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LOOSE LEAF BINDER

By popular demand I have developed this loose leaf binder. As the months and years go by you will be able to add set after set of new plates as they are produced. In following the series through a complete set of all known worth while Camellias in color is available to all.

As this binder goes to press my book Camellias, published November 15, 1943, its first edition of 3,000 copies is sold out. The enthusiasm of the Camellia lovers of America for this first all color plate book is so great that the edition was sold out without national publicity.

Some of the expressions of its worth and benefits expressed by hundreds of letters can be stated from the following cross section of comments.

Norfolk, Va.—"Your chapter on Nomenclature is worth the price of the book. It will save me more than its cost in one season by not buying duplicate varieties." Dr. E. A. L.

Cordele, Ga.—"Never grafted a Camellia in my life. Read your chapter on grafting. Grafted 10 plants and got 100% first attempt." J. Z. F.

Hattiesburg, Miss.—"Hurry with your second volume in color. All varieties shown in your first book sold out in this entire territory." W. N.

Many express their appreciation of the photography and color reproductions.

Instructive criticism—A gentleman from Mt. Harmon, La., writes: "I have the original tree of Eleanor of Fair Oaks. It did not originate in Mississippi." A gentleman from Columbus, Ga., writes: "The original tree of Lindsay Neill is here in Columbus." A gentleman from New York writes: "Spelling of Lady Van Setti is in error, it should be Van Sittart." A lady writes: "Such a wonderful book and such inferior paper." A lady writes: "Contents of your book deserves a finer binding. Looks like a college annual." A lady writes: "Your book is wonderful but too expensive. I think it should sell for \$5.00 or less."

I appreciate all of the letters received, both with approval and disapproval. Through your letters some authentic information is coming to me which would not be possible in any other way. As the information received can be checked for accuracy, corrections will be made in the reprints of the book Camellias.

It is my hope to improve on the color reproductions. It is my belief that the plates produced for this binder are superior to those produced for the book Camellias. No artist can reproduce them in their true color and detail as does our Almighty God who jealously preserves this power for his own glory.

To each owner of my book Camellias published in 1943, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of your wholehearted support of the work then begun. I appreciate your confidence placed in me to produce a worthwhile book. That I have made errors I well know. That I will make future errors I am quite certain. But he who does nothing at all makes the greater error. To each of you then who have supported this work goes the credit of its success, for which please accept my sincere thanks.

GUSTAV G. GERBING.

ASPACEA

*(Great Eastern, Bolens No. 9, Variegated
Emperor of Russia.)*

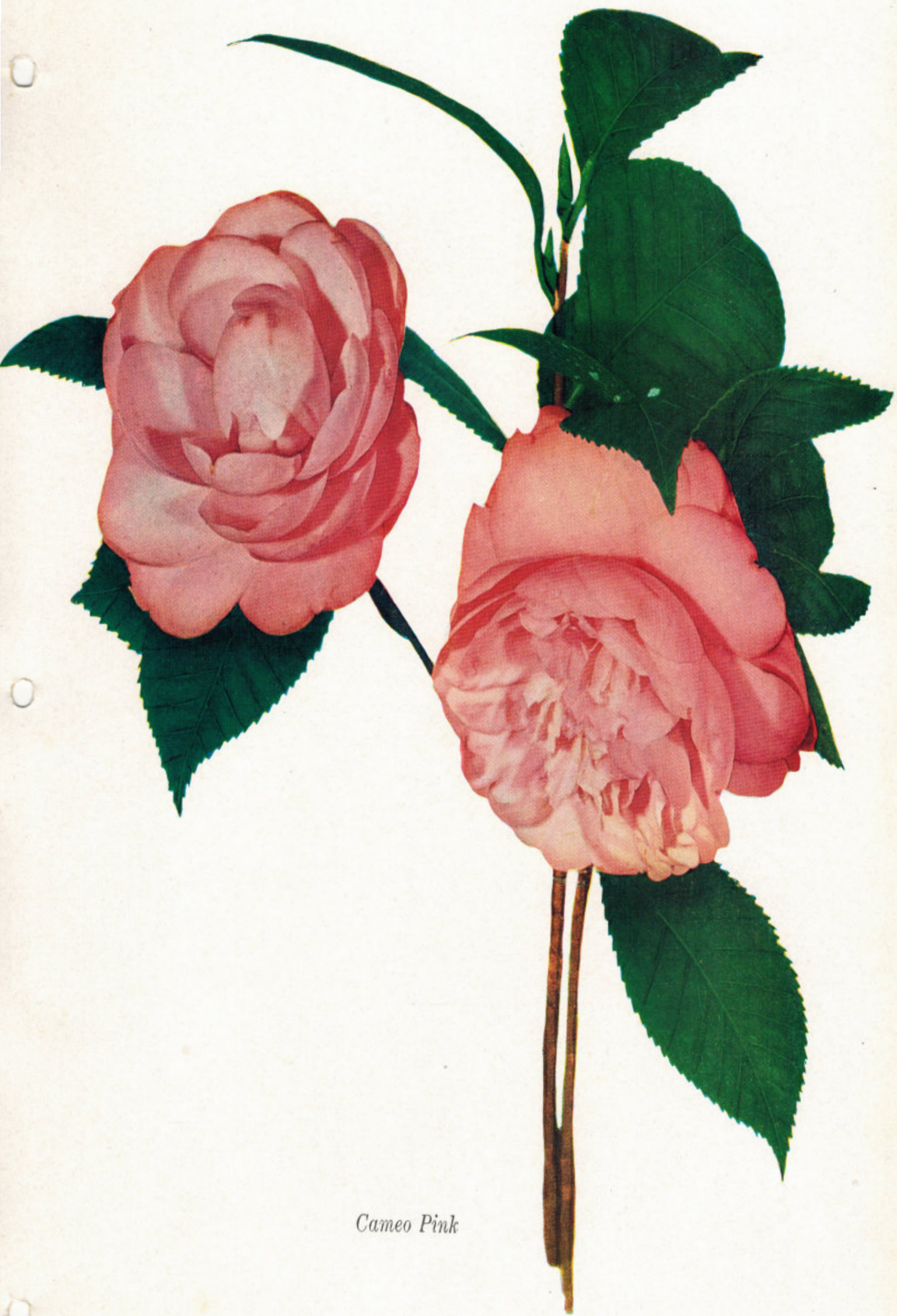
I secured this variety from Lindo Nursery, Chico, Calif. The 4-inch peony-formed flowers start opening with us in late January. It has all the characteristics of the fine Emperor of Russia, being a stocky upright grower. Foliage large, dark glossy green, developing well formed heavily variegated flowers. Quite hardy. The plate does not bring out the beauty of this fine variety. Stamens and petals are distinctly separated as in the Emperor of Russia. Can be grown in full sun.



