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Some of Our Awards

SILVER CUP, Royal Horticulture Society
of London, England.

GOLD MEDAL, of Varese, Italy.

GOLD MEDAL, Massachusetts Horticulture
Society for advancement and culture
of the Gladiolus.

SWEEPSTAKES CUP, Newport, R. I.

GOLD MEDAL, Pan American Exposition,
and many others for culture and uses of this
most decorative flower.

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Stillwaters Gardens Gladioli

*"I placed it in the Earth
This bulb of mine,
And from its narrow prisonhouse of night
It struggled out to reach the air and light.
And as it rose and blossomed to the sight
Its absolute perfection seemed divine."
—Ascher.*

THE attributes of the Gladiolus are as nearly ideal as can be found. No flower is so valuable for garden and house, none are so lasting in garden border or when cut. Its sturdiness of beauty, its brilliancy, its matchless and endless color beauty make everything in its vicinity freshen into smiles.

Much of the garden joy lies in its color combinations, its masses of single color, its contrasts of two or many, in endless variety.

The color range of the modern Gladiolus embraces every color and shade in the floral kingdom. The sturdy growth, whether of the standard large flowering sorts or the orchid-like blooms of the *Primulinus* hybrids, all

give such unbounded joy in the home and garden that the grower marvels that such beauty crowns his efforts.

The varieties listed herein are the selection of the choicest from hundreds tested in our trial gardens, the productions of the best hybridizers of Europe and America. Tested for perfection of form, of color and growth, as well as productiveness.

Our selections are further based on the choice of varieties made by discriminating customers and visitors at exhibits during the blooming season. We do not presume to say what are the best six Gladioli, the best twelve or twenty-five. Good taste allows many colors in gardens, if well placed, and just as perfect taste might prohibit these same colors from other gardens.

Our descriptions are carefully made after comparison of the living petals with Ridgeway's charts and given to our customers in comprehensive English.

In the realm of the Gladiolus, antiques seem to have no place. Many of the so-called old-fashioned varieties have been relegated to the background by those whose only thought is the purely commercial value of a variety, and unless it is the largest, or the best shipper, the best color for florists' use, or capable of scoring the most points, it is not to be considered, or even grown.

Not many of us are concerned with or interested in the multitudinous rating points for Gladiolus now so popular with exhibition hobbyists, but we are intensely interested in placing before the layman in the Gladiolus world, a list of varieties, best in type, form and color, and in general usefulness for garden and home. These will, naturally, be prize winners if the purchaser is so interested.

Beautiful as are many of the newer varieties, none have, or ever will surpass the older sorts, as Mrs. Dr. Norton, Mrs. Pendleton, Baron Hulot, Panama, even old America, Mary Fennell, Halley, Harvard, all seldom

seen, but when some daring exhibitor places them in the limelight, they surpass the later introductions in popular acclaim.

Of those varieties which we may still call new, Rose Ash, Evelyn Kirtland, Crimson Glow, Golden Measure, Scarlet Wonder, Albania, than which there is no better white, Nancy Hanks, Osalin, Rosenel, Pythia, Desdemona have a place in the garden which will be permanent. Unfortunately, very many of the new varieties are not heard of in a year or two, and because of this, we champion those which endure.

Henry Ford, regal under artificial light, Jean de Tailles, queenly in its depth of rose beauty, Rosella, not new, but more popular than ever, Los Angeles, as lovely as the rose of the same name.

Peach Rose, Pink Lily and Krinkles, the Tyrian Trio, Catherine Coleman, an outstanding new variety of surpassing beauty. Fern Kyle and Dr. Elkins, fascinating whites, Sweet Brier and Sweet Lavender, all that their names imply for orchid daintiness. Tiffany and White Butterfly both like chaste, white butterflies poised on their stems.

Much attention is being given by hybridizers to the production of the small type of *Gladiolus* demanded for table and house decorations.

As with the Dahlia, the pendulum has swung toward the small type which appeals to those who are not clamoring for the greatest development in size.

We have always maintained there is virtue and beauty in small things, whether bulb or bloom, and these small things are in increasing demand. Such varieties as Svea, Tiffany, Peg o' My Heart, Rosemary, and those a little larger, Maidens Blush, Midsummers Dream, Dawson, and Scarletta are in this class and exquisite in their daintiness.

In the fertile valley of the Housatonic, soil conditions are remarkable. Production of

bulbs is not only simplified but there is an extraordinary yield. This year we are not using the expensive magazine mediums for advertising, but are depending upon our catalog and our satisfied customers as our best mediums. Hereby we are giving our customers the benefit in reduced prices for many of the outstanding varieties of both Gladioli and Dahlias. We invite your cooperation, asking that you tell your friends if Stillwaters bulbs have given you beauty and satisfaction in your garden.

The superiority of our bulbs are their best guarantee.

We are always glad to give suggestions for plantings of Gladiolus and for the annuals which grow so well with them.

