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In 1865, Whittier wrote--

THE PEACE AUTUMN.

Thank God for rest, where none molest,
And none can make afraid--
For Peace that sits as Plenty's guest
Beneath the homestead shade!

There let the common heart keep time
To such an anthem sung
As never swelled on poet's rhyme,
Or thrilled on singer's tongue.

Song of our burden and relief,
Of peace and long annoy;
The passion of our mighty grief
And our exceeding joy!

A song of praise to Him who filled
The harvests sown in tears,
And gave each field a double yield
To feed our battle-years!

A song of faith that trusts the end
To match the good begun,
Nor doubts the power of Love to blend
The hearts of men as one!

We can do more, this fifteenth of
August, 1945, than repeat his song.

CROWN IMPERIALS.

FRITILLARIA IMPERIALIS.

Last year, we were able to offer for the first time since Holland was over-run, some bulbs of this showy spring flowering hardy plant. The small supply was quickly exhausted, and our efforts to obtain more were unsuccessful. The interest held, and we have received a number of orders for them during this season. Therefore, when the first list of Dutch Bulbs reached us this was the first item we looked for. And there they were,-- we ordered a goodly number, promptly, and are promised delivery.

The native to Persia, the Crown Imperial is a hardy plant of the Lily family. It grows to about four feet at best, the stems strong and erect, and the leaves in whorls about them. At the top, below a crown of leaves, hangs a cluster of oddly colored bells, some two inches long, the shades ranging from purplish-red, thru reddish yellow, and nearly clear yellow. The entire plant has an exotic look, and this, coupled with the rapid growth in early spring, when they seem to shoot from the ground in their haste to flower, make them of great interest in the garden, as well as ornamental. No other plant of the spring garden gives so much effect, so quickly. After flowering, the foliage soon dies away, and disappears for the season. Set Poppies or Gypsophila before them, to spread and fill the place they leave.

Plant the Crown Imperial in any good garden soil, not too wet, and not at all deeply, just under the surface. And do not delay planting on arrival. All of the failures we have known, have been due to attempts to keep the bulbs for a time. We do not know just when these bulbs will arrive, and we urge you to place orders soon, so that on arrival we may send them to you at once.

MIXED COLORS ONLY. 60¢ each; five or more at 50¢ each.

PLEASE NOTE our Postpaid Delivery terms. Orders for less than \$5.00 total, will be sent postpaid only if you add 10% to cover extra costs. And on all orders West of the Mississippi River, please send an additional 5% to cover higher postage rates.

LILIES.

LILY DISEASES.

All of the Lilies offered by us are produced in our own cultures, -some from seed; others by natural increase; still others by artificial methods. Wherever it is required, we are careful to see that the stock is of true type. But seedlings will vary, of course, even in the most fixed strains. We are as careful as possible to eradicate disease, and the fact that we can produce thousands of marketable bulbs yearly in a small area speaks well for our health. But we do not claim complete freedom from any disease, believing that it is better to try to develop an immunity to Mosaic, for instance, than to eradicate it here. Bulbs thus grown, we think are likely to be more susceptible to infection when planted in the average garden.

PLEASE NOTE. The smaller Lilies are ready in September, but the Regal types do not reach full size until late October. If we are required to fill orders before the proper shipping time we do not grade bulbs exactly to specified size.

AMABILE. A fine, reasonably tall, and easily grown sort, with bright orange red flowers in mid-June. 35¢ each.

CANADENSE. Our native meadow Lily. Pendant yellow or orange bells, spotted black, in a large umbel atop a three foot stem. Leaves in regular whorls. 35¢ each; 10 for \$3.00.

CENTIFOLIUM. A taller, stronger, and somewhat later Regal Lily. Our bulbs are from seed, and show some variation. In the main, they have very long trumpets, brownish green outside with a primrose yellow throat. 50¢ each.

CLARK'S ORANGE. We have not yet correctly placed this Lily which came to us from a Vermont garden. It is similar to L. amabile and L. willmottiae, but larger than the former and more erect than the latter. It flowers in early midsummer and makes a great show of orange red Turkscaps. 25¢ each.

MAXIMOWICZII. A taller L. amabile, or an earlier Tiger Lily, as you choose. Makes a fine midsummer show, and is smaller and more dainty than the Tiger. Very permanent. 25¢ each; 10-\$2.00

REGALE. First favorite of thousands of Lily lovers. The trumpets of this Lily flare widely, are brown outside, and white with a yellow throat, and intensely fragrant. Blooms open in late June, and continue til mid-July. In good culture, the plant may stand 5' high. 4/6" bulbs, 25¢ each; 10 for \$2.00; 100 for \$17.50. 6/8" bulbs, 35¢ each; 10 for \$3.00.