Aspacea

CAMEO PINK

A splendid late flowering Camellia which sported from the white with pink striped Duchess d'Orleans. Flowers are 3 to 3½ inches in diameter, opening rose form, fully developed bloom sometimes show stamens in inner bloom. One of the hardiest pink Camellias known to me. I have seen it go through 12 degrees above zero and bloom out well. Free flowering from January through March. Growth is vigorous, symmetrical, upright. Foliage roundish dull green. This variety will stand much sun. Although finer quality bloom are produced in semi-shade.



Cameo Pink

CELTIC ROSEA

(Semi-double Blush, Pearl of China.)

I purchased my first plant of this variety from the Kiyono Nursery, Crichton, Ala., under the name Semi-double Blush. Mr. Kiyono told me that he had imported it from France but that he had lost the label and did not know its true name. Later I delivered a plant of this variety to Mr. William Murphy of Savannah, Ga., who named it Celtic Rosea, because he said it reminds one of an Irish Rose. I do not know the origin of the name Pearl of China. The $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch flowers start opening with us in mid-January, very free flowering. Growth is moderately vigorous, compact, upright. Foliage long narrow serrated. For best bloom development it should be favored with a semi-shady location. Has proven very hardy in our climate.

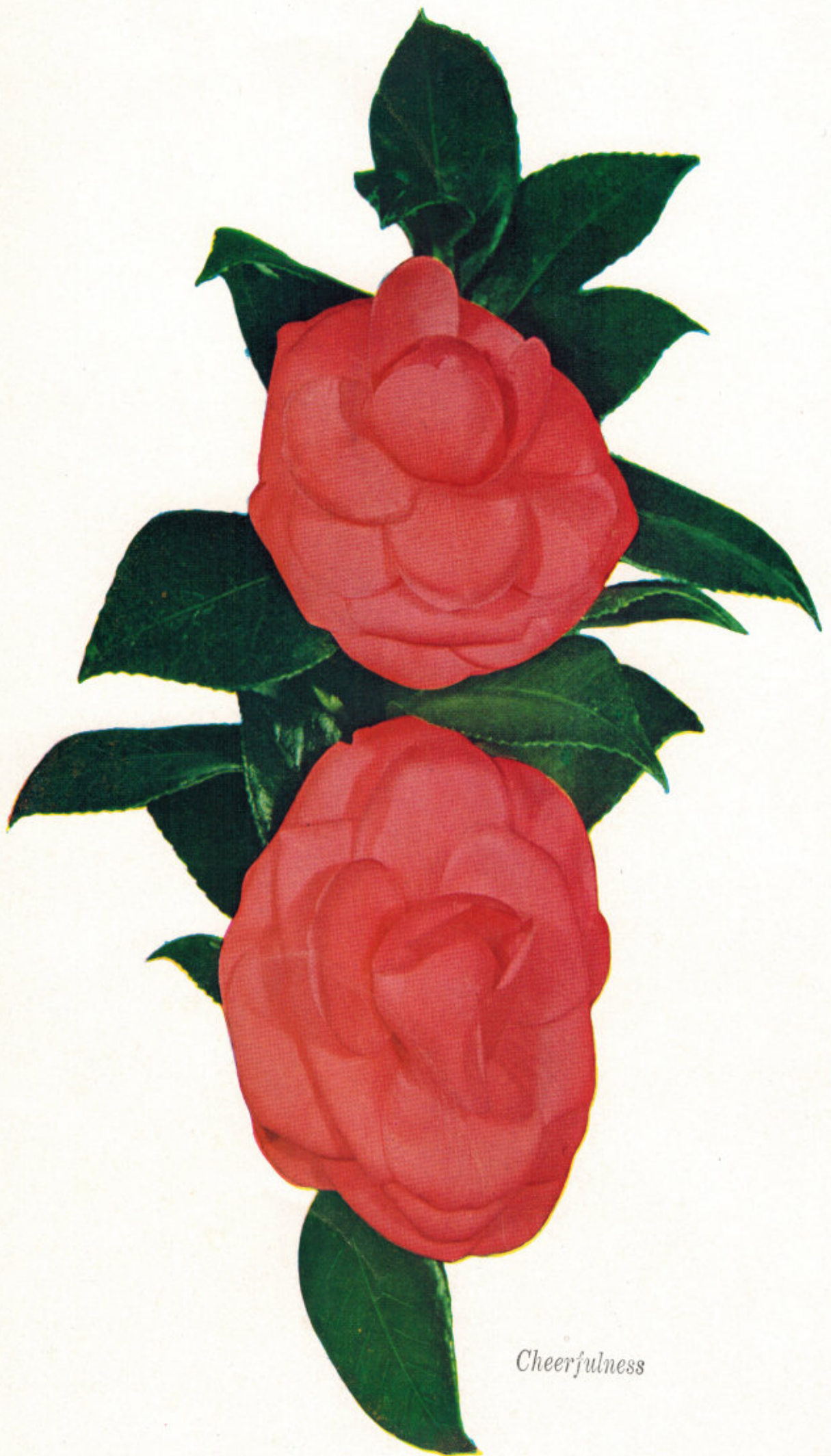


Celtic Rosea

CHEERFULNESS

(Otome Red.)

