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Introduction

A CELEBRATED botanist once made the statement that he had botanized in every section of the globe, but that it remained for the state of California to show him the largest range and diversity of plant life that he had seen in any section. Fully realizing the truth of this statement, the Coolidge Rare Plant Gardens was organized fifteen years ago to grow a stock of general nursery plants, but to specialize in the introduction of new and different material from that found here at the time of organization. So that today we do not hesitate to say that it is doubtful if there is any concern in the United States that can show such a variety of ornamental and fruiting plants as this company has in stock.

In presenting this small catalogue, the intention is to describe at length only the newer plants, or plants that have been introduced by our company. In addition to a number of importations that we have personally made from Japan, France, Germany, New Zealand, South Africa and other sections, we have collaborated with the Bureau of Plant Introduction, Department of Agriculture, U. S. A., in testing hundreds of new plants sent in by collectors of this department from many sections of the world. We have also received many hundreds of plants and packets of seeds from the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University. We do not aim to offer for sale any plant that has not had at least two years trial on our own grounds.

Within the borders of California can be found almost any climate to be found in Continental America. We do not specialize in the plants adaptable to the colder regions, but most of the material described herein is sufficiently hardy to withstand a number of degrees of frost. Where the plants are too tender for the adverage California section, they will be noted as such.

COOLIDGE RARE PLANT GARDENS
Pasadena, California
It may be observed that some of the plants listed as novelties, are novelties only in California.

All of the following are fully tested, high class novelties.

**ACACIA CAVENIA**

A wonderfully interesting rare Acacia. Very fine foliage, and flowers of a deep orange color.

**AZALEA**

These fine Japanese azaleas are a pronounced acquisition to our flowering small shrubs, and will thrive either in the shade or sun. We have the following choice varieties to offer. Apple Blossom, Cherry, Christmas Cheer, Coral Bells, and Hinimayo.

**BAUHINIA**

The Bauhinias are most interesting as well as beautiful trees and shrubs. Named for twin brothers, Bauhin, their leaves are two lobed or joined like the Siamese twins. We have three beautiful species.

**Bauhinia Candida**—This species grows into quite a large tree, and has most beautiful white flowers.

**Bauhinia Purpurea**—A smaller tree. Its flowers shade through yellow, pink, and purple, and resemble orchids in their fine form and coloring. Very fragrant.

**Bauhinia Tomentosa**—A good sized shrub with bright yellow flowers having a brown center.

Four
EVERGREEN BARBERIES

Among the most serviceable and beautiful of all ornamentals are the evergreen barberries. They have three points to commend them: Beautiful foliage charming flowers, and most attractive fruits.

*Berberis Dictyota*—Here is one of the rarest novelties although a native of California. The plant has most beautiful large holly leaves of a most brilliant glossy appearance.

*Berberis Gagnepainii*—Quick growing, large shiny foliage, and most attractive yellow flowers.

*Berberis Sargentiana*—Slow growing, dark green foliage, and yellow flowers.

*Berberis Tricanthophora*—One of the most beautiful of all narrow leaves of light green. Pinkish-yellow flowers.

*Berberis Prunosa*—Quick growing, large foliage, very beautiful.

*Berberis Stenophylla*—Quick growing, small glossy foliage, deep yellow flowers.

*Berberis Elegantissima*—Very distinct from the above species. Particularly in its foliage.

We have a number of other new species sent in by a collector of the Arnold Arboretum, that have not yet been named. These will be offered after another year's trial.

**BIGNONIA GARROCHA**

A fine ever-blooming shrub with dark crimson flowers.

**CATHA EDULIS**

According to an article in the 1917 August Geographic Magazine, a people in India pay two-thirds of their income for the leaves of this plant to chew, claiming that its effect is something like that of an opiate without the dangerous after effects. As grown in California, we have not discovered any of these qualities. It is surely worth while for its chocolate-green foliage.

