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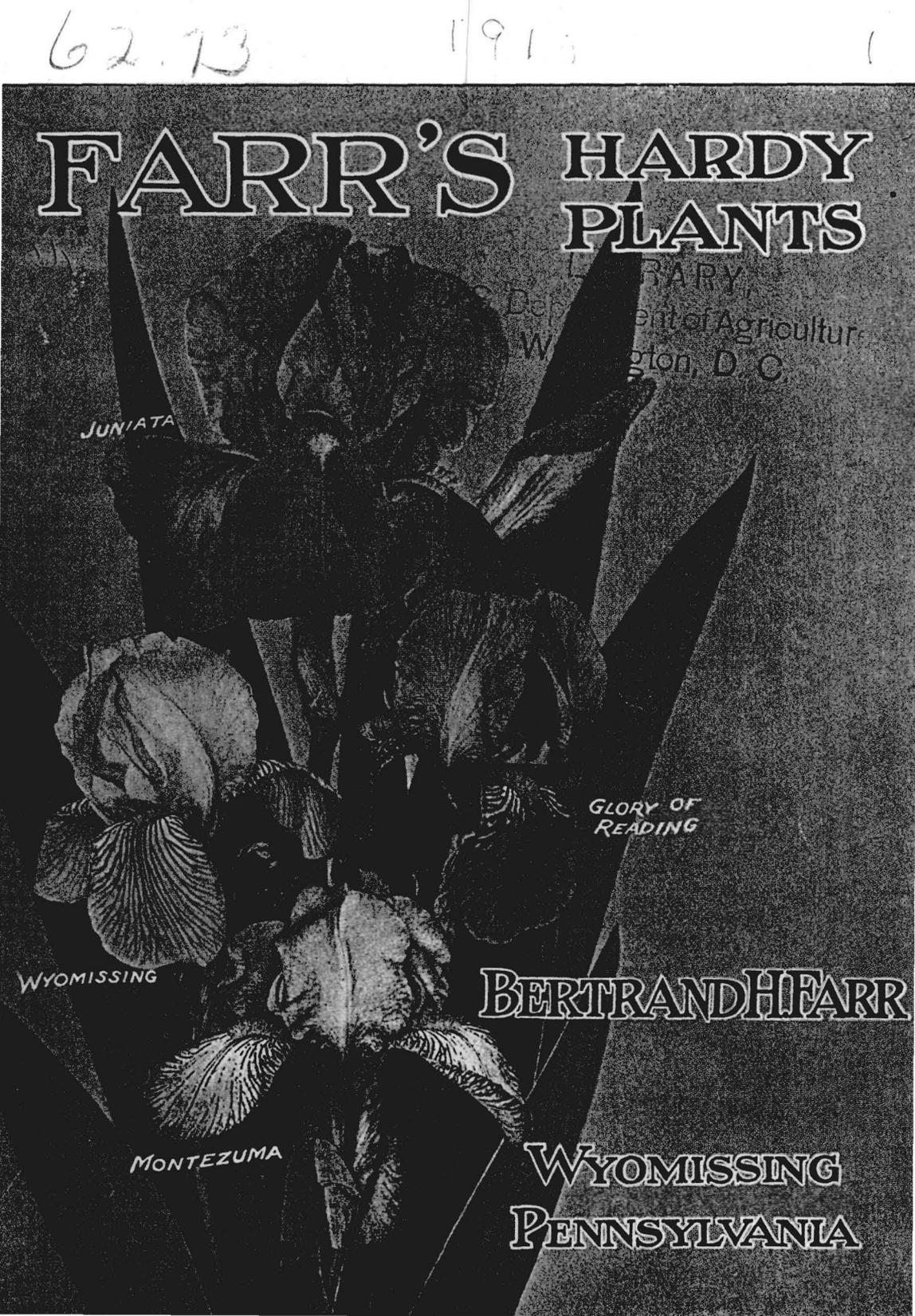
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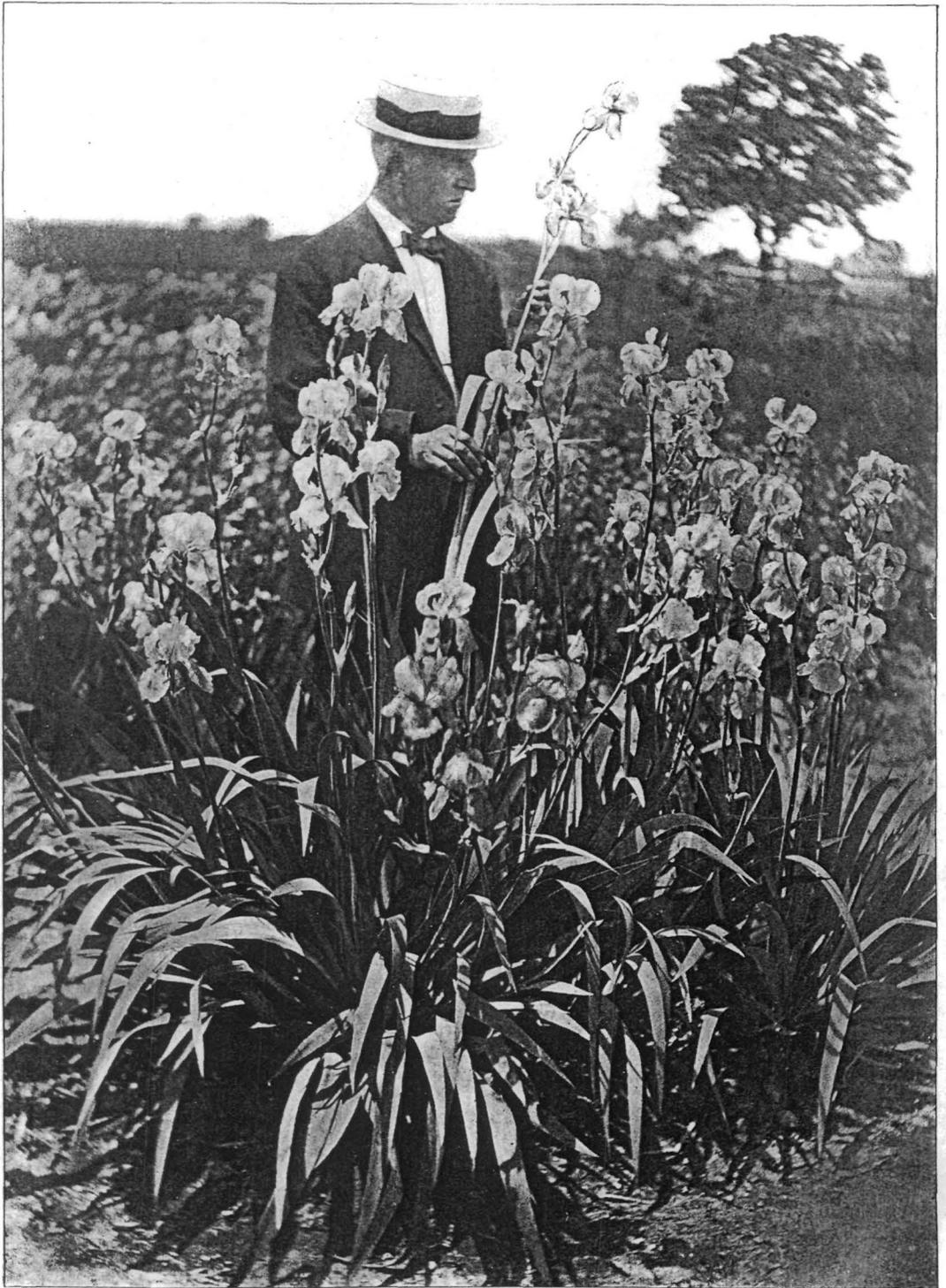
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FARR'S NEW IRIS, JUNIATA, SHOWING THE GRACEFUL FOUNTAIN-LIKE FOLIAGE AND THE RELATIVE HEIGHT. THE TALLEST VARIETY IN MY COLLECTION

BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION

Second Edition



RETROSPECT—*A boy's garden* on the prairie farm out in Iowa which developed a passionate love of "growing things." Then the great city, with "a nameless longing," till one day my doctor said: "Go back to the country and dig." A final surrender, and an utter abandonment to an absorbing passion—a *man's garden* that long since overflowed, out into the open fields, a glorious riot of color, an intoxication of delight. Peonies, Irises, Phloxes—I *must* have them all, and for ten years I have gathered them from all over the world.

A REVELATION—AN INSPIRATION—My first Catalogue, issued about a year ago, became almost a necessity, but in offering my plants to the public for the first time, I had many misgivings lest the pleasure from growing flowers just for themselves would be marred by growing them to sell. I little anticipated the generous response my first book brought forth. From all over the country have come the most delightful letters—a wonderful inspiration to me. I want to thank my many new-found friends, whose appreciation, so kindly expressed, has given me a new and unexpected pleasure.

A RESOLUTION—But you have made me realize the grave responsibility I must assume if I continue to "Make Good" in the face of a business that has expanded so rapidly, and maintain the high standard I have set and retain the confidence with which I have been favored. New friends I hope to make, but I care more to keep the old ones, and I am resolved if possible to make *Farr's Hardy Plant Specialties* mean more than a mere name for selling plants. My new book I have tried to make more beautiful, more complete, and better in every way. If, as many wrote, the old one was helpful, I have tried to make the new one more so.

Hardy Plants have always appealed to me. There is a personality and a sense of companionship about them that makes one grow attached to them. The annuals and the "bedding plants" are brilliant and showy for a short season, and pass away; but the perennials—they are old friends that are constant. They are a part of the old associations and the home life, like members of the family. How tenderly we protect them from any harm that may befall them during the long winter, and how eagerly we watch for their first appearance in spring! If we are absent, the letter from home will tell us that "The peony clump (the one mother planted) is in full bloom," or that "The big red poppy (that was our special pride) is bigger and more gorgeous than ever." When we get back to the old place we can scarcely restrain our impatience to hasten at once to the garden to see them again. Not peonies, irises or poppies, but *the Peony, the Poppy, the Iris*, and all the rest, that we have known so long.

