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Little
Rose Book*

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Robert E. Hughes

Rose Specialist and Nurseryman

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WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y.

near Buffalo.

All my roses, without exception, are out of door grown, having well-ripened wood. We lift them in the fall and store them in cellars, covering the roots with earth. We have no greenhouse, consequently the Roses we send out are all winter-rested and full of vigor and infinitely superior to Roses grown under glass.

Why order early. All orders are filled in rotation as received. Last season hundreds of late orders were returned. Acknowledgement of your order will be made at once.

I ship by Express and Parcel Post, the latter being the most satisfactory. Customers wanting roses shipped by Parcel Post, kindly remit 30 cents per dozen plants when ordering. This applies to all orders east of the Mississippi River.

Fall Shipments. About November 15th, customers ordering roses for fall delivery must order at least six roses.

We Reserve the right to omit an item, to balance a shortage in remittance due, also to add to your order if you have over remitted.

C. O. D. Orders must be accompanied by at least 25% deposit.

Complaints must be made upon receipt of goods, and will be rectified if we have made any mistake.

Guarantee. We guarantee our plants true to name and to reach you in good growing condition. If found otherwise they must be returned to us immediately and we will return your money. Following the custom of the trade and not knowing the treatment they will have when received, we do not guarantee none will die.

Second Choices. Kindly name a few additional varieties in case we are sold out of some sorts. This is important when orders are received late in the season.

Our Nursery of 12 acres is situated on Main St., half mile east of Williamsville, a suburb of Buffalo, N. Y. Street cars pass our door. Cars leave Main St., Buffalo City Line on the hour and half hour.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This will certify to the high standing of Robert E. Hughes of Williamsville, N. Y. Any statement he may make in reference to his roses will, in our opinion, be truthfully made.

Howard G. Britting,
President, Bank of Williamsville, N. Y.

FOREWORD

In presenting this, my fourteenth annual catalogue of Roses, I wish to thank my many customers and friends for their kind recommendations, and to assure them that my very best efforts will be used to merit their continued confidence.

In the selection of varieties, we have eliminated such sorts that are known as "Fancy Roses" which only do well in a very few gardens, retaining only such varieties that have an ideal habit of growth and that are not dainty in their requirements.

These two latter traits are essential in order to have a real rose garden, for it is impossible to have roses with good stems for cutting, from plants that make weak growth. If this discretion was more practised in general by nurserymen, our rose gardens would be more successful than they are today. In fairness to our roses, we would like to state that our roses are all field-grown and budded upon stocks that they will thrive best upon. Our Los Angeles, Yellow Roses and moderate growers amongst the Hybrid Teas are budded upon Rosamaine Stock *which never suckers*. This new stock produced the winning blooms at the World's Rose Show held in Paris, France in 1919-21. Another great advantage attained by using this stock is that the plants *never die back* when set out. This advantage is quite noticeable in the roses Los Angeles and Dutchess of Wellington.

In selecting Roses for your garden, hardness of wood is quite essential, for good results can only be obtained through planting plants that have well-ripened wood that will not shrivel when set out.

In conclusion I may state that the plants we offer are the strongest to be obtained and respectfully ask for your esteemed patronage, with the assurance that the stock we send out is of the highest quality.

I therefore issue with confidence the following list of Roses as the best in their respective sections and ask that prospective customers read the following pages as to the further merits of my stock.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert E. Hughes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

ROSE SPECIALIST

WILLIAMSVILLE, N. Y.

Lady Ursula, Pink; Dutchess or Wellington, Yellow, and Red Radiance
Three best garden Roses, in their respective colors, being strong
growing, free blooming, and resistant to disease

LIEUT CHAURE

Cultural Directions

LOCATION—Choose the best position in your garden, as open as possible to fresh air. Do not plant near trees and keep away from hedges and shrubbery. Roses do not require constant sunshine. Do not plant annuals near your roses, they resent it.

SOIL—Roses are by no means arbitrary as regards to soil or how could they come so universally good from widely different soils and locations. If your soil is heavy clay, and wet, drain it by digging two feet and putting in six inches of cinders, ashes or small stones, in the bottom for drainage. Lighten the top eighteen inches by the addition of good garden soil and well-rotted manure, one-third of each, mix thoroughly the clay, garden soil and manure. Roses resent all black soil as it contains too much acid, but do well in soil composed of fine roots found under old sod. Never elevate your rose bed except the location is low as elevated beds dry out rapidly.

PLANTING—My roses are all low-budded and should be planted with the union one inch below the level. This is most important. Too shallow or too deep planting spells failure. By all means plant firmly by treading the soil around the plant. When filling in the soil after planting, give one good watering to firm the soil. Dormant roses, when planted early, require little moisture until active growth starts. Hybrid Teas should be set eighteen inches apart, perpetual or one crop roses, two feet apart.

