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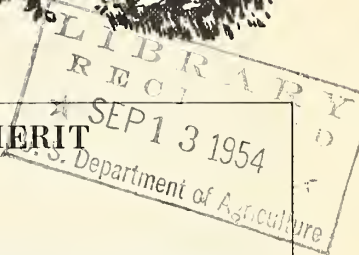
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"TUT, TUT, CHILD" SAID THE DUCHESS,
"EVERYTHING'S GOT A MORAL
IF ONLY YOU CAN FIND IT."
Lewis Carroll.

Which is our way of saying that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a jingle which fits our needs for the head of this column. No doubt if we were sufficiently erudite we could find a quotation easily, but like the Duchess we can't find a moral, at least one that fits the point we usually try to make.

Perhaps this is as well. Each issue we have tried to point out the value of a hobby, and particularly a hobby of gardening to the average person whose days are spent off the land. Yet this point is probably so well established in the minds of all likely to read our words that it is high time we stopped making it. Here it is then, for the last time!

But before we go, let's just say once more that nothing equals gardening as a hobby, no matter in what form it is pursued. And we should know, we've been hobbying at gardening for some forty years.

THE AWARD OF MERIT
OF THE
ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
WAS AWARDED IN JULY
TO OUR NEW LILY
WINTER SUNSET

WINTER SUNSET.

This fine hybrid Regal Lily, first flowered here in 1945 and was introduced by us in 1951. It is a soft even rose in color, slightly deeper outside. It has a sturdy erect stem, and the flowers are held well erect, so that they may be seen. Its name derives from the similarity of its coloring to the rosy flush of sunset on the snowclad peaks of our Green Mountains.

STRONG BULBS, WHICH HAVE FLOWERED THIS YEAR, \$4.00 each.

WHITEFACE.

This variety has no peer as a trumpet Lily for the garden, quite apart from its interesting parentage, for it is the result of a cross between L. Geo. C. Creelman and L. auratum, it differs from other hybrid Regals by the size and wide flaring habit of its nearly pure white blooms. There is a small amount of yellow deep in the throat, and some coloration on the outside but the flowers tend to face upward, and all the segments are very wide, and overlap even when the bloom is fully open. The stem is that of the Regal Lily, but more rigid and erect. It flowers here from July 10 to 25.

STRONG FLOWERING BULBS, priced at \$2.00 each.

The prices on our plants do not include delivery charges. Please add postage to your order, we will refund the excess. If you prefer we will ship by railway express.

TRUMPET LILIES.

PINK SHELburne SEEDLINGS. While no strain of seed yet exists that will produce a full one hundred percent of pink flowered hybrid Regals, we do have several seed lots which produce a good average number. The colored blooms are tagged as they flower and then are dug and mixed so that we cannot be certain of the exact degree of pink shading you will receive, but you can be certain of a fair amount, and some are very bright. These are true Shelburne Hybrids save for the coloring, and have all the vigor and other good features of that splendid strain. We now have them in good numbers. We urge you to purchase at least three, to ensure enough bloom to display the color, and are pricing them to make this easier. \$2.50 each; 3 for \$6.75; 5 for \$10.

PINK TRUMPETS. We offer under this title a small group of selections which we have propagated and tested for several years. While they do not approach Winter Sunset in their pureness of color, they surpass the Pink Seedlings in the amount of color. We can guarantee that each of these bulbs will give you a Brightly colored bloom. There are no light shades included. \$3.00 each.

AURELIAN TRUMPETS. The Aurelians, so called from the Latin of the section of France where they were first grown are a diverse group ranging from pliant stemmed, tall, L. henryi like things, to sturdy erect plants with widely flaring trumpet like blooms, in various shades from white to soft yellow, and in the newest forms approaching orange. We have a group of the soft yellow type which we are propagating but for the present we can offer only a mixed lot most of which however are soft yellow. A few are white. These flower with the Shelburne Hybrids. \$1.00 each.

CHAMPLAIN HYBRIDS. Each year we grow a good number of seedlings of the various trumpet Lilies, as a result of the breeding work we are doing. In the main these resemble the Shelburnes since our chief interest has been to improve that strain, yet some Aurelians were put into it too, and a much wider variation of form and color may be expected, together with an occasional Pink that we failed to mark. These are good Lilies, all, and are sure to give you much pleasure.
4/5" bulbs, 40¢ each; 10 for \$3.50; 25 for \$8.00.
5/6" bulbs, 50¢ each; 10 for \$4.50; 25 for \$10.00.
A FEW LARGER BULBS, OVER 6" at 60¢ each.

