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## THE NEW SEEDLING ROSE—AMERICA.

A very large, perfectly full, very fragrant Noisette rose, of a creamy yellow (sometimes sulphur yellow) color, with flesh and salmon tints, deepening towards the base of the petals. The expanding bud is truly magnificent, and of the most graceful proportions. The open rose is a noble flower, and peculiarly persistent, lasting upon the bush in perfection\* five, six, and seven days, filling the atmosphere with its orris-like perfume. The flowers are usually in clusters of three or four, each being upon a very† long and *stout* stem, and are produced without *intermission* from the first to the last of the rose season. The foliage is strong, large, healthy, lustrous and handsome, and the habit of growth superb. Though of rapid and vigorous climbing growth, it does not make long bloomless branches like Cloth of Gold, Solfaterre, and others of its class; but, after a growth of one, two, or three feet, according to culture, the new shoots make terminal clusters of buds, and break into blooming laterals along a good part of their length. It is perfectly hardy here, and stood without injury the memorable winters of 1855–6, 1856–7, when the thermometer was frequently below zero, (Fahrenheit,) and Noisettes, Teas, and Bourbons were almost exterminated from this region, and many Remontants cut down to the ground. It grows as well upon the Manetti stock as upon its own; and whether under high or moderate culture is always in bloom, though it richly repays for high culture in the abundance and magnificence of its flowers. It is unrivalled as a forcing rose, blooming in great perfection under glass, and

\* The following quaint remarks, and singularly *apropos*, are from the Massachusetts Agricultural Report for 1857, page 325: "A flower, to be loved, must be seen, and we have a high respect for those that can bear the daylight two or three days; the longer the better. Beauty is a fading flower; but a fading flower is not a beauty."

† "Deficiency of stem is deficiency of value. What can you do with the balsams but look at them where they grow? No balsam ever reached the honor of a bouquet any more than a duck-legged man ever reached the honor of enrolment in the Imperial Guard of Buonaparte. *Color, fragrance, durability and strength of stem*, are all considerations; and a few choice flowers combine them all. The rose has each in perfection." [Mass. Agr. Rep.]

resisting to a remarkable degree the blighting influences of dampness and lack of sunshine, the severest trials upon in-door roses. On the 15th and 25th of December, 1858, after many weeks of almost incessant cloudy, cool, and rainy weather, clear, healthy, and superb roses of the America were gathered from a small bush transplanted from the open ground early in October to the greenhouse wall. Unaffected by dampness, it is equally indifferent to drought, and was always in bloom throughout the dry summer of 1858. Being perfectly full, it is entirely seedless, and the number of its petals, large and small, average one hundred and sixty, which is very high in the scale. The petals of the America are of extraordinary firmness, and have great retentiveness of life and freshness after the rose has been plucked from the bush; and from the singular circumstance that they never fall off while on or off the bush, (not even from the decayed rose,) it is invaluable for bouquets, exhibitions, and floral decorations. For florists and nurserymen it has no equal; and from its numerous attractions it cannot fail to become a *universal favorite*.\* The qualities of this rose have been thus carefully detailed to enable the reader to judge for himself whether it be distinct or not, and with the full assurance that on trial he will not be disappointed in any one particular.

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#### CINDERELLA, OR THE FAIRY CLIMBER.

A large, perfectly full, exceedingly fragrant Noisette rose, of salmon-pink color, deepening towards the centre of the rose, blooming freely throughout the rose season. Its fragrance is similar, and fully equal, to that of the justly celebrated rose *Devoniensis*. The flower is distinct, and the habit of growth remarkably so. The foliage is very small, and the shoots are peculiarly slender, and having a rapid climbing growth, they may be trained with ease in any desired shape, either in pots or the open ground. It is perfectly hardy here, having withstood, without the least injury, the rigorous winters of 1855-6 and 1856-7. As the flower buds are about to expand, they present a curious disproportion to the slender foot-stalks and