We hope that Gladiolus and Dahlias from Stillwaters Gardens will continue to give beauty and pleasure in your garden, in your friend's garden, and in every garden into which these magnificent bulbous flowers have yet to be introduced.

B. HAMMOND TRACY.

Stillwaters Gardens

Large Flowering Varieties

Adriatic. A strange, but most effective mahogany red, with cream throat. Fine for bedding and for decoration. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Albania. Pure silver white, with edge of petals daintily ruffled. Faint pink markings on tips of petals. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

America. Too much cannot be said of this beautiful, dainty pink. The flowers are of immense size and of wax-like texture. 6 cts. each, 60 cts. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

American Beauty. Brilliant American Beauty rose with cream throat. Many flowers open at one time, on straight spike. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Amethyst. A remarkably strong, open flower of a deep amethyst color, slightly suffused rose. 50 cts. each, \$5.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Anna Eberius. Dark glowing rose purple, or rhodamine purple, deeper shading in the throat. Strong, upright stem, with well formed, open flowers. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Baron Joseph Hulot. One of the finest blue Gladiolus. A deep violet blue with well-opened flowers. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$10.00 per 100.

Bengal Tiger. Queer shade of red, marked with smoky blue. Truly named and most unusual. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Blue Jay. A light, grayish blue with darker blue markings and having a red stripe on the lower petals—a distinctive variety. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Byron L. Smith. A magnificent flower of pale hortense violet, cream throat. 20c. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Captain Boynton. Tall spike of light lavender with purple blotch. Open flowers on long stem. Very popular. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Carmen Sylva. Snow white, throat slightly penciled lilac. 15 cts. each, \$1.25 per doz., \$7.50 per 100.

Catherine Coleman. La France pink, overlaid geranium pink, with darker shadings in the throat. One of the most attractive varieties. 75 cts. each, \$7.50 per doz.

Chateau Thierry. Brilliant cerise rose with cream throat markings. Well-opened flowers and many open at one time. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Conspicuous. Beautiful gray blue, with darker throat markings and a fine penciling of yellow. Very attractive. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Crimson Glow. By far the most beautiful red Gladiolus yet on the market. A perfect scarlet of a deep tone. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Dawn (Tracy's). The most beautiful coral pink Gladiolus ever offered. A long, graceful spike of magnificently formed flowers all open at one time. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Daybreak. A charming light pink, with blazed, white throat. Magnificent, orchid-like variety; dwarf habit. 30 cts. each, \$3.00 per doz., \$22.00 per 100.

Desdemona. Immense flowers of ashen rose, striped violet. Dark red blotch, edged cream. A very attractive variety. 50 cts. each. \$5.00 per doz., \$40.00 per 100.

Dr. Elkins. A distinct flower of white, tinted pink, with beautiful markings of lilac blue. A favorite at all exhibits. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Duchess of York. Deep mulberry purple, free from any cerise tint. Fine, long spike of blooms. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Early Sunrise. Reddish salmon with feathery white markings, very early. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

E. J. Shaylor. Clear deep rose, large blooms on strong spike. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Elizabeth Tabor. Rose pink, of a very delicate shade, suffused on a pink ground, with a warm carmine blotch on the lower petals, diamond tipped with yellow. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Evelyn Kirtland. Charming rose pink blooms, very long stalk. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Evelyn Kirtland

Fairfax. Fuschia purple with lighter throat. A good color for gardens and for cutting. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Fern Kyle. A beautiful variety, soft creamy white with amaranth markings in throat. Upright spike of wide open flowers. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Freda. Soft geranium pink, shading lighter, with cream throat. Strong spike and a fine variety for every use. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Gold. A pure yellow variety. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Golden Measure. Tall, vigorous spike with many large, pure yellow flowers open at a time. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Halley. Most attractive early blooming sort, large, well-opened flowers of delicate salmon pink. 6 cts. each, 60 cts. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.

Harvard. A perfect "Harvard" crimson in color. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Henry Ford. One of the clearest of dark Fuchsia purples. A self-color and most effective under artificial light where it glows with intense color. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Herada. Pure mauve with deeper markings in throat. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.50 per 100.

Immensity. Exceptionally fine blooms of brilliant rose orange. Of best form and color. 40 cts. each, \$4.00 per doz., \$35.00 per 100.

Independence. A brilliant begonia pink, with richly marked throat. 6 cts. each, 60 cts. per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Jack London. Salmon with rose reflex. Wine red feathers on lower petals. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Jean de Tailles. A Lemoine introduction of distinct charm. Pure deep begonia rose, flushed nopal red, with maroon rose blotch. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Kitty Gruellman. Luscious wide open flowers of clear salmon, flecked rose. Long, slender spike of beautiful flowers. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Kirchoff's Violet. A most satisfying deep blue purple with flowers larger than the very popular Baron Hulot. 35 cts. each, \$3.50 per doz., \$30.00 per 100.