SHELburne HYBRIDS. Originally the Shelburne Hybrid Lilies were grown from the result of a cross between L. sargentiae and L. regale, made by Alex. Graham, gardener on the Webb Estate here in Shelburne. They were distinguished from their parents by their vigor and their more diverse flowering period, which gave blooms from the first of July to the very end of the month, if any considerable number of bulbs were grown. Over the years, the strain has become fixed in that it no longer shows much evidence of the L. sargentiae blood, save in the later flowering, and the sturdy erect stem. The blooms are largely like those of L. regale, open trumpets, white, with a yellow throat, striped darker outside. We have selected for blooms held well erect, and of good size. This is a fine garden Lily. It nearly always grows well, and its beauty is evident wherever it is planted.
4/5" bulbs, 30¢ each; 10 for \$2.75; 25 for \$6.00.
5/6" bulbs, 40¢ each; 10 for \$3.50; 25 for \$8.00.
6/8" bulbs, 50¢ each; 10 for \$4.50.
8/10" bulbs, 75¢ each.

LILY GOSSIP.

In contrast with last year, when we had just returned from the North American Lily Society National Show at Hamilton, Ontario, it doesn't seem that we have much to pass along to you. This year's Show was held in Seattle and we understand that only a handful of people from the East were present. We have talked with but one who was there, and read a trade paper report both of whom indicated that the quality of the Lilies shown was of the highest and that the staging was wonderful. But as to what was new and different, we have no word. As a result we shall have to report very largely on what has been happening in our own small corner. This is for the best perhaps, since these are the things we are growing and offering and quite likely they are the developments most likely to succeed here in the East.

This last line or two might have a word of explanation. We should judge that a lot of the Lilies native to the Pacific Coast were seen at the Show. And there is also talk of many hybrids and developments in this group. None will be found in our listings and for this reason. Some years back we were able to get fine bulbs of these various Lilies from a collector in the area, and we grew and offered a number of them. But we found that not only did we lose them here after a year or two but that others who purchased them sent in adverse reports. It would appear that most native American Lilies, from all parts of the country, succumb very quickly to disease when taken into cultivation. This is our own opinion, but it is based on quite a bit of experience. One wonders why Lilies from China should grow and thrive here, when L. canadense taken from the immediate area around us will be excellent the first year, or even two, and then just fade away. But mosaic can be seen in the leaf pattern, and we place the blame there. Therefore our reaction to this is simply to grow the species and hybrids which do well and if we offer the others at all, to obtain them from outside sources. We have no argument with those who wish to grow these Lilies, and indeed we hope the day may come when by some means their susceptibility may be overcome. In fact we have considered trying it here. But we have no intention of dropping them into field beds among other species and seeing them fade away again.

Lily Gossip, -con.

LILIES FROM MANY SOURCES.

On July 24th, a week after the NALS Show, a group of Lily lovers from six states gathered here to see what we had to display, and to visit other growers in this area. Similar gatherings are being held elsewhere from time to time, and we commend the idea for those who cannot get to the National Shows. Since next year we shall all be in Boston, probably no such gathering will be held, but we are already thinking of a get-together in 1956. Here the thirty odd people looked at Lilies, saw some slides, renewed old acquaintances and made new ones, had a lunch and then later on a dinner together, with still more visiting til a late hour. Try it if you can, it is very worthwhile.

Just prior to this date, we had received word that our Winter Sunset had been given the Award of Merit by the Royal Horticultural Society of England. If we are correct this Award has been made only to Tom Barry's T.A. Havemeyer and to De Graaff's Enchantment. Word of the Award had also reached one of the Society officers who was present and it spread rapidly. We are very pleased of course for ourselves. But we also like to feel that it is a distinct honor to the NALS to have such a Lily growing country as England is, consider three American introductions so worthy. And we might add that private word from England says that our Whiteface will be shown next year with a comment which indicates high hopes for that as well.

The group came here too late to see Dr. Skinner's Lemon Lady at its best, and too early to see developments in the Barry's--which are developing we believe from T.A. Havemeyer--but one person had brought a fine cut spike of Alaska and it was much admired. Incidentally, we forgot to mention this feature of group meetings, be sure some members bring cut spikes. We had a nice lot of Lemon Lady this year and continue to think highly of the dainty little Lily. It follows L. amabile luteum and is somewhat similar, but it's yellow is distinctly its own. Our Winter Sunset could be seen only in single budded stems for all our stock of large bulbs went out a year ago, and of Alaska the same would have been true, which is why we are not offering it this year. But we had the Pink Seedlings in profusion, and showing every degree of coloring from faint pink edges to deeply flushed trumpets. Besides which there were clonal lots in the same wide variation, but including those entirely colored inside, showing neither white nor yellow. We were too busy to listen in very much, but there was no question but that all were satisfied they had come.

