Of course you can't if you don't have it. Price cut to about one-half this year and we think our stock sufficient to go around, even at these prices. No. 1, \$1.50; No. 2, \$1.25; No. 3, \$1.00; No. 4, 75 cents; No. 5, 50 cents; No. 6, 25 cents; bulblets, 15 cents, or 10 for \$1.00.

HONOLULU

Janet X Bagdad

(About 95 days) . . . Big smokey orange with small clear orange blotch with small purple feather. Not much smoke in this. Bulblets germinated too late, so stock is very small and we can offer only bulblets this year. Must build up stock. Bulblets, each, 30 cents, 10 for \$2.00

GRACIE ALLEN

Ohio Nonpareil X Marmora

(About 80 days) 1943 . . . Clear, deep red scarlet self, formal type. Placement very good and very rarely a spike that is not perfect double row. Be sure to make your scarlet Gracie Allen this year and be really pleased. A good show glad that is really a commercial the florists do like. Five and one-half-inch, 8 open, 20 buds, 27-inch flowerhead, 62 inches overall. Champion seedling, and winner of the Gracie Allen personal award at West Virginia American Home Ach.; winner at Ohio State and runner-up for same award at Southeast Michigan, beaten only by Flying Fortress; first Ohio State (Cleveland), all in 1942; first both one and three-spike at Tri-State, 1944. Very good price cut this year. No. 1, \$2.30; No. 2, \$2.00; No. 3, \$1.70; No. 4, \$1.40; No. 5, \$1.10; No. 6, 40 cents; bulblets, each 25 cents, or 10 for \$2.00.

LARIME

Tangarine X Marmora

(About 90 days) . . . We still stick to our former statements that this is the best formal type orange with a blotch. Very persistent in giving us fine show spikes. Winner of championships and many blues. Not near as much stock in circulation as there should be for such quality. At the 1946 cut in price on small and bulblets, you can afford it surely, and the pleasure is all yours. No. 1, \$1.75; No. 2, \$1.50; No. 3, \$1.25; No. 4, \$1.00; No. 5, 75 cents; No. 6, 50 cents; bulblets, each 8 cents, or 10 for 60 cents.

PURPLE SUPREME

Charles Dickens X Paul Pfitzer

(About 80 days) 1942 . . . They are all telling you that this is the best purple. If you have read the various bulletins and show reports you know this is true. Heavy winner in the 1945 shows, including show champion Ohio State second show with ten open as near perfect as glads grow. Also near show champion at Nebraska. We just can't spare the space here to give all winnings the past four years. Few glads have won more top ribbons. Heavy demand in 1945 left us very little stock to plant, so our stock is small.

Sold all large screened bulblets, and could have sold another half bushel. Makes plenty of bulblets, and they germinate well and easily. No. 1, 55 cents; No. 2, 45 cents; No. 3, 35 cents; No. 4, 25 cents; No. 6, 15 cents; bulblets, each 2 cents, or 100 for \$1.00.

KING CLICK

Red Lory X Picardy

(90 days) 1941 . . . The big winning formal red, 500 class, needs no description here as it is too well known. We have a small stock. No. 1, 25 cents; No. 2, 20 cents; No. 3, 15 cents; No. 4, 10 cents; No. 5, 5 cents; No. 6, 2 for 5 cents; bulblets, 5 for 5 cents, or 100 for 75 cents.

DRUM MAJOR

Commander Koehl X Tangarine

(85 days) 1942 . . . Choice big orange with solid blotch. Always gives us very choice spikes. Some like it better than Larime but we get better double row show spikes and like the deeper color of Larime best. Our stock of Drum Major is quite small. No. 3, \$1.25; No. 4, \$1.00; bulblets, per each, 8 cents.

TUNISIA

Commander Koehl X Peggy Lou

(80 days) 1944 . . . Large formal bronze red. Color very fine under artificial light. Opens 10-12 over five-inch floret. Good propagator. Very little stock sold. First one spike Tri-State and most open florets at Ohio State in 1944, the latter from a three-spike entry with 12-10-10 open. We like it and it is very good for hybridizing. No. 3, \$2.00; No. 4, \$1.50; No. 5, \$1.00; bulblets, each 20 cents, or 10 for \$1.50

SOUTHERN DRAMA

Picardy X Commander Koehl

(85 days) 1943 . . . Big vivid scarlet with color to burn. Excellent commercial. Planted very light this past year of necessity. Good time to secure a start. Six and one-half-inch, 30-inch flowerhead, 65 inches overall. Prices down some this year. No. 2, 80 cents; No. 3, 60 cents; No. 4, 40 cents; No. 5, 30 cents; No. 6, 15 cents; bulblets, 5 cents, or 10 for 30 cents.

