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# SUPPLEMENT OF New and Rare PLANTS

FOR 1893.

SHADY HILL NURSERY Co., Cambridge, Mass.



## Hardy Russian Violet.

This is an especially hardy variety, and stands our winters with no protection, except a few leaves about the plants. It is hardy north of Chicago, where it has been tested for a number of years, so that it can be depended upon as an absolutely reliable plant. It is a very free-bloomer in its habit, from a bed 150 x 4 feet, over 34,000 flowers being taken in one season. The flowers are large, double, and deliciously fragrant. They are of a very deep shade of blue, and one or two petals in each are dotted with red. The plant remains in bloom for several weeks. This, with *V. Wellsiana*, the single sort, makes two most desirable hardy Violets for general outdoor culture. 25 cents each; \$2.25 per dozen.


## A Personal Word.


WITH the issue of our catalogue of 1893, to both old and new customers, we announce the purchase, during the past season, of the extensive nursery of W. C. Strong, Waban, Mass., which for forty years has been generally and favorably known. This important acquisition, and the enlargement of our Bedford Nursery, which now occupies 200 acres, enables us confidently to offer *the very best and most extensive collection of ornamental stock in the country, as well as superior New England grown fruit trees, small fruits, etc.*

Most of our stock is now shipped from the Shady Hill Station, Bedford, Mass., and visitors may take trains for this station (which is in the centre of our nursery) at the Lowell R. R. Depot, Boston, at 7.50, 10.00 A. M., 1.25 and 2.50 P. M.

We cordially invite a visit to this nursery as it will afford an opportunity to best judge of the extraordinary development of our business, and our superior facilities for transacting it.

We grow in quantity every new hardy tree and plant of real value which is introduced from time to time, and offer many valuable novelties not grown by other nurseries; as a critical buyer writes: "I can get from *Shady Hill* collectively, not only the best of old plants, but every meritorious new thing which I fail to find in other nurseries."

 We direct the special attention of owners of large or small estates to our department of landscape work, which will afford them the advantage of plans and suggestions for planting, without the usual serious expense incidental to work of this character.

 Parties desiring skilful gardeners will find it advantageous to correspond with us.



## Pyrethrums.

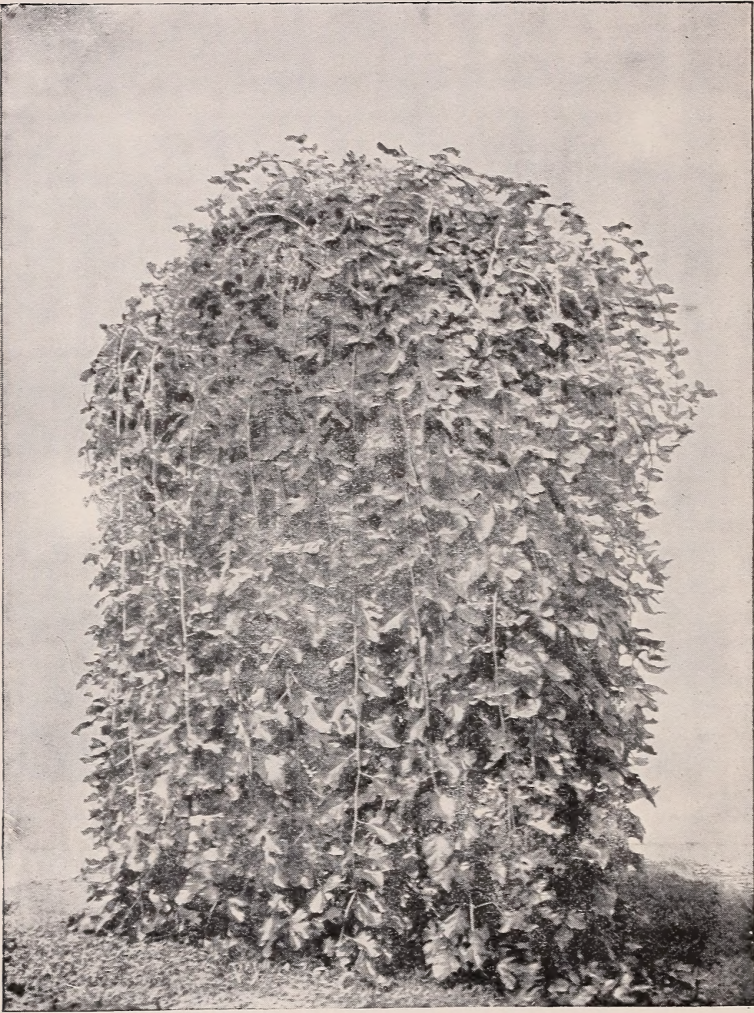
Our cut reproduced from a photograph of these delightful flowers cut at random, serves to indicate their beautiful form, but their colors, which are their chief charm, are lacking.