AURELIAN SUNBURST. These Aurelians represent the L. henryi side of the parentage and strongly resemble that species. But they differ in having a widely varying flower color and form. And they are much earlier, blossoming here about July 20 and later. The stems in most cases are pliant, tho strong, and some are quite sturdy. We suggest planting in mid-height perennials. STRONG BULBS, \$2.00 each.

BACKHOUSE HYBRIDS. These Martagon Hybrid forms vary widely in color and first attained prominence in the 1920s. Very lovely when well grown, they like the same conditions that suit L. hansonii, and their rich colors accent its yellow. We have a small stock of these fine things, in a widely varying strain. The Martagons are turkscaps, but they do not entirely reflex their segments. \$2.00 each.

GOLD RUSH. DeGraaff calls this group of Lilies the Mid-Century Hybrids. They stand well erect, with outward facing flowers of large size and in bright colors. As garden subjects they excel for they make a great display in early July. Gold-Rush is golden yellow, spotted darker. \$1.50 each.

LEMON LADY. To our delight this pretty little lemon yellow turkscap likes us and grows easily here. It isn't supposed to grow over two feet tall, but two year old bulbs, flowering for the first time, did that this year. It blooms in early July, outward facing flowers from two to three inches wide. We are pleased to lower our price to \$2.00 each.

MOLLY STARK. This one from W.C. Horsford, may grow to 4', with a widely spreading raceme of bright tangerine colored blooms often 4" in diameter. Flowers with Lemon Lady, and is an equally easy 'doer' with us. Named for the Revolutionary Lady, immortalized at the Battle of Bennington. \$1.50 each.

PARADE. Rich yellow orange with a strip of burnished gold down the center of each segment, and all well spotted with black or maroon. A Mid-Century Hybrid. \$1.50 each.

SENECA. A later Tiger Lily, blooming late in August. It may grow to six feet of height. Somewhat lighter than L. tigrinum, and a help in the late summer garden. \$1.00 each.

SPECIOSUM RED CHAMPION. This is a very fine and brightly colored form of the well know 'rubrum' Lily of the florist shop. Raised in Oregon, it is free of disease. The Showy Lily as this is properly known, flowers in late August and thru September. Red Champion has done extremely well for us. We offer originators bulbs, 6/7" circumference for \$1.00 each.

T.A. HAVEMEYER. This Lily was the first American sort to be given an Award of Merit by the R.H.S. It is somewhat like L. henryi, one of its parents, but the flowers open out to be nearly flat, and are a soft ivory-yellow and apricot. The stem, which is pliant, will grow to six feet and carry a lot of its four to six inch wide blooms. Blooms in mid-August and later and is truly glorious. Our stock came to us directly from Mr. Tom Barry, the originator. \$2.00 each.

TANGO. Latest of the Mid-Century group, this is a pale amber in color, almost like parchment. The flower is black spotted and very large. The foliage is a rich green. \$1.50 each.

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HARDY GARDEN LILIES.

AMABILE. This June flowering turkscap, with bright grenadine red flowers is a mass of color. With us, it grows under 3' and is of easy culture. LARGE BULBS 30¢ each.

AMABILE LUTEUM. Identical, save in its clear light yellow color, with black spotting. LARGE BULBS, 50¢ EACH.

CALLOSUM. A slender and quite tall stem is topped with a lot very much recurved dusty orange-red flowers toward the end of July. Not large, but jewel like. Likes a dry poor soil. 50¢

CANDIDUM, CASCADE STRAIN. This Oregon Strain is the finest of the Madonna Lilies available today. White, bell-like flowers intensely fragrant in a tight spike in July. Plant this lily not more than an inch under the surface. 75¢ each.

CERNUUM. Much like the Coral Lily in stem, leaf, and flower form, but a bright lavender pink in color. We plant it deeply on our sandy loam, or else mulch it well, and it is very happy. Good bulbs are scarce, but we have a fine lot at 50¢ each.

PRESTON HYBRID, LILLIAN CUMMINGS. This noted Lily grows to be some 30" tall, the recurved flowers in a close but branched head, all facing outward. The color is grenadine red, spotted black. Flowers open late in June. Permanent. 50¢ each.

