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NEW ROSES

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THE UNDERSIGNED takes great pleasure in offering to his patrons and the public in general, three new roses, seedlings raised by Mr. Henry Bennett, of Shepperton, England.

The undersigned feels a double pleasure in the distribution of these roses; first, that each of the three in its own peculiar class, is beautiful and desirable to an extreme degree, as claimed by the originator; and second, that after a year's testing in his own greenhouses, the undersigned can feel fully justified in giving his own personal endorsement of their good quality in this country, as well as in England.

None of these roses have any tendency to mildew in the least degree, but on the contrary are exceptionally robust, strong, and clean.

The undersigned would take great pleasure in welcoming to his greenhouses any who are interested in these new claimants for favor. He has also to say that any information not found in these pages will be gladly furnished by

CHAS. F. EVANS,

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European Agents,

MESSRS. WM. PAUL & SONS,

Waltham Cross, Herts,
England.

THE "PURITAN."

THIS rose, a cross between "Mabel Morrison" and "Devoniensis," is of pure white color, of large size, perfect symmetry, and of most delightful fragrance. In size and shape it greatly resembles its parent, "Mabel Morrison," carrying a wreath of foliage close to the bud. The fragrance of the "Puritan" is deliciously fresh and sweet, being very suggestive of the magnolia.

The habit of the plant is very strong and vigorous. It is a most prolific bloomer, coming into crop as quickly as any rose ever grown in our greenhouses. No other rose can be cut with longer stems than the "Puritan, and this fact, in addition to its beautiful flowers and luxuriant foliage, makes it invaluable for decorative purposes.

We feel fully justified in saying that this rose combines every quality ever presented by the finest hybrid perpetual ever offered, in conjunction with the blooming qualities of the "Catharine Mermet" or "La France."

A certificate of merit was awarded this rose by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, November, 1886; also a silver medal by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, November, 1886.

Massachusetts Horticultural Society,

Boston, Nov 04 1886

Chas F. Evans Esq.

Dear Sir I have the honor to inform you that your new hybrid Tea rose "The Puritan", was awarded a First Class Certificate of Merit, at our Chrysanthemum Exhibition, just closed. The points of excellence most notable in the roses shown, were beautiful white flowers set in a wreath of foliage close under the buds, and sturdy growth.

The Committee were unanimous that it would prove a valuable acquisition to the list of Hybrid Tea Roses - The Certificate will be ready in Jan^y proximo.

Yours obt serv

J. H. Woodford
Chairman

"MRS. JOHN LAING."

THIS rose is without doubt *the* rose for early winter forcing. It is an exquisite pink hybrid, a seedling from "François Michelon." It is a remarkably strong grower, deliciously fragrant, a very free bloomer, and bears fine long stems, surmounted by well-shaped buds of large size.

The "Mrs. John Laing" recommends itself to all growers of cut flowers for many reasons:

1. That it is so remarkably early; blooms can readily be cut by Christmas.
2. Because of its delicious fragrance, and of its beautiful soft pink color, very similar to that of "Mad. Gabrielle Luizet."
3. Because of its profuse blooming qualities.

It has never been exhibited without having been certificated, and it was also awarded a gold medal by the National Rose Society of England.

P. S. We have fully tested this rose during the past winter, and feel that we cannot speak too strongly in its favor. Some not overstrong plants in our possession bore from six to eight flowers each, and were well set in bud December 1, 1886.

THE "METEOR."

THE "Meteor" is a remarkably rich, dark, velvety-crimson, hybrid tea-rose, without the least tint suggestive of purple. It is a constant and good bloomer, very vigorous and healthy in growth, with no tendency to mildew. No red rose ever before offered retains its color as does the "Meteor." A Philadelphia florist who has handled a few blooms during the past winter, pronounces it "the best-keeping rose he has ever seen"—he having kept it for one week without any visible change in color.

We consider that the superior merit in this rose for the trade consists in the fact, that in addition to its good winter blooming capacity, it is at the same time a glorious rose for the summer season, when the hot sun renders such roses as the "Bennett" comparatively worthless.

CLIPPINGS

ON "MRS. JOHN LAING."

"A grand rose."—*Journal of Horticulture*.

"Unquestionably the finest of all roses."—*The Garden*.

"It has a great future before it without doubt."—*The Garden*.

"By not a few, the question was raised, if it is not the best rose Mr. Bennett has yet brought out."—*The Gardeners' Chronicle*.

"The gold medal to 'Mrs. John Laing' was a fitting tribute of merit; and the plants exhibited showed the vigor of the variety."—*Journal of Horticulture*.

"A first-class certificate for new rose 'Mrs. John Laing,' a fine and full flower, the color a light pink, with a silver sheen—very beautiful."—*The Gardeners' Chronicle*.

"Another triumph will render this exhibition memorable, and that was the award of the gold medal to Mr. H. Bennett for his rose 'Mrs. John Laing.'"—*Journal of Horticulture*.

"Mr. H. Bennett staged twenty-four blooms of 'Mrs. John Laing,' a light hybrid perpetual, remarkable alike for its surberb form, delicate coloring, and delightful perfume."—*The Gardeners' Magazine*.

"A first-class certificate for new seedling named 'Mrs. John Laing.' This a hybrid perpetual, large and full in flower, and of a beautiful rose color, and will, no doubt, be much heard of in future."—*The Garden*.

"Unquestionably the finest of all was the one selected for the society's gold medal. This Mr. Bennett's new 'Mrs. John Laing,' a superb flower, very full in petal, of a rich rose pink, and of delicious fragrance. It has a great future before it without doubt."—*The Garden*.

"The rose of the show was Mr. Bennett's new triumph, 'Mrs. John Laing,' a rose colored flower, large, solid, symmetrical, and very fragrant. It is something like 'François Michelin,' something like 'Mons. Noman,' and in form a little like 'La France,' yet quite distinct from all of them, and a grand rose."—*Journal of Horticulture*.

"This is a grand rose, whether looked at from an exhibition or a decorative point of view; the color is a beautiful shade of pale pink. It is a full sized, deep flower, unexceptional in form, with plenty of stuff in it—one of those roses that can be shown big enough in the morning without being too far open in the latter part of a hot day."—*The Gardeners' Chronicle*.

"A remarkable seedling of the hybrid perpetual class was put up by Mr. Bennett, and named 'Mrs. John Laing.' The flower is large, superb in form, with shell petals, the color, clear light rose, with silvery turnover, the color delicately deepening to the centre. To these fine qualities is added the fragrance of a Provence rose. First-class certificate."—*The Gardeners' Magazine*.

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