

PUYALLUP GLACIER
PRONOUNCED Pū ā' up
UNDER THE SHADOW



THIS name, in the Indian language, means "Under the Shadow." From this mountain, called the most beautiful on earth, flows the Puyallup River. With its head in the Puyallup Glacier, it waters the most fertile valley in America--the Puyallup Valley. Fifty miles from Mt. Tacoma (known also as Mt. Rainier), and under its very shadow--which gives it its name--lies the City of Puyallup, once seen, never forgotten.

**PLANTS FOR THE HOUSE
IN WINTER**

There are many Winter-flowering plants which may be used to beautify the Winter window-boxes, as well as those with cheerful berries, brilliant in color.

The slight protection afforded by the window is usually quite enough for the crimson buds of the laurestinus, and neat little three-year-old plants of this pretty shrub will soon be showing promise of blossom at every point, which will burst later into beautiful white clusters, making a charming effect against the dark glossy leaves.

The best of all shrubs for a Winter window-box is choisya ternata, the Mexican orange, which is quite as hardy as the laurestinus, and may be trusted to do well unless exposed to cutting winds in January or February; therefore a south or southwest exposure is desirable for it. Few plants are so floriferous, for it produces large heads of bloom at every point, some of which open in the early Autumn until the cold of Winter puts them to sleep, when they will wait for weeks in the same dormant state, expanding their fragrant petals as soon as the warm sunshine of Spring awakes them. The foliage of the choisya is handsome and distinct, with shining leaves in bright green, and the whole plant has an aromatic scent. Coming from Mexico as it does, it is wonderful that it is as hardy as it has proved, but the foliage is of great substance, and the buds are, as we have said, clever at accommodating themselves to a colder climate. This plant can be propagated by cuttings, or, still better, by layering the shoots which are naturally near the ground into pots of good loam, sand, and leaf-mould sunk in the soil below the shrub in the early Spring. The joint which is the most convenient for the purpose should be slit like that of a carnation, and the cut part pegged firmly into the pot, a broken one with a chip out of the rim being the best for layering. If the soil in these pots be kept moist throughout the Summer, the pot will be full of roots in October, when the young plant may be detached from the parent, and repotted, placing it upright, and giving it good drainage and soil. It should not be exposed to the cold of the open air during its first Winter, but can be sheltered in a frame or a greenhouse, potting it in the following Spring as it requires more room.

The choisya is a plant of which it is difficult to have too many, as it is useful in many directions, being easily forced for the decoration of the conservatory in Winter, while it will do well in a glass porch, a window, or a window-box when young, older plants making valuable shrubs for the garden or for the adornment of a veranda or a balcony in a tub. Always distinct and handsome, it will be in bloom

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during ten months of the year, for its blossoms open from the middle of August till the end of the following May, although the shelter of glass is needed for them to open at mid-Winter.

The jasmine (jasminum grandiflorum) is a most satisfactory plant for house-culture and rewards one's care with beautiful and fragrant white flowers in star shape. The chrysanthemums and lilies, so beautiful while they last, have only their brief season for blooming, unfortunately.

The finer varieties of veronica, such as Imperialis (Purple Queen) with large spikes of petunia-colored flowers; veronica speciosa, somewhat similar, in blue, and in pink; and veronica decussata (a smaller blue flowered variety), are specially suited for pots or tubs. Coming from the antipodes they bloom in Winter, and are therefore most useful in the cool greenhouse, producing a large quantity of blossom, with handsome evergreen foliage. Another New Zealand plant, the splendid kowi, or parrot-beak flower (clianthus puniceus), is very fine from January onwards in a cold greenhouse, for it will not endure much fire-heat, and can be grown in the open air, on a sunny wall, if covered during severe weather or snow with a spare frame-light fixed in a slanting position over it. This plant produces, at the axil of every leaf, from ten to fifteen large flowers, papilionaceous in shape, in the richest carmine-crimson; and it should, if possible, be allowed a free root-run; with rich soil, training the long shoots on a wall. Red-spider is the special foe of the flowi, and this minute pest is sure to attack it should this plant be subject to a hot dry temperature. Ample supplies of water are needed for it from January until it has made its Summer growth, with less moisture during the Autumn months, but it must not be very dry at any time.

The crimson bottle-brush of Australia (callistemon speciosus) is very beautiful, with carmine brushes dipped in gold. The flowers are without petals, so that they are singular in appearance, being composed only of anthers. The callistemon needs spongy soil, and should be repotted when it ceases to bloom in the Spring. The plants blossom when quite small, and are then specially decorative. They should stand in the open air during the Summer months, choosing a sunny position, but they need a plentiful supply of water at that time and daily syringing; in fact, they can be treated in the same way as azaleas.

For the warm conservatory, with a minimum temperature of 50 degrees at night, few plants can rival the Indian hibiscus (rosasinensis) in beauty and floriferousness. Flowering profusely while in a small state, this plant (the shoe-flower of India) is never without buds if well cultivated; the brilliant carmine-crimson blooms only requiring a warm atmosphere to open throughout the Winter, as well as in Summer.

Lilacs, in white (Marie Legrange being the best variety) and in mauve (Charles X.); the crimson peach (amygdalus persica) with double flowers; the Chinese plum (prunus sinensis florepleno) in white; spiraea thunbergi, a dwarf shrub which produces a mass of tiny white flowers early in the year; spiraea confusa, spiraea japonica astilboides; cerasus pseudo-cerasus Watereri (the Japanese double cherry), are all suitable for forcing and decoration.

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