Both the single and double varieties embrace intense shades of scarlet, carmine, and red, while softer shades of pink, maroon, flesh color, rose, etc., run through the entire list. No hardy perennial is more worthy of cultivation, but the scarcity of the stock has hitherto prevented them from being generally grown.

We have as large a stock of choice varieties as there is to be found in the country, and offer the following list at 30 cents for strong plants. Per dozen, \$3.00.

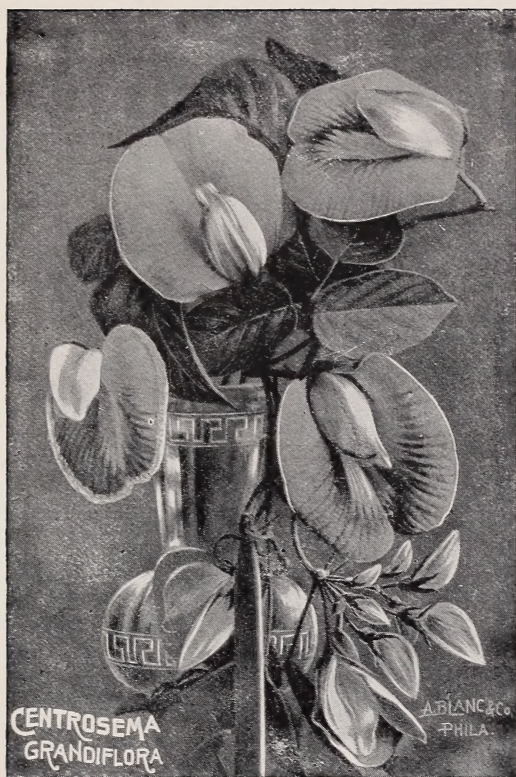
Album Plenum, white, double.  
 Annie Holborn, white, bluish centre.  
 Argentine, white.  
 Aurore, sulphur and white, yellow centre.  
 Boccace, copper.  
 Bonamie, sulphur.  
 Boule de Neige, white-tinted rose.  
 Capt. Boyton, crimson scarlet.  
 Carneum Plenum, flesh.  
 Diana, purplish rose, yellow centre.  
 Dr. Livingstone, flesh.  
 Galopin, crimson-edged, white.  
 Henry Murger, purple.  
 Herman Stenger, mauve.  
 Imbricatum Plenum, crimson.  
 Jeanne d'Arc, French white.  
 La Vestale, white, tinted lilac.  
 Le Dante, bright rose, tinted orange.  
 Mad Billard, white tinted, rose.

Michael Buckner, rosy crimson.  
 Mont Blanc, white, good.  
 Mrs. Dix, bluish, shaded purple.  
 Nancy, bluish white, yellow centre.  
 Nemesis, red, shaded orange.  
 Ne plus ultra, bluish white, extra.  
 Niveum Plenum, quilled white.  
 Penelope, French white, yellow centre.  
 Roseum Bicolor, bright rose.  
 Rubrum Plenum, rosy purple.  
 Sambanburgh, fine white.  
 Solfaterre, cream.  
 Sylphide, white.  
 Vance, cream tinted, flesh.  
 Versailles Defiance, carmine.  
 Virgo, sulphur.  
 White Aster, pure white.  
 Wilhelm Krumper, rosy lilac.



## Tea's Weeping Mulberry.

For the first time the beauty of this new ornamental tree is brought out in our photographic cut. It shows it to be what it has often been described, "a perfect fountain of foliage." The picture shows the boughs touching the ground, and it requires but one or two years' growth for this to be accomplished. The Kilmarnock Willow, and other dwarf weeping trees, are quite excelled in beauty by this comparatively new introduction. We offer handsome specimens at \$2.00 and \$3.00, according to size.



