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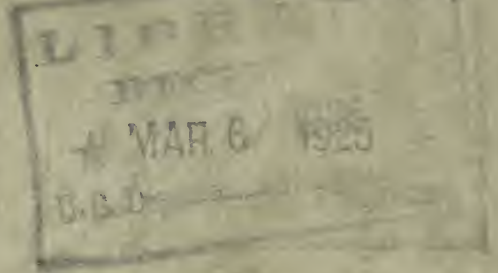
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Special Gold Medal

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Judge J. T. Marean's Dahlia Creations

in

Non-Competitive Exhibit

*A*N artistic temperament, an inherited love of the beautiful in nature in every form of flower, blossom or foliage, find a natural outlet for such instincts in gardening, and a love of order and symmetry adds greatly to the charm of the garden.

Intimate association shows the loving purpose, the infinite wisdom, which order and control the marvelous ways of nature; at sunrise or in the heat of mid-day, in the cool of the evening, or in the lovely moonlight, blossom and foliage make fairyland, teaching the love of flowers.

Here is an inspiration for all that makes for the highest in human nature and there is exercise for the body and rest and contentment for the mind, reward for the ambitious, with pleasure to all who love a garden.

John Scheepers, Inc.



Mrs. Josiah T. Marean Wearing the Exquisite Dahlia
Named in Her Honor

John Scheepers, Inc.



Judge Marean With One of His Magnificent Creations
"The Emperor"

THE SEASON'S EVENT

in

HORTICULTURE

"**M**AREAN" Dahlias, for years the sensation of the American Dahlia Shows, are at last available to the public and, through the choice of Judge Marean himself, they are to be distributed exclusively through "The House of Scheepers." Dahlia enthusiasts are aware that Judge Josiah T. Marean, whose creations at his home, "DAY-BREAK," Green's Farms, Connecticut, are the most superb in existence today, has never before given away,—much less sold,—his Dahlias until recently.

They form a monument to the creative genius of a persevering and patient fancier. Study of the intimate family life of the Judge reveals his great love for the Dahlia and his inherent desire to create an aristocratic race of this flower, in which he has achieved a success of which he may well be proud and satisfied. He would harbor no plant that would not produce an exceptionally good flower, no variety that would not grow freely with strong, straight stems, and produce abundant blossoms. Mrs. Marean, equally enthusiastic about these wonderful creations, would ably assist with a remarkable gift of knowledge of color, discerning great merit where present, and with her help the super-aristocrats would be selected and those named in honor of members and close friends of the family and as fitting titles would occur to her.

Judge Marean's gardener, John Harding, who knows his business in the creation and selection of Dahlias as few people do, has done his share, and will continue to do so, to create the most wonderful new varieties; the result has been that in his country estate in Green's Farms, Conn., the Judge, at the age of 79 years, may be found in season receiving thousands of Garden Club members and flower lovers who visit his

The Modern Dahlias

gardens from all parts of the country to admire his Dahlias; rare blossoms of every shade and type, standing defiantly and boldly, flamboyant and dashing, replete with evidence of their fiery Spanish ancestry, arrogantly amazing them with their huge flowers of most wonderful colorings, standing soldierly on strong, stout stems, produced in quantity on extraordinarily free growing plants, while others hold up their heads daintily, looking with loyal admiration, almost with reverence, upon those paragons, their beautifully colored petals opened wide with careless abandon, in their effort to reach wide. Coming suddenly upon this lavish display of rich beauty through the stone arch leading to one of the Judge's gardens, one feels a thrill at the sheer magnificence of it all.

After rising rapidly to a place of prominence, these Dahlia creations stand now supreme as the pinnacle of perfection; it is for this reason and after great effort, that the Judge has been convinced that his productions should be left to posterity, and I have persuaded him finally, after much argumentation, that the results of his creative skill should be open to public purchase; but merely the SURPLUS of his own garden, only stock grown by himself, in his most wonderful varieties, and NOT INDISCRIMINATELY PROPAGATED STOCK, is now therefore offered to the public through my agency. Realizing what is often the result of propagation, NO PLANTS will be offered; ONLY BULB DIVISIONS from clumps of which the plants have proven their merit, will be distributed. This is most important and should be carefully observed.

Shipments of tubers will be made direct to the clients by the Judge's gardener, beginning in March. Orders should be sent exclusively to our executive offices for booking, which will be filled in the order in which they are received; it is therefore advisable that reservations are made at once, as, of course, available stock is limited.

JOHN SCHEEPERS.

Judge Mearan's Famous Dahlias

"Daybreak," Green's Farms, Conn.
September, 1920.

Mr. John Scheepers,
522 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Scheepers:—

In offering my dahlias to the public I wish to say to them, that I am an amateur like themselves and not a commercial grower although the new definitions made by the American Dahlia Society classify me as such, making it impossible any longer to compete in the amateur class.

For about fourteen years past I have amused myself by growing each year at my country place at Green's Farms, three or four thousand seedlings using only the best seeds gatherable from my own plants. This scheme I am still pursuing. It affords me the same sort of excitement which as a boy I found in my matinal visits to the fish lines set the night before. Now and then something worth while was pulled out of the water.

A great man is born once in a while but the majority of children whatever their parentage turn out to be just plain "folks." Dahlias follow the same law and out of the mass I have each year found only a few worth saving. This number after being tried out is further diminished by selection. The result has been the development of more than fifty new varieties of extraordinary size and beauty both of form and color. These have been grown every year only for garden effect in my ornamental gardens side by side with the whole range of other effective flowers.

Last year I found myself for the first time with a surplus beyond my requirements for this year's planting and I have through you sold to amateurs only a few hundred bulbs.

I offer now for sale, to amateurs exclusively, only my own productions and only the surplus of my gardens which I do not

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require for next year's planting. The supply is of course quite limited and orders can be filled only to that extent, and should be filled in the order in which they have been received. For obvious reasons no deliveries can be made of any variety until two years after its advent in the seedling garden.

It is impossible to adequately describe dahlias as to color or form. None is of any pure prismatic color, and few adhere strictly in form to any of the types which have been arbitrarily adopted for their description. I have selected only those of superlative and unrivaled merit for both size and beauty.

I exhibited for the first time at the American Dahlia Society show in New York City in 1915. I was ruled out of competition because my plants were not named except by my name and numbers. In the following year having named them I competed only in the 50 Class and received 1st prize. In 1917 and 1918, I competed in the 50 and also in the 25 and 12 Class and both years received 1st prize in each Class. In 1919, I received 1st prize in the 50 and 25 Classes, also 1st prize for the largest flower in the show, 1st prize for the most meritorious display in the show besides other minor 1st prizes. Since then I have exhibited "out of competition" only.

I offer my dahlias to the public on their record and on my personal assurance of their merit, and if at the end of the season any purchaser is dissatisfied with his purchase and will return me the clump, and all its increase, cuttings or other propagation, transportation paid, with an affidavit of its identity I will return the price, though if the plant has failed to make good it will not be the fault of the plant but of its culture.

I regret that all dahlia lovers do not see my dahlias blooming in my private gardens and I cordially invite them to do so.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) JOSIAH T. MAREAN.



Mrs. Josiah T. Marean

Judge Josiah T. Marean's Wonderful Dahlia Creations, produced by himself in his gardens at Green's Farms, Conn.

VARIETIES OF SUPERLATIVE AND UNRIVALED MERIT

The heights are given conservatively and for comparison when making plantings for display; all varieties will attain much greater height particularly if grown for that purpose

**MAGNIFICENT INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1922
ALL OF PROVEN MERIT**

"HERCULES"

DECORATIVE—Quilled; of enormous size; the beautifully-colored flowers are carried proudly on straight, strong, stout stems; the color scheme is a symphony of tangerine and deep yellow. The reverse of the petals is shaded tangerine and they are so placed that they blend in a most attractive way with the deep yellow of the flower. The average height of the plant is from 4 to 6 ft.