I bought this variety from Sunny Knoll Nursery & Orchard Co. of Mobile, Ala., under the name of Cheerfulness, later from the Doty & Dörner Nursery at Portland, Oregon, under Otome Red. The 3-inch flowers start opening with us in December, opening to double rose form, when fully open showing short stamens in the center of the bloom. One of its outstanding merits is the compact tall columnar growth. A plant 8 to 10 feet tall is often only 30 inches in spread, flowers from the ground up to the tip. Ideal for corner accent plantings. Free flowering and hardy. The foliage is small, rounded, deep dull green. This variety can be planted in full sun with satisfactory results.



Cheerfulness

CHRISTINE LEE

I secured this fine variety from the famous gardens of Dr. W. G. Lee, Macon, Ga. The 4½-inch flowers start opening with us in early January, continuing through the season. One of the most prolific flowering Camellias in my collection, producing buds in abundance from ground line to tip of plants. The growth is compact, upright, not too vigorous. Foliage medium green, glossy, bent at the tips. This variety is very hardy and will stand full sun. In 1934 I bought a variety from Malbis Nursery under the name of Christine Lee, which later was identified as the Enchantress.



Christine Lee

CHURCHWELL WHITE

I secured my first plant of this variety from the garden of Mrs. John Churchwell in Jacksonville, Fla. After growing it for some years and not finding it in any of the nurseries I gave it the local name of (Churchwell White). Later I found it in the Nursery of Mr. Bignault of Savannah, Ga., who said it was definitely the true Alba Plena. We cannot accept Mr. Bignault's version for we know that it is definitely not the Alba Plena. The 2½ to 3 inch flowers start opening with me about January 15th, pure white opening to rose form double, some flowers when fully open show a few stamens among the inner petals. Free flowering after the plant attains a height of 4 feet. Growth is very vigorous, compact, symmetrical. Foliage medium glossy green, rounded and serrated. This variety has proven quite hardy. Should be planted in shade for best quality bloom, the plant will stand full sun.



Churchwell White

COLLETTI MACULATA

(*Purpliana*, Girard de Baillon.)

I purchased my stock of this variety in 1935 from Fruitland Nurseries, Augusta, Georgia. The 4-inch flowers start opening in early December. Variable in color combinations, some white with deep red to purple base of petals, others evenly variegated while in some red is the predominant color. The plant is a dwarf grower flat spreading habit on its own roots. When grafted it grows vigorously and more upright. The foliage is deep glossy green, heavily veined, small, roundish. When grown under glass this variety flowers much larger bloom. Semi-shade is best for fine bloom. The name *Purpliana* has been applied by Malbis Nursery, Daphne, Ala., while the name Girard de Baillon is in use on this variety by Overlook Nursery, Crichton, Ala.



Colletti Maculata

COUNTESS OF ORKNEY

(Americana, McKinsey Variegated, Maid of Orleans.)

I secured my first plants of this variety from the Overlook Nursery in Crichton, Ala., in 1933, under the name of Countess of Orkney. It is free flowering, starting with us in November, continuing through March. Developing perfect bloom, the $3\frac{3}{4}$ -inch flowers are consistent formal formation, some show short stamens in center of bloom. The lovely Duc de Bretagne shown in my book *Camellias* is a sport of this variety. Growth is dwarf, compact. Foliage dull green, slightly twisted. Does best if planted in semi-shade.



Countess of Orkney

CRICHTON

(*Bolens Late Tricolor.*)

I bought this variety from the Kiyono Nursery at Crichton, Ala. Mr. Kiyono at that time discribed and catalogued it as Semi-double Variegated. I catalogued it in my catalogue under the name of Crichton for the name of the town where the original plant is located. Mr. Bolen of Bolens Camellia Gardens, Lucedale, Miss., listed it in his catalogue in later years under the name Bolens Late Tricolor. The $3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch flowers open with us in late February. It is consistent semi-double in form, but the colors are variable as shown in the plate. One of the latest flowering Camellias. Growth vigorous, tall, inclined to be open in habit. Foliage long, dull green Will stand much sun.



Crichton

DAISY BANKS

This is one of my seedlings named in memory of Mrs. John J. Banks of Opelika, Ala. The parent is the Alba Superba. This new white Camellia produces flowers of variable formations, $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 inches in diameter. The petals are waved and very thin almost transparent. It should be planted in deep shade. Starts flowering with us in November, continuing through February. Free flowering. Growth is vigorous, compact, upright. Foliage dull green, deeply serrated.



Daisy Banks

DANTE

(White Pine Cone.)

I bought this variety from the Lindo Nursery in Chico, Calif., in 1937. It has proven to be a very satisfactory white Camellia, ideal for corsage use. Starts flowering with us in November, continuing through January. The 3 to 4 inch flowers are full double, long lasting. The plant is vigorous, compact, spreading in growth. Foliage medium glossy green. Hardy. To prevent sun-scald, plant in semi to shaded location. This is not the same variety listed by Overlook Nursery as white Pine Cone.



Dante

DIXIE

*(Vivid Pink, Ortons Pink, Rose Queen,
Mrs. John Lang, Pink Brooklyana.)*

The deep pink 3-inch flowers start opening with us in late November continuing through the season. Free flowering, developing a perfect bloom suitable for corsage use. Growth is vigorous, symmetrical, compact. Foliage large glossy green. Quite hardy. Does best in semi-shade.