PRUNING—Roses should be severely cut back, especially when planted in the spring. Your best blooms come from the low eyes, being larger near the base of the plant. Always cut the thinnest canes shortest, and all weak wood entirely away. Cut the strong branches to six or eight inches and the smaller branches to half that length.

THINNING OUT—It frequently happens as the season advances, that several small shoots appear on some plants. These should be cut off. The plant will then branch from the bottom and throw out strong canes producing beautiful autumn blooms.

B—Shows where Rose is budded.

A—Two inches higher, shows its ground level.

Curved circle, four inches higher still, shows soil moulded up for winter protection.

PLANT EARLY—Roses do much better when planted early. April is the growing month with its spring rains. Do not defer planting for fear of frost. My roses, being dormant, cannot be injured by early freezing. Late planted roses should be shaded for ten days and frequently watered.

FERTILIZER—Nothing is better for roses than cow manure. It can be used more liberally, besides holding more moisture than other manures. New horse manure is too heating and should only be used as a winter mulch. When one year old, it can be thoroughly mixed with soil. If manure cannot be secured, bone meal can be used with the addition of slacked lime or land plaster; this will sweeten the soil.

DISEASES AND INSECTS—Aphis, or green fly, little insects which infest the new growths in countless numbers, are best dislodged by gently spraying with the garden hose. This at the same time, cleanses the plant. Tobacco dust, usually to be had at seed stores, dusted on the plants in early morning when covered with dew, is further recommended when conditions require.

Green Worm—(Those that eat the leaves) Apply hellibore with a small powder bellows early in the morning when dew is upon the plants, about three or four applications a season will suffice. Both the tobacco dust and hellibore will temporarily disfigure the plant but it can be washed off by spraying with the garden hose the third day after application.

Leaf Roller—Usually appearing in May, frequently eating holes in the flower buds. This worm always harbors within a curled leaf, usually close to a flower bud. Kill him by pinching the curled leaf.

Mildew—Detected by a grayish appearance of the foliage. Usually starts on the newer growths, frequently caused by closeness in day-time and cold nights. May be held in check by applying dry sulphur in the early morning. During late summer, do not water your roses in the evening as this induces mildew.

Black Spot—Appearing as the name implies, upon the leaves, usually upon the base of the plant. Hand pick the affected leaves and burn them. The best preventative is Bordeaux Mixture applied frequently during the season.

Winter Protection

Mother Earth, hoed up about six inches around your plants, is by far the best protection. This sheds the water, thus preventing the plant from heaving up. It also keeps the plant at an even temperature. This method is much better than applying heavy manure directly against the plant. Apply the manure between the mounds. It can then be dug in in the Spring. Do not apply the manure until after several hard frosts as mice may harbor there and bark your roses, if applied early in the season.

MADAME BUTTERFLY

Hybrid Tea Roses

This class now embodies the delicate shades and delightful fragrance possessed by Tea and H. P. Roses, combining, too, the vigor and more pronounced pink and crimson shades of color previously confined to one crop roses. This class of roses has superseded all others because of their superior constitution and **free blooming propensities**, blooming continuously until cut down by hard frost. They combine all the better traits of the two classes from which they have sprung. This great advantage, together with their delightful fragrance, has given them pride of place in our rose gardens today.

AMALIE DE GREIFF—(P. Lambert 1912)—A Rose possessing large globular blooms of good substance, carried on stiff stems. Color Brick Rose with Orange-Yellow center. 2-year, 1.00—3-year 1.25. plants, \$1.25 each.

ANTOINE RIVOIRE (Ducher 1896)—A moderate grower. Rose Flesh on Yellow ground. The flower is large, very evenly formed and imbrocated. 2-year, \$1.00 each.

BETTY (A Dickson 1905)—Ruddy Gold and Rose, overspread with Golden Yellow. The bloom is semi-double and is best in autumn. The plant is a good grower. In some gardens where the air does not circulate freely, it will occasionally mildew. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

CAROLINE TESTOUT—vigorous—(Ducher 1890)—Light Salmony Pink; large and globular, free and fragrant; not dainty in its requirements. It is justly popular everywhere. Its blooms occasionally droop with age, otherwise it has no bad faults. A good Town Rose. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

COLUMBIA

COLUMBIA—very vigorous—(Hill 1918)—Almost thornless and better known as the favorite cut flower, but has also proven itself a good garden variety. The flowers are of good size, of perfect form, both in bud and open flower. The color is a most pleasing shade of Rose-Pink; delightfully fragrant. As grown in our gardens, the plant is a good doer and grower. Its only drawback is that in a very wet season the bloom speckles somewhat, as does its parent, Mrs. Russell. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

DUTCHESS OF WELLINGTON—vigorous—(A Dickson 1909)—We think this rose the best and most reliable Yellow for garden purposes and its delicious Apricot perfume is only one of its outstanding qualities. Our stock of this variety is budded upon Rosamaine stock that never suckers and is infinitely superior to plants budded on Multiflora. Plant a bed of it. A dependable rose. See cut, page 2. 2-year, \$1.25—3-year, \$1.50.

