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INTRODUCTION

The use of "foliage plants" in homes, offices, and public buildings has become more popular in the past twenty-five years. In the last decade, there has been an increase in the use of plants because of their utility in design and decor. Over three-hundred species are available and with the increase in number, great confusion of the commonly used names has developed.

The floricultural industry has always encountered difficulty in adopting botanical nomenclature. Misnomers, improper identification, and total lack of study of many species are unfortunate; the confusion in the literature is as frequent as that in verbal usage. The generic name Syngonium is not well known in the industry, plants of this genus being offered for sale as Nephthytis or Philodendron; Scindapsus is known widely as Pothos, yet no species of either Nephthytis or Pothos appear to be in general cultivation today. Species are no more accurately defined, a common example being Philodendron oxycardium, Schott, from Puerto Rico. This plant is commonly labelled Philodendron cordatum, which is an introduction from Brazil. Differences in the two species are slight, but readily discernible.

luFoliage plants", a common term in the florists' business, is usually applied to plants, the vegetative parts of which are important for their ornamental value.

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With improved transportation, a flower arrangement containing "Ti" leaves (Cordyline terminalis var. Ti, Baker) from Hawaii might be found combined with flowers of Bird-of-Paradise (Strelitzia Reginae) from Florida. Many new species and varieties are being introduced and placed on the market constantly. For many practical purposes the horticulturist must have the proper names at his disposal.

The increased use of "foliage plants" has to a great extent been influenced by contemporary building design.

There is a constantly increasing demand for "new" and unusual leaf variations.

Consequently, an effort has been made to identify and classify one-hundred species of "foliage plants". The treatment has been designed to be most practical for horticultural consumption. It is therefore presented in the following manner: 1) a key to the genera included, based on vegetative characteristics alone, 2) a photograph of each species included, the specimen placed in an ornamental setting to give some suggestion of its potential utility, and 3) the proper name (alphabetically arranged), citation, and reference where each is described, illustrated, or both; its synonyms, and information concerning them; common names where known; a botanical description of each (including, at least, all vegetative characters necessary for identification); a note on the culture of each species; suggested uses of each species; and wherever possible, at least one source where each species or variety may be purchased.

KEY TO THE GENERA INCLUDED

Based on cultivated species

- A. Leaves needle- or scale-like, not more than \(\frac{1}{4} \) long.
 - B. Commonly with spiral phyllotaxy, mostly epiphytic, and growing in dry habitats, young leaves without a ligule on the ventral surface near base.

Lycopodium

- BB. Leaves commonly in decussate pairs, or in 4 long rows, or if spiral, of drier habitats, but most species found in moist places, rarely epiphytic; leaves with a ligule on ventral surface near base.

 Selaginella
- BBB. Stems with sharp-pointed appendages at each node (the true leaves), but with needle-like or leaf-like cladodes growing from the axils of each; twining vines or erect.

 Asparagus
- AA. Leaves larger, at least not as above.
 - C. Leaves compound.
 - D. Leaves all basal, stem not apparent, or very short, palm- or fern-like.
 - E. Leaf bases sheathing one another, the oldest outermost, palm-like.

Pinnae usually more or less fascicled, or else in many different planes, often glaucous or floccose beneath, lower ones mostly represented by strong or weak spines; vernation induplicate.

Phoenix

Pinnae long-pointed and hanging, with bifid ends; vernation reduplicate. Howea

EE. Leaf bases not sheathing, fern-like.

Segments of fronds small, thin, cuneate, rhomboid or trapesiform.

Adiantum

Segments of fronds of a firm texture.

Fronds pinnatifid with obtuse sinuses between segments, often completely pinnate below; veins anastomosing to form areolae.

Phlebodium

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Fronds 1-more pinnate, not as above.

Pinnae articulate at rachis, often falling. Nephrolepis

Pinnae not articulate at rachis.

Veins anastomosing, simple pinnate; pinnae numerous. Cyrtomium

Veins free, not anastomosing; pinnae few, often bifid or bipinnate. Pteris

DD. Leaves alternate or opposite, caudex ascending, not fern- or palm-like.

Climbing vines

Climbing by tendrils, leaflets 3. Cissus

Climbing by aerial roots, leaflets 5-13, sap milky. Syngonium

Erect

Leaves palmately compound, leaflets 6-11 or more. Schefflera

Leaves pinnately compound.

Leaves simple pinnate, leaflets 3-5, fleshy. Kalanchoe

Leaves 3-pinnate, 7-11 leaflets, not fleshy. Dizygotheca

- CC. Leaves simple
 - F. Leaves parallel-veined, margins entire or spiny.

Green foliage represented by leaf-like cladodes from the axils of the scale-like true leaves.

Asparagus

- Foliage of a typical form, not represented by cladodes accompanying scale-like leaves.
- G. Margins spiny or spinulose, leaves more or less linear or oblong.

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Midrib spiny beneath; leaves anglechannelled. Pandanus

Midrib not as above; leaves flat, or essentially so.

Low and depressed herbs, stoloniferous, but not exceeding 10°. Cryptanthus

Larger than above, leaves liz'-3' long.

Cordyline

- GG. Margins entire.
 - H. Leaves all basal, acaulescent herbs.
 - I. Leaves forming a dense rosette, or in fascicles, not petiolate.

Leaves stiff, thick and fibrous, from horizontal rhizomes. Sansevieria

Leaves thin, from a rhizome with thickened white roots. Chlorophytum

- II. Leaves stiff-petioled, singly from thick, matted rhizomes. Aspidistra
- HH. Leaves cauline, stems ascending or spreading, leaves vaginate or amplexicaule.
 - J. Creeping herbs.

Leaf sheaths hairy on top edge only.

Tradescantia

Leaf sheaths hairy on both top and bottom. Zebrina

JJ. Decidedly erect.

Leaves stiff, thick, and fibrous within, terete or concave on face; rhizomatous. <u>Sansevieria</u>

Leaves thinner, more or less flat; mostly non-rhizomatous.

Hardy, perennial, to 3'. Tradescantia

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Woody, leaves mostly crowded at tips of stem; to 8'; tropical.

(Ovules 1-3 in each cell.) Dracaena

(Ovules many in each cell.)

Cordyline

FF. Leaves palmately veined

Herbs.

Acaulescent, leaves all basal.

Galax

Caulescent, leaves with 3 primary ribs.

Pilea

Woody shrubs.

Petioles longer than leaf-blades.

Abutilon

Petioles shorter than leaf blades.

Hibiscus

FFF. Leaves pinnately veined.

- K. Leaves opposite.
 - L. Leaf margins entire.
 - M. Leaves thick and fleshy.

Leaves sessile, or very short petiolate; plants mostly erect, at least not climbing. Crassula

Leaves petiolate.

Plant twining, or climbing by aerial roots.

Hoya

Stems decumbent, but not climbing.

<u>Peperomia</u>

- MM. Leaves not thick and fleshy.
 - N. Woody plants with leathery, persistent leaves.

Trees to 90', with purple-brown bark and resinous sap.

Podocarpus

Shrubs, without resinous sap.

Stem quadrangular, very leafy.

Buxus

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Stems not as above, leaves fewer, opposite or in whorls of 3. Kalmia

NN. Low herbs, leaves not leathery.

Annual, leaves green, of two sizes, largest not exceeding ½* long. Pilea

Leaves much larger, about 4" long, veins and midrib red or white. Fittonia

- LL. Leaf margins various, not entire.
 - O. Low herbs, not exceeding 6" in height, erect or decumbent.

Petioles much shorter than leaf blades; leaves pubescent or villous, variously patterned. <u>Episcia</u>

Petioles nearly as long as blade; leaves greenish-purple or purple. Hemigraphis

00. Much larger, at least exceeding 1' in height.

Large woody shrub to 15; leaves simple, coarsely toothed above the middle. Aucuba

Herbs to subshrubs, sometimes woody at base.

Stems square; leaves simple or lobed, bright colored and variously patterned. Coleus

Stems round.

Stems hollow; leaves fleshy, producing young plants from the crenatures.

Kalanchoe

Stems not hollow; leaves variously lobed or dissected; foliage often strong-scented.

Pelargonium

- KK. Leaves not as above, alternate, or all basal.
 - P. Leaves more or less all basal, or stem very short.
 - Q. Petioles canaliculate and sheathing, at least toward the base; margins entire.

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Leaves solid green, not variegated.

Spathiphyllum

Leaves variously variegated.

Leaf bases sagittate, often peltate by union of margins of basal lobes. Caladium

Leaf bases not as above, not sagittate.

<u>Calathea</u>

QQ. Petioles not as above, mostly not sheathing.

Margins entire, leaves decidedly peltate.
Peperomia

Margins mostly variously toothed and/or lobed, leaves not peltate. Saxifraga

- PP. Leaves alternate, caudex apparent, ascending, spreading, or climbing.
 - R. Plants erect, not becoming a vine.
 - S. Petioles sheathing.
 - T. Petioles geniculate near the top.

Petioles not long-sheathing, mostly canaliculate in lower part only; basal lobes generally elongated, cordate, sagittate, or hastate; plant erect, creeping, or climbing by aerial roots.

Anthurium

Petioles long-sheathing, canaliculate in ½ or more of their length; leaf bases not sagittate or hastate; no aerial roots present.

(Ovary fully 3-celled, inflorescence mostly capitate or cone-like.)

Calathea

(Ovary 1-celled by abortion; inflorescence branched.) <u>Maranta</u>

TT. Petioles not geniculate near top; leaf bases not as above, mostly sub-cordate, obtuse, or cuneate.

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Plants robust, stems thick, leaves mostly oblong-ovate.

<u>Dieffenbachia</u>

More slender than above, leaves mostly oblong-lanceolate; (stems very short in A. costatum.)

Aglaonema

35. Petioles not sheathing.

Sap milky.

Ficus

Sap not milky.

Mostly herbaceous, or woody only at base, somewhat succulent, nodes swollen.

Begonia

Woody shrubs or trees, nodes not swollen.

U. Leaves variegated (or if green, stipulate, in one sp. of Acalypha).

Leaves marked with white, especially along the margins, on a dark green ground, glossy, ex-stipulate.

Pittosporum

Leaves, at least some of them, pink, red, copper, or yellow variegated, marginal or general.

Leaves stipulate, simple, hairy.

<u>Acalypha</u>

Leaves without stipules, entire, scalloped, or 3-lobed; glabrous.

Codiaeum

UU. Leaves solid green, not at all variegated.

Evergreen tree to 80' or more, leaves 5-8" long, glossy green above, rusty-pubescent beneath and on young stems.

Magnolia

Trees or shrubs, not as above.

Sap resinous.

Podocarpus

Sap not resinous.

V. Leaf margins mostly ciliate- or bristly-serrate or serrulate, or denticulate; if entire or revolute, leaves deciduous or plant creeping.

(Fruit a berry-like capsule, bright colored, inclosed by the fleshy calyx) Gaultheria

(Fruit a berry, not bright colored, capped by the persistent calyx.) Vaccinium

VV. Leaf margins mostly revolute, undulate, crenate, or entire.

W. Margins various, not entire.

Margins mostly revolute or undulate. <u>Pittosporum</u>

Margins mostly dentate, crenate, or wavy.

Ardisia

WW. Margins all entire.

Leaves evergreen, glabrous, yellowish-green beneath, acute at both ends; twigs red or yellow, and slender.

Kalmia

<u>Kalmia</u>

Leaves not persistent, mostly lepidote, hairy, or pubescent, or with at least a few hairs beneath; or if evergreen, glabrous, and acute, simply paler beneath, not yellowish-green; and twigs green, often stout.

Rhododendron

RR. Plant becoming a vine, at least not erect.

- Y. Climbing by aerial roots or rootlets.
 - Z. Stout; leaf bases sheathing, petioles canaliculate or channelled on face.

Stems striate.

Scindapsus

Stems not striate.

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Leaves pinnatifid and often perforated with holes.

Monstera

Leaves not pinnatifid.

Sap milky

Syngonium

Sap not milky

Philodendron

ZZ. Not as above, much more slender.

<u>Hedera</u>

YY. Not climbing by aerial roots.

Twining vine.

Senecio

Tendril-bearing.

Cissus

Prostrate or reclining, not climbing.

Leaves very small, \(\frac{1}{4}\) long, numerous stems filamentous. Helxine

Leaves larger.

Leaf bases oblique-cordate

Pellionia

Leaf bases cuneate or obtuse, not oblique. Peperomia



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Abutilon striatum, Dickson in Bot. Reg. (1839) Misc. 39.
var. spurium, Lynch. in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. I (1947) 178.

Family: Malvaceae

Common name: Variegated Flowering-Maple

Description: Erect shrub, the woody stems whitish; pubescent leaves alternate, palmately 5-lobed, ovate in throughout: outline, some distorted, oblique or otherwise, light green, with irregular but definite white border, middle lobe about twice as long as the undivided part, somewhat narrowed at base, bases cordate, tips of lobes acuminate, margins irregularly serrate; young stems and long petioles stellate pubescent; flowers solitary, peduncles axillary, longer than petioles, articulate just below flower, calyx deeply 5-lobed, these long-acuminate and white with green midvein, the united bases green, pubescent; petals 5, obovate, imbricate, to 1" long, pale orange with reddish veins, pubescent beneath; many stamens with filaments united into a column around the pistil, anthers light gold-colored, column exserted. Not stable, occasionally reverting to a solid green, much more vigorous type. - Brazil.

Culture: Soil mixture - 3/8 rotted compost, 3/8 fibrous loam, 1/4 sand; constant supply of water; full sunlight; night temperature above 60° F.; propagation by tip cuttings or by seeds; seeds germinate easily, cuttings necessary to maintain certain varieties; pinch young shoots to improve shape of plants; plants grow rapidly.

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Uses: Most satisfactory as a cut foliage, as shown, in a low bowl; soft green and white colorations lend its use to paler shades, especially pinks, lavender, gray, and possibly yellows; flowers not showy; leaves wilt easily - immerse in water for a few hours before use, to lengthen keeping quality of foliage.

Sources: (var. Thompsonii or sp. hybridum)

California Nursery Co.

North Street Greenhouses

G. W. Park Seed Co. (seed)

Vaughn's Seed Store (seed)



ACALYPHA WILKESIANA Var. OBOVATA

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var. obovata, Hort. in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. I (1947) 191.

A. tricolor, Hort. ex Seem. in Fl. Vit. 225.

Family: Euphorbiaceae

Common name: Copper Leaf

Description: Shrub to 15": leaves cordate to obovate to elliptic, to 7" long, of variable color, green with coppery colored midrib and veins and a narrow white margin when young, to deep copper with dark rose margins in age, bases cuneate, tips of elliptic and/or obovate ones acuminate, hirsute above, glabrous beneath, margins irregularly serrate, the marginal color only slightly exceeding the length of the teeth; petioles long, reddish, and villous: flowers occasionally, these not ornamental. - South Pacific Islands.

Culture: Soil mixture - 6/8 rich soil, 1/8 course sand, 1/8 rotted compost; high moisture supply and high humidity desirable; full sunlight; night temperature above 60° F.; propagated from mature stem cuttings; growth rapid; pinch to insure branching. Uses: Limited even as a cut foliage; less desirable as a pot plant; cut foliage should be placed in deep water for a few hours after cutting to delay wilting after arranged; coppercolored leaves good against light colored background; foliage most effectively used alone, unless flowers blend with it unusually well; few plants necessary for good supply of cut material.

Sources: sp. Wilkesiana

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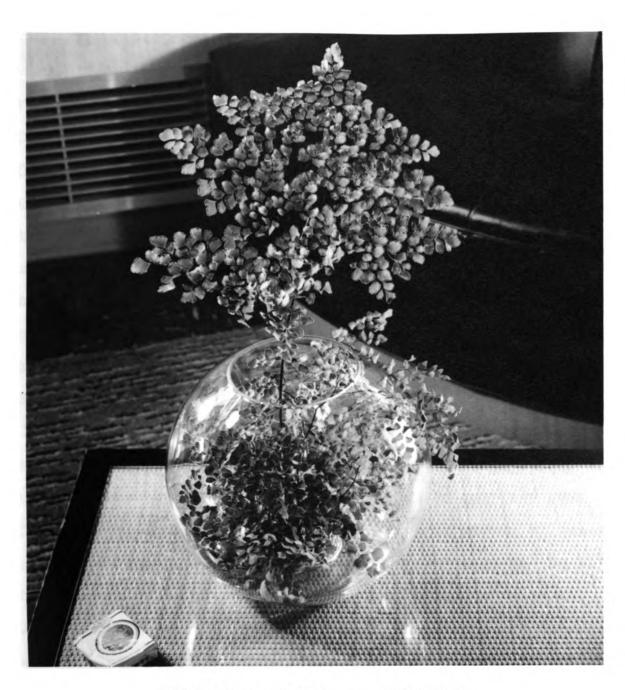
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ADIANTUM CUNEATUM var. CROWEANUM

Adiantum cuneatum, Langsd. & Fisch. in Bailey Stand. Cycl.

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Pl. (1949) 82.

A. Croweanum, Hort. ex Crowe

Family: Polypodiaceae

Common name: Maidenhair Fern

Description: Dainty fern, the many graceful fronds to 18" or more, with stiff, slender black stipes; blades oblong-ovate to triangular in outline, to 12" across, 3-4 pinnate, the pinnules cuneate-rhomboid, simple to 3 or more lobed, these unequal, thin, bright green but not shining, on thread-like stalks: 2-6 reniform or orbicular indusia on tips of lobes beneath. Variety Croweanum is largest, most vigorous hardy form, with best lasting qualities. Brazil.

Culture: Soil 1/2 loam and 1/2 leaf mold or peat moss; constant soil moisture, moderately humid atmosphere; partial shade; temperatures above 60°-65° F.; propagation in quantity best from spores, division very satisfactory; poor growth or scale attacks corrected by drying-off in temperatures of 45° to 55° F. for a month, then cut off dead tops and begin growth again.

Uses: Most ornamental and artistic of the ferns; cut foliage of var. Croweanum desirable for arrangements, lasts longest, and is largest; dainty dull but bright green pinnules give almost ephemeral effect when arranged in a Cambridge glass globe as shown, and judiciously placed; remains in good condition for 24 hours; cut fronds of the species collapse after 12 hours under house conditions; keep cut material wrapped in wet newspaper

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until ready to arrange; spraying with wax emulsions will improve keeping qualities.

Sources: (var. Croweanum)

Kervan Co.

(sp. cuneatum)

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Aglaonema commutatum, Schott in Syn. Aroid. (1856) 123.

- A. marantifolium var. maculatum, Hook. in Bot. Mag. t. 5500.
- A. Marantifolium, Hort. (not Blume)

Family: Araceae

Common Name: Variegated Chinese Evergreen

Description: Erect, to 20", retaining lower leaves, often branched: leaves oblong to narrowly ovate, glabrous, shining, and green, but somewhat lighter than A. modestum, irregularly blotched pale green along the 3-5 primary lateral veins and along the prominent mibrib at the apex, leaf tips acuminate, the point reflexed, bases obtuse to slightly cordate, margins entire, slightly undulating; petioles slightly shorter than the blade, canaliculate almost to the junction with the blade; flowering freely; spathe greenish white, to 3" long, straight, open above; monoecious; spadix just slightly shorter, on peduncle to 3" long, stipitate; spathe withering in age, exposing the lower fertile portion of the spadix with its red to purple berries. - Malaya.

Culture: Soil should be wet and high in organic matter; low humidity is not detrimental, but the plant grows well with a high supply of water; reduced light intensity desirable; temperatures above 65° F. at night; terminal stem cuttings can be rooted easily; stem sections are satisfactory.

Uses: Not as popular as Chinese Evergreen, but equally as desirable, especially for red berries, produced more freely; variegated foliage useful for different situations and effects

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Sources: Robert Craig & Co.

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Aglaonema modestum, Schott, in Syn. Aroid. (1856) 122.

Family: Araceae

Common names: Chinese Evergreen, Chinese Water Evergreen, China-green.

(Note: Known as A. simplex in the trade, but this species, citation Blume, is not common, being a native of Java, varying markedly in inflorescence characters from the Chinese Evergreen.) Description: Erect, stem stout: leaves ovate, about 6" long, tips acuminate, reflexed at the end, bases obtuse, dark green throughout, margins entire, undulating; canes with prominent nodes 3/4" apart near base, caused by abscission of lower leaves; axillary buds not exposed, forming a small blister on stem just above each node: petioles about two-thirds as long as blade, canaliculate in the proximal half, bases sheathing the stem: flowering freely; spathe green, to 3" long, tip acuminate, open above, exposing the white spadix, which is somewhat shorter, to 2" long, stipitate, on axillary peduncles nearly as long as the spathe: lowermost part of spadix bearing the female flowers. which develop into red or yellow berries, becoming exposed as the spathe withers in age. - Philippines Islands: Malaya; Dutch East Indies.

Culture: Grows well continually in water and wet soil, 3/4 soil, 1/8 sand, 1/4 peat moss; low humidity not detrimental; tolerates intense shade; above 60° to 65° F. temperature; propagation by terminal stem cuttings, rooted in water, or by stem sections (each with one bud) laid horizontally in sand; tends to become "leggy" in age - break off tip and root.

Uses: Anywhere a green plant is desired in very low light; excellent alone or in combination planters for upright form; used for its simplicity, as in illustration.

Sources: John's (wholesale only)

Clarke's Aquarium

(listed as A. Simplex, probably the same)

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ANTHURIUM ANDREANUM

Anthurium Andreanum, Linden, in Illus. Hort. 43 (1877) t. 271.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Flamingo Flower.

Description: Erect: stem short and slender; terminal bud sheaths persistent at each node, brown in age; short stout aerial roots produced at each node: leaves ovate to ovatecordate, to 2 feet long, thick, and leathery, green and shining, basal lobes very large and expanded, with a sinus between, tips acuminate-cuspidate, midrib and 7 pairs of primary lateral veins prominent; petioles long and slender, about 12 times longer than blade, bent abruptly at junction with blade, terete, except at base, becoming wide and sheathing the stem at the node; young leaves copper with green veins, lustrous shining: flowering freely, the pedulcles axillary, long and slender, the flowers rising above the leaves; spathe pink-red, to 5" long, cordate at base, nearly orbicular, tip cuspidate, expanded entirely and flat, the white spadix sessile, perpendicular to the spathe, about the same length; all flowers hermaphroditic: spathe with prominent parallel veins, especially beneath; margins entire; somewhat paler beneath and very shingy. - Colombia. Culture: Soil 1/3 chopped sphagmum, 1/3 chopped osmunda fibre, 1/6 rotted manure and 1/6 sand; humid atmosphere; shaded location; temperature above 55° F.: propagated by removing and rooting suckers, or seed, or cuttings of the rhizomes; keep crowns low, if high above rooting medium, cut off top and root in sand, or add medium up around the stem.

