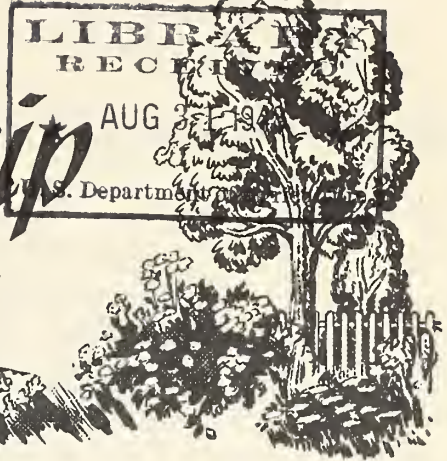


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AND SUMMER'S LEASE

HATH ALL TOO SHORT A DATE.

No one will argue with the Bard. Summer is indeed too short at best. Too short to spend in tiresome weeding, and cultivating, in dividing and resetting and watering. Lets put it all off until some other day when there'll be more time, and it's not so warm.

It is true, of course, that many of the lovely flowers we have enjoyed in April, May, and June, can be planted later in the summer, with entirely good results. But for many gardeners in cold sections, it isn't safe to do planting too late. Some of the finest garden plants must be dug while dormant in midsummer. And then too, there is the danger of getting into a bad frame of mind, -of getting out of the gardening habit.

For all these reasons, and because no matter how fine a summer we enjoy, when winter fades, the flowers of early spring, many of which should be planted in the next few weeks, will be as welcome as ever, send us your order now. We'll ship it when you wish, within the proper period.

DOUBLE BLOODROOT.

Sanguinaria canadensis flore plena.

We have tried several times to describe this beautiful flower, in the past. Then for a number of years, it was too few in numbers to permit us to sell it. Now that it is again available, it is still difficult to say just what makes it so outstanding.

Of course it flowers quite early, while the Daffodils are still in full glory, and almost any flower has an appeal at that time. Then too, it is the clearest possible shade of white and the foliage is a notably clean green-- it looks as if it had just been washed. The flowers themselves are quite large, many times a half dollar would no more than cover them. But to us, it is their perfection of form that appeals most of all. Not only is the flower double, but it is fully double, clear to the center. Each petal and petaloid are of exactly the right size and shape for the space they fill. There are other double forms of common flowers, but none that seems so 'surely' made.

The Bloodroot isn't hard to grow. It likes a little shade from the afternoon sun, and a soil that is cool and damp, tho not too wet. We usually find it wild on stony banks, tho good colonies thrive under maples in moist ground along our Vermont roads. Perhaps a little extra leafmold or peat in the soil is advisable. Plant the root an inch or two down, and give a mulch of leaves. Don't disturb it often.

We have only a moderate number of strong single bud roots to dispose of this year. When the total we have decided to sell is reached, we will book orders for delivery in 1949. So order early! SHIPMENT AFTER SEPTEMBER FIRST. PRICE, ONE DOLLAR.

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ORIENTAL POPPIES.

All Poppies are priced at 50¢ per plant, except as noted.

BETTY ANN. Beautifully crinkled petals of La France pink, with no basal spots. Lovely in the garden, or cut.

CAVALIER. Deep rich maroon red. The darkest color we offer. 75¢

CERISE BEAUTY. Truly cerise pink, this shimmers in the sunlight.

CHEERIO. A lovely shell pink, with bright red basal spots. Good size and habit, and a beautifully textured bloom. 75¢ each.

CURTIS GIANT FLAME. A giant red Poppy, on tall strong stems.

ENFIELD BEAUTY. A beautiful cherry pink flower, on an erect stem. Medium size, and a very satisfying color. Fine massed.

JEANNIE MAWSON. A lovely peach pink, of vigorous growth. Very large flowers. The best in this bright pink color.

JOHN III. A dainty, much crinkled flower of coral pink. Not a large plant, but blooms profusely and is much admired.

LULU A. NEELEY. Medium sized deep glowing red flowers on sturdy erect stems. One of the finest Poppies in its color. 75¢ each.

MRS. PERRY. The standard soft salmon pink, with dark blotch. 35¢

PROSERPINE. Tall and late, with chinese-red flowers, which have very dark centers. Vigorous and free flowering.

ROSE BEAUTY. Truly rose in color, this is distinct from other pink Poppies, and is an excellent sort. The color blends with others, and is rich and satisfying alone. 3 for \$1.35. 50¢ ea.

SALMON GLOW. A new double Poppy, in salmon-orange. Do not confuse this with the old May Queen. It is distinct, and not weedy.

SPOTLESS. Soft salmon-rose, without markings of any sort. To our mind the finest in the Mrs. Perry color.