SUTCHUENSE. Light orange yellow to deeper cinnabar-red, Turk'scap like flowers, spotted black, in a nodding umbel in late summer. A fine showy Lily, graceful and dainty. 35¢ each; 10 for \$3.00

UMBELLATUM. An early flowering, very dwarf Lily, with erectly held, cupshaped flowers, mostly bright orange. Effective when massed, and may be forced. 35¢ each.

UMBELLATUM, WEST BURKE. A form of the preceding, taller and stronger with very deep red, erect cupshaped blooms of large size. Named for the Vermont village where it was found, and where it had grown so long its original source was not known. 35¢ each.

WILLMOTTIAE. Bright orange and black much reflexed blooms, in profusion, often twenty five or more in a branched umbel, in late midsummer. Fine in low shrubbery, or in the perennial border. Should be staked, if planted by itself. 50¢ each.

This is not to be a scientific treatise on a very delicate subject. In fact, we may very likely make statements herein that cannot be proven. But as we have before made clear our stand in the matter of Lily Mosaic, based on our understanding of the subject, we wish to repeat what we firmly believe. It is useless to grow a disease free Lily, and then send it out into a garden filled with the Viruses that transmit the disease. Such a plant is sure to become infected, and may very well succumb more quickly than those which have been grown under exposure to the disease.

It is an accepted fact, that several different Virus diseases of widely separated plant families, may be transmitted to Lilies by the common aphid. The procedure is easily understood. The aphid feeds on a plant that is infected, and in due course, is moved to a growing Lily. It promptly begins feeding, and the disease is transmitted to its new host. We understand that this is almost the only way such diseases are transmitted, that only minor success has followed attempts to transmit them by needle, or other mechanical means.

Now in every garden, or neighborhood will be found some of the plants whose diseases attack Lilies. They include Tulips and Melons. Not all of these may be diseased. For that matter, one of the worst transgressors is the common Tiger Lily, which is almost sure to be infected. In a period of time, the Tiger Lily has developed immunity. But it is still a 'Typhoid Mary' among plants. It is undoubtedly true that L. tigrinum when not diseased, is a much more imposing plant, than it is as we do know it. But it grows and flowers. How much better it would be if other Lilies could develop a similar immunity.

It is an established fact that some Lilies do have an immunity to Mosaic or are only mildly affected by it. The Regal Lily is one of these. *Lilium sargentiae*, on the other hand was always sure to be affected, and we understand that the original form of this Lily is hardly to be had, because of this fact. Yet when its pollen was used on L. regale, to produce the Geo. C. Creelman Lily, and our Princeps strain a marked resistance to disease was brought to the new strain, by the Regal blood. And, when L. regale pollen was used to produce seed on L. sargentiae, the resulting Shelburne Hybrid strain, from the first was marked by extra vigor; and greater resistance to disease than is possessed by either parent, despite the fact that many Shelburne closely resemble L. sargentiae. Let us have more of such plants in the Lily world, and less that have to be coddled.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Elsewhere in these pages, we offer a few plants—one of them for the first time—, about which we have some items of interest to set down. Perhaps, first of all, the one true newcomer.

Lilium shellman, is one of those very interesting things to the plant breeder,— a double hybrid. True enough, as soon as we achieve these doubles, we begin again, for more interesting hybrids, and soon the identity of the parents is completely lost. Luckily, by that time the plant ceases to be of interest to the scientific breeder and begins to interest the amateur gardener as newer colors and forms appear. So that we hope that in Shellman, we have a step in advance toward those super-lilies of the future.

One parent is Shelburne Hybrid. This is L. sargentiae x L. regale. The other is the Geo. C. Creelman lily, which is L. regale x L. sargentiae. Usually when two species of Lilies have been crossed in the past, one result was sterility, or at least the inability to produce seed which would grow, and the Lily breeder was halted in his tracks, since it is only in the second generation of such a cross, when the F1, or first hybrid has been fertilized with its own pollen, that we expect to see the various factors which control the plant, break up and form new combinations. Luckily, both the parents which produced Shellman, will produce seed from their own pollen, but in the F2 generation, they tend to revert to the first parent. Something odd there, which it won't do to talk of here. But when we combined the two hybrids, and produced seed which would grow, we knew we were on our way,— somewhere! And Shellman has produced seed, and the seedlings will flower next year. Ever see a Regal Lily with a trumpet over a foot long? We have! Naturally, we aren't selling that plant. But the Shellman we offer have the same blood, tho they are less startling, and if you like to raise seedlings, here's a start in something new.

Another newcomer, we have offered before. It is Pyrethrum Helen. Raised by a good friend of ours, Helen is named for his only daughter. In a bed of some hundreds of Painted Daisies, it stood out, and we finally bought it. It is a more deeply colored Florence Shadley, with good constitution and vigor. It has increased well, and we now have a fine lot of it. You won't regret the price any more than Dominic did. For we persuaded Dominic to pay \$1.00 for a plant, last spring. He asked us not to tell his wife. When it flowered she sent him down to get another plant!

