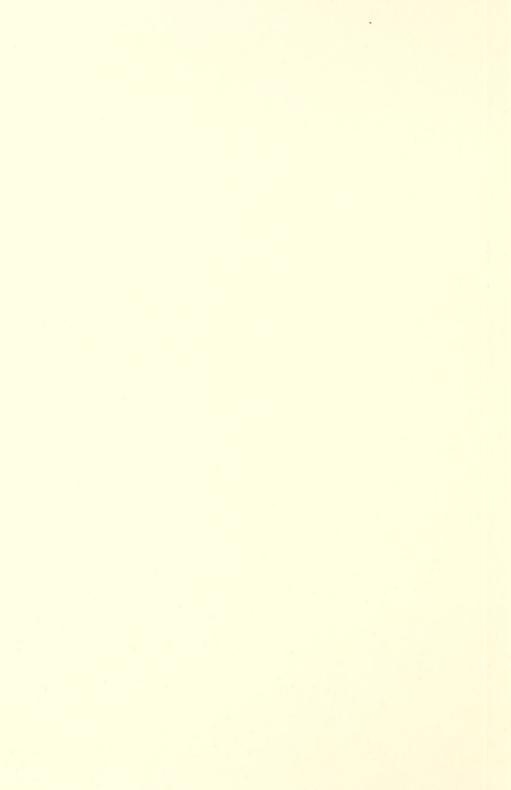
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Iris Chrysofor. A Valuable Novelty (see page 12)

## Pudor's Puget Sound Grown Iris

FOR SIZE, VIGOR AND QUALITY They Stand Without a Rival

New Descriptive Iris Price List Which Cancels all previous lists and quotations

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1927, TO SPRING 1928

### O. M. PUDOR

Iris and Delphinium Grower and Breeder PUYALLUP, WASH., U. S. A.



MY "SMILING" POOL

The Japanese and Siberian Irises are especially happy, and make lovely subjects on the margins of pools and brooks, but they are NOT water plants (meaning their feet must be kept dry.)

### The Pudor Iris Gardens

# FOREWORD IRIS SEASON 1927

### To my Garden Friends:

I wish to extend a cordial invitation to all who are interested in Irises to visit the Gardens during their flowering period. As this season promises to be a normal one, the best of the flowers come between May 15th and June 15th; the three classes: Early, Intermediate and so-called June flowering German Irises overlapping each other.

There are, however, always a few stray Iris stalks in bloom, before and after these dates, and quantities of other bulbs, as well as annual and perennial and rock plants, gathered together from the four corners of the world, that help to make my gardens interesting at all seasons.

In June the Lupines are here in all their glory, and what glory! Such colors may be found now among this new class of the English polyphyllus lupine family, as you have never dreamed of. The charming and exquisite long-spurred Aquilegias (Columbines) grown from all of the best strains in the world in the most exquisite tints and shades of blue, lavender and pink, some of rare coral shades from the Highlands of Scotland, sway here like dainty butterflies in the gentle breezes of mid-June—you can make your selection as to color and form to your heart's content from the living, blooming specimens.

AND THEN JULY! April may be the month of Daffodils; May and June the months of the Iris; June the month of roses; but July, there comes THE Lady of the Garden, MY QUEEN, your queen of the perennial garden, the proud, stately, glorious DELPHINIUM in all the shades of Heaven's blue. If the season is good to my garden you will see here a display of Delphiniums during July, such as you have never seen before—thousands upon thousands of them, among them some of English most treasured gems of imported-named varieties, particularly some of Mr. Watkins Samuel own-named varieties, and then, of course, my own grown "Wrexhams," and last but not by any means least, my own lovely strain, "THE GLORY OF PUGET SOUND," which is now being grown and admired in thousands of gardens in nearly every state of the Union and many foreign countries, and lately being taken up by many of the leading seedsmen of the United States on account of its exquisite beauty, hardiness and absolute health and vigor.

Should you miss the July Delphinium show, bear in mind that again in September and early October I will have a wonderful showing from spring-sown seedlings.

If you are an admirer of the marvelous Japanese Irises come during July.

TO REACH MY GARDENS follow any of the paved highways from Tacoma or Seattle, direct to Puyallup; coming on the Seattle highway locate the Northern Pacific Railway depot on Stewart Ave., then simply drive one mile westerly on said Stewart Ave., along the northern side of the railroad right-of-way to my Gardens.

Approaching Puyallup by the way from Tacoma, (coming in from the west,) drive as far as the Forks on the Puyallup Hill Road, there take the left-handed paved road, cross the Northern Pacific at Clark's Creek and drive on the brick pavement two miles east towards Puyallup, direct to my Garden. The distance from Tacoma is eight miles; from Seattle, 35 miles; just bear in mind that my Garden is located on Stewart Avenue on the north side of the Northern Pacific Railway's right-of-way.

I invite you to enjoy the pleasures of the gardens with me this season, whether a prospective buyer or not.

Our hours of business are from eight in the morning till six at night. Sunday we prefer to observe as a well earned day of rest, but during the Iris season, May 15th to June 15th, in order to give the many people who can not come any other day a chance to see and admire the Irises, visitors will be welcome then.

OUT OF THE STATE VISITORS: Every year brings many visitors from the eastern states, who are spending their vacation in our glorious Puget Sound country and who give me the pleasure of wishing to see my gardens and meet me in person, to such I wish to say, that if possible do not plan to come between July 23rd and August 8th, for you will not find me at home; nothing but sickness and the sheriff, and may the Lord keep both away from me, will prevent me from participating in the Summer Outing of the Washington "Mountaineers" in the Canadian Rockies. It is then that I will go visiting to the most glorious garden in the world, "Nature's Own Garden." Of course, my Gardens will not be closed during that short period; my able Superintendent, Mr. Warren, will be here to extend to you all the courtesies and all the information you desire.

Faithfully yours,

Puyallup, Washington, Spring, 1927.

O.M. Pudor.

# Please Read Carefully Before Ordering

No plant orders are solicited for less than one dollar, (seeds not included), unless you will pay 25 cents for packing and handling charges.