Krinkles. Intensely ruffled, light tyrian rose pink. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$22.50 per 100.

Le Marechal Foch. Very large, heavily ruffled, salmon pink, stem tall, stout, straight. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$8.00 per 100.

L'Immaculee. A truly wonderful spike of pure white flowers, with great keeping qualities. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$10.00 per 100.

Los Angeles. Clear shrimp pink with deeper throat. A prolific bloomer and a most excellent variety. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Louise. Exquisite shade of light lavender, darker throat. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$20.00 per 100.

- Loveliness.** This variety produces flowers of distinction and beauty. Color a clear, cream tinted, safrano pink. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.
- Mary Fennell.** One of the patricians of the garden. Beautiful, light lavender flowers on a tall, slender spike, lower petals penciled with primrose yellow. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.
- Mona Lisa.** Pale light pink, suffused silver. Flowers of magnificent form and color. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$8.00 per 100.
- Mrs. Dr. Norton.** A pure soft white with tips of petals suffused La France pink. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.
- Mrs. Francis King (The Original).** A most beautiful "Besnard shade" flame pink. A magnificent variety. 6 cts. each, 60 cts. per doz., \$4.00 per 100.
- Mrs. Frank Pendleton.** A spectacular variety, producing large, well-expanded flowers, light pink, heavily blotched with blood-red in throat. 10 cts. each, 75 cts. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.
- Mrs. Frederick Peters.** Beautiful shade of rose-lilac, crimson blotch, bordered white on lower petals. Very choice. 30 cts. each, \$3.00 per doz., \$22.00 per 100.
- Mrs. Leon Douglas.** Large flowered salmon rose, lightly flaked scarlet. Throat lemon, speckled ruby. Strong and robust. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.
- Mrs. Watt.** Glowing American Beauty shade, self-color, well opened flower. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.
- Muriel.** Most attractive blue lavender, slightly darker tips and throat. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.
- Mystic.** Soft cherry rose, effective white lines in throat. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.
- Nancy Hanks.** A new California offering. Beautiful flowers of soft yellow, overlaid peach salmon. Very fine open flowers on graceful spike. 35 cts. each, \$3.50 per doz., \$30.00 per 100.
- Niagara.** A light crocus yellow, throat shaded deeper. Large, open flowers on a strong spike. For color, texture and keeping qualities this Gladiolus is one of the very best. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.
- Nora.** Beautiful lavender blue, with darker spot on lower petals. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.
- Odin.** Exquisite deep salmon rose, suffused orange with broad red spear on lower petals. Very large flowers and early. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Orchid Lady. A very beautiful shade of orchid lavender, slightly deeper than that of a Cattleya Orchid. Delicate in its tone, with a silvery sheen. There are absolutely no lines; deep in the throat a touch of cream that adds to its beauty. The flowers are very large. \$1.00 each, \$10.00 per doz.

Osalin. Soft salmon rose, suffused salmon. Magnificent flowers of a most unusual coloring. 35 cts. each, \$3.50 per doz., \$30.00 per 100.

Panama. A perfect hermosa pink in color with large, wide open, wax-like flowers. 10 cts. each, 75 cts. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Peace. A grand white flower, very large, with pale violet feathering on interior petals; flowers correctly placed on a tall, graceful spike. Plant early as it blooms late. 10 cts. each, 75 cts. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Peach Rose. Well named. Beautiful flowers of deep tyrian rose, with deeper throat. Peach Rose, Pink Lily and Krinkles make a wonderful tyrian trio. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$22.50 per 100.

Peacock. Good steel blue flowers with crimson marks in throat. Fine for the blue garden. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Pearl of California. Large blossoms of soft La France pink, blending to a rose throat. A sensational Californian variety. \$2.50 each \$25.00 per doz.

Pink Lily. Beautifully ruffled, deep rose pink. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Pink Perfection. True La France pink. The soft coloring and magnificent texture of the flowers make it one of the choicest varieties. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Pink Wonder. The sensational new pink Gladiolus, in color a shade lighter than Panama, base of petals light corn yellow, feathered rose. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per 100, \$7.00 per 100.

Primrose Beauty. Strong, but willowy spike of corn yellow blooms, a variety well worth growing for its fine coloring. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$8.50 per 100.

Prince of India. A dull old rose, suffused and streaked with purple, with wide open flowers, many open at one time. A unique and attractive variety, well worth trying. 50 cts. each, \$5.00 per doz., \$40.00 per 100.

Prince of Wales. A clear grenadine pink or deep buff, with throat markings of a deeper tone. A long, graceful spike. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Princeps. Known as the thousand dollar flower. Brilliant scarlet crimson, carrying mostly three white blotches on lower petals. 20c. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Purple Glory. Ruffled flowers of deep velvety purple. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Pythia. Magnificent rose blooms of great substance. While Crimson Glow leads the list of glowing dark reds, Pythia is supreme in deep rose-red Gladiolus. 30 cts. each, \$3.00 per doz., \$25.00 per 100.

