

MEMBER COMMERCIAL PEONY AND  
IRIS GROWERS ASSOCIATION



The iris "Prospero" which is pictured herewith is one of the world's finest, regardless of price. To those who wish to add a half-dozen of the very best to their gardens, I will furnish a root each of PROSPERO, AMBASSADEUR, DREAM, MOTHER OF PEARL, TRUE CHARM, and SINDJKHA for \$3.50. This will give you a wide variety of color, and if you bought separately would cost \$4.75.

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## *Irises and Lilacs Rare Shrubs*

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In addition to a very select list of Irises, this little booklet offers the garden public some real novelties in new shrubs. Few of them have ever been listed by nurserymen on this coast. Being native to Asia, their hardiness is quite unquestioned. While few in number, there is sufficient variety to include something new in blossom, fruit, or leafage for either border, rock garden, or individual lawn specimens. The average gardener is on the lookout for new things of merit, and I am sure the utmost satisfaction will result from a selection of any items listed herein.

Cash with order. Nothing sent C. O. D.

25% will hold until planting season, and this is advisable in some instances, as stock is quite limited.

### *A New Iris, "SURPRISE"*

In introducing this seedling I have tried to take into account every precaution possible before making a definite decision. It has been grown side by side with the most famous and choicest of the world's irises, and it stands out as one of the best of them, without a single fault.

"SURPRISE" is a seedling of Madame Gaudichau, and is identical in shape and size, but altogether different in color, being a soft shade of heliotrope, standards slightly lighter than the falls. The beard is a most fiery orange, on a brown haft.

In addition to perfection of flower, it has the added distinction of practically evergreen foliage, remarkably broad and clean, standing stiffly erect. Actual height of stalks in my garden this year measured from 47 to 50 inches. Last year it measured 42 inches. Number of blooms per plant runs from 8 to 11, and are well spaced upon three branches.

For the collector or commercial grower it should be well worth the price asked. Very few of the high priced introductions of the past five years have possessed equal merit.....\$20.

IRISES, LILACS, AND RARE  
SHRUBBERY

## *Irises*

You will find in this list the best of the modern bearded irises. None of the very old sorts are included, and those of the higher priced class have been well tried and found to have exceptional merit. Delivery of young roots that will bloom next season will be made in July.

- AFTERGLOW.** Soft lavender shaded with buff and yellow. Well named ..... 50c
- AMBASSADEUR.** Rich velvety red-brown. Very large flowers on tall stems. Nothing finer.....\$1.00
- ANNA FARR.** White, with delicate margin of blue. Bright golden beard..... 50c.
- APHRODITE.** One of the best of pinks. This is a free bloomer, on 40 inch stems. Ranks with the most famous of recent introductions.....\$7.50
- ARGYNNIS.** Solid yellow Standards and deep chestnut Falls; very late.....\$1.00.
- ASIA.** One of the most glorious in cultivation. Great stalks of monster blooms, in color a peculiar blend of lavender and gold, red-purple and buff, of perfect shape and very heavy substance, make it one of the most admired of all irises ..... \$2.50.
- BALLERINE.** A splendid pale blue sort of individual shape and carriage. Exceptionally large standards that hold up well. .... \$1.00.
- BELSAIRE.** A new French sort with an unusual shade of tan in the standards. Mulberry falls, with creamy center and very fine beard.....\$7.50.
- BRUNO.** A Dominion Seedling. Heavy standards of gray, tinted bronze. The falls are like brown velvet, shading to buff at the edges, and an orange beard adds the finishing touch ..... \$10.00.
- B. Y. MORRISON.** Standards lavender; falls rich purple with broad margin of lavender..... .75c.
- DREAM.** Finest of the low priced pink sorts. This is a very free bloomer, and a bit later than most..... .75c.
- GEORGE YELD.** An apricot and crimson colored iris that is outstanding not only for its color, but also for its very long season of bloom.....\$2.50.
- GERMAINE PERTHIUS.** In my opinion, the world's greatest iris. Nothing approaches it in deep velvety purple color, glowing orange beard, or other qualities of perfection..\$10.00.
- GLOWING EMBERS.** Exceptional standards of chamois or cinnamon color. Broad falls of bright crimson purple. Named for the extra brilliant haft and beards, which give it a most glowing effect.....\$2.00.