EDEL—new—An enormous, bold, stately, well formed flower of great depth and quality. Color white with ivory shadings toward the base, passing to a pure white. The plant is a good grower and free bloomer. 2-year, \$1.50—3-year, \$1.75.

EDGAR BURNETT—new—The sweetest scented rose in commerce. The flowers are exceptionally large, of splendid form with petals tinted Rose. It is similar in habit to Lady Alice Stanley. A good dependable rose. 2-year, \$1.25—3-year, \$1.50.

EDITH PART.—A Rose with a novel and entirely distinct lift in color which is entirely new. The color is a Salmon Pink with a suffusion of deep Salmon and Honey Yellow. It is a perfectly built flower. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

FLORENCE PEMBERTON—very vigorous—(A Dickson 1903)—A creamy white with a picatee edge of pink. At its best it is a lovely rose and an excellent grower. Impatient to wet is its only fault. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

GEORGE ARENDS (Description on Page 14)

FRANCES SCOTT KEY—(J. Cook 1913)—An American Rose of mammoth size with a high pointed center; in color a rich Crimson-Red. A good grower and bloomer. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

GENERAL McARTHUR (Hill 1905)—Vigorous—Bright Scarlet Red; a universal favorite. The blooms fade to Magenta through time, but as a rule its lovely buds make atonement for its other fault. A splendid grower and the best light red for amateurs. Deliciously fragrant. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

GRUSS AN TEPLITZ—very vigorous—(Geschwind 1897)—A Bright Crimson with reddish center medium sized blooms in clusters; exceptionally free blooming and hardy. One of the greatest roses for massing. One of the easiest roses to grow and at its best in the autumn. Prune Sparingly. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

INDIANA—This is a new rose that appeals to every one on account of its warm coloring, a deep Cerise Pink or glowing Carmine. It is as free flowering as Teplitz and as good a grower and the blooms are extremely full and imposing. Its only defect is that it is subject to mildew. This we must overlook in this variety as its other qualifications easily overbalance this defect. In the Delaware Park Gardens in Buffalo this rose was the most admired as it was never out of bloom. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

JONKHEER J. L. Mock—One of the best bedding roses and at its best in a dry hot season. In a wet season, the buds do not all open well. The color is a deep Imperial Pink, reverse Silvery Rose White. The best rose to hold and last, as its substance is truly marvelous. 2-year old plants, \$1.00 each.

JOSEPH HILL—fairly vigorous—(Ducher 1904)—A beautiful Orange Salmon Rose with pronounced Yellow shadings. The build of the flower with its beautiful reflex petals, makes it a fine cut flower. Has excellent foliage. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

KAISERIN AUGUSTA VICTORIA—(Lambert 1891)—Creamy white tinted Lemon, of beautiful formation. Very full with magnolia-like fragrance and possessing excellent foliage. A better rose than Mad. Jules Bouche. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

KILLARNEY—(Dickson 1898)—This rose was sent out as a forcing rose, but has proven a valuable garden variety. The open flower is only semi-full. It is a good doer and grower. Subject to mildew in Autumn. Deliciously scented. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

KILLARNEY BRILLIANT—Rich, Rosy, Carmine Sport from Killarney. The flower is larger and always opens well. Subject to mildew, still a favorite. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

KONIGAN CAROLA—Light Salmony Pink, very large and globular. Free and fragrant; not dainty in its requirements and is justly popular everywhere. A good Town Rose. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

LADY ALICE STANLEY

LADY ALICE STANLEY (Vig.) McGredy 1909—Outside of petals deep coral rose, inside pale flesh. Elegant large full flower carried on stiff stems and sweetly perfumed. A very reliable, satisfactory rose and highly recommended. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

LADY ASHTOWN—Vigorous—(A. Dickson 1904)—In this Rose we have buds of beautiful spiral formation with gracefully reflex petals of soft pink. The plant is a good grower and bloomer. Its only fault is that it is subject to mildew. 2-year, \$1.00, 3-year, \$1.25.

LOS ANGELES

LADY HILLINGDON—(Lowe & Shawyer 1910)—A Tea Rose of much distinction and hardiness, blooming continuously throughout the season. The buds are long and pointed, opening into handsome flowers of clear Apricot Yellow. Its small defect is that the habit of the plant is too spreading. \$1.00 each.

LADY URSULA—Extremely vigorous—(A Dickson 1909) The strongest growing Rose of the Hybrid Tea family. The flowers are flesh Pink, with pointed buds which beautifully reflex and the plant is always in bloom. In my opinion the most satisfactory Rose of its color, and one that always does well, even under adverse conditions. 2-year old, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25. (see color plate, page 2.)

