

THE PEACH-LEAFED BELLFLOWER.



FIG. 1693.—PEACH-LEAFED BELLFLOWER.

THE Peach-leaved Bellflower, *Campanula persicifolia*, whether grown in the garden or window. There are two colors, white and blue, and they may be had in either the single or double form. The former is generally considered the more graceful of the two, and a plant in full bloom, as represented in the engraving, is a source of great admiration. The seeds should be sown in the spring, and the plants set out where they are to bloom, as soon as they are large enough to bear transplanting. They will then become well established the first season, will endure the winter safely, and make a fine display the second year. In a severe climate protect with evergreen boughs when cold weather comes.—Parks' Floral Guide.

ROSES FOR BEGINNERS,

SIR,—I would like to remind my critics of the gilt-edged list of roses that I was asked to give, that they are overlooking three very significant considerations: (1) that I was restricted to one dozen varieties; (2) that they were to be really hardy; (3) that they must be fragrant.

One thing to avoid in recommending the cultivation of the rose is, discouragements to the beginner. With that aim as a primary object, I would never advise more than a dozen varieties to begin with. Nor would I ever encourage the new beginner to start out with such doubtful varieties as Margaret Dickson, Perle des Blanches, Merveille

de Lyons, and a number of others given by one of your correspondents. These are well enough for faddists or enthusiasts, but they are not calculated to bring much encouragement or enthusiasm to new beginners.

But this rose question is now threshed out; for after all one may, say it is still a matter of experience; and each year brings its own experiences; and with the same individual the favorites of one year may not be the favorites of the next. Observing a few general principles, each rose grower will be guided in his choice of varieties by his own experience.

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