Remembrance. Deep rose pink, flowers of great substance, with purple blotch in throat. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Rev. Ewbank. A beautiful light porcelain-blue. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Romance. Deep rose red with all petals edged steel blue. A very distinct and beautiful variety. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Rose Ash. Ashes of Roses. A variety which has attracted much attention. Very large flowers. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Rosella. A pure cerise rose with no purplish tints and the intense color well balanced by a soft cream throat. Attracts instant attention. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Rosemary. Soft white, literally covered with hair-lines of lavender rose. A very dainty variety, quite unlike any other Gladiolus. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$22.50 per 100.

Rosenel. One of the most beautiful wine-red Gladiolus, with cherry tints. Glowing in the depth and richness of color. 50 cts. each, \$5.00 per doz., \$40.00 per 100.

Rose Precose. Long spike of salmon rose blossoms with deeper shadings. A very pleasing addition to the list of salmon pink Gladiolus. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Saraband. Peculiar but attractive coloring. Rose brown, with cream markings in throat. Very large flowers and long spike. 35 cts. each, \$3.50 per doz., \$30.00 per 100.

Scarsdale. An old, reliable variety of rosy mauve coloring. 10 cts. each, 75 cts. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Scarlet Princeps. Six or more massive Princeps-like blooms open at a time. Throat a little deeper. Blooms set close. An extraordinary distinct and massive spike. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$10.00 per 100.

Princeps. (See page 13.)

Scarlet Wonder. Large, brilliant velvety dark scarlet blooms, many open at one time. A glowing subject for garden planting. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$22.50 per 100.

Schwaben. Clear citron yellow, carmine stripe. 10 cts. each, 75 cts. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Sheila. Delicate pink, with salmon tints; very graceful spike. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Sidney Plummer. Charming soft yellow with amber throat markings and stripe of iris purple. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$22.00 per 100.

Spotlight. Soft, flesh tinted cream color, large, open flowers with pomegranate purple blotch. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Sweet Brier. Very charming delicate shell pink, throat stippled with faint carmine. A superb Gladiolus, and most effective with yellow and lavender varieties. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$22.00 per 100.

Sweet Lavender. A lovely combination of light lavender and pink, blending into a creamy throat. Most attractive variety. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Tacoma. A new Gladiolus of great charm; long, sturdy spike of light geranium pink blooms overlaid with silver, tips darker. Many blooms at one time. \$1.50 each, \$10.00 per doz.

Tiger. Well named, tawny mahogany with purple tints, but not a smoky coloring. Long spike of very unusual blooms. \$1.00 each, \$10.00 per doz.

Wanita. One of the finest of recent introductions. Very large, luscious blooms of soft La France pink, overcast with beautiful lavender sheen, tips darker. Immense spike of many open flowers. \$2.00 each, \$20.00 per doz.

White Glory. A very striking variety, tall and showy. Color a clear cream white with dark Iris-blue tongue on lower petals. In appearance, it is like an Iris. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

White Wonder. A superb Lily-like flower of pure white, without markings. Splendid for forcing and fine for the garden. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Wilbrinck. This variety has everything to recommend it. Immense blooms of a delightful flesh pink, on a graceful spike. An early and profuse bloomer. A few spikes make a splendid decoration. 10 cts. each, 75 cts. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Yellow Prince. A choice addition to the yellow Gladiolus. A clear pinard yellow with flowers well placed on a willowy stalk. Fine in combination with all lavenders. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Any of the named varieties—25 at the 100 rate

Primulinus Hybrids

Our Hobby

THE NEW ORCHID GLADIOLUS

*"Pearl glint, shell tint, perfectest, ancientest hues,
Ever shaming the maidens."*

The new race, the Primulinus Hybrids, about which so much is written, is truly the coming Gladiolus. Exquisite shades of all colors from terra cotta, through bronze, copper, rose, pink, saffron, apricot, buff, a few lavenders, and down the color scale to white. Their beauty is hard to describe, but to see them is to want them, not by the bulb, but by the hundred. Smaller than the other types of Gladiolus, the daintiness of form and arrangement on the spikes, add to their decorative value. We have as a basis for our unqualified praise for the Primulinus Hybrids, the fact that almost every order for flowers or bulbs includes them. They are equally desirable for forcing.

From the mixtures of Primulinus Hybrids, one may select a vase of yellow, rose, apricot, orange or bronze blooms, but for those who are interested in a collection of named sorts, we are offering a selection which includes the best, among which will be found some colorings not in the mixtures.

The delicacy of coloring and the throat markings in all of these give each one an individual fascination, which words and phrases fail to describe.

Primulinus Hybrids

Named Varieties

OF PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS

Alabaster. Delicate flowers of snow white, tints of yellow in throat. \$1.00 each, \$10.00 per doz.

