

HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS OF THE BEST AND MOST USEFUL VARIETIES FOR ALL PURPOSES.

MY intention for making up this list is that any person may choose varieties suitable in height, color of bloom, etc., to suit any situation, large or small. All of the journals and catalogues of perennials are very confusing to the inexperienced lovers of these beautiful flowers. It has been well said that the earth wears a crown of floral beauty, and among the brightest, richest, and sweetest are the hardy perennials; they fill a place in our gardens and in our hearts, which nothing else can supply; like flowering shrubs when once planted they are a thing of beauty for a life time. What is more cheerful or more beautiful than the clumps of Phlox, Lilies, Iris or Pæonies that our fathers, mothers or perhaps our grandmothers planted. If people owning their own homes would only buy of the following assorted varieties of perennials, in place of wasting their money year after year in annuals, the same money that is spent in these flowers that only last a season and are gone, would, if put to the buying of the following perennials, secure this full collection in a few years, and, if properly planted, would be an everlasting beauty to any home and the community in which they were planted. A list of this sort by some person familiar with the best of our hardy perennials, hardiest and best shrubs, and most decorative trees, and I may add our fruiting trees, has been a long felt want. What do we find? In all our journals there are hundreds of varieties of perennials, shrubs and fruiting trees that are of no value, some have never been of any value. Our fruit catalogues seem to be vying with each other as to which can supply the greatest number of names, such lists particularly in fruits has been to a great extent very detrimental to

the well being of the most of our orchardists, and we can see the bad effects of these lists in our orchards all over the Province. The beauty of a good collection of perennials is unexcelled by any other flowers; they have cheered many persons through dark hours of life; they were loved and planted by dear ones whose voices and presence are no more; their blooming calls to our minds happy days and faces that are gone not to return. There are many cheerless looking homes in our rural districts, that could be made ideal abodes, with very little money, by judicious planting of the commonest of herbaceous plants and shrubs from the woods, if the few dollars could not be spared to buy of the list named below. Let us plant of these old friends of our forefathers, that I am glad to say are fast becoming great favorites with the flower loving people of the world. There cannot be mistakes made in selecting from the following list, as every one of those mentioned is first class, chosen from among hundreds of varieties.

Achillea ptarmica flore plena—Double sneezewort (northern hemisphere), height, one foot; in bloom all summer; flowers small, white and double.

Anthemis tinctoria—Kelway's hardy golden Marguerite (Europe), height, eighteen inches; blooms in end of June; flowers large yellow.

Aquilegia or Columbines—There are many of these in cultivation in every shade of color, and in doubles and singles, short and long spurred; there is also the well known native variety *Canadensis*. They range from eighteen inches to three feet in height, and are indispensable for the hardy border, ranging in bloom from June to September.

Aster amellus—From (Russia,) height, eighteen inches; blooms from July to fall;