Uses: Not recommended as house plants; desirable as a cut foliage; large glossy green leaves most useful to add size to a banquet, blended with large flowers, especially those of the Anthurium; makes a handsome arrangement of large size; combines well with contemporary decor, as shown; adds a bright spot in a drab corner; supplements a party mood.

Sources: (many varieties, based on flower color)

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Ardisia crenata, Sims. in Bot. Mag. t. 1950.

A. crenulata, Lodd. in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. I. (1947). 387. Family: Myrsinaceae

Common name: Ardisia

Description: Evergreen shrub, to 6': leaves alternate, elliptic, to 8" long, acute, bases cuneate, margins crenate-crisped, glabrous, rather thin, green and shining above, pale green and raised-punctate below; on short petioles (3/8"); leaves crowded at end of stems: freely branching: inflorescence terminal in late summer; producing small bunches of attractive red fruit. - China.

Culture: Soil - 1/3 loam, 1/3 peat, and 1/3 sand; moderate moisture; partial shade; night temperature above 65° F.; root stem cuttings in sand, with high humidity, to obtain small bushy plants; seed may be used, but give tall, unbranched plants.

Uses: Best in small sizes; excellent house plant; simple, blending well into period settings; flowers produce attractive red fruit in autumn.

Sources: Florida Nursery and Landscape Co.

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Asparagus asparagoides, Wight, in Century Dict. xi. (1909) 845. var. myrtifolius, Hort. in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. I. (1947) 409.

Medeola asparagoides, L. (Goebel in) Organagr. Pfl. ed. 2, i. (1913) 275.

Myrsiphyllum asparagoides, Willd. in Bot. Mag. xcii. (1866) t. 5584.

Asparagus medeoloides, Thunb. in Bailey Cycl. Amer. Hort. (1900) 106.

Family: Liliaceae

Common name: Florists' Smilax: Baby Smilax: String Smilax Description: Much-branched delicate, twining vine, to great lengths, from tuberous roots: cladodes (the seeming leaves) alternate, ovate, 1" or less long, in the axils of the small leaf scales, tips pointed, bright green and shining, many veined, glabrous: flowers 1 or 2 in axils of lead scales, on slender pedicels, greenish-white, 3/8" long. - So. Afr. Culture: Soil mixture - 1/2 soil, 1/4 leaves, 1/4 sand; high moisture and humidity; growth under reduced light conditions; night temperature 60° F.; propagated by division or cutting; grown on a string, the several stems climbing about one another. Uses: Desirable only in the cut form; chains of greenery achieved by its use; formal in effect, superb for serving table at wedding receptions, or on formal banquet tables draped along the edge; equally effective over archways; picture suggested as more casual usage.

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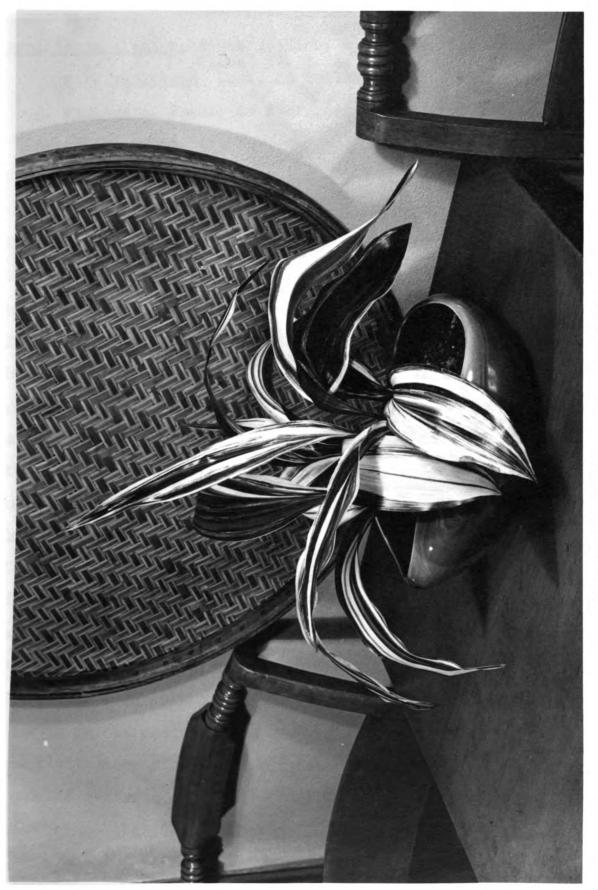
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A. variegata, Regel, in Flora, xxxiii. (1850) 354.

A. lurida, Hort. not Ker.

Family: Liliaceae

Common name: Bar-Room Plant; Cast-Iron Plant

Description: Stemless, leaves all basal, from thick rhizomes: leaves narrowly elliptic, to 2° long and 5° wide, very oblique, acute, bases cuneate, narrowed to a stiff, wiry petiole, which is sheathed by 1-several foliaceous bract-like processes, to 5° long, these variegated, tip 3-notched, drying in age, and persistent; leaf blade variously irregularly striped with broad and narrow bands of white, pale green, and dark green, parallel to the prominent veins, glabrous: flowers in the spring, most obscure, at soil level, dark reddish-brown, bell-shaped, about 1° in diameter. - Japan.

Culture: Soil 1/4 sand, 3/4 loam, no fertilizer, unless soil is low in nutrients the variegation will be lost; moderate soil moisture; good indirect light for the best growth, tolerates intense shade; new plant by division in spring.

Uses: As tolerable of adverse conditions as a plant can be; plants may be used widely for this reason; cut leaves last well; good with some flowers in bouquets, etc.; only the variegated form is recommended.

Sources: Royal Palm Nurseries
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UCUBA JAPONICA Var. VARIEGATA

Aucuba japonica, Thunb. in Nov. Gen. 61.

var. variegata, D'Ombrian (not Regel) in Bot. Mag. t.1197.

var. maculata, Regel.

var. picta, Hort.

var. punctata, Hort.

Family: Cornaceae

Common name: Gold-Dust Tree

Description: Evergreen shrub to 15', stems stout, and green: leaves opposite, elliptic-lanceolate to oblong-elliptic, to 9" long, coarsely serrate in apical half, bases obtuse to cuneate, apex acute, blunt, glabrous, dark green and shining, with small cream-colored spots all over the blade above, pale beneath; petioles to 2" long, purplish above; freely branching: flowers in terminal panicles, small, purple, unisexual, fruits wine, oblong, in dense bunches under the leaves. - Himalayas to Japan.

Culture: Any good porous soil with good drainage, preferably sandy loam; moderate soil moisture; partial shade; in winter, may reduce water and give cool temperature; frost hardy; propagation by terminal shoot cuttings, root easily in water in approximately two months or in sand.

Uses: Because of the yellow dots, caution must be exercised in use as a pot plant; oriental in effect, and good against a red drape as pictured, or other settings equally as good; large sizes good as tub specimens on floor; cut material works into certain arrangements, and in water, will last indefinitely.

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Sources: Bonnell's Nursery

California Nursery Co.

Fruitland Nurseries

Blackwell Nurs., Inc. (wholesale only)

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BEGONIA ANGENTEC-GUTTATA

Begonia argenteo-guttata, Lemoine, in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. I. (1947) 483.

Family: Begoniaceae

Common name: Angel-Wing Begonia

Description: Erect, shrubby plant, somewhat woody at base, to 4', freely branching, with swollen nodes; roots fibrous: leaves alternate, ovate, to 5½ or more long and 2½ wide, very oblique, acute, bases subcordate, margins very coarsely serrate, angle-notched, crenulate-crinkled between each notch, upper surface dark olive green, profusely silver spotted, from the center of each spot arising a glandular hair: red beneath: new leaves copper-red above, red below; axillary buds prominent, breaking freely: flowers occasionally, the pendulent axillary inflorescences short peduncled. flowers unisexual, white or pinkish. - Reputedly the issue of B. albo-picta and B. olbia; cult. Culture: Any good porous soil, moderate moisture; strong indirect light or partial sun; temperature above 60° F.; propagated by stem cuttings, root quickly in sand. In a suitable position for growth, its silver-dotted Uses:

Uses: In a suitable position for growth, its silver-dotted angel-wing-shaped leaves are the point of interest, and seems to fit into any decorum, as a small table plant.

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Begonia phyllomaniaca, Mart. in Ann. Sc. Nat. Ser. III. xix. (1853) 366.

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B. templinii, Hort.

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Family: Begoniaceae

Common name: Snow Spot Begonia (suggested)

Description: Fibrous-rooted, much-branched, monoecious herb to 6' with rather stout, fleshy stems, the joints swollen: leaves alternate, ovate-cordate, to 8" long, very oblique, basal lobes overlapping, very shallowly lobed, margins dentate, the space between the teeth denticulate-ciliate, mottled white, yellow, green, yellow-green, and pink, with some large zones of a single color, some leaves entirely green, all leaves having a reddish cast around margin, red-hairy along veins below, and on petioles, the latter to 4" long; stipules present, drying and persistent; producing adventitious plantlets on the blade: flowering occasionally, in large pendulous clusters, rose-pink. - Brazil.

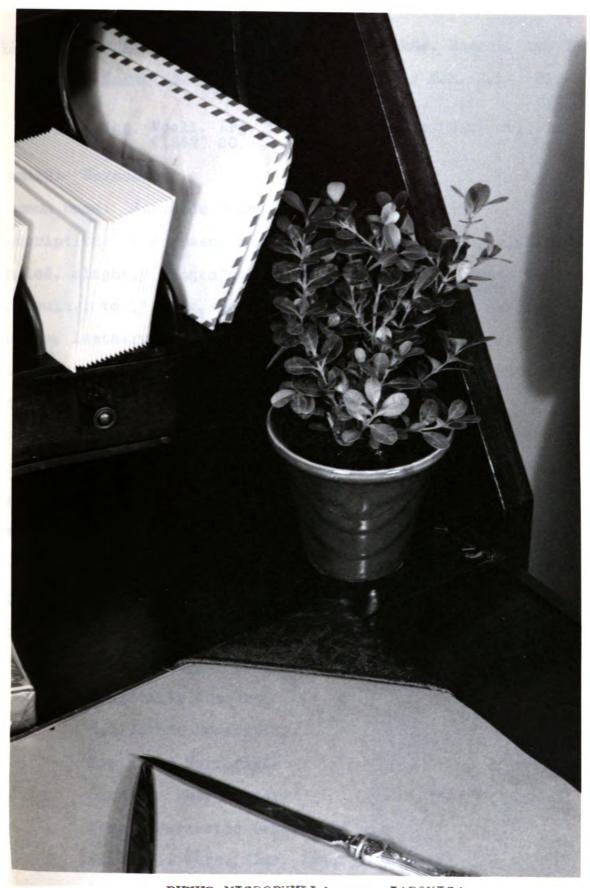
Culture: Good rich porous soil; moderate moisture; north or east windows, not direct sunlight; temperature above 60° F. at night; propagation by placing leaf blade on sand, the young plants root easily, leaf may be cut into sections, each containing a part of the leaf blade base, each section will grow a new plant.

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Uses: Of coarser texture than the preceding, and brighter variegation, may be used in situations for highlight; fits well into contemporary settings; or as shown.

Sources: Garrepy Greenhouses



BUXUS MICROPHYLLA var. JAPONICA

Buxus microphylla, Sieb. & Zucc. in Abh. Akad. Muench. iv. II. (1846) 142.

Var. japonica, Rehd. & Wils. in Bailey Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 623.

B. japonica, Muell. Arg. in DC. Prod. Syst. Nat. xvi. I. (1867) 20.

Family: Buxaceae

Common name: Japanese Boxwood

Description: Evergreen, much branched shrub to 6', with fourangled, slightly winged stems: lvs. opposite, obovate or rarely
orbicular, to 1" long, retuse, bases long cuneate, margins
entire, leathery, green and shining above; petioles very short:
flowers in small axillary clusters in early spring, unisexual,
inconspicuous. - Japan.

Culture: Any well drained soil; moderate moisture; partial shade; new plants from mature stem cuttings in autumn; frost hardy; slow growing.

Uses: As a pot plant, good in situations of limited space, as on the desk in photograph; small, dark green leaves are always attractive; good in combination planters.

Sources: Armstrong Nurseries

Eastern Shore Nurseries, Inc.

Kingsville Nursery

California Nursery Co.

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CALADIUM BICOLOR

Caladium bicolor, Vent. in Kunth Enum. Plant. III. (1850) 42.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Fancy-Leaved Caladium

Description: Acaulescent perennial herb, with long petiolate, brightly colored leaves: leaf blades sagittate-ovate to ovaterotund, to 12° or more long, the basal lobes with margins adnate about \(\frac{1}{2} \) their length, then separated by a narrow sinus, margins entire, variously colored, splotched, patterned, etc., above with purple, rose, red, pinks, and white, of delicate texture, often thin and transluscent, glabrous, slightly glaucous beneath; petioles attached peltately, 2-3 times the length of blade, terete except at base, then canaliculate in lower 2-3", and sheathing the newer leaves, glaucous toward the top: flowers solitary on purple stipes to 6" tall; spathe about 3\frac{1}{2}" long, open in upper two-thirds, lower one-third inflated, a constriction between, green and glaucous without, tip cuspidate and white, whitish-green within, the throat purplish; spadix white, shorter than spathe; flowers unisexual, separate, female few at base of spadix. - West Indies to Brazil.

Culture: Start tubers in March, in chopped moss, at 75 to 85° F.; carefully orient tubers when planting; after roots develop pot in small pots in a mixture of leaf mold and a little sand; shift to larger pots, use soil mixture with some organic matter in bone meal; shade from direct sunlight; grow at temperatures above 60° F. moderate water supply; use liquid manure frequently

humid atmosphere preferred; in fall when leaves collapse, with hold water gradually; lay pots on side and remove tubers for storing in sand, not too wet or dry, above 60° F.; start again in March; propagation by division of tubers; dust cut surfaces with charcoal to prevent rot.

Uses: Excellent variegated foliage; very ornamental; planted several varieties in one pot; use with simple accessories; allow leaf coloration to make highlight; good for bedding out-of-doors in summer; cut leaves work into many arrangements very nicely.

Sources: Flowerfield Bulb Farm

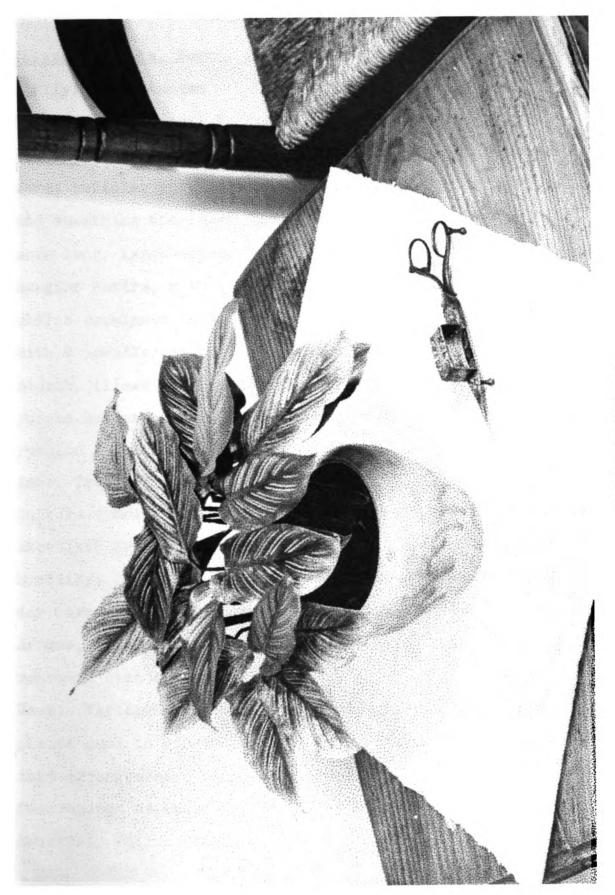
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CALATHEA ORNATA

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Calathea ornata, Koern. in Regel, Gartenfl. (1858) 87.

Family: Marantaceae

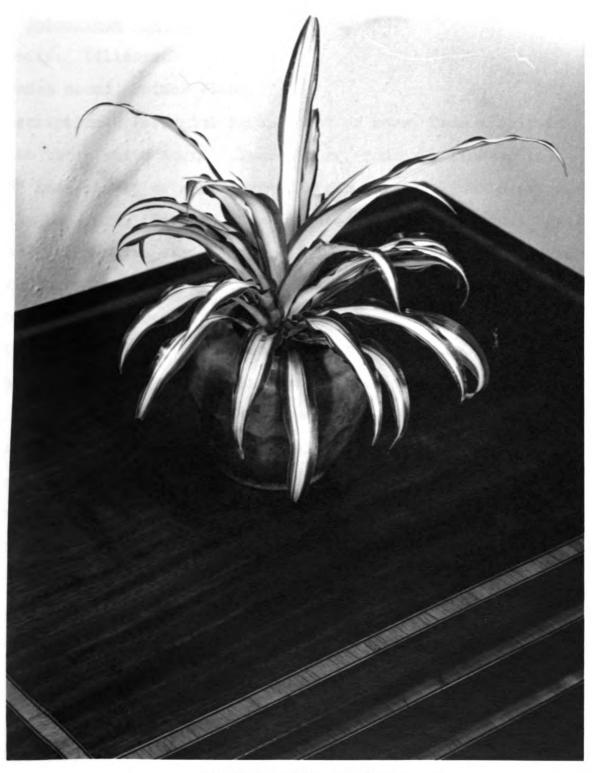
Common name: Pencil Marked Calathea (suggested)

Description: Acaulescent herb: leaves all basal, to later or more; petioles purple, expanded, canaliculate in lower half and sheathing the inner, subsequent leaves; blade to 8° or more long, lance-ovate to lance-elliptic, oblique, acute, margins entire, glabrous and shining and rich dark green above, midrib prominent, area between pinnate primary lateral veins with 2 parallel white lines, not extending to the margin or midrib, (lines pink in leaves of juvenile plants), reddish - purple beneath, blade erect or reflexed at thickened terminal portion of petiole: not observed to flower as a pot plant. - Amer. Tropics.

Culture: Soil 1/3 fibrous loam, 1/3 leaf mold and 1/3 sand; excellent drainage necessary; high soil moisture; high humidity; reduced light intensity; temperature not below 65° F., day temperature not above 95° F.; propagated by division of crowns, or cuttings if stems are developed, tubers if produced; renovate each spring.

Uses: Variegated leaves notable addition to decor; small plants good in combination planters; larger cut leaves work into arrangements; single larger plants good with period furnishings as shown.

Sources: Julius Roehrs.



CHLCROPHYTUM CAPENSE (variegated form)

Chlorophytum capense, Kuntze in Rev. Gen. iii. II. 316.

Asphodelus capensis, L. in Syst. Ed. 10. 982.

C. elatum, R. Br. in Kunth Enum. Plant. IV. (1848) 604.

Anthericum elatum, Ait. in Kew. i. 448.

Family: Liliaceae

Common name: Spider Plant.

Description: Perennial herb, to 2' or more, from a rhizome with thick white roots: leaves many, radical, linear, to 15" long and 1" or more across, often narrowed into a petiole-like base, and troughed, long-pointed at apex, glabrous, green (or with a white strip down center of leaves next to the midrib): branching occasionally from the base: scape reclining, to 2' long, with reduced leaves, single or in clusters, often becoming stoloniferous, and bearing offsets, sometimes branched; flowers in open racemes, 2-5 flowers/fascicle at each node; perianth 6, 3/8" long, diameter 3/4"; stamens 6, exserted, anthers golden, introrse; pistil 3-celled, acutely 3-angled, superior, perianth persistent, 2-3 ovules/cell, axil placentae, pedicils jointed. - So. Afr.

Culture: Any good rich soil; high moisture supply; reduce light intensity; 65° F. night temperature; propagated by ntural offsets, division, and seeds.

Uses: Excellent pot plant for home; variegated form (shown) best; singly or in combination; good on the coffee table or other small spot where a low plant is desired.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

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CISSUS ANTARCTICA

Cissus antarctica, Vent. in DC. Prod. Syst. Nat. I (1824) 629.

Vitis antarctica, Benth. in Fl. Austral. i. 447.

Family: Vitaceae

Common name: Kangaroo Vine

Description: As generally seen, a small woody vine, climbing by tendrils, though becoming an erect shrub with climbing branches: leaves ovate, to 6° long and 4° wide, short acuminate, bases subcordate, margins coarsely serrate-dentate, 6 pairs primary lateral veins, each ending at center of a large tooth, a smaller tooth between each; young leaves and stems densely tawny villous, older leaves medium green and almost glabrous; petioles and stems rich brown, retaining their tawny pubescence; not freely branching: apparently not flowering as a pot subject. - Australia.

Culture: Any good soil; moderate soil moisture; reduce light intensity; temperature above 55° F.; moderate nutrient supply; propagation by stem cuttings, and seed, if available.

Uses: On top of bookcases and similar areas where vining stems may have plenty of room; on the mantle when fireplace not being used, as shown; medium-sized green leaves handsome, an excellent addition; probably better in rather large sizes in large areas, due to coarse texture; grows rapidly, can become ungainly.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

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CISSUS RHOLBIFOLIA

Cissus rhombifolia, Vahl. in DC. Prod. Syst. Nat. I. (1824) 631.

Vitis rhombifolia, Baker in Mart. Fl. Bras. xiv. 11. 207.

Family: Vitaceae

Common name: Grape Ivy

Description: Evergreen climbing vine, by tendrils; much branched, new stems densely tawny-villous: leaves alternate, compound; leaflets 3, short stalked, rhomboid, the 2 lateral ones oblique and rhombic-ovate, loosely tawny villous, green and shining above, densely villous beneath, the older leaves often very dark green, and all but glabrous above; becoming woody in age: not flowing in cultivation, apparently. - No. South Amer.

Culture: Good rich soil; moderate moisture supply; diffused light; temperature above 60° F.; propagated by stem cuttings. Uses: Of finer texture and darker green color than Cissus antartica; excellent in the shaded window; on coffee table (in small sizes); in combination planter to add low form.

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Codiaeum variegatum, Blume in Bijdr. 606. var. pictum, Muell. Arg. in Bot. Mag. t. 3051.

Phyllaurea Codiaeum, Lour. in Fl. Cochinch. (1790) 575.

Croton pictus, Lodd. in Bot. Caf. ix. (1824) t. 870.

- C. medium, Baill. in Addisonia i. (1860-61) 251.
- C. variegatus, L. in Illus. Hort. xxxviii. (1891) t. 140.