THE SMALLER TURK'S-CAP LILIES.

We group under this heading, three sorts which particularly interest us, and which we grow in large numbers. A Turk's-cap bloom is one in which the segments of the bloom (petals to you) curl back until they touch the stem. They are bright gems of the Lily world, thrive in any good garden soil, if not wet, and should be scattered in quantity, thruout the border, or massed.

CERNUUM. Least known of the three, this has lavender pink blooms on a stem to three feet, tho usually lower. Not at all plentiful or well known, it is becoming more easily grown, and should be tried in every garden. 50¢ each.

TENUIFOLIUM. The Coral Lily. The blooms are bright coral red, some two inches wide, when open. A well grown plant will carry twenty or more flowers. Easily grown. 15¢ each; 10 for \$1.25.

TENUIFOLIUM, GOLDEN GLEAM. A bright yellow form of the Coral Lily. Tho grown from seed, it is entirely true to color, if from a good strain. Our strain flowers correctly each year, and any mixtures will be replaced. Bulbs do get mixed in handling. PRICES AS FOR TENUIFOLIUM. Either sort, 100 for \$12.50.

THE STAR LILY.

CONCOLOR. The glowing orange scarlet flowers of this Lily, open quite flat, to make a 3" star. Usually the plant carries but two or three blooms, but we had two this year with 14, and many with 8 and 10. To us, its showing in late June, is one of the main events of the Lily season. Try it, and enthuse with us. 25¢ each; 10 for \$2.00; 100 for \$17.50. Extra fine bulbs.

HYBRID REGAL LILIES.

PRIDE OF CHARLOTTE. A splendid trumpet Lily, with greenish blooms white with a yellow throat. Its origin shrouded in mystery, this sort is grown from bulbils, like the Tiger, and is therefore a clone, each plant exactly like the others. A special attribute is its hardiness and frost resistance. Blooms in mid-July. 4/6" 55¢ each; 10 for \$5.00/ 6/8", 85¢ each; 10 for \$7.50

PRIDE SEEDLINGS. True Pride will reproduce itself closely when grown from seed. But the late Alex Graham (who raised the Shelburne Hybrids), saved some seed which gave a widely varying strain, with many blooms later than any other kind we grow. Less brightly colored than Princes and Shelburnes, they are exceedingly attractive, as they are fragrant, and sturdy. SEE PRICES BELOW.

PRINCEPS. These are seedlings of a cross between the Regal Lily and Sargent's Lily. They most closely resemble Regal, and are now a well fixed type, from seed. They are sturdier, and more erect, and flower as a group, about ten days later than Regal. SEE PRICES BELOW.

SHELBURNE HYBRID. Alex Graham crossed Sargent's Lily and the Regal Lily. The resulting strain, from the first was marked by great vigor, and by diversity of type and coloring. It is a more showy strain than Pride Seedlings, and almost as late flowering over a period from late June, to early August. PRICES FOR THESE THREE SORTS ARE,— 4/6", 35¢ each; 10 for \$3.00 6/8", 50¢ each; 10 for \$4.50; 8" bulbs, \$1.00 each.

LILIUM SHELLMAN.

OUR NEWEST OFFERING. Some years back, we produced seed from a cross of Shelburne Hybrid and Creelman. Each parent has the same parents, but the crosses are reversed. The resulting plants were extremely sturdy, and some of the flowers were truly immense. Seed was saved, and bulbs from it are offered. On the whole, much like Shelburne, in flower. Seem more sturdy and disease resistant. 4/6" bulbs, 50¢ each; 10 for \$4.50.

PEONIES.

Our field of Peonies has again become overgrown, and will have to be moved this fall, if time permits, or if it does not. So that in September, we shall dig the greater part, divide and reset them. For that reason, we are listing all the sorts we have, at moderate prices. In some cases, we may have to buy roots but in the main, we will fill orders with fine stock of our own growing. No shipments before September 10-15, to give us time for digging and dividing. But please place your orders now.