I can usually commence shipping Iris about February 15th, but not later than April 1st, for long distance shipment. Up to April 15th, for near-by points. Owing to our mild climate Iris start early into growth, and when full of sap and moisture they are more difficult to send safely long distances. And don't expect good blooms in June from Spring planted stock; IT CAN'T BE DONE! Except at the expense of your plants; better cut off any developing buds and let the strength go into the plants. There is no doubt in my mind that "the ideal planting months are July and August, September," the latest; the rhizomes are practically dormant then even though the plants make an enormous root growth with me right after blooming and all Fall up to freezing weather. Of course, this is owing to our wonderfully rich soil and magnificent climate, and the care I give my Iris. The climate of Englland, and so me of its chalky soil, especially around Tunbridge Wells, is supposed to grow very superior Iris rhizomes, but from my experience with English Iris roots, and I have bought thousands of them in the past three years, our Iris plants in this Pacific Northwest, and especially in this rich Puyallup Valley at the foot of Mount Rainier beat the English rhizomes to a frazzle, as far as size and vigor are concerned.

BULBOUS Iris, such as Spanish, Dutch and English, and the Regelio-Cyclus, and Oncocyclus, must, and can be planted only in the early Fall; Spanish and Dutch Iris bulbs make an early winter growth, and to do their best should be planted in August or September, the latest, hence ORDER EARLY.

### B. C. and Canadian Customers Please Notice

A Permit from your Agricultural Commissioner at Ottawa, with special shipping tags and number, obtained from that office, will have to be sent with every B. C. or Canadian order. No permit for seeds required. Merely state to that office the number and the kind purchased, and the value of the order; that is all.

### PLEASE READ

ALL PRICES quoted herewith cancel all previous quotations, either by letter or in printed lists, and are subject to change without notice. A dozen plants will be furnished at ten times the price for one; six plants will be furnished at dozen rates; price for hundred lots or far larger quantities quoted on application.

TERMS: Cash with order. Remittance may be made by postoffice order, express order, bank draft or check.

ORDERS should be sent as early as possible, as stock of rarest varieties is very limited. Orders will be accepted subject to being unsold when they are received. If stock is exhausted, I will return the remittance. No order for less than one dollar will be accepted, unless postage is added and packing charges—at least 25 cents.

C. O. D. ORDERS will not be accepted unless accompanied by at least one-half of the amount in cash.

SHIPMENTS will be made by Parcel Post PREPAID. If instructed to be sent by Express, purchaser will pay the charges, and in such cases I can afford (saving the postage) to send you extra strong and large roots (except, of course, in the case of the rare and high priced varieties.)

COMPLAINTS, if made immediately on receipt of goods, will be investigated at once, and, if due to my negligence or carelessness, will be promptly rectified.

#### CULTURE

Any ordinary garden soil, and almost any position suits the Iris,, but a rather dry and sunny position is the best; they object to fresh stable manure, which should be avoided when planting. If the best results are desired they should be planted on good, deep, rich soil which must not be deficient in lime. The latter constituent is of the greatest importance in the cultivation of Bearded Irises, and it must be added to the soil if not present in sufficient quantity. It is a good plan to give a dressing of superphosphate when transplanting, and a dressing of powdered chalk in the Autumn and Winter.

### A LARGE ILLUSTRATED IRIS CATALOG

(Not in colors)

#### A Reference Book and Manual-Price 15 Cents

For a more detailed description of any and all of the Iris varieties offered in this list, send for my large, illustrated catalog, also containing several valuable articles and treatises. A. J. Blisss (Varieties for the Garden), W. R. Dykes's interesting and helpful article, "How to Hybridise Irises" by Sir Arthur Hoyt, and a complete Color Classification of the Iris. This is the most comprehensive and largest Iris catalog published in the United States, describing in detail over 250 varieties of Irises, besides the bulbous Irises. No prices are given in this catalog manual for the reason that it will be sent out, and used by gardeners for at least two years; in the meantime prices of new and rare Iris varieties will be reduced, possibly twice a year, while the cafalog still has a large circulation; it is therefore detrimental and misleading to quote prices in such a permanent catalog; therefore, I will publish, and send out free of charge, in the spring of each year—a new, revised brief descriptive price list.

Owing to its great expense, and from the fact that many catalog collectors and disinterested people write for it, I am compelled to make a small charge of 15 cents (in stamps or in coin) for this manual. You will find it a valuable reference book,

worth three or four times what I ask for it.

### THE OUTSTANDING IRISES IN MY GARDENS

Many hundreds of Iris lovers visit my Gardens every season; they come from near and far; it is very interesting to me to make observations as to what Irises and colors appeal to the individual. There are a few varieties which appeal to everyone, and you may be interested to know just what they are. I should say that at the head of the list stands: Ambassadeur, Asia, Ballerine, Crusader, Lord of June, Lady Foster, Prospero and Souvenier De Madame Gaudichau. Of the low priced and old varieties, these appeal to everyone: Alcazar, Caterina, La Neige, Oriflame, Pallida, Princess Beatrice, Tamerlane, Prosper Laugier, Rhein Nixe and a few others. Lent A. Williamson is always universally admired, and so is, of course, glorious Alcazar.

New, shining lights of real merit and garden value, universally praised and admired, are: Madame Durand, Julia Marlow, Morning Splendor, San Gabriel, R. W.

Wallace (the new tall glorified Archeveque by Perry.)

MIIe. Schwartz is much made of, and so is Dream: I said somewhere that a large plant with many flower stalks was just like a Dream, a sweet and lovely one.

Seminole, of which I always have large beds, proves to be a winner; from a distance of 100 feet it is a wonderful sight, almost like a red cloud; in some respects I like it fully as well as Opera; it is not as large, the color not quite as dark, but Seminole grows much taller. I have reduced both varieties again this year.

Prosper Laugier is purchased by nearly every visitor and is much admired, and so is the lovely, late blooming Rhein Nixe. Everyone is inclined to "linger longer" at that fascinating Lady of the Iris Garden, lovely Isoline, being one of the most popular

varieties.

Many visitors exclaim: "Oh, I must have that," pointing to that old but ever lovely and most beautiful Iris, "Pallida Dalmatica, or Princess Beatrice," and the somewhat darker Pallida, "Albert Victor," is always included. Both are exquisitely fragrant, and speaking of fragrant Irises, "Fairy" reminds one of sweet orange blossoms; it is probably the sweetest of all Irises. "Caterina" is very similar in fragrance, and so is "Lord of June" and "Oriflamme."

Siberica "Perry's Blue," Butterfly and Emperor are bought by everyone who sees

them in bloom. They are lovely things.

My Regelio-Cyclus Iris are wonderful; large, handsome, rich-colored and heavily

veined blossoms, on the order of Susiana, but of much easier culture.