PUMILUM (TENUIFOLIUM). The Coral Lily is a bright red turkscap growing to three feet high. When so large it may easily carry 25 or more of its nodding bright red blooms. Scatter it thru the June border. 30¢ each; 10 for \$2.50.

PUMILUM, GOLDEN GLEAM. A bright orange yellow form of the Coral Lily, of the same easy culture. Most strains have reverted to red. Ours is still true. 30¢ each; 10 for \$2.50; 100 for \$20.

UMBELLATUM, WEST BURKE. Sometimes called Candlestick Lilies, these showy sorts dominate the June Lily border, with some varieties continuing into July. This one is rather short and has bright red flowers in June. 50¢ each.

UMBELLATUM, HANNAH DUSTIN. This can grow to three feet, and the flowers if flattened would be a foot across. The basic color is light orange yellow, while edges and tips of the segments are almost dark red. Makes a fine clump. 75¢ each.

UMBELLATUM, HELEN CARROLL. An unspotted chinese yellow bloom which may be a good eight inches across. It grows about a foot high and flowers in early July. Scarce. \$2.00 each.

A SPECIAL OFFER.

LILIUM HANSONI. Last fall we obtained a considerable number of large bulbs of this fine Lily, at a remarkably low price. And they have done very well for us this year, so that our stock is increasing. To those unfamiliar with the flower and the plant habit, these will be a pleasant surprise. The stout stems can stand 4' tall, tho usually lower. The flowers are partially reflexed, the thick segments a soft cadmium yellow, spotted purplish brown. The general effect is a bright shade of yellow, and there are often twenty flowers in a closely branched head. Seems best in a bit of shade, and is deep and permanent on a light but fertile soil. We offer these strong bulbs at seventy five cents each (75¢).

Lily Gossip, -con.

Another group of clonal lots also had a strong attraction, -the soft yellow forms of the Aurelian Hybrids, and as well a few crosses between them and the Shelburne Strain which were just opening. These are widely flaring trumpets of good size, all with leaf and stem structure much like the Hybrid Regals, and they flower at the same time. We understand that there are and in fact we have seen yellow trumpet Lilies in deeper or stronger shades of yellow. But these soft creamy colors are cool and lovely on a hot day. Sorry, none are sufficient numbers to permit offering.

Now the Barryi group are opening. We might include in these DeGraaff's Sunburst Strain, tho these are derived from the Aurelians. The Sunbursts much resemble L. henryi save that the colors are variable and they are strong sturdy things, which have great garden value. They need the support of shrubs or strong perennials for their wiry stems. The Barryi group on the other hand tho having the L. henryi form to some extent, are much larger and the segments are less reflexed. The colors are far lovelier, ranging from selfs in various yellow shades and white, to some attractively marked bicolors. Mr. Barry sent us some of his stock several years ago which we can now begin to offer. In this group we are placing his T.A. Have-meyer, and all have the rather droopy stem of the Henry's Lily. Alaska seems to belong here, tho not a Barry origination, and its stem is far sturdier. We have used its pollen on several other Lilies, as well as on the Barry group, and it proves a strong parent, giving much larger flowers, with wider segments. Time will be needed to determine whether the good stem is also passed on, but in the meantime we urge your interest in this group, just now flowering, (Aug. 5) and a welcome addition to the late summer garden.

We had also this year one bulb of Mei Ling which appears to belong also in the above group. An attractive white and orange combination, with sturdy stem, it flowered in mid-July. This would seem to be advantageous also, for it gives a different form during the height of the trumpet Lily bloom. This thought in turn caused us to wonder why we couldn't have trumpet Lilies earlier. All our thought and work has tended to make them later which is fine of course, but we could use them in June. Has anyone, -in a climate comparable to ours- any L. regale forms that flower before July? Please, we'd like to hear about them.

Lily Gossip, -con.

Among the cut spikes of Lilies shown by guests here on July 24th, and also shown in the kodachromes shown, were a number of rather outstanding early July Lilies, with the habit of the Mid-Century Hybrids, but with very different flowers. And too, there were more of Dr. Pfeiffer's magnificent *L. auratum* forms, which have to be seen to be believed possible. It all points up the possibilities for combinations between apparently quite different species which were not even possible a few years ago. Perhaps for one thing, we have learned to grow some Lilies from seed, that not too long ago could scarcely be germinated. Whatever the reason for our present success, it is unquestionable that we are now doing the supposedly impossible of a few years ago. Which brings us to Whiteface, and its progeny.