LA FRANCE—Silvery Peach, Center Silvery White. Globular pointed bloom. Does well in poor soil and is sweetly perfumed. Unfortunately in some gardens the flowers ball in damp weather. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

LAURENT CARLE (Ducher 1907)—Considered by many the best of all dark red roses. The flowers moderately full and deliciously scented, are produced on long stems ideal for cutting. Hardy, doing well in hot weather. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25

LOS ANGELES—The most talked of rose in America today. In color a luminous Flame Pink-toned Coral and shaded Gold with petals of great substance. This rose has and is now sent out budded on Multiflora and Manetti stock and has proven a great disappointment, not one in a dozen surviving. Generally all die back before active growth commences. We do not lose one in a hundred, as our stock is budded on Gloire de Rosamaine that never dies back. Try our Los Angeles. We have dozens of testimonials from customers stating that our Los Angeles was the first of that variety that ever did well with them. 2-year, \$1.25—3-year, \$1.50. (See cut above)

RADIANCE

LIEUT. CHAURE—This Rose can be called the Red Killarney. It is a robust grower, with free branching habit of growth. The Color is Crimson Lake, 2-year plants, \$1.00 each.

MADAME BUTTERFLY—A glorified Ophelia. This variety has rapidly taken pride of place in our rose gardens. The growth is exceptionally good and the flowers all open perfectly, even in wet weather. In color, we find Flesh, Cream, Salmon and Yellow. A dependable rose of great substance. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

MARY OF ILCHESTER—vigorous—(A Dickson & Sons 1909)—A new color in roses. A Watermelon Red. The blooms are of enormous size and the plant is a good grower. Its foliage is most attractive. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

MADAME EDOUARD HERRIOTT (P. Ducher 1913)—Also known as the Daily Mail Rose that was the talk of Europe a few years ago. Its color is unique in the extreme, described as "Coral Red, shaded with Yellow and bright Rosy Scarlet." A wonderful combination of hues. The plant is generally catalogued as a vigorous grower but we find its growth only moderate. A pleasing color when a strong grower, is not desired. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

MADAME LEON PAIN—Silvery Salmon with Orange Red center. Good size and well formed. One of the best garden roses. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

MADAME MELAINE SOUPERT—moderately vigorous—A Sunset Yellow, suffused with Crimson. Very long buds. If disbudded it often produces exhibition blooms. Best in a cool season; none too vigorous. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

MARGARET DICKSON HAMILL (A Dickson 1907)—New—An outstanding and magnificent rose. Color, Maize Straw with petals edged Carmine. Its globular blooms are produced in profusion on vigorous stems with leathery quaker-green foliage. Strong 1-year plants, 75 cents.

MISS CYNTHIA FORDE—H. Dickson 1909—Deep rosy Pink flowers, carried on long stems and are large and evenly formed, exceptionally free from mildew. It is as good a grower as Radiance and equally good as a show or garden rose. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25

- MISS LOLITA ARMOUR**—Howard & Smith 1920—Flowers are large and full with great substance and deliciously scented. As the blooms expand, they develop to a deep coral-red with a golden suffusion. The plant is a good grower and free flowering. Awarded the highest award at the International Rose Show in Paris. 2-year, \$1.50—3-year, \$1.75.
- MRS. AARON WARD**—Pernet Ducher 1907—Indian Yellow, washed Salmon Gold. Medium sized buds, mostly in trusses carried stiffly and lasting well. It is a moderate grower and a favorite with the ladies. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.
- MRS. AMBROSE RICARDO**—Vigorous—S. McGredy 1914—Honey Yellow to Primrose, shaded with Saffron. The flowers are of the largest size, quite double and freely produced. Equally good in show or garden. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.
- MRS. FRANKLIN DENNISON**—A Rose of surpassing beauty and elegance. Porcelain white, veiled primrose yellow, deepening to ochre at base of petals. The buds are long, pointed and the petals of enormous size. An excellent grower, deliciously perfumed. A Sterling Rose. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.
- MRS. HENRY MORSE**—new—This new Irish Rose has won several distinctions abroad. Mr. McGredy in first offering this novelty, stated that he never offered a new variety with greater pride. The flowers rising from a groundwork of soft Flesh-Cream, the whole flower has a clear sheen of bright Rose, washed Vermillion, which is really wonderful for depth, size and substance. The most pointed of all roses of its type. \$2.50 each.
- MRS. S. K. RINDGE**—Another new rose that has given general satisfaction the past seasons. It is free branching in growth, with dark green mildew-proof foliage. Its clear, rich chrome yellow flowers are carried on erect stems and are of good size, moderately full and freely produced. \$1.50 each—3-year, \$2.00.
- OPHELIA SUPREME**—Similar to Ophelia in habit of growth, differing only in color, which is more pronounced than its parent. A beautiful bedding rose of charm and distinction. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.
- OPHELIA**—Admittedly the best light colored rose that Wm. Paul & Sons, the English hybridists, ever sent out. A rose that is admired by everyone. Its flowers are held erect on long stiff stems and are of the most perfect form, good size and substance. Color a delicate tint of Salmon Flesh, shaded Rose. Very free flowering. Do not miss this variety. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.
- PHARISAER**—vigorous—(Henner 1903)—Exceptionally free flowering producing long buds which open into large double flowers of a Rosy White, shading to Soft Salmon. A good garden rose. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.
- QUEEN OF FRAGRANCE** (W. Paul & Sons)—This rose of recent creation won the Clay Challenge Cup at the National Rose Show in England. The color is Shell-Pink, tipped with Silver. The plant is free flowering. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.
- RADIANCE**—The rose that does grow and is always in bloom, even in the hottest weather. An ideal bedding rose of American origin that should be more greatly planted. The color is brilliant Carmine Pink with Yellow shadings, slightly by-color. A Sterling Rose. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.
- RED RADIANCE**—very vigorous—A counterpart of Radiance except in color. Possesses all the good traits of its parent. Color is a bright Cerise Red. This rose does well when others fail. Its habit of growth is branching and we find it to be the ideal Hybrid Tea. If I were to have but one red rose, it would be Red Radiance. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25. (see color plate, page 2)