And that is the charm of the "old-fashioned Hardy Garden"; it is Home, with all of its tender memories and associations, old and new; and the flowers that bloom there unite the Spirit of the Past with that of the living Present.

I have grown the plants that have been of special interest to me, and which have given me the greatest pleasure, and these are the tried and true things that are the essentials in every hardy garden; therefore, this catalogue is not intended to cover the field of hardy plants in general, but rather to present complete collections of certain specialties.

BERTRAND H. FARR,

Wyomissing, Pennsylvania

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

LOCATION—Our grounds are at Wyomissing, a suburb of the city of Reading, Pennsylvania, 10 minutes ride by trolley from Penn Square, the business centre of the city.

VISITORS—We are glad to welcome visitors who are interested in hardy plants, and those who contemplate extensive plantings of Irises and Peonies can make their selections in the field from the blooming plants with much greater satisfaction than from catalog description. The first week in June the German Irises are at their height, together with the Pyrethrums, Oriental Poppies, etc. At this time the earlier blooming chinensis peonies are also at the best. The late blooming peonies come a week later, Japan Iris the early part of July, and Hardy Phlox the last of the month.

Visitors can leave the trolley at Hotel Wyomissing, 3 minutes walk from our place.

SHIPPING FACILITIES—The Reading R. R. System centres here, with lines radiating in all directions, which, with the Pennsylvania R. R., places us within quick and easy communication with all Eastern cities, and with all through lines to the West. The United States and Adams Express Companies, between them, cover most points.

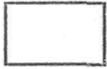
FORWARDING—Growing plants and small packages of roots will invariably be sent by express, unless otherwise instructed. The regular sized plants which we send out are too large to be sent by mail. The special low rate under which plants and bulbs travel (20 per cent discount) makes this the cheapest and most satisfactory way to ship. Large orders of peonies and other dormant roots may be safely sent by freight. Unless specially instructed we will exercise our best judgment as to mode of shipment.

When desired, small plants and roots can be sent by mail, remittance to be made to cover postage of 1 cent per ounce. The special pound rate granted to many points by the express companies is often but little more than the mail rate; for example, the Express rate to Seattle is but 11 cents per pound. Customers who desire us to prepay Express charges can remit enough to cover, and any surplus will be returned, or if preferred extra plants will be sent to make up the difference.

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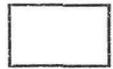
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QUALITY OF STOCK—We propose to build up our *reputation by sending out Strong Plants that will bloom True to Name. No Substitution, unless expressly noted, or by permission.*



THE IRIS

(Greek, Rainbow)
Iridaceae



HERE is a peculiar charm about the Iris that appeals irresistibly to those whose taste for the refined and delicately beautiful leads them to seek a close acquaintance with it. The rare and ethereal beauty of its soft, iridescent coloring, and its frail, orchid-like formation, is likely to pass unnoticed by the careless observer, and by those whose fancy is caught only by the more gorgeous and striking things, and who only know the Iris as the common "Flags" of the old-fashioned gardens. It was years ago, out in the West, that I first knew and loved the Iris. My universe was the great prairie studded all over with

ponds, each a tiny world in itself. My own particular world was one of absorbing interest, and a boy was kept pretty busy to know all that went on within it. There was the clear, open water in the center, hedged around by the tall, dark green rushes, where the red-winged blackbirds had their nests. Farther out, surrounding it all with a halo of shimmering blue, like the heavens themselves, grew the Irises,—water flags, we called them. You had to wade to get them, and the blackbirds would do a deal of scolding; but outside, rising straight up from the tall meadow grass, the bobolink would burst forth into such a rapturous ecstasy of joyous song that you stood transfixed with wonder, and as you listened to the bird, and gazed into the depths of the fragile flower in your hand, reveling in its soft, delicate beauty, it seemed as if life was all joy, and beauty, and gentleness.

Of all the birds, give me the bobolink, messenger of joy, and for beauty that is wholly ethereal, and makes you dream of far-away things, there is none like that of the Iris, "the rainbow flower," "messenger from the Queen of Heaven to mortals on earth." If you yield to the magic spell of the Iris it will lead you across the border into a wonderland of delight; for an Iris garden is a floral world in itself in which an iris enthusiast may have full scope for his wildest fancies, as there are irises for every conceivable situation and for nearly every month in the year. When I first resolved to acquire a collection of irises I little dreamed to what lengths it would lead me, for there are about 170 distinct species, and varieties innumerable.

To mention all the interesting forms would be impossible in so short a space, for the Iris covers a vast field—a field wherein one who needs a "hobby" upon which to ride in search of rest and relaxation from every-day cares may enter and find a never-ending source of delight, like the child who, in the "Story Without an End"—

"Wandered away and away, with Nature the dear old nurse,
Who sang to him night and day the rhymes of the universe.
And, whenever the way seemed long, or his heart began to fail,
She would sing a more wonderful song, or tell a more marvelous tale."

The passing of the Iris through the spring and summer months is like that of a grand procession, the first glimpses of which may be had when, in sheltered places in February, the delicate Iris *Unguicularis*, followed by such gems as *I. Reticulata* and *I. Sindjarensis*, first appear. Then come the dainty alpine and pumilas in March, closely followed by the various dwarf forms in April and May, in ever-increasing boldness of form and color, till June ushers in the great Germanica family—the bearded irises with their broad masses of color. In quick succession come the tall Sibericas, and the still taller varieties of *Aurea*, *Monnieri*, and *Gigantea*, till, with a great burst of splendor, comes *I. Kaempferi*, the crowning glory of all, with its great blooms a foot in diameter, rising on tall stems to a height of five feet,—the royal family, arrayed in richest blue, and purple, and gold, and the pageant comes to an end.

But before the memory of the glory that has passed has faded away, we are reminded of that to come, when in November the Crimean irises, yielding to the allurements of the mild Indian summer days, put forth their blooms here and there, as if too eager and impatient to await the coming of spring.

Irises as a rule are sun-loving plants, preferring good drainage, and may be grown in a dry soil, where little else would thrive. In some countries they are even grown on the roofs of houses. In China and Japan the *Iris Tectorum* is grown on the thatched roofs, some say to ward off pestilence, and others to strengthen the thatch and form a ridge for throwing off the water.

The following story states how the *Iris* in Japan came to be grown on the thatched roofs :

"Once there was a great famine in the land, and it was forbidden to plant anything in the ground that could not be used for food. The frivolous irises only supply the powder with which the women whiten their faces. But their little ladyships could not be cheated of that. 'Must we then look like frights as well as die of hunger?' So every woman set a tiny plantation of irises on the roof of her house, where they are growing to this day."—*Mrs. Hugh Fraser, in her book of Japanese Tales.*

Some irises thrive in the moist ground bordering on streams and in meadows, and some, like *I. Versicolor* and *I. Pseudo-Acorus*, are perfectly at home at the water's edge.

While most irises are so easily grown that any one may succeed, a few, like the *Regelie* and *Oncocylus* groups, will tax the skill of the most experienced cultivator, and those who delight in attempting difficult things will reap a rich reward, should their efforts meet with success.

In arranging the *Iris* garden, much depends on the taste of the owner. Along walks and drives, the borders of the shrubbery and near the waterside, may be found ideal locations.

The dwarf varieties make a very pretty edging to larger beds, and are very effective planted in front of the taller kinds.

Wonderful landscape effects may be obtained by planting irises in broad masses around the margin of a pond or along the banks of a stream, planting the water flags at the waters' edge, and the rest of the *Apogons* a little higher up. Still higher, on the drier ground, the taller bearded irises may be placed, bordering these with the "intermediate" varieties, and finally the dwarf kinds, forming a carpet of color blending away into the sod. Here and there in sheltered nooks, among rocks, may be found places for the more delicate and tender varieties.

Irises are invaluable as cut flowers. If they are taken as the buds are about to open, and allowed to expand indoors, the colors will be much richer, and will last a long time, for as fast as one flower fades the next bud will take its place, till all have opened.

Irises are a leading specialty with us, and our collection of several hundred varieties contains many new and rare ones not to be found elsewhere. They have been thoroughly tested and can be relied upon as being distinct and true to name. Only such varieties as are perfectly hardy and of easy cultivation are offered here.

TALL BEARDED IRISES (*Pogoniris*)

Iris Germanica (German Iris or Fleur-de-Lis)



THESE are all sun-lovers, and delight in a warm, well-drained situation, where the surface creeping rhizomes can get a good baking in summer. They will thrive in almost any soil or situation except a wet one, which causes the rhizomes to rapidly decay. This is the group best known and most commonly cultivated. The flowers are the true fleur-de-lis, and they are well called the "orchids of the garden," for they fairly outrival the orchids in delicacy of structure and wide range of coloring, including the rich yellows, soft blues, intense purples and claret reds, beautiful bronzes and pure whites, in every conceivable combination.

This section includes the early flowering dwarf kinds, and all the many varieties and species usually grouped under the head "*Germanica*." The true *Germanica* has but few varieties; they flower in May and are represented by the old-fashioned "Flags" so commonly seen. The other species classed under this head are *Amoena*, *Neglecta*, *Pallida*, *Plicata*, *Squalens*, *Variegata*, and others, with their many hybrid forms and all their wonderful combinations of iridescent color. Many of them are delicately fragrant, and all have prominent yellow or orange beards.

For convenience, I have arranged them as far as possible in their natural groups.

