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Plants for Rock Gardens

GARDENING IN A MODERN DRESS

HOME-GROUNDS in 1931 will have rock-gardens. The old-time "rockery" has disappeared—or, rather, it has put on modern dress and become one of the most interesting points in small grounds, estates, public parks, and similar places.

Modern rock-gardens are easily constructed, and at once become a permanent part of the garden. Planting or replanting becomes a pleasure, because of the novelty of tucking the little plants in the crevices; cultivation is so slight that it may be overlooked entirely. So we insist that rock-gardening is a most interesting form of gardening for all.

If you are planning a rock-garden you will at once recognize the opportunity presented in

this folder to secure valuable plants. If you have a rock-garden now, you will discover plants that will add variety and novelty to your present collection. You will find the plants carefully described as to color, time of blooming, foliage, and height. A limited list of evergreens is included, for these are needed to give color in winter and variety in summer.

The various collections are only a hint of the vast wealth of plant-material found in our Nurseries. A complete list will be found in our new Rock Garden Catalogue, while shrubs, roses, trees, etc., are presented in our General Nursery Catalogue. In addition to these we issue a wholesale catalogue of waterlilies, aquatic plants, fancy fish, aquariums, and supplies. Either of these catalogues will be mailed on request.

Buskirk's Independence Nurseries
INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

Our 1931 CATALOG OF ROCK-PLANTS

Is a comprehensive list of the most popular and useful plants for rock-gardens, edgings, borders, and similar landscape and garden-work. Directions are given for planning building, and planting a rock-garden. Varieties are carefully described, giving color of flower or foliage, time of blooming, and height of plants. A copy will be mailed on request to those who are interested in rock-gardens. **FREE**

Special Collection 7A

Ornamental Grasses

- Eulalia gracillima univittata* (Japanese Rush). Foliage bright green with silvery midrib.
- Eulalia japonica variegata*. Green foliage striped with white; stems marked with pink or yellow.
- Eulalia japonica zebrina*. Similar to the preceding but with yellow markings across the leaf.
- Festuca glauca* (Blue Fescue). Blue-green, tufted foliage. Useful in a rock-garden and for perennial borders.
- Phalaris arundinacea variegata* (Variegated Ribbon Grass). Height, 12 to 15 inches.

One plant each of our Collection 7A (5 plants in all), sent by mail **\$1.25** POST PAID

DAPHNE

Garland Flower. A lovely evergreen plant with bright pink, fragrant flowers in May. 6 to 8-in. spread, \$1 each, \$8.50 for 10, \$75 per 100.

New and Novel Plants for Rock-Gardens

TO ASSIST OUR FRIENDS in attaining the most suitable plants for rock-gardens, we have prepared the various collections shown on this folder. Because of the limited space, we are permitted to give brief descriptions only. These descriptions cover, however, the essential points of color, time of blooming, and height of plant. Because of our large facilities for producing plants, and the quantity that will be absorbed by these various collections, we are able to make unusually low prices for spring and early summer shipment.

Special Collection 1A

Distinctive Rock-Plants

- Ajuga reptans rubra*. Dark purplish blue. Height, 6 to 8 inches.
- Arabis alpina*. Pure white. Height, 6 to 8 inches.
- Arenaria grandiflora*. Pure white. Height, 4 to 6 inches.
- Armeria maritima*. Pale pink flowers in May and June. Foliage evergreen. Height, 4 to 6 inches.
- Hardy Aster* (*A. alpinus albus*). White flowers in May and June. Height, 6 to 8 inches.
- Hardy Aster, Mauve Cushion*. Light mauve flowers in October and November. Height, 9 inches; 2 feet or more spread.
- Cerastium tomentosum*. Silvery foliage and white flowers in June. Dwarf.
- Dianthus deltoides*. A creeping plant with deep red flowers.
- Lania*. A trailing plant with pink flowers.
- Myosotis palustris* (Forget-me-not). Pale blue flowers in May and June. Height, 8 inches.
- Nepeta mussini*. Lavender. Height, 12 to 18 inches.
- Phlox subulata* (Moss Pink). Small pink flowers in May and June. Height, 4 inches.
- Santolina chamaecyparissus*. Silvery white foliage remaining the year around. Height, 12 inches.

One plant each of Collection 1A **\$3** POST PAID (13 plants in all), sent by mail

REGAL LILY. Royal Lily. White flowers, shaded pink, with canary-yellow center. Perfectly hardy, growing almost anywhere. Height, 2 to 3 feet. 50 cts. each, \$4 for 10, \$35 per 100.

Special Collection 2A

Sedums and Sempervivums

- Sedum acre*. A low-growing plant, with light green leaves and masses of yellow flowers in May and June, suited to covering ledges. Height, 4 inches.
- Sedum glaucum*. An excellent dwarf variety with light grayish foliage.
- Sedum lydium*. Bright green foliage, changing to reddish bronze in late summer. Height, 4 inches.
- Sedum sarmentosum*. Flowers yellow. Slender, prostrate shoots with small leaves in whorls. Height, 4 inches.
- Sedum stoloniferum coccineum*. Rosy crimson flowers in July and August. Height, 6 inches.
- Sedum stoloniferum*. Large clusters of pink flowers in June and July, borne on trailing stems. Height, 6 inches.
- Sempervivum doellianum*. Flowers red. Small light green rosettes, with the tips of inner leaves connected by fine threads.
- Sempervivum fimbriatum*. Flowers red. Rosettes reddish at the base and fringed with hair at the top. Height, 6 to 10 inches.
- Sempervivum soboliferum*. Flowers yellow, carried above rosettes of silver and bronze foliage. Height, 6 to 9 inches.
- Sempervivum tectorum*. Rosettes 3 inches or more across. Leaves are longer and thicker than the other varieties, and tipped with red.