## Centrosema Grandiflora.

This absolutely new Perennial climber or vine is offered this season, and our cut will demonstrate at sight that it is worthy of growth in all gardens. It is a perfectly hardy Perennial vine, blooming early in June, and bears in great profusion inverted pea-shaped flowers one and one half to two and one inch in diameter, and ranging in color from a rosy violet to a reddish purple, with a broad feathered white marking through the centre. The large buds and the back of the flowers are pure white, making it appear as if one plant bore many different colored flowers at one time. Occasionally plants bear white flowers, while others are broadly margined with a white feathering. Six to eight flowers are often borne in a single cluster. The stems and foliage are very graceful and of a delightful odor. Blooming stems placed in water remain fresh for many days. It bears its flowers until cut down by frost. It is well adapted for every garden purpose and especially as a climber, running six to eight feet in a season. 50 cents.



### **Hardy Pink, Her Majesty.**

We offer this sterling novelty for the first time in this country. It has received numerous certificates abroad as the finest white, hardy, garden pink, yet produced. The flowers are immense, pure white in color, and highly fragrant. Unlike the popular variety, Mrs. Simpkins, it does not split in opening. It is a strong grower and cannot fail to become the most popular plant of its class. Strong plants, 50 cents.





## Two Roses for General Planting.

The above cut fails to show with proper effect, blooms of the single *Rosa Rugosa*, and its progeny Mad. Georges Bruant. The former bears both white and carmine flowers. It should be grown in every garden; is the one rose not eaten by insects, and blooms incessantly from early summer until frost, is compact in growth, beautiful in foliage, and always satisfactory.

Mad. Bruant is semi-double, pure white, and quite distinct. It is of vigorous habit, and Rosarians who know, give it a high place as a garden rose. Strong plants of both, 50 cents each.



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**TREE OF SYRINGA JAPONICA.** (See page 10 General Catalogue.)



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**BLOOM OF SYRINGA JAPONICA.**

On page 10 of General Catalogue will be found a detailed description of this yet rare and hardly known ornamental tree. Our cut shows the habit of the tree now growing in the Arboretum near Boston, and the above cut is that of the very showy blossoms borne. It is a tree which in time will displace many others now grown, and our stock of it has been carefully worked up, so that we practically control the largest amount of it in the country. Our plants are all on their own roots, having been raised from seeds.

## **The Dawson Rose, a New Hybrid.**

We control the stock of this most interesting and novel cross between *Rosa Multiflora* and the well-known General Jacqueminot, and named after the raiser, Mr. Jackson Dawson. As an open air rose it is especially desirable, the blossoms being of a deep pink color, quite full, moderate in size, and very fragrant. It has a tendency to climb, and as many as sixty flowers are developed in a single panicle. By all experts it has been judged of superior merit. We offer strong plants at 50 cents.

## **Lilium Wallichianum, superbum.**

Unfortunately the stock of this magnificent lily is limited, but we can offer several hundred strong bulbs of it. It is beyond question the most beautiful of all the trumpet lilies, the flowers being of the purest white and shaded in the interior with the most dazzling primrose yellow. The flower is of immense size, funnel shaped, and shaded with chocolate on the outer side. Its hardiness is in doubt, but it can be grown from year to year in a pot and allowed to blossom out of doors or under shelter. Flowering bulbs, \$1.00 and \$2.00.

## **Andromeda Speciosa.**

We wish to direct special attention to the exceptional beauty of this low growing shrub, the blossoms of which are inadequately shown on page 4 of our General Catalogue. It has such merit as a flowering shrub, that it cannot be commended too highly for general cultivation. It is quite hardy in the North and associates well with Azaleas, or other plants of like characteristics. It is deciduous in habit, the foliage of glossy light green, while its long clusters of large bell-shaped waxy white flowers are singularly beautiful. They are often half an inch across the tubes, and outrival the choicest Heaths. Our stock of this *Andromeda* is the largest offered. Strong plants, 75 cents to \$2.00 each.

## **Stephanandra Flexuosa.**

This is an especially attractive new shrub from Japan, of low dense growth, qualifying it for planting in the foreground of shrubberies or in isolated spots where its very peculiar and deeply cut foliage, which is the feature of the shrub, can be seen to advantage. It is beautiful and interesting through the entire season, and is one of the best of recent introductions. 50 cents.

