

"Most of the varieties in this group are very sensitive to any neglect, and will show very quickly whether they have met with good or ill treatment. The soil can scarcely be made too rich for their reception, but it must be light, warm and *well drained*. If the place chosen consists of heavy clay soil, a foot or more must be dug out, carted away, and filled up with that which is mellow. As most of the varieties are of but modern growth, they require rather close pruning. To protect them during winter, we advise hilling up earth about the plants and then spreading over evergreen branches or loose litter. Care must be exercised that the plants be not embedded and packed down with a heavy mass, otherwise decay and death will ensue. Some air will needs be admitted. The plants must be protected but not smothered."

The *Perle des Jardins* is one of a choice selection of Teas, which Mr. Ellwanger commends highly for healthiness and beauty of both bud and flower. It is largely used by florists for forcing, especially for the New York market, and for this purpose it is truly a superb sort, indeed, it has become a strong competitor with the celebrated *Marshall Neil*. It is also a suitable rose for growing in the open ground in sheltered locations, providing it has proper winter protection.

This rose was raised by Antoine Levet, of Lyons, France, in 1874. It is thus described: flowers canary-yellow, large or very large, full, well formed; stiff stems; very free bloomer; the leaflets are five to seven in number, deeply serrated, very dark and glaucous.

Webster Bros., florists of Hamilton, say with regard to the *Perle des Jardins* rose: "We would say that it ranks first of its color as a forcing rose, and is invaluable for cutting during the winter. Yet we have not found it to be of much value planted outside, the variety *Etoile de Lyon* being superior, as a yellow Tea, for outdoor work. The *Perle* makes a nice pot rose that will sell at sight, but, as a rule, it is hard for the amateur to keep it in good order. Its chief value lies in its being a good forcing rose, that will give excellent results under high cultivation. *Clothilde Soupert* is, in our opinion, the best rose for either outdoor growth, or for a pot rose, that has been introduced, being very free, easy to manage, fragrant; it is, however, not very large."

Mr. Fred Mitchell, of Innerkip, a gentleman of considerable experience with roses, writes: "I would not recommend the *Perle des Jardins* rose as a variety which the ordinary amateur grower need expect anything like perfect success with. I have never seen a truly perfect specimen of a plant of it produced by ordinary pot culture in the house or on the veranda. Under such conditions it becomes unthrifty and stunted in its growth, and blooming only occasionally, and the blooms not of first quality. In my experience, it is more fitted for planting on benches in the greenhouse. Gently forced in this way, with experienced management, it will give a splendid return. The rose in itself has many good points. It is highly perfumed, good form, and, to many tastes, of fine color. There are not many Tea roses which I would recommend to the general readers of the *HORTICULTURIST*."