CULTURE—A dry, sunny location suits them best. In wet places they are liable to decay. They may be planted in early spring, but the most favorable time is the last of August to the middle of September, as that is their dormant season. Barely cover the rhizomes, and avoid fresh manure when planting. They should be divided and replanted every fourth year.

Special Collections of Beautiful Tall Bearded Irises

MY SELECTION

COLLECTION A.	100 in 100 extra choice named varieties.....	\$15.00
	25 in 25 extra choice named varieties.....	3.75
	12 in 12 extra choice named varieties.....	2.00
COLLECTION B.	100 in 25 fine varieties.....	10.00
	25 in 25 fine varieties.....	2.50
	12 in 12 fine varieties.....	1.25

Special Offer of Tall Bearded Irises for Extensive Planting and Massing

1000 in 20 distinct named varieties.....	\$60.00
1000 in 10 distinct named varieties.....	50.00
1000 in 4 separate colors without names (blue, white, yellow, bronze).....	40.00
1000 in mixed varieties without names.....	30.00

250 OR MORE AT THE RATE PER 1000

Farr's New Seedling Irises for 1909-10

75 cents each. Except noted, one each of the ten new varieties, \$6.50.

The following new varieties raised by us at Wyomissing are all exquisitely beautiful, and are a decided acquisition, being entirely distinct from anything previously offered.

GLORY OF READING (*Pallida*). S. deep blue; F. deep royal purple, conspicuous orange beard, large, handsome flower, very fragrant.

IROQUOIS (*Squalens*). S. smoky lavender, dotted brown; F. black-maroon, reticulated white at the base, tall, and very striking.

JUNIATA (*Pallida*). S. and F. beautiful clear blue, deeper than "Dalmatica," very large sweet-scented flowers. By far the tallest variety in my entire collection. The photo of a single clump reproduced on the second cover page gives a comparative idea of its height of 4½ ft., also of the graceful fountain-like effect of its unusually long, slender foliage.

LEDA (*Plicata*). S. white, frilled and dotted, rose-lilac; F. white, 2 ft.

MONTEZUMA (*Var.*). S. deep golden, minutely dotted, brown; F. yellow and white, veined

purple and dotted brown, odd and beautiful, 18 in. \$1.00.

MT. PENN (*Pall*). S. lavender-rose; F. crimson-lilac, deep orange beard, tall, 30 in.

WINDHAM (*Pall*). S. very soft lavender-pink; F. heavily veined with a darker shade, very large flower.

WYOMISSING (*Amoena*). S. creamy white, suffused delicate soft rose; F. deep rose at the base, shading to a flesh-colored border, a most beautiful variety. \$1.00.

ROSE UNIQUE (1910). A very early variety, flowering with the Germanica section. Color of standards and falls, bright violet rose, the nearest approach to a pink iris. 75c.

TECUMSEH (1910). S. clouded buff; F. smoky violet, bordered yellow, crimson spathe valves, very tall grower, 3 ft.

TALL BEARDED IRISES—General Collection

PRICES.—Selections may be made from varieties not otherwise priced at the rate of 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$10.00 per hundred. Varieties priced at 25 cents each are \$2.50 per dozen, \$15.00 per hundred.

Extra Large Clumps of most varieties can be furnished, if desired, at double price.

Germanica Section—May Flowering

COMMON BLUE FLAG IRIS. S. purplish blue; F. purple, valuable for naturalizing, 2 ft. \$1.00 per dozen, \$5.00 per hundred.

ALBA. Very large, pure white, distinct and rare. 35c.

AMAS (*syn. Macrantha*). A handsome giant-flowered form from Asia Minor. S. rich blue; F. violet, 2 ft.

ARGUS. S. and F. very dark purple; distinct. 35c.

- CRIMSON KING.** Rich claret-purple, 2 ft. 25c.
FONTARABIE. S. violet-blue; F. rich violet-purple, 18 in. 25c.
KHARPUT. S. violet; F. velvety-violet purple, very large, handsome flower, 30 in. 25c.
KOCHII (*syn. Atropurpurea*). S. and F. rich claret-purple, very handsome.
- PURPLE KING.** Full purple, very effective, 2 ft. 25c.
SIWAS. S. Violet-blue; F. violet-purple, large handsome flower, 30 in. 25c.
VIOLET QUEEN. S. Violet-blue; F. violet-black, 2 ft. 35c.

Iris Germanica—Pallida Section

The *Pallida* varieties are all tall, strong growers, with very wide foliage, highly ornamental at all times. They have the largest flowers of all, and are very sweet scented, with the fragrance of orange blossoms. Very handsome shades of blue, lavender and purple.

- ASIATICA** (*see CYPRIANA*, page 10).
ASTARTE. S. rosy lilac; F. claret red, 2 ft. 25c.
ALBERT VICTOR. S. soft blue; F. beautiful lavender, large and fine, 40 in. 25c.
ASSUREZ. S. bright violet; F. crimson purple, 26 in. 25c.
BRIONENSE. Pale violet, very free flowering, 2 ft. 25c.
CELESTE. Pale azure blue, 30 in.
CENGAILTI. A species so closely related to the *Pallida* section that I group it with them. S. lavender blue; F. soft violet blue, with yellow crest, very free bloomer, deliciously scented, May and June, 2 ft. 25c.
CENGAILTI LOPPIO. A dwarfer form with rich clear blue flowers, blooms later, 18 in. 25c.
DALMARIUS (*new*). A cross between *Dalmatica* and *Darius*. S. dark blue; F. violet brown, very distinct. 50c.
DELICATA. S. pale lavender; F. white, delicately traced and tipped lavender.
GARIBALDA. Fine rosy pink, 2 ft. 25c.
HER MAJESTY (*new*). S. a lovely rose-pink; F. bright crimson, tinged a darker shade, a most beautiful variety. 35c.
KATHLEEN (*new* 1908). S. and F. a soft rose-lilac. \$1.00.
KHEDIVE. Beautiful soft lavender, with distinct orange beard, 33 in. 25c.
LEONIDAS. S. clear mauve; F. rosy mauve, large and of fine form. 35c.
- MANDRALISCOE.** Rich lavender-purple, large and handsome, very early, 40 in. 25c.
MADAM PACQUETTE. Bright rosy claret, very handsome, early, 42 in. 25c.
PALLIDA DALMATICA (*syn. Princess Beatrice*). S. fine lavender; F. clear deep lavender, flowers very large, extra fine, a superb variety for planting in masses, and for cut flowers, 40 in. 25c.
PALLIDA SPECIOSA (*Great Purple or Turkey Flag*). S. dark lavender, shaded lighter; F. shaded light purple, 42 in.
PALLIDA FOLIS VARIEGATA (*new*). Flowers soft pale blue; foliage beautifully variegated gold and silver. 50c.
PERFECTA. Soft rosy violet, with orange beard. 25c.
QUEEN OF MAY. A lovely soft rose-lilac, almost pink, beautiful, 32 in.
REMBRANDT. S. and F. soft lilac-blue.
RUBELLA. S. rose-lilac; F. crimson purple, 3 ft.
RUBERISSIMA. S. soft rose; F. velvety claret red, 30 in.
SULTANE. Clear blue washed white. 25c.
TINEAE. Deep blue shaded lilac, fine large flower, 40 in. 25c.
TRAUTLIEB (*new*). A lovely uniform soft rose, very fine. 75c.
VIOLACEA GRANDIFLORA. Rich blue, violet blue. 25c.
WALNER. S. fine lavender; F. purple-lilac, 30 in.

Iris Germanica—Variegata Section

The Standards in this section are of various shades of yellow.

- ABOU HASSAN.** S. clear rich yellow; F. yellow, mottled brown, 15 in.
ADA. S. bright canary yellow; F. white, reticulated madder-brown, 19 in. 25c.
ADONIS. S. deep canary; F. white, reticulated madder-brown, 22 in.
AUREA. S. and F. rich chrome yellow, the finest pure yellow, 2 ft.
- BISMARCK.** S. yellow, flushed sulphur; F. white, reticulated madder-brown.
BEACONSFIELD. Falls crimson edged, primrose, 24 in. 25c.
BEAUREGARD. S. pale yellow; F. lavender, bordered yellow.
CALIFORNICA. Bright golden yellow, 2 ft. 25c.

