

field conditions (except during periods of extreme drought) it affects the time of flowering. The effect of nocturnal cloud cover on reducing radiation and thereby increasing the likelihood of higher daily temperatures is probably more effective than precipitation *per se*.

The evidence from these observations, together with the experiences of others in this area who have tried to flower this beautiful but coy Sasanqua, indicates that patient waiting for the right conditions to bring it into flower can atone for flowerless years. Whether it flowers or not, Mine-no-yuki ranks high as an outstanding broad-leaved evergreen in beauty of foliage and vigor of growth.

COLLECTION OF CAMELLIAS CULTIVATED IN THE GARDENS OF CESARE FRANCHETTI—AMATEUR¹

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THE varietal descriptions herein result mostly from my personal inspections during the flowering season in my gardens. Others have reached me from the originators of the varieties or from those who have sent me the plants. It would truly be wonderful if all cultivators of this beautiful genus of flowers used no other guide in their operations than the most rigid integrity and a most scrupulous conscience; but unfortunately one finds many people who are seduced by the desire for an illicit benefit. Knowing the inexperience of amateurs, nurseries are not afraid, quite often, to take advantage of their good faith by selling one variety to them in the place of another, or in giving out as their own masterpieces, so-

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TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: This old pamphlet, discovered recently in London, was printed in Florence with both Italian and French texts—it is really quite amazing. The problems upon which the author offers his comments and opinions parallel very closely the difficulties prevailing 100 years later. Most of this work is taken up by a list and description of the camellias in the author's garden which are for sale. Excepting only the four newly-offered varieties, the descriptions and prices have been omitted, but this information is available to anyone who may be interested. The items which originated in Florence are denoted by an asterisk; those which came from seedlings belonging to Sgr. Franchetti are marked with a double asterisk.

called new varieties, which later turn out to be ordinary commercial varieties. They carry on this nefarious business through one or the other of two procedures, both equally shameful and prejudicial:

- (1) by the application of new names to varieties which are already well-known and ancient or
- (2) in baptizing under different designations identical kinds of new camellias.

It therefore follows that the purchasers are deceived after having sacrificed their time and their money. They find themselves in the necessity to use these new plants as ordinary understock if the variety has no value, or else to restore the original name. In this way these acquisitions by the amateur buyer result in exorbitant costs, or the least that can happen is that the amateur finds that he is the possessor of a great number of plants of the same variety when he had counted upon actually being the possessor of a great many varieties. Inexperienced amateurs, first of all, cannot perceive the difference between one flower and another, especially if there is not very much difference, or if he does not remember that such a flower is identical or only resembles another one. He becomes, with the greatest of ease, a victim of a chicanery of which he is not aware and as to which he cannot be advised and warned too often.

But the intelligent amateur who through long experience in dealing with and studying camellias (the culture of which often takes up all his free time) is able to discover quite quickly either the error or the fraud, solely by means of research and observation of its leaves, the habits of growth, the buds and the flower itself.

As far as I am concerned, after a few years I have determined to review about five hundred varieties which I had bought, for the most part at high prices according to the magnificent descriptions I read. I have made my decision only after several blooming seasons, even though just one year would be sufficient to judge with certainty any flower. My conclusions are thus backed up by evidence of fraudulent intentions, either because of the utter lack of value, or because of the multiplicity of names applied to one variety.

Each year on account of the large number of seedlings which flower, there are some outstanding and very beautiful novelties. To me it is indispensable that all amateurs should make a choice of the most beautiful varieties amongst the old ones which have been standard in the trade for many years and that they abstain

from keeping seedlings unless really first class. These are the principles which I have followed for many years in my work with camellias.

The varieties which are the most beautiful and the most sought after by intelligent amateurs of good taste are the imbricated forms, giving special consideration to the regularity and the perfection in the arrangement of the petals; the brilliance of color (dark or delicate), the veining and the variegations.