WILLOWMERE

ROSE MARIE—(Dorner & Sons 1918)—A remarkable free flowering variety, producing large long ideal buds that are a joy to behold. They develop into full flowers of beautiful form and great substance. A most pleasing clear Rose Pink. In my garden the plant was at its best as a maiden. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

SOUV. GEORGES PERNET (P. Ducher 1922)—This new Rose is said to be a great bedder. Its globular flowers of Orient-Red open naturally. It is a good grower and free flowering. The habit of growth is ideal, and judging from its short period of cultivation, it appears to rank with the best. \$2.50 each.

SOUV. CLAUDIUS PERNET (new)—This new French Rose, Color a striking Sunflower Yellow, deeper in centre, without any color blending, and which is retained without fading in the warmest weather, has flowers large and pointed and beautifully formed. Foliage is a brilliant green. 2-year, \$2.50. Supply limited.

SOUV. de H. A. VERSCHUREN (new)—This new Holland Rose we are offering for the first time has all the earmarks of a perfect bedder, namely a good grower, full flowering and its ability to resist mildew and black spot. In color a two-tone Yellow that holds its color in the hottest weather. \$2.00 each.

WHITE KILLARNEY—Vigorous—(Waban Rose Co. 1909)—A true sport from the ever favorite Pink Killarney, with larger and more double flowers. Perpetual blooming (subject to mildew) Fine in Autumn. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

WILLOWMERE—If I were to have but one variety of roses in my garden, it would be Willowmere, first, last and all the time. The color is similar to Los Angeles. Its outstanding characteristics is the hardiness and free blooming propensities, it never being out of bloom. This rose is not good when budded on certain stocks but we have the stock to which it shows an affinity to do well upon. We have booked orders for several customers for whole beds of this variety after only trying a few plants the year previous. We cannot sell this rose singly, only with other roses. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25. (see opposite page.)

WM. F. DREER—Another new variety that has come to stay. The plant has a good habit of growth, producing blooms in great profusion. Color, a silvery pink, the base of the petals a rich golden yellow. Not unlike the color of some water lilies. 2-year, \$1.50 each—3-year, \$1.75 each.

Standard Rose Tree

THE STANDARD OR TREE ROSE—Have many possibilities for decorative purposes, especially along drives or in front of tall shrubbery. They are perfectly hardy when lifted in the autumn and laid down and covered with six inches of soil where water does not stand. Can supply only the ever-blooming varieties budded on Rugosa Stems, which are sold by color only in Flesh, Red, Copper and Pink. Not less than three sold to any one party when shipped by express. Sold singly when called for. **Price \$3.00 each.** (See cut above.)

OPHELIA (See Description on Page 11)

Hybrid Perpetuals Roses

The varieties listed below are unquestionably the cream of their class comprising a full range of color. These roses require less care than Hybrid Tea Roses and yield abundance of flowers in June with scattering flowers in the autumn months. They make a beautiful background for a bed of Hybrid Tea Roses and are strongly recommended for cold climates.