- CHELLES.** S. bright golden yellow; F. bright red-purple, beautifully reticulated, one of the best. 25c.
- CHENODELLE.** F. white, reticulated maroon, showy, 21 in.
- CLEOPATRA.** Golden yellow, spotted purple. 25c.
- DANDY.** F. velvety purple, 18 in. 25c.
- DARIUS.** S. rich canary yellow; F. lilac, margined white, rich orange beard, one of the most distinct and beautiful, 20 in. 25c.
- EDWARD SIMMONS.** S. yellow flaked purple; F. dark velvety violet, late-flowering, 26 in. 25c.
- FAVORITE.** F. lilac, margined white, 2 ft. 25c.
- GAGUS** (*new*). S. light yellow; F. crimson var. reticulated white and yellow with a clear yellow picotee edge; a striking and beautiful variety. 75c.
- GANYMEDE.** S. yellow flaked maroon; F. white, reticulated maroon-black, 2 ft.
- GOLD CREST.** S. rich clear canary; F. yellow and white, faintly veined and reticulated pale brown, crest golden, very free, 26 in. 25c.
- GRACCHUS.** F. crimson, reticulated white, extra fine, early, 18 in.
- HECTOR.** S. soft clouded yellow; F. velvety crimson-black, showy, 30 in.
- HONORABLE.** S. golden; F. rich mahogany brown, very effective, 18 in.
- IDION.** S. golden yellow; F. golden yellow, lightly reticulated cinnamon-brown. 35c.
- INNOCENZA.** S. and F. ivory white, crest rich golden, a very delicate and beautiful flower, 26 in. 25c.
- IRIS KING** (*new*). A beautiful new iris, obtained by crossing I. Maori King with I. Pallida, combining the brilliant colors of the former with the tall growth and large flower of the latter, a very fine variety. 50c.
- JOHN FRASER.** F. purple, shaded yellow, reticulated white. 22 in.
- JULES PEROT.** S. bronzy yellow; F. black maroon, reticulated yellow. 25c.
- JULIETTE.** S. bright yellow; F. yellow, tipped and veined mahogany.
- JULIUS CAESAR.** S. yellow; F. brownish stains, yellow.
- LADY HOLLAND.** S. bright yellow; F. dark plum, with a white line in the center. 25c.
- LAURENTIMUS.** S. yellow; F. yellow, netted purple.
- LOUIS MEYER.** S. golden; F. rich velvety purple, reticulated white at claw. 21 in.
- MAGNET.** S. bright yellow; F. purple, reticulated white.
- MALVINA.** Falls veined and tipped madder-brown.
- MAORI KING.** S. rich golden yellow; F. velvety crimson, margined gold, the most brilliant iris in this section, 18 in. 25c.
- MARENCO.** F. rich crimson-brown, reticulated yellow, very fine, 20 in.
- MEXICAINE.** S. very clear yellow; F. maroon, reticulated white, 18 in.
- MONHASSAN.** Lively yellow standards; F. brown, with a wide yellow border. 25c.
- MRS. A. F. BARRON.** S. golden yellow; F. rose-violet, margined yellow, 18 in.
- MRS. NEUBRONNER.** Very deep golden yellow, darker than Aurea, very fine. 35c.
- MUNICA.** S. bright gold; F. mahogany brown. 25c.
- OSSIAN.** S. straw yellow; F. bluish violet, distinct color.
- ORPHEE.** S. yellow; F. white, delicately traced crimson-brown.
- PAMERON.** S. yellow; F. violet-rose, reticulated white. 25c.
- PFAUENENAUGE** (*Peacock—new*). S. olive gold; F. Peacock blue with a gold border. One of the most beautiful. \$1.00.
- PHARAON.** S. yellow; F. light mahogany. 25c.
- PRINCESS OF TECK.** Standards clear yellow; F. a peculiar shade of deep purplish rose, very distinct and handsome variety. 35c.
- REGINA.** F. white, conspicuously veined lilac, edged primrose-yellow, 20 in. 25c.
- RIGOLETTE.** F. bright madder-brown, reticulated white, handsome, 16 in.
- SAMSON.** S. rich golden yellow; F. crimson.
- SANS SOUCCI.** F. yellow, elegantly reticulated yellow, 18 in., fine.
- SATURNE.** S. clouded yellow; F. white ground, reticulated light maroon, 25c.
- TOM COOK.** S. dark yellow; F. bronze-yellow, veined crimson.
- VONDEL.** S. golden yellow; F. maroon. 25c.
- VICTOR HUGO.** S. yellow; F. crimson veined yellow.

Irises Germanica—Amoena Section

In this section the Standards are white.

The Falls of various colors are described.

- AIKA.** White, base of petals blotched violet. 25c.
- ALFRED FIDLER.** White, shaded lavender. 25c.
- ALICE BARR.** White, shaded pale lavender, 24 in.

- CALYPSO.** White, reticulated blue, 18 in.
- COMTE DE ST. CLAIR.** Deep violet, margined white, 24 in. 25c.
- CONQUEROR OF EUROPE.** Bluish white standards, and velvety purple falls. 35c.

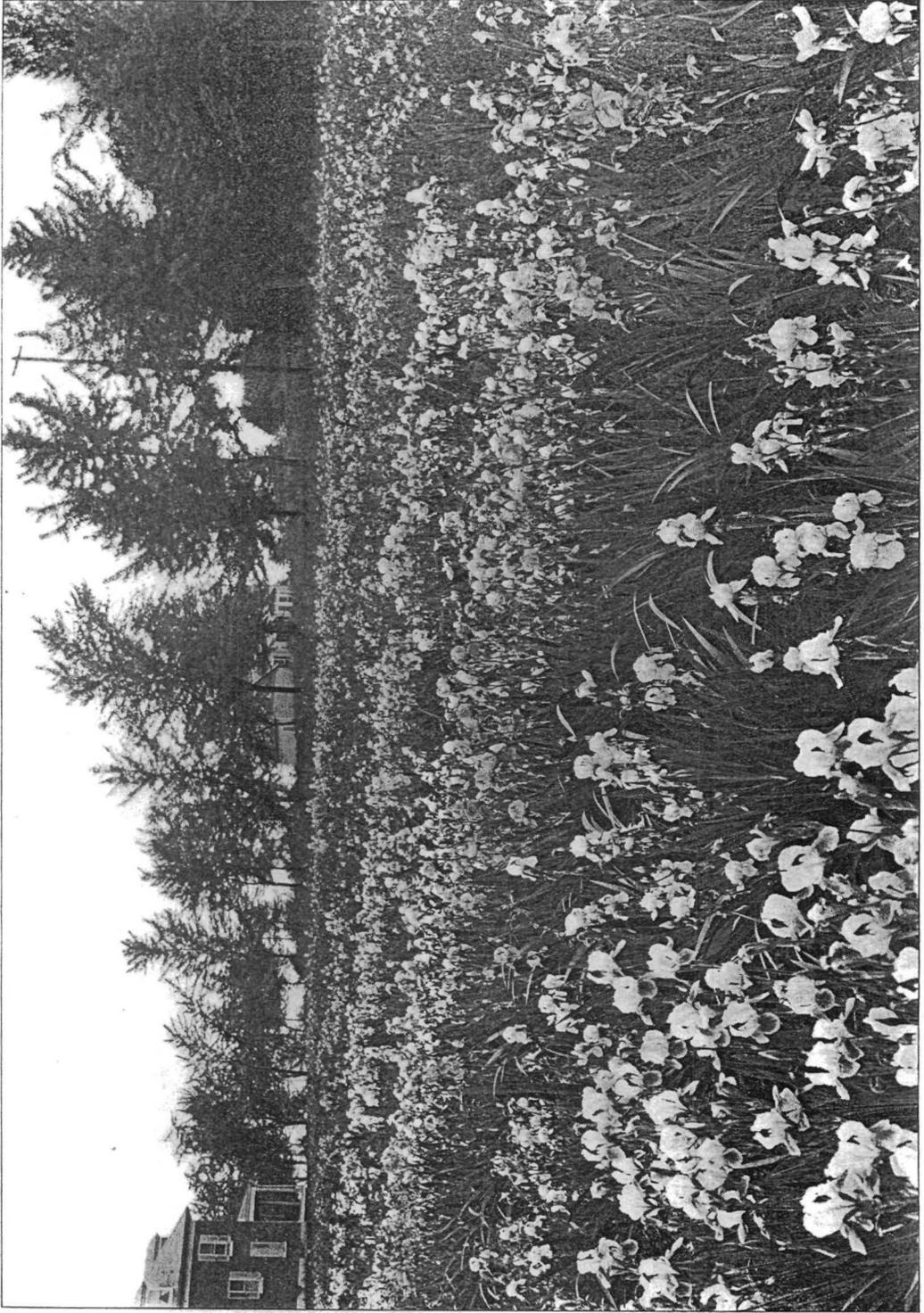
Iris Germanica—Amoena Section (Continued)

- DONNA MARIA.** White, tinged lilac, 26 in.
DUCHESS D'ORLEANS. White, tipped violet-blue. 25c.
DUCHESS OF WELLINGTON. S. white; F. violet-blue, bordered white, 26 in.
DUC. DE NEMOURS. Purple, edged white, showy, 26 in.
EUGENE SUE. Creamy white, with purple spots and stripes, 18 in.
GLORIETTA. White, heavily traced purple, effective, 14 in.
LEMON. White, spotted with purple, deep purple stripes, 2 ft.
MARY MINANELLE. Pure white, with a faint lavender tinge, 18 in. 25c.
MORPHEUS. White, heavily tipped and traced, violet purple, 20 in.
MR. GLADSTONE. S. white, flaked violet; F. velvety purple, 30 in.
MRS. H. DARWIN (new). Pure white, falls slightly reticulated violet at the base, very beautiful and free flowering, 2 ft. Early.
MRS. G. DARWIN. A lovely new hybrid, white, the upper part of the fall reticulated gold and violet. Late. 25c.
PENELOPE. White, delicately veined reddish violet.
POTLIEU. S. white tinged lavender; F. black maroon-purple, reticulated white.
RETICULATA ALBA. Violet purple, edged and reticulated white.
THORBECK. Rich clear violet-blue, reticulated white at the base, very handsome, 2 ft.
UNIQUE. Violet, suffused white.
VICTORINE. S. white, mottled blue; F. violet-blue, mottled white, beautiful and rare, 27 in. 25c.

