

## ❖ Novelties. ❖

### THE YELLOW RAMBLER ROSE.\*



FIG. 1110.—YELLOW RAMBLER.

A YELLOW climbing rose is something that has always been denied our northern gardens, because of the severity of our winters and the tenderness of all climbing roses having yellow coloring, for the combination of yellow color, climbing habit and hardiness in a rose was one which it seems impossible to obtain, although the efforts of many hybridisers were directed to that end, and repeated crosses were made in the hope of securing it.

Mr. Peter Lambert, the German rosarian, is the man to whom the honor of the greatest success belongs. In his new rose, Yellow Rambler, we have yellow color, climbing habit and very considerable hardiness. It has withstood unprotected and without injury a

continued temperature of from zero to two degrees below, and although it has not yet been fully enough tested to know positively about its capability for undergoing still lower temperature, yet there is no reason to think that it will not also withstand a much greater degree of cold. In any event we need no longer deny our northern gardens climbing roses of that most attractive color of all, yellow, for if given a very little protection in the winter, the Yellow Rambler should do well anywhere that other roses succeed.

To those unfamiliar with such things, it seems strange to talk of crossing roses, or rather breeding them, which is exactly what is attempted in hybridizing. It is, or should be, gone at with a definite end in view: with a clear idea of what qualities are wanted in the proposed new rose, so that a judicious choice of varieties for the parents can be made, the same as one would do in breeding horses or cattle. In producing the Yellow Rambler, Mr. Lambert selected for the mother the Japanese Polyantha Sarmentosa, a wild rose that is native to Japan, and which is a vigorous climber as well as very hardy, both of which qualities were especially wanted in the hybrid. Flowers of this Polyantha Sarmentosa were then fertilized with pollen of a yellow rose called Reve d'Or, which, on account of its having somewhat greater hardiness than most yellow roses, was a suitable variety for the purpose. The seed resulting from this hybridizing was planted, and the Yellow Rambler is the result.

It all seems easy and simple enough to read about, but where success is met

\* This article was written by the introducer. We have not seen this rose, Ed.