Family: Euphorbiaceae

Common name: Croton; Variegated Laurel

Description: Small tree, or shrub with a single, or few, stems, to 6': leaves alternate, ovate-lanceolate to linear, entire or 3-lobed, thick and leathery, glabrous, midrib prominent, pinnate veination, primary lateral veins more or less perpendicular to midrib; variously mottled, spotted, or striped with red, pink, yellow, and white, margins entire variously scalloped, cleft, or lobed, often undulate, entire, leaves of some forms spiralled; petiolate: flowering at times, these monoecious, on axillary elongate racemes to 10" long; not ornamental. - Malaya.

Culture: Any good soil mixture; moderate constant soil moisture; moist atmosphere by frequent syringing; full sunlight, for good bright color, but if too strong, leaves may be injured; propagation by aerial layers, cuttings with bottom heat, or seed. Uses: Prized for bright-colored leaves, use where color is needed, if cultural requirements are satisfied; may be grown by window, and moved to desired location when entertaining; grow in window as shown; large plants good as floor specimens,

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as a small tree. Cut leaves superb in arrangements for added color; blends well with autumnal tones.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

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COLEUS BLUMEI var. VERSCHAFFELTII

Coleus Blumei, Benth. in Lab. Gen. Et Sp. 56.
var. Verschaffeltii, Lem., in Illustr. Hort. viii. (1861) t.293

Family: Labiatae

Common name: Coleus

Description: Tender perennial, much branched herb or subshrub, with square stems, very vigorous, to 3': leaves opposite, ovate, acute, bases truncate, margins with very large, irregular, deeply crenate-crisped teeth, a sinus between each; variously patterned with brilliant colors, pink rose, fuchsia, deep red, purple, yellow, white, and green; stems mostly pale green or purple; petiolate: inflorescence terminal, verticillate, often branched near the base; flowers small, blue, bilabiate, not showy. - Java.

Culture: Any good soil; constant moisture; sunlight for best color; temperature above 60° F.; propagation by stem cuttings (for varieties) or seed; pinch for well branched plants.

Uses: Inside home, in window, or as a table specimen for a bright spot of color. Outside in summer, in the window box

bright spot of color. Outside in summer, in the window box or other planter, or for bedding. Should be replaced often if grown inside; flower stem should be removed. Many colors for selection for definite color schemes.

Sources: Somerset Rose Nursery (wholesale)

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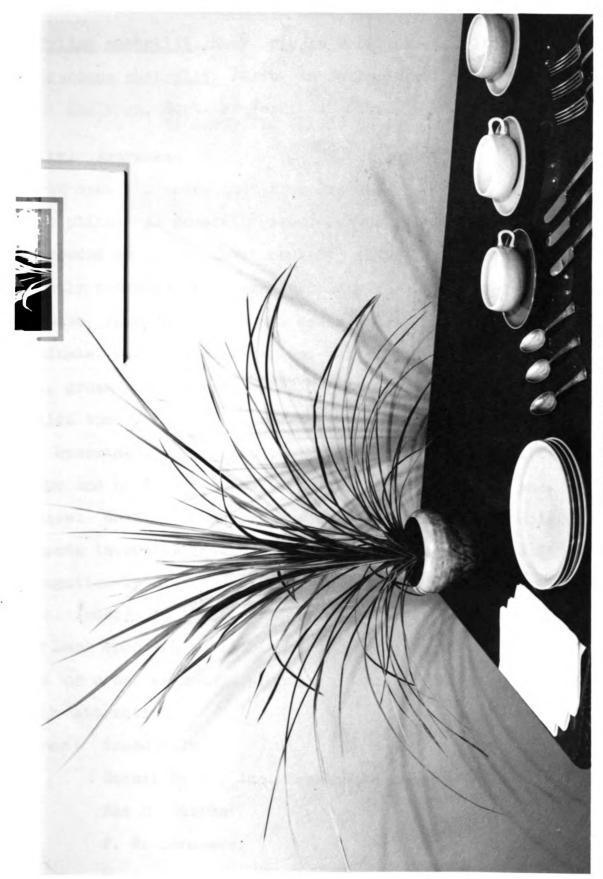
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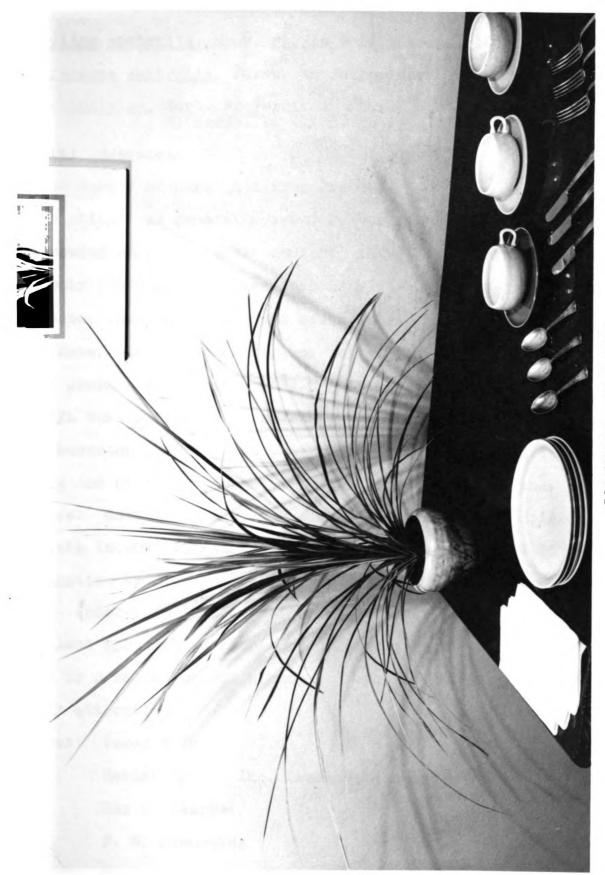
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Cordyline australis, Hook. f., in Gard. Chron. (1860) 792.

Dracaena australis, Forst. in Journ. Hort. xlix. (1873) 163.

D. indivisa, Hort. ex Forst. in Journ. Hort. xlix. (1873)
8: Ser. III. (1901) 486.

Description: As generally seen, leaves more or less all basal,

Family: Agavaceae

Common name: Dracena (not true Dracena)

or crowded on a very short caudex: leaves to 3' or more long, narrowly sword-shaped, less than 1" wide, narrowed just above the base, then channelled and bases sheathing, contiguous, tips acuminate, margins revolute, and very finely serrulate-spiny, flat, green and shining, veins parallel, midrib prominent, reddish toward the base, especially beneath in some forms; in age, becoming a tree to 40', branching, the leaves all crowded at the end of the branches; and flowering. - New Zealand.

Culture: Soil-3/4 sandy loam and 1/4 peat; moderate moisture; moderate intensity indirect light; minimum temperature 65° F.; propagation by division of crowns, suckers, or seed.

Uses: Indoors in large combination planters, or singly, as a low floor specimen where plenty of space; outside in window boxes or urns, as accent plants by merit of their height. Not really attractive.

Sources: (seed only)

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CORDYLINE TERMINALIS VAr. REGINAE

Cordyline terminalis, Kunth in Abh. Acad. Berl. (1820) 30. var. reginae, Hort. in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. I. (1947) 843.

Asparagus terminalis, L. in Sp. Pl. ed. 2. 450.

C. australis, Nadeaud & Jouan in Mem. Soc. Sc. Nat. Cherb. xi. (1865) 127.

Dracaena terminalis, Reichard in Garden xix. (1881) 126.

Family: Agavaceae

Common name: Dracena; Dracena Palm (not true Dracena)

Description: Erect, to 8', becoming woody, stems usually one,

or somewhat branched below: leaves crowded at tip of stem,

lance-elliptic to lance-ovate, to long-oblong to narrowly

oblanceolate, $1-2\frac{1}{2}$ long and to 2-5" wide, many-viened, more

or less parallel off the prominent midvein, tip aristate, bases

cuneate, the petioles clasping and contiguous, leaves green,

variously colored, striped, suffused and/or spotted, often

with metallic hues, and some forms with no green color apparent;

glaucous: flowers terminal in open panicle to l' long;

perianth about 1 long. - Trop. Asia, Australia.

Culture: Light porous soil; moderate to high moisture supply;

diffused light; minimum temperature 65° F.; propagation by

sections of stem laid in sand, new shoot produced.

Uses: Plants desirable as floor specimens, to lend color, and

for height in other locations. Cut foliage excellent in unique

arrangements, for color and height; beautiful even alone, as

illustrated.

Sources: (plants)

(cut foliage)

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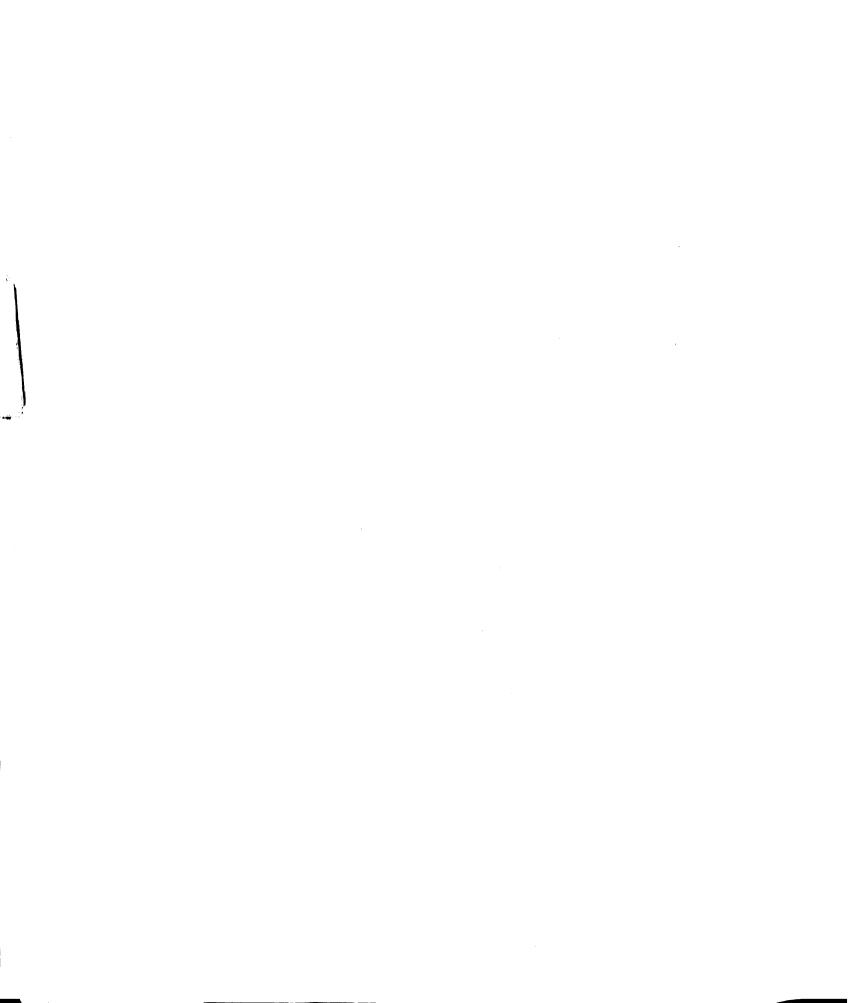
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Flowers of Hawaii, Ltd.



CRASSULA ARBORESCENS



Crassula arborescens, Willd. in Sp. Pl. i. 1554.

Family: Crassulaceae

Common name: Jade-Plant

Description: Much branched shrub, to 10', stems stout:

leaves opposite, obovate to elliptic-obovate, to 2° or more long, and to 1½° or more wide, apex obtuse or very weakly mucronate, bases cuneate, sessile, green and shining on both surfaces, punctate, especially above, succulent, about 3/16° thick, margins entire, reddish; new leaves convex-rolled on face: not observed to flower in cultivation. - Trop. Afr. Culture: Light well drained soil; plenty of water when in growth; during rest period, dry atmosphere and little soil water is desirable; bright sunlight, but tolerant to shade;

Uses: Best as small plants in combination planters; larger well-branched plants.fine as specimens singly, a good type for true ranch house decor, will withstand dry atmosphere.

temperature above 60° F.; propagated by stem cuttings.

Sources: John's (wholesale only)

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CRASSULA ARGENTEA

Crassula argentea, Thunb. in Bailey Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 456.

C. portulacea, Lam. in Addisonia iii. (1918) t. 109.

Family: Crassulaceae

Common name: Small-Leaved Jade Plant (Suggested)

Description: Much branched shrub to 10', with fleshy stems,

but more slender than in the preceding species: leaves

opposite, broadly obovate, 7/8"-1" long and 5/8" wide,

mucronate, occasionally retuse or obtuse, bases cuneate,

sessile, margins entire, green and shining, surface not

obviously punctate; old stems scurffy gray-brown, new ones

reddish: not observed to flower in cultivation. - So. Afr.

Culture: Porous open soil; good water during the growing period

dry atmosphere and little water in the soil during the rest

period; high light intensity excellent for good growth;

temperature at night above 65° F.; propagated by stem sections.

Uses: Good as a table specimen, for its form, as illustrated.

Sources: The Cactus Gardens (wholesale only)

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Cryptanthus acaulis, Beer in Bromel. 75.

Tillandsia acaulis, Lindl. in Bot. Reg. xiv. (1828) t. 1157.

C. undulatus, Otto & Dietr. in Allg. Garten. iv. (1836) 299.

Family: Bromeliaceae

Common name: Dwarf Cryptanthus (suggested)

Description: Low herb, acaulescent, producing short stout stolons on top of the soil, and producing offsets: leaves forming a dense rosette, stiff, leathery, to $6\frac{1}{2}$ long and more than 1" wide, linear, long-acuminate, bases narrowed somewhat, then sheathing, contiguous, margins undulating, finely spinydentate, yellowish-green above, coppery red near base, fading in age, or persistent, some leaves red-bordered, all white scurffy beneath: rarely flowering in cultivation. - Brazil. Culture: Root medium of fibrous material, osmunda fibre or sphagnum, and small pieces of charcoal; little water necessary during rest period, and low water supply from above during the growing season, moisture constantly necessary and water should remain in center of crown; relatively high light intensity; propagated by suckers arising from the base of the plant. Uses: Suspended in window ideal; dry appearance lends them to use in combination planters with cactus and other succulents; effective in large terraria.

Sources: (sp. and varieties)

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CYPERUS ALTERNIFOLIUS

Cyperus alternifolius, L. in Kunth Enum. Plant. II. (1837) 33.

Family: Cyperaceae

Common name: Umbrella Plant

Description: Perennial, cespitose sedge, with stout triangular culms to 4' or more tall, from densely matted roots: culms more or less striate; leaves all terminal, crowded at tip into an involucre, long linear to 12° or more and ½" wide, held horizontally, the longest somewhat pendulous toward apex, tips long acute, margins finely barbed, especially toward the tip, bright green; sheaths closed: flowers borne from between leaves, in flattened spikelets, with 6-12 flowers on either side: not ornamental. - Madagascar; Africa.

Culture: Any good soil, with some organic matter; abundant soil moisture necessary; full or partial sunlight; temperatures above 60-65° F.; propagate by division of plant, seed, or cut off crown of leaves and place in sand or moss, new plants from leaf axils.

Uses: A good pot specimen in a water garden; or alone, with contemporary or oriental furnishings; as cut foliage, excellent in many arrangements; form unique, see illustration.

Sources: Beldt's Aquarium Joseph Lingg Aquatic Gardens
Clarke's Aquarium Amos Perry

Florida Nurs. & Land. Co. Shaffer Nurseries

Royal Palm Nurseries DeGiorgi Brothers Co. (seed)

Julius Roehrs Hav'alook Gardens (variety)

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CYRTOMIUM FALCATUM var. BUTTERFIELDII

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Cyrtomium falcatum, Presl. in Bailey Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 86.

Var. Butterfieldii, Hort. in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort.

I. (1947) 945.

Polypodium falcatum, L.f. (Thung. in) Fl. Jap. (1784) t. 36.

Aspidium falcatum, Sw. (Schneider in) Book Choice Ferns i. (1892) 449.

Polystichum falcatum, Diels. (Wu, Wong & Pong in) Bull. Dept. Biol. Coll. Sc. Sun Yatsen Univ. (Nov. 3, 1932) t. 35.

Family: Polypodiaceae

Common name: House Holly-Fern

Description: Erect fern, the outer fronds somewhat spreading, stipes stiff, covered with brown scarious bract-like processes, to ½" long near the base, reduced to tawny villous hairs on the rachis; fronds 15" to 2' long, to 6" or more wide, long-oblong in outline: pinnae alternate, ovate, about 3" long, long acuminate, bases obtuse, spurred on upper side, margins irregularly serrate-dentate in upper (apical) half, (the type with entire pinnae), hardly stalked, dark green and glossy above, those of young fronds bright green: sori densely scattered over undersurface, or in approximate rows, usually 5. - Japan; China; So. Afr.; Polynesia.

Culture: Soil - 3/8 fibrous loam, 1/8 fibry peat, 1/8 sand, 1 leaf mold, and 1/8 sphagnum moss, with good drainage: constant soil moisture and humid atmosphere desirable; some shade required; minimum temperature 55° F. (night) and 65-70° F. (day); propagation by spores.

Uses: A good house plant, the shining pinnae attractive; neutral in effect; see illustration.

Sources: J. F. Anderson (wholesale only)

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Saxton & Wilson

University of Copenhagen

Julius Roehrs (variety)



DIEFFENBACHIA AMOENA

<u>Dieffenbachia amoena</u>, Hort. ex Gentil, in Pl. Cult. Serres Jard. Bot. Brux. 75 (1907).

Family: Araceae

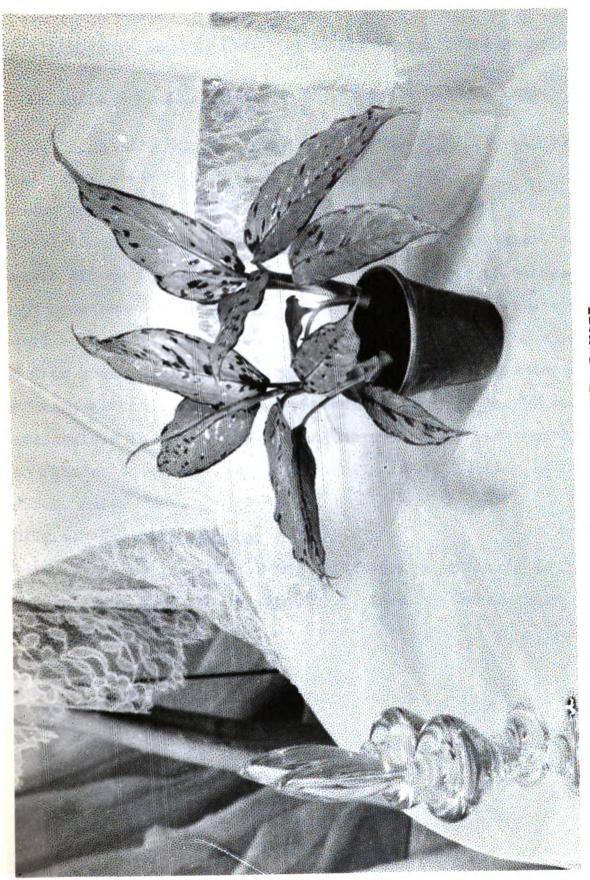
Common name: Giant Dumb Cane (suggested)

Description: Large, robust plant, becoming woody at base: leaves oblong-lanceolate to elliptic-ovate, cuspidate, bases rounded to truncate, midrib wide and prominent, solid green, primary lateral veins conspicuous with greenish-white irregular zones and splotches adjacent to them, but not extending to the margin, the ground color darker green than the midrib, pale beneath, glabrous; petioles stout, nearly as long as blade, channeled on the face in upper $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2/3, canaliculate below, the bases sheathing the stout stem: not flowering in cultivation. - unknown.

Culture: Soil fibrous loam and peat mixture; constant soil moisture; high atmospheric moisture preferred; partial shade; temperatures above 60-65° F.; when lower leaves absciss, and lower stem bare and unsightly, cut off the top and root in sand; remaining stem, cut into sections, dry for 1-2 days, lay in sand, new shoots produced; may be grown in water constantly with good results.

Uses: Small plants ideal in combination pots; for specimens, put 2-3 plants to a pot; larger plants in large situations, appearing as a small tree; very good in store window displays, if in shaded location, or on hearth of fireplace, when not in use.

Sources: Julius Roehrs



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X<u>Dieffenbachia Bausei</u>, Hort. Chiswick, (Regel in) Gartenflora (1873) 49, 50.

D. picta x Weirii, Engl. in Engler's Bot. Jahrb. xxvi. (1899) 571.

<u>D. picta var. Bausei</u>, Engl. in Fl. Bras. iii. II. (1878) 176. Family: Araceae

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Common name: Lime-Leaf Diffenbachia (suggested)

Description: Stem erect, or somewhat prostrate at base:

leaves oblong to oblong-lanceolate, bases cuneate to obtuse, tips acuminate, pale green or yellowish-green, splotched with small white, and dark green, spots, a narrow, irregular margin of dark green, midrib dark green; margins entire: glaucescent beneath; glabrous; petioles about half as long as the blades, canaliculate in two-thirds of length, the broad base sheathing the stem at the node: rarely flowering in cultivation. - Hybrid, cult.

Culture: See <u>Dieffenbachia amoena</u>

Uses: Plant not as robust, and colors not so striking as <u>D</u>.

<u>picta</u>; blends more easily with decor; good in contemporary

settings.

Sources: Royal Palm Nurseries

Julius Roehrs

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DIEFFENBACHIA PICTA

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Dieffenbachia picta, Schott in Syn. Aroid. (1856) 129.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Spotted Dumb Cane

Description: Stem upright, tending at base to be slightly prostrate; to 5° or more tall; glabrous: leaves oblong-elliptic to oblong-lanceolate, the bases cordate to acute, tips acuminate, halves unequal in size, leaves blotched irregularly with white, the number and size of blotches greatest toward the midrib, is green and conspicuous, 15-20 pairs of primary lateral veins, ascending; petioles mottled pale green, spreading out to form sheating bases surrounding the thick stem, proximal half of long petioles canaliculate; stem circled by tan leaf scars about 1 inch apart, resulting from abscission of lower leaves; lateral buds obscurred under stem tissue, forming small (½ inch) blisters just above the leaf scars, one at each node; stem becoming woody: rarely producing flowers in cultivation. Taller plants give effect of a banana "tree". - Trop. So. Amer.

Culture: see <u>Dieffenbachia amoena</u>.