Price for strong bulb division, \$10

"JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER"

DECORATIVE—This again is a wonderful exhibition variety; of true form, very large flowers grow freely on strong erect stems; the color is magnificent and can only be described as a Golden Buff. The average height of the plant is five feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$10

"MRS. JOSIAH T. MAREAN"

PEONY-FLOWERED—Perfect type; this is the most handsome of all varieties in the collection and has been named by the Judge in honor of his wife. The flowers are of extra large size carried on strong wiry stems; the color is unrivaled as

Fashionable Dahlias

to merit for beauty; old rose with golden shadings at base of flower. Profuse bloomer and vigorous grower. An exceptional exhibition variety that will be loved by all. Height average 5 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$15

“MRS JOHN T. SCHEEPERS”

DECORATIVE—We are very proud that the Judge has selected this beautiful new seedling from thousands of others and has named it in honor of Mrs. John Scheepers. The flowers are very large, produced on strong, stout stems. Upon opening, they are of a clear canary yellow which is gradually changed to a beautiful delicate shade of pink suffusion on the outer petals.

A very free bloomer and vigorous grower. One of the gems of the purest water in this collection. Average height 5 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$15

“OVER THERE”

DECORATIVE—This is a most attractive Dahlia of unusual merit; it is a true self color, very deep salmon; the flowers are large, set on strong stems. It is an extra strong grower and splendid producer. Average height 4 to 5 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$10

“MABEL THATCHER”

DECORATIVE—Large flowers of a pale yellow shade, are borne on stiff, strong stems; they are of finest type and considered the highest perfection attained in this particular shade. Average height 4 to 5 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$10

“SUPERBA”

DECORATIVE—This is a most effective variety, both in the garden as in the exhibition rooms. It is a very strong grower and a free bloomer, producing large flowers on exception-

Aristocratic Dahlias

ally strong stiff stems. The color is golden yellow with darker reverse. Average height 5 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$10

“THE BASHFUL GIANT”

DECORATIVE—This is unquestionably the largest flowering Dahlia ever produced; the gigantic blooms are excellent for exhibition where size is one of the requisites; it is also of great merit for its beautiful color, being an apricot with golden shadings. Should be in every exhibition collection. Flowers are produced on stout stems like all the other Marean creations. Average height 5 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$10

“THE EMPEROR”

DECORATIVE—This variety caused quite a stir at the Dahlia Exhibition; its enormous size, its beautiful deep color, the perfect form of the flower and the extra long stem, moved Dahlia enthusiasts last season to make us extraordinary offers for the possession of a bulb. It is a maroon of the finest type; the flower is made up of long flat petals; the color does not spot under any weather conditions. It is a magnificent prize winner of the highest merit. Average height 6 feet. An exceptional variety.

Price for strong bulb division, \$25

Mr. W. H. Waite speaks in the “Gardeners’ Chronicle” about this variety as follows:

“I was fortunate in getting a bulb of this variety from the introducer, to try the first season and I can certainly testify to its superiority. It is a beautiful dark, self color of large size and great depth, on long stems. There is absolutely no weakness about its neck, in fact, it is without a fault, and one of the grandest dahlias I have ever seen. Emperor and Mrs. I. De Ver Warner I prophesy will be in the forefront for many years.”

“THE MERRY WIDOW”

DECORATIVE—Extraordinary flower commanding immediate attention; enormous blooms carried on short stiff stems, held perfectly erect. It is difficult to describe this exhibition flower; the main coloring is clear yellow; this is suffused with a pleasing shade of red but so combined as to make a most handsomely colored Dahlia. The exhibition of this flower created great excitement at the recent shows; it is unquestionably a notable introduction; the plants are very vigorous; a valuable variety surely.

Price for strong bulb division, \$10

“THE RED PLANET”

DECORATIVE—Very large flower carried on strong stout stem, held erect. The petals of this flower are extra broad; the color is a brick red, suffused yellow. A very fine Show Dahlia and splendid in the garden. Average height 4 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$10

**INTRODUCTIONS OF 1921
ALL PRIZE WINNERS**

“AGNES HAVILAND”

DECORATIVE—Large flowers on strong stiff stems; of perfect type; color a fine rose pink slightly suffused with yellow. A very fine variety. 5 to 6 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$6

“CATHERINE WILCOX”

DECORATIVE—Flowers not as large as others in the collection but refined of form and of a most attractive color; white, points of petals tipped cerise; a very strong grower and a free bloomer. 4 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$6

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“CHARM”

DECORATIVE—One of the most admired Dahlias; grows to a height of from 4 to 5 feet, producing very freely flowers on strong, stout, wiry stems; the color is a most pleasing combination of burnt orange shading to yellow; combines beautifully with flowers of “Judge Marean.”

Price for strong bulb division, \$7.50

“CLEOPATRA”

PEONY-FLOWERED—This variety produces exceedingly large flowers on wiry stems which gracefully bend over slightly yet hold up their heads, proud of their great beauty and fine form. The color is a fine shade of yellow, the reverse of the petals being of a tangerine shade which creates a beautiful color combination. For effect in the garden this is unquestionably one of the best. Height 5 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$6

“DAKOTA”

DECORATIVE—An extraordinary exhibition flower, as impressive in the garden as in the exhibition rooms; enormous flowers standing erect on strong, stout stems, facing the garden boldly. The color may be described as being the shade of flame; it is a powerful flower, distinct and a prize-winner. Vigorous grower in the extreme and a very free bloomer. Height 4 to 5 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$6

“DIANA”

PEONY-FLOWERED—This is another most effective Dahlia for the garden; particularly valuable grown in company of Cleopatra; fine scarlet flowers of large size on strong stems, plants averaging, conservatively measured, 6 feet and more. Flowers at its best in late season.

Price for strong bulb division, \$7.50

“E. T. BEDFORD”

DECORATIVE—Wonderful exhibition flowers of a shade most difficult to describe are carried proudly aloft by long, strong stems, produced very freely on a plant growing to an average height of 5 feet. The color is purple with a lighter shading, giving it the appearance of a silvered purple tone. Should be in every exhibition collection and in every garden where good Dahlias grow. Several flowers measuring 12 inches and over were shown during the 1921 season.

Price for strong bulb division, \$10

“JUDGE MAREAN”

DECORATIVE—Very large flower of perfect type and of a color most difficult to describe. Mrs. Josiah T. Marean, the Judge's wife, named this unforgettable Dahlia after him, considering it then one of the finest Dahlias ever created. There is a riot of color, ever changing as the flower ages, but of shades that all blend most beautifully. There is glowing Salmon Pink, Red, Iridescent Orange, Yellow and Pure Gold. It is a most profuse bloomer, flowering continuously, being at its best in August; the flower stands on a long straight, strong stem, facing the garden boldly, seemingly well aware of its magnificent effect. This variety was awarded The Special Grand Champion Award at the American Institute Show in 1919. Average height 4 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$7.50

“JUPITER”

PEONY-FLOWERED—In this very fine variety the petals are quilled; the flowers which stand erect on stiff, wiry stems, attain an enormous size and are great for the Exhibition table. The color is a mahogany self and draws immediate attention in a collection. Strong grower and good producer, the plant averages in height 6 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$6



Judge Marean

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“LADY BETTY”

DECORATIVE—This very lovely Dahlia was so named in honor of the Judge's wife, being a great favorite selected by her from his thousands of seedlings. It is a very large, finely formed flower, produced on strong stiff stem, of a most attractive and lovely color. It is creamy white but a pinkish suffusion is spread as a haze over the flower. It should grace every fine collection. Average height 5 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$7.50

“LA GROSSE BÊTE”

DECORATIVE—Enormous flower which makes itself felt in the garden; held straight upon strong stems, and of a cerise self color, it makes a splendid exhibition variety. It is a very strong grower, of an average height of five feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$7.50

“LA TORÉADOR”

DECORATIVE—A true type of crimson color; the finest of its color so far produced; flowers of this variety have kept longer in vases than any other variety that has come to our observation. It is a very free bloomer having strong wiry stems; at the Exhibitions, it draws and holds attention. Should be in every Dahlia collection as it is of unquestionable merit, splendid for cutting, unrivaled for shipping. Average height 5 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$6

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Ex-Supreme Court Justice and Mrs. Josiah T. Marean at "Day-break," Their Beautiful Country Home at Green's Farms, Conn.
Rear View of House.