In the classification Paeoniform there are a few very remarkable examples which in my garden create a superb contrast with the so-called "Perfections," because of their grandeur and floriferous nature or because of the brilliant or clear marking of their spots, bands or stripes.

In Tuscany—which one justly calls the Garden of Italy—under our beautiful sky favored by the kindness and the gentleness of our temperate climate, we can cultivate, without chance, camellias planted in the ground which develop with rapidity and give us each year thousands of seeds—considerably greater in amount than anywhere else in Italy. Therefore, thus favored by nature, we easily obtain many novelties (new varieties) and therefore one has the opportunity to make a conscientious choice.

For my part I have already obtained a certain number of absolutely first class new camellias. Taking into account the progressive increase of the seedlings planted out in my garden (in pots they would only thrive with great difficulty and with few results) and knowing that every year more and more seeds will be produced, I shall always be in a position to obtain from my own grounds many good new varieties.

JARDIN FRANCHETTI

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C A M E L L I A S

Camellias obtained from seed and the property of Cesare Franchetti. The following new varieties will be placed on sale as soon as 30 requests for the plants have been received.

BIJOU DI FIRENZE (Jewel of Florence)

Medium size, bright red on the circumference, rose in the center, streaked petals (lined), and lightly margined (edged in white); perfect imbrication.

Price 25 franchi.

MICHELANGELO

Large flower imbricated in layers, brilliant red, some petals having white center lines.

Price 25 franchi.

PIER CAPPONI

Brilliant red petals with a paler center, those in the center deep red, ribboned with white, and lightly margined, perfect imbrication.

Price 25 franchi.

FIANNETTA BIANCHI

Very large flower, wine red with a lilac tinge petal and longitudinal white streaks, perfect imbrication.

Price 25 franchi.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: There are quite a large quantity of plants of larger sizes, the prices of which will be fixed dependent on their age and value at the time of purchase.

The price of packing and shipping will be charged to the purchasers. The plants must also travel at the risks and perils of the party for whom they are intended.

The varieties marked with my name have been put into the trade by me, or they have been raised from seed in my own garden.

Under the designation "Firenze" (Florence) I have reunited all the most distinguished varieties that have been obtained from seeds grown in Tuscany. As I am not a horticulturist by profession, but cultivate in my own garden as an amateur, I naturally cannot make grafts in large quantities such as would be done in a commercial nursery. I therefore find it useful to keep further notes, so that in cases where I am unable to keep the supply up with the demand, I will have this data before me in order that eventually I will be able to complete all my orders.

Abate Bianchi	**Amalia Servi
Abate Branzini	Ambrosii
*Abate Landino	Ambrosoli
Abd-El-Kader	*Amelia Benucci
*Adalaide Schoeller	Amelia Brozzoni
Adele	Andimiana
*Adelina Benvenuti	Andrea Appiani
Adriana	Andrea Doria
Adrién Lebrun	Angela
Adrien Seneclauze	Angelica
Agilis	Anna Bolena
*Alba Bouturlin	Anna Frost
Alba Fenestrata	*Annalena
Albani	Annalena Negri
Alba Plena	Anna Zucchini
*Alba Roseo Punctata	Annetta Tuccheri
Alessandro Licini	*Anonima
Alessandro Volta	*Antonietta Casanova
Alexine de Lovv's	Antonietta Lomellini
Amabilis Americana	Apollo
Amadryos di Cusano	Apollo Novissima
Amalia	Appiani
Amalia Croff	Archiduchesse Marie
Amalia Melzi	Archiduc Louis