**CEANOThUS**


The evergreen Ceanothi are indigenous only on the Pacific slope, and while there are many species and varieties the four named above we consider the most beautiful and desirable. French
plant breeders have produced some beautiful hybrids that are most lovely and desirable from all standpoints for summer flowering shrubs. We have a fine line of these hybrids in many shades of color. These shrubs are semi-deciduous.

**COCCULUS LAURIFOLIUS**

We have no hesitancy in pronouncing this quite the choicest dark green, lustrous foliaged shrub that we have seen. Flowers are inconspicuous, and add no value to the plant.

**COPROSMA CUNNINGHAMIA**

A distinct species from the well known Coprosma Baueri. Has long narrow leaves, and is somewhat hardier than the common sort.

**COPROSMA STOCKI**

This we consider the most beautiful of the variegated coprosmas. Unlike the Coprosma Baueri variegata, the yellow variegation is in the center of the leaf. Also, it is hardier when planted in the sun than C. Baueri variegata.

**COTONEASTER HEROVEANA**

Positively one of the best novelties in our collection. Bluish-green foliage and berries of a beautiful holly red.

*Cotoneaster Salicifolia*—One of the most graceful and prettiest of the group. Willowy stems and foliage, red berries.

**DAPHNE ODORA**

This lovely evergreen fragrant flowering shrub is very scarce on account of the fact that until Quarantine Regulation No. 37 was enacted, we depended entirely on Japan for our supply. However, we are now growing a much more vigorous line of these than were ever imported.

**DAPHNE CNEORUM**

A trailing small shrub with beautiful pink flowers.

*Eranthemum Pulchellum*—A soft woody plant producing clear blue flowers in the winter.

**GREVILLEA BANKSII**

One of the showiest shrubs in our collection. Foliage some-
Podocarpus
Elongatus
A Superbly Beautiful and Hardy New House Plant

*Podocarpus Elongatus*

*There has been a long felt want for a fine foliaged plant for dark halls and places where ferns do not thrive. We are sure we have it in Podocarpus Elongatus, a charming plant that does not get scale, and much hardier from cold than any Boston or other Nephrolepis fern. A large plant can be kept in a small pot.

We are sure that this beautiful foliaged plant must rival the ferns or Kentias in popularity. Grows readily from cuttings and a larger and better six-inch pot specimen can be grown in three years from a cutting than a Kentia or other palm in four years from a seed.

Do not forget that we are specialists in Ericas or heathers, and hundreds of plant novelties not carried by any other firm in this country.

Visitors are always welcomed.

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THE COOLIDGE RARE PLANT GARDENS
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thing like the tree grevillea, Grevillea robusta. Large plume-like flowers of a crimson shade.

HEATHERS

**Ericas or Heathers**—Contrary to the general belief typical Scotch Heather does not grow in our part of the State, but for that matter we should have no regrets as the most beautiful species of this most lovely plant come from Australia, along the shores of the Mediterranean, and from South Africa. French hybridizers have also produced some beautiful varieties. We were the original commercial introducers in our section and the plants generally are so satisfactory that we have made the Erica one of our big specialties and today it is doubtful if any dealer in the State can show so many varieties.

**Erica Melanthera**—This is the variety that fully half of the people who have seen it speak of it as the Scotch Heather. However, it is far more beautiful, being of a beautiful purplish pink color, and has a much sturdier habit of growth and while the most common of any it is unquestionably one of the best. It grows into a very large shrub but the proper treatment is to cut it back well in the spring after it is through flowering, which continues from October to April. We have a large stock and can offer plants of any size desired.

**Erica Blanda**—Surely one of the most lovely of all. A summer and fall variety, sturdy and in every way desirable.

**Erica Charlesiana**—A strong growing shrub with very delicate light pink tubular flowers.
Erica Codonodes Veitchi—A sturdy white species for Easter blooming.

Erica Hielana—This is one of the large flowered sorts producing orange colored flowers. We will not have this variety to offer before the summer of 1924.

