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❖ PREFACE. ❖

UNLIKE the previous editions of the Society's "Official Catalogue of Roses" the present issue has been compiled in order to meet the wants of Amateur Rosarians generally, and not as before principally from an Exhibitor's point of view.

There are several new features. The book is of a handier size, contains descriptions of a larger number of varieties, and the purposes for which each Rose is adapted are indicated.

In addition there is appended carefully prepared selections of the best varieties for exhibition, for general garden cultivation, for bedding, for pergolas, and other purposes for which Roses may be required.

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

AS THIS CATALOGUE has been drawn up in some respects upon rather unusual lines, a few explanations may be advisable as to the terms employed in the descriptions of the different varieties included in it. In the first place, after the name of each Rose is given (1) the class to which it belongs; (2) the raiser's or introducer's name and the date of introduction; (3) the colour of the flower; (4) the character of the growth, whether vigorous, moderate, or what not; (5) the purposes for which it is best suited; (6) general remarks, which are printed in italics.

I.—The Class to which it belongs:

The following abbreviations are used:—Ayr.—*Ayrshire*; B.—*Bourbon*; C.—*China*; Cl. Poly.—*Climbing Polyantha*; D.—*Damask*; H.B.—*Hybrid Bourbon*; H.C.—*Hybrid China*; H.N.—*Hybrid Noisette*; H.P.—*Hybrid Perpetual*; H.T.—*Hybrid Tea*; Min. Prov.—*Miniature Provence*; N.—*Noisette*; Poly.—*Polyantha (Pompon)*; Prov.—*Provence*; Rug.—*Rugosa*; S. Briar.—*Sweet Briar*; T.—*Tea*; Wich.—*Wichuraiana*. By single-flowered is here meant a Rose having only one row of petals.

4.—The Character of the Growth :

The scale adopted ranges from weak to very rampant growth and is arranged as follows : Weak, moderate, moderately vigorous, vigorous, and very vigorous. Where the growth is sturdy but short it is described as "robust." In the case of climbing Roses those suitable for a dwarf pillar are described as a "vigorous climber;" those suitable for a tall pillar or pergola as a "very vigorous climber."

5.—The purposes for which the Rose is best suited:

Garden means that the variety is recommended for general garden cultivation.

Standard.—That it makes a good standard.

Bedding.—That it is suitable for massing together in a single bed either by itself or with other bedding Roses.

Pillar.—That it is excellent for training up a single post or pillar.

Arch.—That it is suitable for growing over an arch.

Pergola.—That it is well adapted for training over a pergola.

Wall.—That it is suitable for training up the face of a wall or the side of a house.

Creeping.—That it is well adapted for trailing over a bank or dell.

- Exhibition.**—That its blooms are sufficiently large, full and well formed to allow of their being shown singly at Rose Shows. All these varieties are indicated by an asterisk.
- Trellis.**—That it is suitable for training up trellis work.
- Weeping.**—That it makes an excellent weeping standard.
- Bush.**—That when planted by itself and allowed to develop it makes a good bush.
- Town and Suburb.**—That it is one of the best Roses for growing in a town or suburban garden.
- Pot and Greenhouse Culture.**—That it is well suited for growing under glass either in pots or bedded out.
- Edging.**—That it makes an excellent edging to a Rose bed or other border.
- Hedge.**—That it is well suited either alone or with other similar varieties for making a hedge.
- An Exhibitor's Rose.**—By this is meant a variety which is of too poor growth, or is otherwise unsuited, for general garden cultivation, although in the hands of an experienced exhibitor it may be made to produce fine exhibition blooms.
- Summer-flowering Roses.**—Those Roses which flower only once in the year are indicated at the end of the description of them by the letter S.

Climbing Sports from Dwarf Roses :

These climbing sports are not always dependable, as one plant of the same variety will make strong climbing shoots, while another will be little stronger in growth than the variety from which it sported. The most reliable of those mentioned in the Catalogue are Climbing K. A. Victoria, Climbing Mrs. W. J. Grant, Climbing Niphetos, Climbing Papa Gontier, and Climbing Devoniensis.