Uses: White-dotted foliage more difficult to blend into decorations; ideal in small sizes for large terraria; larger plants in combination planters, or as illustrated.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

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<u>Dieffenbachia picta</u>, Schott in Syn. Aroid. (1856) 129. h.v. 'Rudolph Roehrs'

Family: Araceae

Common name: Roehrs Dumb Cane (suggested)

Description: Leaves widely ovate-oblong, greenish-yellow to greenish-white, weakly spotted pure white, narrowly irregular margined dark green, midrib dark green, wide and conspicuous; petioles pale green; otherwise as <u>D. picta.</u> - a sport of <u>D. picta.</u> cult.

Culture: See Dieffenbachia amoena.

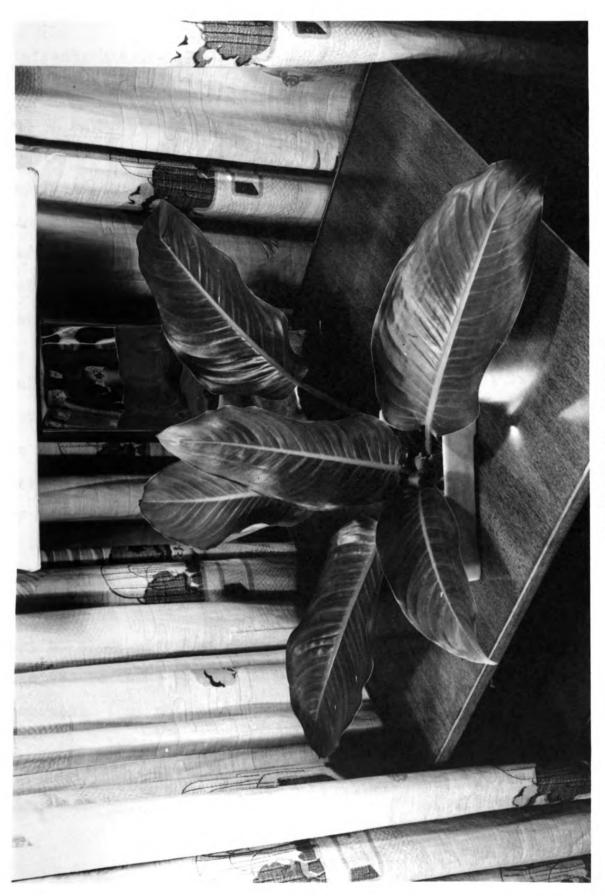
Uses: Color excellent against dark walls for accent; though of delicate appearance, and good house plant.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

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Dieffenbachia Seguine, Schott in Melet. i. 20.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Common Dumb Cane

Description: Erect, with thick stem; glabrous: leaves oblong to ovate-oblong, bases obtuse, cordate, or <u>truncate</u>, tips short-cuspidate, green and shining above, paler beneath, margins entire, midrib broad and conspicuous, the primary laterals to 15 pairs, embedded above, prominent beneath; petioles shorter than blade, not strongly canaliculate. - W. Indies and So. Amer.

Culture: As a pot plant, see <u>Dieffenbachia amoena</u>; but grown out of doors in tropical and subtropical regions, and found on market primarily as cut foliage.

Uses: Leaves cut singly; useful for situations not satisfied by many other foliages; use in combinations blending with its lush nature; blends well with flowers of other Aroids, as Spathiphyllum, and other tropicals, as Bird-of-Paradise (Strelitzia Reginae); arranged well, a minimum of flowers may be used, accenting the foliage; good designers are not limited to these possibilities; lasts well in water.

Sources: (cut material, 6 leaves per bunch)

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DIZYGOTHECA KERCHOVEANA

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<u>Dizygotheca Kerchoveana</u>, N. Taylor in Bailey Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 745.

Aralia Kerchoveana, Hort.

Family: Araliaceae

mature wood cuttings.

Common name: False Aralia

Description: Erect, woody; leaves alternate; petiole bases much expanded in final 1° and sheathing stem, purplish, mottled pale green: leaves ovate in outline, 3-pinnate, 7-13 rachilla, these articulate, each bearing 5-11 leaflets, these odd-pinnate and articulate, oblong-lanceolate, variously serrately notched, each segment thus formed deeply serrate, the apex pointed, medium green, midribs pale and prominent: inflorescence a panicle, terminal, each branch articulate; flowers small, not at all ornamental. - probably Pacific Isls. Culture: Soil - ½ sandy loam and ½ peat; moderate moisture; partial shade; temperatures above 60° F.; propagation from

Uses: In small sizes, in combination pots for a contrasting foliage type; large specimens on the floor, as suggested in illustration; good in period settings.

Sources: (sp. elegantissima listed)

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DRACAENA DEREMENSIS h.v. WARNECKII

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<u>Pracaena deremensis</u>, Engl. in Engler's Bot. Jahrb. xxxii. 95. h.v. <u>Warneckii</u>, Hort. in Gard. Chron. Ser. III. (1911) 1. 23.

Family: Agavaceae

Common name: Warneck Dracena (suggested)

Description: As usually seen, a woody tree-like plant, with a single stem, the many leaves crowded near the tip, to 15' in age: leaves more or less linear, to 18" or more long, 2' wide, tapering to a long bristle-tip (\frac{1}{4}"), the base narrowed, then expanded to sheathe the stem, contiguous, margins entire, striped with white along the margins parallel to them, the center area variously striped green, pale green, and white, veins parallel; stem rather stout, stiff: not observed to flower as a tub specimen. - Trop. Afr.

Culture: See Cordyline terminalis.

Uses: For table decoration as shown, or large plants as floor specimens, below curve of a grand piano, or in other positions where a plant may add interest and simple beauty.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

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Dracaena fragrans, Ker Gawl. in Bot. Mag. t. 1081. h.v. <u>Massangeana</u>, Hort. in Belge Hort. xxxi. (1881) 327.

Family: Agavaceae

Common name: Corn Plant

Description: As generally seen, a small tree-like plant, but reaching 20' in age, with a single stem, the lower leaves often being retained: leaves oblong to narrowly oblanceolate, somewhat broader beyond the half-mark, $l_{\frac{1}{2}}$ or more long, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ wide, long-tapered to a bristle-tip $\frac{1}{4}$ long, the tips recurved, narrowed to $\frac{1}{2}$ toward base, then expanded to sheathe the stem, contiguous, green, the central area with a broad yellow stripe parallel to the margins and often variously yellow striped toward the margins, which are entire and undulating; stem rather stout, becoming woody: not observed to flower in cultivation. - Trop. Afr.

Culture: see Cordyline terminalis.

Uses: As pictured, as a specimen on the floor; attractive with Philodendron oxycardium climbing on the woody trunk of large, topped specimens.

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<u>Dracaena godseffiana</u>, Hort. ex Sander in Gard. Chron. Ser. III. xxi. (1847) 347.

Family: Agavaceae

Common name: Spotted Dracena

Description: Much branched shrub, stems slender and very stiff: leaves 2-3 at a node, to $4\frac{1}{2}$ long and 2° or more wide, elliptic to oblong, spotted irregularly with white dots, some of which coalesce to form zones of white, parallel veined, acuminate, bases short cuneate, margins entire, glabrous; petioles very short $(\frac{1}{4}$); 10-12 foliaceous bracts present along new stem growth, the final bract to 7/8° long, these quickly deciduous, leaving as many scars on each internode: not observed to flower in cultivation. - Upper Guinea. Culture: Propagated by division or stem cuttings; if too tall, pinch to induce branching; see <u>Cordyline terminalis</u> for other details.

Uses: As table plant, as illustrated; in combination planters for its leaf color pattern; cut leaves may find usage in certain bouquets or even corsages.

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<u>Dracaena sanderiana</u>, Hort. ex Sander in Gard. Chron. Ser. III. xiii. (1893) 445.

Family: Agavaceae

Common name: Sander Dracena (suggested)

Description: Stem erect, simple: leaves more or less linear, to 10^n long and $1\frac{1}{2}^n$ wide long taper-pointed to a bristle (3/8" long), narrowed somewhat toward base, expanding to sheathe the stem, with a broad, white border, the central area green, whole leaf occasionally variously striped green and white, and shades of green, margins entire, slightly undulating: not flowering as a pot plant. - Cameroons.

Culture: see Cordyline terminalis

Uses: Much smaller than either <u>D</u>. <u>Warneckii</u> or <u>D</u>. <u>Massengeana</u>, is suited for combination planters, where is excellent in small sizes; tall plants almost worthless, shorten by topping and rerooting; as a table plant, best with 2-3 plants in same pot when used alone.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

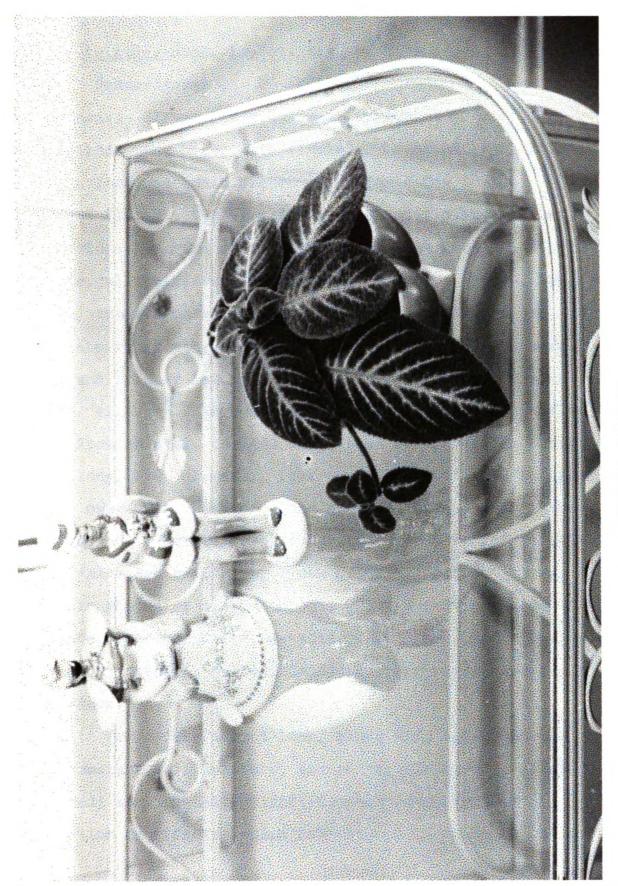
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EPISCIA FULGIDA

Episcia fulgida, Hook. in Bot. Mag. t. 6136.

Family: Gesneriaceae

Common name: Silver Sheen Episcia (suggested)

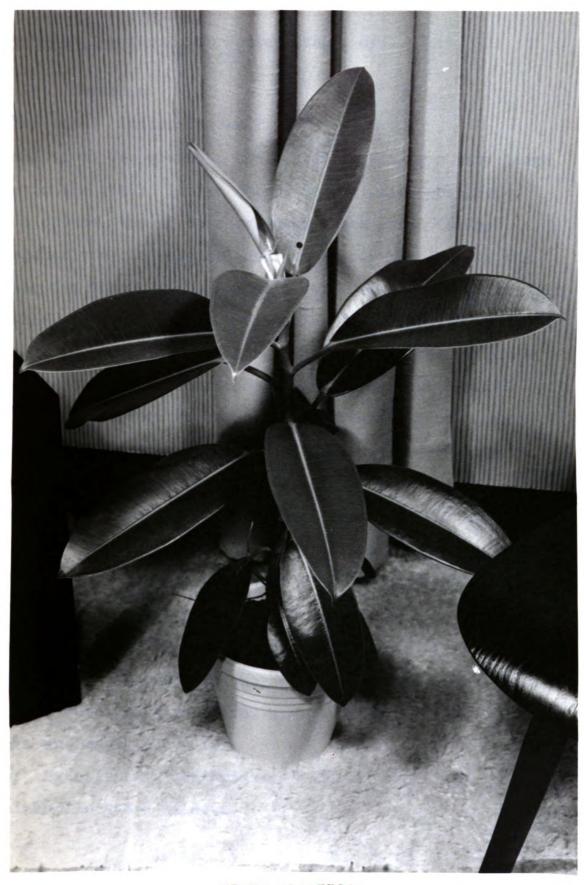
Description: Low herb, with simple or branched stem, from a creeping root, the main branch erect for a few inches, (somewhat fleshy), the branches with slender stems, rather like stolons, bearing offsets, these rooting freely: leaves opposite, elliptic-oval, to $4\frac{1}{2}$ long, acute or obtuse, subcordate, crenate margined, soft villous on both surfaces, reticulate-roughened, copper-colored, except the area next to midrib and primary lateral veins silvery-green; petioles to 2", reddish, villous: flowers slightly zygomorphic, solitary or 2 or 3 from an axil, on peduncles about 3/8", corolla salverform, to 11" long, 3/4" diameter, tube curved or straight, inflated at base over the posterior gland on disc. and appearing somewhat spurred, hairy without, paler than the 5 bright red corolla limbs, which are 5/16 long, rotund, denticulate at apex, yellowish glandular in the throat; calyx 5 parted, lobes spatulate, predominately one-sided, 7/16" long, hairy, purplish, recurved; stamens 4, paired, included; ovary long-hairy. -N. So. Amer.

Culture: Very rich fibrous loam, mixed with some peat and sand; constant soil moisture, and relatively humid atmosphere preferred; low intensity light; temperatures above 60° F.; propagation by offsets, which root easily in water or soil.

Uses: Hanging baskets; pyramids; combination planters; in flat containers alone on a table, as illustrated; good for the coffee table if new plants started occasionally and old ones discarded.

Sources: (listed as sp. coccinea and cupreata)

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Ficus elastica, Roxb. in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. II. (1947) 1232.

Family: Moraceae

Common name: Indian Rubber Plant

Description: As grown, a small tree, becoming a very large tree in the wild: leaves oblong to elliptic, cuspidate, bases obtuse, tip of apex recurved, dark green (except irregularly white margined and green-gray blotched in the variegated form), with prominent pale green midrib, and many parallel lateral veins perpendicular to the midrib, glabrous and shining, margins entire; petioles pale green, at first held straight out, soon drooping; new leaves with midrib reddish below; stem stout, sap milky; terminal bud sheath bright pink, deciduous, the scars obvious above each node; terminal bud conical and pointed, axillary buds short, conical; slender brown aerial roots produced from trunk in large specimens: not flowering in the greenhouse. - Trop. Asia. Culture: Any good soil mixture; responds well to feeding; plenty of water; likes bright, hot sun, tolerates shade well; temperatures above 65° F.: propagation by aerial layers. check flow of sap with powdered charcoal-lime dust; single-"eye" leaf-bud cuttings with bottom heat satisfactory, but slow; plants unshapely above 10'.

Uses: Excellent in contemporary home, as shown, as a floor specimen; in store windows.

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Sources: Glen St. Mary Nursery

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FICUS LYRATA

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Ficus lyrata, Warb. (Domke in) Gartenflora, lxxxiv. (1935) 135.

F. pandurata, Hort. ex Sander in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. II. (1947) 1232.

Family: Moraceae

Common name: Fiddle-Leaf Fig

Description: Evergreen tree to 40°; as generally seen, a small woody plant appearing as a shrub by cultural practices: leaves alternate, fiddle shaped, to 15° long, the large and quite rounded, to 10° across, the lower part about half as wide, bases cordate-truncate, margins entire, somewhat undulate and slightly revolute, glabrous, dark green above, with prominent midrib and few pinnate ribs, these lighter colored, paler beneath, the veins and midrib much raised and prominent; petioles very stout, short, 1-1½° long; leaves held erect or arched outward from near the base of the blade; stems dark brown with darker brown dry scales or bracts, especially just above each node, lance-deltoid and acuminate, to 1½° long, persistent: not flowering in cultivation. - Trop. Afr.

Culture: Reduced sunlight; plants best under 5' tall, 2-3 to a pot or tub; see <u>Figus elastica</u>.

Uses: Decidedly for the contemporary homes, but surely not limited to them; a fine floor specimen, as pictured; superb in store window decorations; in lobbies, and interiors of large public buildings, as well as in sunken indoor gardens in the home.

Sources: Edwin A. Menninger Julius Roehrs
Royal Palm Nurseries Roy F. Wilcox



FICUS RUBIGINOSA

Ficus rubiginosa, Vent. in Bailey Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 340.

F. australis, Willd. (Schacht in) Abh. Senckenb. Nat. Ges. i. (1854) t. 7.

Family: Moraceae

Common name: Australian Rubber Plant (suggested)

Description: A much-branched evergreen tree, but as used, appearing as a shrub or small tree: leaves alternate, elliptic to oval-elliptic, to 7" long, obtuse at either end, margins entire, glabrous, very dark green and shining above, rusty-tomentose beneath, midrib prominent and pale green; petioles to $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", pale green and tomentose, as is the spur-like terminal bud; young stems brown and tomentose, producing brown aerial roots which form trunks in large individuals; sap milky: not observed to flower as a tub specimen. - Australia.

Uses: Much-branched and often as broad as tall, lends self to lobbies and other large rooms, to break lines and add interest; in any space large enough for the specimen; simple enough, yet with good characters which do not limit its use in any special type of design; small plants useful in large combination planters, or as table specimens.

Sources: Royal Palm Nurseries

Julius Roehrs (var. variegatus)

Culture: Good indirect light: see Ficus elastica.



FITTONIA VERSCHAFFELTII

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<u>Fittonia Verschaffeltii</u>, Coem. in Fl. des Serres, vx. (1862-65) 186.

Gymnostachyum Verschaffelti, Nob. in Hibberd New & Rare Beaut. Leaved Pl. (1870) 23, 24. t. ix.

Family: Acanthaceae

Common name: Red-Veined Fittonia

Description: Stems creeping, green, villous along the angles of the square stem: leaves opposite, elliptic-ovate to ovate, to 4" long, apex rounded, bases subcordate, margins weakly crenate and ciliate, dark olive green with midrib and veins deep rose above, paler green beneath, veins green and pubescent, upper surface shining, rugose-reticulated by the sunken veins: petioles to 1" long, rather 3-angled, villous along the angles, pink-purple above, green below: flowering more or less continually; spikes terminal, simple or branched, to 5" long, on short reddish peduncles, bracts 4- ranked, green, rotund and covered with gland-tipped hairs; one flower per bract, these small, pale yellow, zygomorphic, bilabiate, about 3" long; 1 or 2 flowers open at a time, and not ornamental in themselves, though bracted spikes add much interest. - Peru. Culture: Soil - 1/3 fibrous loam, 1/3 leaf mold, and 1/3 sand; constant supply of soil water; heavy shade; temperatures above 60° F.: propagation by stem cuttings in sand, will root easily in water; pinch all strong shoots to prevent straggling appearance: best grown on a mound so stems may root as they grow longer.

Uses: Combination planters; around edge of hanging baskets

possibly; in pyramid planters; small plants good in planter

lamps, on coffee table, etc.

Sources: Clarke's Aquarium

Julius Roehrs



FITTONIA VERSCHAFFELTII var. ARGYRONEURA

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Fittonia Verschaffeltii, Coem. in Fl. des Serres, xv. (1862-65) 186.

var. argyroneura, Nichols in Bailey Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 922.

F. argyroneura, Coem., in Fl. des Serres, xvi. (1865-67) 103.

Family: Acanthaceae

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Common name: White-Veined Fittonia

Description: Very similar to the species, except the leaves bright green, midrib and veins white, not as coarse in appearance, probably due to a greater number of primary lateral veins and secondary ones: not flowering so profusely as the type, the bracts obovate and cuspidate, about in long; peduncles green; spikes more slender than in the species. -

Culture: see Fittonia Verschaffeltii.

Uses: Combination planters; around edge of hanging baskets; in pyramid planters; small specimen plants good in planter lamps, on coffee table, or in decor where the white-veined leaves will be effective.

Sources: Clarke's Aquarium

Julius Roehrs

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GALAX APHYLLA

Galax aphylla, L. in Sp. Pl. (1753) 200.

Family: Diapensiaceae

Common name: Galax

Description: Evergreen perennial herb; acaulescent: leaves all basal, orbicular or broadly-ovate, to 5" or more across, cordate, margins crenate-dentate and shallowly lobed toward apex, the terminal lobe most prominent, glabrous, bright green and palmately veined, glossy, leathery, turning bronze-purple in autumn; on long petioles to 8": inflorescence a raceme, 2-5" long on a scape to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ' tall; flowers white, to 3/16" across. - Va. to Ga. and Ala., S. E. No. Amer.

Culture: Outside; moderate moisture; shade; northern exposure. Not grown indoors.

Uses: Only as cut foliage, available in both green and autumnal coppery-red; in wreaths, bouquets, and some small arrangements with certain flowers; other decorations.

Sources: (cut)

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George D. Aiken

F. M. Crayton & Sons

Gardens of the Blue Ridge

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Rex D. Pearce (seed)

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GAULTHERIA SHALLON

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Gaultheria Shallon, Pursh. in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. II. (1927) 1319.

Family: Ericaceae

Common name: Salal: Lemon Leaf

Description: Evergreen shrub, to 2' tall: leaves alternate, ovate, to 5" long, cuspidate, bases obtuse, margins serrulate, leathery, dark green above, paler beneath, midrib and main lateral veins sunken and prominent, surface somewhat reticulate; on short reddish petioles (\frac{1}{4}"); stems light green, somewhat zig-zag and flattened, wiry: flowers rarely seen on cut material; inflorescence a compound raceme of small pink or white flowers, each about 2/3" long. - B. C. to Calif.,

Culture: Not cultivated; cut from the wild.

Uses: Many and sundry; one of the two most used greens in the florists' industry; particularly as foliage in sprays, bouquets and arrangements.

Sources: (cut)

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HEDERA CANARIENSIS Var. VARIEGATA

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var. variegata, Schulze in Bailey Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 746.

H. Helix, Lowe, in Fl. Moder. 376
var. algeriensis, Hort. in Neubert's Deutsche. Bard. Mag.
(1866) 289.
cl. variegata, Hort. (Nicholson in) Illus. Dict. Gard.
ii. (1884-88) 120.

Family: Araliaceae

Common name: Algerian Ivy

Description: As generally seen, a vine, evergreen, rooting where it meets the soil, stems dark reddish, slender but stiff, quickly glabrous: leaves to 3" or more long, alternate, triangular, usually somewhat 3-lobed, tips of lobes acute, bases obtuse, or slightly subcordate, margins entire or slightly wavy, with an irregular white margin, the central area blue-green, irregularly splotched with areas of pale metallic blue-green or blue-gray, the zones not integrating, but with definite irregular margins; new leaves yellow and green, becoming typical, 3 primary veins palmately arranged; petioles long, to $4\frac{1}{2}$ or more, reddish, ascending, the blade held quite horizontally; rarely branching: not flowering as a pot plant. - Canary Island northw.. and southw. to S. Afr. Culture: Any rich, porous soil: good moisture: thrives in reduced light: temperatures above 55° F.: propagation by stem cuttings; pinching necessary to induce branching; best in small sizes.