*Arciduca Carlo	Billotti
*Arciduca Ferdinando	Birro
*Arciduca Giovanni	*Bizzarra
*Arciduca Luigi	Bradamante
*Arciduchessa Augusta	Brillante Seconda
*Arciduchessa Isabella	Brockii
Augusta Rubra	Broggi
**Augusto Franchetti	Brokliniana
Aulica	Brozzi
Aurora Nova	Brozzi Nova
Ayez	Buonarroti
Barchi	Calypso Nova
Barclayana	Camelia Delle Peschiere (synonyms, Sole d'Italia, Contessa Belgiojoso)
Barnieri	Camellia de la Reine
Baron Patroni	Cammilla Galli
Baron de Pronay Vera	Cammilla Lercari
Barone Ciani	Cammillo Brozzoni
Barone Cossa	**Candida Perfecta
Baronessa Colli	Candidissima
Baronne D'Hudekem	Candor
Barring Tonia	Cappellano Peregalli
Beatrice di Gand	Caprioli
Beauty of Clapham	Cardinal Corradini
Beauty Grafton	Cardinale Ferretti
Beccaria	**Carega Superba
*Bella D'Ardiglione	Carl Der Groser
*Bella D'Etruria	(Bright vermillion sport of American Amabilis)
**Bella di Firenze	Carlo Alberto
*Bella Della Petraja	(synonym, Sacco di Lainate)
Bella de Notte	Carlo Bonaparte
*Bella di Pisa	Carlo Cattaneo
*Bella di Pistoja	*Carlotta Nencini
*Bella di Pontedera	Carlotta Pisani
*Bella Eleonora	Carmelita
*Bella Lamberti	Carmelita Lechi
Bella Milanese	Carolina Araldi
*Bella Toscana	Carolina Celesia
Belle Jeannette	*Carolina de Filippi
Belliformis	**Carolina de Montel
Benney	Carolina Gentili
Bergama	Carolina Legnani
Bergamo	Caroline Smith
Besana	Carsvelliana
Bettegno	Carsvelliana Alba (synonym, Tumida)
Bianca Cappello	
Bianca Fernandez	
**Bianca Gherardini	
Bijou Della Garza	

Caryophilloides	Contessa Carini
Casati	Contessa Castelbarco
Castagnola	Contessa de Bethlem
Castelbarco Nova	Contessa de Maglian
Caterina Longo	Contessa del Maino
Cavalier Busca	Contessa de Pollon
Celestina	Contessa de Spaur
Cenerentola	Contessa de Spaur Nuova
Cenomana	Contessa di Negro
*Centifolia Alba	(synonym, Contessa Negroni)
Centifolia Low's	Contessa di San Marsan
*Centifolia Rosea	Contessa Fenaroli
*Centifolia Rubra	Contessa Giovanna Rostan
Cernuschi	*Contessa Mastiani
Cerrito	Contessa Millo
Cesare Franchetti	Contessa Mocenigo
Chalmer's Perfecta	*Contessa Nencini
Chandlery Elegans	* *Contessa Ottolini
Cinerea	Contessa Somailoff
Cinerea (Negri)	Copeii Buist
Circe	Copperi Imbricata
Cleopatra	Coquetti
Clorinda	Coquettina
*Cometa	Countess of Ellesmere
Commensa	Countess of Orkney
(synonym, Reine des fleurs)	Cridania
Comte de Baldesfaroy	Crimson Perfection
Concinna	Crociata Nuova
*Connestabili	Curvatifolia
Conte Barni	*Damiana Novella
Conte Bobrinski	Daniel Webster
*Conte Bouturlin	Dansi
Conte Carini	(synonym, d'Iride e Dride)
*Conte Cesare	Dante
Conte Cicogna	Danovaro
Conte Crivelli	Dark Imbricata
Conte de Spaur	Darsi
Conte Durini	*David Boschi
Conte Lorenzo Taverna	De Candolle
Conte Maffeis	Decus Italicum
Conte Maggi	Delicata Striata
Conte Paolo Tosi	De Medici
Conte Pirlo	*Demetrio Bouturlin
*Conte Soranzo	De Notaris
Contessa Archinto	Diana Nuova
*Contessa Balbani	Diana Superba
Contessa Belgiojoso Nova	Dialbata
*Contessa Bouturlin	Dicksonii

