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CATHARINE MERMET ROSE.



OF all the pink tea roses, probably Catharine Mermet, is the finest. The buds are long and pointed, and very beautiful, exhaling, as they open, a most delightful perfume. The flowers themselves are large, full and well formed, and, although not produced in great abundance, the variety cannot be called a shy bloomer.

The rose is flesh color, and characterized by a peculiar silvery lustre, like that of La France. Rose growers marketing cut flowers, consider this variety one of the very best for their purposes; while, on account of its beauty, it is most highly valued for exhibition purposes.

Catharine Mermet was introduced to the public by the celebrated rose growers, Messieurs Guillot fils, of Lyons, France, who are also the originators of a dozen other good roses, among them that well-known half hardy tea, the La France, which is so great a favorite in the garden of the amateur.