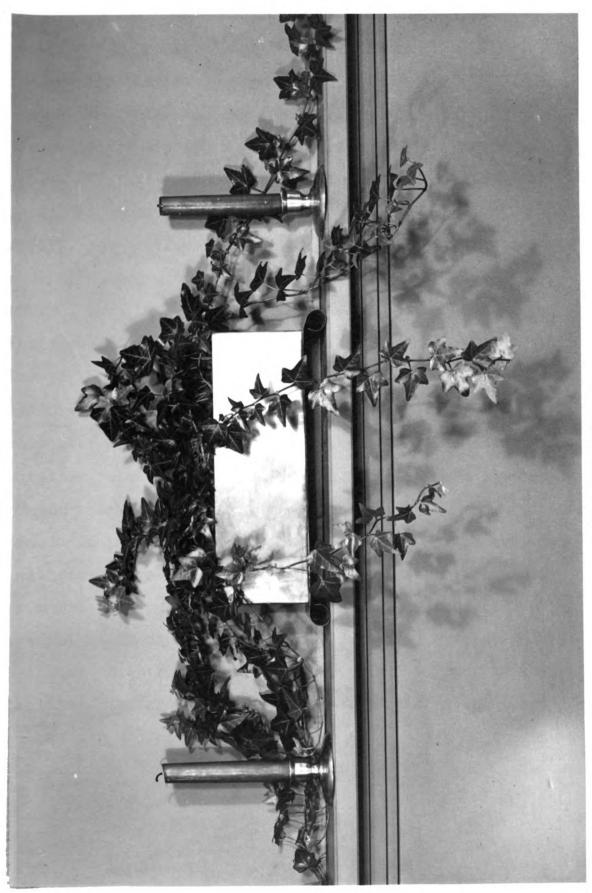
Uses: As a table plant, on coffee table, step table, etc.; see picture. A good house plant; useful in combination pots.

Sources: (h.v. 'Yellow Edge')

Armstrong Nurseries

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HEDERA HELIX

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Hedera Helix, L. Sp. Pl. (1753) 202.

Family: Araliaceae

Common name: English Ivy (and variety names)

Description: A polymorphic species, with many named varieties, (about 80), evergreen shrub climbing by aerial rootlets, though as generally seen, a small decumbent vine, becoming woody: leaves alternate, 3-5 lobed or entire, of various size depending upon variety, petioles also various, margins entire, usually dark green and shining above; several

variegated forms are grown: not flowering as a house plant. - Europe. No. Afr., temp. Asia. Canaries.

Culture: Any good porous soil; good moisture; thrives under very poor light conditions; frost-hardy; propagation by stem cuttings; slower growing varieties by grafting sometimes on common stock. Excellent house plants.

Uses: On the table; hanging baskets; wall containers, mantle (without a fire below) as shown; countless possibilities; even creeping on interior masonry (not a chimney); cut, in a vase, alone or in arrangements, bouquets, corsages.

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Helxine Soleirolii, Req. in Ann. Sc. Nat. Ser. I. V. (1825) 384.

Family: Urticaceae

Common name: Babys Tears

Description: Small, decumbent herb, with many stems, very

delicate: leaves alternate, obliquely reniform or orbicular,

about 1 long, pubescent above glabrous below, margins entire;

stems more or less hyaline, often red-tinted, pubescent:

flowers not ornamental, minute. - Corsica and Sardinia.

Culture: Soil of sandy loam; plenty of soil water; prefers

high humidity; moderate shade; above 60° F. temperatures;

propagation by division, rooted tips, seed, if available.

Uses: To hide bare soil in pot with large specimens, as an

Indian Rubber Plant; as pictured, making a mat of green in

a small container, on the coffee table; in terraria; common

on and under bench in conservatories.

Sources: Armstrong Nurseries

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HEVIGRAPHIS COLORATA

Hemigraphis colorata, Hallier in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. II. (1947) 1457.

Ruellia colorata, Vell. in Fl. Flum. vi. (1827) t. 99.

Family: Acanthaceae

Common name: Hemigraphis

Description: Decumbent, rooting at the swollen nodes:
leaves opposite, ovate, to 3" long, acute, bases more or
less cordate, margins irregularly crenate, glandularpubescent above, simply pubescent below, leathery, green
to purplish-green above and purplish beneath when young, the
veins dark green or purplish, midrib and petioles purple,
blade becoming purple in age, intermingled with green or
becoming quite green; petioles about 3" long, puberulent;
freely branching, branches at wide angles from the main stems,
these puberulent, with a few long hairs intermingled: free
flowering; inflorescence a spike, to 1½" or more, on a
peduncle 1" long, terminal on the side branches; flowers
subtended by purple foliaceous 4-ranked bracts, ovate or
lanceolate, with ciliate margins, opposite, 2 flowers per
bract, white, bilabiate, small. - Java.

Culture: Any rich, porous soil; reduced light; temperatures above 60° F.; plenty of water; propagation by cuttings; forms a hanging mat.

Uses: Ideal in hanging baskets; or in small sizes, on the coffee table as shown, or similar spot; fine in the window box in summer to hide the front of the box.

Source: Royal Palm Nurseries

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becoming quite green; petioles about 3" long, puberulent;
freely branching, branches at wide angles from the main stems,
these puberulent, with a few long hairs intermingled: free
flowering; inflorescence a spike, to 12" or more, on a
peduncle 1" long, terminal on the side branches; flowers
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Hibiscus Rosa-sinensis, L. in Sp. Pl. (1753) 694.

var. Cooperi, Hort. ex Nichols in Fl. des Serres Ser.

II. (1862-65). v.t. 1556

Family: Malvaceae

Common name: Fancy-Leaved Chinese Hibiscus

Description: Large shrub to 25', sometimes tree-like: leaves alternate, lanceolate, very often distorted, to 4" long, acuminate, variously margined, serrate, wavy, or entire and undulate, midrib deep pink, the blade mottled green, lighter shades of green to white, and pink to white, often with large zones of one or more colors; petioles nearly as long as blade, reddish and pubescent, as are the new stems; stipules darkcolored, soon deciduous; freely branching: flowers often, these solitary, axillary, on jointed peduncles exceeding the petioles; bracts at base of calyx linear. 10 in number: calyx 5-lobed, these lanceolate, greenish-white, la long: petals 5. somewhat distorted, separate, spatulate-oblance, 2ª long, deep red, wide open and recurved, with a dark crimson eye at base; stamens many, filaments united into an exserted column surrounding the pistil, anthers yellow, column deep pink, 3º long. - sp. widespread in tropics.

Culture: Well-balanced soil mixture; continuous water supply; syringe frequently to maintain atmospheric humidity; temperatures above 60° F. (about 65°F.); sunlight; in reduced light, retard growth by reducting temperature to 50° F. and withholding water; propagation by cuttings or grafts - softwood cuttings

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in spring, or hardened cuttings in fall; pinch to induce branching.

Uses: Recommended as a cut foliage; to lend color, or as a focus point in decorations, alone or with suitable types of flowers; the growing plant may be used, but doubtful if vigorous growth could be maintained in the home.

Source: (var. <u>Versicolor</u>, probably the same)
Glen St. Mary Nursery



HOWEA FORSTERIANA

Howea Forsteriana, Becc. in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. II. (1947) 1612.

Grisebachia Forsteriana, Wendl. in DeKerchove Les Palmiers (1878) 325, & t. VII.

Kentia Forsteriana, F. Muell. (Chabaud in) Palm. Cote d'Azure (1915) 110.

Family: Palmaceae

Common name: Kentia

Description: A feather palm; as generally seen, a more or less acaulescent plant to 8' tall: leaves from a very short stem, the petioles of the fronds flat on the face, rounded behind, erect up to the pinnae, then pendulous; bases expanded and sheathing, their fibrous extensions also sheathing: pinnae spreading outward from the rachis horizontally on a flat plane, then pendulous and hanging, the final one bifid and pendulous, dark green, rather coarse in texture. Not flowering in this juvenile condition. - Lord Howe Is. (east of N. S. Wales).

Culture: Soil of light, rich loam with medium quantity of fertilizer added; constant moisture, and moist atmosphere; moderate shade; nite temperature about 60° F.; propagation by seed (imported).

Uses: Though outmoded today, still used considerably, for wedding and church decorations, stage, and similar large spaces, as greenery, or background for flowers, etc.; may be used in the home, as shown.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

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HOYA CARNOSA h.v. VARIEGATA

Hoya carnosa, R. Br. in Mem. Wern. Soc. i. (1809) 27.

h.v. variegata, in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. ii. (1947)

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H. Motoskei, Teysn. & Binn. (DeVriese in) Tuinbouw.-Fl.
i. (1855) 67, t.4.

Family: Asclepiaceae

Common name: Variegated Wax Plant

Description: Woody vine, twining or climbing by aerial roots, to 10' or more: leaves opposite, elliptic, about 3" long and half as broad, acute or cuspidate, bases obtuse, thick and fleshy, variously variegated cream and/or rosy, the pattern tending toward an irregular green border with a cream colored central area, and splotches of intermediate shades between the two zones, some leaves entirely green, shining above, tawny pubescent throughout, especially beneath, along midrib, pale beneath; many leaves with the 2 halves rising from the midrib, and thus not flat, often variously oblique, and margins undulating; petioles purplish, to 1 long; stems dark-colored; both glaucous: flowering occasionally, in axillary cymes, flowers white or palest pink, with pink centers, about \frac{1}{2}" in diameter, 5-petals united, rotate. Not stable, new shoots often reverting to the green form. - China; Australia. Culture: Any good soil mixture; plenty of water, except in fall and early winter, when light is low; prefers good indirect light in active growth; warm temperatures (above 60° F.), but cooler when growth is slow; good ventilation desirable; propagation by terminal stem cuttings, division, or layering,

especially; if stems long, remove tip and root, or furnish support for aerial roots to cling to; top growth of cuttings may require a year or more to begin growth - spud by frequent syringing.

Uses: For contemporary decor, especially with a Chinese touch; on coffee table or vacant bookshelf, a beautiful specimen.

Source: Julius Roehrs



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Kalanchoe pinnata, Pers. in Syn. i. 446.

Bryophyllum calycinum, Salisb. in Para. Lond. (1805) t. 3.

B. pinnatum, Kurz. in Journ. As. Soc. Beng. xl. II. (1871) 52.

Family: Crassulaceae

Common name: Air-Plant

Description: Erect, somewhat woody at base, one or several stems from the root, stout, and hollow, to 6': leaves opposite, pinnately 3-5 compounded, (the early ones simple); leaflets elliptic, the lowermost oblique, to $4\frac{1}{2}$ long, very short-stalked, coarsely crenate, or crenate-serrate, thick (1/16") and fleshy, midrib purplish at base; petioles of compound leaves much longer than of simple ones, purple above, green beneath: not flowering in sizes desirable as house plants: new plantlets often grow from each notch along the leaf margins, either before or after they fall off; growing into new plants. - Mexico.

Culture: Propagated by new plants which grow from crenatures of leaves, or from cuttings or seed; see <u>Crassula arborescens</u>.

Uses: Small sizes ornamental, and useful in combination pots or several in a single pot; interesting, the new plants produced on leaves before and after falling; unsightly above 18.

Sources: Fitzpatrick's Cactus Gardens

Rex D. Pearce (seed)

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Kalmia latifolia, L. in Sp. Pl. 391.

Family: Ericaceae

Common name: Mountain Laurel

Description: Evergreen shrub, to 10° or more: leaves alternate, elliptic, to 4° long, acute at both ends, margins entire, the face of the leaf concave, dark green above, pale beneath; petioles less than 1° long; leaves at tips of branches, the lower part bare, glandular-roughened; branching in fascicles, 1-3 from a point; old stems roughish, bark gray-brown and peeling off: flowers in late spring in terminal compound corymbs, flowers 5-merous, calyx and corolla lobed, stamens 10; flowers about 3/4° in diameter, pink or white, with purple markings within. - E. No. Amer. Culture: Not cultivated as a house plant; acid soil; propagated by seed, layers, or half-hardened stem cuttings; a garden shrub.

Uses: Cut branches for greenery, in vase, or in wedding, party, or holiday decorations; branchlets formed into wreaths, or garlands for table, wall, or mantle.

Source: Kervan Co.



LYCOPODIUM CERNUUM

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L. curvatum, Gaud. in Voy. Freyc. Bot. (1828) 284.

Family: Lycopodiaceae

Common name: Florists' Lycopodium

Description: Much branched, erect plant to 18° or more, tree-like in form: stems straw-colored, striate-green by the adnate bases of the uniform, awn-shaped, linear-lanceolate leaves; mature leaves on the main stem about 1/6° long, and 1/32° wide, tip to a long point, bases attached straight across and the adnate portion extending down stem about the length of the leaf, coriaceous, entire, patent, 8-ranked and spirally arranged on stem; branches paired, one from either side of main stem, but not exactly opposite; about 2° between pairs; side branches much branched, the leaves smaller and closer together, tufted, the terminal leaves extending beyond and concealing the growing tips. - Cosmopolitan in tropics.

Culture: Not useful as a house plant.

Uses: Cut stems good for unique arrangements with certain, well-chosen flowers; also in Xmas decorations.

Source: Flowers of Hawaii, Ltd.



MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA

Magnolia grandiflora, L. in Syst. ed. X. 1082.

Family: Magnoliaceae

Common name: Southern Magnolia; Bull Bay

Description: Beautiful, evergreen tree to 100' or more: leaves alternate, oval-oblong to obovate, to 8" long, tapered at both ends, stiff, bright green and shining above, rusty-tomentose beneath, margins entire; new stems and short petioles tomentose: flowers to 8" across, terminal, and solitary, from great, villous buds; petals 6-12, obovate, strongly concave above, white; sepals 3, petaloid; many pistils united in a stalked cone, green, elliptic or oval in cross-section, styles reflexed, and the numerous stamens attached around the stalk of the cone, filaments purple, yellow tipped; very fragrant; petals and sepals opening wide, closing at night, the third day remaining open and fading, the stamens deciduous. - S. E. No. Amer.

Culture: Not desirable as a house plant, grown as garden tree, not hardy north.

Uses: Cut branches most desirable in arrangements with none or few flowers; single leaves in sprays, wreaths, etc.

Sources: Kervan Co. (in season)

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MARANTA BICOLOR

Maranta bicolor, Ker-Gawl. in Bot. Reg. t. 786.

Family: Marantaceae

Common name: Prayer Plant

Description: Low, perennial, caulescent herb, to 10" or rarely more, stems often branched; producing small underground tubers: leaves alternate, oblong, broad elliptic, or ovate, to 45" long, cuspidate, bases cordate or rounded, margins entire, somewhat undulate, midrib prominent, slightly sunken, primary lateral veins raised on face and anastomosing, glaucous-green above, with large brownish spots on either side between the main lateral veins, these spots becoming dark green in age, the central area along midrib lighter than marginal area, paler beneath, with purplish spots, glabrous; petioles nearly as long as blade, canaliculate by thin extensions in half of their length, the bases sheathing the stem at the swollen nodes, apical tip (1") of petiole articulate from the lower part, and tinted brownish, hairy on the face; at night, the blades bend upward and inward from the articulation: spike-like inflorescence subtended by sheathing bracts; flowers small, white, spotted and striped with purple; petals 3; calyx 3; stamens 6, 1 fertile, the others petaloid staminodia exceeding the petals; ovary 1-celled by abortion (of other 2 cells). -Brazil. Guiana.

Culture: see <u>Calathea</u> <u>ornata</u>.

Uses: In combination pots, for interesting foliage with outstanding pattern; and curiosity for its nocturnal leaf blade movement.

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Sources: North Street Greenhouses

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Monstera deliciosa, Liebm. in Bailey Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 183.

M. Lennea, K. Koch. in Gartenfl. ix. (1860) t. 279.

<u>Philodendron</u> <u>pertusum</u>, Kunth & Bouche in Rep. Missouri Bot. Gard. ii. (1891) Frontisp.

Pothos pertusa, Hort. (not Roxb.)

Tornelia fragrans, Gutierrez in Flora xcvii (1907) t. 9.

Family: Araceae

Monstera: Ceriman: Swiss Cheese Plant Common name: (Note: The juvenile stage of this species is often sold as Philodendron pertusum, or just "Pertusum". However, it is identical to the species described; age is the only variable.) Description: Tall climbing vine: stem stout: leaves thick, rotund-cordate, oblique, tips cuspidate, green and shining, variously pinnately dissected and often much perforated with orbicular to elliptic holes in area next to midrib, (or blades entire), to 3 feet long and nearly as broad, segments rather linear, to 15 in number, midrib elevated and very prominent, as are the lateral veins; petioles long, to 3 feet, scabrous, strongly canaliculate along entire length, except the terminal 2", which are flattened into a winged portion, bent slightly upward, abruptly bent in opposite direction at union with the blade; bases sheathing stem around half its circumference; stem and petioles glaucescent; glabrous throughout; stout aerial roots produced, long and hanging, or clinging to any available support, or acting as prop-roots where they contact the soil, becoming firmly secured: flowering rarely

under cultivation; flowers axillary, spathe to 1 foot long, white, open, margins revolute, eventually deciduous; spadix slightly shorter, thick, sessile, maturing into a large edible fruit. - Mexico; Cent. Amer.

Culture: Any good, porous soil, 2/3 sandy loam and 1/3 peat, without added nutrients; continuous soil moisture, and prefers high atmospheric moisture; tolerates low humidity well; shade necessary; temperature above 65° F.; propagation by stem sections (single "eye"), or to obtain adult growth on short specimens, terminal cuttings; support must be furnished for the aerial roots to cling to, cork bark, dead tree-fern trunks, fernwood, or similar materials.

Uses: Strictly for contemporary decor, and design, but ideal here; in indoor sunken gardens; or as tub specimens where ample space available.

Sources: Robert Craig & Co.

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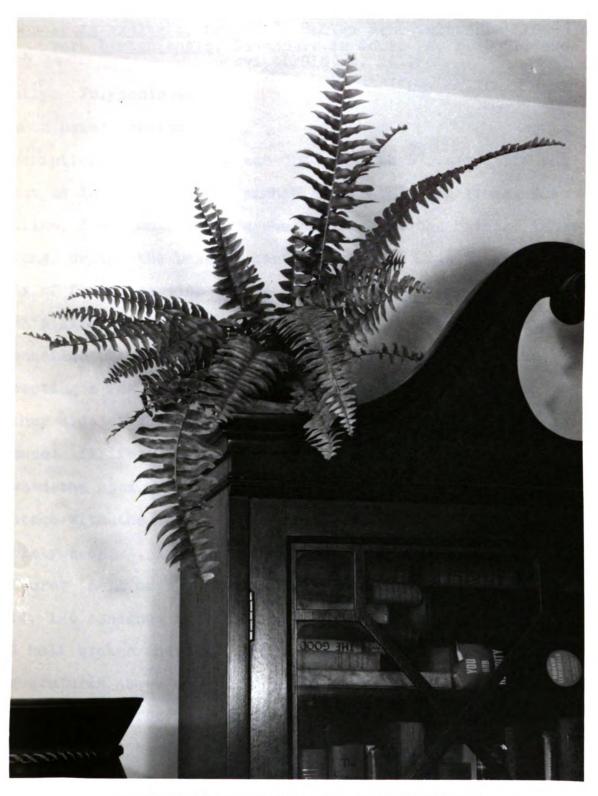
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NEPHROLEPIS EXALTATA var. BOSTONIENSIS

Nephrolepis exaltata, Schott in Bailey Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 89. var. bostoniensis, Davenport in Journ. N. Y. Bot. Gard. xvi. (1915) t. 161.

Family: Polypodiaceae

Common name: Boston Fern

Description: Fronds long and drooping, to 5°, not stiff and erect as in the species: pinnae alternate, long linear in outline, 3-4° long, light green, jointed at the rachis, lance-oblong, acute, the base of each auricled on side toward the apex of frond, margins entire or crenulate, often undulate: rachis light to dark brown, hairy toward the apex, slightly channelled above, pinnae present along its entire length excepting a few inches at base: sori in a single row on either side of the midvein on the underside of the fertile pinnae: filiform stolons produced, these green and villous toward the apex, tips rooting and growing new plants if in contact with the soil. - sp. widespread in tropics - the variety a sport, introd. 1895.

Culture: Soil of 1/6 fibrous loam, 1/6 peat moss, 1/6 leaf-mold, 1/6 sphagnum moss, 1/6 sand, and 1/6 half broken crock and half broken charcoal; constant moisture; reduced light; temperatures above 55° F. (night) and 65-70° F. (day); propagated by offsets at tips of runners, produced if runners pinned down to the soil.

Uses: As illustrated; small plants on table, or in large terraria; large specimens have almost no place in a design today.

Sources: J. F. Anderson (wholesale only) Roy F. Wilcox

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Pandanus pacificus, Hort. in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. III. (1947) 2450.

Family: Pandanaceae

Common name: Broad-Leaved Screw Pine (suggested)

Description: As generally seen, a vigorous, many-leaved plant with a single stem, leaves crowded and contiguous, seemingly all basal: leaves oblong, 2' or more long, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ wide, tips long aristate (to 3"), bases sheathing the stem, margins very short-spiny, as is the midrib beneath, the spines oriented toward the apex; leaves angle-channelled, parallel-veined, solid rich bright green, held upright, slightly recurved; stout brown prop roots produced from the caudex, sent into the soil at an angle, for support: axillary buds grow readily, and many shoots protrude from between the lower leaves and from the lower part of caudex: not flowing in this juvenile state. - Islands of the So. Pacific. Culture: Soil - 3/4 fibrous loam and 1/4 peat, plus enough sand to give light porous structure; good drainage; abundant soil moisture in active growth; high atmospheric humidity; plenty of diffused light; night temperatures 65-70° F.; propagation by suckers arising from base of stem, in sand

Uses: Beautiful wherever a medium sized specimen is feasible - on the floor as illustrated, in home, lobbies or showrooms.

