

## THE LILAC (SYRINGA.)

the best bloomer of the double varieties : *Renoncule*, panicles under size, compact, but looser than Volland and petals of flowers longer and more pointed ; color azure mauve, very fragrant.

Of the single varieties we notice *Philemon*, a grand showy lilac of the darkest shade, almost purple : *Pyramidalis*, panicles very large and pyramidal in form,

inches in length, and bending to the ground with their weight of flowers.

The accompanying cuts from photos may further assist in giving some idea of the varieties mentioned.

Our Association has introduced to its members quite a number of these beautiful varieties in the plant distribution of this year, not sparing considerable ex-



FIG. 1159—FRAU DAMMAN.

flower large azure rose, carmine in bud. *Dr. Lindley*, large compact panicles, purplish lilac, one of the finest.

*Rothamgensis alba* and *R. rubra* are two interesting varieties of *Rothamgensis* a species produced by crossing *S. vulgaris* (common) and *S. Persica* (Persian), and excelling the latter in robustness of growth ; panicles sometimes 10 to 16

pense in so doing, and we hope this may be the means of creating a deeper interest in the cultivation of these beautiful shrubs.

A collection of varieties would interest any amateur, not planting separately, but in large clumps along the carriage drive, or near the border of the yard.