I wonder if you have that old, old, but most beautiful and lovely Iris, "Florentina Alba," in your collection; the size and the texture of the blossoms are as fine as any ten-dollar Iris, the color, a pearl-white, most appealing, and the fragrance sweet as apple blossoms; it blooms very early, is very floriferous, and blooms for many weeks. "Zua" is another early Iris, and its krinkled blossoms most beautiful, if it had

only a longer stem; it is quite low growing.

I emphasize what I try to impress upon my customers and friends every season: Plant other flowers right among your Irises. What a lovely picture it makes to see a clump of long-spurred pink or lavender Columbines snuggle up against some pink or lavender Iris! The pink Oriental Poppy becomes a dream when planted with Oriflamme, Lohengrin or Dalmatica, or others of similar color, and Yellow Day-Lilies among the Lord of June, or Lohengrin, or Shekinah, or yellow Aurea, are too lovely for words. Lupine is another plant that blooms at Iris time; my Lupine "Pink Beauty" adds wonderful charm to an Iris planting, and I am growing now new English Hybrids, marvelous, long-stemmed varieties in wonderful art or bronze shades, suitable for such close companionship as Alcazar, Prosper Laugier, Dr. Bernice. Indeed, the possibilities of an Iris Garden are many-fold and wonderful; don't have just an Iri Gardsen, have a Spring Flower Garden, filled with April flowering, sweet scented dwarf Iris in white, lovely purple and yellow colors, peeping out here and there among the early Daffodils, then the May flowering varieties with tall Tulips here and there; continue the grand procession with the many-hued and gorgeous tall June flowering sorts, waving their tall, lovely blossoms among the graceful, lovely Columbine blossoms, the Pyrethrums, the Lupines and the lovely but little known Sweet Rocket, or Dame's Violet (Hesperus) which comes in white, dark purple and lavender shades; of course, in an Iris Garden, Iris must predominate or it would not be an Iris Garden, but I am sure that in such planting as I have vaguely suggested, the Iris will grow dearer to your heart, and prove more charming and fascinating in the eyes of all garden lovers than ever before.

### GROUP I APRIL FLOWERING DWARF IRIS (IRIS PUMILA) for the Border or Rock Garde

	Lovery for the border of Nock Garden.			
Rati			s E	
	Alba (Syn. The Bride) Whitish	 	\$0	0.25
	Azurea. Lovely sky-blue	 		.25
65.	Cyanea. Violet-blue	 		.25
73.	Excelsa. Yellow	 		.25
64.	Orange Queen. Clear Yellow	 		.25
74.	Schneekuppe (Snow-top). The best white	 		.25
	Add 3c for Postage to Each Rizhome.			

The above are admirably adapted for borders or edgings with tufts of foliage 3 to 4 inches high, with many very large flowers, exquisitely fragrant, blooming in March or early April.

6 of one kind-\$1.25; or 3-65 cents. Add 3c postage to each root.

### GROUP II.

### INTERMEDIATE IRIS

### EARLY MAY FLOWERING

This group flowers right after the early Pumilas, and before the tall June Iris bloom; most of them flower before and right at Decoration Day; they fill a great need in the garden.

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67.	Blue Boy. Violet\$	0.25	\$0.60
89.	Crimson King. Claret Purple	.25	.60
71.	Dolphin. S. light blue; F. violet-purple; a very large, lovely, early		
	Iris	.25	.60
76.	Florentine Alba. Pearl white	.25	.60
74.	Kharput. Violet	.25	.60
66.	Helge. Pale yellow	.25	.60
77.	Ingeborg. Very fine pure white	.25	.60
73.	Ivorine. White	.25	.60
74.	Kharput. Violet	.25	.60
78.	Kochii. Dark purple	.25	.60
74.	Purple King. Rich red purple; wonderful color	.25	.60
73.	Walhalla. Lavender blue and purple	.25	.60
75.	Zua. Pearl-white, crinkled	.40	1.00

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### GROUP III.

### TALL JUNE FLOWERING IRIS (GERMANICA)

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90.	Afterglow. Grayish lavender and yellow	.50	1.25
79.	Albert Victor. Light hyssop violet	.30	.75 -
89.	Alcazar. Light mauve, overlaid bronze. F. deep purple. One of the		
	finest	.40	1.00
78.	Amas. Light blue; deep purple violet. Immense flower	.25	.60
94.	Ambassadeur. One of the best. Reddish-violet ; velvety violet	.90	2.50
83.	Ambigu. Smoky red, deep purple; very rich color	.50	1.25
	Angelo. Lavender violet	1.00	
86.	Ann Page. Light wisteria violet; a lovely pale lavender		7.00
84.	Anna Farr. White with blue border and base		2.00
96.	Aphrodite. Pure bright violet-pink self; one of the finest		
83.	Archeveque. Rich violet purple. F. bright velvet crimson		.60
78.	Arnols. S. rosy-bronze; F. rich velvety purple		1.00
92.	Asia. S. pale lavender suffused yellow. F. light violet-purple		
74.	Aurea. A good, clear yellow		.80
79.	Autocrat. S. bright, clear blue F. veined dark or blue		2.00
87.	Avalon. Pale mauve to light lavender violet	5.00	

