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# Colorado Wild Flower

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The seed from the flowers named in these lists as well as later gatherings are collected from the best and finest specimens with the utmost care.

They are put up in packages carefully labeled, giving range of altitude, character of soil, color of blossoms, etc.

Ornamental shrubs, suited to cultivation, a specialty.

Plants, as well as seeds, are collected from the plains of Colorado at four thousand feet altitude to the peaks of the mountains at fourteen thousand feet. Flowers, ferns and grasses—choice and rare specimens for ornamental and scientific purposes—in stock; also New Mexico and Texas varieties collected on order.

As this list is intended for the use of Botanical Gardens, Landscape Gardeners, those Florists who make the introduction of novelties a specialty, and for large private grounds where seeds and plants receive careful and well-directed attention, more than for the ordinary retail trade, and as some varieties on list are subject to change, no prices will be quoted, but price per oz. or collection of packets will be furnished upon application or attached to this list. While for amateurs and flower lovers who wish to acquaint themselves with the Colorado Flora, a uniform price of **Ten Cents Per Packet** will be made for those below timber-line, the quantity of seeds to be determined by the range of altitude and value of seeds.

Bulbs of *Calochortus* or Mariposa lily and the Tiger lily are furnished in place of seed, a limited supply of them being kept. Prices furnished on application.

It is with the hope that the beautiful varieties of flowers of which Colorado is so justly proud may find a place in the gardens, both foreign and American, that this catalogue is issued.

On account of space, only a few descriptions will be given.

***Rubus deliciosus*** (shrub)—A magnificent shrub growing under cultivation six feet in height and three to five feet across. Large, snowy white flowers with golden center form profusely along its branches, making elegant sprays of bloom; delicately fragrant.

***Ceanothus Ovatus*** (shrub)—Two or more feet high, bearing leaves of shining green and dense clusters of white blossoms; a very delicate shrub.

***Philadelphus microphyllus*** (shrub)—Dwarf habit, slender, erect growth, fragrant white flowers.

***Lepachys columnaris* and *pulcherrima***—(Fairy Torch)—A beautiful flower, rays yellow with dashes of reddish brown with its column-like center bearing fragrant disk flowers.

***Aconitum Columbianum***—Stout, herbaceous, hardy, fine for fall blooming, dark purple, and white blossoms—plants three to six feet in height.

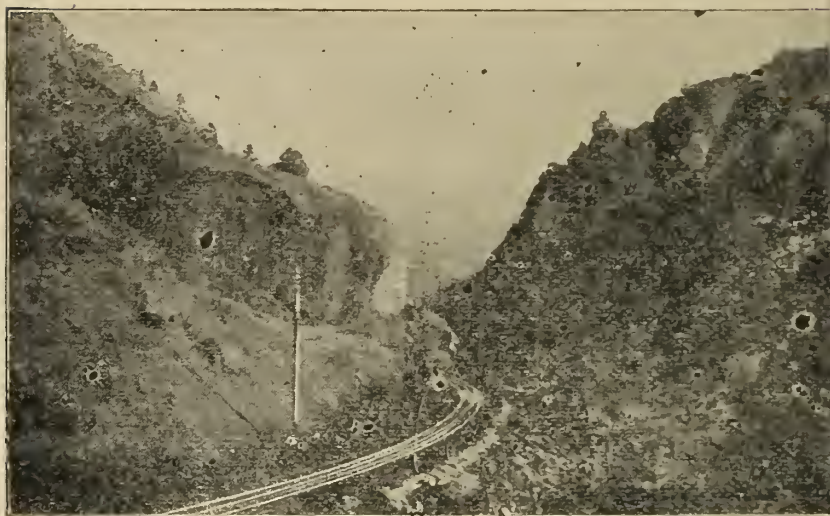
***Sedum Stenopetalum***—Low growing, fine for rock work, bearing trusses of brilliant yellow flowers, remaining in bloom a long time, standing drouth well.

***Pentstemon***—In sky blue, purple, rose and scarlet varieties.

**Gaura coccinea** (wild mignonette)—Very fragrant, branching, leafy, six to twelve inches high, bearing racemes of white and rose colored flowers turning to a deep scarlet; a beautiful and dainty plant.

**Oenothera caespitosa**—Bearing a large but delicate blossom, measuring four and one-half inches across; white, turning to a rose color—fragrant.

**Aquilegia chrysantha**—Two and a half feet high, making a bushy plant more than two feet across; blooming season lasting two months; golden yellow blossoms.



**Anemone patens**—A beautiful anemone for winter blooming; large blue and purplish blossoms with feathery seed pods succeeding bloom, little less attractive than the flowers.

**Argemone platyceras**—Large showy white flowers, gold center, four to six inches across, growing very large under cultivation.

**Aquilegia coerulea** (Rocky Mountain Columbine)—Broad flowers, three and four inches in



diameter, outer sepals and spurs deep blue, petals white, centers gold. A grand variety.

*Mentzelia ornata*—A grand variety, very large white blossom, opening at twilight, with gold-colored, tassel-like stamens; fragrant in evening.