JACK POT

Janet X Mother Machree

(90 days) 1943 . . . Large ruffled self plum. Extra fine in this color and a most dependable performer at all times for us. Bulblets difficult to germinate. Five and one-half-inch, 8 open, 19 buds, 58 inches overall. No. 2, \$1.00; No. 3, 75 cents; No. 4, 50 cents; No. 5, 25 cents; No. 6, 15 cents; bulblets, each 10 cents.

DANIEL BOONE

Peggy Lou X Janet

(90 days) 1943 . . . Large, light brick red. Extremely ruffled and fluted with battle wagon substance. One glad we will always grow. A real novelty. Six-inch floret. Bulblets, like Jack Pot, hard to germinate; should be pealed or soaked; we soak 'em a month. No. 2, 80 cents; No. 3, 40 cents; No. 4, 20 cents; bulblets, each 15 cents.

FRANCES M. IRWIN

(90 days) 1941 . . . Large light rose in a very beautiful shade that is going strong as a commercial now. Has an excellent show record, including color champion at Ohio State (Akron big show) in 1944. Almost sold out last year, so our present stock is small. Medium bulbs, each 10 cents; small, 2 for 5 cents. No bulblets to offer.

BUSH RANGER

Commander Koehl X Morocco

(90 days) 1942 . . . Tall, large, orange-red. Has never sold as it should. Shy on hitting shows. Largest floret at Maine State Show in 1945. We have a few bulbs. No. 3, 80 cents; No. 4, 50 cents. No bulblets.

STYLE PLUS

Peggy Lou X Janet

(85 days) 1944 . . . Extremely ruffled light salmon with cream throat. No flecking. A real pastel beauty. Winning most ruffled floret at three shows and several blues. Smallest stock we have had for three years. You should look this over if you like charm in glads. No. 3, \$1.50; No. 4, \$1.00; No. 5, 75 cents; No. 6, 50 cents; bulblets, each 15 cents, or 10 for \$1.25.

BEAUTY CLINIC

Peggy Lou X Janet

(85 days) 1942 . . . Neatly ruffled, wide open, light salmon pink pastel beauty you can't turn your back to. A fairy of loveliness. Champion and most beautiful flower at Tri-State in 1940. Other good wins. In color and type we would say it is second only to Victory Queen if it had longer cut stem. Medium, 35 cents; small, 20 cents; bulblets, each 5 cents, or 10 for 35 cents.

MARY VIRGINIA

(80 days) 1943 . . . Another ruffled, pastel salmon pink with cream throat. Tall, strong stem. Champion seedling, Tri-State in 1942. Good commercial but not quite enough open for exhibition in strong company. No. 3, \$2.00; No. 4, \$1.70; No. 5, \$1.40; No. 6, \$1.00. No bulblets this year.

SHOW BOAT

(90 days) 1943 . . . Large, formal light smokey salmon, showing very little smoke. Good winnings and rated high by many. Should do a lot more winning. Sorry our stock has run so low on this. No. 3, \$2.00; No. 4, \$1.50; No. 5, \$1.00; No. 6, 75 cents; bulblets, each 25 cents.

SKYLINE

(80 days) 1943 . . . Large, violet gray smokey. Blooms from bulblets. Gave us marvelous spikes the past summer. Stock still small. No. 3, \$1.80; No. 4, \$1.40; No. 5, \$1.00; No. 6, 70 cents. No bulblets.

AMERICAN HOME

Commander Koehl X Picardy

(90 days) 1942 . . . Named by permission of American Home Publishing Co., after winning the American Home Ach. award. Large exhibition bronze red of very rich coloring. Six-inch floret, 29-inch flowerhead. Tall, straight stem. Burns in hot sun. Sold well last year, making our 1946 stock scarce. No. 3, \$1.00; No. 4, 80 cents; No. 5, 60 cents; No. 6, 40 cents; bulblets, each 15 cents.

ROSE DEFIANT

(82 days) 1940 . . . Still a great favorite with us and many others. Should be better known. Grown by quite a few for cut flowers. A champion and winner of many blues. No. 3, 60 cents; No. 4, 50 cents; No. 5, 40 cents; No. 6, 25 cents. No bulblets.

BUCKEYE BRONZE

(85 days) 1940 . . . Large, burning bronze standout under artificial light. Keeps right on winning at the shows and in big demand as a cut flower. Almost a complete sellout last year, so we have very little to sell. No. 3, 50 cents; No. 4, 40 cents; bulblets, each 10 cents.

KING TAN

(80 days) 1941 . . . Large, formal rosy tan. Winner of a flock of firsts and specials, including champion and sec. champ at several shows. Just coming into real demand now and we planted a very small amount of it last year. Can spare a few. No. 3, 20 cents; No. 4, 15 cents; No. 5, 10 cents; bulblets, each 3 cents.

ZANZIBAR

(90 days) 1943 . . . Big, ruffled chocolate. Only a tiny stock. Should hold all for propagation. No. 3, \$2.00; No. 4, \$1.50. No bulblets this year.