Erica Mediterranea—One of the hardiest strong upright growing purple flowered species.

Erica Mediterranea Hybrida like the above except in habit of growth, which is prostrate. Excellent for borders.

Erica Persoluta Alba—A beautiful white species flowering about Easter.

Erica Persoluta Rosea—A lovely pink variety flowering in the spring.

Erica Pres. Felix Faure—Is one of the large tubed French hybrids. Flowers an inch long, red with white tips.

Erica Regerminans Ovata—Surely one of the prettiest of all. Not so robust as E. melanthera, it should not be allowed to grow over two or three feet high. This variety may be said to be almost continuously in flower.

Erica Translucens—A charming small shrub producing a mass of salmon pink flowers in the late spring.

**LEPTOSPERMUM FLAVESCENS**

A fine foliaged shrub producing yellowish white flowers.

Leptospermum Chapmani—Nice foliage and pink flowers.

Leptospermum Lanigerum—Much finer and lighter foliage than the others.

Leptospermum Nicholsi—Very rich bronzy foliage and cherry red flowers.

**LIBONIA FLORIBUNDUM**

A most interesting small shrub for the fernery or rockery. Orange and red tubular flowers produced in the winter and early spring.
MALUS FLORIBUNDA PURPUREA

A most beautiful red flowering crabapple whose new foliage is dark chocolate red. It has further value of producing quantities of small red-fleshed fruits that are superior for jelly making or spicing. This novelty we introduced from France.

Ligustrum Henryi—The best of the evergreen privets either for hedge or as individual shrubs. Its dark glossy small foliage is most attractive.

LONICERA SP.

A wonderfully pretty deciduous large shrub. Its bluish grey foliage, when enmeshed with clear pink flowers, make it a most beautiful object in any planting.

Loropetalum Chinense—A most beautiful weeping shrub. In the early spring the plant is a mass of fringy white flowers borne at the axil of every leaf. A superb novelty.

MALVA CHINENSE

Here is a most interesting quick growing pink Malva. It is constantly in bloom and produces pink flowers about the size of a half dollar.

MYRTUS RALPHI

An interesting light airy shrub for foreground planting.

OLEARIA FOSTERI

The Olearias come from New Zealand where they are known as tree Asters from the clusters of composite flowers usually white. The above species has most beautiful and interesting foliage and is well worth planting from this standpoint alone.
OLEARIA HAASTI

Said to produce very pretty flowers.

Osteomeles Anthyllidifolia—One of the choicest dainty foliaged and flowering shrubs in our collection. Its fine grayish ferny foliage almost completely covered with pinkish-white apple-blossom flowers in the early spring, make it noticeable in any collection of plants.

Osteomeles Schwerina—Distinct from the above species, particularly in the color of its foliage which is a dark glossy green, and valuable more for its foliage than the flowers which are clear white and sparsely borne.

PAVONIA HASTATA

A wonderfully interesting shrub flowering for a good part of the season. Large white flowers with crimson spot in center.

PHILODELPHUS SEMPERVIRENS

A true evergreen climbing Syringa of rampant growth and highly fragrant flowers.

Plumeria—The Frangipani of the tropics. A most chaste and beautiful flowering plant whose flowers are exquisitely perfumed. Very tender.

Prunus Campanulata—A wonderful early deep pink flowering cherry. Mr. E. H. Wilson of Arnold Arboretum pronounces this the

THE PASADENA SHASTA DAISY
CAPARIS SPINOSA

handsomest of all flowering cherries. At our place last season, it began flowering in January.

PITTOSPORUM FLORIBUNDUM

Esteemed most highly for its fragrant flowers and cheerful green foliage. Grows into quite a tree.

PODOCARPUS ELONGATUS

We are convinced that here is a plant to fill a long felt want. A graceful hardy house plant that will stand in dark, dusty halls, being much hardier and freer from scale and insect pests than any fern or palm. In the coastal regions planted in the ground it makes a most beautiful tree.