Dielitz	Elvira di Mendoza
*Disinganno	*Emilia Achiardi
Divonia	Emilia Bona
Docteur Horner	Emilia Borsa
*Dodici Aprile	Emilia Campioni
*Don D'Un Ami	Emilia Gavazzi
Donkelary	(synonyms, Emiliana Alba, Erytten Lineata)
Don Michel	Emiliana Alba
Donna Maria Barbo'	(synonyms, Emilia Gavazzi, Erytten Lineata)
Don Pedro	Emilia Scotti
Dorina Lechi	Emilio Bandiera
Dottor Ceresa	Empereur de Russie
Dride	Enrichetta Pareto
Duca di Brettagna	Enrichetta Ulrich
Duca di Caraman	Enrico Bettoli
Duca di Genova	Enrico Dandolo
Duca di Guisa Nova	Ernesta Visconti
Duca Litta	*Esagona Rubra
Duca Melzi	Esmeralda
Duca Serbelloni	Esther
Duc D'Aumale	Ettore Fieramosca
Duc de Bordeaux	Ettore Mazzucchelli
Duc de Chartres	(synonym, Mazzucchelli e Duca Melzi)
Duc de Devonshire	Eugenietta Bolognini
Duc de Guise	Exquisita
Duc de Reichstadt	Fanny Durazzo
Duchessa di Berry	*Fanny Schmitz
*Duchessa di Montpensier	Fanny Traversi
*Duchessa di Sesa	Fanny Tuccari
Duchessa O'Orléans	Faraggiana
Duchessa Visconti	Faustina Lechi
Duchess of Northumberland	Favorita
Duk of Lancaster	Feastii
Dunlop's Americana	Federici
Dunlop's Imbricata	Federico Confalonieri
Durazzo I	*Federico Franchetti
Durazzo II	*Ferruccio
Edentonii	Figgini
Edoardo Sala	Florentina Superba
*Egeria Hombert	Fordii
Elata Cunningham	Fornarina
Elata de Rollison	Fra Arnaldo da Brescia
*Elena Bourtlin	*Francesco Benucci
Elena Longo	Francesco Ferruccio
Elena Ugoni	Francesco Sforza
*Elisabetta Herbert	
Elisa Centurioni	
Elphinstantia	

Frosti Alba	Hampsteadi
Frosti Buist	Harrisoni
Fulgens Plenissima	Haymanni
Futtung	Headford
*Gabriele Rossetti	Helvetia
Galante	Hendersoni
Galatea	Henry Clay
Galileo	Henry Favre
Caribaldi	*Il Garofolo
General Bem	*Illustris
**General Bem	Il 22 Marzo 1848
General Bocalari	*Imbricata Guicciardini
General Bonfanti	Imbricata Macrophilla
**General Cavaignac	Imbricata Nova
General Colletti	Imbricata Rubra
General Drouot	*Imbricata Striata
General Fontanella	Imperatrice di Russia
General Jacopetti	Incomparabile
General Lafayette	Innocenza
General Mengaldo	Insubria
General Washington	Ipocrifa Vera
General Zucchi	Iride
Geometrica	(synonyms, Dride, Dansi)
*Gerii Imbricata	*Iride di Bibbiani
Giannoni	Isabella
**Giardino Franchetti	Isabella Seconda (synonym, Principessa Pietrasanta)
Gillesi	*Isabella Sloane
Giovacchino Rossini	Isabella Spinola
*Giovanni Gattai	*Isolina
*Giovanni Nencini	*Isolina Corsi
Giuditta Rosani	*Italiana
*Giulia Mannucci	Jaksonii
**Giulia Philipson	Jardin D'Hiver
*Giulina Achiardi	Jaune de la Chine
*Giuseppina Corsi	Jeffersonii
Globosa de Smith	Jenny
Gloria Delle Isole Borromee	Jubilée
Gloria Del Verbano	Jupiter
Goffredo Nova	Kerrison
Golia Vera	Kossouth
Governativa	La Borgia
Grandis (Lvv's)	*La Concordia
*Guglielmo Libri	*La Costituzione
*Guglielmo Ottolini	*La Dea Flora
Guillaume III	La Frezzolini
Guillaume Tell	*La Giuggiola
Halleii	La Maestosa
Hallerii	

