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PERLE DES JARDINS.



ALTHOUGH the most of our readers are more interested in growing hardy, remontant roses, that large class of hardy outdoor varieties which will endure our Canadian winters and make so grand a display of bloom with so little trouble to the grower, yet some may desire to experiment with those exquisitely scented, though very delicate, Teas, with which florists so often charm our senses. As Mr. H. B. Ellwanger says in his book on "The Rose":

"The Tea rose (*Rosa Indica Ordorata*) may well be taken as a synonym for all that is delicately beautiful. What refinement of color; what subdued, yet powerful fragrance do they possess! They are, indeed, the centre of loveliness; like fair maids at a reception surrounded by admiring groups, these lend beauty to the others, which may well strive to find a near approach to their sweet presence, that perchance they may receive a smile, and borrow beauty, diffused from their chaste loveliness. There has always been a warm place in my heart for the Tea rose, for, *sub rosa*, let me confess it, this was my first love (I fear no conjugal jealousy or censure in making this confession); a bed of Tea roses planted near my father's house first won me as a devotee to the rose, and by foliage and flower I learned to distinguish varieties among them before I even knew the names in other classes; I should now as soon think of doing without roses altogether as not to have a bed of Teas in my garden.