POLYSTICHUM PLUMOSUM DENSUM

A beautiful new hardy fern. About the choicest out door fern in our collection.

PYRACANTHA FORMOSIANA

This we consider the choicest of our evergreen Pyracanths. It has much smaller foliage, and is a more compact low growing
shrub than any of the old species in the trade. It has bright scarlet berries in enormous clusters.

PYRUS KAWAKAMI

A true evergreen Pear that has withstood a temperature of 22 degrees without losing any of its foliage. Takes a gorgeous coloring in the winter. This is a very recent discovery and nothing is known of its flowering or fruiting qualities.

QUILLAJA SAPONARIA

The Chilean soap tree. This is a very ornamental evergreen tree that has the interesting property of a good substitute for soap. The leaves when macerated make a good lather, and the tree is well worth while for this quality as well as its ornamental value.

RAPHIOLEPIS DELACOUREI

One of the very choicest and most beautiful of our introductions is this pink flowered Raphiolepis. It is a sturdy bush bearing large trusses of delicate pink flowers in the very early spring. It is scarcely less beautiful during the autumn and winter with its great bunches of blue fruit.

RHUS LANCEA

This is a new introduction from South Africa that is most interesting for its long bronzy evergreen foliage. It is said to bear an edible fruit.

Sarcococca Ruscifolia—A most interesting glossy leaved shrub producing red berries.

Spartium Junceum—The Spanish Broom.

Sphaeralcea Vitifolia—A wonderfully pretty malvaceous plant. Its large foliage and brilliant wine colored flowers produced in the winter, make it a most attractive ornament to the garden.

Stranvesia Undulatum—A prostrate small shrub with red berries.

Tibouchina Semidecandra—We have handled this beautiful plant for a number of years under the name of Pleroma Splendens. It is also known as Lasiandra macrantha. But whatever the name it goes under, it is one of the most beautiful shrubs in cultivation. Its every leaf appears and feels as though made of green velvet, and its unopened pink buds expand into large royal purple flowers. It is somewhat tender, but can be grown in most any part of California, if the plant is banked up about its trunk in winter. Should it freeze to the ground, after uncovering in the spring it will come up and blossom the first season.
Tricuspidaria Dependens—A very uncommon small tree with dependent white flowers.

Ulmus Parvifolius—A Chinese elm of supreme beauty. It is generally designated as the evergreen elm, which it is in normal winters. A quick growing willowy tree with very fine foliage.

Viburnum Rectangulum—An interesting small shrub with bronze-green foliage and small white flowers. Its fruits are a bright holly red.

Viburnum Rhytidophyllum—A most interesting large shrub. Its large rough foliage makes it stand out in any group of shrubbery.

SOME NEW PERENNIALS

Lepachys Columnaris—Here is a real acquisition to the perennial border. We have two types, single yellow, and double maroon or chocolate colored. The plant is a sturdy grower and blossoms from May to December.

Salvia Pitcheri—A tall growing plant producing flowers of clearest blue. More showy than a delphinium or larkspur.

Shasta Daisy “Pasadena”—This is an extraordinary type of the old favorite, produced on our own grounds. The flowers are very large, semi-double, and borne on stems two to three feet long. An almost continuous bloomer.

Other perennials include—Chelone, Coreopsis, Cuphea, Gerberas, Gypsophelia, Physostegia, Statice, Salvia, and many others.
During the planting season we carry a full line of deciduous fruit trees, grape vines, and all kinds of berries.

We aim to carry in stock all kinds of plants for the garden, but we do not carry seeds or bulbs.

We have not attempted to describe or enumerate all the plants we carry. A recent invoice of our stock showed upwards of 5000 species and varieties of plants. We can assure any intending planter on a large or small scale, of home grounds, that it will well repay him for the expense of a personal visit to our nurseries located on Santa Anita Ave., two miles northeast of Pasadena.