*La Mère Théodète	Magdalena
Landrethi	Magnifica
*La Nuova Iride	Magnifica Rubra
Lacoonte	Magnificent
La Previdenza	Mameli
La Signora di Monza	Manara
La Simonetta	Manasse
*Laura Mortera	Manetti Nova
Laura Rondi	Manzoni Nova
*La Vergine	Marchesa Amalia Faraggiana
*L'Avvenire	*Marchesa D'Ambra Ridolfi
Lechiana Nova	Marchesa Doria Dolciaequa
Leda	Marchesa Garbarini
Leggiadra	Marchesa Isimbardi
Leodora	(synonym, Meloni)
*Leopoldo Benucci	Marchesa Spinola
Lercari Maculata	(synonyms, Marchese Costabili, Eugenia Pallavicini)
Lecaro Spinoso	Marchesa Teresa D'Ambra
Letizia Cavalli	Marchese Carega
Libri	Marchese Costabili
*L'Inaspettata	(synonyms, Marchesa Spinola, Eugenia Pallavicini)
*L'Italia	Marchese de Mari
Livia Borromeo	Marchese Gentili
Lombarda	Marchese Natta
Lombarda Rosea	Marchese Raimondi
Lorenzo Pareto	Marchese Tornielli
Lowi	Marchioness of Salisbury
*Lucrezia Gazzarrini	Margherita Couillon
*Luigi Sodi	*Maria Antonietta
Luisa Balossi	Maria Fosters
*Luisa Bussola	Maria Morren
Lysanta	Maria Teresa
Maculata	*Maria Teresa di Lucca
Maculata Perfecta	Marianna Trivulzio
Madame de Sevignè	*Marietta Benucci
*Madame de Strékaloff	*Marietta Massani
Madame Félicie	Marquise de Brême
(synonyms, Rosa Species	Marschal Wilder
Nova, Rosa della China)	*Mastiani Rosea
Madame Fetters	Mathotiana
Madame Herbelin	Mediolanensis
*Madame Rosalie Boschi	Mediolanensis Nova
Maddalena	Meloni (synonym, Marchesa Isimbardi)
*Maddalena Benucci	Melchiorre Gioja
Maddalena di Francia	Meneghini
Maddalena Lechi Vera	
Maddalena Legnani	
Madoni	

Metronesson Vera	Pensylvanica Vera
Mexicana Nova	Peregrina
*Mina Schmitz	Perpenti D'Italia
Miniatia Low's	Petazzi
Miss Gunnell	Piccinini
Mistress Abby Wilder	Picta Grandiflora
Mistress Cattaneo	*Pietro Corsini
Monsalviana	Pirzio
*Montalviana	Pirzio Secondo
Mont Blanc	Pisaní
Moltiplicata Incognita	Pisaní Nova
Mozzardi	Placentiana
Mutabilis Traversis	Planipetalá
Myrtiflora Elegans	Poldi
Myrtifolia	*Poliuto
Myrtifolia Alba	Porta
*Nadina	*Pontaderese
Napoleone III	Potente
Nassiniiana	Pozzi Vera
*Nazionale	Pratti
Nazzari	Prince Albert
Nina Centurioni	Prince de Galles
Nina Durazzo	Prince de Schwartzenberg
Niccolo' de' Lapi	Princesse Charlotte
*Ninfa Dell'Arno	Princesse de Lamballe
Nodosa	Princesse Marie
*Non Plus Ultra	*Principe D'Asturias
Normanni	Principe Démidoff
Nuova di Genova (synonym, Duchessa d'Orléans)	Principe di Salerno
*Oblongo Decurrens	Principe Doria
*Octave Burnier	Principessa Baciocchi
*Oculus Veneris	Principessa Belgiojoso
Olivetana	Principessa Belgiojoso Nova
*Onor di Bibbiani	Principessa di Carignano
Opizina	Principessa Matilde
Optima Low's	*Principessa Matilde Démidoff
Orfeo	Principessa Maria Pia
Pallade Nova	Principessa Pietrasanta
Palladio	(synonym, Isabella Seconda)
Palmeri	*Principessa Rospigliosi
Palmer's Beali	*Principessa Vidoni
Paola Casanova	*Professor Giuseppe Meneghini
Paolina Rondani	Professor Biancheri
*Parepa	Psiché
*Parvula	Pulasky
Pendula di Chandler	*Puccini Cav. Niccolo'
Penelope	Pulchra
	Queen of Denmark

