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1. The Canadian Horticulturist for 1904
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5. A choice between Dorothy Perkins Rose and the XXXX Gladiolus

(1) The Dorothy Perkins, a new pedigreed climbing rose. We give the originator's account and description:

Parentage: This rose was originated from seed of the Japan variety, *Rosa Wichuriana*, hybridized with pollen from that grand old rose, *Mme. Gabriel Luizet*. The seed plant was chosen for its hardiness and vigorous habit of growth, the pollen parent for its beautiful color and remarkable freedom of bloom. The qualities of both are combined to a remarkable degree in the hybrid, which was one of a lot of two hundred seedlings hybridized in the same manner. While many of the others were of great merit, the Dorothy Perkins was the best of them all.

Hardiness. In this important point nothing more could be desired. Two unusually severe winters failed to injure the plants in the least, although during one of them the temperature went as low as 20 degrees below zero and there was not the usual snowfall to protect them.

The Flowers are of large size for this class of rose, usually about one and one-half inches across; are borne in clusters of from ten to thirty and are very double; the petals are very prettily rolled back and crinkled; the buds are remarkably pretty, being pointed in shape and of just the right size for the button hole.

The Color is a most beautiful clear shell-pink and holds a long time without fading. Even when the flowers commence to fade the color is still pleasing, being then a lovely deep rose.

In Vigor the Dorothy Perkins is a true descendant of *Rosa Wichuriana*, making in a single season strong, lusty shoots, often of ten to twelve feet in height.

In Habit of Growth it is, unlike its seed parent, decidedly upright, having, as stated by Mr. Wm. Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Horticulture at the Pan-American, exactly the habit of the now well-known *Crimson Rambler*. It is therefore especially adapted for planting as a companion rose to *Crimson Rambler*.

Fragrance. The flowers are very sweetly scented, a characteristic not possessed by most other roses of this class.

The Foliage is of a deep green, of thick leathery texture and remains on the plant in perfect condition till well on into the winter, making it almost an evergreen variety.

At the Pan-American Exposition there was a bed of Dorothy Perkins roses which attracted an immense amount of attention, although the plants were young stock which had been propa-



DOROTHY PERKINS ROSE.

gated only some eighteen months before. Mr. Wm. Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Horticulture expressed in the Florists' Review the following unsolicited opinion regarding the variety:

"*Messrs. —* — sent us last year some plants of their new Rambler Rose, Dorothy Perkins. This has exactly the habit of the well-known *Crimson Rambler*. They have flowered splendidly and have been very brilliant. This seems to me to be a great acquisition, and I believe it to be a good climbing rose. The individual flower is larger than the *Crimson Rambler* with no such heavy tines, but it is a beautiful shell-pink in color." Later on Mr. Scott wrote: "The Dorothy Perkins proved to be just as good a climbing rose as the well-known *Crimson Rambler*. Had the plants been grown on my grounds and potted with it delay they would possibly have been still better. As it was they flowered well and flowers profusely."

From *Gardening Illustrated* (London): "A beautiful *N. Rambler* Rose. We now and then get a very good novelty in the way of roses from the United States. Dorothy Perkins is the latest comer. The charming little double shell-pink flowers as they open remind one of the miniature *Dr. Venise de Meaux*, only that they are brighter and rather larger. They are produced in splendid clumps of twenty to fifty flowers. One can imagine, therefore, the extraordinary amount of a well developed plant. Growths are made in a season of ten to twelve long. Although this new rose was raised from *Rosa Wichuriana*, crossed with the old H. P. Rose, *Mme. Gabriel Luizet*, it has the predominant form of the seed parent, or, instead, partakes of the upright character of the *Crimson Rambler*, so that it is a first-rate companion of the latter."