“MEPHISTOPHELES”

DECORATIVE—Huge flowers of a vivid scarlet supported by unusually strong stems, which hold them erect and unbending. This is considered today by connoisseurs, together with “The Emperor” and “Mrs. I. de Ver Warner,” the best and most magnificent set of Dahlias in existence and will undoubtedly hold this place of honor for some time to come.

Of superlative merit it was the sensation of the recent Dahlia Exhibitions and will make this same impression wherever it will be grown and shown.

As an exhibition flower it has no peer; enormous blooms held perfectly erect on gigantic stout stems, are produced in great quantity on plants of extraordinary vigor which bring forth more flowerstalks than any variety known.

It seems impossible to fittingly describe this floral wonder; it is a masterpiece, the insolent beauty of which makes itself felt through its regal appearance in the garden as in the exhibition rooms.

The color is ruby-red showing infinitesimal golden-yellow points at the very ends of some petals, thereby greatly enhancing its effectiveness.

Height conservatively measured averages from 7 to 8 feet; plants have reached the height of 14 feet in the Judge's gardens.

Mr. Wm. H. Waite, who won the greatest number of First Prizes at the 1921 Show of the American Dahlia Society, speaks of this variety in the January number of the *Gardeners' Chronicle* as follows:

“A variety I have always admired in Judge Marean's collection and I was eager to get it. It seems to be a different type from the ordinary run of varieties; the plant does not branch so much, very few lateral branches being formed. The flowers are borne on very stiff stems and are placed right on top of the stem. The flowers are large, and of a beautiful shade of ruby. I have had many blooms over ten inches in diameter from very late planting.”

Price for strong bulb division, \$15



Mephistopheles

“MRS. I. de VER WARNER

DECORATIVE—A blossom of soft orchid coloring seldom appearing in the gay garb of the Dahlia family. For its beautifully charming color, for the very large blooms and for its very long, strong, wiry stems, this variety was the cynosure of all eyes of the Dahlia critics at the recent exhibitions; a refined lovely sweet color, deep mauve pink; beautifully formed, exquisite shade, a true type, impressive for its very large size, it leads without question all varieties in existence today.

Extremely strong grower, very free bloomer, splendid for exhibition and for the garden it is of the greatest merit. Average height 5 to 6 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$15

Mr. W. H. Waite speaks of this variety as follows:

“If Judge Marean had never raised any other dahlia but this one, this alone would have made him famous. It is, I think, without a doubt, the finest dahlia that has ever been introduced. It is a wonderful grower and the large cattleya colored, perfectly shaped flowers are produced on long stiff stems, which look right at one, just like a sunflower. I have cut stems of this variety five feet in length. It is a profuse bloomer and was the cynosure of all who saw my collection the past year.”

“PEG O’ ME HEART”

PEONY-FLOWERED—Most lovely creation; large flowers on strong wiry stems are produced in abundance on strong plants. The color is very refined, sweet and beautiful. It is old rose with a slight shading of golden yellow. Extremely attractive; a truly lovely flower. Average height 5 to 6 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$6

“SEPTEMBER MORN”

PEONY-FLOWERED—Quite correctly named by Mrs. Marean, being a variety that is at its best after the middle of Septem-



Mrs. I. de Ver Warner

John Scheepers, Inc.

ber. It is of enormous size, the flowers carried well on a straight stiff stem. The color again is most charming, being cerise with a silvery sheen. Average height 5 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$6

“THE CHOCTAW”

PEONY-FLOWERED—Quilled petals; extra large exhibition variety; enormous flowers are carried on long, strong, stiff stems, facing one boldly; a noble flower; name suggested by an Indian Head surrounded by feathered headgear, which it resembles. Color is a fine pale mahogany. Average height 5 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$6

“THEODORA BULKLEY”

DECORATIVE—Another superb September Dahlia selected by the Judge for its great merit. The flowers are large; the stems are strong and stout; the color is a fine deep pink; is at its best after September 15th. Average height 4 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$7.50

“VENUS”

DECORATIVE—This is again a very lovely variety, large flowers being produced freely on strong stiff stems. While it is most attractive in the garden, its special value is for cut flowers. Considered by many exhibitors and Dahlia experts as one of the most meritorious varieties. The color is a soft beautiful shade of creamy white with lavender suffusion. Extra fine grower. Average height 4 feet.

Price for strong bulb division, \$6

If your order amounts to \$100 or over covering varieties selected from this list, two fine varieties will be added gratis to your shipment.

A BEAUTIFUL set of five color process plates depicting in natural size and colors the following three varieties of Judge Marean's creations:

**JUDGE MAREAN
MEPHISTOPHELES
MRS. I. de VER WARNER**

bound in book-form together with several black and white photographs of his private gardens at "Daybreak," will be sent upon request.

The plates represent the flowers as true to nature as the limitations of mechanical reproduction permit. They are not as beautiful as the flowers but give an idea as to form and coloring.

The production of this book costs \$2 per each copy; to prevent indiscriminate distribution, we ask those interested to kindly send \$2 with request for the book; this payment will be refunded upon receipt of order for \$10 or over or upon return of the book. It is gratis to our clients.

COLLECTIONS

SIX named varieties selected by Judge Marean from those listed in this book in shades that will harmonize \$35. Twelve named varieties as above \$70.

Named varieties of Judge Marean's Seedlings not listed in this book, which fall a little short of the others but are yet worthy associates, differing only as great ability differs from genius: Six named varieties for \$25. Twelve named varieties for \$50.

Judge Marean's Dahlias

"ROHALLION"

Rumson, N. J., November 2nd, 1921.

Dear Mr. Scheepers:—

I competed in twelve classes at the Seventh Annual Exhibition of the American Dahlia Society, with Judge Marean's Dahlias and was awarded eleven First Prizes. Also the Sweepstake Prize, for the largest flower in the Show, with the beautiful variety Mrs. I. de Ver Warner. This surely speaks for itself.

Besides the Marean varieties I had in my collection every variety of great merit known to me from other introducers, as well as the best from California, such as Rookwood, Shudow's Lavender, Osam Shudow and many others. Several of these are very fine, especially, "Rookwood," but none of them can stand comparison with Judge Marean's creations.

Yours very truly,
(signed) William H. Waite,
Supt. for E. D. Adams, Esq.

John Scheepers, Inc.

Rahway, N. J., October 6th, 1921.

Messrs. John Scheepers, Inc.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Judge Marean's Dahlia creations are without a doubt an improvement on any dahlias on the market today and I am only sorry to say that I did not spend all of the money, which I wasted on some inferior stuff, on these fine flowers.

Although I did not get a chance to see them at the recent dahlia show, a friend has advised me that there were no flowers in the show that could compete with the Marean creations.

Yours very truly,

(signed) H. W. Roediger.

H. W. Roediger,
90 West Hazelwood Ave.,
Rahway, N. J.

Judge Mearan's Dahlias

RICHBERG, ICKES, DAVIES & LORD

Lawyers

**1916 Harris Trust Bldg.
Chicago**

October 6th, 1921.

John Scheepers, Inc.,
522 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have had most satisfactory results this Summer from the Mearan dahlia roots I bought from you in the Spring. I never had such beautiful dahlias and I have never seen such good ones in this vicinity.

A number of people have admired them and made inquiries of my gardener as to varieties and where they might be purchased.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Harold L. Ickes.

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Pruning and Disbudding

By Judge Josiah T. Marean

*A*NYONE interested in dahlias ought to know something about the structure of the plant.

Above ground it consists of two things—bloombearing stalks and leafage. The main stalk proceeds directly from the root. This main stalk puts out lateral stalks, usually in pairs, one on each side. They push out from the angle made by the main stalk and a leaf and are few or many according to the habit of the plant. These primary laterals put out in the same manner secondary laterals, which in their turn put out tertiary laterals, etc., etc.

Each stalk bears one bloom only, on the end of it. The main stalk flowers first. After a pause the primary laterals follow, making the first crop, and after another pause the secondary laterals—the second crop.

It is my observation that the tertiary wood is of little or no consequence as the season is usually over before it flowers and blooms if any are trivial. A plant, the habit of which is to put out numerous laterals, will produce only small blooms, no matter what pruning and disbudding may be done. If such a plant be laboriously restricted even to one bloom, such bloom will not be very much larger.