The Pike's Peak region abounds in wild flora of astonishing variety and rare beauty. The large number of distinct and widely differing flowers found along the line of the Manitou & Pike's Peak Railway is accounted for by the great difference in altitude and atmospheric conditions between the two terminals of the road—a vertical mile and a half. Even on the Summit, the warmth of the glaring sun, obstructed only by a highly rarified atmosphere and reflected from great ledges of rocks, nourishes and matures some of the most delicate and exquisite specimens of the entire floral kingdom.

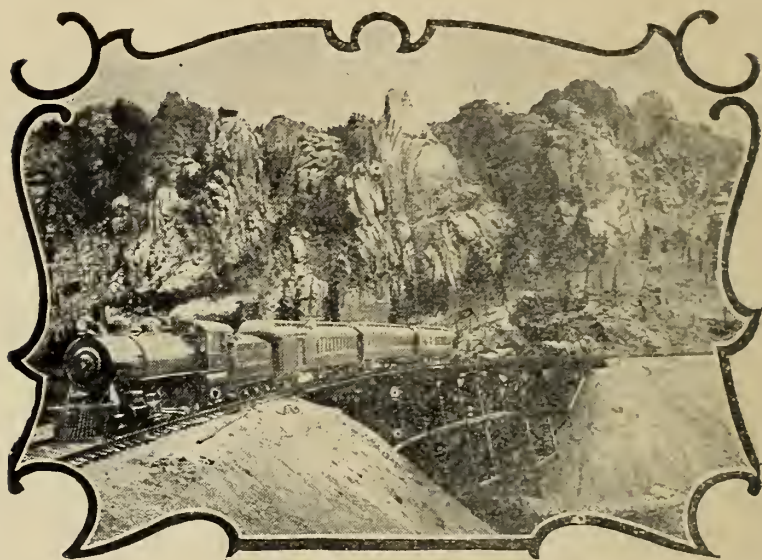
The flowers mentioned in the following list are mainly alpine varieties, but below timber line on Pike's Peak are found anemones, roses, mariposas, red lilies and columbines in abundance.

<i>Anemone narcissiflora.</i>	<i>Dryas octopetala.</i>
<i>Ranunculus adoneus.</i>	<i>Geum Rossii.</i>
<i>Caltha leptosepala.</i>	<i>Saxifrage aizoides.</i>
<i>Trollius albiflous.</i>	<i>Saxifrage chrysantha.</i>
<i>Draba alpine.</i>	<i>Saxifrage nivalis.</i>
<i>Draba chrysantha.</i>	<i>Cymopterus alpinus.</i>
<i>Erysinum pumilum.</i>	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i> (Everlasting).
<i>Viola paulustris</i> (Violet).	<i>Senecio aureus.</i>
<i>Silene acaulis</i> (Catcherfly).	<i>Primula Parryi.</i>
<i>Arenaria biflora</i> (Sandwort).	<i>Gentiana frigida.</i>
<i>Claytonia megarrhiza</i> (Spring Beauty).	<i>Polemonium confertum.</i>
<i>Trifolium Parryi.</i>	<i>Mertinsia alpina.</i>
<i>Oxytropis multiceps.</i>	<i>Myosotis alpestris</i> (Forget-me-not).
	<i>Castillia pallida.</i>

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## O'er Canon and Crag to the Land of Gold via the Short Line.

The formal opening of The Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Railway, better known as "The Short Line," connecting the tourist center of Colorado Springs with the Cripple Creek District—The World's Greatest Gold Camp—by the shortest feasible route, was celebrated on April 8th, 1902, since which time its fame as a line of unparalleled scenic



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where the beauty begins, it chooses the most lovely spots as its pathway and seems to lead us to a very high mountain apart, whence we may behold the glories of the world.

Within the short distance of forty-five miles there is to be found an almost numberless variety of wild flowers. The sparkling stream along the route gives just the necessary moisture so essential to bring ferns to perfection and in consequence the ferns are much more abundant here than in many portions of Colorado. Gay red lilies, fairy mariposas, stately blue columbines, the saucy face of the sunflower and gleaming roses make charming signals along the line.

### Flowers Along the Short Line.

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| Clematis ligusticifolia<br>(Travelers' Joy). | Prunus Virginiana,<br>(Choke Cherry).      |
| Clematis alpina.                             | Spiraea var. S.                            |
| Clematis verticmaris.                        | Physocarpus var. S.                        |
| Anemone patens.                              | Rubus nutkanus.                            |
| Anemone dichotoma.                           | Rubus deliciosus S.                        |
| Caltha leptosepala.                          | Rubus Strigosus (Wild<br>Red Raspberry).   |
| Columbine—Var.                               | Geum triflorum.                            |
| Delphinium azureum.                          | Potentilla var.                            |
| Delphinium menziesii.                        | Rosa Sayi.                                 |
| Aconitum Columbianum<br>(Monkshood).         | Rosa Arkansana.                            |
| Berkertis repens.                            | Solidago humilis.                          |
| Corydalis aurea.                             | Townsendia var.                            |
| Thermopsis alba.                             | Aster var.                                 |
| Violets—Var.                                 | Antennaria dioica (Pink<br>Everlasting).   |
| Claytonia Caroliniana<br>(Spring Beauty).    | Rudbeckia hirta.                           |
| Linum perenne (Flax).                        | Senecio var.                               |
| Cerastium ovatum S.                          | Campanula uniflora.                        |
| Cerastium Fendleri.                          | Campanula planiflora.                      |
| Ampelopsis quinquefolia.                     | Arctostaphylos uva-ursi<br>(Kinnikinnick). |
| Saxifrage bronchialis.                       | Gentian humilis.                           |
| Saxifrage Jamesii.                           | Gentian Parryi.                            |
| Parnassus var.                               |  |

—Shrub.