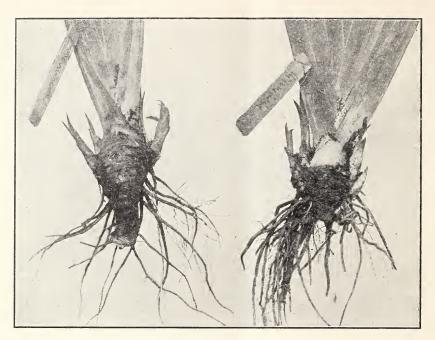
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80.	Azure. S. lavender blue; F. deep violet blue	35	1.00
90.	Ballerine. S. Pearl blue; F. violet		2.00
	Baronet. S. Chickery blue; F. deep violet		1.25
85.	B. Y. Morrison. S. pale lavender-violet; F. velvety raisin purple		1,25
78.	Black Prince. Velvety dark purple		.60
84.	Black Prince (Perry). Velvety rich purple		2.75
83.	Blue Bird. Bright-blue self		2.00
71.	Blue Jay. S. light violet; F. dark violet		.60
91.	Brandywine. A clear china silvery blue		2.50
79.	Camelot. Very tall. White delicately fringed with light lavender		.60
75.	Caprice. Rosy red. One of the best "reds"		.60
81.	Carthusian. Clear lavender and dark blue		1.00
			.90
89.	Caterina. Delightful shade of soft lavender-blue		.60
71.	Celeste. Pale verbena violet		
80.	Col. Candelot. S. smoky copper; F. velvety crimson		
69.	Chester J. Hunt A wisteria violet		.60
78.	Clematis. Light lavender-violet		1.00
	violet		
83.	Corrida. Analine blue		2.00
86.	Cluny. A lovely shade of pale lilac-blue		1.25
87.	Crusader. One of the finest lavender blue		1.50
84.	Cretonne. S. pale bronze-purple; F. rich red maroon		2.00
80.	Dalila. S. pale lavender, flesh tint; F. rich red purple		1.00
78.	Dawn. Pale Marguerite yellow		1.00
83.	Dejazet. S. dusky rose-orange; F. reddish violet		1,25
82.			1.25
70.			1.00
	Dimity. Pure white, flushed slightly blue		
91.	Dominion. Light bluish violet; F. rich purple		12.00
78.	Dora Longden. S. cream buff, flushed pink; F. magenta, fading trose-purple at edge		1.00
85.	Dream. Lilac, almost a pink		2.00
74.	Dr. Bernice. S. coppery bronze; F. velvety-crimson		.60
17.	Dusky Maid. S. pale buff; F. deep mauve-purple		2.00
	Eden Phillpots. Uniform dark lavender blue. A gem	25	.60
86.	Edouard Michel. Deep wine red, much like Caprice	50	1.40
78.	E. H. Jenkins. S. palest steel-blue purple; F. deeper shade Eldorado. S. yellowish bronze shaded heliotrope; F. violet wit		2.50
	bronze-yellow	25	.60
75.	Empire. A clear empire-yellow		.60
89.	Georgia. Soft shade of cattleya-rose; mass effect is pink	75	2.00
65. 75.	Gertrude. A uniform deep violet-blue. Very fragrant	25	.60 1.25
85.	Grevin. S. violet tipped yellowish brown; F. rich velvety violet-purpl	e .50	1.20
88.	Halo. S. lavender-blue; F. violet blue. A mammoth flower	75	2.00
	Harriet Presby. Two shades of petunia-violet, like a cattleya-orchi	d 1.00	3.00
73.	Her Majesty. A deep, rosy lilac-pink; deeper than Queen of May		
	A much admired Iris	25	,60

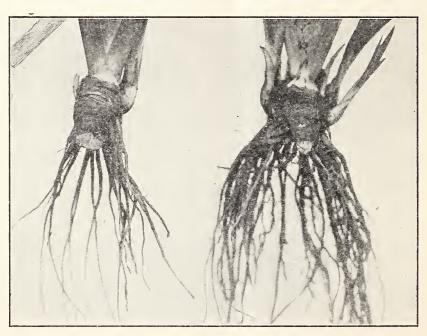
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88.	Hermione. Light blue-purple and darker falls. Late		
74.	Hiawatha. S. pale rosy-lavender; F. purple. Late	.25	.60
71.	Innocenza. Pure white; a lovely flower	.25	.60
79.	Iris King, S. old gold: F. rich, velvety crimson-maroon edged gold	.25	.60
	Isis. A glorious violet-blue self Pallida	.50	1.25
86.	Isoline. S. silver lilac; F. purplish old-rose and gold		1.00
80.	Jacquesiana. Copper-crimson standards: F. rich maroon		1.00
78.	Jeanne DArc. White with light lavender frilled edges		.60
70.	Julia Marlowe. S. Chinese violet; F. raisin purple; a pink and red		.00
	effect		is vear
81.	Juniata. A lovely clear violet; deeper than Albert Victor		.60
•	Kashmir White. A large white of delicate texture. Should have good		.00
	drainage. 3 feet		
74.	Kharput. See under Group 2.	1,00	
76.	Knysna. S. clear yellow; F. deep velvety brown	.50	
78.	Kochii. See under Group 2.	.00	
83.		.50	1.50
	La Neige. Glistening pure white; one of the best whites		
85.	Lady Foster. Pale blue and light bluish violet. Fragrant		2.00
90.	Lent A. Williamson. S. bright lobelia blue; F. velvety pansy violet.		4.75
	Very similar to Alcazar		1.75
82.	Lohengrin. S. light mauve; F. bright pale violet		.60
91.	Lord of June. Light blue and lavender violet. Fragrant		2.00
	Lord Lambourne. Rose-fawn suffused pale bronze; F. rich crimson		
79.	with white base		.60
81.	Ma Mie. White pencilled light violet; very large; much superior		.00
01.	to Mme. Chereau		.60
85.	Madame Chobaut. Pale citron yellow; F. faintly veined pale		
	brownish		
84.	Madame Cheri. Ageratum violet with pink. A beautiful, refined tall		
	Iris	1.00	2.50
	Madame Durrand. S. tawny buff; F. rich, creamy yellow, shading		
00	to buff overlaid with mauve. One of the finest Iris		2.75
93.	Madame Gaudichau. See Souvenier de Mme. Gaudichau		.60
87.	Mile. Schwartz. A delightful shade of the palest mauve		2.00
79.	Mady Carriere. S. grayish lavender; F. blue shading to yellow		2.00
91.	Magnifica. S. light violet blue; F. dark reddish violet		2.50
71.	Mandalay. A beautiful pale violet self; a stronger grow than		
	Catarina	.50	1.25
75.	Mandrasliscea. Dark lavender purple	.25	.60
	Marion Mohr. A most beautiful self of Pallida-Catarina type; will	0.00	
73.	probably rate 90 to 95; resembles Queen Catarina	2.00	
73.	ted and veined maroon	.25	.60
	Mary Orth. (Farr 1922) Type of Hiawatha but decided improve-		.00
	ment. S. violet: F. violet with veined light shaft. High		
	branched and vigorous. A very fine Iris	.75	2.00
87.	Marsh Marigold. Light golden yellow, rich red falls, edged yellow	.75	2.00
76.	Mauvine. A tall mauve self	.25	.60
85. 83.	Medrano. Rich, dark violet, almost a bronze, smoky red	.75	2.00
00.	Merlin. S. lavender violet; F. rich pansy violet	.50	
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81.	Mesopotamica. Lavender violet, poor grower	1.00	
	violet; strong contrasting color; exceptional fine substance	1.00	2,50
78.	Minnehaha. Large cream colored flowers with heavy dark red		2.00
, 0.	lines on the Falls	.25	.60
	Miranda. Clear violet blue with orange beard	.50	1.25
75.	Mithras. S. light yellow; F. wine red with border of deep yellow	.25	.60
85.	Moliere. S. dark violet; F. darker velvety violet	.75	2.00
84.	Monsignor. S. pale violet; F. a ground work of the same shade,		
	richly overlaid and veined with deep purple. Effective in mass		
	planting	.25	.60
83.	Montezuma. S. old gold spotted with bronze; F. pale yellow mar-		
	gined with bronze	.25	.60
	Morning Splendor. S. Petunia violet. F. raisin purple; a brilliant		=
	red effect		7.50
78.	Morwell. A giant pale blue purple; stronger than Caterina	.75	2.00 2.50
00	Mother of Pearl. A pale bluish-lavender of great beauty and size.		
82.	Mt. Penn. S. lavender-rose; F. crimson and violet. A charming Iris	.35	1.00
76.	Mrs. Alan Gray. Delightful lilac shade; fine for massing. Blooms a second time in August and September	.35	1.00
70			
78.	Mrs. Cowley. S. coppery buff; F. deep, rich rosy-purple	.35	1.00
68.	Mrs. H. Darwin. Very beautiful free flowering white	.25	.60
68.	Mrs. Neubronner. Yellow	.25	.60
	Mrs. Tinley. An intense violet-blue, with a golden blotch	.75 .75	2.00 2.00
71.	Mrs. W. E. Fryer. S. white, shaded heliotrope; F. purple-crimson	.35	1.00
74.	Naushon. Mauve and pansy violet	.35	1.00
74.	Navajo. S. light bronze yellow; F. deep maroon. Very beautiful	.35	1.00
81.	Neptune. S. bright pale-blue; F. rich, dark purple-blue	.50	1.25
73.	Nibelungen. S. fawn; F. red-purple on bronze		.60
	Nimbus. S. light lobeita-violet, F. continga purple. Makes a steel-gray effect	2 50	
80.	Nine Wells. S. light violet; F. deep purplle-violet; dark and velvety		.60
76.	Nuce O'Orage (Storm Cloud). S. slate grey; F. bronze and purple		.60
70.	Ochracea-Coerulea (Sunset). S. yellowish-buff; F. same intermingled	.20	.00
	with blue	Overs	sold
87.	Opera. Rich redviolet with yellow center; very fine		1.50
79.	Oporto. Almost a red purple with yellow beard		1.00
78.	Oriflame. Immense flowers. S. bright blue; F. dark purple		1.25
88.	Pallida Dalmatica (Princess Beatrice). A lovely, clear lavender		1.20
00.	with a silvery sheen; one of the oldest and best		1.00
81.	Parc deNeuilly. Rich plum-purple		
75.	Pauline. Rich pansy-violet		.60
78.	Perfection. S. light lavender; F. velvety violet; very floriferous		.60
71.	Petit Vitry. S. bright violet; F. purple violet		1.50
89.	Phyllis Bliss. A magnificent rosy-pink lavender		4.00
77.	Pocahontas. White frilled violet-blue		.60
83.	Prosper Laugier. S. light bronze-red; F. deep velvety crimson	.25	.60
	Prospero. One of the finest. S. pale lavender. F. rich deep violet		
	purple		2.00