**ACTINIDA CHINENSIS**

A wonderful strong growing woody climber with large heart-shaped leaves and attractive large orchid-like flowers of a creamy white. The fruits as large as a pullet’s egg, make most delicious
pies, sauce, or jam. This plant has sometimes been called the Chinese gooseberry because of its acid fruits. This is a great grower, and most desirable for pergolas and trellises.

**ANONA CHERIMOYA**

Locally called the Custard Apple. This is a very delicious large fruit that should be grown in sections of little frost.

**RAPHEOLEPIS DELACOUREI**

**AVOCADOS**

The avocado sometimes called Alligator Pear has demonstrated its adaptability particularly to the southern part of the State, and is becoming one of our leading horticultural industries. The authorities recognize three distinct types or families of the Avocado. The West Indian type, the Guatemalan type, and the Mexican type. The West Indian avocado is the type that can only be successfully grown in the warmer latitudes, and is therefore not adaptable to any part of California. The Guatemalan is generally recognized as the finest in quality of the three different families. This is the family that is becoming commercial in California. While the trees are much hardier than the West Indian type, yet they are really not quite as hardy as the orange and should be planted only in the

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warmer sections of Southern California. We have a number of varieties, among the best that have yet come into fruiting and can make an attractive price on strong field grown plants in quantities. The Mexican avocado is the hardiest of all, and should thrive wherever the orange can grow. While the fruit of this type is small as compared to others, the better varieties are very prolific, and the fruit is of excellent quality. If thinking of planting the Avocado in large or small lots, you should communicate with us.

CAPPARIS SPINOSA
From this plant is obtained the berry or bud from which caper sauce is made. A most charming plant when covered with its white and lilac flowers.

CARICA PAPAYA
This is the tropical Pawpaw or tree melon. Should be planted only in frostless sections.

CARISSA GRANDIFLORA
Not an absolute novelty, but yet not as common as its merits warrant. A most beautiful ornamental shrub of glossy green foliage. The white jasmine-scented flowers are most notable, and the beautiful bright crimson fruits have a pleasing acid quality when eaten fresh or stewed.

CASTANOSPERMUM AUSTRALE
Called the evergreen chestnut, not a chestnut at all, but the large edible seeds are roasted and eaten as chestnuts in Australia, the native habitat. A gorgeous red flowering tree.
CHINESE LEMON (Dwarf)

Here is a novelty of supreme merit. A very dwarf bush as grown in the ground or pots. (We have plants in 4-inch pots with from one to four fruits), producing quantities of beautiful smooth-skinned lemons of a most attractive color. As an ornamental, there are few shrubs to equal it, but its ornamental value is hardly equal to its economic qualities. It is unquestionably the finest flavored of all lemons, possessing one per cent less acid than the ordinary lemon. It is the hardiest of any citrus growing on our grounds. In fact, hardier than the orange.

EUGENIA HOOKERI

A splendid quick growing ornamental small tree producing quantities of maroon colored fruits that have a value for jellies and sauces.

EUGENIA JAMBOS

The “Rose Apple,” a beautiful foliaged small tree producing fruits resembling loquats in appearance, highly rose scented.

EUGENIA UGNI OR CHILEAN GUAVA

A low growing shrub producing fruits about the size of huckleberries, and of a most aromatic flavor.

FEIJOA COOLIDGEI

Very few people are as yet familiar with the delicious Feijoa, pronounced “Fay-zho-ah,” introduced into California about 1900. For a number of years the only plants obtainable were seedlings which are so erratic that a large per cent of the plants produce no fruit at all, and those which do, produce very small fruit. After planting and observing thousands of seedlings, we at last got one that is nearly, if not quite ideal. The Coolidge feijoa is a strong growing shrub, beginning to fruit when quite small, and producing uniformly large fruits of the finest flavor.

