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IRIS TALK
AND A LIST OF
FIFTY GOOD
VARIETIES

THE SIMPSON IRIS GARDENS
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much to miss the early Amas and the late Monsignor as well as the others.

The great class of lavenders, lilac and violet shades includes so many beautiful things that it is hard to choose. We can start with Ballerine, which is a gem, follow it closely with the indispensable Princess Beatrice, and then will come, clamoring for our attention, Queen Caterina, Melrose, Delicatissima, and rounding off with Mother of Pearl, Lord of June (of exquisite coloring, tho with floppy standards), Mlle. Schwartz and Sweet Lavender.

Now we come to some of the most striking colors in the garden—the red-purples, and among them will be Magnifica, Arlington and Kochii, with many others just over our dollar limit.

Among the bright colored varieties with yellow standards and dark maroon or purple falls, are Loreley, Flammenschwert and Princess Victoria Louise. Following these are the yellows, of different shades and most of us like Helge (a very early kind), Shekinah, Aurea, Flavescens (for landscape purposes) and Sherwin Wright.

Finally, the large blended or bronze color class in which are some of the richest and most stunning varieties. Naming those in this price class, are Alcazar, a standard dark-colored favorite, Ambassadeur (one of the gems in the whole list), Arnols, L. A. Williamson, Prospero, Mme. Cheri, Sindjkha, Jacquesiana and Quaker Lady.

This makes the fifty to which we will confine ourselves in the price class mentioned, and they make a very, very attractive collection.

The price limit we set has however excluded some of the newer and fine things, selling all the way from $1.25 upwards. For instance there is Morning Splendor (an elegant rich one), Petruchio (Mr. Morrison's best origination so far), Senatobia (an improvement over Alcazar),
Cardinal (unexcelled for richness), and Geo. J. Tribolet all among the finest dark colored kinds; neither could be mentioned the beautiful Odaroloc, Loetitia Michaud and Asia; the attractive True Charm, Kenmore, San Gabriel, Loudoun and Crystaline among the lighter colored ones; Frieda Mohr, Aphrodite and Evadne among the pinks or rose-reds; Golden Glory, Coronation, Garden Yellow, Topazin and Gold Imperial among the newer yellows.

There are indeed many beautiful ones priced just beyond the dollar class and one could make no mistake in securing two or three or even more of them each year, in order to add to and to create a new interest in your flower garden. And what an interest and anticipation there is in looking forward to something new and fine!

AN ELEGANT EFFECT

The beauty of even a few clumps of good varieties cannot be over-described, while that of many clumps or a mass planting, in full bloom is a glorious sight!

In order to get this clump effect quickly, try the planting of three or six roots together of one variety in this spot and of another in that spot, and so on. There are many inexpensive kinds that can be used in this way.

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