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**IRIS KING.** An old, low priced one that still remains in popular demand because of its bright, clean cut color combination of golden yellow standards and velvety red falls with yellow margins..... .35c.

**ISOLINE.** General color tone of rose pink, with blended center of orange, buff and brown. An indescribable thing of great beauty, that is a wonderful value at..... .35c.

**JENNET DEAN.** Shimmering blooms of palest creamy lavender, having some of the elusive tints seen in an opal. Very tall; in some instances it would be wise to stake it, as the towering stems are inclined to grow crooked under the weight of the huge flowers.....\$1.00.

**KATHERINE FRYER.** One of the last to bloom. Tall stalks bearing good sized flowers of lemon yellow and chestnut brown..... .35c.

**LEONATO.** Standards pale lavender, shaded heliotrope. Falls slightly darker and of staggering size. One of the world's largest, tallest, and best irises. Still quite rare....\$5.00

**LORD OF JUNE.** In a class with Leonato, but older and not so finished. Rated at 91, and is hard to beat in its color class ..... .75c.

**LOUIS BEL.** Denis' most famous seedling, and the darkest colored of all. Standards and falls are almost black purple, even the beard being dark. Heavy velvety substance. Grows about 26 inches high.....\$1.00.

**MAGNIFICA.** Deeper in color than Isoline, and larger, in fact it is one of the most massive irises grown. Height over three feet.....\$1.00.

**MAJESTIC.** A Dominion Seedling. Sky blue standards with bronzy yellow base. Falls stand out squarely, and are of a very bright red velvety purple. A glowing orange beard adds to its richness. This is one of the best Dominions, having every superior quality and is easy to handle ..... \$5.00.

**MEDRANO.** One of those "different" sorts, with attractive blooms of coppery ox-blood red, slightly marked at the haft with brown and ochre. Large size, 24 inches tall..... .75c.

**MILDRED PRESBY.** Masterpiece of the late B. H. Farr, dean of American hybridizers. Standards palest yellow with hair line edge of violet. Falls dark garnet red, of thick substance. Everybody who sees it, wants it.....\$1.50.

**MILLE SCHWARTZ.** Large artistic flowers of soft mauve with creamy pink undertone. Sometimes reaches 50 inches in height. This should be given a well drained spot. \$1.00.

**MME. DURAND.** Same size and habit as the preceding variety, but color is distinctly different. Standards tan or buff, with lavender flush, falls a blend of lavender and buff with orange and brown marks. Positively nothing like it....\$3.00.

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**M. BRUN.** This is another of Denis' Ricardi hybrids, and might be described as a light brown Madame Durand. Its soft blended colors should be kept away from stronger toned varieties, such as the purples and deep blues. Seldom offered here .....\$4.00.

**MORNING SPLENDOR.** Has the honor of being declared by the American Iris Society to be the best of all American introductions. In color it is a rich red purple self, with brilliant beard .....\$3.00.

**MOTHER OF PEARL.** Well named, its iridescent soft pearly finish reminding one of a seashell. Very tall and free flowering. ....50c.

**MRS. MARION CRAN.** A handsome early pink, that is one of the tallest of all irises. As high as 13 blossoms have been counted on a single stalk.....\$7.50.

**NIMBUS.** A peculiar color that might be described as gun-metal. Falls are nearly black, making it very sombre indeed. ....\$1.00.

**PHILLIS BLISS.** Self colored flowers of delicate orchid or pale rosy lavender. Very free; a good mass.....50c.

**PROSPERO.** Illustrated on cover. Exceptionally large and tall, with perfect blooms of pale bronzy lavender and rich velvety purple. No collection should be without it.....75c.