Some years ago, we used *L. auratum* on L. G. C. Creelman. There were but a few seeds and when they flowered they looked so much like *L. regale* that we put them in with a lot of Creelman seedlings. There they began to stick out like the proverbial sore thumb, and we promptly began to increase them. Now they are fairly plentiful and they are lovely. Our English friends think very highly of it and we had to tell them all about Whiteface, the Adirondack mountain peak of that name. We are as certain as we can be that it has *L. auratum* blood. Even if eventual tests show that it does not have, it is still a very fine garden sort. To it we have been adding *L. auratum* blood and while we do not know what our friends thought of it actually, we had one bloom, or rather four blooms this year on one bulb which to us was very close to *L. auratum* on a *L. regale* stem. To each of these we added still more of *L. auratum*, both from the type, from Dr. Pfeiffer's blooms, and from other blossoms which had already had the *L. auratum* and *L. japonicum* bloods. No matter what we get, it will be interesting to wait two years to get an answer. But we do hope to see Gold-banded Lily blooms on a *L. regale* type plant, with all of the latter's vigor and freedom from troubles. This hope, expressed to several on July 24th, caused some head shaking and significant looks, but we don't think we're crazy!

One last word, and this about culture. We wonder if perhaps care isn't overdone. Most Lilies grow easily here, and we seldom do more than prepare a deep fertile bed, dig a trench and put them in. Why then do others plant our bulbs with sand and all care, only to have them fail to grow at all. Of course there are the bulb rots and similar troubles. But they aren't all the answer. We should be glad to hear from others as to their experiences, with our bulbs, or those from any source.

PYRETHRUM
OR
PAINTED DAISIES.

The culture of the Painted Daisies presents little of difficulty. Any good soil grows them well, provided it is well drained. Young plants, such as we send out, establish themselves easily, and usually flower well during the next summer after planting. They will usually continue to do so for one or two years more, but we feel it is best to divide them about every third summer, not long after flowering. Fall planting is best, as the plants do not travel well in spring. A little covering before hard freezing sets in, with excelsior, or evergreen boughs will get them thru the first winter, if they are well established. Order for shipment in September or early October.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SINGLE FLOWERED.

CRIMSON GIANT. Very large and strong, often to four feet high with a single huge flower on each stem, brilliant red, open at a time, tho there are several flowers per stalk. 50¢ each.

EILEEN MAY ROBINSON. Soft pink in color, this finely formed flower has enough character to make it stand out in any setting, in the garden or the house. There is no better variety, single or double for beauty or ease of culture. 50¢

HUNTINGTON'S SCARLET. Our favorite red, darker than Crimson Giant, nicely formed, and of easy culture. Flowers more profusely and with more flowers open on a stem at one time. 50¢

MRS. D. C. BLISS. Not a large flower, and single, this variety is of unusual coloring and it produces a profusion of blooms on each stem. Bright orange pink, describes it best. 75¢ each.

VICTORIA. An old, old English sort, with even deep rose red flowers. It is notable for vigor and the profusion of its blooming. It is less erect than some sorts, but the stems are amply long for cutting. 50¢ each.

THE FOLLOWING ARE DOUBLE FLOWERED.

BUCKEYE. An old favorite, with very double, perfectly formed blooms of a good red shade, slightly lighter at the center. Tho well known, it is never plentiful. \$1.00 each.

CHERRY GLOW. We think this variety is a little brighter in color than Buckeye, and the center which is very well filled still shows more white. It is very nice, a more refined Buckeye, perhaps. 75¢ each.

HELEN. Tho not yet as plentiful again as it once was, we think we can fill all orders for this best of all double soft pink Pyrethrum. It may not be the largest of all, but it is perfectly formed, a good erect habit, and of easy culture. The color is slightly lighter than E. M. Robinson, and even thruout, with no blue tints. \$1.00 each.

MRS. C. E. BECKWITH. The best double white form to date, this is an early flowering variety, well formed and very double. Each plant produces a multitude of flowers, and makes a huge showing in the garden, and the stems are fine for cutting. Originated at Manchester, Vt. 50¢ each.

DOUBLE PYRETHRUM.

POINSETTIA. A deep rose red flower, about the color of Victoria but with extra outer petals, and some quilled petals at the center making the flower slightly double. 75¢ each.

ROYCE GLORY. Fairly early, tho not so early as Mrs. Beckwith, this is a very double deep rose pink from the Pacific Coast. It is a good 'doer' too. 50¢ each.