Dixie

DR. W. G. LEE

A seedling plant grown by Dr. W. G. Lee of Macon, Georgia, and carries his name. A vigorous grower with wide spreading habit. Foliage is dark glossy green. The flowers start opening in late December, continuing through March with us. Deep velvety rich red with prominent stamens in center with an occasional petaloid intermingled with the stamens. Very free flowering and hardy. The original plant flowers are solid red as shown in the bud on this plate. The variegated open flower is a sport originating from grafting.



*Dr. W. G. Lee
Variegated*

DUCHESS DE ORLEANS

I bought this variety from Overlook Nursery, Crichton, Ala., in 1933. The 3-inch double white flowers which sometimes have a dash of pink on a petal, start opening with us in late January. Very free flowering. Some of the blooms when fully developed show short stamens. Growth vigorous, compact, upright. Foliage dull green, roundish. For best bloom development it should be favored with a semi-shady location. The lovely Cameo Pink is a sport from Duchess De Orleans and does sometimes sport a white flower reverting back to the parent.



Duchess de'Orleans

GIGANTEA

(*Magnolia King, Kelingtonia, Emperor Wilhelm.*)

This is an improved plate of Gigantea, bringing out more of its grandeur of flower and foliage than the plate in Camellias, 1943. Probably the most spectacular plant in the Magnolia Gardens in Charleston, South Carolina. Producing flowers of mammoth size which vary in formation from singles with cluster of stamens to semi-doubles and full peony form. Colors range from solid red to white predomination with numerous intermediate combinations. With us it starts flowering in late December through March. Growth is upright, open, not too vigorous. Foliage is mammoth in size, dull green, deeply serrated. It does not stand too much sun without injury to foliage. The solid red sport of Gigantea was named Jacksonii by the Cottage Gardens Nurseries. Truly a fine variety which is quite hardy.



Gigantea

HALEYS MONARCH

*(Enrico Bettoni, Maurice Hurst, Red Walker,
Hites Pink, Lateriatus, Macey Taylor,
Sara Frost of West Coast, Venus.)*

This Camellia, probably the most named in America, is common throughout the country, each locality has its own name for it. The 4½ to 5 inch flowers start opening with us in late December, variable in form from single with stamens through semi-double loosely peony form. Growth very vigorous, upright, symmetrical. Foliage a good green. This variety will do well in full sun.

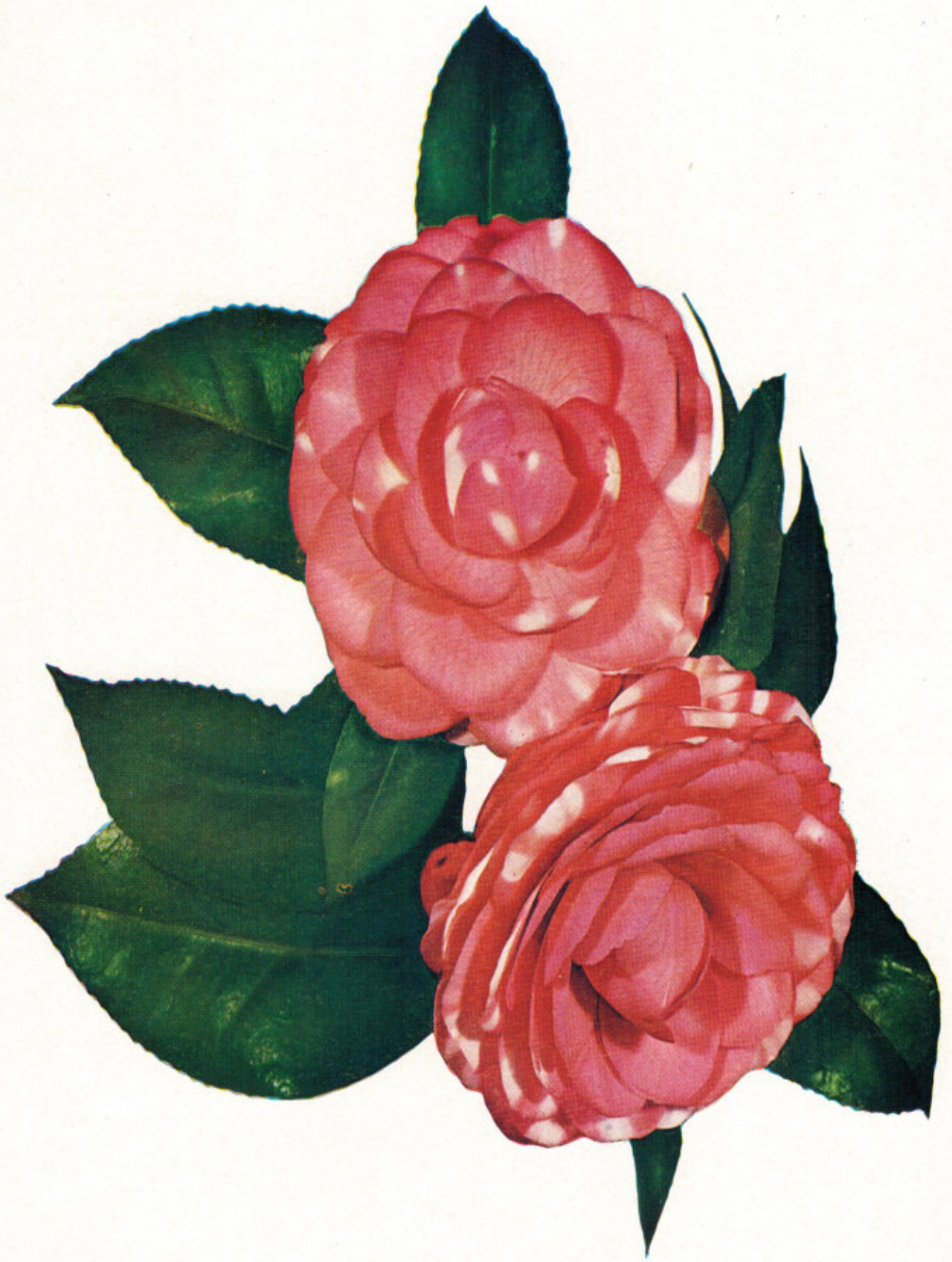


Haley's Monarch

HORRY FROST

(LaSorella.)