Alice Tiplady. The queen of the Primulinus type. A soft, coppery bronze. In color, texture and contour, nothing surpasses this variety. 10 cts. each, 75 cts. per doz., \$5.00 per 100.

Altair. Magnificent blooms of salmon saffron. One of the choicest. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Butterboy. Pure buttercup yellow of perfect form. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Butterfly. Salmon pink, tinted yellow, ruffled edge. A very exquisite flower. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Dawson. Purest lemon yellow blooms of perfect form. Exceptional variety. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Dorothy Wheeler. Beautiful delicate rose pink, long slender spike of open flowers. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

E. B. Williamson. A light mallow pink or tyrian purple. Dainty orchid-like blooms on slender stem. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$20.00 per 100.

Ethelyn. Soft, sulphur yellow, flushed orange; very graceful. 30 cts. each, \$3.00 per doz., \$25.00 per 100.

Firefly. Brilliant scarlet, small flowered Primulinus Hybrid, poised like a butterfly on a willowy stem. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Gladness. Delicate blooms of perfect form and of clear lavender coloring, with darker spot on lower petals. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Gold Drop. An extra large pure deep yellow, with beautiful red line on petals. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Golden Butterfly. A magnificent, long-petaled flower of purest yellow on long spike. A notable addition to the yellow Gladiolus, for the discriminating flower lover. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Jasper Rose (Novelty). Most unusual shade of Jasper red, tinted rose. \$3.00 each, \$35.00 per doz.

Jewel. A splendid combination of apricot and yellow. Not a hooded Prim., and a very attractive variety. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Myra. Large blooms of soft rose salmon with yellow tints. Fine, graceful stem. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Maidens Blush. Enchantress pink flowers of finest form, on stiff, slender stalk. Quite the most beautiful pink variety. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Midsummer Dream. Splendid, deep geranium rose flowers on a very graceful spike. Especially fine for home use. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$20.00 per 100.

Ming Toy. Deep buff yellow, large flowers of finest form. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Nightingale. An improved Maidens Blush; long, pointed petals on slender stem. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Orange Queen. Gorgeous, but unusual combination of apricot and orange; a color not found in other Gladiolus. Outstanding in every exhibit. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Peg o'My Heart (Dr. Hall). The best lavender Primulinus. Charming, pale blue-violet, clear coloring with delicate, cream throat. \$2.00 each, \$20.00 per doz.

Primulinus. A rare species from Victoria Falls, South Africa. Small flowers of a primrose yellow. Fine in the border with perennials. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Primunella. Wide open butterfly blooms of softest rose pink, with clear cream throat, no markings. One of the best. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

Salmon Beauty. Shrimp pink, suffused peach rose, with delicate yellow throat. Very fine. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Salmon Buff. Perfectly named. Yellow tints in the throat accentuate the salmon self-color of the blooms. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$10.00 per 100.

Scarletta. Soft red rose; a most unusual coloring. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Souvenir. Deep clear yellow; finest of its shade in this type. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100.

Svea. Quite the daintiest light pink Gladiolus, faintly marked with deeper pink. Like a pink butterfly poised on a graceful stem. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz., \$15.00 per 100.

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The incomparable coloring found only in the Primulinus type of Gladiolus and their long continued use in the gardens and homes of the discriminating flower lover, have placed this type in the front ranks of artistic garden flowers. They are given first consideration in both garden and home, are now on sale in the best flower shops, and in exhibitions, classes for this type are extremely well filled.

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No orders for these mixtures taken for less than 25 bulbs; 25 at the 100 rate, 250 at the 1000 rate.

Cultural Directions

"Spend as much time as you can in God's out of doors."—Van Dyke.

The Gladiolus is a flower of easy culture and does well in any soil, but should be planted in full exposure to the sun. They will do well planted in the hardy borders or in front of shrubbery. Many of the best varieties produce small bulbs, and in buying a mixture you will find it much better when the size of the bulbs varies to a considerable degree. In buying bulbs, do not always select the largest bulbs. You lose the cream of the stock offered. Many of the choicest varieties do not produce large bulbs; the large bulbs may prove to be "blind," past blooming age. Size is not virtue, but it is essential that the bulbs should be of blooming age, fully developed and healthy, rather than large and overgrown, punky and soft.

It must also be remembered that one who makes a specialty of producing can naturally give greater satisfaction to customers.

Soil should be well prepared in the early Spring, with a good coating of agricultural lime and bonemeal thoroughly worked into the soil, but fresh stable manure should be used only where the ground may be manured the previous Fall and well worked over in the Spring before planting.

The various ways in which Gladiolus can be planted make it one of the most showy and attractive garden flowers. Planted in round, oblong, or square beds, planting bulbs from 4 to 6 inches apart, so that they may be weeded and hand-hoed, they

will give a wealth of color not equaled by any other flower.