## Rare Hardy Aquatics.

The inquiry for these has so largely increased that we offer a few of the leading sorts, which we consider the best for out-of-door culture.

**The Lotus** may be successfully grown in tubs or half barrels, partially filled with rich earth, of course having the tubs or barrels filled to the top with water. With intelligent treatment very fine specimens have been produced in this way. In growing them in ponds a soft muddy bottom is essential, where the runners can bury themselves for protection from the extreme cold of winter. They are not hardy north of Boston, and in exposed positions in New England they often prove tender unless protected, but they are so beautiful it is profitable to undertake their culture.

**Nelumbium Speciosum.** Pure white, suffused with rich rosy pink towards the tips of the petals. Price for established plants, \$3.00 to \$5.00.

**Nelumbium Luteum.** Our American Lotus, with large yellow blooms, very fragrant. \$2.00 to \$5.00 each.

**Nymphæa Odorata.** Quite hardy. Our well-known white Water Lily, very fragrant. 35 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen.

**Nymphæa Odorata Rosea.** The true rose-colored, Cape Cod Pond Lily, and one of the most beautiful of our hardy Aquatics. \$1.00 to \$2.00 each.

**Nymphæa Odorata Sulphurea.** A fine, new yellow flower variety, with beautiful mottled leaves. Very scarce. \$5.00 each.

**Nymphæa Marliacea Chromatella.** The grandest of the Nymphæas. Flowers five inches in diameter, yellow, with orange-colored stamens. Habit strong, and the plant blooms freely. \$3.50 each.

**Nymphæa Alba Candidissima.** Large white flowering form of *N. Alba*. Flowers fully six inches across, and a very desirable variety. \$3.00 each.

**Eichhornia Crassipes.** The Water Hyacinth, commonly called, with lovely spikes of beautiful bluish violet flowers. It can be grown in a pan or tub, and flowered in the house, or out-of-doors during the summer. 30 cents each, or \$3.00 per dozen.

## Tuberous Rooted Begonias.

These magnificent summer flowering plants are of such value for flowering either out-of-doors or in pots, that we call special attention to our stock of them, which is from the finest strain in existence. We offer the single varieties mixed, these being the best adapted to out-of-door culture. Our main catalogue describes them more at length, and we confidently recommend them as the finest offered. These will be far superior in flower to many cheaper sorts offered, which really do not give satisfaction, the flowers measuring from three to four inches across, and borne on stout, erect stems, which give them additional value as a decorative plant. We will mail one dozen strong tubers for \$2.00; per 100, \$15.00.



CLETHRA PANICULATA IN FLOWER.

## **Clematis Paniculata.**

We are pleased to be able to offer this desirable novelty in quantity, as we have the largest stock of it in the country. It has hitherto been a scarce plant, and even now but few nurseries offer it. We can confidently speak of it as an ornamental plant of the highest value. Our plate of it, herewith printed, shows it in blossom upon a residence in Wellesley, Mass. This plate will demonstrate at sight the wonderful effect of its mass of pure white blossoms, when borne upon a vigorous, well-developed plant. Being a rapid and vigorous climber, it can be depended upon to clothe large spaces quickly, and it has not been subject to disease like the hybrid forms, so that it bids fair to become a general favorite. It was originally introduced from Japan, and is allied to our native Virgin's Bower, and to *Clematis Flammula*, which was known as far back as 1779, but was undoubtedly brought to this country by Thomas Hogg, to whom we owe the introduction of many valuable plants. The flowers are borne in long panicles, are white and about one and a half inches across, while their fragrance is perceptible a long distance from the plant. They open near the latter part of August, and continue in flower for nearly a month, with successional heads of fruits, furnished with long silvery tails, in some respects as ornamental as the flowers. It is another plant which blooms when the majority of woody plants are out of flower. The foliage is especially remarkable, and remains fresh and green until late in the winter. We offer large plants at 50 cents.

## **French Dwarf Cannas.**

On pages 17 and 18 of our Herbaceous Catalogue we offer the choicest selection of these gorgeous summer flowering plants. Their merits are so pronounced that we are led to call special attention to them in our supplementary list. Nothing can excel them in effect as a summer bedding plant. Their floriferous habit, and low, compact growth, adapt them to any permanent situation while the flowers have no equal in brilliancy. *Mad. Crozy*, which was first introduced a few years ago, is, without question, the very finest of all the Dwarf Cannas, and is in constant bloom from early mid-summer until frost. If lifted and potted, these Cannas will bloom until late in the winter, their resting period being short.