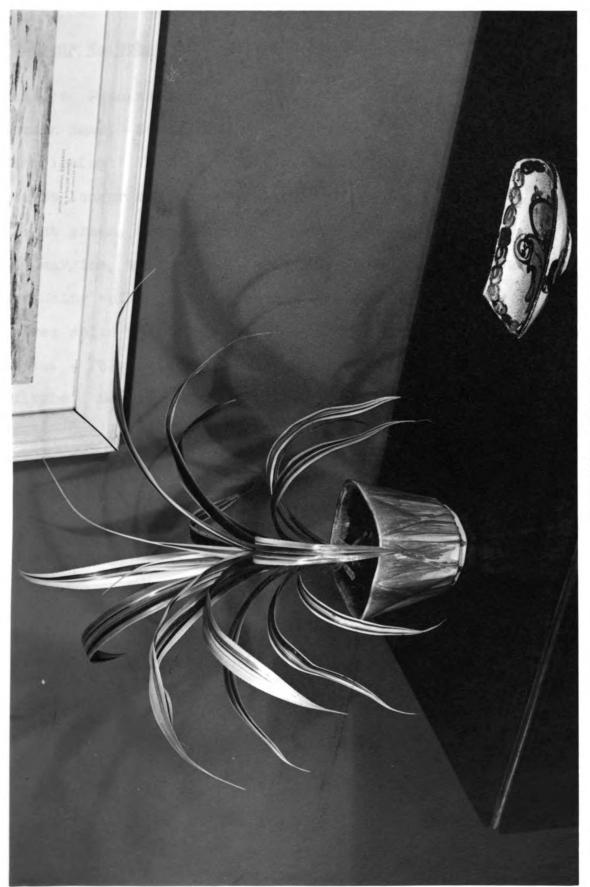
Caution: leaves spiny, do not use where people will injure selves or clothing. See P. Veitchii.

Sources: None listed.

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PANDANUS VEITCHI

Pandanus Veitchi, Hort. ex Dall. in Pl. Ornanent. i. (1873) 28.

Family: Pandanaceae

Common name: Screw Pine

Description: Very like the preceding species, except the leaves longer and narrower, to 3' or more and $2\frac{1}{2}$ wide, bright green, and/or variously striped yellow parallel to the margins, with a wide yellowish-white border, occasionally producing solid green leaves in the variegated form, or new leaves solid yellowish-white: not flowering in this juvenile state. - Polynesia.

Culture: See <u>Pandanus pacificus</u>; plants will grow from seed.

Uses: See <u>P. pacificus</u>. Large specimens in lobbies, lounges, showrooms; small plants as illustrated.

Sources: Rex D. Pearce (seed)

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PELARGONIUM GRAVEOLENS

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Pelargonium graveolens, L'Her. in Geran. t. 17.

Family: Geraniaceae

Common name: Rose Geranium

Description: Cut-leaved shrubby plant to 3', woody at base: leaves medium green, ovate in outline with cordate base,

7-9 palmately lobed, parted nearly to the base, the segments variously lobed, and these with serrate margins; petioles

1½ to 2 times as long as blade; densely pubescent throughout;

stipules present, triangular, to 1 long; much branched:

inflorescence an umbel, on short peduncle; flowers small,

 $\frac{1}{2}$ long, pink; petals entire, the upper two larger. - So. Afr.

Culture: Soil of light sandy loam, without added chemicals or manures; keep on the dry side; full sunlight; night

temperatures above 60° F., optimum day 70-75° F.; propagated

by cuttings, in sand, kept not too wet; pinching induces

branching.

Uses: Excellent window plants; good in windowbox or garden as well as a house plant.

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Pellionia pulchra, N.E. Br. in Gard. Chron. (1882) II. 712.

Family: Urticaceae

Common name: Cecil Vine

Description: Prostrate creeping herb, to 18" or more long, rooting at the nodes; stems reddish-brown: leaves alternate, obliquely elliptic or lance-elliptic to lance la on mature stems and 3" long, acute, bases cordate, margins crenate to wavy, slightly undulating, glabrous, upper surface pale green with wide irregular black margins, midrib and primary veins black-green, mature leaves pale green with irregular black border only, (sometimes entirely coppery blackgreen above), pale beneath with prominent reddish veins, thick and subcoriaceous; scarcely any petiole at all, with persistent reddish stipules to 3/8" long, these lanceolate and acuminate; new leaves reddish-black bordered and veined: flowering in fall; inflorescence an umbel-like compound cyme, axillary, about 1 across, on fleshy reddish peduncles to 4 long or more; flowers small, unisexual; staminate flowers with 4-5parted calyx, anthers 4-5, pink; pistillate flowers minute and few, 2-4 parted. - Cochin-China.

Culture: Any good, porous soil; constant soil moisture; indirect light of moderate intensity; temperatures above 60-65° F.; propagated by tip cuttings rooted in water or sand; maintain medium nutrition.

Uses: Fancy, small plant for an eighteenth century drawing room on a small table (see picture) or the secretary; in

small areas; creeping stems lend it to location not filled by many other plants.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

Roy F. Wilcox

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PEPEROMIA FLORIDANA var. AUREA

Peperomia floridana, Small in Torreya xxvi. (1926) 109. var. aurea, Trel. in Bailey Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 318.

Rhynchophorum floridanum, small in Man. Southeastern Fla. (1933) 402.

Peperomia obtusifolia variegata, Hort.

Family: Piperaceae

Common name: Variegated Peperomia

Description: Stems erect to decumbent in age, rooting at the nodes, rather stout, zigzag: leaves alternate, rather obovate to suborbicular, to 4" long, retuse, sometimes simply obtuse, bases cuneate, margins entire or slightly wavy, glabrous, the new leaves with a wide yellow zone on either side of the mottled green area adjacent to the midrib, undersurface white, flecked with small green dots; yellow color fading in age; somewhat fleshy, and rather brittle; petioles short (less than 1"), reddish; freely branching, stems often matted: flowers in very slender terminal spikes 2-4" long, green and minute, not ornamental; peduncle reddish, to $l\frac{1}{2}$ " long. - Florida, U.S.A.

Culture: Open, peaty soil with excellent drainage; plenty of water, but in winter, carefully, or roots may rot; shade required; temperature above 65° F.; propagation from stem sections, terminal cuttings, or leaves, in sand.

Uses: Ideal for combination planters; singly on small tables, or the desk; variegated foliage adds interest in almost any situation.

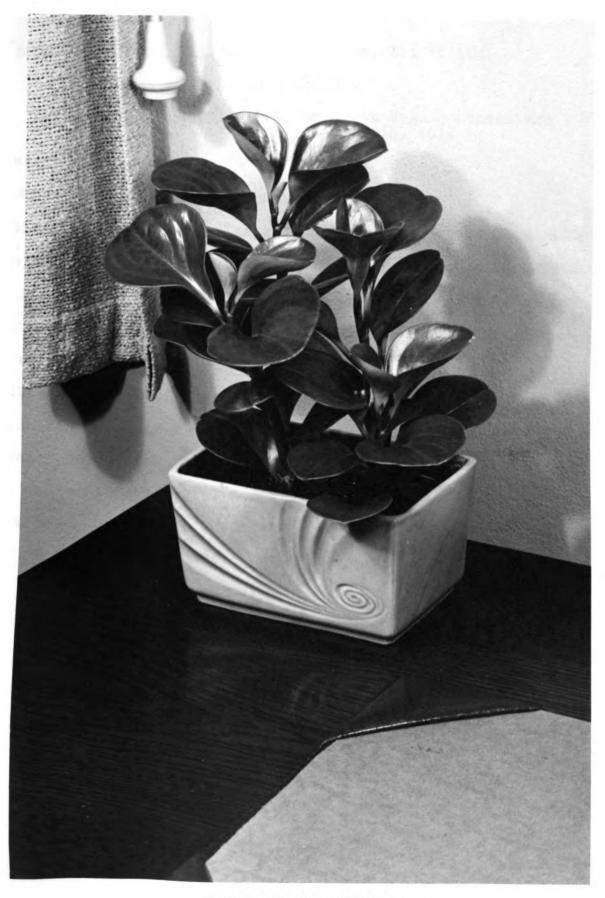
Sources: (listed as <u>obtusifolia variegata</u>)

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Peperomia obtusifolia, A. Dietr. in Sp. Pl. i. 154.

Piper obtusifolia, L. in Spec. 42.

Rhynchophorum obtusifolium, Small in Man. Southeastern Fla. (1933) 401.

Family: Piperaceae

Common name: Common Peperomia

Description: Very similar to the preceding, stems to 2' long in age, streaked reddish; leaves obovate to rhomboid-obovate, dark green and shining above, pale beneath; rarely branching naturally except from the base; otherwise identical.
Trop. Amer.

Culture: See <u>Peperomia floridana aurea:</u> pinching to induce branching of this species may be necessary.

Uses: Useful for the solid green leaves in places not suited to the variegated sort; see P. floridana aurea.

Sources: Royal Palm Nurseries

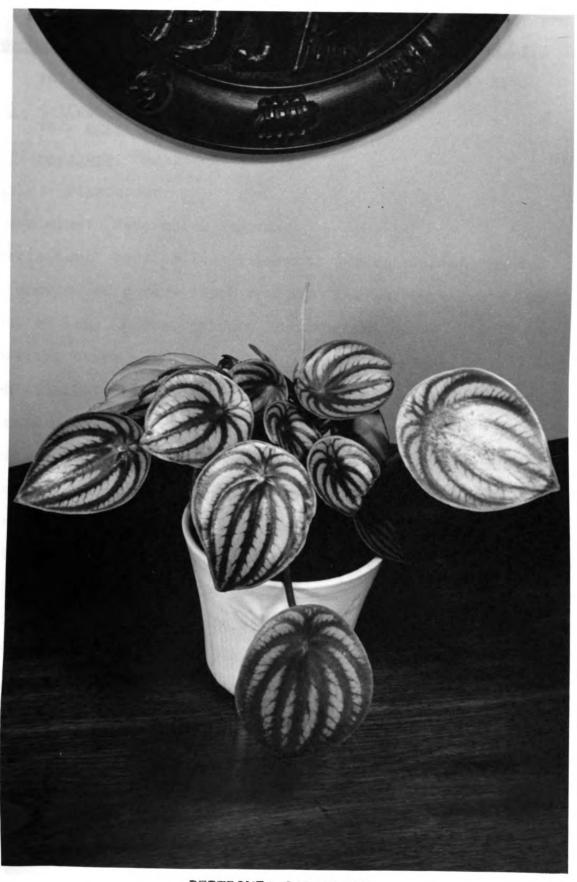
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PEPEROMIA SANDERSII

Peperomia Sandersii, C.DC. in DC. Prod. Syst. Nat. xvi. I. (1869) 400.

var. argyreia, Bailey in Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 318.

- P. arifolia, Hort. (not Miq.)
- P. maculosa, Hort. (not Dietr.)

Family: Piperaceae

Common name: Watermelon Begonia

Description: More or less stemless, perennial herb, leaves all crowded on a very short caudex: leaves round-ovate, to about 3" long, acute, peltate, or sometime bases split at maturity, thick and more or less fleshy, glabrous, dark green with parallel bands of silvery-green between the 5-9 main palmate veins; petioles stout, dark red, longer than the blade: flowers green, minute, dense in very slender terminal branched spikes to 4" long, on short red peduncles; not ornamental. - Brazil.

Culture: Propagation possible only by leaf cuttings, in sand with bottom heat; see P. floridana aurea for other details. Uses: In combination pots; specimens may find usage in places suited to a small plant, in any type of design; blends well in period furnishings (in an appropriate container).

Sources: F. H. Riegelmeir (wholesale only)

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PHILODENDRON DUBIUM

Philodendron dubium, Chod. & Visch. in Bull. Soc. Bot. Geneve 1919. Ser. II. xi. (1920) 295.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Cut-Leaf Philodendron

Description: Procumbent or a climbing vine, stems stout: leaves deltoid-sagittate, to 9" long, 7-9 pinnately parted, segments linear, acute, the two basal ones bifid, the terminal one wavy margined to 3-lobed; glabrous, green and shining; main veins prominent, midrib wide; petioles long, more or less terete, about twice as long as the blade, and bent abruptly at junction with the blade; producing aerial roots at each node: terminal bud rather large, covered by a light-colored sheath; lateral buds not exposed, forming a blister at each node: apparently not flowering in cultivation. - Paraguay.

Culture: Any good porous soil, and good drainage; constant soil moisture; dry atmosphere is not a problem, but grow best with high humidity; light should be reduced, but a good source of indirect light is desirable; good quality artificial light has been found satisfactory; temperatures above 65°F. are preferred, tolerating 80-85°F. well; propagation by stem sections in sand, or aerial layers of stem tips. P. dubium useful only in small sizes; the long internodes of a vining specimen render it useless; thus no support needed.

Uses: Small plants excellent as table specimens, as illustrated.

Sources: Robert Craig & Co.

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PHILODENDRON ERUBESCENS

Philodendron erubescens, C. Koch & Augustin in Syn. Aroid. (1856) 88.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Blushing Philodendron

Description: Tall climber, with thick purplish stem: leaves to 12" long, cordate, basal lobes large, tips acute, bristle-tipped, glabrous, green and shining, midrib wide, with 6 prominent lateral veins; margins slightly undulating, reddish; petiole about the same length at the blade, bent abruptly where it joins the blade, purplish, with a small groove on the upper surface 1-2" long, at the proximal end; bases not sheathing; terminal bud large and red; aerial roots produced at each node; exillary buds hidden except for a red dot on the opposite side of the stem from the petiole attachment, just above the node, \(\frac{1}{4}\)" in diameter; leaves obviously 3-ranked: flowers not produced in cultivation, apparently. - Colombia. Culture: see Philodendron dubium.

Uses: Large, but smaller than <u>Monstera</u>, fitting situations intermediate between that giant and the small vining species, where reddish cast of foliage is desirable; on floor in home, or as shown (at landing of staircase); not large enough for hotel lobbies or public places.

Sources: Julius Roehrs



PHILODENDRON HASTATUM

Philodendron hastatum, C. Koch & Sellow in Pflanzenreich ix. (1913) 86.

P. hastifolium, C. Koch & Sellow (not Regel) in Mart. Fl. Brazil. III. 2. (1878) 162.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Spade-Leaf Philodendron

Description: Procumbent, becoming a climbing vine; caudex thick; glabrous throughout: leaves long ovate-cordate to lance-cordate, or may be described as sagittate with rounded basal lobes, long-tapering, acuminate, margins entire, undulating, glabrous, green and shining, midrib wide and prominent, lateral veins inconspicuous; petioles stout, more or less terete, bent abruptly at junction with blade, bases not sheathing; lateral buds concealed under the stem tissue, indicated by a small blister just above each node: flowers apparently not produced in cultivation. - Equador; Brazil. Culture: see Philodendron dubium.

Uses: One of best philodendrons; smaller plants almost anywhere as a specimen; in combination pots of aroids, as floor specimens; in interior sunken gardens.

Sources: Julius Roehrs





PHILODENDRON IMBE

Philodendron imbe, Schott in Syn Aroid. (1856) 98.

- P. Sellowianum, Kunth (Not C. Koch) in Enum. Plant. III. (1844) 50.
- P. callaefolium, Hort.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Arrow-Leaf Philodendron (suggested)

Description: Very large climber, to great length: leaf blade to 3' long, 15" or more wide, long ovate-cordate to lancecordate, the basal lobes projecting 6" beyond petiole attachment, tips acuminate, margins entire, undulating, glabrous, medium green and shining above, midrib prominent, about 7 pairs primary lateral veins, all veins on either side of midrib parallel; petioles to 2' or more, flat on upper (inner) surface rounded beneath, not channeled, except in lower 5, the sides overlapping and appearing as a suture; stem stout, cylindrical lateral buds concealed in stem tissue, appearing as pale green spots just above each node, on the reverse side from the leaf attachment; stout brown aerial roots produced just below each node; petioles and terminal bud sheath irregularly sparsely dotted with small, elongate, purple spots! - a distinguishing feature: flowers axillary, to 6º long; spathe green, thick and persistent, opening but little; spadix shorter, white. - So. Brazil.

Culture: see Philodendron dubium.

Uses: Very large; wherever such a large type feasible; in front of fireplace when it not in use, as pictured.

Sources: No growers listed.



PHILODENDRON OXYCARDIUM

Philodendron oxycardium, Schott in Syn. Aroid. (1856) 82.

- P. Isertianum, Schott in Prodr. (1860) 242.
- P. acrocardium, Schott in Oster. Bot. Zeit. (1858) 179.
- P. cordatum, Hort.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Heart-Leaf Philodendron

(Note: The most common house plant in use today in America, it is mistakedly known as <u>P. cordatum</u>, which is native to Brazil, and the one pictured here comes from Puerto Rico.)

Description: Climbing vine; stem smooth, slender, glabrous throughout; internodes rather long: leaves broadly ovate-cordate, tips acuminate and rather abruptly bristle-tipped, basal lobes semiorbicular, separated by an acute or obtuse parabolic sinus, margins entire, midrib rather thick, with 3 basal primary lateral veins, and 2-3 in the upper part of the blade, subcoriaceous, not so thick as in the true <u>P. cordatum</u>, green; petioles subterete and slightly channeled, bases not sheathing; slender, brownish aerial roots produced at each node; new leaves petioles, and terminal bud sheath tinted reddish; apparently not flowering in cultivation. - Puerto Rico and other Carribean Isls.

Culture: see <u>Philodendron dubium</u>. Propagation by stem cuttings, very satisfactory for <u>P</u>. <u>oxycardium</u>.

Uses: Innumerable; the best known foliage plant and most used plant in the American home today; grow in water on the coffee table or end table; in hanging baskets or wall containers;

ideally grown (in soil) as totem poles, large ones used on the floor, small ones on the office desk, etc.; also in combination pots (totem poles).

Sources: Robert Craig & Co.

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PHILODENDRON PANDURAEFORME

Philodendron panduraeforme, H.B.K. in Kunth Enum. Plant. ii. (1837) 51.

Pothos panduraeformis, Humb & Kunth in Nov. Gen. 1. 78.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Fiddle-Leaf Philodendron

Description: A large climber, glabrous throughout: leaves more or less panduriform, blade held almost horizontal, 12" or more long, basal lobes hastate, a sinus between, the width at the base maintained in about one half to one-third the length toward the apex, then reduced, the terminal lobe thus formed obovate-oblong, tip cuspidate, blade coriaceous, bright dark green and shining, primary lateral veins many from a rather thick midrib; petioles longer than blade, more or less terete; brown aerial roots produced at each node; lateral buds concealed in the tissue of the stout stem at each node: not flowering at a pot plant. - Venezuela.

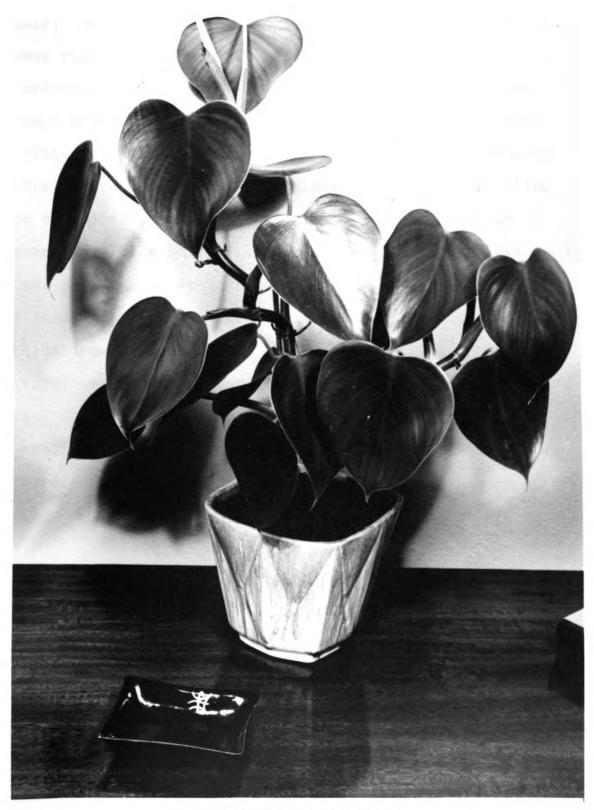
Culture: see Philodendron dubium.

Uses: One of the most beautiful philodendrons; unique leaf shape; decidedly for contemporary homes, but good in other places; large, and best as a specimen; see picture.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

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PHILODENDRON PITTIFRI

Philodendron Pittieri, Engl. in Engler's Eot. Jahrb. xxvi. (1899) 541.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Shield-Leaf Philodendron

Description: Climbing vine; stems dark green, producing slender aerial roots at nodes: leaves to 12" long, ovate to ovate-rotund, bases obtuse-truncate to cordate, margins entire, tips cuspidate, green, glaucescent, veins parallel from the midrib, close together, leaf surface slightly striate; petioles shorter than the blades, canaliculate in the proximal two-thirds of length, expanding at base and sheathing stem at nodes: apparently not flowering in cultivation. - Costa Rica

Culture: see Philodendron dubium.

Uses: A relatively small species; grown 2 stems to a pot, an excellent specimen on table or radio; see illustration.

Sources: Julius Roehrs.

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PHILODENDRON VERRUCOSUM

Philodendron verrucosum, Mathieu in Syn. Aroid. (1856) 85.

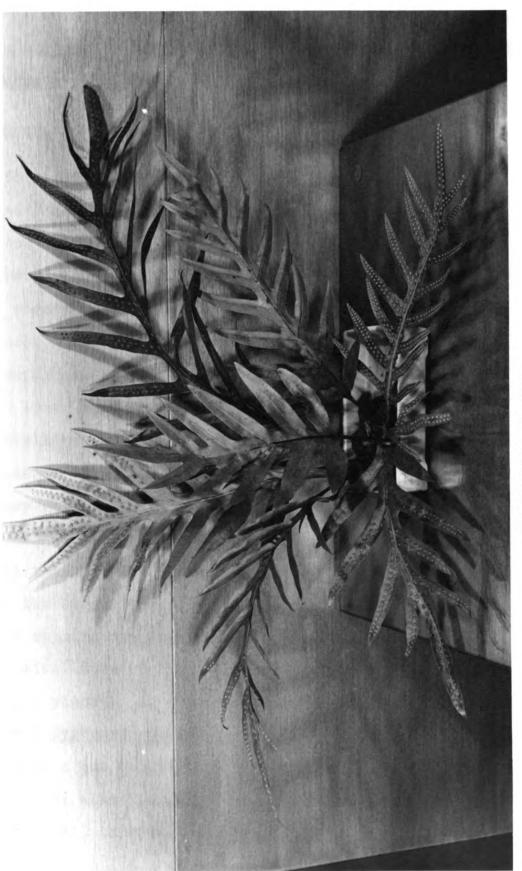
- P. daguense, Linden & Andre in Illus. Hort. (1871) 192 t. 79.
- P. Carderi, Hort. in Garden xvii. (1880) 563.
- P. Lindenii, Hort. ex Schott (Kerner & Oliver in) Nat. Hist. Pl. i. (1894) 224.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Crystal Sheen Philodendron

Description: Climbing vine; stems thick, but weak, clinging to support by aerial roots produced at each node: leaves to 10° long, 7° wide, ovate-cordate, shimmering green, opalescent, a bronze cast in the new leaves, tapering quickly to a short point at the apex, veins pale, sunken and prominent, midrib of the new leaves red toward the base where it is fused with the deep red petioles, fading green in age; petioles roughened, especially toward the blade, with fleshy bristles, darker in age, same length as blade, bend abruptly where it joins the leaf blade; stems and pointed terminal bud scabrous, the terminal-bud sheaths persistent at each node; a handsome plant: apparently not flowering in cultivation. - Trop. So. Amer. Culture: see Philodendron dubium. P. verrucosum considered tender, but more hardy if grown at night temperature of 50° F., and day not exceeding 75° F.