WELCOME. A deep scarlet with a shaggy black center. Slightly lighter than Lulu Neeley, and a bit earlier.

WUNDERKIND. Carmine-rose or watermelon-pink, -as you will. No other Poppy is like it. Scarce and priced at \$1.00 each.

MIXED ORIENTAL POPPIES.

Having resolved to shorten our list of Poppies, we have in the nursery more than ten sorts that are not offered above, to which we can add several of the above kinds which are quite plentiful. While they last, we will ship them in mixture only, as follows.

TEN ROOTS, UNLABELLED, for \$2.00.

To anyone wishing a brilliant display of color next June, we strongly commend this collection.

PLEASE NOTE. Poppies are shipped out as soon as the tops ripen, usually about July 20th, PLEASE STATE SHIPPING DATE.

EXPERIENCES WITH NEW PLANTS.

We have rather fallen into the habit of reporting at this time on the newer plants we have seen during the past year and particularly concerning those which have flowered during the spring season. But there are some interesting side lights here, and perhaps we can work one or two of them in.

For instance, did we ever tell you that we have a Yellow Phlox? Oh yes, we do have! Several years ago we had a letter from a plant grower in a mid-western town offering us just that. He said it was just like Phlox that he had, that it was slow to increase, and that everyone who saw it begged a piece of it from him. We can always be interested in such things and in due time a plant arrived. On first sight, we knew it was no Phlox, for the roots were entirely wrong. But we increased it slightly and set it in our trial beds. As it grew to its first maturity, it was not too tall, with a slender stem, good foliage, which appeared rather downy, and in time a somewhat conical head of good yellow flowers. A bit of research identified it as a *Steironema*. We rather liked it and thought we'd get around to set it in a bed in the nursery where we could sell from it. Last season it wasn't possible to do it, and now we're glad we didn't for it stands about five feet tall, and has come up from suckering roots, in all directions for at least a foot away from the original plants. It is still a rather showy thing for the back of the border, unquestionably hardy, and trouble free. But to use like a Phlox, -NO!

On the other side of the picture, we'd like to tell you about another plant we received in a similar fashion. The friend who sent it to us said it was a double *Anthemis tinctoria*, and so it proved to be. We increased it moderately the first year and sent plants to several prominent firms for trial. Last season we grew a lot of it, and, having tentatively named it *Anthemis Sunbeam* (we thought it would be a good companion to the pale yellow *Anthemis Moonlight*), we mentioned it in these columns. During the summer, we received an offer for the entire stock of plants, which we accepted. We shipped them out in September, keeping only the original plant. Patented and rechristened *Golden Dawn*, you have seen it prominently mentioned this spring, and perhaps a plant is growing in your own border. We hope so, for it is a showy and with us a permanent thing. Having mentioned it last year, we thought it might be well to tell the story, that there should be no misunderstanding.

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Experiences with new plants,-con.

BEARDED IRIS.

The following list of Iris is from our collection of more than thirty sorts. Those not named we do not have in large enough amounts to offer, but we can refer you to previous GOSSIPS, and we will be glad to supply sorts listed in the past if we can do so. WRITE US FOR KINDS YOU WANT, we may have them.

ALLURE. A delightful blend of soft pink and soft yellow. 40"

APHRODITE. Even lilac pink. A tall brightly colored sort. 44"

AUTUMN KING. Dark blue purple. Flowers again in fall. 36"

CAROLINE E. STRINGER. Soft pale pink. Distinctive enough to be both beautiful and lovely in the garden.

CORONATION. Brilliant deep clear golden yellow. 40"

FOLKWANG. Not tall, but a fine lustrous pink in color.

FRIEDA MOHR. The most popular pink Iris. Falls are deeper than the standards. Blooms of extra size and fragrance. 35¢; 3-\$1.00

MILDRED PRESBY. Deep pansy violet and white, bicolor. 30" tall.

MME CHOBAUT. Yellow white and buff, spotted and streaked wine-red.

PLUIE D'OR. Deep clear yellow. Grows 41" tall, and flowers very profusely. Most highly rated in its color.

SEMINOLE. An older, red toned Iris, but still one of the best.

SHEKINAH. A soft lemon yellow, pleasing in its cool tone.

SIMONE VASSIERE. A blue bicolor; soft colored standards and deeper falls. Hardy, vigorous, and free flowering. Tall, 48".

SOUV. DE MME. GAUDICHAU. A very dark purple, quite even in its coloring, and one of the best deep colored sorts.

SUSAN BLISS. A fine lilac pink, or just off lavender. Beautiful.

TAJ MAHAL. A splendid white, we think it the best of all.

VESPER GOLD. Yellow toned. Tall stems, very heavily flowered.

YOLANDE. Even, dark blue-purple. Striking when massed. Tall.