I bought this variety many years ago from the Glen Saint Mary Nursery at Glen Saint Mary Florida. The 3-inch double flowers start opening with us in early November, continuing through February. Free flowering, when the flowers are fully developed the petals turn purple to blue on back of the bloom. Some show short stamens. Slow growth, upright, open. Foliage deep green twisted. Should be planted in semi-shade for best results.



Horry Frost

JAMES HYDE PORTER

This fine Camellia is a seedling grown in the gardens of Dr. W. G. Lee of Macon, Ga. Named in honor of Mr. Porter, one of Macon's most public minded citizens. Its 4 to 5 inch semi-double white with rose striped flowers start opening in the Macon area in late September, continuing through April, with us it starts in late October through February. The flowers vary in color from variegated as shown in the plate to solid rose pink bloom. Formation is quite consistent semi-double. A free bloomer. Growth is fairly vigorous, willowy, open. Foliage long, glossy deep green. Free flowering and quite hardy. Should be planted in shade or semi-shade.

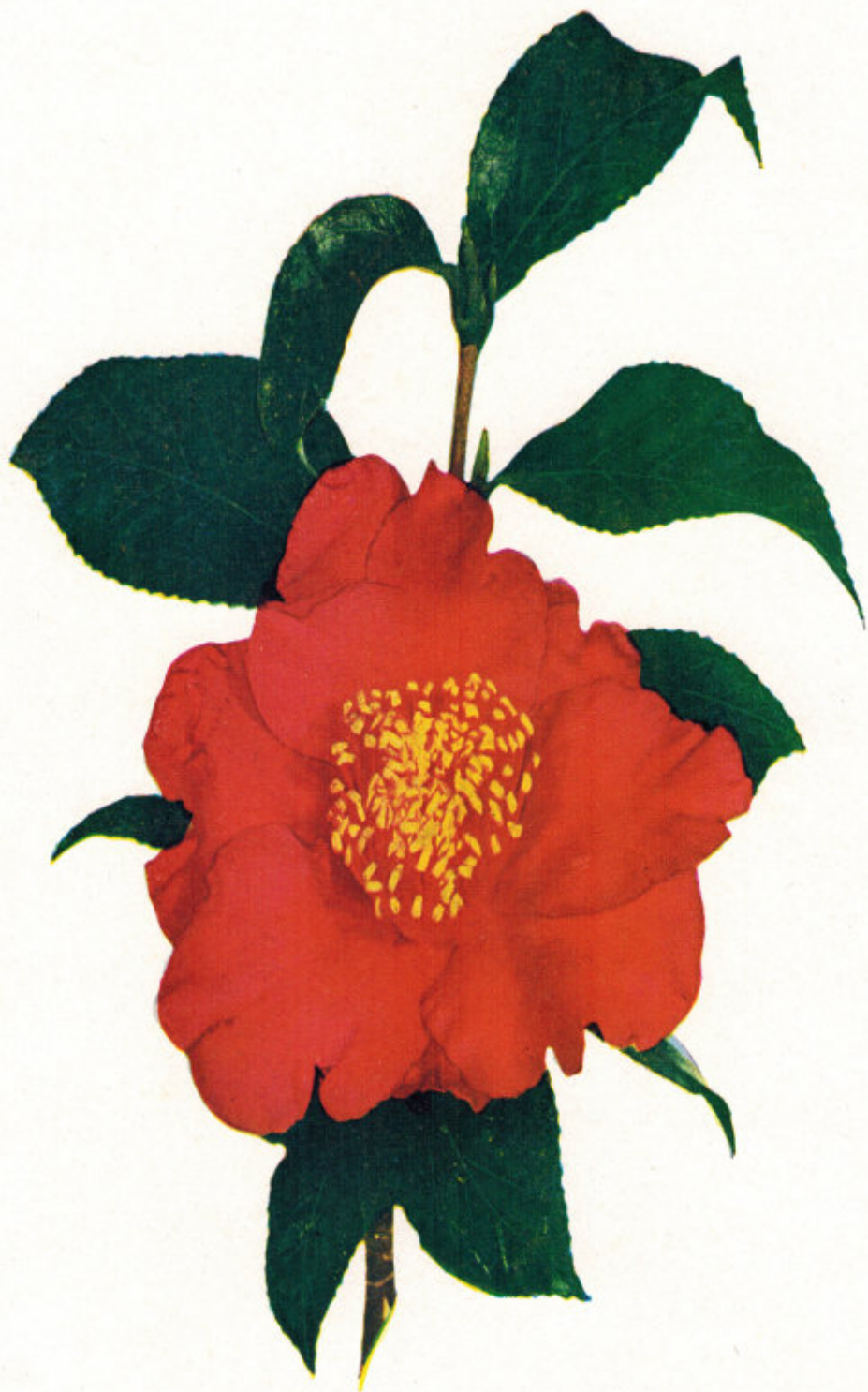


James Hyde Porter

KIMBERLEY

(Rising Sun.)

I secured this Camellia from the Semmes Nurseries in Alabama. The 3-inch single flowers start opening with us in late December. Free flowering. It is the contrast in the vivid red and golden stamens that make this variety outstanding, the filaments in the bloom are deep red. Growth is upright, slender. Foliage small, narrow, twisted. When grown under glass this variety develops petaloids of pink to white instead of the pollen bearing anthers. Can be planted in full sun.



Kimberly

K. SAWADA

(Silver Moon.)