It is apparent also that blooms of such a plant will be very short-stemmed. Whoever wants blooms of any considerable size and with long stems, need not bother with such plants. Their nature cannot be changed.

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For my own part I do not harbor any plant that puts out many laterals, most of my plants put out only about half a dozen and each primary lateral puts out, ordinarily, only two or three secondary laterals.

Such plants need no pruning or disbudding, except of tertiary laterals, and now and then of too numerous secondaries. In my judgment, all tertiary wood may be sacrificed as soon as it makes its appearance.

Where you see a bud on secondary wood flanked by two smaller ones, the latter are tertiaries just starting and had better be removed at once before they uselessly sap any further the vitality of the plant.

This is all that needs to be said about pruning and disbudding.

Not more than two main stalks should be allowed. I prefer only one.

General List of the Very Choicest Dahlias other
than those created by Judge Marean

“AMBASSADOR”

HYBRID CACTUS—Broomall—California introduction described
as follows:

The floral sensation of Los Angeles; the color is a soft-yellow-buff, shaded salmon-pink, of very pleasing form, enormous size; the splendid flowers stand gloriously erect, well above the foliage, on the strongest stem ever seen on a Cactus Dahlia. It overtops all others in merit. Irresistibly beautiful.

Each, \$50

“AZALEA”

DECORATIVE—Very attractive large bloom, formed of many rows of long narrow florets; color is creamy-yellow, more or less suffused with salmon, shading to old-rose; indeed a most pleasing shade.

Each, \$2

“BALLET GIRL”

CACTUS-BESSIE BOSTON—California introduction described
as follows:

The highest English type of cactus, but with a better stem than most of those imported. A bush will contain such a variety of blooms that it is no fun to describe it. The biggest percentage of the flowers are orange with a white edge, but there are pure orange blooms, white flowers shading to orange, white flowers edged orange and other variations, all on the same bush. All are beautiful and very large. The stem with us was fair and the flower attracted much favorable notice. Free-flowering and excellent center to the end of the season. Nothing better for exhibition. This is an entirely new coloring of cactus.

Each, \$4



One of Judge Marean's Dahlia Gardens

“EARLE WILLIAMS”

DECORATIVE—Doolittle—The flower is immense, form perfect. The base half of the petals are brilliant crimson scarlet, the point half of the petals, white. The variation in the flowers is one of its greatest charms. Some come three quarters of the base crimson, the points white; others, one quarter of the base red and three quarters of the tips white. No self-colored flowers appear. It is one of the earliest, most constant and last to bloom.

Each, \$5

“GLADYS SHERWOOD”

HYBRID CACTUS—Broomall—California introduction described as follows: It is not only the greatest of all whites—it is one of the greatest garden flowers yet produced as month after month, through the long, hot summer, it continued to be covered with an abundance of perfect blooms, full centered, and held on fine stems up above the foliage. It was a prize winner in five classes in the New York Show; the white supreme.

Each, \$5

“HELEN DURNBAUGH”

HYBRID CACTUS—Broomall—California introduction described as follows: Color is indescribably beautiful, being a delicate blush, deepening toward the center to a soft rosy glowing tint. It requires sunshine to bring it to perfection.

Each, \$3

“INSULINDE”

HYBRID CACTUS—Enormous flower of a most beautiful shade of amber; long, wiry, strong stems hold flowers erect, beautifully formed and of incomparable coloring. Splendid exhibition and garden variety.

Each, \$3

Choicest Dahlias

“JERSEY’S PRIDE”

HYBRID DECORATIVE—Wm. H. Waite—It was one of the varieties entered at the test garden at Storrs, Conn., where it scored high and gained a certificate. It is a seedling between George Walters and King of the Autumn, and possesses all the good points and none of the bad ones of its parents. The flowers are a bronze shade, produced very freely on long, straight stems, well above the foliage.

Each, \$10

“MABEL B. TAFT”

DECORATIVE—**BESSIE BOSTON**—Gold Medal in San Francisco; named in honor of Mrs. Samuel B. Taft, the enthusiastic and most successful private exhibitor of Cincinnati.

The coloring is novel, yellow, suffused with pinkish apricot, lighter in the center, shading deeper towards the outer petals. The very large flower has good depth and is composed of small, peculiarly shaped petals which give it refinement as well as beauty. It is particularly lovely under artificial light. Stems are long and absolutely stiff and straight. As a cut flower it has most unusual lasting qualities. A word of advice in growing. This dahlia will produce more blooms to a bush than any we have ever grown, but it must be freely disbudded. It wants lots of space, as it is a most luxuriant grower.

Each, \$3

“MILLIONAIRE”

DECORATIVE—Enormous bloom produced on good stem, of a delicate lavender slightly suffused pale pink.

Each, \$2

“MRS. CARL SALBACH”

DECORATIVE—Immense lavender pink on long, strong stem; very free-flowering. One of the best dahlias under cultivation. Awarded Gold Medal at the San Rafael Trial Gardens.

Each, \$4

“MRS. ETHEL F. T. SMITH”

DECORATIVE—Creamy white shading to a lemon tint in the center; this is one of the largest dahlias grown, producing blooms up to 10 3-4 inches in diameter without disbudding; it is a profuse bloomer and the flowers are held far above the foliage on strong stems, winning the admiration of all who see it.

Each, \$5

“RED CROSS”

HYBRID CACTUS—One of the finest Dahlias in existence which we have been fortunate to introduce. The flowers are produced most freely on strong, wiry stems; the color is a combination of red and yellow, with a suffusion difficult to describe. In a collection, Red Cross stands out above all.

Each, \$3

“ROOKWOOD”

DECORATIVE—BESSIE BOSTON—A prize-winner of 2 years' standing. This decorative is of an entirely new shade of pink, and of course difficult to accurately describe. The color is more like the popular Mrs. Charles Russell rose than any flower in commerce; it is pure bright cerise rose, without the faintest touch of magenta, and is as beautiful under artificial light as the Russell rose. The flowers are immense, with good depth, and are held aloft on splendid straight stems. The bushes grow low and spreading and are always a mass of blooms. The blossoms are true decorative type all the season, and we never had a more distinctive coloring in the garden. Owing to large sales during the garden season, and a limited stock, only a comparatively small number of orders can be taken for this variety.

Each, \$10

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Red Cross

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“ROSA NELL”

DECORATIVE—The color is a clear, deep, bright rose; the flowers are large; one of the best shaped decorative dahlias coming perfectly full and double until frost; good stems and habit; the color is a rare one in dahlias, and attracts immediate attention, while the form cannot be surpassed. When it becomes known it will be in every flower lover's garden.

Each, \$7.50

“SHUDOW'S LAVENDER”

DECORATIVE—BESSIE BOSTON—No picture will do justice to this dahlia, for its color is changeable in different lights and seasons. The very large bloom is a silvery lavender slightly shading to white. In hot weather, the white will be more marked, but as the season advances will almost entirely disappear. The stem is absolutely perfect, long and stiff, and holds the big blossom erect. It will bloom constantly and freely from early to late season, never show a center, and also has excellent keeping qualities as a cut flower. One of its most unusual features is the attractive lacelike foliage. A very tall and robust grower.

Each, \$7.50

“THE WIZARD OF ‘OZ’ ”

DECORATIVE—Doolittle—A veritable giant of a “Wizard.” A strong growing plant, with wonderful stem. Have never forced for size, yet have had blooms over 11 inches in diameter. It should go to 12 or 13 inches in diameter. The color is a rare shade of glowing amber pink, soft in tone.

Each, \$15

We offer TUBERS exclusively, strong in quality, selected from clumps which produced healthy, vigorous plants last season. We do not sell propagated plants.