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84.	Quaker Lady. Ageratum violet, softly blended yellow	Each	3 for
91.	Queen Caterina. Pale lavender-violet		.90
74.		.50	1.50
74.	Queen of May. Soft rosy lilac-pink  Ramona. (Mohr). A very beautiful Iris, as underscribable as  Quaker Lady	.25	.60
84.	Rhein Nixe. S. white; F. pansy violet; very late	.25	.60
76.	Ringdove. S. pale lavender-violet; F. deep lavender-violet	.50	1.25
70.	Robert W. Wallace. A magnificient dark Pallida. S. rich violet.  F. purple black. It is a glorified Archeveque		7.00
82.	Roseway. Deep red-pink flowers	.50	1.25
90.	San Gabriel. Lavender flushed rosy mauve	3.00	
80.	Sarpedon. S. light bluish violet; F. hyacinth violet	.50	
83.	Seminole. A gem; almost a "red" ris. Better than Opera	.40	1.00
77.	Shalimar. Rich blue and purple	.25	.60
87.	Shekinah. Beautiful pale yellow Pallida	.75	2.00
76.	Sherwin Wright. Golden yellow, but small	.25	.60
83.	Sindjkhat. S. deep lavender; F. violet	.75	2.00
00.	Soledad. (Mohr). A lovely early amber yellow of unusually clear		2.00
	tone		
93.	Souv. De Mme. Gaudichau. A wonderful velvety black purple	1.00	2.75
81.	Stamboul. Light blue and rich violet blue; fragrant		1.00
	Steepway. S. fawn-reddish; F. rosy-mauve, shading to blue Sunset. See Ochracea-Coerulea.	1.00	
<b>75.</b>	Syphax. S. pale violet; F. deep crimson-purple; very beautiful		
85.	Sweet Lavender. S. pale lavender-blue; F. deep rosy-lavender.  Blooms a second time in September	.50	1.25
74.	Tamar. S. reddish-lilac; F. veined and suffused deeper	.50	
74.	Tamarlane. A magnificent deep purple violet	.50	
85.	Tartarin. Pale lilac lavender-blue	.75	2.00
80.	Tom-Tit. A deep self violet-blue; very floriferous		1.00
00	lavender	.50	4.05
82.	Tristram. S. clearest white; F. deepe rich purple		1.25
81.	Trojana. S. light violet blue; F. deeper		1.00
84.	Troost. S. deep rosy-purple; F. paler veined violet, changing to brown	.50	1.25
	Turco. S. purplish-lilac with bronze: F. violet with bronze	.75	2.00
	Vincentio. Purple bi-color; F. rich red purple		
80.	Violacea Grandiflora. A clear all amethyst-violet	.25	.60
81.	Virginia Moore. Bright all yellow. The best yellow to date	.75	2.00
83.	White Knight. Snow white, fragrant; late	.35	1.00
78.	William Marshall. A fine mauve to violet Pallida	1.00	
73.	Windham. Soft lavender pink	.25	.60
84.	W. J. Fryer. S. ruffled, large bright yellow; F. maroon with narrow		
	yellow border. Very fine		2.00
78.	Zua. See under Group 2. Zouave. S. white suffused lobelia-blue; F. white, spotted with violet	.50	1.25



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### A LIST OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IRIS