ALL THE ABOVE ARE PRICED AT 25¢ each; 5 (alike) for \$1.00

DWARF BEARDED IRIS.

This is Iris pumila, with foliage about 6" tall, but with very large flowers, before the larger sorts bloom. 25¢ each.

BLUE. A very dark colored sort. 25¢ each; 5 for \$1.00.

LOOMIS B-1. Fine rich red-purple. 25¢ each.

MAROCAINE. Dark blue-purple, extra large. 25¢ each; 5 for \$1.00.

YELLOW. Attractive pale yellow form. 25¢ each; 5 for \$1.00.

PLEASE NOTE. The above prices are for strong single rhizomes.

Other new plants-to us-that came to hand last year included two Orchids. One we mentioned last fall, and it is offered elsewhere in this Gossip. It is the small White Lady-Slipper, which we had seen but once, and that in 1916. It doesn't grow in Vermont woods, but is more common westward. Having been led to believe that it was not easily cultivated, we had never bought it, but last year a Michigan gardener wrote to say he was cultivating it easily. We traded some other plants for a small supply. They were planted in our shade house, and are now flowering. Except that they seem a bit weak stemmed, they grow as easily as our native sorts, and we are really delighted with them.

The other Orchid is Bletilla striata. A native of Asia, it is cultivated in Japan, and is grown out of doors on our West Coast, for cutting, we understand. It was not thought to be hardy here, and in fact, one friend told us he had tried it, and lost. Naturally, we were all impatient this spring, for it grew well last summer, and when it didn't appear promptly, we began digging. The crown seemed all right, but still no growth, until well along into May when the first leaf tip appeared on the type plants, and now they are well along in bud, and will flower in early July. But we also had one plant of the white form, and this is just now showing the first sign of growth above ground. We are inclined to think that those who have lost it over winter, haven't been patient enough.

At long last we are again increasing our plants of the white form of the true Bleedingheart, (Dicentra spectabilis alba). This will not grow as easily as does the type, even here where it is particularly at home, and we think it will always be necessary to keep it in light shade, and in a light, fertile, and exceedingly well drained soil. We tried to divide the stock in midsummer, as we often do the common sort, and nearly lost them all. Now we have enough so that we can surely fill the orders now on file, in September. And we may be able to offer it generally at that time, as well. We allowed only one stem to flower, to be certain it had not become mixed, tho the light green foliage is distinct. Sure enough, the tiny hearts were white, with just a faint tinge of pink.

Another white plant that we are at last getting results from is Mertensia virginica alba. We can't sell it yet, but may do so next season. While other Mertensia forms increase readily, this does not, and one hesitates to be too rash with it, in the fear that all may be lost.

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PEONIES.

We are including the Peonies in the July Gossip for three reasons. One is because we will have more room for other items in the September issue. Another is because we will have a longer period to get orders before shipping in mid-September, which we consider the best time. And last, you will just have seen Peonies bloom, and will be thinking about them. We ship strong divisions at these prices, from a fine collection.

- ALBATRE. Large double white, with red tipped center. Often known as Avalanche, it is one of the best, sturdy and erect. \$1.00.
- ALBERT CROUSSE. Very late, seashell pink flower of perfect shape. \$1.00
- BARONESS SCHROEDER. Large double flesh white, perfect form. \$1.00
- BLANCHE KING. Fine deep pink, excellent form. \$5.00
- CHESTINE GOWDY. Silvery pink, growing deeper at center. \$1.00
- CLAIRE DUBOIS. Large satin pink, -a later M. Jules Elie. \$1.00
- DORCHESTER. A fine deep pink, almost salmon. Very late. \$1.00
- EDULIS SUPERBA. Earliest good rose pink, double and fine. \$1.00
- FELIX CROUSSE. Best midseason red. \$1.00 each.
- FRANCES WILLARD. An immense double flower. Blush white. \$1.00
- GEORGIANNA SHAYLOR. Extremely large double flesh pink. \$1.00
- JAMES KELWAY. Rose white, changing to milk white. Early. \$1.00
- KARL ROSENFELD. Fine rich velvety crimson. Extra good. \$1.25
- LADY ALEXANDRA DUFF. An immense, cup-shaped, pale pink bloom. \$1.00
- LA FRANCE. Violet rose pink. Late. \$1.00 each.
- LA FIANCEE. A very fine single white. \$1.25 each.
- LE CYGNE. Beautiful pure white. Finest of all Peonies. \$3.00
- L'ETINCELANTE. Deep carmine red single. \$1.25 each.
- MARGUERITE GERARD. Enormous flat pale pink flowers. Fine. 75¢ ea.
- MARIE CROUSSE. Pale lilac rose. Beautiful midseason sort. \$1.00
- MARTHA BULLOCH. Very large, double, perfectly flat flower of deep rose pink, fading to silvery pink. Fragrant. \$1.00
- MARY BRAND. A deep red of silky texture. Midseason. Vigorous and fine. Best red of all, we think. \$1.50 each.
- MME. AUGUSTE DESSERT. Bright rose, the center flecked crimson. 75¢
- MME. DUCHEL. Large, incurved, silvery pink bloom, very double. 75¢.
- MME. EMILE GALLE. White, with the faintest touch of shell pink. \$1.25.