Gladioli

*“All that Nature did omit
Art, playing Nature’s second part, supplied.”*

—Spencer

FEW flowers have so richly profited by the skill and taste of the hybridists as have the Gladioli. Through variation, selection and hybridizing the comparatively inconspicuous flowers brought from Cape Colony some hundred and fifty years ago, have been refurbished, elaborated, glorified, until memory of their simple early state is quite lost in the wonder of newly acquired colors and markings, the bewitching ruffles and widely-flaring chalices, the butterfly impersonations and orchid similitudes of their splendid present-day manifestations. The color-range of the Gladiolus of today includes every tint and shade known to flowers save pure blue; and to those familiar with the wonders already performed by the Gladiolus enthusiasts it will be no great surprise when these hues are also accomplished. Lovely purple and mauve tones have already been brought forth and there are several warm yellow varieties.

No flowers are more valuable in the mid-summer and autumn garden than the Gladioli; their uses are unlimited. The great range of their colors enables them to bear a part in any scheme of color, and if the planting be properly timed they may be brought into bloom at any time from June to November in the garden and from November to June they may be had in bloom under glass. They are so valuable also for cut flowers that it is well to have a few hundred bulbs planted in some out-of-the-way place that may be exclusively used for indoor and porch decoration. It is interesting in this connection to choose varieties whose colors will harmonize with the decorations of the

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various rooms indoors. In cutting the blooms several leaves should always be left upon the plant. These are required to nourish and feed the corms.

Gladioli will give satisfactory results in any good garden soil. The depth of planting for the corms differs with the character of the soil. The lighter the soil the deeper the corms should be set, and in dry seasons this deep planting is of great advantage, as it insures a cool and more or less moist environment for the roots. Deep planting has the further advantage of very largely doing away with the necessity of staking. In heavy, moist soils, however, there is danger in too deep planting, as the soil may become too wet and cause the young shoots and even the corms to rot.

THE CHOICEST OF ALL GLADIOLI

This list constitutes the Cream of all Gladioli; it goes without saying, that we supply only corms of the "Very Highest Quality".

We have received many First Prizes and Gold Medals at important Flower Shows.

BLUE AND LAVENDER SHADES

BARON JOSEPH HULOT

Rich, deep indigo; medium sized flowers.

10 corms \$1.50

100 corms \$12

BLUE JAY

Beautiful pale blue with white blotch, yellow center.

10 corms \$3

100 corms \$25

CONSPICUOUS

A ladies' favorite; lighter blue than Blue Jay, remarkable, distinct dark blue blotch with yellow center.

10 corms \$3

100 corms \$25

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KATHERINA

Wonderful grayish light blue, lower petals a little deeper blue with small brownish-red spot.

10 corms \$5

100 corms \$45

MR. MARK

One of the best deeper blues; almost a self color; small darker spot on the lower petals.

10 corms \$3

100 corms \$25

MURIEL

The finest and best blue under cultivation today; beautiful light blue with small darker spot; we have splendid stock of this unusual variety.

10 corms \$5

100 corms \$45

NORA

Light blue with small darker spot.

10 corms \$2.50

100 corms \$20

VIOLA

Attractive flower, pure white with large blue blotch on lower petals; very fine variety.

10 corms \$5

100 corms \$45

ORANGE SHADES

ALICE TIPLADY

A great acquisition; rich orange-saffron, a little ruffled; the two lower side petals are a shade lighter. The three outside petals are exceptionally large; these fine broad petals make the flower more beautiful. This creation has no peer.

10 corms \$3.50

100 corms \$30

ORANGE GLORY

Magnificent exhibition variety, fine ruffled flower of a rich glowing orange, blending lighter to the throat.

10 corms \$3.50

100 corms \$30

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GRETCHEN ZANG

Large heavy sparkling blooms of a beautiful soft melting shade of pink, blending into scarlet on lower petals; tall and graceful spike.

10 corms \$2.50

100 corms \$20

HALLEY

Very early delicate salmon pink. Large, well opened flowers, nicely placed on long graceful spike. Very early.

10 corms \$1

100 corms \$6

HERADA

Blooms of immense size on tall straight spikes. Pure mauve, glistening and clear. Unusually striking and attractive.

10 corms \$2.50

100 corms \$20

LE MARÉCHAL FOCH

The largest flowering Gladioli under cultivation today of the shade of "America," only brighter with the earliness of "Halley."

10 corms \$4.50

100 corms \$40

MAIDEN'S BLUSH

Unquestionably the finest dainty pink primulinus; the flowers are not extra large but they are closely and artificially set on long wiry stems making it most effective and decorative for cutting. A profuse bloomer. An exquisite shade of blush pink, most effective in the garden.

10 corms \$2.50

100 corms \$20

MARSHAL FOCH (KUNDRED)

Probably the best ruffled variety available; many giant flowers open at one time on very strong stem. A fine salmon-pink, nearly self-color.

10 corms \$4

100 corms \$35

MONA LISA

Gorgeous ruffled bloom of palest soft rose pink or blushed white; a magnificent almost pure self color.

10 corms \$5

100 corms \$45

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MRS. DR. NORTON

Magnificent show flower; exceptionally and delicately beautiful color; pale flesh pink with primrose center, tinted rosy on lower petals.

10 corms \$6.50

100 corms \$60

MRS. F. PENDLETON

Very large, well expanded flower; salmon-pink, heavily blotched with blood-red in throat. Always a spectacular variety.

10 corms \$1.50

100 corms \$10

PANAMA

Large spike of Hermosa pink; open wax-like flowers.

10 corms \$1.50

100 corms \$10

PINK WONDER

First prize Boston and New York, August, 1921.

This is a wonderful Gladiolus, the largest and finest pink variety ever introduced. It is a very strong vigorous grower, attaining the height of 4 1-2 feet, often producing 17 to 19 blooms to the spike; four and five massive flowers open at one time, many of them measuring 6 1-2 inches in diameter, very decorative for garden and house, and splendid for forcing, producing exhibition blooms of the highest quality. The color is a shade lighter than Panama, yellow shading at base of lower petals overlaid with rose feathering. A very pleasing color combination that is much admired by everybody. Pink Wonder is indeed a wonderful Gladiolus in every respect, and is soon to become one of the most popular varieties ever offered.

Each \$1.50

10 corms \$14

PRINCE OF WALES

Very beautiful, early flowering variety, producing large blooms of delicate apricot-pink suffused salmon.

10 corms \$2.50

100 corms \$20

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ROSE GLORY

Very large and beautifully ruffled variety of purest rose-pink deeper in throat. Very fine variety.

10 corms \$5

100 corms \$45

WILBRINK

Very attractive large pink, sport of "Halley," with the color of "America"; very early.

10 corms \$2

100 corms \$15

PURPLE SHADES

ANNA EBERIUS

Dark velvety purple; deeper in throat; flowers on tall spike; a grand variety.

10 corms \$3

100 corms \$25

PURPLE GLORY

Large spike carrying enormous flowers of a fine deep velvety maroon, with almost black blotches; the Giant of the Kunderdi Glory race, remarkably colored. Beautifully ruffled. Extraordinary flower.

Each \$1.50

10 corms \$14

RED SHADES

CRIMSON GLOW

Very large flowers, wide open, of the finest form, exceedingly well placed on very tall spike; a beautiful glowing crimson, of a deep tone; earliest and most beautiful of all in this color.

10 corms \$5

100 corms \$45

GOLIATH

The best in its color; a deep purplish-red maroon.

10 corms \$2

100 corms \$15

LIEBESFEUER

One of the finest and richest colored in the collection. Brilliant scarlet self.

10 corms \$2

100 corms \$15

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MRS. FRANCIS KING

Bright Salmon-rose shaded scarlet· velvety crimson blotch on lower petals.

10 corms \$1

100 corms \$6

RED EMPEROR

Immense flowers of a very deep scarlet.

10 corms \$3

100 corms \$25

WHITE SHADES

ALBANIA

First prize Boston and New York, August, 1921.

This is the most pleasing white variety we have yet seen. The flower is wide open, four inches and over in diameter, petals are broad with well rounded tips and beautifully crimped edges, making a beautiful finish. The background is of the purest glistening white, with very faint light pink mottling, which is noticeable only on close observation. To all intents and purposes it is a pure white. The flowers are well placed on the spike and close enough together to obliterate spaces between the flowers.

Five flowers open at a time, and a splendid keeper when cut. Height four feet, 14-16 flowers to the spike; very healthy and a bountiful producer.

Each \$1

10 corms \$9

EUROPA

Perfectly formed pure white, produces a magnificent spike; lovely cutflower; not a good propagator.