CANDEUR LYONAISE—The new Druschke. Similar in habit with the added distinction of producing larger blooms. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

FRAU KARL DRUSCHKE—The ideal white hardy rose. A strong grower and free flowering. Its only defect is that it has no fragrance. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

GEORGE ARENDS—Or Pink Frau Karl Druschke, possessing the same growth and free flowering tendencies of Druschke, with the added virtue of being deliciously scented. A Royal Rose and should be more generally planted. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

GEORGE DICKSON—This unique new rose named in honor of the senior member of the firm Alex Dickson & Sons, and claimed by the originator as their ideal of a perfect rose. Its velvety black crimson blooms gracefully reflex. It never blues or browns. Its only weak point is that it occasionally hangs its head. Sweetly scented. Plant it with Druschke and George Arends. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

H. V. MACHIN—We have grown this variety for several seasons and can highly recommend it as the ideal Scarlet Crimson Perpetual Rose. Its good foliage, rigid stems and fragrance are only a few of its outstanding qualities. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

H. V. MACHIN (Description on opposite page.).

LUDWIG MUELLER—Is described as the yellow Druschki. The plant is a strong grower, with buds and blooms well-formed, bright Amber Yellow passing to White with age. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

MAGNA CHARTA—Bright Pink, suffused Carmine, vigorous, one of the best. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

MRS. JOHN LAING—A beautiful soft Pink Rose of excellent form and habit. A very free flowering variety, deliciously scented and trustworthy. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

PAUL NEYRON—Dark Rose in color, of enormous size. Without doubt the largest of all. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

ULRICH BRUNNER—Bright Cherry Red. Flowers full and large. A dependable rose. 2-year, \$1.00—3-year, \$1.25.

Robert Evans Hughes:
Williamsville, New York.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Last March I ordered one dozen rose bushes from you and am happy to tell you that in all my thirty years of growing roses I have never seen a more beautiful, constant and thrifty rose bed.

Mrs. H. L. Inglehart, Elizabethtown, Ky.

Climbing Roses

These Roses are suitable for training over porches or other objects. They require little pruning which should be done immediately after flowering. Simply remove all black or dark canes by cutting them entirely away. This operation will encourage your roses to make new branches early in the season.

AMERICAN PILLAR—A single flowered variety bearing pink flowers in heavy trusses. It retains its foliage well into the fall and is very handsome.

CLIMBING AMERICAN BEAUTY—This new rose has lived well up to its reputation. Strong and vigorous growth with canes 10 to 15 feet in a single season. Its rosy crimson flowers on long stems are enhanced by its beautiful foliage, fragrant and fine for cutting

DOROTHY PERKINS—A most splendid variety of strong, rampant growth, together with its glossy foliage, makes it ideal for Pergola effect or arches. Its pink flowers come in clusters. Very hardy.

DR. VAN VLEET—Flesh pink on the outer surface deepening to rosy flesh. The flowers are very double and carried on good stiff stems. The blooms, when open, will measure 4 inches in diameter with high pointed center. Extra strong growing.

EXCELSA—THE RED DOROTHY—We have discarded the rose, Crimson Rambler, on account of its mildewing for the more meritorious variety. This new variety is not susceptible to mildew. Has an ideal habit of growth, throwing out canes that produce flowers in clusters of from 30 to 40, which are large for a climbing rose. The color is intense crimson maroon.

GARDENIA (Hybrid Wichuraiana)—The best strong growing yellow Rambler. Has beautiful glossy green foliage. Can strongly recommend this rose.

SILVER MOON—In this Rose we have an ideal habit of growth together with its bronze-green mildew-proof foliage. Its large flowers of ivory white with prominent yellow stamens are produced on long stems, ideal for cutting.

PAUL'S SCARLET CLIMBER—See cut and description on next page.

PAUL'S SCARLET CLIMBER

We were awarded the silver medal for our display of this rose at Toronto, for the best new climbing rose.

PAUL'S SCARLET CLIMBER—(New) We have imported many hundred novelties during the past twelve years from England and Ireland, but this new rose by far excels any climbing rose we have today. We were the first to exhibit this climbing rose at the exhibition of the Annual Rose Show of the Rose Society of Ontario held in the City of Toronto. The flowers we staged were open over two weeks, the color being as perfect as on the first day. This is the only rose in the world today that will not go off color. The plant in the garden immediately arrests attention. It has lovely **mildew-proof foliage**. The flowers are of medium size, semi-double, freely produced in clusters of from three to six flowers, each on much branched canes. The plant is literally covered with flowers from top to bottom. Was awarded the Gold Medal of the National Rose Society of England and the much coveted Gold Medal at Bagatelle Gardens, Paris. Fine for Pergola or Pillars and absolutely hardy.

Prices of Climbing Roses

Prices of Climbing Roses are 75 cents each, except Paul's Scarlet new, which are \$1.00 each. Extra Heavy Paul's Scarlet, \$1.25 each.

Miscellaneous Roses

CONRAD F. MEYER—Hybrid Rugosa. In this delightful Hybrid we have an iron clad strong growing rose not particular as to soil and one that is a good doer. Should be used as a specimen plant on your lawn, or as a hedge. Do not plant it near your Teas or Hybrid Teas, it is too strong growing. Its shell pink flowers often measuring four inches in diameter, are produced in abundance on long stems. Prune sparingly and very early. (See cut page 16.) \$1.00 each.