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### SWEET SCENTED IRISES: SOME AS FRAGRANT AS ORANGE BLOSSOMS All the PUMILAS (April Flowering)

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# WILLIAM MOHR SEEDLING NEW INTRODUCTIONS

Argentina. Tall white Caterina seedling of unusual size and height. Has wintered and flowered well as far east as Massachusetts, where is was much Conquistador. (Juniata X. Mesopotamica.) A very tall, vigorous plant with fine foliage and very large, deep mauve to light violet flowers. Its size and height, about five and a half feet when established, certainly makes it an outstanding feature in any garden. It was one of Mohr's favorites..... 2.50 Marion Mohr. (Miss Willmott X. Carthusian.) A beautifully finished flower of very pale, glistening lavender, very distinct and lovely. It being a seedling of Miss Willmott it is somewhat doubtful that this variety will flourish in cold, wet sections of the country, but it will certainly thrive in California and other Pacific Coast sections ..... 2.00 Ramona, (Juniata X. Lohengrin.) A new blend of colors, petunia violet flushed cinnamon brown, lightened up by an orange beard. Fine form and substance, vigorous growth (from an official description made from plants which flowered well in Massachusetts) ...... 1.50 Rosado. This beautiful flower, clear, soft pink, tall, strong growing and of unusual size, is literally in a class by itself, the first of its color of Mesopotamica parentage: it has proved hardy and vigorous in Massachusetts ...... 10.00 Santa Barbara. This is one of the finest, loveliest pure layender blue; its color, size and spreading horizontal falls make it an outstanding flower, 3½ feet.... 10.00

# A VALUABLE IRIS NOVELTY IRIS CHRYSOFOR

### IRIS SIBIRICA

The most elegant of all Irises and among the easiest to grow. The Siberian Irises have long, tall stems, grassy foliage, and are very floriferous. They are among the best for cutting, or for massing by the waterside. The flowers are various shades of blue with white marking: they succeed best in moist situations.

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Butterfly. Sky blue to china blue; similar to Perry's Blue	\$.35	\$1.00
Blue King. Medium height; rich blue-purple		.60
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### The Michael Foster Hybirds

Oncocyclus X Pogoniris

The name of the late Sir Michael Foster will always be held in reverence by lovers of the Iris. No one was so keen in their cultivation, indefatigable in the search for new varieties or untiring in the effort to secure useful garden hybrids. They include some of the most distinct forms in cultivation as well as the most beautiful.

It is possible that many readers have tried the Oncocyclus Iris, and found them unsuitable for their purpose. The conditions they can offer them are not such as will insure success. It is here that these hybrids will prove valuable. This group combines the principal attractions of both sections so far as color and form are concerned, the netted veining in many being exceedingly beautiful. In constitution, however, they are equal to the hardiest of the Germanica section.

The varieties in this group are all May flowering, and vary from 1 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet in height. Offered for late summer delivery only, and only a few plants of each for sale.

- DILKUSH (Iberica x Pallida). A beautiful hybrid with very large rounded flowers and bold habit; standards violet, with the richly netted veining of Iberica; falls reddish purple with black throat blotch and broad yellow beard. This grows 2 to 2½ ft, with us.
- DORAK (Oberica x Cengialti—Pallida seedling). Standards soft blue violet; falls purple violet. It has the large flowers, bold habit and freedom of Dilkush, differing principally in the absence of veining in the standards.
- HAMADAN (Paradoxa x Pallida) is perhaps the most free-flowering of all hybrids in this group, and is particularly beautiful when lit up by sunshine. The standards are light violet; the falls are deep purple violet spreading horizontally and half covered by the large broad black beard as in Paradoxa. Height 12-18 in.
- ISMALI (Iberica x Pallida) is obviously a close relation of Dilkush; the standards are much paler than the falls.
- LADY LILFORD (Paradoxa x Pallida). A very beautiful late form, commencing to flower at the end of May. It has the form of Hamadan, but is very much larger and bolder, both in flower and habit. Standards deep violet-purple, very large and round; falls blackish-purple; beard black. Height 2½ ft. The only vigorous grower of the list, \$1.00 each.
- NAZARIN (Pallida x Iberica) is one of the most beautiful hybrids we have, marked by the smooth texture and almost self-coloring of the whole flower. The falls are light purplish-violet with a small throat blotch; the standards are a shade paler. There is no veining, and the coloring is unusually pure. 2 ft.
- SHIRIN (Iberica x Pallida). Standards large soft violet-purple; falls deeper and more purple. It belongs to the same group as Kilkush, but lacks the large black throat blotch. 2 ft.

A few roots for sale of any of the above in July and August at \$2.50 each, except where noted.

# Miscellaneous Species and Varieties BEARDLESS AND CRESTED IRIS

I have pleasure in offering here, I. Fulvalva, and other choice and rare species and hybrids. The other forms are much too little known, as they include some of the best garden plants in the genus. Irises Aurea, Delavayi, Monieri, Monspur, Orcholeuca, and Pseudacorus grow admirably by waterside, their tall shafts of lovely flowers and long, sword-like foliage appear to better effect in such situations. All will grow in any well-tilled border, however, but they should always be grown in full sunshine.

- CUPREA. See Fulva.

- GIGANTEA (Orientalis). See Orcholeuca.
- LONGIPETALA. White suffused lilac beautifully veined; very elegant. 12-18 in. 50c each MISSOURIENSIS. See Tolmieana.
- MONAUREA (Aurea x Monnieri). Grand plant, very free, large flowers, midway between the two parents in shape, and of a deeper color than Monnieri, strongly recommended for damp sites and waterways. 6 ft. Fall delivery only....\$1.00 each
- MONNIERI. A. M., R. H. S. Deep primrose yellow, very handsome, late flowering, likes moistures, in the way of Aurea; a notable Iris. 4 ft. Fall delivery only \$1.00 ea.
- MONSPUR (Foster). Various shades of blue, giving a fine mass effect; a water Iris for damp location, but does equally as well in ordinary garden soil, 4 ft....35c each
- OCHROLEUCA (Orientalis). Noble-growing hardy plant, producing large flowers of ivory whiteness, with orange yellow at the throat, of a stout texture, lasting in beauty for days, highly effective for decorative purposes. 6 ft. . . . . . . 50c each O. Sulphurea. A pure yellow form of the above . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 50c each
- TECTORUM. Lovely Japanese Iris, with broad arching leaves, and rich blue flowers flattened as in Iris Kaempferi, crests ivory white. 1 ft. This is the "Roof Iris" of Japan, and has proven hardy with us, but as the foliage is evergreen, it is best to cover it with a light covering of straw. Good for pot culture ....... 50c each

#### THE JAPANESE IRIS

How to Handle the Plants in Order to Get Large and Handsome Flowers

(From "Horticulture," Boston, Mass.)