Experiences with new plants, -con.

Last year we obtained a lot of new Pinks, various forms of Dianthus. Some of these we have mentioned, especially John Ball, whose known history goes back over more than 50 years. It is at last flowering a fine double white, on an ideal plant, fragrant and beautiful. We shall offer it next year. The one plant of Little Joe that we have nursed along for two years has come back to health and this year it yielded a good crop of cuttings. We hope to have it next year as well. For its size, it has the largest flower we know of and certainly the brightest. We liked Old Spice last year, altho inclined to be too tall and to fall over. Thinking to offer it this spring, we bought a fair number more. All failed to survive the winter, and we must consider it not reliably hardy here. In this same classification we are placing the Uniques. We have had them all, and only young plants will live over winter. Older ones kill out.

On the other hand, we obtained from Manitoba several new Dianthus, which seem notably hardy, and certainly floriferous. They are not large, but are quite double and very fragrant. The plants are compact and not too tall. They will be welcomed we think, by all who like this family.

Lily enthusiasts will be interested to know that we have flowered the new pale yellow Coral Lily, Yellow Bunting. This is also from Manitoba, and we had a small number of fair sized bulbs last year, which failed to bloom however. This year, only two have done so. It is a charming thing, soft in color, with no trace of red, and it is to be hoped that it presages the eventual obtaining of many varied colors in this one lily species. However, none of the forms we have seen displays the easy culture and free blooming habits of the type, and until they do, there is much to be worked for. We like Lilies, but we want them to grow, -we don't want to have to coddle them.

It is too early yet to tell what we shall have in our colored forms of the Shelburne Hybrid strain of trumpet lilies. Last year, we had some beautiful things, and the bulbs, left in the ground to flower again, are so much stronger this third year than we had even hoped, that we can't help but wonder if some we didn't think outstanding last year, may not seem more so this season. But in any case, there were fine pink flushed forms last year, which will flower again in July, and as well another smaller lot of seedlings that will be flowering for the first time, and may put all that we have seen before, to shame. We hope to have much to tell you about these new Lilies, in September.

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Experiences with new plants,-con.

PEONIES.

We wish it were possible for us to test more plants but room and help to care for them are considerations, and so is cost. For a number of years we have not seen any new Daylilies, and if those of you who have tried the newer sorts will write us about them, we'd appreciate it. For instance, do you really like the new red and rose colored shades? We've seen few of the latter that we liked, and as for the former, we just can't take them on a hot summer day!

But there is one group of plants we do like,-Pyrethrums. Away back in our early years, we tried to import a lot of fine named English sorts, only to lose most of them on the long journey, and the treatment at the Quarantine Station at this end. Two survived, and from them we have learned much thru the years. A few fine seedlings have gradually come to us since then, and we feel we can make a few statements and promises now. To begin with, there is as much difference in the growth of Pyrethrums as there are in the Chrysanthemums to which they are so closely related. We have seen many differences in foliage, and in root structure. But notably this, - some sorts just will not increase easily nor are they permanent. We have a fine single red that is brighter and clearer in color than any sort we know, but we have but one plant of it and have difficulty keeping that alive. We have two identical plants under different names, - identical save that one always gives a finely doubled flower, while the other produces a number of singles in every clump.

We have learned how Pyrethrum may be most easily increased. We have been buying every named sort we could obtain. Some we have already discarded as being weak, tho they had beautiful flowers. Some we are keeping, to use as parents in further attempts to produce vigorous and permanent sorts. We shall be able to offer a goodly number again this fall. We strongly advise against spring planting of this plant. It really does best from a midsummer setting with us. Take it in September, get it well established before cold weather, and it will delight you next summer. In the spring it starts slowly into growth, is often lost in shipping, since it seems to decay easily and certainly doesn't flower well after being moved. In the fall it may be sent long distances with excellent results, and it continues to increase in size all thru the fall so that it flowers marvelously at the proper season.

If you have any outstandingly vigorous or beautiful Pyrethrum, single or double, please let us know. We will gladly buy them. We have trace of a yellow form, - has anyone else seen anything like that?

MME JULES DESSERT. Cream white, with a distinct pink center. \$1.