JULIET (Hybrid Briar)—Outside of petals, Old Gold, inside a rich Rosy Red, changing to deep Rose. Fragrant. Strong plants. \$1.00

NOVA ZEMBLA—A pure white sport of Conrad F. Meyer with large, full, fragrant flowers possessing the same habit of growth. Prune sparingly and very early. \$1.00 each.

PERSIAN YELLOW (Hybrid Briar)—The old-fashioned yellow rose. The blooms are medium-sized, deep and double. Prune this rose sparingly. \$1.00 each.

LAFAYETTE (new)—An entirely new break in the Baby Rambler type, with brilliant Crimson flowers as large as Paul's Scarlet Climber. An entrancing rose, either planted singly or enmassed. \$1.50 each.

ORLEANS—(Baby Rambler Type)—Large flowers of brilliant geranium-red, suffused rose as the flowers mature. The plant is never out of bloom. By all odds the best of its type. \$1.00 each.

HUGONIS—A vigorous growing bush, ideal for planting among shrubbery. Its single yellow blooms are carried on entire length of arching branches, forming a continuous band of color, blooming very early in the season. \$1.50 each.

Budded Vs. Own Root Roses

We at one time grew roses on their own roots but have long since discarded that method of propagation. We did not find the game worth the candle, when grown on their own roots the plants made poor growth, invariably winter killed even when protected. They required too much coddling. When budded, they make more growth in one season than own root roses do in three, come in flower sooner and produce finer and more blooms. Our budded stock is over twice as large as own root roses. I have as yet to see a really fine bed of Hybrid Tea Roses on their own roots.

In the Delaware Park Rose Gardens

In the Delaware Park our roses may be seen in all their beauty, blooming continuously until late autumn.

Rose lovers contemplating setting out a rose bed or rose garden may select the varieties that appeal to their liking with the assurance than only a reliable garden can be chosen.

Our Trial Grounds

Our trial Grounds contain about one hundred varieties comprising many new creations and they are at their best usually in June and September. Visitors are always welcome.

Prices in Quantity

Our two-year-old Roses, priced at \$1.00 each on preceding pages, are sold at \$90.00 per hundred. Fifty at the hundred rate.

Size of Our Two-Year-Old Plants

Our Hybrid Tea Roses when dug in fall average about two feet in height. The stronger growers about three feet. The Hybrid Perpetuals are much stronger in growth. Our two-year-old plants are larger than can be obtained anywhere else in the country and they weigh more for their size.

The Three-Year-Old Roses

THE THREE-YEAR-OLD PLANTS are the largest, strongest and hardest wooded to be obtained anywhere. Nowhere can such fine plants be obtained. Any one of these three year roses is as large as twenty-five one-year plants sent out by many firms. They will give your rose beds the appearance of an established garden within two months after planting.

Prices of Climbing Roses

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The Experiences of Others Should Be Yours

Mr. Robert E. Hughes:
Williamsville, New York.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Indeed I thank you for the quality of stock sent me, as the roots were the best and the plants the sturdiest of any I have ever seen, also the condition of the stock seemed very uniform throughout the whole shipment.

Yours truly,
W. W. Steele,
No. Canton, Ohio.

The Roses received from you did finely. My only mistake was in not ordering more. They stand head and shoulders (literally) over the alleged rose bushes usually sold. Will send in another order in January and have you select the best for our climate.

Sincerely,
Wm. G. Fleming,
154 Sydenham St., London, Ont.

My dear Mr. Hughes:

I am exceedingly pleased with Los Angeles and Willowmere on G. D. Rosamaine root. In fact, I do not have, in my 44 varieties, anything that is superior. You, no doubt, will be pleased to know that at our recent Rose Show, held in this city with 54 exhibitors, we were fortunate enough to win first prize on Los Angeles coming from you.

Very sincerely,
A. E. Warner,
Garrison Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Robert E. Hughes,
Williamsville, New York.

My dear Mr. Hughes—

The Hybrid Tea Roses which I ordered from you last spring were the very best I have ever received in a dormant state from any firm. They have grown splendidly all summer. I did not let them bloom until late this fall when the roses were as large and as fine as any I have had growing for several years in my rose garden.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth P. Martin.

(Mrs. J. Willis Martin, Honorary President
of the Garden Club of America)

Robert E. Hughes,
Williamsville, New York.

Dear Sir:

Having had several of my rose plants spring killed, tho not one of yours, I am writing you in hopes that you can fill this order. Last year was my first experience with your plants and they surprised me. Never saw anything grow and bloom as they did. They beat any rose sold by any grower in the East. I must have your roses.