Plantings for cut flowers should be made in rows 18 inches apart, with bulbs 3 inches apart in the row, covering from 4 to 6 inches, according to the size of the bulbs; press the earth firmly around each bulb. Care should be taken to plant the bulbs right side up, and deep enough so that the new bulb, which forms on top, will not be pushed too near the surface. For succession of bloom, plant from the time the ground can be worked until July 1.

After the spike begins to show, all weeds should be removed, and if the soil is kept thoroughly worked, watering will hardly be necessary; they are great drinkers, however and respond quickly to water. Always water after sundown.

There is no finer garden flower, but the finest specimens are shown if the spike is cut when the first bud opens and allowed to develop in the house; every bud on stalk will open and the richest colorings result; this is also a benefit to the bulb. The flower-loving public must be educated to a willingness to cut the spikes when they have bloomed a little while in the garden, then to finish their development in the house. Nothing is more unsightly than a mass of ragged, betasseled *Gladiolus*, when it is so easy to pick off the withered blooms.

In cutting the flower spikes, it is ruinous to cut the stalk where the flowers end. There must be some foliage to lend grace. Cut the spikes so as to leave two or three leaves on your bulb root, thus giving you a flower

spike sometimes nearly 4 feet long, leaving plenty of strength for the bulb, and beauty for the decoration.

In shipping cut blooms of the *Gladiolus*, it is absolutely essential that they be shipped dry, after standing for a while in water.

A great many varieties do extremely well under glass, and anyone having a greenhouse should by all means force some *Gladiolus*, planting about January first, allowing from 12 to 13 weeks from planting to blooming time, with a temperature of about 55 degrees, or in Carnation beds.

The illustration shows the bulb as it looks when you dig it. The bulb you planted in the Spring dies away and the new one forms on top, so that it is nearer the surface than the original planting.

Bulbs should be dug as soon as the foliage turns brown or is cut down by frosts; cut stalks close to the bulbs. If possible, allow to cure in the sun or in a cool, dry place, then, removing old corm, store in trays or baskets, in a temperature as near 40 degrees Fahrenheit as possible.

The Modern Dahlia

*"Soul, couldst thou bare thy breast,
As yon red dahlia dares the day,
All clean, and large and calm,
With velvet rest?"*

The Dahlia is so decidedly the flower in the limelight just now that we hesitate to say that it needs any special encouragement.

We note the interest in blooms of moderate size, and the growing realization that often the greatest merit the monstrous productions have is price. Everyone admires strength in plants and flowers, but few find any great joy in the enormous blooms which have seemed to be the mark of perfection at most of the exhibits in recent years. The flower that professional or novice may grow to perfection is the flower in greatest demand.

Also of interest is the renewed demand for the old-fashioned ball or show Dahlia, and the keeping qualities of the old favorites are a telling factor in their return to popularity. They give fine blossoms, in most beautiful colorings, are borne on stems which need no support, and have vitality enough to stand up more than a day. Our selection of Show Dahlias embraces the best of the old and the new varieties.

We have always found great possibilities, both for the garden and the home, in the artistic Single Dahlias, and the dainty Pompons.

We are listing fewer varieties, but these are the choicest and all free bloomers. Our prices are greatly reduced, and we are pleased to offer to our customers, some unusual collections, made up of the finest varieties, a value far in excess of the price asked. We plan to give our customers the same careful attention to all orders as in previous years, and the soil in our new location is so exceptional for bulb culture that we are in a position to send out even better bulbs.

We would appreciate your address and those of any interested friends.

Cactus Dahlias

Each

Amber Glow. Very large, yellow shaded orange.....	\$0.50
California Enchantress. Soft pink; splendid form on long, stiff stems.....	.50
Claire Kulp. The color is the richest cardinal, shaded garnet, with just enough yellow at the base of the petal to set off the red most effectively.....	.50
Countess of Lonsdale. Yellow, suffused salmon red, overlaid lavender.....	.50
Country Girl. Yellow suffused golden amber, edged golden brown.....	.25
Dr. I. N. Beegle. Strong, vigorous grower. Beautiful white flowers on rigid stems.....	1.00
Dr. Tevis. Salmon rose, suffused gold..... (3 for 90 cts.)	.35
Edith Carter. Soft yellow, heavily tipped bright rosy crimson. Fine form and free flowering. Unusually lovely variety..... (3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Effective. Primrose, heavily suffused amber long, slender stems, and a profuse bloomer.. (3 for 65 cts.)	.25
F. M. Burdick. Deep salmon, shaded bronze.	.50
Geo. Walters. Flowers of immense size. Color a rich, coppery old gold, tinting to buff at the center.....(3 for \$1.25)	.50
Isabella Street. Bright yellow heavily suffused rose red, reflex pink.....	.75
Jean Chazot. Golden bronze with Nasturtium red suffusion; a vigorous grower and profuse bloomer.....	.50
Kroesus. Fine pure white.....	.35
Latona. Beautiful buff yellow with lavender reflex. Profuse bloomer.....	.50
Marjorie Castleton. Beautiful, clear, shell pink of exquisite shade.....	.35
Mary Dorr. Deep tyrian rose and white, long twisted petals.....	.50
Melody. Large yellow, tipped white. Narrow incurved petals.....	.35
Mephistopheles. Rich, deep carmine red, tipped yellow, borne on erect, stiff stems..	.75
Mrs. Edna Spencer. Silvery lilac shaded to bright orchid pink. Exceptionally fine....	.50
Mrs. S. L. Austin. Pure white, of fine form..	.75
Mother. Superb white, full-petaled, held upright on stiff stems.....	1.00