MONS. JULES ELIE. A deep pink bloom, very large, double, with incurved petals. Always good. Very free flowering. \$1.00

MYRTLE GENTRY. A very fine late blush white from Brand. \$3.00

PRAIRIE AFIRE. This fine bright red is seldom offered. \$2.00

RICHARD CARVEL. A very double brilliant crimson flower. \$1.25

SARAH BERNHARDT. Appleblossom pink. Finest of its color. \$1.00

SINGLE PINK. Large, fine deep color. Name has been lost. \$1.25

SOLANGE. White, with an indescribable brown shading until fully open. Very double, immense size. \$1.25.

SUZETTE. Bengal Rose, slightly shaded carmine. Silvery reflex. \$1.

THERESE. By most considered the finest soft pink. Immense. \$2.00

TOURANGELLE. Delicate rose, over pearly white, shaded with salmon. \$1.00

VENUS. Pale hydrangea pink, with a lighter collar. 75¢ each.

VICTORY CHATEAU THIERRY. Bright pink, of wonderful form. \$3.50

WALTER FAXON. Bright rose. A distinct, delicately colored bloom. \$1.00

THE DECORATION DAY PEONY.

This, *Peonia officinalis rubra plena*, is commonly called by the above title because it is the first to bloom, and quite often is in flower on May 30th. It is extremely double, and bright red. The plant is vigorous, and makes a fine clump. \$2.00 each.

PEONIA ANOMALA SMOUTHII.

This is a single red flowered species, quite dwarf, and very early. The foliage is quite like that of other Peonies, not finely divided as in another early sort. Excellent bright sort to edge other Peonies, or low shrubs. \$2.00 each.

DAFFODILS.

In July, we shall dig some fine bulbs of the following sorts of Narcissi. Descriptions may be found in other Gossips, and in most Daffodil catalogs. These are fine quality bulbs.
TRUMPET TYPES. OTHER TYPES.

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| BEERSHEBA. 60¢ each | ACTAEA. 15¢; 10 for \$1.25 |
| DAWSON CITY. 25¢ each | CARLTON. 25¢ each. |
| GOLDEN HARVEST. 25¢ each. | FIRETAIL. 25¢ each |
| MRS. E. H. KRELAGE. 25¢ each | JOHN EVELYN. 25¢ each. |
| ROBERT SYDENHAM. 25¢ each | MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE. 60¢ each. |
| SPRING GLORY. 25¢ each | ORANGE QUEEN (Jonquil) 15¢ each. |
| TRESSERVE. 25¢ each | TWINK. 25¢ each. |

COLLECTION OF DAFFODILS AND NARCISSI.

We will send you one of each of the above, labelled, 14 in all for three dollars and fifty cents.

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ROOTS AND BULBS FOR SUMMER PLANTING.

ADONIS AMURENSIS FL.PL. Native to Manchuria and Japan, this early spring flowering plant has very double yellow flowers which open green and slowly change color. At best, it is not over 18" high, with finely divided foliage which dies away about mid-July. \$1.00 each.

A. PYRENAICA. This Adonis differs from A. vernalis by having branched stems. According to authorities, it flowers in July but our form does not. It has single yellow flowers in May. Whether true to name or not, it is an attractive early spring flowering plant, which dies away in July. \$1.00 each.

ANEMONE RANUNCULOIDES. Nearly identical with our native Windflower, save that the blossoms are bright yellow. It grows easily and is permanent in any good soil. Delightful in early May. 25¢ each; 5 for \$1.00.

A. RANUNCULOIDES FL.PL. A beautiful double form of the preceding equally easy to grow, but less plentiful. 50¢ each.

ANEMONELLA THALICTROIDES. This little spring flowering native resembles the Windflower but each stem carries several flowers instead of one. White, flushed with pink, they are very neat and charming when grown in light shade. 25¢ each.

ARISAEMA DRACONTIUM. A plant of the 'Green Dragon' growing in damp, cool, and shaded soil, is really a lush and attractive thing. The heavy foliage and the odd tip of the spadix growing up thru the deeply divided leaves, sometimes to a foot in length, will attract anyone's attention. 25¢ each; 3 for 60¢

A. TRIPHYLLUM. The native Jack-in-the-Pulpit. Plant it in the same location as the Green Dragon. Attractive at all times, and the bright red cluster of berries will last until late in the fall. 15¢ each; 3 for 35¢; 10 for \$1.25.

CAMASSIA ESCULENTA, or QUAMASH. Ours is the western form of this native bulb, which is regarded as a distinct form by some authorities. It is larger than the eastern form and a better color. The Indians used this bulb for food. Foliage and flower spike appear together in early spring, and the dark blue flowers open in May, when the color is useful in the garden and the 30" stems are fine for cutting. We advise that you plant a clump of three, and do not disturb them often. They soon make a large clump, and are happy in any good moist garden soil. 35¢ each; 3 for 75¢; 5 for \$1.00.