- ALBAIRE. Large double white, with a red-tipped center. 75¢ each.
- ALBERT CROUSSE. Very late, seashell pink flower of perfect shape. 75¢ each.
- BARONESS SCHROEDER. A fine white, like a huge waterlily. \$1. each
- BLANCHE KING. One of Brands finest deep pinks. \$5.00 each.
- CHESTINE GOWDY. Silvery pink, growing deeper at the center. 75¢ ea.
- CLAIRE DUBOIS. Large satin pink, - a later M. Jules Elie. 75¢ each.
- DORCHESTER. A fine deep pink, almost salmon. Very late. 75¢ each.
- EDULIS SUPERBA. Earliest good rose pink, double and fine. 75¢ ea.
- EUGENIE VERDIER. An extra early, large double pink. 75¢ each
- FELIX CROUSSE. Best midseason red. 75¢ each.
- FRANCES WILLARD. An immense double flower. Blush white. \$1.00 each
- GEORGIANNA SHAYLOR. Extremely large, double flesh pink. 75¢ each.
- HANSINA BRAND. Immense double pink. Best Brand introduction. \$5. ea.
- JAMES KELWAY. Rose white, changing to milk white. Early. 75¢ each.
- KARL ROSENFELD. Fine rich velvety crimson. Extra good. 75¢ each.
- LADY ALEXANDRA DUFF. An immense, cup-shaped, pale pink bloom. \$1. ea.
- LA FRANCE. Violet rose pink, late. \$1.00 each.
- LA FIANCEE. A very fine single white. \$1.00 each.
- LE CYGNE. Beautiful pure white, finest of all. \$2.50 each.
- L' ETINCELANTE. Deep carmine red single. \$1.00 each.
- LIVINGSTONE. Pale lilac rose, with single tips. Double. 75¢ each
- LONGFELLOW. Brilliant crimson. The brightest sort we grow. 75¢ ea.
- MARGUERITE GERARD. Enormous flat, pale pink flowers. Fine. 50¢ ea.
- MARIE CROUSSE. Pale lilac rose. Beautiful midseason sort. 75¢ each.
- MARIE LEMOINE. A very late, pure white. Extremely double. 75¢ each.
- MARTHA BULLOCH. Very large, double perfectly flat flower of deep rose pink, fading to silvery pink. Fragrant. \$1.00 each.
- MARY BRAND. A deep red, of silky texture. Midseason. Vigorous and fine. Best of all, we think. \$1.00 each.
- MME. AUGUSTE DESSERT. Bright rose, the center flecked crimson. 75¢.

NOTES FROM THE SEASONS PAST.

By seasons past, we refer to the spring shipping period, and to the summer flowering time, and the Poppy shipping season, just finishing. It was apparent at the start that the latter would be unusual, and when after the first lots of orders had been sent, we found ourselves already short of two varieties, of which we had thought we had sufficient numbers, we were sure it would be worse than unusual. We try to have counts of plants in the beds, or a general idea of the stock available. Too, in normal times, we may often purchase a variety that sells out too closely. But nowadays, no nurseryman will sell anything to another, lest he be short himself. And in the days rush, we were entirely unable to check sales against the available list of plants, hence the shortages on orders we had accepted early.

And while writing of Poppies, we wish to quote from a letter that arrived in late June, from Maine.

"Notwithstanding the May blizzard, June downpours, and ribbing of my family, my June garden show now tapering off has really been good, the features having been Iris from Colorado, and pink Oriental Poppies from Vermont. Even I have been satisfied for once and I note for your reference that 'Betty Anns' four feet tall, with blossoms nine inches across ought to satisfy anyone." Do you wonder that we like to receive such letters?

Another source of tribulation this year was our offering of a low price sale on Hemerocallis, to enable us to dispose of a surplus, and aid in moving the plantation, which was marooned in the center of a large field. Had we anticipated that we would receive so much aid, we might have hesitated. Good sorts were gone in the twinkling of an eye, as we should have known they would be. And even now, we continue to receive orders from that offering, tho it plainly states that it ends June first. We have a considerable number of orders on which we could not supply and we are holding the amounts due on them to the credit of the person who sent them in. To each one, we mailed a notice of the amount due, and asked to be notified if we should refund. A lot of you have replied, but many more have not, and we'd really like to know what you wish us to do. Shall we send you Credit Cards?

It has always been difficult to know what to do with small balances due you. We like best, of course, to have you apply the credit to further purchases of plants. For that reason, we send you Credit Cards. Are they satisfactory?

FRESH WORDS ON OLD SUBJECTS.

Elsewhere, we note that we expect to receive Holland bulbs again, this fall, and we even offer some of them. No doubt many of you will have read articles in gardening magazines, which will give you as much information as we can. However, we do have access to trade reports, which not all writers do. It is an established fact that the bulbs are to be had. During the war, many bulbs were used for food. But it appears that to a large extent, these were old and superseded sorts. The new lists all carry names of varieties we were just beginning to hear about in 1939. Some bulbs were lost by flooding, and of course, many firms had to reduce their plantings. But even so, there is a very fair crop in the Netherlands. The government is anxious to market it, to obtain needed credits. All prices are fixed by law. The limiting factor is first, labor to dig, grade and pack. Second, lumber for boxes, and transportation in Holland. Third, ships to bring them over. How well these problems are being overcome, we cannot be certain. But on August 15th, it was announced that two ships had already sailed with bulb cargoes.

This reminds us of another fact. You may realize that the end of the war affects us all. But one thing it cannot affect. And that is the numbers of plants and bulbs, etc. that are available for your gardens. These have been growing during the past year, or perhaps two or three years. Nothing we can do, will immediately increase the supply.