**SHEKINAH.** The best tall yellow at a low price. Makes a very effective group when planted with the pale blue sorts .....50c.

**SLADJKHA.** Late. Well formed blossoms of fine size that look especially fine in a clump. Blended lavender and buff. This increases rapidly.....50c.

**SUNSET.** Last to bloom in my garden. Distinct blooms of old gold, with pronounced blue flush in the falls. I have accumulated a fine stock of it.....\$1.00.

**SUSAN BLISS.** Another pink, different from Aphrodite and Mrs. Cran. Not so tall as either, but possibly nearer to true pink. Flowers are freely produced, but rhizomes small \$1.00

**SOUV. de MME. GAUDICHAU.** The very finest deep solid dark blue, lit up with a wonderful orange beard. Texture of the petals is like velvet.....\$1.00.

**TITAN.** Dominion Seedling. Fastest growing and largest flowering of the group, being aptly named. Color is dull plum, the falls a bit redder than the standards. White veins in the throat. Note low price of.....\$2.50.

**TROPIC SEAS.** Sister plant of Morning Splendor, the predominant color being dark blue. Almost solid brown at the center with extra brilliant beard. A very choice thing....\$2.50.

**TRUE CHARM.** An especially lovely plicata; tall, quite large, and wonderfully well shaped. Clear white with blue stitching at the edge of both standards and falls. Increases fast and makes a splendid clump.....\$1.00.

## *Lilacs*

Only one who has had the privilege of seeing a collection of the hybrids in bloom can appreciate their striking beauty and superiority to the common lilacs planted in every door yard. Their great trusses of flowers, both single and double, in a myriad of colors and hues, place them near the top as aristocrats of the garden.

Plants listed here are on their own roots—not the budded or grafted stock usually offered. Being slower to produce, they are necessarily more expensive, but the purchaser will find them far more satisfactory.

### *French Hybrids*

- CHARLES JOLY.** Dark crimson purple with silvery reverse. A double flowered one of vigorous upright habit.....\$3.00
- CONGO.** Single; a very deep purple that ranks as one of the darkest of all.....\$3.50
- EDOUARD ANDRE.** Clear rose, with deep rose buds. Double flowers, and somewhat dwarf in habit.....\$3.50
- EMILE GENTIL.** Double blooms of bright cobalt blue. These are on privet stock, the only ones in this list so grown, but in order to offer this splendid sort in its rare shade, I made the one exception.....\$3.00
- ELLEN WILLMOTT.** A grand white with immense panicles and individual flowers. Rated as the best double white lilac. Extra fine bushes.....\$4.00
- MME. ANTOINE BUCHNER.** Slowly developing flowers, showing at the same time soft rosy-mauve double blooms and reddish unopened buds. Always included in every list of the world's best lilacs.....\$3.50
- MME. CASIMER PERIER.** Fine double creamy white, the buds especially cream colored.....\$3.00
- MADAME LEMCINE.** A most floriferous white with double flowers. An established bush is like a mound of white feathers .....\$3.00
- PRESIDENT GREVY.** Handsome soft blue flowers, shaded lilac. Trusses are of monster size, sometimes attaining a length of one foot. Wonderful stock of this.....\$3.00
- VIVIAND MOREL.** Elongated truss of large, double, clear bluish lilac, with purple buds. Vigorous grower and profuse bloomer. Tall plants.....\$3.00
- UNNAMED FRENCH HYBRIDS.** I have three sorts, one a very fine single white with individual florets an inch across, one a double, with soft melting pink blossoms, and another double with deep lilac-rose flowers. Having lost the names, I will sell them at \$2.50 each or the three for \$7.00. Bushes are well developed and will give you a thrill when they come into bloom. All three were imported from France some years back.