Queen of England	Silvia Pirovani
Queen Victoria	*Siria
*Radiata	Symetrica
Ralemona	Symetrica (Negri)
Ranunculata Loccinea	Sherwoodi
Rapallino	*Sofia Chiarugi
Redaelli	Soulangiana Plenissima
Rc D'Italia	Somailoff
Regina Pomaré	*Somma Campagnia
Regina d'Italia	Sormanni
Reine Des Belges	Sovereign
Reine D'Espagne	Spini
Reine Des Fleurs (synonym, Commensa)	Spinola Alba
Reine Louise	Spiralis
Rennica	Spiraliter Imbricata
*Riccardo Cobden	Squamosa Alba
Richersoni	Squamosa Rubra
Ristori	*Stellaris
Roberstonii	Stenano
Roi Leopold	Storeyi
Romolo	Styles Perfection
Rosa Delicatissima Nuova	Stratfordi
Rosa Della China	Sublime Porta
(synonyms, Madame Félicie, Rosea Species Nova)	Sulcata Alba
*Rosa La Reine	Sulcata Rosea
Rosa Lineata	Surprise Des Botanistes
Rosca Perfecta Nova	*Targioni Rosea
Rosea Triunphans	Temple de Venus
Rubescens Striata	Teodora Nova
Rubens	Teresa Bragadino
Rubini	Teresa Cervo
Rubra Perfecta	*Teresa Massini
*Ruschi	Teressa Merini
Sabina	Teresa Negri
Sacco De Lainate (synonym, Carlo Alberto)	Teresa Oneto
Sacco Vera	*Teresa Targioni
Sarah Frost	Teutonia
Scipione Africano	Tisbe
Sedilla	Tom Pouce
Serbilliana	Tommasini
Sericcia Striata	Trebbiensis
Serojah	Tricolor
Serratifolia	Tricolor Nuova di Genova
Sgariglio	Trionfo Del Cernobbio
Siecardi	Trionfo Della Villa Ciani
	Triomphe de New York
	Tuccari
	Ubertina

Valtevareda	**Virginia Philipson
Valtevareda Variegata	Virginia Torriani
Venturi	Visconti Nova
Verri	Vittoria Magnosi
Verschaffettiana	Vittoria Redaelly
Vessillo Lombardo	Voleuse
Victrix	Warthon
Villageoise	Wilderi
*Vincenzo Carducci	Yoang Imbricata
Virginia Bresciana	

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In addition to the literature on this subject, there are many collections of drawings and paintings depicting camellia varieties; for example, the famous book of camellia pictures deposited in the Library of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo.

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HYAKUCHIN-ZU, by Tadaharu Matsudaira, 1635. The translation of the title is "Illustrations of One Hundred Camellias." Wood block pictures of one hundred different varieties of japonica are included. The author was a member of the nobility.

HYAKUCHIN-ZU, by Doshun Hayashi, 1635. Although the title is the same as the preceding, this work consists of two scrolls, in manuscript, pertaining particularly to methods of arranging and of appreciating camellia flowers.

KADANKOMOKU, by Motokatsu Mizuno, 1681. A good translation of this title would be "Encyclopedia of Garden Plants." This work consists of three volumes, including, along with other