There will be those of you, who have not been able to visit your favorite nursery, for some years. If you now plan to do so, please do not be surprised if you do not find the well kept grounds of the past. Very probably you won't expect to. But it is a fact that weeds do grow, and time will be necessary to eradicate them, to move and increase stocks. Too, don't forget that your nurseryman's labor problems haven't eased, just because gasoline is available. He still won't be able to give you all the time he'd like to.

A favorite subject of these columns is due to be revived. Do you know of anything new and good in the plant line? Surely not all gardeners have stopped raising seedlings. It must be that there are fine things in somebody's garden, just waiting to be increased and sent out to the world. If you have such a plant, let us know. It may not prove better than one we already have. Our trial gardens are full of such things, which we received, and have grown. But we can never overlook the fact that Scabiosa Blue Snowflake came to us in that way, and there are several other fine new plants in our list, that came by the same route. Write us, please.

PEONIES.

- MME. DUCEL. Large, incurved, silvery pink bloom, very double. 50¢ ea.
- MME. EMILE GALLE. A rounded, seashell pink flower of ethereal beauty. 75¢ ea.
- MME. JULES DESSERT. Cream white, with a distinct pink center. \$1. ea.
- MONS. JULES ELIE. A deep pink bloom, very large, and perfectly formed. One of the finest double sorts. \$1.00 each.
- MYRTLE GENTRY. A very fine late, blush white, from Brand. \$2.00 ea.
- PRIMEVERE. A lovely, soft sulfur yellow. \$1.50 each.
- RICHARD CARVEL. A very double brilliant crimson flower. \$1. each.
- SARAH BERNHARDT. Apple-blossom pink. Finest of its color. \$1. each.
- SOLANGE. White, with an indescribable brown shading. One of the most lovely sorts, immense size. Very double. \$1.00 each.
- SOUVENIR DE LOUIS BIGOT. Rich deep rose, very double. \$1.00 each.
- SUZETTE. Bengal rose, slightly shaded carmine. Silvery reflex. 75¢
- THERESE. Rich violet rose. An enormous, finely formed flower. \$1.00
- TOURANGELLE. Delicate rose, over pearly white, shaded with salmon. \$1.00 each.
- VENUS. Pale hydrangea pink, with a lighter collar. 50¢ each.
- VESUVE. Dwarf, dark red single. Grows 2' high. \$1.00 each.
- VICTORY CHATEAU THIERRY. Bright pink, of wonderful form. \$2.50
- WALTER FAXON. Bright rose. A distinct, delicately colored bloom. \$1.00 each.

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 30. It is extremely double, and bright red. The plant is vigorous, and makes a fine clump. We have a considerable stock of plants, and offer them at \$1.00 each.

LILIUM SPECIOSUM RUBRUM.

We have a small number of bulbs of this beautiful fall flowering Lily, of our own growing, which we did not intend to offer until later. But, since starting work on this Gossip, we have learned we may receive some Speciosum rubrum from Holland. Therefore, we offer our stock, until exhausted, and will accept orders for the bulbs we hope to have later on, for delivery when received, or early next spring, as seems best. We can only promise GOOD FLOWERING SIZE BULBS, - \$1.00 each.

PLEASE NOTE. If your order is for less than \$5.00, please add 10% to it, to cover extra costs of packing and for prepaid delivery. And add 5% to all orders, West of the Mississippi River.

 ALSO, WHERE QUANTITY RATES ARE QUOTED, YOU MUST SELECT PLANTS EXACTLY ALIKE, - as 3 Aquilegia caerulea, not 1 Aquilegia of each of the three sorts we offer.

A GENERAL LIST OF PLANTS.A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION.

As most of you know, we grow here at Gardenside, a good collection of the hardy plants, and as well of shrubs, trees, fruits and evergreens, that are hardy in this section. A complete catalog has not been published for two years, and a fairly complete list was sent out in March. This list is exhausted. Paper restrictions make a reprinting impossible. We will gladly quote you on anything we may have, if you will but write us.

The following plants are offered because we have been able to grow exceptionally good stock of them, this season, and in a few cases, they were not available last spring. Several are not easily obtained, anywhere.

ANCHUSA MYOSOTIDIFLORA. Flowers in early spring, like a clump of Forget-me-not, of an intense blue. Large, and very attractive round green leaves, all summer

ACUILLEGIA CAERULEA. Blue and white, Rocky Mountain Clumbine, with long graceful spurs. Fine large plants.

A.- CRIMSON STAR. This is very similar but has brilliant red and white, long-spurred flowers. Striking.

A. SCOTT ELLIOTT HYBRIDS. Still the best strain of mixed colors of these graceful favorites. A wide range of colors, and as fine large plants as we ever sent out.

CHRYSANTHEMUM MAXIMUM, DIENERS HYBRIDS. We have had some of these in the past, and were impressed by the diversity of forms, which are more marked as the plants age. Shasta Baisies are general favorites, and these are fine ones.