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*Klager American Hybrids*

The producer of these marvelous hybrids has spent her lifetime at this work. I am offering for the first time, some of her introductions and can promise the purchaser that nothing like them can be obtained anywhere except from the introducer. They are perfection itself in lilacdom. Next year I hope to add three new ones to this list, including **WOODLAND** and **LONGVIEW**, which will be sensations when enthusiasts learn to know them.

**CLARA.** Softest pink, with faint touch of rosy-violet. Unopened buds carmine. Single flowers, coming quite late in the season. This is one of the loveliest lilacs I have ever set eyes upon..... \$4.00

**R. W. MILLS.** Double deep pink, almost rose. Trusses are of astonishing size.....\$4.00.

**ABUNDANT BLOOMER.** Single blossoms, about the same shade as the variety just previous, but produced in such profusion as to weight down the branches. Trusses are ten inches in length, and of individual shape.....\$3.00.

**MRS. MORGAN.** The color is clear orchid. No other lilac I have seen is in this shade. Blooms are perfectly shaped, semi-double, and trusses are exceptionally large. Limited stock .....\$5.00.

**ALICE.** A bit more rosy than the common lilac. This is an outstanding thing in every way, with trusses that look as if they had been chiseled out by a sculptor. Admirers will linger long by a specimen of this. Single blossoms.....\$4.00.

**OSL RANGER.** Possibly Mrs. Klager's finest double sort. Color is fairly deep carmine, with shadings of heliotrope and silvery rose. Very double and of extra fine form.....\$4.00

**DARK PURPLE.** As yet not named, but about the most floriferous of the dark varieties. Exceedingly rich piece of color. Every visitor wants it.....\$3.00

**MY FAVORITE.** Named by the introducer, and is probably the most widely distributed of her hybrids. A double with dark purplish-blue flowers that resemble a bunch of grapes when just opening. Very early.....\$3.00.

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## Rare Shrubs

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**SPIREA TRICHOCARPA.** A recent addition to the Spirea family, particularly valuable on account of its late season of bloom. Becomes a fountain-like mass of snowy white, almost a month after the familiar "bridal wreath" has passed. This is a better shaped shrub, more graceful, and has larger individual flowers than Spirea Van Houtte. Will make a fine subject for planting around summer homes, as it will bloom when occupants are there. Discovered in the Diamond Mountains of Korea by E. H. Wilson, and declared by him to be one of the most worthy new shrubs ever introduced into cultivation. I have a fine stock of it, and so far I know of no other grower on this coast who lists it for sale.

Large 2 to 3 foot field-grown plants, \$1.50 each; ten for \$12.00.

**COTONEASTER FRIGIDA.** Of course you are familiar with this class of shrubs, the brilliant berries of which make such a show in fall and winter. This is a new one, tree-like in habit, reaching as high as 18 feet at maturity. Large masses of creamy blossoms are followed by scarlet clusters of berries, which are relished by the birds. Field grown plants, each .....\$2.00.

**COTONEASTER HUPEHENSIS.** Medium sized shrub with the finest flowers of any. When in bloom it is as conspicuous as any spirea. Abundant quantities of bright red berries in autumn. Field grown plants, each.....\$2.00.

**COTONEASTER THYMIFOLIA.** The pigmy of the race. This is a choice addition for the rock garden, being of dwarf, prostrate habit, with very tiny foliage, similar to thyme. The attractive winter fruits are a desirable feature for the rockery. Field grown plants, \$1.25 each, 6 for \$6.00.

**KOLKOWITZIA AMABILIS.** I have saved the best for last place. Here is one of the rarest and most beautiful woody plants in commerce, scarce even in its native habitat in China. Always neat and green, in early summer it becomes transformed into a mound of pink flowers suggestive of snapdragons. Grows to quite large size. Because of difficulty in propagating it, will always be high in price. Either sun or shade, and any good soil, but must have good drainage. A very limited number of splendid field grown plants at each .....\$4.00.