ROSE MIST. Double with deep rose outer petals, and a slightly lighter center flecked with white, hence the name. 75¢ each.

THE ROYCE PYRETHRUM.

Several years ago, Betty Royce, then Betty Abbey, made a number of crosses of Pyrethrum, aiming to use the doubling of Mrs. Beckwith; the color of Mrs. Bliss and E.M. Robinson; and the vigor of all three sorts. The results were very interesting and five seedlings were finally selected for introduction, without naming. We offer them for the first time, as a group, with two priced singly, and suggest that you try them and let us know how you like them.

ROYCE 1. Outer petals lavender pink, the center doubled lighter. Flowered later than most sorts. A bright color. \$1.50 each.

ROYCE 2. Salmon pink, with extra petals and a white center. Not too double, but a pleasing color.

ROYCE 3. A larger and better Mrs. D.C. Bliss.

ROYCE 4. Much like Rose Mist, but later than most doubles of its color. Well branched. \$1.50 each.

ROYCE 5. Much like Helen, but a slightly lighter color.

UNPRICED VARIETIES CANNOT BE PURCHASED SINGLY. WE OFFER one each of the above five sorts for \$5.00.

TROLLIUS or GLOBE FLOWERS.

Years ago, it seems, we had a large collection of fine varieties of the Trollius, and many of them. Then all at once, they seemed to sulk, and not until this year have we been able to make them increase satisfactorily. Now we again have three fine named varieties to offer. Happy in wet soils.

EXCELSIOR. One of the best, a strong growing bright orange sort with large perfectly symmetrical flowers. 50¢ each.

FIRE GLOBE. Brighter colored flowers, quite globular in form, not flattened. 50¢ each.

LODDIGESI. Later and taller, with bright orange flowers, not quite fully globed. 75¢ each.

A COLLECTION OF TROLLIUS. We will send you one each of the above, unlabelled, for \$1.50.

THESE CHANGING TIMES.

Once before we have written about a wet season in the pages of the Gossip, but that was just an extremely rainy spring season. Last year we had one of those too, but from July on, we were as dry as dry. Not so, this year! It has rained, all spring, then all summer, and it would appear that it plans to rain for the rest of the year too. If you are inclined to believe that our weather is changing, we'll go along with you. All around us farmers are giving up grain crops which have ripened and been kept so wet they could not have been harvested or even stored. More and more this area is becoming grass land, and even that crop, so vital to our Dairy industry has presented a problem in curing and storing. All of the visitors who were here on July 24th commented on the 'green land', and today we read the remarks of a visitor from another land who said, "Vermont is just one big park".

All such praise of our native state pleases us immensely. Just how it bears on the purpose of this Gossip we are not yet certain. Perhaps if we expore the matter further we shall find a reason. The most obvious connection is that the growth of our plants is better than usual at this time. Some things, including the Pyrethrum are flowering again, and even the divisions of the latter are throwing up short flowering stems. And unusual events can be chronicled. Pyrethrum Huntington's Scarlet, an excellent dark red single is producing double flowers of unusual form, quite often formed more like a Zinnia.

Whether the weather had anything to do with it, we can't say, but our Early-flowering Strain of Japanese Anemone has been in bloom since the middle of July. And, "It isn't vitifolia", - we are quoting the words of a visiting hardy plantsman of renown, who added, "I'll be darned, I never saw anything like that before". This is not an easy thing to ship in field grown plants, but we are offering it again, and will send strong crowns, probably with no great mass of roots.

And you should see the weeds! They too have liked the weather. For over a year now we have been using a new killer called Weeddrench, which is diluted and watered over the surface of a prepared bed, about five days before planting. It is supposed to kill all seed and root growth in the soil which it touches. But tho it worked to perfection last year, it has rained each time we have applied it this summer and apparently dampened its ardor, for weeds spring up on treated soil as well as that not drenched. We must add in all fairness that it has helped us.

These Changing times,-con.

NOT IN EVERY GARDEN.

Chemical weeding is very much more in the gardeners mind these days, and no doubt most of you have tried 2-4D on a lawn, and Potassium cyanate on Crabgrass. Have you used Maleic hydrazide on your lawn edges? We tried it along the sides of nursery roads, which have to be kept clipped for looks, and also about the greenhouses to keep grass out of the side ventilators. So far as we can tell, results are negative. But then, the rain--! If you have read that this chemical can be used on crops like Onions and Potatoes to keep them dormant in storage, what do you suppose will happen if we use it on some Lilies, to keep them more dormant in the spring for late planting to flower off season? We plan to find out.