LAVOLIER

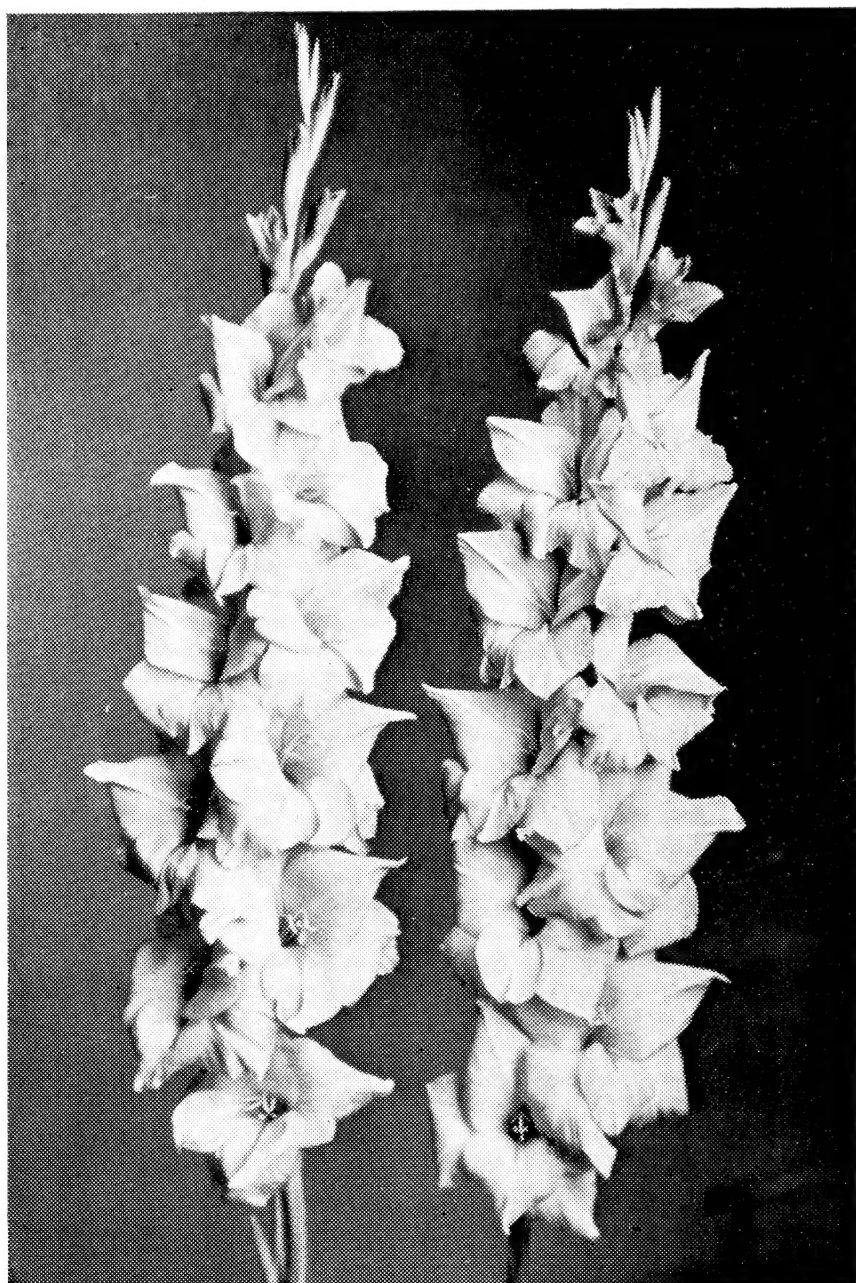
(80 days) 1944 . . . Ruffled, rich light pink with cream throat. Very good all over. Lovely in basket work. Five and one-half-inch floret, 7 open, 19 buds, 60 inches overall. Must grow more heavily next season. No. 3, \$2.00; No. 4, \$1.70; No. 5, \$1.40; No. 6, \$1.00; bulblets, each 25 cents.

HEART STRING

(80 days) 1944 . . . Large, light rose with cream throat. Five and one-half-inch floret, 65 inches overall. Very beautiful clear color with no flecking. Could be a heavy winner if it opened a couple more florets. Good cut flower. No. 3, \$1.75; No. 4, \$1.50; No bulblets.

It may be possible we can supply a bulb or two of the following of our originations, of which we did not plant enough to list this year: Orange Drapery, I've Arrived, Extra, Pay Roll, High Finance, Treasury Gold, Silver Banquet, Wedding Gown, Pearl Necklace, Big Shot and Mrs. Richard McGovern.

No stock for sale this year of Bride's Delight, Signal Ohio, Cut Up, Little Warrior, Apricot Model, Gray Phantom, Oriental Display, Malay Chief. Full Hand, Bombay, Mammoth Ohio, Fashion Plate, Purple Classic, Peggy Lou, Jules Amott and Lavender Ruffles.



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