- Pierrot.** Immense size with very long, incurved petals; deep amber, distinctly tipped white, sometimes solid amber.....\$0.35
- Queen of Hearts.** A beautiful, pure white with yellow at base of petals, making it a most lovely and effective flower..... .25
- Rosalie Styles.** Very beautiful tyrian pink, tipped lighter, reflex pink. Superb variety.. .75
- Rube Girl.** A remarkable bronzy or "Autumn shade," soft yellow, suffused, overlaid and tipped coral red. Effective under artificial light.....(3 for 65 cts.) .25
- Thomas Challis.** Fine rust orange, incurved petals..... .50

Pierrot

Pompon Dahlias

Pompon Dahlias

All Pompons very useful as cut flowers.		Each
Aimee.	Dainty rust orange, tinted yellow...	\$0.25
Amber Queen.	Rich clear amber, shaded apricot.....	.25
Belle of Springfield.	The smallest Dahlia. Soft rosy red.....	.50
Bobby.	Plum color.....	.20
Elizabeth.	Golden yellow, edged mahogany.	.25
Glow.	Coral.....	.35
Gretchen Hein.	White, tipped rose.....	.25
Gipsy.	Peach pink and yellow.....	.35
Joe Fette.	Smallest white.....	.35
Kleine Domitea.	Orange-buff.....	.25
Little Jewel.	Pink; one of the best.....	.50
Madeline.	Primrose, edged purple.....	.25
Mary Clift.	American Beauty.....	.25
Neatness.	Light salmon.....	.35
Nerissa.	Soft rose pink.....	.35
Rosea.	Delicate rose pink, tinted deeper rose.	.20
Snowclad.	Best white.....	.25

Decorative Dahlias

	Each
Alexander Waldie. Creamy ground, overlaid with delicate salmon pink. Splendid form with good stems.....	\$0.50
Canada. Glistening white, large flowers of sturdy growth.....	.25
Deelighted. Fine pure white.....	.25
F. A. Walker. Profuse bloomer. Lavender rose.....	.25
Gladys Peacock. Very large flower. Lemon-yellow, reflex rose.....	1.00
Helen Rankin. Very large blooms of bright tyrian rose cerise.....	.75
Hortulanus Fiet. Rose pink, tinted old gold.....	.50
Indian Neck. Very fine, large flower, color cameo-pink, striped pomegranate purple..	1.50
Insulinde. Quite the best of the yellow sorts. Rich deep gold with copper tints.....	.50
Jack Rose. The same shade as the Rose....	.20
Katherine Wilcox. Large flower cream white, flecked and suffused rose. A splendid cut flower.....(3 for \$2.00)	.75
Kittie Dunlap. A very free blooming, fine form Dahlia of American Beauty Rose....	.75
Leo Niessen. The color is a brilliant cardinal red with a glistening sheen. The plant is a strong, vigorous, sturdy, upright grower...	2.00
Maud Adams. White, tinted lavender. One of the best.....(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Mina Burgle. One of the best. Brilliant crimson.....(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
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Mrs. Hartong. Fine bronze, pink tip.....(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Mrs. I. de Ver Warner. This wonderful variety is a universal favorite. Color a clear bright lilac rose.....(3 for \$2.00)	.75
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Patrick O'Mara. Soft orange buff, slightly tinged with rose. The broad, flat petals twist and curl making an artistic flower...	.50
Purity. Large flower of perfect form. Pure glistening white.....(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Southport Pride. Primrose yellow, tinted lavender.....	1.00
Sweetheart's Bouquet. Clear salmon rose, profuse bloomer.....	.50
Tryphinne. Glowing shell pink, lighter at tips.....	.75

12 Decoratives, our selection, \$3.00

Single Dahlias

Large Single Dahlias Each

Ami Nonin. Shaded old rose... (3 for 90 cts.)	\$0.35
Autumn Century. Splendid combination Autumn colors..... (3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Baron Rothschild. Deep carmine rose.... (3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Barton. Large, dark rust red, of a charming shade..... (3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Cloth of Gold. Golden yellow.....	.25
Cream Century. Creamy white. (3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Dauntless. Silvery pink, tinted rose.....	.35
Evelyn Century. Cerise pink with white markings; very delicate..... (3 for 50 cts.)	.20