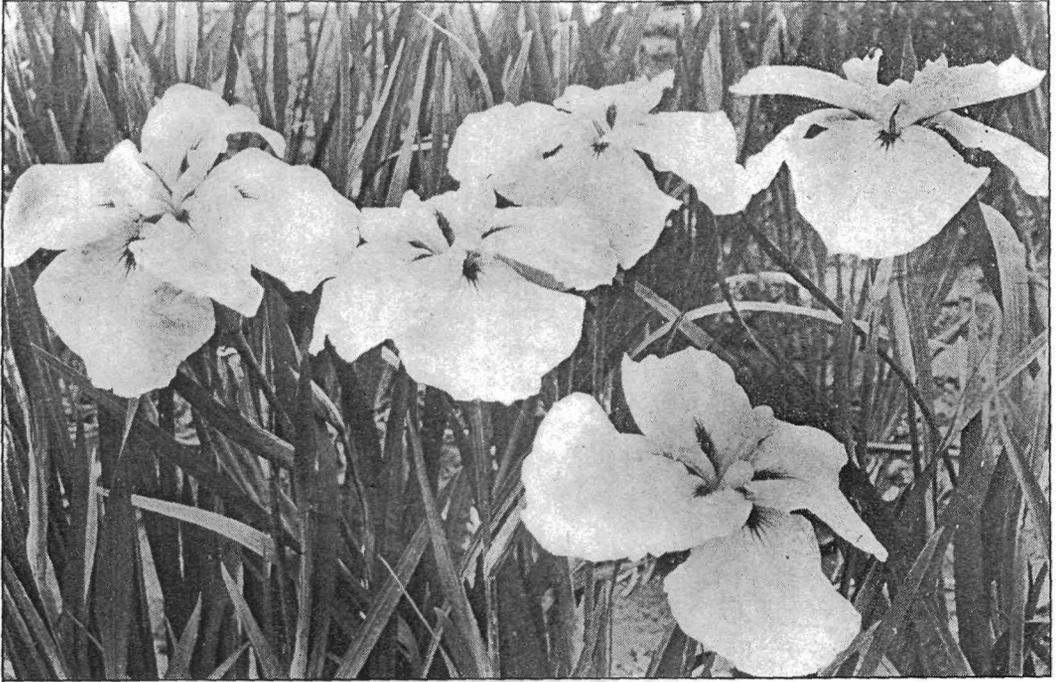
Iris Germanica—Neglecta Section

The Standards in this section range from lavender to purple.

- AMABILIS.** S. pale lilac, flushed rose; F. velvety crimson-purple, 2 ft.
ALBATROSS (new). S. white, shaded the palest of blues; F. white veined and tipped rich purple. \$1.00.
ARDENTA. S. pale lavender; F. dark violet-blue, reticulated white at claw. 25c.
ATTRACTION. S. pale blue; F. deep blue, shaded lighter at the base. 25c.
ATROCOERULAE. S. pale blue; F. violet-blue.
BLACK KNIGHT (new). A rare and beautiful new iris. S. intense deep violet-blue; F. velvety purple-black, exceedingly rich and striking. \$1.25.
BOCCAGE. Clear purple, reticulated white.
BRITANNICUS. S. pale lavender; F. blue, shaded lighter.
CAMELEON. Brilliant blue, shaded violet. 25c.
CANDICANS. Soft light blue.
CLIO. S. lavender, shaded white; F. rich glowing purple, edged white.
CLARISSIMA. S. lavender; F. reticulated purple on a white ground, 24 in.
CONTRASTE (new.) S. light blue; F. dark black blue. 50c.
COTTAGE MAID. S. silvery blue; F. white, boldly tipped and reticulated violet. 25c.
CORDELIA. S. rosy lilac; F. dark velvety crimson, edged rose, 24 in. Exceptionally beautiful. 35c.
CY THERE. S. fine lavender-blue; F. rich blue, late flowering, 2 ft.
DU BOIS DU MILAN. S. lavender, rich crimson-purple, reticulated white, 26 in. 25c.
DUCHESS DU CHATEAUFORT. S. soft blue; F. dark blue. 25c.
ESMERALDA. S. and F. a uniform tint of claret. 25c.
FREDERICK. S. pale lavender; F. lavender barred with brown, very free, one of the most effective for massing.
FAIRY QUEEN. S. and F. white striped blue. 25c.
FLORENCE BARR. S. and F. blush rose-lilac, 24 in. 25c.
HANNIBAL. S. lavender; F. dark purple, handsome, 2 ft.
IGNATIA. S. and F. mauve.
LAVATER. S. lavender, veined purple; F. white traced and tipped violet, 24 in.
LAURA. S. lavender, shaded white; F. rich velvety purple, handsome, 30 in. 25c.
LOUIS VAN HOUTTE. S. light pearly lavender; F. reticulated darker.
MARIAN. S. lavender; F. lavender, reticulated purple, soft distinct color, 2 ft.
MISS BROUGH. S. rich rose claret; F. a deeper hue.
MISS MAGGIE. Silvery lavender; F. suffused soft rose, 30 in.
MONS. DU SIBLE. S. lilac; F. deep crimson purple, showy, 30 in.
NATIONALE. S. clear blue; F. dark blue, 2 ft.
NEGLECTA. S. pale lavender; F. purple, reticulated white.
OSIS. S. lilac; F. black-violet, purple, 20 in. 25c.



TALL BEARDED IRISES — A MASS OF IRIDESCENT COLOR



IRIS KAEMPFERI—SANO-WATASHI



FIELD OF JAPANESE IRIS AT WYOMISSING
As grown in ordinary soil during a dry season without irrigation

Iris Germanica—Neglecta Section (Continued)

- OTHELLO** (*syn. Sappho, Neg. var.*). S. rich blue; F. deep dark velvety purple, very tall and handsome, 30 in.
- PERFECTION**. S. light blue; F. dark velvety violet-black, orange beard, a handsome, bold, conspicuous flower. 35c.
- SOUVENIR**. Fine soft blue.
- TERESITA**. S. lavender, flushed lilac; F. crimson purple, 28 in. 25c.
- VIRGILE**. Blue, falls darker.
- WAGNER**. S. lavender; F. lavender, edged violet, 18 in.
- WILLIE BARR**. S. French gray; F. white, freely traced violet, 22 in. 35c.
- WM. WALLACE**. S. blue; F. violet.

Plicata Section (*Syn. Aphylla*)

The flowers all have a beautiful colored, frill-like margin on a white ground.

- AGNES**. S. white, frilled and shaded lilac; F. white, traced lilac at the base, or claw, a beautiful variety, 2 ft.
- BLEU PARFLEUR**. Very heavily bordered and spotted dark blue.
- BARIENSIS**. Delicately edged and dotted pale lilac rose; beautiful. 35c.
- GAZELLE**. White, heavily frilled, rich mauve, 28 in.
- BEAUTY**. White, edged blue. 25c.
- BRIDESMAID**. S. white, shaded silvery lilac; F. reticulated at the base, and slightly frilled, soft lilac, very handsome.
- DELICATISSIMA**. White, heavily frilled blue, 2 ft.
- FAIRY**. White, delicately bordered and suffused soft blue, beautiful, 2 ft. 25c.
- HEBE**. White, delicately suffused soft blue. 35c.
- LILA**. White, bordered and veined pale blue, 32 in.
- MARITANA**. S. and F. white, finely frilled, rose-lilac, very pretty. 35c.
- MADAM CHEREAU**. White, elegantly frilled, with a wide border of clear blue, 32 in.
- MADAM THIBAUT**. White bordered violet. 35c.
- MRS. G. REUTHE**. S. white, shaded and veined blue gray; F. white, frilled soft blue, very large and handsome, extra. 25c.
- SAPPHO** (*Plicata Var.*). S. white, frilled lilac; F. pure white, reticulated lilac at the base, large flower, a fine variety, 2 ft. 35c.
- SPARTE**. S. pearly lavender, shaded rose; F. straw, bordered and veined lavender. 35c.
- SWERTI** (*syn. Plicata*). White, frilled blue, petaloid stigmas lilac. 25c.

Iris Germanica—Squalens Section

The Standards are of clouded shades of copper, bronze and fawn.

- ABDUL AZIZ**. S. clouded gold and lilac; F. rich violet-purple, reticulated white, distinct and beautiful, 14 in. 25c.
- AGNES BARR**. S. lavender-bronze; F. bronzy blue, 22 in. 25c.
- ARNOLS**. S. rosy bronze; F. rich velvety purple, handsome, 30 in.
- APOLLYON**. S. bronze yellow; F. crimson-madder, 32 in.
- BARIENSIS ELIZABETH**. S. iridescent yellow; F. white, shading to blue, veined brown. 35c.
- BRONZE BEAUTY**. S. clouded yellow; F. ruby-lavender, crest golden, 28 in.
- CHAS. DARWIN**. S. cream, spotted bronze at the base; F. violet purple, 21 in. 25c.
- CAROLINE DE SANSEL**. S. coppery bronze; F. rich mahogany crimson. 25c.
- CONSCIENCE** (*new*). S. olive; F. dark wine red. 50c.
- DR. BERNICE**. S. coppery bronze; F. velvety crimson, very large and beautiful, 2 ft. 25c.
- ELEON**. S. old gold, flushed and spotted purple-bronze; F. dark maroon, reticulated white. 25c.
- EXQUISITE**. S. clouded yellow; F. rose-lilac, with orange crest, 26 in. 25c.
- GREYHOUND**. S. fawn-rose; F. velvety crimson, large flowers, 2 ft. 25c.
- GYPSY QUEEN**. S. old gold, shaded smoked pearl; F. black-maroon, reticulated light yellow, late bloomer, 2 ft.
- HARRISON WEIR**. S. yellow-bronze; F. velvety crimson, 22 in.
- HERODOTUS**. S. gold-bronze, splashed purple; F. yellow, tipped and reticulated violet-purple, 26 in.
- JACQUESIANA**. S. bright coppery crimson; F. rich maroon, very handsome, 30 in.
- JEAN SISLEY**. S. crimson-bronze; F. crimson, 26 in.
- JUDITH**. S. sulphury; F. violet-purple, reticulated white, 30 in.
- JUSTINIAN**. S. violet-bronze; F. black-maroon, reticulated white. 25c.
- KOCHUSSUM**. S. bronzy yellow; F. yellow, flushed lavender, heavily veined brown, distinct. 25c.