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\* Mr John Saul, nurseryman, of Washington, while comparing America with Cinderella, a new seedling Noisette climber, very significantly remarked, "Cinderella is a very good and sweet rose, but America is the ROSE FOR THE MILLION."

branches, and their warm tints and delicious odor, together with the fairy-like growth, combine to render it a most fascinating acquisition to the rose garden. It commends itself especially to propagators, as not one in a hundred cuttings will ever fail to strike and grow, and its foliage and branches offer so little obstruction to light and air that it is peculiarly well adapted to cultivation under glass. The average number of its petals, large and small, is one hundred and fifty.

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We, the undersigned, have seen the new seedling rose, America, and pronounce it the *best* of Noisettes. It has no rival among light-colored roses, and presents a combination of more of the desirable qualities than any other rose extant. It is a superb and distinct flower, of large size, perfectly full, of delicious fragrance, and borne in clusters, each flower being upon a very long and stout stem. Its predominating color is a creamy white or yellow, with flesh tints upon the outer surface of the petals. It is a free and *continuous* bloomer, has a very vigorous climbing habit of growth, a shining, heavy and beautiful foliage, *is very hardy*, and its rare combination of many excellent qualities commend it to *universal* favor. The fine, healthy specimens of its flowers and foliage exhibited here, on the 17th of December, and during Christmas holidays, 1858, indicate an extraordinary value as a forcing rose, the time of year being most unpropitious, and the weather for many weeks previous having been of the most unfavorable kind for culture under glass. This magnificent variety originated in the garden of Professor Charles G. Page, of Washington, in the course of his experiments in hybridizing, and we are informed is a cross between Solfaterre and Saffrano, to each of which parent it retains a likeness.

JOHN SAUL,

Washington, D. C., Nurseryman, seedsman, and importer,  
late of Bristol, England.

S. JEROME DIGGS,

Amateur.

JOHN WATT,

Superintendent of grounds and plants at the mansion of the  
President of the United States.

HENRY BALDWIN,

Principal Examiner, United States Patent Office, (amateur.)

A. LYELL McINTIRE,

Chief Draughtsman, United States Patent Office, (amateur.)

WM. CAMMACK,

Florist, Washington, D. C.

These Roses will be ready for delivery early in the autumn of 1859, in the order of subscription; and during the Spring and Summer specimens of the flowers of America will be sent to the principal Horticultural Societies in the United States, with a view to test its merits.

Price of America,	paid in advance,	\$3 00
“ Cinderella,	“	1 50
“ America and Cinderella,	“	4 00
“ Two plants of America,	“	5 00
“ Two of each,	“	6 50

Orders to be sent to Thomas G. Ward, box 230, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Ward has been employed by me as a gardener for several years, and now has charge of my garden, greenhouse, and collection of plants. He is a skilful propagator of the rose, and I commend him to the patronage and confidence of the public. His descriptions and certificates of the new seedlings, America and Cinderella, are faithful and correct.

CHAS. G. PAGE, *Washington, D. C.*

Mr. Ward has also for sale strong plants of the following select roses: Souvenir de la Reine des Belges, *Enfant de Mont Carmel*, *Victoria*, or *White La Reine*, *Leon des Combats*, *Geant des Batailles*, *Louise Odier*, *Auguste Mie*, *Garibaldi*, *Duplessy Morny*, *Pius Ninth*, *Paxton*, *Gloire de Dijon*, *Deslongschamps*, *Sombrieul*, and *Madam Bravy*; also, most of the popular old and new roses. Price of first size, \$1 50; second size, \$1 00; third size, 75 and 50 cents.

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A valuable, hardy perennial, with corymbs of pretty red flowers. For the properties of this plant in destroying insects, and its commercial and ornamental value, see the Patent Office Report on Agriculture, for 1857, page 129. Price, from 12 to 25 cents, according to size.

THOMAS G. WARD.

WASHINGTON, *January*, 1859.