DELPHINIUM BELLADONNA. The favorite light blue Larkspur.

D. BELLAMOSUM. The same in dark blue. These have both flowered and are very true strains. Fine plants.

D. PACIFIC HYBRIDS, -Round Table Series. These fine young plants are in full bloom, and are a wonderful sight. Nearly all are double, and many are as large as any we ever saw. All the best colors, except white.

DRYAS SUNDERMANNI. One of our specialties for the Rockery. This little shrub, with small evergreen foliage, grows not over 4" high, and makes a close mat a foot or more across. It bears in May, and scattering thru the season, large yellowish white flowers, the tiny buds, like yellow sweetheart roses, followed by feathery seed heads. Very attractive, and entirely hardy, it prefers full sun, and a fairly dry spot. However, in warmer sections, a bit of afternoon shade is best. 50¢ each.

GYPHOPHILA BRISTOL FAIRY. The popular Double Baby's Breath. We have some fine young plants on their own roots, more easily transplanted than older stock. 50¢ each.

G. ROSY VELL. Smaller, but equally double, and with a very fine pink tinge, thruout. Sold out last spring, but we now have them.

HELIANTHEMUMS. We formerly grew a fine collection of Rockroses. During the wet season, two years ago, many were lost. The plants we offer are from cuttings made from those that survived, and are mainly orange or yellow. As they have not flowered, we do not know what we salvaged. Fine plant for a dry sunny spot in the rockery, and a sheet of bloom in summer.

HOLLYHOCKS. Each year, we have grown many Hollyhocks, and transplanted them. This is a check, and we decided to let them stand this year. As a result we have fine sturdy plants of the following, -ALLEGHANY, single mixed colors; and DOUBLE, in CHAMOIS; MAROON; NEWPORT PINK; SALMON; SCARLET; WHITE; YELLOW. These at 25¢ each; 5 for \$1.00; 10 for \$1.50. Quantity prices are allowed only when the plants are the same color.

PLANTS NOT SPECIALLY PRICED ARE 35¢ each; 3 for \$1.00; 10-\$2.50
QUANTITY PRICES ALLOWED ONLY WHEN PLANTS ARE ALIKE.

It was our intent, when the Gossips were first considered as a medium by which we could tell you more about our plants than was possible in the usual catalog, -to ask others for occasional articles along lines we were not so familiar with. For various reasons, this hasn't been possible, largely because we wished to tell you how these plants grew for us, and if they did not do well, very probably we didn't have them to offer. And too, for the period during which the Gossips have been published, has been marked by so much activity, and so little time on the part of most of our gardening friends, that we couldn't ask them for help. But, the other day we received an article that so completely belonged in the Gossip, we decided without asking permission to reprint it here. If you like it, and the spirit moves you to similar praise of some plant we grow, and you have enjoyed, won't you too, contribute? We'd like it!

CRIMSON GOOSE EGGS.

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Fort Reno, Oklahoma.

Plant hunters, especially Kingdon Ward, led by the lure of strange and beautiful plant forms, have found the Himalayas an exciting hunting ground. Through their efforts our gardens have been enriched and made spicy. Transported over precipitous mountain trails, their slopes sparkling with the jewels of unknown Rhododendron blossoms, across turbulent torrents swollen by melting snow from lofty peaks, the yak and pony caravans of these men have brought to America and England treasure, bundles of roots and seeds. For their multiplication and release to our gardens, we are thankful.

One plant to travel this route is PODOPHYLLUM EMODI, exotic Himalayan Mandrake, cousin of our native Podophyllum peltatum. Hardy in Vermont, virtually unknown in this country, it is a woodland plant of perfection in plant form, spring flower, and autumn fruit. Grown in rich woodland soil, half shade to shade, in early spring its interesting bronzy red enfolded umbrellas push up on fifteen inch stems, then open with the sheen of a newly shed Python. Through a slit in the peltate leaf, the solitary upfacing flower opens, a white, pink flushed cup, with golden stamens. It is autumn, however, in fruit, that it really treats the eye. To suddenly come upon a colony of the bronzy umbrellas sheltering the amazing glowing crimson fruit, in size and shape of a goose-egg, is guaranteed to halt a gardener in his tracks with a gasp of disbelief. Grown to front for the skinny shins of the graceful arching Polygonatum commutatum, as a contrast and color spot before Pteritis nodulosa, or to cluster around Pieris japonica and Rhododendron in a shrub border, it is spectacular.

Crimson Goose-Eggs, con.

Fresh seed, planted in late autumn to freeze, germinate surely, but slowly. Do not disturb the flats, as six months or more may find seedlings pushing above the surface. Patience for three autumns and then your reward in crimson goose-eggs. Believe me, it is worth the wait. Take a tip from our native *Podophyllum peltatum*, let the plant colonize helter skelter.