COLCHICUM AUTUMNALE ALBUM. If you will plant the Autumn-Crocus in late July and thru August, they will flower in September. The large bulbs send up a succession of crocus like flowers two to three inches long, on six inch stems, from the bare ground. The foliage grows in spring, and dies away in mid-summer. Use them in spots that are bare and objectionable in late summer and fall. This is the WHITE form. 35¢; 3 for \$1.

C. AUTUMNALE MAJOR. A bright purple form, tall and stronger than the type. 50¢ each; 3 for \$1.35.

CORYDALIS BULBOSA. Each spring, visitors exclaim over this little plant which appears as soon as the snow is off and flowers profusely before almost anything else. When told that it can't be easily moved at that time, they are apt to forget it. If you are one of those people, buy them now when the little corms are dormant. The plant resembles a Dutchman's Breeches or the Plumy Bleedingheart. Flowers are bright rosy purple. The foliage disappears by June, and annuals may be planted over the bulbs. 15¢ each; five or more at 10¢ each.

TRAILING ARBUTUS.

It is a bit distressing at times to try to understand the reaction of plant buyers. For instance, -take Arbutus.

A number of years ago, we learned of a specialist who had solved the difficulties attendant on growing this plant in cultivation. There are a number of them, the first and one of the worst being to get seed. And it takes six years after sowing the seed to produce a flowering size plant in a three inch pot, we are told. Anyway, we bought plants and offered them in the Gossip and sold a small number yearly.

Last year, we were unable to get any, our specialist having had his troubles too, during the war years. And then, sometime toward spring, our friends on the staff of The Home Garden answered an inquiry concerning this plant by stating that we had it. For a while most of our correspondence concerned Arbutus. And there we were, without a plant on the place. We tried to get some, but they just won't be available this year. Perhaps, next year, is all we know now.

But Arbutus is found on sour soil and in pine land all about us, and a local collector assured us that he could bring us sods with good sized clumps growing in them, and did so. These we sent out to a number of persons, and we'd really like to know how they are doing. We know, as perhaps many do not, that it is extremely hard to make this plant grow unless soil and other conditions are exactly to its liking. That is why the nursery grown seedlings were so fine. They seemed to have adjusted themselves to the idea of cultivation. We can supply the collected sods if wanted, but we feel we'd like to know that they are moderately successful before sending out many more.

Another plant we have long been interested in is Fringed Gentian. Years ago, we found a fine colony of this plant, and we brought seed to Shelburne and established a colony here, where some of you may have seen it. This gradually became brush choked and too we sold a lot of seed, so that finally, only a few plants could be found. But last fall, far from the original colony here, we found almost thousands of plants in full bloom, -such a sight under October skies. Seed was saved, and sown widely over the whole area, and we think we can promise that if you come here in October this year there will be plenty of Gentian to be seen for an easy walk. We'll have seed to offer again, too. That's the way to grow it, we think. Scatter seed on wet waste land, or in light shade. If conditions are right, it will grow for you. If not, no pot grown plant will thrive, and an unhappy Fringed Gentian is a sorry sight!

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NEW GARDENING AIDS.

Under such a heading, several widely different things come to mind. The first and most widely talked about garden aid is 2-4D. You may buy it as Weed-No-More, or Weedone, or under half a dozen other names but it is essentially the same material. And it works, no question about it. Probably many of you know that. If you have used it on Dandelions in a lawn, and used it properly, they disappeared. But this year there were Dandelions in the lawn again! Sure, for unless you hit the seed which had lodged deep in the grass, or sprayed again late in summer, new seedlings have grown and are now flowering. It is being used on the corn crop, and in many similar ways. But there are two things we want to tell you about.

The directions warn you that sprayers which have held 2-4D should be carefully cleaned before using them for any other spray material. We want to qualify that. DON'T EVER USE A SPRAYER THAT HAS HELD THIS MATERIAL FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. No matter how careful you are in cleansing, some slight residue will remain. Many of the plants you might wish to spray are resistant to 2-4D, as the corn is. But some crops are not, and in such cases, even the slightest amount is fatal. We were told at a meeting where this was discussed, that garden beans were so affected by a minute amount, that while the plants survived and produced seed, the seedlings raised from that seed showed crippling the next year. Fantastic but true. And despite the warning on the containers, we know of a number of people who have used their sprayers for insecticides, without even washing them! The other warning is to use the material only on warm days, and when foliage is dry. Otherwise it fails on resistant plants.