This magnificent double white Camellia is a seedling imported from Japan. The parent is supposed to be the lovely Lotus (Sode-Gakushi). The seed was planted by Mr. K. Sawada in 1925, started flowering in 1931, was patented under U. S. Plant Patent No. 431, Nov. 19, 1940. The flower is full double imbricated, 4 to 5 inches in diameter, consisting of 50 to 70 petals of pure white texture. Fully developed flowers sometimes show delicate stamens. It starts flowering with us in late November, continuing through February. This variety is much more hardy than the Alba Plena. Vigorous, symmetrical growth, upright. Free flowering. Foliage medium green waxey. Excellent for corsages. Truly a new variety which has proven satisfactory and outstanding in every respect. Though the plant grows well in full sun the flowers are easily sun-scalded. Plants bought under the name of Silver Moon have flowered identical with K. Sawada. Evidently this is an infringement on Patent No. 431.



K. Sawada

LADY DUNN

I bought this variety from the Malbis Nursery, Daphne, Ala., in 1936. The 4-inch flowers start opening with us in November. Variable in formation from Peony form to formal. Long lasting. Not so prolific in bloom production. The growth is slow open willowy. It has proven quite hardy and should be planted in semi-shade for best quality bloom. A very attractive variety, suitable for cut flowers.

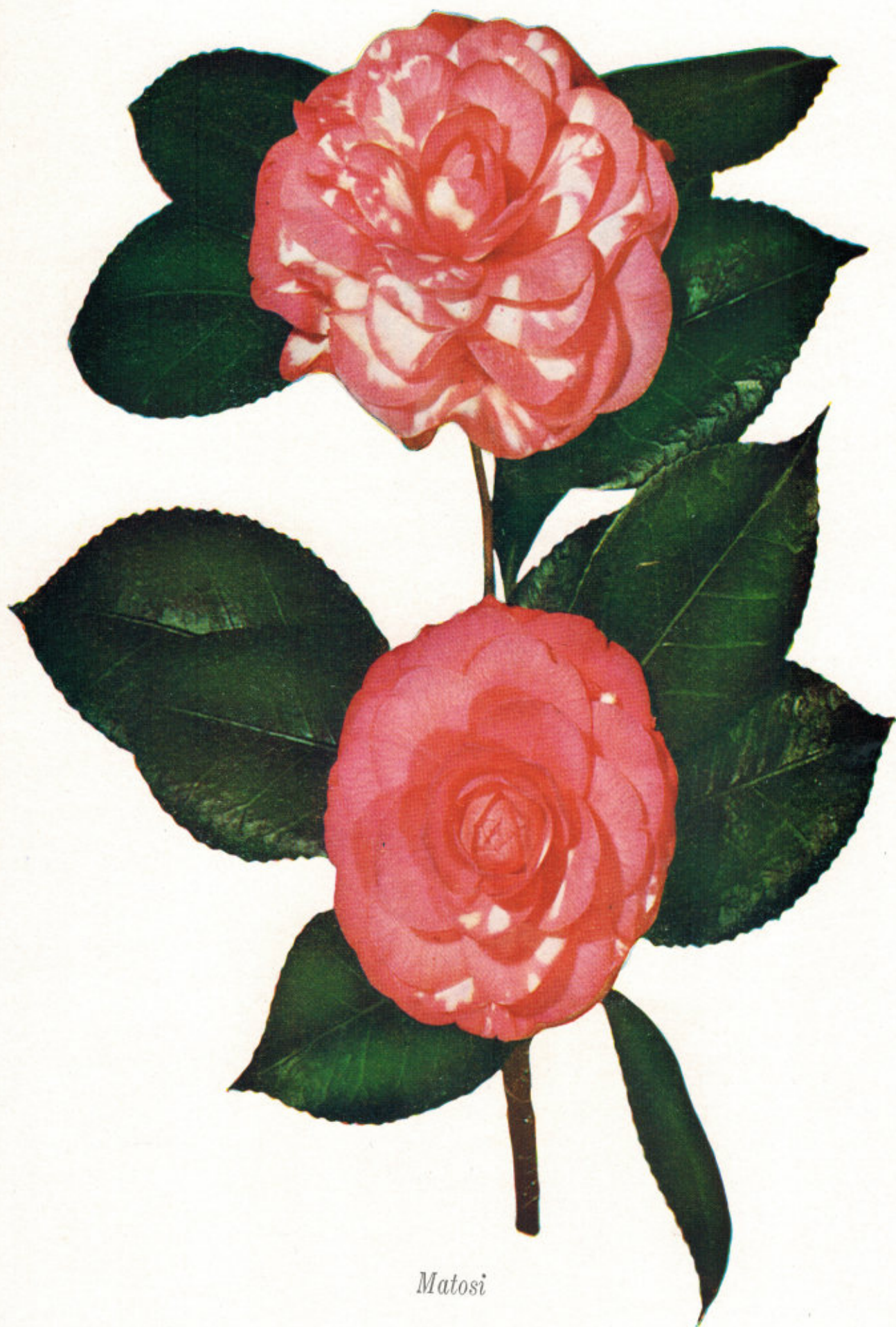


Lady Dunn

MATOSI

(Brooklyana Variegated.)

I bought this variety from Overlook Nursery in 1933 under the name Brooklyana. Later found it in a local nursery under Matosi. I believe that Brooklyana should have priority on this variety for it is catalogued by the majority of nurserymen under the title Brooklyana. The 3-inch flowers start opening with us in December, slowly continuing through the entire season. Free flowering, developing perfect bloom, suitable for corsage use. The growth is vigorous, compact, symmetrical, upright. Foliage large flat glossy green. The buds are injured by extreme cold spells if planted in the open. For best bloom development plant in semi-shade.



Matosi

METEOR

(Magnolia Gardens No. 92.)

I secured this variety from the Simons Nursery, Charleston, South Carolina, in 1935. It starts flowering with us in mid-November, opening to rose form, when fully developed showing stamens as shown in the plate. The plant is a slow, compact, low spreading grower. Foliage is bright glossy green. Will stand full sun.