Iris Germanica—Squalens Section (Continued)

- LADY JANE.** S. coppery rose; F. madder-red, reticulated white, 30 in.
- LADY SEYMOUR.** S. lavender, flushed sulphur; F. netted violet and white, 25 in.
- LADY STANHOPE.** S. golden bronze; F. maroon-black, edged golden, 14 in. 25c.
- LAVENDULACEA.** S. creamy white; F. lavender, 28 in.
- LA PRESTIGIEUSE.** S. bronzy yellow; F. purplish plum, veined white.
- LORD ROSSE.** S. lavender, flushed bronze; F. violet, with central white band, 2 ft.
- LORD GREY.** Clouded rose fawn, 2 ft. 25c.
- LUCY.** S. sulphur splashed lilac; F. full lilac, 30 in. 25c.
- MAGNIFICA (new).** S. olive, shaded red; F. dark brown red. 50c.
- MARMORA.** S. sulphur and fawn; F. crimson-purple, margined lavender, 22 in.
- MONSIEUR CHEREAU.** S. rich bronze-gold; F. crimson-maroon, handsome, 22 in. 25c.
- MOZART.** S. bronze-fawn; F. purple-fawn, netted white, 3 ft. 25c.
- MIRALBA.** S. rosy lavender; F. white, reticulated and tipped violet, distinct. 25c.
- MR. SHAW.** S. fawn, flushed rose; F. reticulated purple on a white ground, orange beard, 21 in. 25c.
- MURAT.** S. fawn and coppery rose; F. crimson-purple, 23 in.
- PHIDAS.** S. smoke-color; F. maroon-purple, 25 in. 25c.
- PLUMERI.** S. and F. deep coppery red, early and free flowering.
- SAPPHO (Sq. var.).** S. yellow, flushed lavender; F. straw, heavily tipped and reticulated violet-purple.
- SALAR JUNG.** S. gold bronze, flaked maroon; F. tipped and reticulated maroon-black on a white ground, 27 in. 25c.
- SIR WALTER SCOTT.** S. bronze-yellow; F. rich crimson-brown, 26 in.
- SHAKESPEARE.** S. bronzy yellow; F. maroon, reticulated yellow, 26 in.
- VAN GEERTI.** S. clouded lavender; F. purple-black, reticulated white, 34 in.
- VENUSTA.** S. sulphur shot with bronze; F. maroon, 26 in.
- WALNERIANA.** S. lavender, flushed bronze; F. pale violet, 30 in.

TALL BEARDED IRISES—Various Species

- ALBICANS PRINCESS OF WALES.** A very lovely and only absolutely pure white. 35c.
- BENACENSIS.** A handsome, early May-flowering species from South Tyrol, flowers large. S. violet; F. rich purple. 35c.
- BILLOTTI.** S. blue-purple; F. reddish purple, very fragrant, 26 in. 35c.
- CENGALTI.** Handsome rich clear blue flowers, deliciously scented, early and profuse bloomer, 18 in. 25c.
- CYPRIANA (syn. Asiatica).** Very large, handsome flowers, pale blue standards, very long, rich purple-blue falls, late-flowering, resembles *Pallida*, but is larger and later-flowering. 25c.
- The following varieties are equally fine:
- CYPRIANA CELESTIAL.** A handsome, blue-flowered form. 35c.
- MAGNIFICA.** Large, beautiful, deep violet flowers. 35c.
- PALLIDA.** Large flowers of a lovely pale blue shade, with a very sweet fragrance, 30 in. 35c.
- SUPERBA.** S. soft pale blue; F. rich, clear violet-purple, large flower, extra fine, 30 in. 35c.
- FLAVESCENS.** A delicate shade of soft yellow, large, sweet-scented flowers, fine for massing, and valued for cutting in early May and June, 30 in.
- BAXTERI.** S. deep chrome-yellow; F. pale primrose-yellow, 2 ft. 25c.
- MUNITE.** S. chamis-yellow; F. primrose, reticulated lavender, 25c.
- FLORENTINA.** Creamy white, faintly flushed lavender, fragrant and very early, fine for cutting, 2 ft.
- SILVER KING.** A variety of a purer white, and larger flowers, 2 ft.
- QUEEN EMMA (syn. Alba Odorata).** Pure white, faintly flushed blue, long tapering standards, and very long falls, very fragrant. 25c.
- LURIDA (var. Redouteana).** Mahogany red, very distinct and rare, 18 in. 35c.
- SAMBUCINA.** A very fragrant species, with the odor of the elder, from which it derives its name. S. coppery rose; F. rosy purple, with an orange crest, very showy, 27 in.
- BEETHOVEN.** S. rose-lilac; F. purple, with orange crest, 24 in. 25c.
- LA VESUVE.** S. lavender, flushed bronze; F. violet, 26 in. 25c.
- MEPHISTOPHELES.** S. clouded lavender; F. rich purple, flushed blue, sweetly scented. 25c.
- TROJANA.** S. pale blue; F. rich violet-purple, large handsome flower, 3 ft. 35c.

DWARF BEARDED IRISES

(Hybrid Crimean Irises, and Varieties of *Iris Pumila*.)

These lovely *Dwarf Irises* are very valuable for planting in groups, in front of the taller varieties, in the border, and for use as edging. The earliest ones begin to flower the end of March and follow in succession through April till the end of May, when the Germanica varieties begin to open.

The *Hybrid Crimean Irises* are crosses between the *Pumila* and other dwarf varieties, and the *Iris Germanica*. Their period of flowering is a trifle later than the *Pumila* varieties, and their flowers are almost as large and showy as the *German Iris*.

They are perfectly hardy, and thrive in a dry, sunny position, the same as the *Iris Germanica*.

- BALCENG.** Handsome hybrids of *Iris Balkana* and *Iris Ciengailti*, the falls in the flowers being artistically flaked. They fill the gap between the very earliest of the dwarf bearded irises and the taller and later-flowering ones.
- BLUE BEARD.** S. white, flaked pale blue; F. sulphur, handsomely marked with purple, 15 in. 35c.
- CURIOSITY.** S. primrose, suffused green; F. yellow, flaked bronze, orange beard, 15 in. 35c.
- HARLEQUIN.** S. satiny white, flaked and shot pale sea-green; F. orange-yellow, flaked bronze, orange beard, 15 in. 35c.
- MISS C. M. OWEN.** S. and F. white, flaked blue, 9 in. 25c.
- MISS H. M. WHITE.** S. and F. sulphur, flaked purple, 9 in. 25c.
- CHAMAEIRIS.** Deep violet, very free-flowering, 9 in.
- ALBA.** S. white; F. sulphur-white, beard yellow, 1 ft.
- AUREA.** Bright deep yellow, 9 in.
- AUREA MACULATA.** S. clouded yellow; F. yellow, marbled purple, orange-yellow beard, 9 in.
- ITALICA.** Purple, fine dwarf species, 6 in.
- LUTEA GRANDIFLORA.** S. yellow; F. olive-yellow, beard orange, 1 ft.
- SULPHUREA PALLIDA.** Beautiful clear pale sulphur, 9 in.
- BIFLORA PURPUREA.** Rich purple, very early, 9 in.
- MACULATA.** S. soft blue, penciled lilac; F. soft lilac-purple, 9 in.
- LUTESCENS AUREA.** Deep yellow, with orange beard, 1 ft.
- STATELLAE.** S. white; F. pale primrose, 18 in.
- NUDICAULIS.** S. violet; F. purple-black, 9 in.
- PURPUREA.** Purple, large bold flower, 9 in.
- PUMILA.** These are among the earliest to bloom. They are very dwarf, and are fine for borders, and for the rock garden. S. violet-blue; F. deep violet-purple, white beard, 4 in.
- ALBA.** Silvery white. 50c.
- AUREA.** Deep yellow. 25c.
- ATROVIOLACEA.** Deep purple.
- COERULAE.** A lovely shade of sky-blue, very beautiful, 4 in.
- COMPACTA.** A new hybrid. S. violet blue; F. dark blue. 35c.
- COUNT ANDRASSY.** S. azure blue; F. blue, veined darker, extra, 4 in.
- LUTEO.** Creamy yellow. 25c.
- LUTEO-MACULATA.** S. primrose; F. brown, edged yellow, 4 in.
- NOVA CANDIDA.** S. and F. white.

15c. each, \$1.50 per doz., except where noted.

New Crimean and Alpine Hybrids

- BUTTERFLY.** Yellow spotted brown, 8 in.
- CHARMER.** Light cream color. 25c.
- CITREA.** S. pale yellow; F. citron yellow. 25c.
- CYANEA.** S. rich bright blue; F. dark satiny blue, large and handsome
- EBURNA.** White, shaded cream, 1 ft. 20c. each, \$2.00 per doz.
- EXCELSA.** Deep clear yellow, with orange beard, fine large flower, 18 in. 25c.
- BLANCHE.** S. creamy white; F. primrose yellow, 1 ft. 35c.
- BLUESTONE.** S. light violet-blue; F. deep violet purple, with blue edge, 1 ft. 35c.
- BRIDESMAID.** S. white, shot with pale blue; F. soft yellow, shot pale blue, 10 in. 35c.
- CANARY BIRD.** S. bright yellow; F. deeper yellow, with orange beard, 9 in. 35c.
- FAIRY (new).** S. pale blue; F. deep blue. 50c.
- FIEBERI.** Rich deep violet-blue, very large and handsome, 6 in. 25c.
- FLORIDA.** S. citron-yellow; F. deeper yellow, handsomely veined, 18 in. 20c.
- FORMOSA.** S. violet-blue; F. violet-purple, with conspicuous white beard, 18 in. 20c.
- GRACILIS.** Silvery grey, shot with pale purple and sulphur, sweet scented. 25c.

New Crimean and Alpine Hybrids (Continued)

- JOSEPHINE. Very dwarf, pure white. 25c. PRINCESS LOUISE. S. soft pearly blue; F. deeper pearl-blue, paler at edges, a lovely color, and very effective, 9 in. 35c.
- MARGARET. S. and F. suffused and clouded pale violet, golden beard, 9 in.
- MILTON. Rich yellow, lined maroon. 25c.
- ORANGE QUEEN. S. and F. beautiful clear yellow, orange beard, 1 ft. 35c.
- PETER BARR. S. rich claret-purple; F. very deep purple, very fine, large richly-colored flowers, 6 in. 50c.
- STANDARD. S. violet; F. deep plum-purple, white beard, large and handsome, 9 in.
- STEWART. Pure yellow. 25c.
- THE BRIDE (*new*). Pure white with primrose beard. 50c.