On moonlight nights, in the half-light before dawn, when *Datura medeloides* exhales its heavy fragrance, and the night flying moths are busy, visit *Podophyllum emodi*. You may hear the tinkle of Yak bells, the toneless sing-song of its driver, or words of wisdom from an ageless lama.

Obviously, we have ulterior motives for publishing this enticing article. We do have *Podophyllum emodi*, and to the best of our knowledge, no one else offers it for sale. But our stock of plants is very limited, and lest you take all we have so that it won't continue to increase here, we have kept the price at one dollar each. We find the plant perfectly hardy, and not so rampant as its native cousin, in our shade house, in a moderately dry location, sandy soil, and considerable sun. We have a few to spare, if you wish them.

But this year and last, we harvested a goodly crop of crimson goose-eggs. From the rich red pods just taken, we are cleaning a fine lot of seed. Not being seedsmen, and being content to let the plant increase naturally, for the present, we have wondered if any of you wish to try Mr. Gresham's advice. The seed is fresh, and winter is approaching to freeze it. As many as you want, but not less than five for 5¢ each, postpaid.

How we do wish others would send us similar articles, from which we could quote or print them in full or part, for the good of all. While there are many plants growing here, about which we have never enthused in print, it sometimes seems that we have said all that could be said about the better known things. Oftentimes someone whose eyes are not so closely glued to the eye-piece that looks out over gardening as a whole, and whose motives are not governed by the necessity for sales will see beauty in a plant, that others like ourselves, will not.

We recall, years ago, a visitor to a nursery, who stopped before a bed of *Digitalis lanata*, the Woolly Foxglove, and exclaimed over the beauty of the veining in the throats of the small flowers, in their dull protecting sheathes. And to our comment that the plant had little garden effect, we received the answer, "There is often more beauty in a plant than that which greets the casual glance"

A GENERAL LIST OF PLANTS.

LAVANDULA VERA. Lavender, noted for its fragrance, is a small shrub. It is best transplanted when small, as when woody it is more difficult. We have some fine young plants.

LUPINUS POLYPHYLLUS. This is the Blue Lupine of hardy gardens.

L. POLY. ALBUS. A pure white form of the preceding.

L. POLY. ROSEUS. Rose pink, usually in a delicate shade.

L. RUSSELL HYBRIDS. The finest mixed strain of colors. Seed is not available from English sources, and is of American growing. These plants are now flowering, and are of fine grade.

PANSIES. They deserve a special place in the garden, for the joy they bring in early spring. And for several years now, we have urged our friends to buy them in fall, get them established, and cover with the Christmas Tree boughs, or some straw, but never with leaves. If this is done, you will see the first immense blooms next spring, which you will not if you wait until the baskets are on every corner grocery stand. More and more, we are told in letters, how satisfactory this has proven. Please try it this year.

SWISS GIANT MIXED. 10 for 40¢; 100 for \$3.50

SWISS ALPENGLOW. Rich wine red shades.

SWISS BERNA. Dark violet blue.

SWISS CORONATION GOLD. Deep golden yellow sort.

SWISS FIRE BEACON. Brick red.

SWISS LAKE OF THUN. Rich deep ultramarine blue.

SWISS LUNA. Soft sulfur yellow, without blotches.

SWISS PURE WHITE.

SWISS RHEINGOLD. Canary yellow with dark blotches.

SWISS RASPBERRY ROSE.

In separate colors, at 10 for 50¢; 100 for \$4.50. Not less than ten of one color at the ten rate, nor less than 25 of one color at the 100 rate, will be sold.

PYRETHRUM, EILEEN MAY ROBINSON. Finest single Painted Daisy grown.

In color, a light rose pink. Large flower; strong plant. 50¢ ea.

P. HELEN. A very fine, double bright rose. \$1.00 each.

P. MRS. D. C. BLISS. Unusual bright shade of orange pink.

P. VICTORIA. Large single bright red.

SPIREA NEWMANNI. This was sent us, some years back, and later, when the donor visited us, he urged us to propagate it. This year we were able to do so, and offer young plants. It is a small shrub, a counterpart of *Spiraea Anthony Waterer*, but not much over 6" high. It is a fine low shrub for full sun in the rockery, and will grow anywhere. 50¢ each.

VERONICA LONGIFOLIA SUBSESSILIS. The best of all blue flowered plants for mid-August and later. Grows two feet high, with close-set spikes of dark blue flowers 8" long.

VIOLA ODORATA. We have the following fragrant Violets, in good plants, that will flower profusely next spring.

BARONESS ROTHSCHILD. Large dark blue. A greenhouse sort, hardy.

DOUBLE RUSSIAN. Very double, and intensely fragrant.

GOVERNOR HERRICK. Another fine greenhouse sort.

ODORATA HYBRID. This makes a sturdy clump, but doesn't seed.