Uses: One of prettier species, the glimmering leaves of medium size; suitable as a small specimen, as shown, on top of bookshelves, or as a table specimen, grown on a backing. Sources: Julius Roehrs



PHLEBODIUM AUREUM

Phlebodium aureum, J. Smith in Rev. Hort. Belge, i. (1875) 105.

Polypodium aureum, L. (Koenig & Sims in) Ann. Bot. i.
(1804) t. 1.

P. glaucum, Hort. ex sw. (Koenig & Sims in) Ann. Bot. ii. (1805) t. 9, fig. 6.

Family: Polypodiaceae

Common name: Hares-foot Fern; Polypodium

Description: Stout fern to 3-4', with coarse fronds, on long purple-brown, glaucous stipes arising from thick rhizomes which are covered with thick, coarse tawny scaly-hairs at the soil surface: blade broad-oblong in outline, to 1' or more across, deeply pinnatifid with obtuse sinuses, often entirely pinnate in lower half, light green or glaucous blue-green, the segments linear-oblong, alternate, 1-2" wide, the terminal one much larger than others, acuminate, with purple main veins, margins wavy and undulating, veins anastomosing, not free, forming triangles with the midrib without included veinlets, and a small triangle within each from the midrib, and 2 veinlets connecting the larger triangles at their apex: sori golden, large, in 2 approximate rows on either side of midveins, and contiguous with those of the other segments above, where blade is only pinnatifid. - Trop. Amer.

Culture: see Cyrtomium falcatum.

Uses: Best as a cut foliage, in arrangements in water with certain flowers; also in sprays, etc., but short lived; wax emulsions will improve keeping qualities.

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PHOENIX LOUREIRI

- Phoenix Loureiri, Kunth in Enum. Plant. iii. (1841) 257.
 - P. Roebelenii, O'Brien in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. iii. (1947) 2594.
 - P. humilis, Royle in Illustr. Bot. Himal. 394.

Family: Palmaceae

Common name: Phoenix Palm

Description: To 6', with one or more trunks; as usually seen, with one trunk, to about 3' tall; of fine texture, with leaves about 1' long; petioles short, pinnae many, opposite or more or less fascicled, 5-7" long, mostly falcate, dark green and shining, soft-textured, tips not sharp; spines on petioles slender and weak: not flowering as a pot plant. - Burma; Cochin-China.

Culture: Rich soil; maintain average nitrogen level during growing season; plenty of moisture, high humidity preferred; furnish some shade; temperatures above 60° F.; but can endure hot sun, dry atmosphere, and neglect well; propagated by suckers or seed.

Uses: Very desirable house plant for its resistance to hard usage; soft texture lends beauty wherever used, especially in a Victorian room, or with other period furnishings; larger plants are useful as tub specimens.

Sources: (listed as P. humilis loureiri or P. roebeleni)

Robert Craig & Co. Roy F. Wilcox

Florida Nursery and Landscape Co. Julius Roehrs

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Shaffer Nurseries (also seed) Rex D. Pearce (seed)

John's (wholesale only) F.W.Schumacher (seed)



PILEA INVOLUCRATA

Pilea involucrata, (Sims) Urban in Symb. Antill. i. (1899) 298.

Urtica involucrata, Sims in Bot. Mag. 51. (1824) 2481.

Pilea chrysosplenioides, Wedd. in Ann. Sci. Nat. III. Bot. xviii. (1852) 231.

P. pubescens var. involucrata, Wedd. in DC. Prod. Syst. Nat. xvi. (1869) 153.

Family: Urticaceae

Common name: Panamigo

Description: Small perennial herb, stems upright or prostrate only at base, hirsute, to 5° tall, much branched: leaves opposite, elliptic-rotund to obovate, to 1 3/4° long, obtuse to scarcely acute, bases obtuse, 3 primary veins palmate, sunken above, surface rugose-reticulate, dark copper-green above, densely hirsute, purple beneath, and pubescent, especially along veins, margins crenate-serrate: flowers occasionally; inflorescence terminal, a dense cyme, flowers very small, monoecious. - West Indies.

Culture: Any good soil mixture; adundant moisture, but with good drainage; some shade best; temperatures about 65° F. or warmer; propagation by stem cuttings.

Uses: Makes a fine plant for the coffee table, its foliage often hanging over and hiding the container, as shown; may be used in combination planters.

Sources: Glen St. Mary Nursery
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PILEA MICROPHYLLA

Pilea microphylla, (L.) Liebm. in Dansk. Vid. Selsk. Skr. V. ii. (1851) 296.

Parietaria microphylla, L. in Syst. Nat. ed. 10. (1759) 1308.

Urtica callitrichoides, H.B.K. in Nov. Gen. & Sp. ii. (1817) 40.

Pilea muscosa, Lindl. in Coll. Bot. (1821) t. 4.

- P. callitrichoides, Kunth in Ind. Sem. Hort. Berol. xii. (1846).
- P. serphyllifolia, Hort. (not Wedd.)

Family: Urticaceae

Common name: Artillery Plant

Description: Much-branched annual herb, erect to prostrate, to 1' tall, stems succulent: leaves opposite, of 2 sizes, the larger ones to 7/16" long and 3/16" wide; spatulate and oblique, acute, bases cuneate, entire, glabrous, bright green, somewhat succulent, on petioles shorter than blade; smaller leaves opposite, and several at a node, about half as large: flowers unisexual, pinkish, in dense axillary clusters, shorter than the leaves, not ornamental. - Trop. Amer. Culture: see <u>Pilea involucrata</u>; propagation of <u>P. microphylla</u> by seed.

Uses: In low, flat container, a fine plant for the coffee table; anywhere that it will be looked down upon, in small situations.

Sources: Royal Palm Nurseries

Shaffer Nurseries

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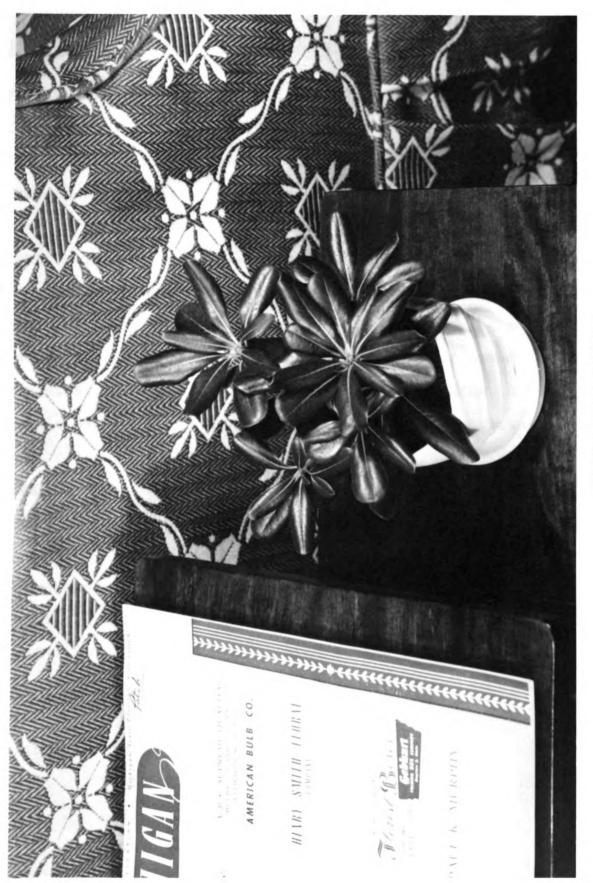
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PITTOSPORUM TOBIRA

Pittosporum Tobira, Ait. (Dryand in) Ait. Hort. Kew. ed. II. ii. 27.

Family: Pittosporaceae

Common name: Japanese Pittosporum

Description: Evergreen shrub to 20': leaves alternate, crowded at the distil end of each year's growth, spatulate-obovate, to 6" long, apex obtuse, bases cuneate, to a short petiole less than 1" long, margins more or less entire, or very slightly scalloped, and revolute; new leaves green and shining, tawny pubescent above and along margins, glabrous below; petioles and new stems as well as 1-year stems tawny tomentose, but leaves becoming glabrous; branching in fascicles, 1-12 from one point; older stems gray-brown: inflorescence an umbel, terminal; flowers greenish-white, about ½" long, fragrant. - China; Japan.

Culture: Any good porous soil; constant moisture; full sun, tolerating partial shade well; temperatures above 55° F.; propagated by half-mature stem cuttings; seed do not germinate well.

Uses: Small rooted cuttings used in combination planters, especially the variegated form; possibility as small single specimen as shown.

Sources: Armstrong Nurseries

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PODOCARPUS MACROPHYLLA var. MAKI

Podocarpus macrophylla, Don. in Lamb. Gen. Pin. ed. I. (1824) ii. 22. var. Maki, Endl. in Bailey Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 101.

- P. chinensis, Sweet in Hort. Brit. ed. I. 371.
- P. chinensis, Wall. in Cat. n. 6051.
- P. japonicus, Sieb. (Hoopes in) The Book of Evergreens (1868) 396.
- P. longifolia, Hort. ex Gord. in Pinet. 278.
- P. longifolia, Hort. ex Carr. in Conif. ed. II. 665.

Family: Podocarpaceae

Common name: Podocarpus

Description: Much branched evergreen tree, to 50': leaves alternate, many on a stem and close together, linear, to $3\frac{1}{2}$ " long, $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide (3/8" on some shoots) obtusish, bases cuneate to a point, but sessile (not petiolate, or scarcely so), margins entire, dark green and shining above, bright light green beneath, midrib raised and prominent above, leaves somewhat recurved; woody stems erect, brown, the bark shallowly fissured, somewhat flaking off: not flowering as a tub specimen. - Japan.

Culture: Well-drained sandy loam with some peat; constant moisture; reduced or full sunlight; temperatures above 60° F.; propagation by seed, or cuttings of almost mature stem tissue; sometimes grafted on available stock.

Uses: Primarily a cut foliage; leaf characteristics not found in any other available greens; blends well with carnations and certain other flowers. Plants may be used,

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especially tall, tub specimens, where a small tree is preferred in design - useful even as a living Xmas tree; in store window decorations.

Sources: Glen St. Mary Nursery

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PTERIS CRETICA var. ALBOLINEATA

Pteris cretica, L. in Lowe's Ferns iii. (1857) t. 43.
var. albolineata, Hook. in Bot. Mag. lxxxvi. (1860) t. 5194.

Family: Polypodiaceae

Common name: Striped Pteris Fern

Description: Rather small fern: fronds spreading, to 10" long or more, stipe and rachis grooved above, very stiff, brownish; odd-pinnate, upper pair of pinnae very slightly decurrent below; pinnae generally 5, opposite, the lower ones bifid from the short stalk, appearing as 4, the upper segment about $3\frac{1}{2}$ " long, more or less linear, the lower about $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", obliquely elliptic; upper pinnae $3\frac{1}{2}$ " long, and linear; the terminal pinna to 6" long, long-linear, cuneate, about 3/4" wide; margins of all irregularly serrate, number of notches greatest toward the apex, midvein prominent, green, a whitish strip down the center of each segment, the outer zone bright light green, side veins parallel, perpendicular to the midvine, and prominent to the margins. - Cosmopolitan in tropics.

Culture: Propagated from creeping rhizomes; see Cyrtomium falcatum for other details.

Uses: A good house fern; especially good in large terraria, or otherwise, e.g. as shown.

Sources: J. F. Anderson (wholesale only)

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RHODODENDRON MAXIMUM

Rhododendron maximum, L. in Sp. Pl. (1753) 392.

Family: Ericaceae

Common name: Rose Bay

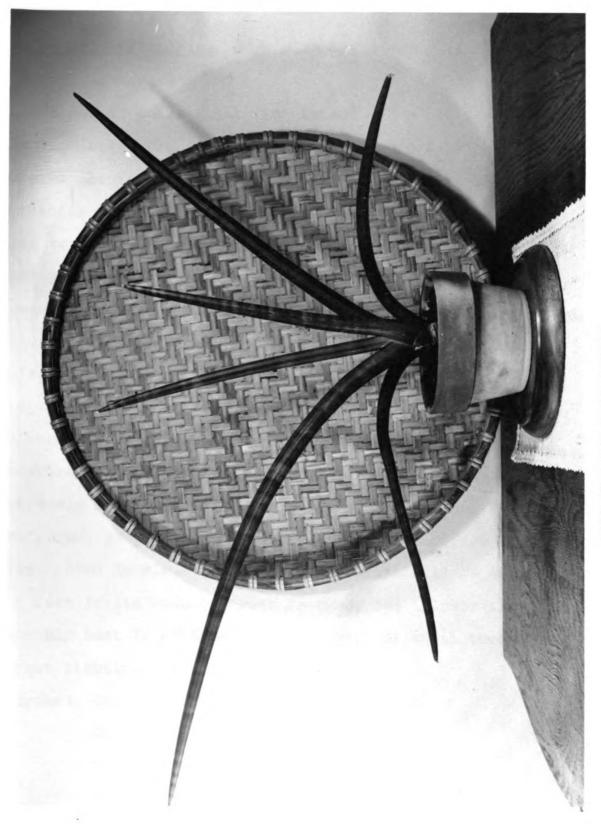
Description: Tall evergreen shrub to 30' or more: leaves alternate, oblong-lanceolate to oblong, to 8" long, acute at apex, cuneate at base, margins entire and somewhat revolute, dark green above, very pale beneath, and tomentulose; petioles to 1" long, pubescent, as are the young stems: flowers terminal, in dense umbel-like racemes, the flowers pedicelled; calyx 5-parted; corolla campanulate, deeply 5-lobed, rose or purple-pink, about 1½" across, upper petals spotted green to orange within, toward the base: winter buds with many imbricate bract-like scales. - N.S. to Ga. and Ala., E. No. Amer.

Culture: Acid soil; propagation by graftage, seed, or layers.

Not cultivated as a house plant. Grown as a garden shrub.

Uses: Cut branches in large containers on the floor, as shown, beside fireplace, or in other spacious settings, alone, without flowers; particularly suited to many situations; may be blended with large flowers.

Sources: Kervan Co.



SANSEVIERIA CYLINDRICA

Sansevieria cylindrica, Bojer. in Revue mort. (1861) 448, 450.

Family: Agavaceae

Common name: Snake Plant (suggested)

Description: More or less acaulescent herb 8-10 leaves to a growth: leaves 2-ranked, terete, to $2\frac{1}{2}$ or more long, bases spreading (expanding) and sheathing the subsequent leaves, apex to a point, the tip scarious, striate-lined vertically, dark green, and transversely banded with medium and light green; new leaves erect, the older ones being pushed outward, recurved from the base; new shoots from the underground rhizome: not flowering under greenhouse cultivation. - Trop. Afr.

Culture: Rather heavy, clayey soil; only moderate soil moisture, on the dry side; moderate light, tolerating extremely low light well; temperature range 55-70° F. preferred; propagation by leaf sections in sand, or division. Uses: Good in situations where silhouette will be emphasized - its form is its main interest feature; see illustration; possibly best in contemporary mode with oriental touch and direct lighting for shadows.

Sources: Charles Cass

Cactus Pete

Fitzpatrick's Cactus Gardens

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SANSEVIERIA HAHNII

Sansevieria Hahnii, Hort. in How to Grow & Bloom House Plts. 4th ed. (1946) 25. t.p. 14.

Family: Agavaceae

Common name: Hahn's Sansevieria

(Note: The binomial cited has no botanical standing, and no references have been located. The plant may be the juvenile form of some other species, but seems to remain in this "juvenile" state constantly, indicating that it may be a distinct species.)

Description: Small herb, leaves all basal, 6-8 to a growth, forming a rosette; about 6" high; new shoots produced from the rhizome: leaves lance-elliptic, more or less aristate, the tip subulate, bases narrowed, then sheathing, glabrous, dark green with transverse bands of light green on both surfaces, concave on the face, margins entire: not observed to flower in cultivation. (See next page for diagram of cross section of leaf blade and rhizome.) - unknown.

Culture: See <u>Sansevieria cylindrica</u>; propagation by division only.

Uses: As shown; in combination planters for leaf color; attractive because of form and small size.

Sources: John's (wholesale only)

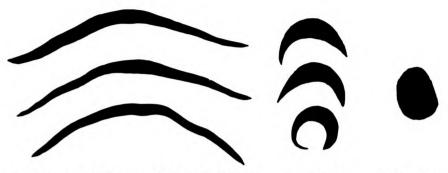
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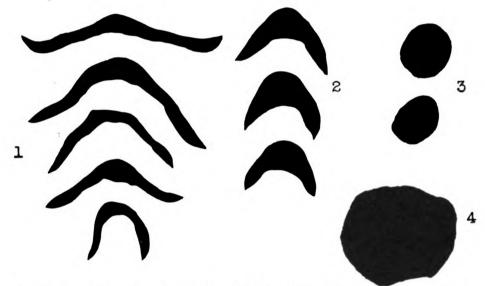
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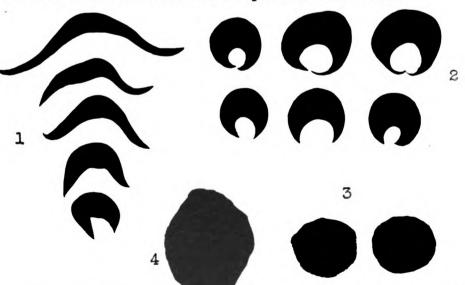
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Cross section of leaf blade, petiole, and rhizome of <u>Sansevieria Hahnii</u>.



Cross section of 1) leaf blade, 2) petiole, and 3) rhizome of <u>Sansevieria Laurentii</u> 'Rosette'; (4 cross section of basal portion of stem)



Cross section of 1) leaf blade, 2) petiole, and 3) rhizome of <u>Sansevieria trifasciata</u>; (4 cross section of basal portion of stem.)



SANSEVIERIA LAURENTII h.v. ROSETTE

Sansevieria Laurentii, Hort. ex Wall in How to Grow & Bloom House Plts. 4th ed. (1946) 25. t.p. 14. h.v. 'Rosette'. Hort. ex Wall. lit. cit.

Family: Agavaceae

Common name: Variegated Bowstring Hemp

Description: Erect herb, leaves all basal, 5-10 in a cluster, $1\frac{1}{2}-2$ long, linear-lanceolate, $2^{m}-2\frac{1}{2}^{m}$ wide, apex acuminate, tips subulate, 3/8"-3/4" long, green, soft, lower 1/3 narrowed, channelled on the face, rounded on the back, the upper portion more or less flat, very dark green, with transverse bands of pale green, these fading in age, and a yellow marginal stripe on either side, of variable width on different leaves, and an occasional additional narrow yellow stripe in the green zone, parallel veined, midrib not apparent, very stiff, thick and leathery, fibrous within, glabrous and shining; furrowed especially on face, slightly behind; some leaves somewhat spirally twisted toward the apex: freely branching from the rhizome, which often surfaces; rhizome 5/8"-7/8" thick, orange-rust colored, with scarious bracts, larger leaf-like bracts sheathing the cluster of leaves at base; new leaves with border of pale green, becoming yellow in age: flowering in spring. (See previous page for diagrams of cross-sections of leaf blade and rhizome.) - uncertain.

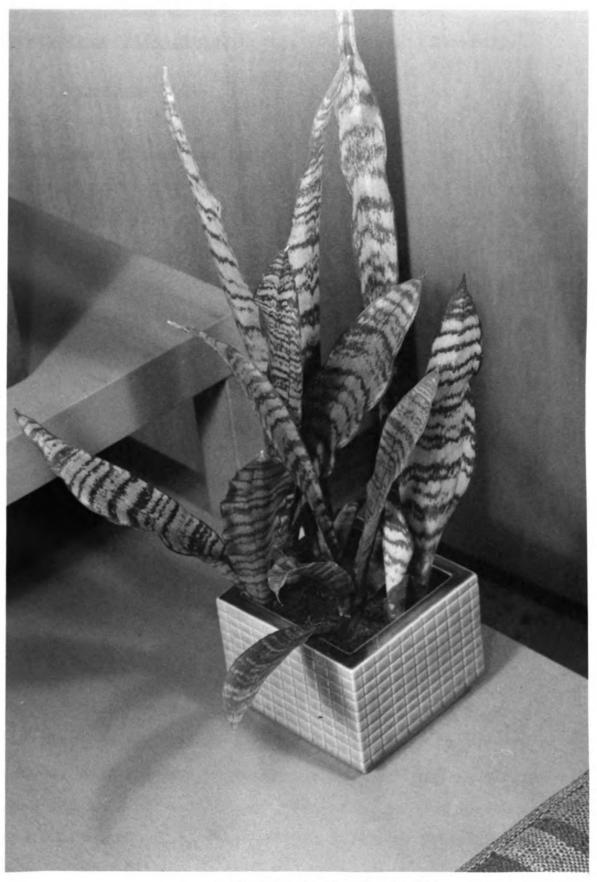
Culture: See <u>Sansevieria cylindrica</u>; however, propagation by division only; leaf sections may not give striped leaf form, reversion to the green type may occur.

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Uses: In areas where height may be utilized, on low stands or the floor; in combination planters, with aroids, especially; in combination plantings on top of short walls for separation of areas of the home, or place of business, as the office, and showroom, living room and dining room, one dining room from another in a restaurant, with other plants of various forms. Use is too popular.

Sources: Frank Oeschlin



SANSEVIERIA TRIFASCIATA

Sansevieria trifasciata, Prain, (N.E.Br. in) Kew Bull. (1915) 239-40.

S. zeylanica, Hort.

Family: Agavaceae

Common name: Bowstring Hemp

Description: Erect herb, leaves all basal, 2-3 to a growth, to 3' or more long, and 1-3/4"- $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, lower portion of leaves narrowed, fleshy thickened, concave on the face and/or canaliculate, apex taper-pointed, the subulate tip 1/8"-3/8" long, parallel-veined, predominately very pale green with medium green irregular transverse bands on either surface, margins entire, undulating; rhizomes $\frac{1}{2}$ "-1" thick, rusty-orange-red, often surfacing, with leaf scars and scarious bracts present, the tips turning up and forming new shoots, the leaves sheathed at base by larger, leaf-like bracts: flowering in late spring. (See previous diagrams of cross-sections of leaf blade and rhizome.) - West. Trop. Afr. (So. Nigeria).