Meteor

MRS. MILLAR WILSON

This is one of my seedlings named in honor of Mrs. Millar Wilson of Jacksonville, Florida, who has hand painted many Camellias. The white variable formed flowers start opening in late January. Free flowering and hardy. Growth very vigorous, slender, upright, symmetrical. Foliage stiff, deep glossy green. Should be planted in semi-shade.



Mrs. Millar Wilson

PRIMADONA

(*Magnolia Garden No. 239.*)

I bought my first plants of this variety from Simons Nursery at Charleston, S. C., in 1935, under the Number 239, later it was named Primadona by Mr. C. N. Hastie of the Magnolia Gardens where this fine variety originated. The loosely formed semi-double flowers of $4\frac{3}{4}$ -inch diameter open late in the season starting with us in mid-February. Not so free flowering as many others. The growth is slow, wide, low and compact. Foliage small, rounded, dark glossy green. Locate in semi-shade. Quite hardy.



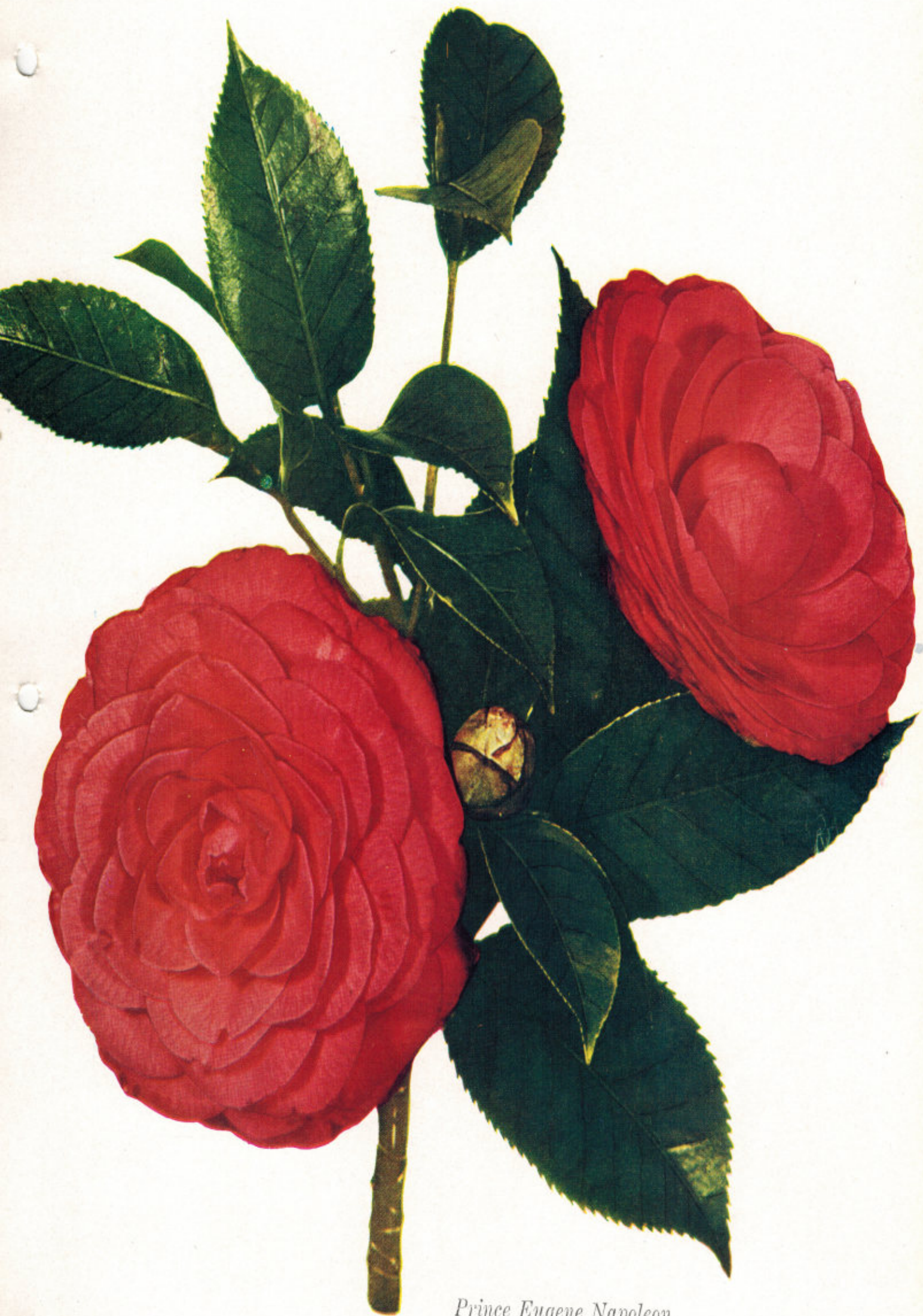
PRINCE EUGENE NAPOLEON

*Syn. (Pope Pious IX, Mrs. Harry Davis,
Carlotti Grissi, Madame Le Bois, Ladiners
Red, Imbracata Rubra Plena.)*

This much named Camellia is common throughout America. Almost every Nursery has its own name for it. In Augusta, Ga., it is sold as Imbracata Rubra Plena. In one part of Mobile County, Ala., as Prince Eugene Napoleon, in another part of the same county as Ladiners Red, a third nursery in the same county sells it as Pope Pious IX. On the west coast it is Madame Le Bois, etc.

A vigorous growing hardy Camellia flowering profusely from early January through March. In some localities each petal has a white stripe running horizontal with the petals. It is not a variegation but rather a defect in the substance of the petals. Under glass it is considered one of the most satisfactory varieties for the cut flower markets.

Growth is vigorous upright conical compact. Foliage medium green serrated. This variety will stand much sun without injury to flower or plant.



