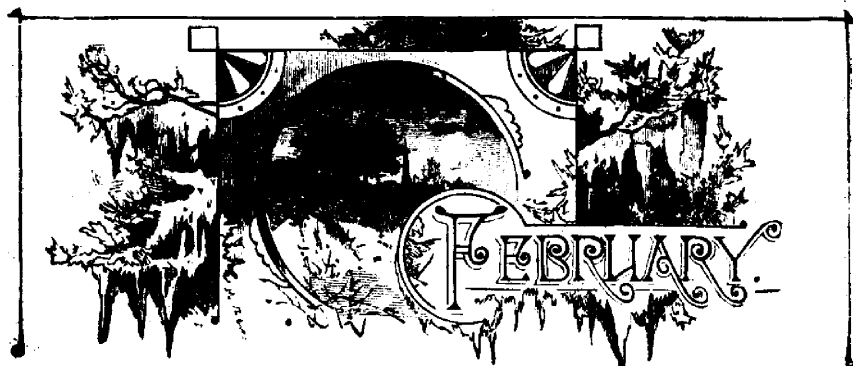


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MRS. JOHN LAING ROSE.



EARLY eleven hundred varieties of roses are counted worthy of a place in the list given by H. B. Ellwanger in his book on the rose. How widely this favorite flower has been idolized by those who appreciate flowers, and yet how many in our province know almost nothing of the many beautiful varieties which are within their reach. A rose to them is "only a rose"; and the many charming characteristics which distinguish one from another, are to such persons a sealed book.

Among the hybrid remontants of recent origin, the Mrs. John Laing is one of the most desirable. It originated with Mr. Henry Bennett, of England, a noted rose grower, in the year 1887. This rose is a seedling from Francois Michelon. It is valuable for forcing, and yet succeeds admirably in the open ground, being a vigorous grower and flowering almost continuously. The flower is soft pink in color; very large, and very fragrant.

Mr. W. Taplin, speaking of early-blooming hybrid perpetuals, says: "Among the earlier hybrids Mrs. John Laing and Madame Gabriel Luizet take a prominent place, these being among the most beautiful of pink roses, and both are readily forced."