Reginald Farrer says that there is nothing in the garden like Japanese Iris for arrogance, subtlety and sheer insolence of beauty. This is precisely the effect conveyed when one sees Japanese Irises in large masses. When a few plants are found on the banks of a stream, they have more of piquancy and less of boldness. They are the most striking flowers of July, and not so difficult to grow as the average gardener supposes.

It is not true that Japanese Irises must have bogland or even water in which to bathe their roots. They love moisture, but will flourish in any good garden soil if water is applied in abundance and if the exposure is sunny. The latter point is important. It is useless trying to grow Japanese Irises in a shady spot. Sunlight

and moisture are the two requisites for success with these plants.

The best time to set out Irises of this type or to divide and transplant those already in the garden is in late July or early August. Orders for new plants should be put in immediately. Let it be remembered that this type of Iris takes an entirely different treatment from the Bearded Iris. Instead of being planted almost on the

surface of the ground, the crowns should be buried two inches.

Peat can be added to advantage to soil where Japanese Irises are to go. Unlike the Bearded Irises, which delight in lime, the Japanese forms prefer a soil which is somewhat acid. Lime should never be used with them. It is also important that the ground be kept well cultivated, never being allowed to become hard or dry. A summer mulch of pullverized peat lessens the amount of hoeing necessary and helps to hold the moisture.

The location should be one where the drainage is good, even though it be close by a pond. These Irises like to have their roots reach water in summer, but stagnant water must not stand around the clumps, and it is imperative that they should

not be caked over with ice in winter.

Japanese Irises must have plenty of room, and must never have competition from weeds or grass. If they are used in a generad garden away from water, a spot should be prepared for them by digging out a foot of earth, and working in an abundance of well rotted cow manure, or in its absence pullverized sheep manure. If the earth is at all heavy set the divided clump on a little mound of sand. When winter comes a light mulch will be needed.

There is only one way in which to get an abundance of large flowers, and that is to supply water with a generous hand during the spring before the buds open. Water and water alone will make big blooms. In gardens where the situation is unusually favorable, the Japanese Iris plants are sometimes entirely submerged once

or twice in the spring, the water being drained off after a day or two.

Unfortunately the names of Japanese Irises have become badly mixed. Many growers have given different names to the same plants, and there is always much confusion when making a collection. Nevertheless magnificent varieties may be obtained, with flowers running from pure white through lavender to purple. There are both single and double forms, the former occasionally throwing blooms eight or nine inches in diameter.

These Irises are not troubled by many pests, but seem to tempt the Rose chafer for a short season and are sometimes infested by the European corn borer in sections

where that pest has become well established.

### JAPANESE IRIS (KAEMPFERI)

I offer the finest selected Japanese strain in mixed colors, equal to the choicest named varieties, which are very badly mixed in this country; almost every grower offers something different under the same name. I have been raising these Irises from seeds imported from the largest Iris gardens near Tokyo. You will be greatly pleased with the varieties.

Large, Blooming Size Clumps, Mixed (add 10c postage to ea. clump)..35c ea., 3 for \$1 Small Seedling Plants (either Spring or Fall delivery) only in mixed colors ......

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Koko-No-Iro. Royal purple, with yellow center, 6 large petals ..............50c each Morning Mists. (Award of Merit Royal Horticulture Society of England.) Pure white, of immense size with a faint mist of pale blue at the throat, that deepens in color and spreads as the flower reaches its zenith; tex-Shirataki. Very tall; broad fluted white petals with a golden band in the center; a wonderful flower .......50c each Yeddo Pride. Light rose center petals and dark plum outer petals.......50c each Kuro-Kumo. Six dark purple, overlaid with dark blue petals.......50c each Osho-Kun. Tyrian-blue, yellow blotches radiating into white. Six very large Zama-No-Mori. Three immense white falls with sky blue in center. Standards white with soft blue margin. Very beautiful sort ......50c each NOTICE: -Out of many hundreds of choice seedlings, I have selected some dozen marvelously beautiful varieties; I have worked up a stock of these now, and am offering a collection of six different varieties, everyone a gem, at ..... \$5.00

### JAPANESE IRIS SEEDS

### CALIFORNIA IRISES

These American Irises are not exceeded in beauty by any members of the family, and are still practically unknown in gardens because of the difficulty which most cultivators experience in transplanting them. As a matter of fact, the following Californian species take by no means unkindly to cultivation, they are all absolutely hardy, and no Irises give a more profuse display of blooms. Hundreds of flowers are produced in a patch of plants only a yard or two square, and hardly any two seedlings are identical in color. Their average height is 12 inches. Lovely for cut flowers.

This Iris specie includes such varieties as Bracteata; Californica; Douglasiana; Hartwegi; Tenax, Purdyi, and their Hybrids. All wonderfully beautiful with their wonderful variations in flowers of yellow, with crimson veins, pinks, reds, blues, yellows, bronzes, rosy-lilac, violet shades and lavender.

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Andromache. Lilac on white ground, veined dark violet.

Hecate. Upper petals soft rosy white; lower petals on a silvery ground veined brown and bronze.

Hera. A strong grower with flowers of a beautiful ruby red color, tinted bronzeblue.

Psyche. White ground, veined with violet, a superb variety.

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### SPANISH, DUTCH AND ENGLISH IRIS BULBS

Must be planted in September or October (not later), to remain in the ground for 2 or 3 years, when the colonies then formed must be divided in August, and replanted in September; it will be found that the bulbs have tripled and quadrupled.

Plant these Iris bulbs in well-drained, light, sandy loam, if possible; fertilize with bone meal at planting time.

### DUTCH IRIS

Albert Cuyp. Pure white, fall lemon yellow, with large orange-yellow blotches.

Anton Mauve. A beautiful, large flower of uniform soft blue.

Hart Nibbrig. Brilliant, clear blue.

**Hobbema.** Large white flowers, inside faintly tinged blue, large falls of the palest yellow with orange blotch.

Rembrandt. Blue with large yellow central blotch, flowers of great substance.

Van Der Helst. Light yellow standards, yellow falls.

Any of the above.....\$1.00 per doz.; \$7.50 per 100

#### **ENGLISH IRIS**

July Flowering Royal Blue. Per doz., \$1.00; \$7.00 per 100.