10 corms \$3

100 corms \$25

L'IMMACULÉE

Extra fine pure white, very tall spike well set with blooms, 7 to 8 open at one time. Beautiful in every respect.

10 corms \$2.50

100 corms \$20

LOVELINESS

Dainty white very soft, delicately tinted creamy pink; matchless in form and coloring. Stately spike with im-

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mense flowers, many open at one time. One of the most beautiful.

10 corms \$2

100 corms \$15

WHITE WONDER

First prize Boston, Silver Medal New York, August, 1921.

This magnificent white is a descendant of the well known and justly popular variety, Mrs. Francis King, and is endowed with all the good qualities of that splendid old variety. In growth it is fully as robust as King and of equally good habit in every respect. The flowers are pure white, without any markings in the throat, wide open, and often measuring up to 5 3-4 inches in diameter, well placed on a spike, five to six open at one time. Like King, it is a very heavy producer. This great white is a splendid forcing variety and will soon become the leader in the white section for garden culture and for forcing under glass.

Each \$1.50

10 corms \$14

YELLOW SHADES

FLORA

Beautiful canary-yellow, self color; very fine and clear, the finest in this shade, second only to Golden Measure. Large wide-open flowers, of excellent substance; most desirable variety.

10 corms \$5

100 corms \$45

GOLDEN MEASURE

The great incomparable true golden yellow, without question the most magnificent Gladiolus under cultivation; gigantic spike carrying enormous wide open flowers of fine form. Excellent in every way.

Each \$2.50

10 corms \$24

MARY PICKFORD

Extraordinary flower of most delicate creamy-white; throat finest soft sulphur yellow. Beautiful.

10 corms \$3.50

100 corms \$30

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NIAGARA

Fine straw yellow, throat splashed with carmine. Lower ends of the outside petals shaded with carmine. Large open flowers, splendid keeper.

10 corms \$1.50

100 corms \$10

SCHWABEN

Very strong spike bearing large flowers of a pure canary yellow, shading to soft sulphur-yellow. A deep red blotch on the lower petal.

10 corms \$1.50

100 corms \$10

SULPHUR KING

Long slender spike of the clearest sulphur-yellow, without any markings.

10 corms \$2.50

100 corms \$20

SUNBEAM

Highly recommendable clear yellow Primulinus, very floriferous and splendid grower; unusually good cut flower.

10 corms \$2

100 corms \$15

“PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS”

THIS race, graceful as orchids, has become extremely popular; in exquisite shades of all colors, from Terra Cotta, through bronze, copper, rose, pink, saffron, buff, lavender to white, this great variety is difficult to describe.

Smaller of flower, wiry of stem, dainty of form, they lend themselves particularly for artistic arrangement, and their decorative value is great, be they used as cut flowers for baskets, vase or other decoration.

Very showy displays can be made in the garden by planting in masses of distinct colors or groupings of pastel shades; their “butterfly” like flowers airily set on slender strong spikes in a range of colors brilliant and beautiful, create lovely effects.

The allurements, the subtle shades and the fine complexion of these glorious things, of these lovely forms, will presently make every garden lover a Gladioli grower.

A few have been selected and named; others equally beautiful are offered in separate colors and in mixture.

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“NAMED PRIMULINUS”

ALICE TIPLADY

The finest large flowering Primulinus; beautiful orange-saffron, many flowers open at one time; extremely decorative, also very beautiful if grown under glass.

10 corms \$3.50

100 corms \$30

AURORA

Fine shade of copper.

10 corms \$1.50

100 corms \$10

BUFF BEAUTY

Burnt orange shading to yellow.

10 corms \$2

100 corms \$15

DOROTHY WHEELER

Very beautiful large-flowered Primulinus. Fine shade of pink. Excellent exhibition variety.

10 corms \$4

100 corms \$35

KITTIE GRULLEMANS

Large ruffled flowers; light yellow, edge of petals orange. Beautiful variety. Early.

10 corms \$3

100 corms \$25

L'UNIQUE

Bronze with orange yellow center. Blooms from early till late.

10 corms \$1.50

100 corms \$10

MAIDEN'S BLUSH

Enchantress pink; dainty, well shaped flowers on slim, strong stem; earliest of all. Also very beautiful grown under glass.

10 corms \$2.50

100 corms \$20

PRIDE OF HAARLEM

Beautiful cerise pink, large well-shaped flowers, resembling in color the Darwin Tulip of like name. One of the most beautiful. Early.

10 corms \$3

100 corms \$25

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QUEEN VICTORIA

Glittering bright pink outer petals, with silvery-rose throat; large flowers. Very early. One of the best.

10 corms \$1.50

100 corms \$10

ROSE LUISANTE

Brilliant pink with yellow throat; good size flower, very fine.

10 corms \$3

100 corms \$25

SCARLETTA

The most intensively colored variety of the entire collection; outside dazzling scarlet, inside fiery cinnabar, excellent in every respect.

10 corms \$3

100 corms \$25

SUNBEAM

Best clear yellow Primulinus; very floriferous; splendid for growing under glass or in the garden.

10 corms \$2

100 corms \$15

UNSURPASSABLE

Beautiful shade of a Caroline Testout rose.

10 corms \$4

100 corms \$35

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OUR special Exhibition Collection of finest Improved Primulinus, containing the most beautiful forms and all pastel shadings that will harmonize lovely together.

100 corms \$16 1000 corms \$155

General mixture of fine Primulinus in separate shades, carefully graded.

100 corms \$8 1000 corms \$75

Through a process of cold storing, we can deliver dormant corms of fine Primulinus Hybrids in late August for early Winter Flowering. To get the best results these should be planted not later than August 31st, in pots or boxes, giving them the same treatment that is given to Tulips; not bringing them up into the light, until the roots are well established; the pots or boxes may be set along the greenhouse benches; they will then flower most opportunely right after the Chrysanthemums, when cut flowers are scarce and around Christmas, when great variety in shadings makes them invaluable.

Extra-strong re-selected corms.

100 corms \$16 1000 corms \$155

Lilies

OLD WORLD LILIES

Give me swift Transportance to those fields
Where I may wallow in the Lily beds.

—Troilus and Cressida

THE FINEST VARIETIES FOR SPRING PLANTING

AURATUM

There is lingering charm about the garden in September. One feels the sense of departing beauty and hurries to enjoy what color and fragrance kind Summer has left in her flight. Best of her legacies is *L. auratum*, that magnificent Lily which sometimes has such a treacherous way of disappointing us. When grown to perfection, they are, perhaps, the grandest of all Lilies. Unfortunately, they are very capricious in their requirements. They are perfectly hardy and the conditions most favorable are a well-drained soil, consisting of peat or leaf-mold and sand, and a position where they will be partially protected from cold winds during early Spring and from the direct rays of the sun later on. They do well planted among low-growing shrubs, like azaleas, kalmias, rhododendrons, and vacciniums. Being stem rooters, they must be planted very deep—from 8 to 10 inches.

Special Stock—Case of 25 bulbs, \$24; case of 50 bulbs, \$46; case of 100 bulbs, \$90. **Selected Bulbs**—Size 11 to 13 inches; case of 25 bulbs, \$16; case of 50 bulbs, \$30; case of 100 bulbs \$58. **Strong Bulbs**—For large masses, which will not give immediate effect but will flower beautifully the following season. 100 bulbs \$25; 1,000 bulbs \$240.