Culture: Propagation by division only; leaf sections may not give the striped leaf form, reverting to the green type; otherwise as for <u>S</u>. <u>cylindrica</u>.

Uses: Similar to the preceding, <u>S. Laurentii</u> 'Rosette'.

This plant as well as <u>S. Laurentii</u> 'Rosette', is very commonly used because of their availability and ability to withstand lack of care in any situation; most effective if used alone and valued for vertical lines in interiors.

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Sources: (listed as S. zeylanica)

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SAXIFRAGA SARMENTOSA

Saxifraga sarmentosa, L. in Bot. Mag. iii. (1790) t. 92.

- S. stolonifera, Meerb. in Afbeeld. (1775) t. 23.
- S. ligulata, Murr. in Comm. Goetting (1781) 26, t. 9.
- S. chinensis, Lour. in Fl.

Family: Saxifragaceae

Common name: Strawberry Begonia; Strawberry Geranium; Strawberry Saxifrage.

Description: Perennial, small, stemless herbs, to 2 feet; leaves all basal, orbicular-cordate, to 4 inches, coarsely dentate, repand, green above, loosely hirsute, with silvery-green veins, the undersurface densely pubescent, covered with small red dots; petioles reddish, covered with a dense tawny pubescence, bases sheathing: filiform stolons grow from the leaf axils, producing new plants at the tips, resembling the strawberry: flowers white, pink in age, to 1 inch across, produced in spring, not very showy; the two lower petals inch long, the other three 3-4 times shorter; stamens 10; inflorescence a bracted panicle, 6-24° tall. A double form is known. - China, Japan.

Culture: Any good soil mixture of moderate nutrient level; constant supply of soil moisture; shaded, tolerating very low light; temperature above 60-65° F. but frost-hardy; propagation by offsets.

Uses: In combination planters and baskets; singly in low, tiny containers in restricted spaces; a growing centerpiece for the dinner table, appears at its best when seen from above.

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Sources: G. D. Aiken

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SCHEFFLERA DIGITATA

Schefflera digitata, Forst. in Char. Gen. 46.
Brassaia actinophylla, Hort.

Family: Araliaceae

Common name: Schefflera

Description: Shrub to 25', branching somewhat: leaves alternate, digitately compound, 7-10 leaflets (3-5 in seedlings), these oblong-elliptic, to 7" long, the final ones oblique, others with bases cuneate, apex acuminate, margins entire or vaguely toothed, and slightly undulating (early leaves serrate), green and shining, glabrous; petioles long; caudex short and stout, the leaf blades held high above the terminal bud, which is pointed and green: flowers not observed. - N.Z.

Culture: Rich soil with some organic matter; moderate moisture; some shade, tolerates reduced light well; temperature above 60° F.; propagation by seed or cuttings; grow 2-3 plants to a pot or tub.

Uses: Large plants replacing the Kentia palm (Howea) for uses otherwise filled by it (see Howea); small plants as shown, and in combination planters; popularity increasing.

Sources: (listed as <u>Brassaia actinophylla</u>)

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SCINDAPSUS AUREUS

Scindapsus aureus, Engl. in Pflanzenreich (1908) 72.

Pothos aureus, Lind. ex Andre in Illus. Hort. xxvii. (1880) 69. t. 381.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Pothos, Solomon Islands Ivy-Arum

Description: Tall climber, glabrous; leaves broadly ovate to rotund-ovate, cuspidate, bases obtuse to cordate, glossy green, halves somewhat unequal, flecked to blotched irregularly with pale yellow, not always conspicuous, margins entire or slightly wavy, or sometimes lobed in mature plants; petioles canaliculate on face along entire length, its margins drying brown, shorter than the blade, often striped with yellow, bent abruptly at union with leaf blade, bases expanded, but encircling stem; stem striate between nodes, green; more or less woody aerial roots produced at each node: flowers not produced in cultivation. - Solomon Islands.

(Note: This plant is known in the trade almost exclusively as <u>Pothos aureus</u>, but no species of this name genus are known to be in general cultivation in the U.S.)

Culture: Any good soil mixture; constant moisture; tolerates low light well; temperature above 60° F.; propagated by stem cuttings; pinch to induce branching; leaf size may be increased by furnishing a support to which the aerial roots may cling, thus forming an erect specimen or a totem pole, use fernwood, or cork back for support.

Uses: One of most frequent plants in cultivation, due probably to extreme tolerance of house conditions. On coffee table, or bookshelf, in hanging wall bracket, or on windowsill as pictured, as a small vining plant; taller totem poles, especially utilizing other species (combination pots) desirable on floor; shorter ones on low tables.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

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SCINDAPSUS PICTUS h.v. MARBLE QUEEN

Scindapsus pictus, Hassk. in Pflanzenreich (1908) 72.
h.v. 'Marble Queen'

Family: Araceae

Common name: Pothos 'Marble Queen'

Description: Climber or trailing vine; freely branching:

leaves ovate, tapering to a short point, bases mostly cordate, halves more or less unequal, variegated pure white and shades of green, glabrous, margins entire, petioles shorter than the blade, bent abruptly where it joins the blade, the proximal two-thirds canaliculate, the bases sheathing the stem at the node; stem green and white striped, striate in the internodes; aerial roots produced at each node: apparently not flowering in cultivation. - a sport from the species, cult.

Culture: see S. aureus.

Uses: Similar to <u>S</u>. <u>aureus</u>; its effect is quite different, and unique. Suggested use in such decor as illustrated; may augment designs with a Chinese mood.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

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SELAGINELLA KRAUSSIANA

Selaginella Kraussiana, Braun. in Bailey Man. Cult. Pl. (1949) 96.

S. japonica, Niq. (not Moore) in Florist (1877) 137, 138. Family: Selaginellaceae

Common name: Moss Selaginella; Irish Moss

Description: Small herb, moss-like, creeping; freely branching in an alternate fashion; roots at articulations where branches arise: leaves 4-ranked, of two kinds, those of the lower plane about 1/8" long, lanceolate to lance-oblong, acute, bases obtuse, margins minutely serrulate-spiny, midrib scarcely perceptible; leaves of upper plane small, 1/16" long, lanceolate, acuminate, midrib quite apparent beneath; all glabrous, bright green; tips of stems forked, with leaves very close together, exceeding the growing tip. - Azores to So. Afr. Culture: Light, sandy soil; abundant moisture, and high humidity; shady position; temperatures above 65° F.; propagation by cuttings 1½" long planted directly into small pots.

Uses: Not suggested for growing in place as pictured, but may be located anywhere as a specimen when entertaining; most desirable in terraria, conservatories, or wherever high humidity is supplied.

Sources: Julius Roehrs

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Senecio mikanioides, Otto ex Walp. in Bailey Stand. Cycl. Hort. III. (1947) 3150.

S. scandens, DC. in DC. Prod. Syst. Nat. xi. (1837) 404. Family: Compositae

Common name: German Ivy

Description: As seen, a decumbent creeper, but becoming a woody twining vine to 15' or more, freely branching: leaves broadly ovate to rotund, variously shallowly lobed or angle-notched, the margins rounded between points, blade about 2^{1}_{2} long, bright green and shining above, thin, glabrous except for margins, which are ciliate with fine hairs, 7-9 palmately veined, basal lobes extended far beyond petiole attachment, a sinus between them; stipules persistent, rotund to reniform (1/8" diameter), green; petioles about as long as blade: not observed to flower as a pot plant. - unknown. Culture: Any good, porous soil mixture; constant abundant moisture; reduced light; temperatures above 50° F.; propagation by stem cuttings; pinch often to maintain shape of plant.

Uses: Excellent house pot plant; lovely small specimen on coffee table, in window, or as pictured, more often larger, grows rapidly.

Sources: (as S. confusus)

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SPATHIPHYLLUM PATINI

Spathiphyllum Patini, N.E.Br. in Gard. Chron. ii. (1878) 783.

S. candidum, N.E.Br. in Florist (1879) 19.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Spathiphyllum

Description: Stemless, or with very short caudex: leaves to 18" long; the blade about 10" long, petioles just slightly shorter on mature leaves; blade narrowly lanceolate to oblonglanceolate, green and shining, long taper-pointed to the apex, bases cuneate, midrib and 7-9 pairs of primary lateral veins sunken and prominent, margins entire and undulating, glabrous; petioles slender, thickened somewhat at the junction with the blade, strongly canaliculate in the lower two-thirds, the new leaves and flowers arising from the unexpanded channel of the previous leaf: flowering freely: peduncles about the same length as leaves, the flowers showy above the foliage; spathe oblong-lanceolate, white, with venation same as in leaves, to 5 inches long, tips acuminate, margins entire, held upright, wide open, rather concave behind the stipitate spadix, which is held erect, arising from the surface of the spathe, about 5/8" from the proximal end of the midrib, about 1/3 the length of spathe; small flowers all bisexual, pistils large and conical, giving spadix the appearance of an elongated spiked mace. -Colombia.

Culture: Soil of fibrous loam, leaf-mold, peat, and some sand and charcoal; constant moisture; prefers high humidity; diffused or indirect light; temperatures above 60° F.; propagation by division.

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Uses: Plants not suggested for usage; cut leaves blend exceedingly well with own flowers; ideal for arrangement for viewing from all sides, as a unique centerpiece when table not in use; requires a minimum of flowers; off-white flowers effective against dark walls or draperies.

Sources: (plants, listed as S. floribundum)

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SPIRONEMA FRACRANS

Spironema fragrans, Lindl. in Bot. Reg. (1840) t.47.

Family: Commelinaceae

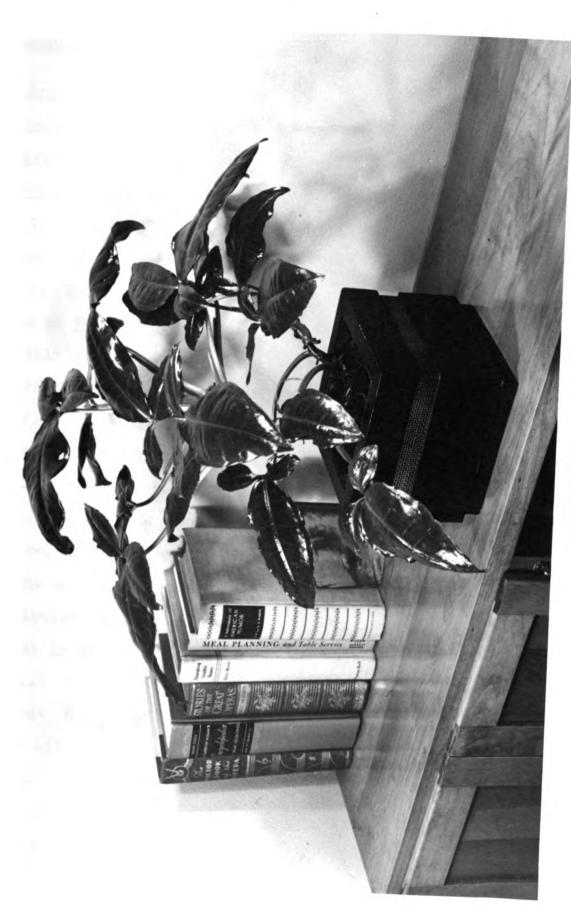
Common name: Creeping Spiral-Leaf (suggested)

Description: Perennial herb, stem thick and fleshy, hanging, internodes short: leaves to 12 long and 3 wide, oblong-linear, acute, bases united around stem, the sheath 3/4 long, hairy at the tip; margins entire, purplish, undulating toward tip, parallel veined, light green, smooth and shining above, pale below; new leaves purplish toward the center as well, fading in age; axillary buds on lower stem breaking, producing stout filiform runners, these striate-purple and green, with reduced leaves about 1 long, internodes long, decumbent, to 3 or so, the tip of each, eventually becoming erect, rooting, and forming an offset. - Mexico.

Culture: Light porous soil; keep on dry side; bright sunlight; temperatures above 60° F.; propagation by offsets; if stem too long, cut off tip and reroot.

Uses: Good in the window garden for its interesting form.

Sources: No sources known.



SYNGONIUM AURITUM

Syngonium auritum, (L.) Schott in Kunth Enum. Plant. III. (1841) 46.

Arum auritum, L. in Sp. Pl. ed. 2 (1763) 1371.

Caladium auritum, Vent. ex Willd. Spec. IV. (1805) 491.

Syngonium Plumieri, Schott in DC. Prodr. Syst. Nat. (1860) 206.

Philodendron auritum, Hort.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Syngonium

(Note: The name seems to be in great confusion, known in the trade as <u>Philodendron auritum</u> and <u>Syngonium "auretum"</u> and possibly others, as well as <u>S. auritum</u>.)

Description: Procumbent at first, becoming a stout vine; sap milky; stem thick, producing stout, brown aerial roots at each node: leaves shining, dark green, 3-5 foliate, main lateral leaflets stalked, 5-foliate by the twisting outward of the basal lobes of the lateral leaflets; central lobe to 8" long or more, main laterals to 5", and the 2 smallest to 1-3/4", margins entire; petioles sheathing stem at nodes, strongly canaliculate along proximal three-fourths; leaflet halves unequal in size. A handsome plant. - Mexico; Haiti; Jamaica; Brazil.

Culture: High humidity desirable; easily injured by miscible wax or oil foliage cleaners; otherwise as for <u>Philodendron</u> dubium.

Uses: Definite limitations; not well suited for dry atmosphere of homes; an excellent specimen alone as illustrated, or in

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combination planters, worth the effort to try to grow; cannot be surpassed for beauty of luxuriant foliage.

Sources: Julius Roehrs (listed as <u>Philodendron auritum</u>)
Shaffer Nurseries (as <u>S</u>. <u>aretum</u>)

Roy F. Wilcox (as Philodendron trifoliatum)

SYNGONIUM PODOPHYLLUM

Syngonium podophyllum, Schott in Syn. Aroid. (1856) 68.

S. salvadorense, Schott in Oster. Bot. Zeit. viii. (1858) 178.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Nephthytis; African Evergreen

(Note: Called <u>Nephthytis Liberica</u> or <u>N. Afzelii</u> in the florists' trade, but none of the species of the true <u>Nephthytis</u> are known to be cultivated.)

Description: Climbing or creeping vine, to great lengths; sap milky: leaves of two types; juvenile growth sagittate to deltoid, or appearing 3-lobed or hastate by the spreading outward of the basal lobes, to 10" long, tips acute; adult growth becoming palmately 5-lobed, to 1' or more across, the lower 2 lobes on either side on a single stalk, final ones smallest, apical (anterior) lobe largest, all lobes obliquely elliptic, tips blunt or mucronate, green and dull above, paler beneath; petioles twice as long as blade, expanded and canaliculate in the proximal half, sheathing the stem at the node; new leaves pushing out from the channelled portion of the petiole of the previous leaf: apparently not flowering in cultivation. - Mexico.

Culture: Similar to Philodendron dubium.

Uses: Similar to <u>Scindapsus</u>; its arrow-shaped leaves are most interesting; beautiful as shown, alone.

Sources: Beldt's Aquarium

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SYNGONIUM PODOPHYLLUM var. ALBOLINEATUM

Syngonium podophyllum, Scott. in Syn. Aroid. (1856) 68. var. albolineatum (dort.) Engl. in Pflanzenreich lxxi. (1920) 129.

- S. albolineatum, Hort. in Engl. Arac. n. 243.
- S. podophyllum triphylla, Hort. ex Nash. in Stand. Cycl. Hort. IV. (1927) 2136.
- S. podophyllum h.v. 'Tri-Leaf Wonder', Hort. ex Rutenschroer, Plt. Pat. 763.

Family: Araceae

Common name: Nephthytis 'Tri-Leaf Wonder'; Variegated African Evergreen.

(Taxonomic note: Called Nephthytis Afzelii (or N. liberica)
variety variegata, triphylla, and 'Tri-Leaf Wonder' in the
florists' industry. Nephthytis does not have milky sap, and
no true species are known in the horticultural trade.)

Description: Climting vine with milky sap: leaves to 12 long,
3-7 palmately lobed, by the successive twisting outward (away
from the petiole) of the sagittate basal lobes of the main
blade, and the sagittate basal lobes of the lobes thus formed;
glabrous, whitish along midrib and primary veins, blending into
the green, in some cases leaf more or less entirely whitish
except for a green border; petioles long, to 20 h, the lower
two-thirds canaliculate, bases sheathing the stem at the nodes;
aerial roots produced at each node; stem smooth, not striate:
apparently does not flower in cultivation. - Mexico.

Culture: Similar to Philodendron dubium.

Uses: Similar to preceding; see picture; for the contemporary setting; especially effective grown on cork bark backing.

Sources: Julius Roehrs Royal Palm Nurseries
Shaffer Nurseries

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Tradescantia fluminensis, Vell. in Kunth Enum. Plant. IV. (1843) 664.

T. tricolor, Hort. (in part)

Family: Commelinaceae

Common name: Wandering Jew (in part)

Description: Fleshy-stemmed vine, to great lengths, prostrate and rooting at the nodes: leaves alternate, 2" or more long, ovate or oblong-ovate, oblique, acute, more or less parallel veined, the central one most prominent, glabrous, bases narrowed, then spreading a forming a closed sheath around the stem about 3/16" long, hairy at the top, bright green; freely branching; leaves in a flat plane, thin, more or less transparent: not observed to flower in cultivation. - Cent. Brazil to Argentina.

Culture: Any good soil; plenty of water; indirect light; temperatures above 65° F.; pinch to maintain good shape of specimen; propagation by stem cuttings; may be grown in water. Uses: In hanging baskets, or wall brackets; on the window ledge; see picture.

Sources: F. H. Riegelmeir (wholesale only)

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Vaccinium ovatum, Pursh. in Fl. Am. Sept. i. 290.

Family: Ericaceae

Common name: Florists' Huckleberry

Description: Evergreen shrub to 12', with stiff, rather flat branches: leaves alternate, ovate to lance-oblong, about 1" long, acute, bases obtuse or truncate, margins serrulate, rather thick and firm, dark green and shining above, paler beneath, more or less glabrous; petioles short, reddish and pubescent, as are the new stems when young: flowers in short axillary clusters; corolla campanulate, 5-lobed, about 4" long; calyx lobes reddish; berries black. - B. C. to Calif., W. No. Amer.

Culture: Acid soil; not grown indoors; cultivated as a garden shrub.

Uses: Cut branches from nature and garden can be used almost anywhere foliage is needed; most common in sprays, bouquets, or even alone as shown.

Sources: Callison's ("Robin Hood" Brand)

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ZEBRINA PENDULA Var. QUADRICOLOR

Zebrina pendula, Schnizl. in Bot. Zeit. vii. (1849) 870. var. quadricolor, Bailey in Stand. Cycl. Hort. III (1947) 3540.

Tradescantia zebrina, Hort.

T. tricolor, Hort. (in part)

Commelina zebrina, Hort.

Family: Commelinaceae

Common name: Wandering Jew (in part)

Description: Fleshy-stemmed, decumbent vine, much branched: leaves alternate, lance-ovate to ovate-oblong, to 3" long, oblique, acuminate, midrib prominent, margins entire, striped dark green and purple along midrib and margins, the areas between glimmering silver-green above; purple beneath; leaf bases forming a closed sheath about the rather stout stem, sheath about \(\frac{1}{2} \) long, hairy on both edges; stem puberulent: flowers terminal, between 2 leaf-like bracts, one smaller than the other; corolla 2-parted, red-purple, the tube white, as is the calyx tube; ephemeral. - Mexico.

Culture: see <u>Tradescantia fluminensis</u>.

Uses: As for <u>T</u>. <u>fluminensis</u>, but red coloration must be considered and location planned with this in mind.

Sources: Royal Palm Nurseries

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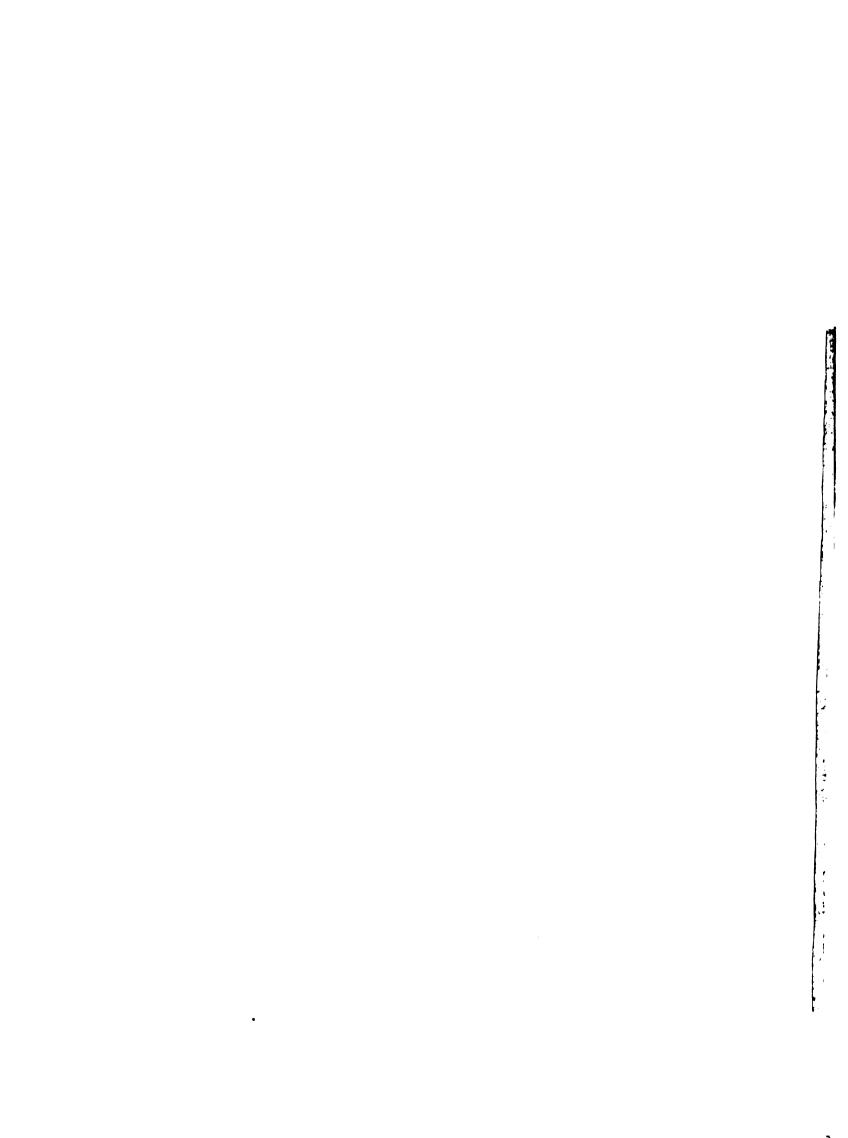
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