Then we have used Crag, which no doubt you know can be sprayed on Strawberries to keep down weeds without hurting the berry plants. It won't check grass or weeds over an inch high, to any extent. On the basis of past trials, we used it on four frames of Evergreen cuttings; shrubs both evergreen and deciduous, and including Daphne cneorum, Dutchman's Pipe, and certain Azaleas. It didn't hurt one of them so far as we could tell, and it stopped practically all weed growth, EXCEPT a tiny creeper which makes wide mats, and is worse than Purslane,--and oh, yes, it also killed all of the second lot of Viburnum fragrans seedlings we have ever been able to germinate here!

In spite of mishaps, however, we are finding it possible to use these things in our work and in ways other than those officially listed as safe. One departure is to use these weed inhibiting substances on bulb beds after planting, thus stopping the spring growth of seeds brought to the surface. In the main it is feasible because we have not found many perennial plants of mature size to be harmed by Crag, to use this in mixed borders as well, where bulbs are planted, but do use caution for we take no responsibility for results. It can surely be used under evergreens and shrubs where no foliage growth beneath them must be saved, but it will not kill off strong weed growth.

What started us off on this subject, anyway? The rain, of course, and just how we got so far away from it is hard to say. For now it is raining again, after less than twenty-four hours of fair weather. Things like this develop our resourcefulness! All the same, we paraphrase Gilbert and Sullivan. A nurseryman's life is not all beer and skittles.

ALYSSUM SAXATILE FLORE PLENO. The common Basket-of-Gold is loved by all for its bright yellow color in early spring. This double form is even more showy. Very rare. 50¢ each.

ANEMONE JAPONICA EARLY STRAIN. As noted elsewhere, this is a typical Japanese Anemone, with soft pink flowers, which will grow to about 30" and begins to flower here in July. 50¢.

DIANTHUS- JOHN BALL. A typical Spice Pink, intensely clove scented, this Pink has a reputable history of over one hundred years. The lady who sent us it, some years ago was ninety, and knew it from her mother's garden in England, and as an Army wife, she had grown it in gardens all over the United States. 15" high at best, white, with red eye. 75¢.

LIATRIS PYCHNOSTACHYA ALBA. The Kansas Gayfeather is a spike of bright purple flowers in most gardens just now. But in how many do you see the white form? We offer at \$1.00 each.

PHLOX DIVARICATA SNOWFLAKE. The Canada Phlox blooms in May and gives the garden both a mass of color, and a fine fragrance. The plants grow at best a little over a foot high, with many stems, and branching flower heads. This white form is by far the best, in color, in habit, and in form of the blooms. 50¢.

PHLOX DIVARICATA SPRING SKIES. We have long hoped for a better blue form of the Canada Phlox and at last we have it. The plant, from an unknown source, has been several years in our trial bed. It has all the good points of Snowflake, as to form and habit, is a little taller, and a delicate soft blue color. Plants are young, but will flower well. 50¢ each.

THALICTRUM ROCHEBRUNIANUM. This plant is commonly called Lavender Mist by others. Nothing we have was more admired by the Lily group who found it in flower here on July 24th. It grows to six feet, with branching panicles of soft lavender blue flowers, with yellow centers. A fine background for massed July flowering lilies. \$1.00 each.

VERONICA LONGIFOLIA SUBSESSILIS. The fine dark blue Speedwell is an old garden favorite for later summer color, at a time when blue is lacking. Will grow to 2' at least. 50¢ each.

VERONICA ICICLE. The late Alex Cumming envisioned a white Speedwell like the preceding, and flowering late in summer. That he achieved his goal, none can doubt, for Icicle is white, intensely white, and in bloom now. The foliage is lighter, in color and texture, than Veronica l.s. but it has the same sturdy erect growth. Fine heavy plants, \$1.00 each.

VIOLA MAGGIE MOTT. The color of this soft lavender Viola has never been surpassed, and the fragrance is delightful. It will begin to flower with the first real spring days, and continue till hot weather. Flowers are large, and the plant vigorous. Divide annually in midsummer, for best results. 50¢ each.

VIOLA ROYAL PURPLE. A very strong growing deep purple Viola, which persists in flowering all summer, from an early spring start. One of the very best for bedding, and a joy anywhere. Both these Violas are field grown plants at 50¢ each.
IF WANTED IN QUANTITY, please ask for price on number needed.

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BULBS AND TUBERS, ETC.THE MANAGER'S DESK.