HENRYI

An invaluable garden plant, vigorous in its growth, failing but very seldom. One of the best border Lilies, reaching over eight feet and more in height when established, and bearing more than twenty flowers of a rich, deep, orange-yellow. Fine foliage. Does well in both light and heavy

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loam, but prefers soil with a mixture of peat. Plant very deep. A partially shaded place, sheltered from high winds, suits it best. It is a beautiful Lily to grow under glass, where it has produced flowers measuring over eight inches in diameter. Retarded in cold storage, the bulbs may be easily and quickly brought into flower under glass. Stem-roots; late fall or early spring planting; August-September flowering. **Extra selected bulbs, \$21 for case of 25; \$41 for case of 50; strong bulbs, \$14 for case of 25; \$26 for case of 50; \$50 per 100; retarded bulbs from cold storage, \$23 for case of 25; \$43 for case of 50.**

KRAMERI

Unique for its color and grows from 2 to 4 feet high. The funnel-shaped finely formed flowers are 6 inches or more in length and as much across, of a beautiful clear pink color, often shaded blush. One of our most beautiful Lilies with which we have been very successful, though growers often find difficulty in bringing them into flower. If they are grown in pots, three in a 6 inch pot, and then pot and all plunged in a bed of low growing shrubs, like Azaleas, etc., there seems no reason why they should not succeed very well. Use light, rich sandy loam or peat and give good drainage. Plant deep—it makes stem-roots. Arrives from Japan late in December and should be planted then or in early spring. Exceptionally fine Lily. **Extra-strong bulbs, \$6 for 10; \$55 per hundred.**

REGALE

Also called "Myriophyllum." One of the most beautiful lilies. A vigorous grower with sturdy stems 3 to 4 feet high, densely covered with long, linear-lanceolate foliage. Center of flower flushed with yellow, shading to white at the outer edges; externally the flowers are streaked with brown, shaded through the almost translucent petals with a delightful pearly tint. Very distinct. Thrives in any good peaty soil. Stem-roots; plant fall or early spring; July flowering. **Extra bulbs, \$1.50 each; \$14 for 10.**

Choicest Lilies

SPECIOSUM

One of the most satisfactory Lilies to grow, both for open air culture and for growing in pots. Absolutely hardy and of strongest constitution. A deep sandy loam, with an admixture of leaf-mold and peat, is best suited to the requirements of this variety. The young shoots should be protected from the cold cutting winds of early spring. By a process of cold storage (retarding) the bulbs may be had in bloom under glass at any time during the year. Stem-roots; late fall or early spring planting; August-September flowering. The following varieties are most distinct:

ALBUM KRAETZERI

Pure white; brown anthers. **Special Stock**, \$22 for case of 25; \$43 for case of 50; \$85 for case of 100; extra-selected bulbs, size 11 to 13 inches, \$17 for a case of 25; \$32 for case of 50; \$60 for case of 100.

ALBUM NOVUM

Pure white; anthers bright yellow. **Special Stock**, \$22 for case of 25; \$43 for case of 50; \$85 for case of 100; extra-selected bulbs, size 11 to 13 inches, \$17 for a case of 25; \$32 for case of 50; \$60 for case of 100.

MAGNIFICUM

Rich ruby-carmine, margined white; stout of substance and broad of petal. This variety is by far the most magnificent in color, form and size. **Special Stock**, \$22 for case of 25; \$43 for case of 50; \$85 for case of 100; selected bulbs, size 13 inches, \$17 for case of 25; \$32 for case of 50; \$60 for case of 100.

MELPOMENE

Deep carmine-crimson, intensified by a narrow margin of white; flowers freely. **Special Stock**, \$22 for case of 25; \$43 for case of 50; \$85 for case of 100; selected bulbs, size 13 inches, \$17 for case of 25; \$32 for case of 50; \$60 for case of 100.

For large planting we can furnish strong but somewhat smaller bulbs that will produce a splendid effect, both in the

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white and deep pink form of the Speciosum varieties at \$42 per 100.

For growing under glass we recommend that you use the largest bulbs exclusively for best success.

TIGRINUM

Very hardy, robust plant. Flowers are large, with reflexed petals of a light orange-red, more or less heavily spotted with deep purple. Friable, sandy loam and peat or leaf-mold is best for them. The two best varieties of this type are:

FLORE-PLENO

The double form. The best example of a double Lily we have. Extra selected bulbs, \$2.50 for 10; \$18 per 100.

SPLENDENS

Has finer flowers than the type and is more highly colored; very reliable. Stem-roots; late fall or early spring planting; August-September flowering. Extra selected bulbs, \$2.50 for 10; \$18 per 100.

LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY

Dainty white Lily
Dressed like a bride,
Shining with whiteness
And scented beside.—Anon.

LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY CLUMPS

Their importation having been forbidden, they are very scarce. \$7 for 10; \$68 per 100.

“MONTBRETIAS”

“A garden should be the joy of one’s
heart and the repose of one’s brain.”

Montbretias do not in this country enjoy the favor that they merit. They are graceful, sparkling flowers of the mid-summer and autumn, reflecting the colors of the advancing year and lending a charming gaiety and lightness to the borders.

Choicest Montbretias

For the best effect the small bulbs should be set only a few inches apart, and in groups of not less than a dozen, near the front of herbaceous borders or shrubbery. Thus planted the sheaves of narrow leaves and slender, arching stems strung with brilliant flowers, like miniature *Gladiolus*, have the appearance of little fountains of bright color—scarlet, yellow, orange, red often marked with brown. They flower for many weeks, and a border where blue and white flowers predominate set at intervals with such gay patches of color is delightful indeed.

Their long lasting qualities make *Montbretias* most admirable for cutting, so that it is well to have a few hundred bulbs set out in some by-place where the graceful stems may be extravagantly cut for house and piazza decoration.

South of Philadelphia these Cape bulbs may with entire safety be left in the open ground over the winter, and merely covered with a light mulch. But in the north they are best treated after the manner of *Gladiolus* and stored in some frost-proof place. They may be set out in the spring as early as we plant *Gladiolus*, and should be put in the ground at least five inches deep.

GEO. DAVISON

Pale orange-yellow, tinted with deeper orange externally.

10 corms \$2

100 corms \$15

GEORGE HENLEY

Chrome yellow, with a tinge of red in the eye. Flowers of great size, substance and beauty.

10 corms \$5

100 corms \$45

HEREWARD

Pale orange-yellow, resembling the variety *George Davison*, but nearly one month later. The flowers have the shape of *Martagon Lilies*.

10 corms \$2.50

100 corms \$20

KING EDMUND

Rich golden-yellow, deeper externally and chocolate spotted

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at the throat. A sturdy vigorous plant, flowers opening quite flat.

10 corms \$2

100 corms \$15

LADY HAMILTON

Yellow suffusing with a richer color until it becomes apricot. The flowers are more trumpet shaped than the other varieties and peculiarly graceful.

10 corms \$2.50

100 corms \$20

LORD NELSON

Deepest in color, purple stems and crimson scarlet flowers, of fine substance, size and finish; 3 feet.

10 corms \$2

100 corms \$15

PROMETHEUS

Deep orange with crimson ring around the eye; finest variety of that color.

10 corms \$2

100 corms \$15

STAR OF THE EAST

Pure orange-yellow, with lemon-yellow eye, expanding quite flat and held erect; flowers often measure over five inches in diameter. Magnificent of size, vigor and habit.

10 corms \$5

100 corms \$45

**MISCELLANEOUS SUMMER-FLOWERING BULBS
AND ROOTS**

ACHIMENES

Exceedingly free-flowering perennial for conservatory; fine sky-blue flowers with white throat produced in great profusion; splendid for hanging baskets. **Ten extra strong bulbs for \$3; 100 for \$28.**

AGAPANTHUS UMBELLATUS, (Blue Lily of the Nile)

Fine ornamental plant producing clusters of from twenty to thirty bright blue flowers on long stalks. **Ten for \$9.50.**

AMARYLLIS HIPPEASTRUM

Our Exhibition Collection has been awarded Highest Honors at important Flowershows; under the expert guidance of

Miscellaneous Bulbs

Mr. C. Pringe, an eminent authority on this beautiful genus, crosses were made from the finest varieties, while the collection was sojourning in the famous Missouri Botanical Gardens. **The seedlings produced from these are now being offered at \$5 each; \$48 for ten.**

Other seedlings of not quite the same high merit but producing fine flowers are offered at **\$3 each, \$28 for ten.** These Amaryllis were awarded a Special Gold Medal at the International Flower Show 1921.

AQUILEGIA, (Columbine)

Our Special Superb Strain of Long-spurred hybrids in charming pastel shades, extra strong clumps, **\$7 for ten.**

BEGONIAS (Tuberous Summer-Flowering)

Our magnificent Tuberous Begonias are grown from the finest selected seed produced by Messrs. Blackmore & Langdon, the World's most Famous Begonia growers, awarded innumerable Gold Medals, Sweepstake Trophies, etc.