The plant is very hardy, in fact we have no broad-leaved evergreen that is harder. Its flowers are so beautiful that even without its most delicious fruits, it would be most desirable as an ornamental. This particular variety is so difficult of propagation that we have never yet succeeded in getting together any large stock, and having only begun its distribution four or five years ago, the demand has always exceeded the supply. We have now, however, quite a stock of grafted plants and those grown from cuttings, and are able to offer a limited number to the trade.

GUAVA

Both the red and yellow strawberry varieties have beautiful glossy green foliage, and produce fruits excellent for jelly or to eat fresh.
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GUAVA GUINENSE

One of the more tender tropical guavas. Very distinct in character of foliage, and fruit.

MACADAMIA TERNIFOLIA

The Queensland nut. A most beautiful evergreen tree producing round, hard-shelled nuts of a flavor second to no nut grown. As hardy as the lemon.

PASSIFLORA EDULIS OR GRENADILLA

Here is the most aromatic of all fruits. In Australia and other sections, large acreages of this fruit are grown for the purpose of extracting its delicious flavored juices for use at soda fountains, and for the preparation of fine confections.

A wonderfully strong growing vine of charming greenery that should be used extensively for covering pergolas.

FRUIT OF ACTINIDIA CHINESIS "YANG TAO"

PUNICA GRANATUM NANA

"Dwarf Pomegranate." Here is a splendid novelty. A low growing, fine-leaved plant rarely over one foot high, that produces a mass of coral red typical Pomegranate flowers, from May to January. In sections of little frost it is almost an entire evergreen. Its fruit is about the size of a large walnut, and has a very pleasing acid flavor.

RANGPUR LIME

A fine lime resembling in appearance the Tangerine, but with the acid of the typical lime.

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At the inception of our business we realized that the rose, the Queen of flowers, would be to the nursery what sugar is to the grocery business, everybody must have it, and so we began specializing in this plant and to this end have endeavored each year to test out the best novelties that could be obtained following the process of elimination each year, i.e., to discard the old favorites of inferior quality, so that today in our stock of 10,000 strong field grown plants are few if any that are not first class.

In no line of hybridization has so much progress been made during the last ten years as in the breeding of roses and it is our firm belief that if one desires the best, few roses known ten years ago would find a place in his garden. Among the newer roses which can still be classed as novelties are the following:

**Belle of Portugal or Belle Portugais**—This wonderful climbing rose has been the biggest sensation of any of our introductions. A most vigorous rampant grower of clean light green foliage beginning to flower in January and continuing till June. The roses are borne on stems two to three feet long and are of soft pink shade flushed with yellow at the base of the petals. That fails to convey a correct impression of its wondrous beauty. Its long pointed buds expand into enormous flowers of a form and substance that cannot be compared to any other rose. Although we have had this rose for five or six years, until the present season we have not been able to supply the demand. However, we will have for the coming season over 3000 strong field grown plants which we are able to offer at an extremely modest price. Special prices to the trade.

**Cheerful**—Rightly named, this wondrous large rose is of a most beautiful salmon pink shade. One of the handsomest in our collection.

**Constance**—A real yellow rose of fine bud and form.
Duchess of Luxembourg—One of our introductions from France. It is surely a beauty in form and color which shades from light to deep coppery yellow.

Golden Ophelia—A good, real yellow Ophelia.

Golden Emblem—Just a little better than the Constance, particularly in growth.

Isobel—Positively the most artistic and beautiful single rose yet introduced. A vigorous free blooming bush, producing flowers of exquisite salmon pink color and delightful fragrance.

K. of K.—Here is the reddest rose known. So vivid that it is almost scarlet. A vigorous free blooming bush. Flowers semi-double.

Los Angeles—Almost too well known to need description. Suffice it to say that it is recognized as one of the world’s most beautiful parti-colored roses, the colors shading through pink and yellow. A very strong grower and most floriferous.