ROHRBACH'S EVERBLOOMING. Dark blue. Flowers all summer.

ROSINA. Rosy pink Sweet Violet. Everblooming.

SINGLE RUSSIAN. Giant plant, immense blue flowers.

SULFUREA. Soft yellow Sweet Violet. Very scarce and rare.

PLANTS NOT SPECIALLY PRICED ARE 35¢ each; 3 for \$1.00; 10-\$2.50
QUANTITY PRICES ARE ALLOWED ONLY WHEN PLANTS ARE ALIKE.

DAFFODILS.

THE MANAGER'S DESK.

Daffodils and Narcissus of all kinds are loved by all. In our own affections, they are second only to Lilies. If we could do so, we should grow a large collection of them. And we do have a goodly number just for own enjoyment. It has seemed to us that too few people know how varied are the types and colorings, and so we have selected from the lists sent us from Holland, a few of our favorites, that are too little known. Perhaps some of these do grow in your garden. In that case, you are sure to like the others. If you have none of them, only bright yellow trumpets then purchase the collection, and learn what you've been missing.

YELLOW TRUMPETS.

DAWSON CITY. Extra fine golden yellow, fine in the garden. 25¢ ea.
GOLDEN HARVEST. One of the largest trumpet sorts. Deep golden yellow. 50¢ each.
ROBERT SYDENHAM. Sulphur yellow, soft and charming. 50¢ each.
TRESSERVE. Canary yellow trumpet; paler perianth. A distinctly different Daffodil, in form and substance. 25¢ each.

WHITE TRUMPETS.

BEERSHEBA. An extremely large, perfectly formed, pure white bloom still very scarce, and seldom seen. Easily grown. \$1.50 each.
MRS. E. H. KRELAGE. White perianth, and a very pale yellow trumpet which fades to white. Glorious in the garden, and makes a beautiful white bloom when forced. 50¢ each.

BICOLOR TRUMPETS.

SPRING GLORY. Pure yellow trumpet, white perianth. Easily grown in the garden. 50¢ each.

INCOMPARABILIS.

CARLTON. Clear yellow self color of great size. 25¢ each.
JOHN EVELYN. Pure white perianth, 4" across, and a flat lemon-yellow cup, nearly 2" across, fluted and shirred to the base. Easily grown, and always attracts attention. 25¢ each.

BARRII

FIRETAIL. White and brilliant scarlet-orange. Popular. 25¢ each.

LEEDSII

MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE. This is the famous "Pink Daffodil". Ivory white perianth; slim long trumpet of apricot pink, changing to shell pink at the deeply fringed edge. \$1.50 each.

JONQUILS.

ORANGE QUEEN. Delightfully fragrant; 2 or 3 flowers on a stem of an intense golden orange. 25¢ each.

POETICUS

ACTAEA. The largest Poets grown. Clear white; bright red eye. 25¢

DOUBLE.

TWINK. A semi-full double, the petals alternating yellow and clear orange. A very attractive bloom, on a good stem. 25¢ ea.

WE WILL SEND YOU POSTPAID, ONE EACH OF THE ABOVE FOURTEEN

BEAUTIFUL DAFFODILS FOR \$6.00. ALL BULBS ARE DOUBLE NOSED.

I plan to use this column each Gossip, to tell you my side of the nursery and plant business. To me it is a personal thing, this business to which I have given most of my time for nearly thirty years. I want you to see it as I do, and I want you to feel that I realize that your garden success and happiness is mine too, as it reflects in my happiness and success here. I want you to understand my problems as I strive to understand those you write me about. They are different, but they are to the same end. You want to grow some plant well; I want to grow it so that I may dig and pack it for delivery to you. If I have to do that in wind and rain, or cold or heat, with untrained help, and a shortage of material, it does bear on your problem.

I have come to feel of late that you do understand my point of view. And now that we can look ahead to peaceful days again, I hope we may serve you all much better than ever before. I am thankful to say that of those who went from us to the armed forces, all but one are safe, and well and that one, tho seriously wounded is on the way to recovery. Whether the organization which operated here before war came will again function as a unit, I do not know. Some have seen far places, and may not return. But we have a place for them all, and it is my hope we may soon again all be together. I know that we cannot yet operate as in the past. But next summer, do come and see us. We'll try to make you welcome.

I feel that I must also tell you that of late, I have not been able to answer questions, or to attend to many details which must have been noticed. Orders did not get acknowledged, nor shipped as promptly as we like. Much of my time has been spent at a local hospital. I am thankful to be able to report 'All's well', with the Manager's Manager.

CANADIAN CUSTOMERS PLEASE NOTE.

We are again sending plants into Canada. Requests for our catalog from the Dominion are notably increasing. Shipments to Canada must bear a special Inspection Certificate which costs \$1.00. And postage to Canada is 12¢ per pound. Both these charges will be added to your order. Please do not send us 10% to cover postage.

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