HANGING BASKET VARIETIES; extra strong tubers in separate colors, **each, \$1.75.**

DOUBLE VARIETIES; extra strong tubers in separate colors. **Ten for \$7.50.**

SINGLE VARIETIES; extra strong tubers in separate colors. **Ten for \$4.**

These are unquestionably the finest Begonias under cultivation.

THE NEW HYBRID WINTERFLOWERING; result of crossing Socotrana and Tuberous.

Strong tubers from our Gold Medal Exhibition Collection; **\$3 each.** These New Hybrid Winterflowering Begonias were awarded several gold medals at important exhibitions.

CALADIUM, (Fancy-leaved Brazilian) in the choicest, rarest and most beautiful colorings. **Ten for \$5.50.**

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CALADIUM Esculentum—(Elephant's Ear). Heaviest bulbs, Ten for \$6.

CALLA LILY—(Richardia Elliottiana)

The Golden Calla.—Extra large bulbs, 2½ to 3 inches. Ten for \$5.

DELPHINIUM—(Hardy Larkspur)

BELLA DONNA—The most satisfactory; practically free from disease; very free-flowering and continuous bloomer; produces spikes on which turquoise-blue flowers are borne abundantly.

Planted near Madonna Lilies will create a beautiful picture when June melts into July. Extra heavy three year old clumps, ten for \$9.

BLACKMORE & LANGDON'S FAMOUS GOLD MEDAL HYBRIDS, the finest in the world always awarded the **FIRST PRIZES**. Strong clumps, ten for \$9.50; extra heavy clumps for immediate effect, \$3 each.

DIELYTRA SPECTABILIS—(The pink Bleeding Heart)

Producing long slender racemes of graceful heart-shaped flowers. Strong clumps; ten for \$9.

GLORIOSA SUPERBA ROTHSCILDIANA—(The Beautiful Climbing Lily)

Extraordinary Lily-like flowers, opening a bright yellow, changing to a deep scarlet in autumn; for growing in warm conservatory only. Extra strong bulbs, \$1 each; ten for \$9.50.

GLOXINEA

From The Superb Blackmore & Langdon Strain, awarded Gold Medal, grown from seed selected from their finest exhibition flowers. Extra strong bulbs, ten for \$7.

HEMEROCALLIS

FLAVA—The best yellow Day Lily; deep lemon-yellow; fragrant; June-July flowering. Ten clumps for \$3.50.

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FLORHAM—Rich golden-yellow, marked Indian yellow; June-July flowering. **Ten clumps for \$4.**

LUTEOLA—Bright golden-yellow, shaded Indian yellow; June-July flowering. **Ten clumps for \$4.**

THUNBERGII—Rich buttercup yellow; the latest to flower; July. **Ten clumps for \$3.50.**

HYACINTHUS CANDICANS—(*Galtonia Candicans*)

The Cape Hyacinth is a valuable summer-flowering bulb with long slender leaves and a candelabra-like arrangement of twenty or so pure white bell-shaped blossoms borne on a scape from two to four feet tall. Distributed about the borders in groups or massed against shrubbery they are very effective, giving lines of definition and strength to the riotous growth of summer flowers. Planted with Gladioli they form an elegant contrast.

In every way they may be treated as Gladioli, but south of Philadelphia the bulbs may be left out of doors over the winter with a light covering and will increase and give better results every year. 10 extra selected bulbs, \$1.75; 100 bulbs \$12.

“JAPANESE IRIS”

From our very comprehensive collection, we draw attention to the following few as representative of the best forms in color and habit:

CRANE'S FEATHERS—Large pure white, single flower. **Strong clump, 75c.**

CLOSE OF DAY—Royal purple-blue, small yellow throat. **Strong clump, 75c.**

DEEP BLUE WATERS—Rich deep blue; double. One of the tallest and most floriferous. **Strong clumps, 75c.**

GEISHA—Soft purplish rose, finely veined. A large flower of fine form; single. **Strong clump, \$1.**

IMPERIAL QUEEN—White ground, delicately veined with blue; most distinct; double. **Strong clump, \$1.**

MANDARIN—Rich lavender, with some white veining; tall; very large double; one of the finest. **Strong clump, \$1.50.**

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MORNING MIST—Pure white, with a faint mist of pale blue at the throat that deepens in color and spreads as the flower reaches its zenith; immense size. **Strong clump, \$1.50.**

MOONLIGHT WAVES—The loveliest double white; very large. **Strong clump, \$1.**

PEACE IN THE BAY—Large, rich deep reddish purple; very handsome. **Strong clump, \$1.**

POWDER BLUE—Lavender, with white netting; double. **Strong clump, \$1.**

ROYAL ROBE—Immense flower of a light purple; single. **Strong clump, \$1.**

ROSY DAWN—Soft purplish rose; fine single. **Strong clump, \$1.**

SILVER STARS—Pure white; large petals; double. **Strong clump, \$1.**

STARRY HEAVENS—Rich dark blue flowers with yellow blotches. **Strong clump, \$1.**

STILL WATERS—Lavender, softly veined; single. **Strong clump, \$1.**

VIEW FROM HIGH PLACES—Six-petaled white flower, with yellow blotches at base; creamy stigmas. **Strong clump, \$2.**

WHITE WATERFALL—Fine double white. **Strong clump, \$1.**
One each of these seventeen varieties, \$15

THESE JAPANESE IRIS WERE AWARDED THE CORONATION CUP AT THE HOLLAND HOUSE SHOW IN 1914

ISMENE CALATHINA—(Peruvian Daffodil)

Pure white Amaryllis-like fragrant flowers. **Ten for \$4.50.**

NERINES—(Guernsey Lily)

We offer these in a variety of beautiful colors at **\$2 each.**

PANCRATIUM—(Spider Lily)

Very fragrant flowers of a pearly white; strikingly beautiful. **Ten for \$4.50; specimen clumps, \$2 each.**

Miscellaneous Bulbs

TRITOMA PFITZERII—(Red Hot Poker or Torch Lily)

Splendid for late summer and early fall, producing plants from 3 to 4 feet high, bearing flowerspikes of a rich orange-scarlet; very effective. Ten for \$3; 100 for \$25.

TROLLIUS—(Globe Flower)

GOLD QUELLE—Large rich golden yellow. Ten for \$4.50; 100 for \$40.

“TUBEROSES”

DOUBLE DWARF PEARL—Extra large bulbs, size 6 to 8 inches.

Ten for \$2; 100 for \$15.

MEXICAN SINGLE EVERBLOOMING—Flowers from July until

late fall. Ten for \$1.50; 100 for \$10.

“ZEPHYRANTHES”

(Zephyr Flower or Fairy Lily)

ALBA—Pure white. Ten for \$1.50; 100 for \$10.

ROSEA—Rose. Ten for \$2; 100 for \$15.

WE CONSIDER SPRING NOT THE PROPER TIME FOR THE SUCCESSFUL PLANTING OF IRIS AND PEONIES; THEY ARE THEREFORE OFFERED IN OUR FALL CATALOGUE ONLY WHICH WILL BE READY IN MAY.

“EVE’S LAMENT”

. O Flowers
That never will in other climate grow,
My early visitation, and my last
At even, which I bred up with tender hand,
From the first opening bud, and gave ye names
Who now shall rear ye to the sun, or rank
Your tribes, and water from the ambrosial fount?

—Milton in “Paradise Lost.”

ON April fifteenth we expect to issue our Book covering all the finest bulbs and roots for Fall planting; this is just about the time when all the various Spring flowering bulbs are in bloom and one has such a splendid opportunity to prepare lists of the varieties that should be ordered early for setting out in Fall.

It is then that you have the best opportunity to choose your favorite colors and forms and select the more unusual and most beautiful varieties as displayed in up-to-date gardens, which it is so difficult to adequately describe in a catalogue.

It might be advisable to send in a reservation for this book, gratis to clients, at an early date; all orders are especially imported, selected from the very highest quality well known to our clientele, and should be in our hands very early.

It is not possible for us to arrange for orders amounting to less than ten dollars.

