

*Barr's Selected Compact-topped Pine Apple*, crimson flesh; beautifully-shaped roots, of uniform colour, boils tender and fine flavoured. This is a pure stock of the true Pine Apple Beet; this variety is the very best for early sowings.

*Dell's Crimson-leaved Beet* (syn. *Dwarf Waterloo*, *Belvoir Castle*, and *Perfection Salad Beet*), purple flesh, the leaves of a rich dark crimson; compact and upright, slightly arched, and of a uniform medium height, more effective in the flower garden than *Perilla*; also an excellent variety for the table.

*Dwarf Victoria*, purple flesh, leaves rich metallic crimson, gracefully arched, uniform in height, and, judging from the sample test of 1871 in our experimental grounds, it is likely to supersede *Dell's Beet*.

*Nutting's Dwarf Red* (Barr's selection), purple flesh; a very pure stock, with medium-sized roots, and for flavour surpassing all other beets.

*White's Black*, very deep crimson flesh, roots large; a fine sort for those who prefer a large beet.

*Turnip-shaped Dark Red Egyptian*, rich in colour and flavour; valuable for shallow soils.

*The Chelsea Beet*, in size and shape resembles *Cattell's Crimson*, but of a richer crimson; flavour exceedingly fine, certified by the Fruit Committee, in Oct., 1869.

From the descriptions given there will be no difficulty in selecting the variety desired; and it may be said with safety that all are thoroughly good.

## CHOICE BEDDING PELARGONIUMS.

Selected from the Royal Horticultural Society's Trial in the garden at Chiswick.



AMONGST other trials of flowers and vegetables in the Gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society at Chiswick, last summer, that of Bedding Pelargoniums was by no means the least important. Nearly 350 varieties, comprising the best kinds in cultivation, were grown; and from that number the following are selected as being the very best in the several classes. It will be seen that some of the old varieties still hold a high position, whilst, on the other hand, some of the most popular sorts are, when thoroughly tested with others in the same classes, comparatively worthless. As being more easy for reference, we shall follow the classification adopted by the Royal Horticultural Society. The description will be as brief as possible, and, to avoid the necessity of repetition, it must be understood that all are really first-class. A few of the varieties are now in course of distribution for the first time, but the majority are procurable at prices ranging from four to nine shillings per dozen.

### PLAIN GREEN-LEAVED.

FLOWERS SCARLET.—*Ascendant*, bright scarlet; very free-flowering, and a good grower.

*Warrior*, brilliant scarlet; strong in growth, like *Punch*, and of great value for large beds and poor soils.

FLOWERS ROSE PINK.—*Advancer*, rosy pink; dwarf and free-flowering.

*Maia*, bright, rich magenta pink; trusses small, but produce very freely, first-class.

*Mrs. Pottle*, bright pink-shaded magenta; very free-flowering, and desirable.

#### ZONATE OR HORSE-SHOE LEAVED.

FLOWERS SCARLET.—*Coleshill*, cerise scarlet; trusses large and fine, combined with a good habit.

*Commissioner*, pale scarlet; large trusses of small flowers, fine habit, and free-flowering.

*Diana*, crimson scarlet; flowers large and of good form, produced in rather small trusses.

*Dr. Lindley*, pale scarlet, with white eye; compact and free-flowering; well known for its usefulness.

*Emily Morland*, light scarlet with pale eye; fine flowers and trusses, and altogether a useful variety.

*Etna*, scarlet; good flowers and trusses, which are abundantly produced; very useful.

*Excellent*, cerise scarlet; fine habit, free-flowering, and one of the most effective varieties in its class.

*George Peabody*, bright scarlet; flowers of splendid shape, and produced in grand trusses; one of the very best bedders in its class.

*Jean Sisley*, clear scarlet with white eye; compact and very floriferous.

*Landers*, brilliant scarlet; in the way of *Vesuvius*, but altogether better, and therefore a most valuable acquisition.

*Mrs. A. Pirie*, intense scarlet; flowers large and of grand form, fine habit.

*Payne's Perpetual*, pale scarlet; trusses small, but produced in the most profuse manner; exceedingly dwarf, and of great value for small beds and marginal lines.

*Sydney Turner*, bright scarlet, with pale eye; flowers of fine form, good habit.

CERISE OR ROSY SCARLET.—*Alfred*, bright carmine; very free and fine.

*Charles Dickens*, carmine, shading to cerise; very distinct and good.

*Crystal Palace Gem*, rosy cerise; well known as one of the best bedders of its class.

*Ianthe*, rosy carmine, with magenta shade; dwarf, and very distinct.