Jamesia Americana S.	Gila, pink, white, scar-
Ribes aurum S.	let.
(Flowering Currant).	Polemonium var.
Sedum stenopetalum.	Mertensia Sibirica.
Epilobium Spicatum.	Pentstemon—scarlet,
Oenothera pinnatifida.	rose, purple.
(Evening Primrose)	Castilleia linariifolia
Oenothera coronopifolia.	(Painted Cup).
Oenothera caespitosa.	Abronia fragrans.
Gaura coccinea.	Polygonum.
Menzelia albicaulis.	Humulus Lupulus (Wild
(Evening Star).	Hop).
Symphoricarpos S.	Cypripedium Moccasin-
(Snowdrop).	flower).
Galium triflorum.	Iris Missouriensis.
Galium boreale.	Sisyrinchium (Blue-
Chrysopsis villosa,	eyed Grass).
(Golden Aster).	Lilium Philadelphicum
Acer glabrum S.	(Tiger Lily).
Lupine var.	Zygadenus elegans.
Prunus chicasa S.	Adiantum capillus ven-
(Chicasa Plum).	eris.
S.—Shrub.	Cystopteris fragilis.

While "each thing in its place is best" and nothing can be more pleasing than the sight of the tiny blue alpine forget-me-not overshadowed by a huge granite boulder, and looking up from its grassy bed on Pike's far-famed Peak; still it is also beautiful when grown, as it easily can be, in the conservatory or the cold frame,—its blossoms quite a blue as when in native haunts, while it grows a little taller to make up for the distance it is from sky and wind-swept heights. All varieties of the columbine thrive under careful cultivation. The anemone used for forcing bloom in the winter window garden is very satisfactory and gives an abundance of blossoms. In making preparations for an extensive Wild Flower Garden, thought should always be given to the character of its native soil, which will greatly add to the success of the experiment.

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<i>Cleome integrifolia.</i>	<i>Opuntia Missouriensis.</i>
<i>Cleomella augustifolia.</i>	<i>Opuntia Rafinesquii.</i>
<i>Helianthemum cana-</i>	<i>Opuntia arborescens.</i>
<i>dense</i> (var. <i>Walkerae</i> ).	<i>Solidage</i> var. (Golden
<i>Liatris punctata.</i>	Rod).
<i>Mentzelia Ornata.</i>	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum.</i>
<i>Zinnia grandiflora.</i>	<i>Leucocrinum Montanum</i>
<i>Arnica alpina.</i>	(Sand Lily.
<i>Thermopsis rhomifolia.</i>	<i>Gaillardia</i> var.
<i>Thermopsis Montana.</i>	Gramineae, limited
<i>Petalostemon violaceus</i>	quantities.
(Prairie Clover).	<i>Gentiana</i> var.
<i>Petalostemon candidus.</i>	<i>Phlox</i> var.
<i>Geum strictum.</i>	<i>Mertensia lanceolata.</i>
<i>Mamillaria Missouriensis.</i>	<i>Castilleja integra.</i>
<i>Cereus</i> var.	(Painted Cup).
	<i>Scutellaria</i> —3 var.

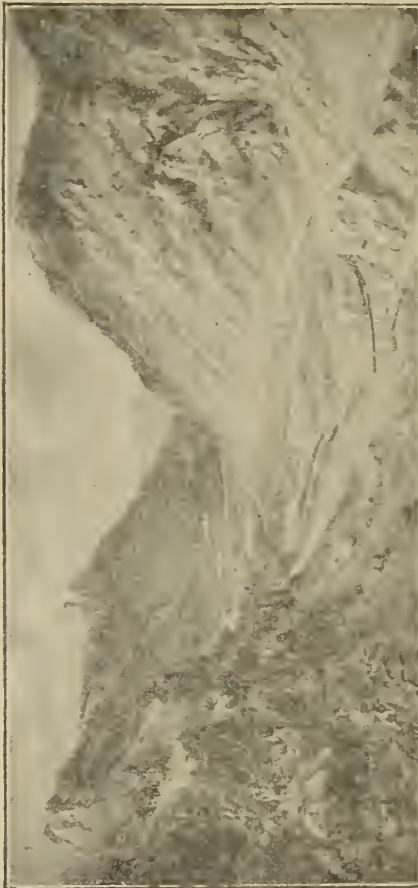
Mirabilis multiflora  
Four O'Clock).  
Shepherdia argentea S.  
Euphorbia marginata  
(Snow on the Moun-  
tain).  
Yucca baccata.  
Yucca Augustifolia.

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