One plant each of Collection 2A **\$2** POST PAID (10 plants in all), sent by mail

Special Collection 3A

Hardy Plants for the Garden

- Achillea ptarmica*, The Pearl. Pure white, double flowers, from June to September. Height, 2 feet.
- Anthemis tinctoria* (Golden Marguerite). Flowers rich yellow; from June to October. Height, 2 feet.
- Aquilegia* (Columbine). Assorted colors, white to deep red.
- Coreopsis lanceolata* (Tickseed). Golden yellow flowers all summer. Height, 2 feet.
- Dianthus* (Hardy Pinks). Assorted colors.
- Hemerocallis* (Day Lily). Brilliant yellow. June and July. Height, 2 feet.
- Monarda didyma*. Bright scarlet flowers all summer. Height, 2 to 3 feet.
- Phlox*. Our selection of colors.
- Sedum spectabile*. Pink or rose. August and September. Height, 18 inches.
- Veronica spicata*. Blue flowers in June and July on stems from 2 to 2½ feet high.

One plant each of Collection 3A **\$1.50** POST PAID (10 plants in all), sent by mail

BUSKIRK'S INDEPENDENCE NURSERIES, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

Special Collection 4A

High-Class German Iris

Brooksiana. The effect of the bloom is light pink.

Crimson King. S. and F. claret-purple. Strong growing and free blooming. Height, 24 inches.

Crusader. S. light blue; F. bluish violet; white throat lined with brown; deep orange beard. Height, 40 inches.

Flavescens. S. and F. delicate yellow. Flowers large, sweetly scented. Desirable for massing and for cutting. Height, 30 inches.

Harlequin. Pale yellow with light purple markings. Dwarf.

King Edward. Reddish purple.

Leonidas. Lavender to deep violet. S. dome shaped; F. slightly incurved and ruffled at top.

Mrs. Horace Darwin. White with bluish undertone; beard white with yellow top.

Parisiana. S. white and lilac-purple; F. white, frilled at edge with violet.

Princess Victoria Louise. S. sulphur-yellow; F. rich plum, bordered cream. Early blooming and desirable in landscape work. Height, 24 inches.

Quaker Lady. S. smoky lavender with yellow shading; F. agratum-blue and old-gold; yellow stigmas and beard. Height, 38 inches.

Toreador. S. brilliant orange, marked with bronze; F. glowing red.

One plant each (12 plants \$2
in all), sent postpaid

Special Collection 5A

Dwarf Irises FOR ROCK-GARDENS

Our selection of varieties to include 4 yellow, 4 blue, and 4 white Irises.

Complete Collection
of 12 plants (4 of each
color), sent postpaid \$1.50

Special Collection 6A

Choice Japanese Irises

Two plants each of 6
main varieties, our
selection, sent postpaid \$3.25

Special Collection 9A

Aquatic Plants

FOR SMALL POOL

1 yellow Waterlily
1 white Waterlily
1 pink Waterlily

Floating Plants

2 Water Hyacinths
1 Shell Flower
1 Portion Salvinia

Plants for shallow
water

1 Arrowhead
1 Floating Heart
1 Sweet Flag
1 Four-Leaf Water
Clover

All these Aquatic Plants \$5.25
delivered to you

Special Collection 10A

Scavengers

FOR SMALL POOL OR AQUARIUM

1 Geographic Turtle
6 Snails—3 varieties
2 Salamanders
2 Clams

ALL FOR
\$1.50
POSTPAID

Special Collection 8A

EVERGREENS FOR ROCK-GARDENS

These small evergreen trees, varying in height from 4 to 6 inches, are grown in quantity for rock-garden work.

American Arborvitæ (*Thuja occidentalis*). Foliage bright green on upper side, and yellowish on under side.

Balsam Fir (*Abies balsamea*). Carries the fragrance of the Canadian woods.

Austrian Pine (*Pinus nigra austriaca*). Stiff, dark green needles in pairs.

Mugho Pine (*P. montana mugbus*). Low growing and spreading.

Swiss Mountain Pine (*P. montana*). Dull green; low growing.

Red Pine (*P. resinosa*). Bright green needles in pairs.

White Pine (*P. strobus*). Native five needle Pine.

Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens glauca*). Bluish foliage.

Norway Spruce (*P. excelsa*). The familiar "Christmas tree Spruce."

White Spruce (*P. canadensis*).

One plant each (10 trees
4 to 6 inches high)
sent postpaid for

\$1.25

Japanese Dish Gardens. This collection of small evergreens is especially for the popular dish gardens. The trees are taken up without soil, but are packed in damp moss so that freshness is retained.

Sandstone and Other Stone for Constructing Rock-Gardens

So many inquiries have come to us about material for rock-gardens that we have decided to furnish stone as here noted.

Sandstone. \$6 per ton, in earload lots.

Sandstone. In chunks, round hard heads, or flat shelf rock for stepping-stones. \$7 per ton, in earload lots.

Sandstone. In three different sizes: small, medium, and large. \$5 per barrel.

Prices are f.o.b. Independence, purchaser paying transportation charges