*Lucius*, bright cerise flowers, and trusses large, standing the weather well, robust in growth, and best adapted for large beds; very fine.

*Princess of Wales*, clear rose; very large truss, and dwarf and compact; very fine.

April.

FLOWERS ROSE PINK.—*Beauty of Lee*, carmine rose; small flowers and truss, but very dwarf, compact, and free-flowering.

*Mrs. Upton*, bright pink; very compact, free-flowering, and altogether first-class.

FLOWERS SALMON-COLOURED OR FLESH-COLOURED.—*Emile Licau*, bright deep salmon; free-flowering, and possessing a good habit.

*Hogarth*, bright salmon, shaded with lake; trusses and flowers large, and freely produced.

FLOWERS LIGHT, WITH DEEP SALMON OR ROSE CENTRE.—*Amelina Grisau*, pure white, with salmon centre; dwarf, compact, and very floriferous.

*Eugène Mezard*, white, shaded with salmon; dwarf and free-flowering.

*Queen of Beauties*, pure white, with salmon eye; fine habit, and useful.

*Rosebud*, white, with salmon eye; very distinct, free-flowering, and good.

*Vestal*, white, with salmon centre; similar to the preceding, and very fine.

FLOWERS WHITE.—*Purity*, flowers of good shape, and borne in good trusses; robust, but compact; the best in the section.

*The Bride*, French white; flowers large, and of fine form; dwarf and compact.

#### NOSEGAY VARIETIES.

FLOWERS CRIMSON AND SCARLET.—*Bayard*, crimson, flowers small, but produced profusely in small trusses; fine habit; good.

*Charlie Casbon*, brilliant scarlet; dwarf, and wonderfully free-flowering; first-class.

*Constance Nivelet*, orange scarlet; very free-flowering, and possessing a compact habit.

*David Garrick*, crimson scarlet; flowers very large, floriferous, and in habit exceedingly compact.

*Duke of Devonshire*, bright crimson scarlet; flowers large, and produced in huge trusses; exceedingly fine.

*H. M. Stanley*, crimson scarlet; robust in growth, yet compact and free-flowering.

*King of Nosegays*, rich crimson scarlet; trusses good; very desirable.

*Mrs. Mellow*, dazzling crimson; free-flowering and exceedingly good.

*Mrs. Vincent*, crimson scarlet; flowers and trusses good, and freely produced.

*Murillo*, crimson; flowers and trusses small, but freely produced; useful.

*Pride of Osberton*, brilliant scarlet; compact and good.

*Robert Bowley*, bright crimson scarlet; very free-flowering and effective.

*Soleil*, orange scarlet; strong in growth and useful for large beds.

*Stanstead Rival*, crimson, shaded with lake; dwarf, most profuse in flowering.

*Thomas Speed*, crimson lake; moderately compact, remarkably good.

*Triomphe de Stella*, orange scarlet; very dwarf and altogether first-class.

*Vesta*, brilliant crimson scarlet; robust yet compact; very attractive.

*Waltham Seedling*, rich crimson; well known as one of the best of its class.

*Wellington*, deep crimson; flowers of gigantic size and produced in huge trusses; grand.

FLOWERS CERISE OR ROSY SCARLET.—*Chilwell Beauty*, magenta rose; moderately strong grower, but free-flowering.

*Lady Kirkland*, purplish rose; flowers and trusses of large size, very free-flowering and the very best of its class.

*Masterpiece*, cerise shaded magenta; robust and free.

*Merrimac*, cerise magenta; compact, and a thoroughly good bedder.

*Violet Hill Nosegay*, lake rose; dwarf and compact, and a most profuse bloomer, first-class.

FLOWERS ROSE PINK.—*Amaranth*, rosy amaranth; very distinct and beautiful.

*Florence Durand*, bright magenta; flowers large but rather flimsy; promising.

*Pink May Queen*, bright carmine pink; flowers of good shape and produced in huge trusses, robust but compact, and wonderfully floriferous.

*Wellbeck Nosegay*, very bright carmine; dwarf, compact, and remarkably free-flowering.

#### IVY LEAVED VARIETIES.

LEAVES GREEN.—*Crimson Ivy-leaved*, pale crimson; free-trailing habit.

*White Ivy-leaved*, white, tinged with rose; trailing habit, useful for small beds or rustic baskets.

*Willsi*, pale rose; very free, distinct and good.

*Willsi roseum*, magenta rose; very free and effective, compact habit.

LEAVES VARIEGATED.—*Duke of Edinburgh*, pale rose flowers; large foliage, vigorous in growth, and useful for beds or rustic baskets.

*L'Elegante*, flowers white; large foliage, thick and buttery, margin white, changing to deep rose with age.