The other gardening aid we want to mention is the Rototiller. Our experience with this machine goes back to its introduction from Switzerland, where it was first built. We have owned several, and used them widely. Under certain conditions, they are wonderful but they are usually too heavy and powerful for the average home owner to use in his restricted garden, unless equipped with reverse gears and other features. And we might add that on stony soil they work all right but you'll get tired of picking up the stones they seem to produce.

Last year we purchased a smaller machine called the Roto-ette, knowing that it would not do what the heavier machines had been doing for us, but believing that it had a place in our work. Now, a year later, we are still more than pleased with it. It is economical; easily operated; light; and not too expensive. We have put it at work too heavy for it, and it performed well. We recommend it to the home gardener, and this testimonial is entirely unsolicited.

ROOTS AND BULBS FOR SUMMER PLANTING.

CROCUS IMPERATI. This spring flowering Crocus is a native of Italy, with lilac flowers streaked dark purple. Very early and with blooms of fair size, produced in quantities, it is still most notable for its hardiness. It does not kill out here and may be used in lawns which are to be mowed. It will carpet under shrubs, but plants with summer foliage should also be used as it disappears in June. 15¢ each; 5 for 50¢.

CYPRIPEDIUM ACAULE. The true Moccasin Flower, native to acid soils, usually found under pines or on the edges of sphagnum bogs in this area. Two large green leaves, and a deep rose colored sac-like bloom on a bare stem in May and June. 35¢

C. ACAULE ALBUM. The rare white form of the Moccasin Flower grows only in limited areas in this state. We shall have a moderate number at \$1.00 per bud.

C. CANDIDUM. The Small White Lady-Slipper is not found here, but last fall we obtained some plants in Michigan, which had been garden grown. To our delight, they are now in full bloom, and they are dainty beyond words. The little slipper is nearly pure white, the sepals and petals greenish brown. We can spare a few at 50¢ per bud.

C. PARVIFLORUM. The smaller Yellow Lady-Slipper is at home on the edge of swampy land in partial shade. It grows easily for us in our shade house in a moderately dry soil. 35¢.

C. PUBESCENS. This, the larger Yellow Lady-Slipper, is found with the preceding, and often in moderately moist soils in open woodland. The color is softer. 35¢ per bud.

C. SPECTABILE. The Showy Lady-Slipper is by far the finest of all our native orchids. It grows in deep cool bogs, on tussocks elevated above the muck, and sometimes a clump will have twenty or more buds. In full bloom the plant will stand to two feet high, and the flowers will be three inches across. Quite often a stem carries two flowers, the white slipper striped with rose or purple, the sepals and petals white. The plant grows well for us in our shade house in moderately dry soil and we have been successful in dividing and increasing it, so that we can offer actually nursery grown plants. 50¢.

PLEASE NOTE. All Cypripedium prices are per bud, and a clump may have several buds, all of which are counted. Plants will be sent out in late August, and thru September.

DICENTRA CANADENSIS. This is the Squirrel Corn, and it is usually plentiful on stony soils, or about the base of ledges in open woodland. It may be easily grown in any partly shaded location. Growth starts very early, and the yellow white flowers appear in May, over filmy foliage. 15¢ each; 10 for \$1.00.

D. CUCULLARIA. This is the Dutchman's Breeches of our childhood often called Bleedingheart in some sections. Much like the preceding, but a different bulb and flower. 15¢ each; 3-\$1.00

ISOPYRUM BITERMATUM. The False Rue-Anemone much resembles the Anemonella, but is distinct from it. The plant grows from a mass of fine hair-like roots, with no apparent buds. A very charming thing in shade. 25¢ each; 5 for \$1.00.

MERTENSIA VIRGINICA. The Virginia Cowslip grows to about two feet of height, from a black knobby root. The new foliage in the earliest spring is a fresh blue green, and at the tip of the strong arching stem is a cluster of pendant blue and pink bells. It is altogether charming, in the border, or when planted in open woodland or under shrubs. As it dies away shortly after flowering, it is good to use with Poppies or Gypsophila. Our finest American wild flower! We have some strong nursery grown roots, ready in July or later.

25¢ each; 3 for \$1.00; 10 for \$2.50; 100 for \$22.50.

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THE MANAGER'S DESK.

LILIUM CANDIDUM. We have a fine bed of Madonna Lilies, just about to flower. These bulbs will be available in August. This is the pure white lily, with ten or more open flat flowers in a close spike at the top of a three foot stem so often used for a garden picture with Delphinium. Ours are bulbs from North France, the broad petalled type so far superior. This lily should be barely covered with soil, and it thrives in a deeply dug and well fed loam. Dust the foliage in spring with a neutral copper dust, or spray with Bordeaux Mixture, to control Botrytis. STRONG BULBS, 50¢ each.
L. TESTACEUM. This is the Nankeen Lily, a hybrid between the Madonna Lily and the bright scarlet L. chalcedonicum. In growth it greatly resembles the former, but the flowers are more recurved and in color are apricot or nankeen-yellow, often flushed with pink. They are unspotted, fragrant, and open just with ora little later than the Madonna Lily. The bulb may be set a little deeper than is the Madonna, but only a little. L. testaceum is most uncommon and hard to obtain, and we are fortunate to have a nice lot of home grown bulbs at \$2.00 each.