P. L. Bush,

1812 Park Road, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Hillcrest Gardens, Weston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hughes:

Last Wednesday afternoon at a small meeting of some members of the Rose Society, I had the pleasure of telling the members that, attracted by the different catalogues, we ordered roses from many different growers and that we found yours the strongest that came.

Marian Ruby Case.

Pelham, N. Y., April, 1923.

Robert E. Hughes,
Williamsville, New York.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check, for which send me the following named roses. I bought Roses of five different people last season and yours are the best. You know the rose business.

Arthur C. Brady.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

The Roses came this morning in good shape. They are the finest I have ever seen and are equal to any three or four year stock of most growers. I have bought a great many plants from growers all over the country. I have had the finest rose garden before now, but the vigor and robustness of what you have sent me eclipses them all, and bears out your advertisement.

Yours truly,

W. D. Cramer,

Dept. of Biology.

Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Robert E. Hughes:

Williamsville, New York.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Thanks for your postcard instructions on rose protection. Please be sure to mail me your 1924 rose catalogue, if I am not already on your mailing list. Hope to send you another order for 1924.

In the spring of 1923, I purchased 25 two-year-old rose plants from you. This was my first order to you and was given as an experiment. To say I was delightfully surprised at the stock I received is expressing it very mildly. Your plants averaged twice as large as the average ones I have purchased in the past, and were ten times more vigorous. Every plant of the 25 grew vigorously all spring and summer, and hundreds of blooms were picked off them. Did not expect blooms from the climbers, but to my surprise, the two "Paul's Scarlet" produced about a dozen blooms each. For the first time in a number of years, I picked roses off a Dutchess of Wellington and Los Angeles bush. They always died before.

You evidently have the proper stock to grow roses in this climate, which is a hard one, as we have to contend with dirt and ore dust from the iron and steel mills, which has been unusually bad this summer. The soil is heavy with clay here. Not even a leaf died on any of your roses after they were planted. Shall deem it a pleasure to recommend your roses to my friends here.

Yours very truly,

Horace H. Lemon.
1710 Manor Avenue, McKeesport, Pa.

Rough Point, Newport, R. I.

I received the roses today and am well pleased with them. The plants are the finest I have ever had from any source, even those I formerly imported from Scotland.

William Gray.

(Gardener for the Late Princess Christopher of Greece)

Mr. Robert E. Hughes:

I beg your pardon for not acknowledging receipt of the Roses sooner, but a man that sends out such stock as you do hardly needs an acknowledgement. I want to say that they were the best I ever received. They are doing nicely and I thank you and will cheerfully recommend your stock.

Mrs. W. H. Reigner,

No. 3705 E Street, Spokane, Wash.

Union Trust Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Out of the fifty rose bushes which you sent me in the Spring, all but two are growing splendidly and most of them are blooming as well as rose plants that I have had in my garden two years. I think the Wellington Rose the best yellow rose I have ever seen.

Very truly yours,

Edward F. Colladay.

SPIREA VANHOUTII

A delightful shrub that invariably does well. Used extensively for verandah planting and for massing also as lawn specimens.

FOUNDATION OF EVERGREENS

Evergreens are becoming more and more popular and deservedly so, because they are stately as individuals and most impressive when massed

AUSTRIAN PINE — BLUE SPRUCE

What is more beautiful when used as a lawn specimen than the Blue Spruce or the Austrian Pine for larger grounds. We have a large stock of Koster Blue Spruce in specimens.

BARBERRY THUNBERGII

Used extensively for verandah planting or hedges, being hardy

The Description of Our Roses

The description of our roses is not handed down from the Hybridists who, in the hurry to put their creations on the market, frequently over-estimate the habit of growth and blooming propensities. Our descriptions are strictly as we find them, always stating defects when they exist.

Our Daughter, Gladys Harding Hughes,
picking Roses in October

Evergreens, Shrubs, Vines, Etc.

Siberian Peramidelis, American and Globe Arbor Vitae.
Austrian Pines, Blue Cedar
Juniper Pfitzeriana and Sabina.

We have a large stock of Kosters Blue Spruce, also
Japanese Yews, The Evergreen eternal.

ORNAMENTAL SHADE AND FRUIT TREES

HEDGING BARBERRY AND CAL. PRIVIT

PEONIES IN VARIETY

SHRUBS

A partial list includes the following:

Almond	Hydranges in variety
Althea in variety	Lilacs in variety
Aralia in variety	Jap Quince
Deutzia in variety	Spirea in variety
Dogwood in variety	Snowberry in variety
Forsythia in variety	Snowballs in variety
Honeysuckle in variety	Weigela in variety
Rhodotypus	

VINES IN VARIETY

Taxus Capitata

Our sheared specimens of *Taxus Capitata* are most
suitable for formal planting or as a background for lower-
growing evergreens.