CORYDALIS BULBOSA. This little plant pops out of the ground in earliest spring, flowers, and disappears all in about a month. Delicate foliage, six inches high and rosy-purple flowers. Plant in view from a window. 10 for 50¢.

CYPRIPEDIUM PARVIFLORUM. This is the smaller Yellow Lady-Slipper, found in open damp woodland. Usually of easy culture in a cool soil, with shade. 50¢ per strong bud.

C. PUBESCENS. The larger Yellow Lady-Slipper is more common in open woodland. Neither of these endure Pine land or too acid soils. Shaded cool soils usually suffice them. 50¢ per bud.

C. SPECTABILE. The Showy Lady-Slipper will grow two feet high in cool damp soils in shade. Avoid wet feet. Striking foliage and pink and white 'slippers' two inches or more long. 50¢.

MERTENSIA VIRGINICA. The Virginia Cowslip may be planted under trees and evergreens, wherever there is room for its foot high stems. Pendant blue and pink bells in a spike at the tip make this our loveliest native wildflower. Starts very early in spring, and disappears by July. 25¢ each; 5 for \$1.00.

MERTENSIA VIRGINICA ALBA. Sometimes called Snowbell, this white form of the Virginia Cowslip is both rare and beautiful. It is readily grown however, but is very scarce. \$2.50 each.

NARCISSUS AND DAFFODILS. For some years we have been growing about a dozen sorts of these spring bulbs, for the sake of the flowers to sell. The bulbs are increasing and must be dug and reset. We offer a mixture, one each of them all, good sized bulbs fine for naturalizing. 12 for \$1.00.

SANGUINARIA CANADENSIS FLORE PLENO. The Double Bloodroot is perfectly doubled, and very lovely. Demand for it far exceeds the supply, but we can supply single buds, \$1.50 each.

SCOLEPENDRIUM VULGARE. The Hart's-Tongue Fern, uncommon here, is very plentiful in Europe, and wonderfully crested and crisped forms of it are grown. We have these plants growing in 3" pots and offer them at \$1.00 each.

TRILLIUM CERNUUM. The Nodding Trillium is native to dry soils and pine lands. Drooping white flowers, an inch across.

T. ERECTUM. The Wake Robin is a fine sturdy form, usually found in dry open woodland. In moist soil it becomes extra large.

T. ERECTUM ALBUM. Apparently the white form of the Wake Robin grows only in the Carolinas, from whence we obtain it.

T. GRANDIFLORUM. The Great White Trillium carpets acres of woodland here in May, with a sheet of white. Foot high plants with a 3" wide flower, which turns pink as it ages.

T. SESSILE LUTEUM. The Yellow Trillium is different and charming. It is of easy culture here, tho actually a southerner.

T. STYLOSUM. Finest of the southern Trilliums that will grow here. It has slightly drooping rose pink flowers, 2" across.

T. UNDULATUM. The Painted Trillium, with white flowers blotched red or purple in the throat. Plant it deeper than the rest for it grows naturally in cool high northern areas.

ALL THE TRILLIUM ARE PRICED AT 15¢ each; 10 (alike) for \$1.25

DAPHNE MEZEREUM.

To all those who have been asking us for this rare shrub, here is good news. Last spring we obtained a nice lot of seedlings, about four inches high. These have been transplanted and are now nice little 4/6" plants. Only a few at 25¢ each.

I am pleased to notice that more and more letters are coming onto my desk, which ask for the unusual plants, - and sometimes for the very common ones, - which we used to grow in quantity and have discarded because of poor demand. I hope this means that gardeners are at last discovering that there is pleasure in growing for the plant alone, not just that it produces a striking and huge flower. Within a few days, two requests have come in for the European Wild Ginger and for considerable numbers. Ten years ago, the bed in our shade house would have supplied both and left a good stock. Now the shade house is gone, and we have only a few plants of the Ginger.

Gardeners, if you wish nurserymen to grow these things for you, you must either buy them in larger numbers, or be prepared to pay a higher price. And unless something happens, before long you will not be able to buy a lot of things anywhere in these United States! Firms on whom we depended to supply us with some of these things are going out of existence, and no one is replacing them.

In this list are to be found those plants we have in good numbers, save for the Poppies, Iris, Daylilies, etc., which we continue to grow for our local friends. We'll be glad to quote on such items if you will send us your list, or to try to find the rare items for you if we can.

Visitors will find us understaffed and must be prepared to talk plants in the office rather than in the fields. If possible advance orders, or at least advance notice of a visit will be appreciated.

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