LYCORIS SQUAMIGERA. The Hardy Amaryllis sends up a leafy growth in spring, then dies away, and the flower stem rises from the bare soil in August, like magic, to a height of two feet, topped with an umbel of rose-lilac flowers. It is excellent for planting in shade, and to use with foliage plants which flower earlier, as Daylilies. We ship in July. STRONG BULBS, \$1.00 ea.

SANGUINARIA CANADENSIS. Bloodroot often carpets a shady roadside in May, with great spreads of white above the large blue-green leaves. It is found as well on dry hillsides, where it loves to lie under a stone to keep cool. Plant it under shrubs, or on the north side of the house, with ferns, for spring beauty. 15¢ each; 10 for \$1.25.

SCOLOPENDRIUM VULGARE. We have a number of strong plants of variously crested forms of the HART'S TONGUE FERN growing in pots, but no plants of the type. These crested forms are very attractive, and have been grown from spores received from the late T.A. Weston, who had a fine collection. They are only moderately hardy with us, but in a milder climate they will thrive outdoors in a moist cool and shady spot. \$1.25 ea.

TRILLIUM CERNUUM. The Nodding Trillium, found on fairly dry soils, often in pine lands if not too dense. Drooping white flowers on a slender petiole, are an inch across.
T. ERECTUM. The Wake Robin, or Purple Trillium, is a fine sturdy form, usually found in open, rather dry woodland.
T. ERECTUM ALBUM. A white form of the preceding, from Carolina.
T. GRANDIFLORUM. The Great White Trillium grows to a foot or more of height, and is topped by a fine white flower, often 3" across, above large green leaves, sometimes 6" wide. This bloom slowly changes to a rosy pink. Attractive at all times, and by far the finest form. Use it with Mertensia.
T. NIVALE. Grows about 6" high, with white flowers of good size both erect and drooping. Not native here, but winters well.
T. RECURVATUM. Another more southern form, growing to 18" high, with odd brown purple flowers, held stiffly erect.
T. SESSILE LUTEUM. The Yellow Trillium is different, and charming. It is of easy culture here, tho a southerner.
T. STYLOSUM. Finest of the southern Trilliums that will grow here, this has rose-pink flowers nearly as large as those of T. grandiflorum, but slightly drooping.
T. UNDULATUM. The Painted Trillium, with white flowers blotched red or purple in the throat. Plant it deeper than others.

TRILLIUM PRICES.

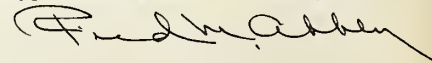
ALL THE PRECEDING ARE 15¢ each; 10 for \$1.25; 100 for \$12.00.

I have left this column to the last, for once, not having much of anything I really feel I must tell you. I think you will mostly agree that this year things have been better. Your orders went out on time, we know, and very few complaints of delay or arrival in poor condition have reached us. One bad item however, was our Pansy shipments. These grew entirely too large last fall, and gave us trouble then and were of course troublesome on long shipments this spring. We sowed our seed later last year, too, but other factors combined to make the plants grow very rapidly. For fall planting, they should not have more than four or six leaves in September, and we shall try to have them that size this fall. I hope that if you had a bad lot this spring, you'll let me know for they can be shipped, and we can do it. Give us a chance again.

I promised this spring that shipments would all travel Special Handling. But before shipping time came, I became convinced that a Postage Meter might serve to give us better handling of shipments, and we used that instead. I think it proved its worth, for the only real complaints we had this season came on material shipped with stamps affixed, when we ran out of meter tape. Of course the boxes we had on order for months arrived just at the end of the shipping season! That helped.

I regret to say that costs continue to increase. For instance, a change in train schedules forces us to truck all our parcels to the office, which adds to handling cost, but also loses us the 3¢ we saved on parcels mailed on our rural route. It has seemed to me that one way I could meet these rising costs was to discard a lot of plants for which our demand had been light, tho many were interesting, and since I like all plants, it has been a wrench to do so. Accordingly we are not increasing a number of things which are offered now and some have already been thrown away. If we are wrong, time will tell. But there will be new plants to take their places, I hope.

I trust the nursery will be well cleaned up by the time this reaches your hands. Do stop to see us, if you're up this way. Not on Sundays tho, please. We have to rest, too.



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