#### SPANISH IRIS

Beauty. Porcelain blue; very fine.
Empress of the Blues. Delightful blue.
Flora. White and light lilac very early.
La Citronelle. Lemon yellow.
La Reconnaissance. Bronze, golden blotch.
L'Honneur D'Overveen. Blue.

Prince Henry. Beautiful bronze. Queen Wilhelmina. Pure white, very early.

### DOMINION SEEDLINGS

Don't buy the English Iris "DOMINION" for a garden variety because the average purchaser will regret it. While the individual blossom is of wonderful texture and size and color the variety is an exceedingly poor and vague grower, and its cost will always remain high, BUT if you are a real Iris enthusiast and want to experiment in breeding new varieties then buy Dominion by all means (I am selling it this year at \$5.00 for a good, strong rizhome.)

I want to emphasize that Dominion is the mother of a race of Iris that is distinct, wonderful and "different," and by using Dominion as a parent you too will be able to grow some wonderful and different seedlings.

Next season I will be in a position to offer the following English named Dominion seedlings for sale, the most outstanding ones thus far produced:

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### A VALUABLE AND SPLENDID IRIS MANUAL

Forty-six pages, profusely illustrated, a manual every Iris lover should have, and the price is only 10 cents. Send to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., and 10 cents in coin (not stamps.)

### ARE YOU BOTHERED WITH IRIS ROT? TRY THIS ONE

Mr. Dykes, in his book on Iris, says to make a solution of potassium permanganate—obtainable at any drug store for little money—and wash the affected part—a sure cure.

## HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSION OF IRIS IN YOUR GARDEN FOR AT LEAST 4 MONTHS

Plant some of the April flowering Pumilas; then the early so-called "INTERME-DIATE" May flowering, then the so-called "GERMAN" Iris blooming throughout June, and not forgetting a few of the lovely Spanish, Dutch and Siberian Iris, and then, last and most beautiful, the gorgeous Japanese Iris, blooming throughout July, with a sprinkling of the bulbous ENGLISH Iris also blooming in July.

I made a list last season of some "MID-SEASON" and LATE German Iris, with this result:

MIDSEASON (not including any of the earlier varieties):

Mrs. Walter Brewster
Crusader
Cluny
Blue Bird
Medrano
Queen Caterina
Anna Farr
Zouave
Souv. de Madame Gaudichau
Magnifica
Seminole
Anna Farr
Roseway

LATE BLOOMERS:

Grevin B. Y. Morrison Ambassadeur Marsh Marigold Virginia Moore Delicatissima

THE VERY LATEST:

Dream White Knight Navajo
Blue Jay Asia Black Prince (Perry)
Chester J. Hunt Prospero Nine Wells
Hiawatha Tristram Dimity
Montezuma Tom-Tit Neptune

Rhein **Nixe** 

# EXTRACT FROM BULLETIN NO. 10 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY PRACTICAL POINTS R. S. Sturtevant

Note: The following paragraphs are selected from an article published by the Secretary of the Society and, in my opinion, give most excellent advice to all who are interested in growing Irises.

### HINTS TO PURCHASERS

PRICES vary from 25 cents to \$5.00 or more, for a single rhizome. High prices are based largely on scarcity of stock and do not necessarily reflect the intrinsic merit; many highly rated varieties are inexpensive. It is well to consider cost of delivery and insurance in comparing the prices in different lists.

STOCK. The standard size of root is a "finger" shaped tuber about the size of a large thumb with one sheaf of leaves. Varieties vary, however, as to size, and furthermore soil and season will affect greatly the appearance of the root you receive. Some soils produce enormous rhizomes and at certain seasons any thrifty tuber will be lined on each side with green buds. Single roots, or at most two-pronged ones, are far more satisfactory than a clump. Absolutely sound, healthy roots are, however, the really important thing.

ARRIVAL OF PLANTS. In shipping, the leaves are cut short and often the fibrous roots are also cut with absolutelly no injury to the plant. The roots may arrive bone dry, loose in the box; they may be wrapped in paper, excelsior, or damp moss, but as long as they are firm and in no way softened by over-dampness they may be expected to thrive. Very dry roots may be soaked for two hours before planting, but it is not necessary.

PLANTING. They may remain unplanted safely for a long time if not too moist. Plant on the surface, or even on a mound, for drainage; the tuber showing and, to promote growth, keep the soil just moist as with too much moisture the plants will rot. Plant in full sun, in deeply prepared beds, individual plants 1 to 2 ft. apart, each variety 18-24 inches from the next. For immediate effect plant three roots about six inches apart with the cut ends facing in. In the garden and often from a distance most irises may be transplanted at any season. Preferably the Beardless Irises are shipped in early spring or planted during a wet spell; the Bulbous Irises may be shipped when the leaves die down, but are not planted until fall; the Bearded Irises are best planted immediately after blooming. In late fall planting always cover with leaves or straw to prevent heaving by frost.

LOCATION. Sun and good drainage are essential. Few varieties bloom well in the shade and even fewer will endure a water-logged soil. The Bearded varieties like light soil and lime, the Beardless appreciate richer, moister soil and do not like lime. The Japanese are the only ones which should be top-dressed with manure.

I have found it advisable to ship Tall Bearded Irises in as dry a condition as possible. I have never known one to be lost because it was too dry, but occasionally one is lost through excess of moisture. When received by the purchaser the bulb should be firm and dry. If soft and rotten, it should be returned to me and I will replace same without charge.

Do not forget to lift and divide irises every third or fourth year if you wish to obtain best results.

O. M. PUDOR, Iris Specialist, Puyallup, Washington.

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Iris "MORNING SPLENDOR" (Shull)

Under date of August 6th, 1923, the introducer of this splendid new Iris wrote me as follows: "We expect this variety to rank very high when it becomes more widely known. A neighboring Iris enthusiast who has seen this every year since it began blooming, after visiting with me at the gardens of Danenhauer and Wister this spring, where we saw a large number of the newer things, both EUROPEAN and AMERICAN, says if he could have only five varieties, he would choose: 'MORNING SPLENDOR,' 'JULIA MARLOWE,' 'GAUDICHAU' and 'PALLIDA DALMATICA' for four of them."

Owing to the health and vigor of this most beautiful variety, my stock is now sufficiently large to give you the benefit of a great reduction in price. \$3.00 for a strong, blooming size rizhome. (It is being sold at \$5.00 to \$7.50.)



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