Golden Century. Fine, clear yellow.....	
(3 for 65 cts.)	\$0.25
Hazel Heiter. A high colored single, a fine combination of pink, crimson and maroon..	
(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
James Weller. Rich golden yellow, with one-third of each petal overlaid soft rosy red..	
(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Josephine. Large, pure white, free bloomer, stiff stems; very fine.....	
(3 for 90 cts.)	.35
Margaret Perkins. Pure white, with about half of each petal tipped with bright cerise pink.....	
(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Marley. Clear, light canary yellow.....	
(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Mrs. Creery. Very large, bright yellow, on fine stems.....	
(3 for 90 cts.)	.35
Mrs. Lucas. Beautiful rose pink, suffused with gold.....	
(3 for 90 cts.)	.35
Nipinitic. The best red. Large petals on long stems.....	
(3 for 90 cts.)	.35
Opalescent. Deep pink, overlaid silver.....	
(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Prosperity. Pink and rose-purple.....	
(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Purity. This newest and best pure white century.....	
(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Queen Wilhelmina. Duplex. Pure white. A favorite.....	
(3 for 50 cts.)	.20
Rantendelin. Pure white; each petal has a narrow margin of deep crimson.....	
(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Red Century. A free bloomer, red; of fine form.....	
(3 for 50 cts.)	.20
Rose Pink Century. Beautiful rose-pink flowers; very popular.....	
(3 for 50 cts.)	.20
Siren. Crushed strawberry and crimson.....	
(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Souvenir de Paris. Pure white with long and rather narrow petals.....	
(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
St. George. Clear canary yellow.....	
(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Tango Century. Deep orange, overlaid gold and scarlet.....	
(3 for 90 cts.)	.35
The Queen. Pure white Collarette with white collar.....	
(3 for 90 cts.)	.35
Therise. Rose and white.....	
(3 for 65 cts.)	.25
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Show Dahlia

Show Dahlias

Old-fashioned, full head blooms. Useful for hedges or borders, and for cutting. Each

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American Beauty. Gorgeous wine crimson..	.35
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Elsie Burgess. Fine clear white, heavily overlaid amethyst.....	.25
Emily May. An orange yellow sport of "Red Hussar".....	.20
Golden Opportunity. Very large; color a rich buttercup yellow, with orange buff suffusion.....	.50
Ivanhoe. White and pinkish lavender.....	.25
Purple Queen. Deep purple... (3 for 50 cts.)	.20
Queen Victoria. Rich golden yellow.....	
(3 for 50 cts.)	.20
Rosebud. Pink, heavily tipped rosy carmine.	.35
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Stradella. Rich, rosy purple... (3 for 65 cts.)	.25
Striped Banner. Cream, heavily tipped red.	
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Sylvia. White, tinted rose..... (3 for 50 cts.)	.20
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One each of Show Dahlias, \$2.75

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10 Show Dahlias, our selection.....	1.00
Postage.....	.10

Cultural Hints

Dahlias prefer a light, sandy soil, although it may be truthfully said that they do well almost anywhere.

Soil that is too heavy should be treated with coal ashes, wood ashes or lime, to lighten it.

Too much fertilizer produces leaf and stalk, and inferior flowers.

Cultivation and watering are of prime importance, especially cultivation until the plants are well up, then care should be taken not to disturb the small rootlets.

Plant any time from May 1st to late June, according to locality and danger of frosts.

Under ordinary conditions, they will bloom in from 6 to 8 weeks.

Do not plant too early. Wait until the tubers begin to sprout and then you can tell right where to divide the clump in order to get single plant stalks. These are necessary for the best bloom.

Plant the bulb flat, never on end, sprout end up in trenches or in holes from 6 to 8 inches deep.

Not all varieties make large bulbs and in the majority of cases a small bulb will give as good and sometimes better results than larger bulbs.

To those who have had trouble with stunted plants, caused by the cinch bug, we advise spraying with arsenate of lead, using much the same solution as used for fruit trees. Spray when plants are from 1½ to 2 feet high.

Harvest Dahlia bulbs soon after frosts have blackened the foliage. Cut off stalks and allow to dry not longer than two hours out of doors. Shake off loose soil and store in boxes or barrels, putting stalk end of clump down.

Do not store in sawdust or other substance. Some of the varieties which make very small tubers may be stored in dry sand, and kept in a dry place to prevent shriveling. Cover boxes with paper to exclude the air as much as possible.

Keep in temperature above freezing.

Hot Water Treatment for Flowers

"Pick your Dahlias in the gloaming
And pick them with two pitchers at your side
Plunge the stems in water boiling
And then in water cold as Arctic's tide.
Then place the brimming jars,
Out 'neath the laughing stars,
Till crimson morn unbars
The East, to let the daylight pass.
And thus—you'll find your Dahlias last a week!
But take them in while dew is on the grass."

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