20c. each, \$2.00 per doz. 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

New Intermediate Irises

A new race of hybrids, raised between the Germanica, and Pumila and other dwarf species. Their flowers are very large and mostly sweet-scented. They retain the dwarf habit, growing from 12 to 18 inches in height, and bloom two weeks before the German Irises.

- CHARMANT. Palest blue. F. striped dark blue. 35c.
- PARACINA. A lovely new hybrid of the Oncocyclus I. Paradoxa and I. Sambucina. Curiously veined and mottled. 50c.
- DON CARLOS. S. blue; F. violet. 35c.
- DOROTHEA. Milky white tinged lilac. 35c.
- EMPRESS. Creamy yellow. 35c.
- FREYA. Pearl color, falls flamed violet. 35c.
- IVORINE. Very large, creamy white. 50c.
- PRINCE VICTOR. S. blue; F. dark violet. 35c.
- ROYAL. Blue and violet. 35c.
- VARIEGATA DE BERGHI. S. light yellow; F. dark purple, bordered light yellow. 50c.
- HALFDAN. Creamy white. 75c.
- HELGE. Lemon yellow with pearly shading. 75c.
- INGEBORG. Pure white, very large flower. 75c.
- WALHALLA. S. lavender; F. wine red. 75c.

The last four are new introductions of Goos & Koenemann, Nieder-Waller, Germany, said to have larger and finer formed flowers.

BEARDLESS IRISES (Apogon)

(Including many beautiful species and varieties)

The Apogon section comprises the tall beardless irises, and, next to the Pogoniris, are the most important group under general cultivation. It will greatly simplify matters if one can remember that in this group are included all the moisture-loving kinds. Of these only two may be considered as semi-aquatics—our native water flag (*Versicolor*) and the European yellow flag (*Pseudo-acorus*) which may be grown partially in the water. With these exceptions it is safe to say that no iris, however much it likes moisture, can be grown successfully where water habitually stands in winter.

CULTURE—All of the species in this group will grow luxuriantly in any good garden soil kept moist by frequent stirring to prevent baking and frequent evaporation of moisture.

For convenience in selecting I have grouped together the varieties of similar habit.

Group A.

Those which require a dry, sunny situation.

- CRISTATA. A dainty native creeping species, only three inches in height, flowers rich amethyst-blue, a gem for the rock garden. 25c. May.
- FULVA (*syn. Cuprea*). A handsome species with rich coppery maroon colored flowers the last of June, 18 in. 35c.
- FOETIDISSIMA (*syn. Gladwyn Iris*). Purple flowers, followed by bright scarlet seed pods, much prized for winter decoration, evergreen foliage, 18 in. 25c.
- GRAMINEA. A charming dwarf species, with very narrow foliage, bearing blue and purple flowers in June and July, very decorative, 1 ft. 25c.
- FOL. VAR. A variegated form of the above, the deep green foliage being broadly

Group A (Continued)

MISSOURIENSIS. Lilac, with a yellow spot, a profuse bloomer, and one of the earliest and prettiest of the beardless species, May. 35c.

TECTORUM (*syn. Tomiolopha*). A rare and beautiful species from China and Japan, with delicately crested flowers of the most beautiful blue. This is the "Roof Iris" of Japan, where it is grown on the thatched roofs of the cottages. A story is told of a woman who went to a Shinto

priest to enquire how she could give a blue tint to her hair, and he told her to get the color from a flower which grew neither in heaven nor on earth. She tried the Iris flower from her cottage roof and attained the desired result. This Iris has so far proved hardy with us, but as the foliage is evergreen, it is benefited and will bloom more profusely if protected with a slight covering of straw. 1 ft. June. 25c. \$2.50 per doz.

Group B.

The *Iris*es in this group, besides being handsome subjects for the flower and shrubbery border, may be planted by the waterside, but with their crowns above the water level. The varieties of *Orientalis*, *Aurea*, *Monspur*, and *Monneiri*, are grand and stately plants, growing from 4 to 5 feet in height, with beautiful, erect, dark green foliage, which retains its beauty till well into winter. Grown together in masses, the effect is most striking and beautiful.

AUREA. A beautiful species from the Himalayas, with handsome large flowers of the deepest golden yellow, 4 ft., June and July. 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz.

DELAVAYI. A new Chinese species, with tall, narrow foliage, growing in a moist situation to a height of 5 ft., flowers rich ultramarine blue, very handsome, July. 35c.

GULDENSTADTIANA ALBA. Robust grower, foliage yellow in spring, changing to green, flowers white, July. 35c.

CAERULAE. A blue form of the above. 35c.

LONGIPETALA SUPERBA. Flowers soft porcelain-blue, with very long pale blue falls, having a golden blotch at the base, fine foliage, free bloomer, and very hardy, a lovely species, fine for massing, 3 ft. 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz.

MONNEIRI. A bold, handsome species, with golden yellow flowers in June, 3 ft. 35c. each, \$3.50 per doz.

MONSPUR. Handsome new hybrids, raised by Prof. Foster. They are all strong growers,

producing flowers of various shades of blue, producing, when massed, a glorious shimmering effect of violet-blue, 4 ft. 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz.

ORIENTALIS GIGANTEA (*syn. Ochroleuca*). *The Gold-Banded Iris.* A noble iris, growing some 5 ft. in height, with handsome, strong foliage, producing large flowers of ivory whiteness, with an orange-yellow blotch at the base of the falls, June and July. 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz.

SULPHUREA. An improved form, with pale sulphur flowers. 35c.

SPURIA. Bright lilac-blue, 3 ft., June and July. 25c.

CELESTIAL. Fine soft blue, with a yellow blotch, long flower stems, each producing five to six flowers, 4 ft. 35c.

FOLIS VARIEGATA. Foliage a very handsome golden shade in early summer, flowers lilac. 35c.

NOTHA. S. rich violet; F. blue, spotted yellow, handsome, 3 ft. 35c.

SIBERIAN IRIS

The most delicate and elegant of all the small flowered *Iris*, narrow, grassy foliage, with tall stems, and flowers of various shades of blue, with white markings; very free flowering, and one of the best for cutting. I am sure even the Gentian cannot surpass the intense deep blue of *Orientalis*. Two other handsome new varieties are Blue King, of a lighter shade, and Snow Queen, very large pure white. George Wallace is a tall variety with azure blue flowers beautifully spotted, while Baxteri and Grandis are the giants of the family, reaching a height of 4 to 5 feet—one of the most satisfactory species for all situations.

SIBERICA ACUTA. A distinct dwarf form, blue, reticulated white, 2 ft.

ALBA. Pure white, 3 ft.

ALBA GRANDIFLORA. Flowers very large, pure white. 25c.

ATROPURPUREA. Violet-blue, very fine, 3 ft.

BAXTERI. S. blue; F. white, slightly veined blue, 4 ft. 25c.

COREAN SPECIES. Rich shades of violet-purple, very handsome, 2 ft.

DISTINCTION. S. violet; F. white, freely veined and tipped blue, 3½ ft. 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz.

Siberian Iris (Continued)

FLORE PLENO. Deep blue semi-double flowers, 2½ ft.

GEORGE WALLACE. Azure blue; F. marked white, 3 ft., extra fine.

GRANDIS. Violet, reticulated white, 5 ft. 25c.

LADY GODIVA. Blush white, flushed rose, 3 ft. 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz.

LACTEA. Milky white, a beautiful variety. 3 ft.

ORIENTALIS (*syn. Sanguinea*). Intensely brilliant blue flowers, the bud being enclosed in conspicuous crimson spathe valves, 3 ft.

15c. each unless noted; \$1.50 per doz., \$10.00 per hundred.

ORIENTALIS BLUE KING. A fine variety bearing handsome clear blue flowers, found by Mr. Peter Barr in Japan. 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$15.00 per hundred.

ORIENTALIS SNOW QUEEN. Large, ivory-white flowers. Another beautiful new variety found in Japan by Mr. Barr. 35c.

ORIENTALIS SUPERBA. Large, violet-blue, handsome foliage, reaching almost to the flowers.

MIXED SEEDLINGS. Many beautiful shades. 10c. each, \$1.00 per doz.

Group C.

*Iris*es suitable for planting by the waterside, and in very damp or wet places. These will also do well in any good, loamy soil that is kept well cultivated, and mellow.

PSEUDO-ACORUS (*The Common Yellow Water Flag*). Bright yellow, 3 ft., suitable for marshes and water-courses, May and June. 15c.

ALBUS. A rare white-flowered form, 2 ft. 35c.

BASTARDI. A beautiful, soft clear primrose, 3 ft. 35c.

FOLIS VARIEGATA. Foliage beautifully variegated in early spring, flowers rich yellow, 3 ft. 25c.

VERSICOLOR. A native species, common to

our streams and marshes, flowering in June and July, remaining in bloom a long time, very showy flowers, violet-blue. 15c.

COLUMNÆ. Bright velvety purple, 2 ft. 25c.

FOSTERI. S. lilac; F. rich violet, with white and yellow markings, 30 in. 25c.

HANSONI. S. pale mauve; F. soft lilac, veined gold and white, 2 ft. 35c.

KERMISINA. Rich claret-red, with white markings, 2 ft. 50c.

Mixed Seedlings of *I. Versicolor*, many beautiful shades, 10c. each; \$1.00 per doz.