Prince Eugene Napoleon

REVEREND JOHN BENNETT

From the Magnolia Gardens comes this famous Camellia. The 5 to 6 inch flowers start opening with us in late January. Very free flowering and very hardy. Formation of bloom is consistent semi-double. Growth vigorous, spreading. Foliage long, deep glossy green, deeply serrated. In 1935 when I visited the Magnolia Gardens a guide told me that the seed that produced this fine sort rolled down an incline and lodged at the edge of the lake where it sprouted and grew into a big tree. It was named in memory of an old colored preacher. A splendid variety which is not to be confused with the old Rev. John Bennett sold some years ago in the Alabama area. Will stand full sun.



Rev. John Bennett

ROSEA SUPERBA

(*Mathotiana Rosea.*)

The plate shown here is an improved plate over the one in my book *Camellias*, published in 1943, it brings out more of the true color and splendor of this fine variety. Vigorous growth, with symmetrical form. Free flowering when five years or older. Flowers begin opening in late December, producing scattered flowers through the winter. In late March it blooms in profusion at which time many of the flowers open to show stamens deep down in the center. It has proven quite hardy. Will stand a good deal of sun or can be planted in deep shade. When this variety is grafted it often produces variegated flowers, some revert back to solid pink after flowering variegated for a few years. Some are still variegated after six years.



Rosea Superba

ROSE ENEMY

(Christmas Glory, Carnation, Orient.)

A common Camellia prevalent throughout America. This variety starts flowering with us in late December. The 3-inch flowers open to peony form and formal as shown in the plate. Free flowering. Growth is vigorous, compact, symmetrical. Foliage small, dull green, pointed. A hardy variety that can be grown in full sunshine.



Rose Enemy

SACCO ROSE

(*Ecstasy, Madam Hovey, Nasissiana.*)

I bought this variety from Fruitland Nurseries in Augusta, Ga. The 3-inch flowers start opening with us in late December, full double, suitable for corsage use. Free flowering and quite hardy. Growth is slow, inclined to be open. Foliage medium glossy green. Does best in semi-shade or deep shade.



Sacco Rose

SARGENT BARRIOS

(Semi Double Rosea.)

Originating at the Semmes Nursery, Semmes, Ala., and introduced by them as Semi Double Rosea and later named Sargent Barrios. The 5-inch semi-double flowers start opening with us in early December. Opening a deep red fading to lighter red as the flowers age. Free flowering and extremely hardy. Growth is exceptionally vigorous, upright, compact. Foliage deep glossy green. Will stand much sun.



Sargent Barrios

SCARLETT O'HARA

This variety is a sport of the well known W. S. Hastie, Mississippi Hastie, and also known as Col. Firey, originating with the Flowerwood Nursery of Mobile, Ala., and was introduced by them. It has all the characteristics of the parent. Starts flowering in mid-January, free flowering, developing perfect formal blooms which are ideal for corsage use. The bloom is an average of 4 inches in size. Growth tall, open, medium vigorous. Foliage long, thick, dull green. Named for the fiery lady of the film, "Gone with the Wind". A very attractive variety.



Scarlett O'Hara

SOMEGAWA

(*Eureka Variegated, Peppermint Stick.*)

From Domoto Nursery at Haywood, Calif., came this variety into my collection. The 3-inch flowers bloom very late in the season, starting to open with us in late March through April and early May. Variable in color from solid red to solid blush pink to the variegated form shown in this plate. Growth upright. Foliage medium green glossy. Free flowering. Hardy and will stand much sun. This is our latest flowering Camellia.



Somegawa

SNOW DRIFT

(Wakenoura White.)

I secured my stock of this semi-double white Camellia from the Kiyono Nursery, Semmes, Ala., later from Oregon. The stock from Oregon developed to be our Leucantha which is a sport of Tricolor Seboldi. The plate pictured here is the Kiyono Snowdrift. The semi-double pure white flowers start opening with us in January. Free flowering and quite hardy. Growth moderately vigorous, compact, upright. Foliage dull green, long, serrated. This variety should be planted in semi-shade for best quality bloom. A very attractive variety which has proven satisfactory in every respect.



Snow Drift

T. K. VARIEGATED

This handsome Camellia I bought from the Kiyono Nursery in 1934. Mr. Kiyono told me that he had imported it from France and that the label had been lost. Hence he named it T. K., his initials. The $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch flowers start opening with us in December, producing every imaginable color combinations, from white with red stripes, pink with purple to lavender stripes to solid deep red flowers, the most bizarre spectacular plant in the garden. Reminds one of Chinese art. For garden effect it cannot be surpassed. Growth is vigorous, compact, spreading. Extremely hardy and one of the most profuse flowering of all Camellias. Does best in semi-shade.



T. K. Variegated

WILLIAM PENN

(Purple Peony, Bell Camp.)

I secured my stock of this variety from Overlook Nursery in Crichton, Ala. The largest tree known to me is located in the Bellingrath Gardens near Mobile, Ala. Starts flowering with us in late December, they vary in form from full peony to single with stamens. Colors range from deepest red and white to deep purple and blue. Growth is vigorous, slender, willowy, upright. Does not flower freely while young. Foliage is bright glossy green, rounded, serrated. This plate does not bring into view the purple and blue so often found in this fine variety. Can be planted in full sun.



William Penn

WILLIAMS MIDDLETON

I secured this variety from the Middleton Gardens in Charleston, South Carolina. It is a seedling grown there and named for a member of the Middleton family. The semi-double 4½-inch flowers open with us in late November. Free flowering, very brilliant red. The growth is stocky, upright. Foliage slender, slightly twisted, glossy deep green, resembles the Vedrine in formation but is a brighter red and the petalage is flatter than in Vedrine. One of the best seedlings to originate in that grand garden on the Ashley River in South Carolina. Will stand full sun.



Williams Middleton