### **Double Lilacs.**

We again call attention to these remarkably handsome plants which are somewhat an exception to the rule, accepted by many, that the doubling of a flower detracts from its value. Most of the new Double Lilacs are unique in beauty, and really desirable additions to our hardy flowering shrubs. The plate which we print herewith shows a truss of the new Double White Lilac, Mad. Lemoine, but even the reprint from the photograph does not give an adequate idea of the beauty of the blossom. All of the new Double Lilacs which



we have tested in our grounds seem to be largely exempt from the mildew which so detracts from the appearance of the Single Lilacs during the latter part of the summer. The foliage is heavier, darker, and more massive in quality, and successfully withstands the influence of the mildew. The trusses of bloom on Lilacs like "Pyramidal," "Michel Buchner," "Leon Simon," "President Grevy," and others, are magnificent, excelling anything hitherto known among Single Lilacs. We have measured trusses fully one foot in length, and as plants become established there is no reason to doubt that these will be largely increased in size. We have tested all of the varieties named in our general catalogue sufficiently to be able to recommend them in the highest terms. For prices and detailed description see pages 17, 18, 20, and 21, in general catalogue.

## Rosa Wichuraiana.

This most distinct and hardy rose was offered last season for the first time, and the stock of it is still comparatively limited. It bids fair to be one of the most useful roses, from its being essentially unique in its manner of growth and in its general appearance. It is a native of Japan, from whence it was introduced a few years since. Its habit of growth is one of its most remarkable features, as the shoots are prostrate in habit, and extend from ten to fifteen feet in a single season, covering the ground densely. The shoots bear short, straight thorns; the leaves are deeply serrated, dark green and lustrous, and from one third to three quarters of an inch long. The effect of this foliage forming a close mat over the ground is greatly enhanced by the flowers which appear about the middle of July, and are irregularly borne during the remainder of the season. These are pure white, nearly two inches across, and are very fragrant, being formed in broad pyramidal clusters, and in most cases a large number of flowers being produced in one cluster. The stamens are a bright golden-yellow, very conspicuous, and heighten the effect of the blossom. Altogether it is a gem among hardy roses, and we know of none of the family which promises so well for clothing slopes, embankments, and other places, which require rapid-covering verdure. It has been largely used in Franklin Park, Boston, for this purpose, and growing more rapidly than most other vines in locations of the same nature, it emphasizes its value at once. *Garden and Forest* says of it: "Its remarkable habit, its hardiness, the brilliancy of its foliage, and the beauty of its flowers, which appear when most shrubs are out of bloom, certainly recommend it to the attention of the lovers of hardy plants." Strong plants, 50 cents.

## Spiraea Japonica Grandiflora.



A novelty of decided merit, and one of the choicest hardy plants recently introduced. It is a decided improvement over the type, as the flower spikes are larger and of the purest white. It flowers more freely than the common *Spiraea Japonica* and the stems are longer and more compact in habit. Altogether it is an elegant flowering plant, and should be generally grown. Strong plants, 50 cents; per dozen, \$4.00.

## Clematis Mme. Baron Veillard.

This new Clematis flowered with us last summer, and attracted general attention. It is a duplicate of the well-known *C. Jackmanni*, only the flowers in color are a most unique shade of soft pink, and are produced profusely from mid-summer until frost. The plant is of vigorous habit, and on both sides of the Atlantic is considered a gem even among the many showy flowered varieties of the Hybrid Clematis. Plants, \$1.00 each.

## New Plants of Great Merit.

Many new plants are introduced with exaggerated praise, only to be quickly lost sight of, but the following prove to have such exceptional merit, that we confidently recommend them. See descriptions in general catalogue.

**Aralia Maxomowiczii.**

**Hypericum Aureum.**

**Deutzia Wateri.**

**Hydrangea Vestita.**

**Berberis Thunbergii.**

**Lonicera Hispida.**

**Ptelia Trifoliata Aurea.**

**Rosa Rugosa.**

**Rosa Rugosa Alba.**

**Andromeda Speciosa.**