Marcia Coolidge—Our own production. A very dainty rose, deep pink on under side, and light pink on upper side of petals. A feature of this rose that we have observed in no other, is its bright crimson stamens instead of yellow. It has the Eastern wild rose fragrance concentrated.

Mrs. Chas. Bell—This should have been called salmon pink Radience, for that is what it is.

Rose Marie—We consider that this wonderful double pink rose easily scores 100 per cent. It has perfect foliage, is a good grower, and free bloomer. It is beautiful in the unopened bud and fully expanded flower, and has a most delightful fragrance.

Wm. F. Dreer—Created and produced by the same Los Angeles firm that gave to the world the beautiful Los Angeles rose. In form, much like the above, but of much lighter color. Without gainsay, a very beautiful rose.

Twenty
FIRST CLASS RED ROSES

VERY CHOICE PINK ROSES
Radiance, Lady Ashton, Premier, Mary Countess of Ilchester.

VERY BEAUTIFUL YELLOW ROSES
Sunburst, Lady Hillingdon, Mrs. Aaron Ward, Iona Herdman.

GOOD WHITE ROSES
Frau Karl Druschki, Kaiserrin.

We have a fine line of climbing or trellis roses including the best of the different shades.

We carry a splendid line of standard or tree roses. The best of the newer varieties in the different shades only being used for top working. At the present time we are using the Gloirre Rosamond or Ragged Robin for stock, but we take this occasion to announce that within a few years we will have to offer standard roses on what is unquestionably the most superior stock known to the world. Coolidge’s I. X. L. is the strongest and straightest growing, absolutely thornless stock known. This rose originated with us and after a three years test we have no hesitancy in making the above statements.

We also have a good line of the Polyantha or Baby roses in the different colors.

This is not our complete list, but all of those described can be depended upon as the most satisfactory roses of the different shades that have come to our notice. Some remarkable new roses were introduced during the past year which we have on trial, and will have to offer next year.
It has been frequently remarked that more varied and artistic landscape gardening effects are seen in California than in any other part of the United States. Of course this is due to the fact that the climate and soil of California make it possible to grow a larger range of plants than any other section.

The COOLIDGE RARE PLANT GARDENS has a landscape department that is peculiarly prepared to do original and artistic work, and we maintain that no concern in the country has so large and varied a line of ornamentals to choose from. We claim that there is more originality in our completed effects than is to be noted elsewhere.

We are prepared to give estimates on undertakings of any size.

This limited catalogue in no sense reflects the extensive stock of ornamental and fruiting plants that we carry. It is deemed that the average plantsman is already familiar with the older and ordinary plants, and for this reason we have not included them in this catalogue. However, anyone wishing any plant that is found growing in the gardens in any part of California to any extent, will surely find them at our nursery. We also carry a limited line
of tender greenhouse plants but since the use of the greenhouse in California is so limited, we have not catered especially to this class of trade.

Trailing or Climbing Plants

California is the land of the pergola, ramada, or arbor, and many opportunities for living out of doors. Rarely do we have rain from April to October, and the out-of-door sitting room should be a feature of all homes large or small. Should the home be ever so humble, a cheap lattice arbor can be constructed, which when covered with some of the pretty climbers, becomes a most artistic and enjoyable addition to the home.

We aim to carry a complete line of evergreen climbing or trailing plants including Bignonias, Honeysuckles, Evergreen Grapes, and also have some of the better of the deciduous lines, including Polygonum Auberti and others.

Wholesale Department

An extensive feature of our establishment is our wholesale department. We have some five hundred thousand small plants of most of our novelties and all of the commoner plants that we keep as lining-out plants for other nurseries. Visitors are cordially welcomed with the assurance that whether they are professional or amateur plant lovers, they will find much of interest in our nurseries.

We take great pains to send out nothing but plants in first class condition, but realizing that in lifting plants from the field we cannot always be certain that they will transplant, we make the guarantee that where it can be proven that the plant has had good care, and has failed to start, we gladly make replacement.

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