JAPANESE IRIS (*Iris Kaempferi*)

The magnificent *Iris Kaempferi* belong to the Apogons, and a field of them in bloom is a most gorgeous sight. Seeing them for the first time, one cannot withhold an exclamation of surprise, and having once seen can never forget their striking beauty. The Tulips and Daffodils, the great Oriental Poppies, the Peonies and the Roses, have all come and gone, but the *Iris* procession is still passing in the climax of its glory until the dark royal blue and purple of *Uji-no-hotaru* the last to go, fades from our sight under the blazing August sun.

Our collection is the result of many years of careful selection and study. The descriptions given are taken from the blooms in our own fields, and may be relied upon. It is impossible to get these *Iris*es from Japan true to name, as the Japanese send us nothing but mixtures. The varieties we offer are all distinct kinds, true to the descriptions given. We have retained the Japanese names, and have also numbered our collection, so that customers may order by name or number.

CULTURE.—Plant the last of August or beginning of September. Late planting had best be deferred till early spring, as, unless the plants are well protected by a covering of straw, they will be thrown out by frost, and lost.

The secret of success is to **keep the ground well stirred**, never allowing it to bake or become hard. Any mellow loam will grow them to perfection if well enriched. They like plenty of moisture in summer, but it is not a necessity, as many suppose, and water standing over the plants in winter is fatal to them.

The illustration shows our own field of *Japan Iris*, grown in ordinary soil without artificial moisture, in a dry season. The Rev. Dr. Rice, who spent many years in Japan, tells us that he never saw finer blooms or more robust growth.

Japanese Iris (Continued)

- 2 **HODAI.** Bright violet-blue, white halo surrounding the yellow blotches radiating out into white lines.
- 4 **KYODAISAN.** Three large rosy lilac petals, deeper veins and standards, golden bar in the center, distinct.
- 5 **OYODO.** Dark, black-purple or indigo, three very large falls, with a brilliant gold blotch, extra.
- 6 **YEZO-NISHIKI.** Deep, purple-maroon, three petals, tall.
- 7 **SHISHI-KARI.** Very large dark royal purple, six large fluted falls, numerous petaloid stigmas.
- 8 **DATE-DOGU.** Three large violet-blue falls, small center petals claret.
- 9 **ONIGA-SHIMA.** Six large deep blue petals, with a white halo, radiating into white lines.
- 10 **SAMIDARE.** Ground color grey, overlaid rich violet, veined ultramarine blue, six large fluted petals with yellow centers.
- 11 **SHIMO-NO-TSUKI.** Three very large petals, white ground, heavily veined and speckled violet, three long standards, light purple tipped white.
- 12 **KOKO-NO-IRO.** Six large royal purple petals, with a yellow center, radiating into lines.
- 13 **SANO-WATASHI.** Very tall, silvery white, six broad fluted petals, with a golden band in the center.
- 14 **SHIYE-NO-YUKI.** Lilac, heavily veined and blotched white, three very large falls, and three long, narrow standards.
- 15 **MARAI-BOTRI.** Three large falls, white center, radiating white lines into a wide border of pale blue, standards white tipped, pale blue.
- 16 **AYASE-GAWA.** Three large petals, claret, penciled with white lines, and lightly splashed with white.
- 17 **YOMO-NO-UMI (Boundless Sea).** Deep lavender-blue, with a blue halo surrounding the yellow blotches, radiating out into feathers, petaloid stigmas violet, distinct and beautiful.
- 18 **YUKARI-NO-IRO.** Six large petals, purple, lightly splashed white.
- 19 **RINPO.** Six grey petals, lightly splashed and speckled rose-lilac.
- 20 **SUMIDA-GAWA.** Three extra large petals, white, lightly splashed and sprinkle lilac.
- 21 **HO-O-JO (Ho-o-castle).** Yellow blotch, surrounded by a dark blue halo, shading to rich velvety purple, six large petals.
- 22 **OSHO-KUN.** Intense tyrian blue, yellow blotches radiating into white, six very large petals, a superb variety, late.
- 23 **SHICHIUKWA.** Ruby-crimson, with a white halo radiating white lines, center petals white, tipped purple, three petals.
- 24 **GEKKA-NO-NAMI.** Very tall, early white, three petals.
- 25 **MEIRAN.** Lavender flesh, orange blotch, surrounded by a blue halo radiating blue lines.
- 26 **YOSHIMO.** Eight petals, pure white, veined pale blue, petaloids lavender.
- 27 **SHIGO-NO-URANAMI.** Tall, dark blue, white halo radiating white lines, six petals.
- 28 **TAIHEIRAKU.** Beautiful rich purple, orange blotches, six petals.
- 29 **KAGARABI.** White, beautifully traced and marbled ultramarine blue, petaloids blue, six petals.
- 30 **KIMI-NO-MEGUMI.** Three white petals, delicately veined blue, dark blue standards, edged white.
- 31 **HANA-AOI (Hollyhock).** Blue halo around the yellow blotches, radiating blue lines to a grayish white border, overlaid pale blue, six petals.
- 32 **GOSETSU-MAI.** Six petals, white, with pale blue lines, center blue, tipped white.
- 33 **UCHIU.** Royal purple, shaded crimson, tufted center, six petals.
- 34 **HANA-GESHO.** Tall, dark claret, overlaid blue, three large petals.
- 35 **TSURIGI-NO-MAI.** Very double, dark blue purple, overlaid clear blue, bright yellow bar, extra.
- 37 **KUMA-FUNJIN.** Center of petals silvery white, with a broad border of magenta lilac.
- 38 **FUJIMIME.** Gray white with a blue halo radiating dark blue lines, petaloids dark violet.
- 39 **SENJO-NO-HORA.** Vinous purple, speckled and splashed gray, six petals.
- 40 **SHI-UN-RYO.** Three large petals, blue halo around the gold blotch, breaking into lines and feathers on a light ground.
- 41 **NISHIKI-HITOME.** Three large petals, white, veined and overlaid rosy lavender, blue halo.
- 42 **UJI-NO-HOTARU.** Dark violet purple, shaded with blue, very late, six petals.
- 43 **MANADZURO (Crane).** Very large, six-petaled, white, with pale blue lines, tufted center, white tipped blue.
- 44 **SHISHI-ODORI (Dancing Lion).** Deep velvety purple, shaded blue, six petals.
- 45 **SOFU-NO-KOI.** Six petals, claret purple, white center, radiating white lines.
- 46 **SHO-JO.** Three petals, white, veined claret, center claret tipped white.

Japanese Iris (Continued)

- 47 **RENJO-NO-TAMA.** Very double frilled petals, white center, with a very wide border of pale lavender.
- 48 **BU-O-GUM.** Three immense falls, gold blotch surrounded by blue-violet radiating deep lines on a lighter ground, long claret standards, bordered white, very tall.
- 49 **RISH-NO-TAMA.** Six petals, veined and sprinkled dark violet on a light ground, dark violet petaloids.
- 50 **TSURU-NO-KEGEROMO** (*Crane's Feather*). Three large falls and three standards, pure white.
- 51 **KUMO-NO-UYE.** Delicate blue, suffused white, center petals white, tipped blue.
- 52 **SHIPPO** (*Cloisonne*). Rich tyrian blue, suffused purple, delicately feathered white, petaloid stigmas, blue and white, six petals.
- 53 **KUMOMA-NO-SORA** (*Sky amidst the cloud*). Three immense falls, white, with a strongly marked sky-blue zone in the center, standards white, margined soft blue, extra.
- 54 **TORA-ODORI** (*Dancing Tiger*). Gray overlaid with lavender blue, petaloid stigmas violet and white, six petals.
- 55 **MOMIJI-NO-TAKI.** Crimson purple, lightly feathered white, blue shading around the gold blotch, six petals.
- 56 **SHIRATKI** (*White Waterfall*). Six great, fine white drooping petals, primrose blotches radiating gracefully into the white, a most beautiful variety.
- 57 **BANDAI-NO-NAMI.** Fine, large, six-petaled, white, with fringed center.
- 58 **HATSU-SHIMO.** Three-petaled, rosy lavender, with a metallic blue shading, distinct and novel color.
- 59 **YEDO-JIMAN** (*Thunderbolt*). Very dark royal-blue, brilliant yellow spot with a faint white halo, three immense falls,

Price—Named varieties, 25c. each; \$2.50 per dozen; \$15.00 per hundred.

SPECIAL OFFER—My Selection, 12 varieties, \$2.00; 25 varieties, \$3.75; 100 in 25 varieties, \$12.00.

The following 21 varieties are European grown and have not been tested here. They are all double, or six petaled varieties, but I cannot guarantee the descriptions.

- 100 **BOZAN.** Dark blue.
- 101 **DAIMIO.** White.
- 102 **GENERAL NOGI.** Dark violet.
- 103 **HISHIKAWA.** Maronobu, large white.
- 104 **HOKUSAI.** Deep black blue.
- 105 **KOMURA.** Dark purple.
- 106 **KORIN.** Violet blue, center white.
- 107 **MARQUIS ITO.** Violet blue, veined darker.
- 108 **MIAKO.** White, edged violet-red.
- 109 **MITO.** Violet red.
- 110 **NASHIVA.** Pale violet veined blue.
- 111 **NODZU.** Violet red, heavily veined.
- 112 **NYMPHEA.** Pink, white center.
- 113 **RENASANGAI.** Pale blue, white center.
- 114 **TOKIO.** Violet lightly veined.
- 115 **TO KWANG.** Dark violet blue.
- 116 **TUYI.** White, veined violet blue.
- 117 **YEDDO.** Black purple.
- 118 **YEIRAKA.** Pale violet red, veined white.
- 119 **YEWROSHIMA.** Dark violet blue.
- 120 **NIPPON.** Pure white.

Any of the above European grown varieties, 20c. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$12.00 per hundred.
Mixed seedlings, mostly single, \$1.00 per doz., \$8.00 per hundred.