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*Answer  
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1681 Bird St.  
Oroville, Cal.  
May 11, 1958

Mr. B.Y. Morrison  
P.O. Box 21  
Pass Christian, Miss.

I was away from home when your letter arrived so my answer is somewhat belated. Thanks for your explanation about the stock of azaleas. No, I had not thought of you in connection with the nursery although I might have if I had considered the address. I just found the name in Mr. Lee's new book and thought there might be some of your new selections listed for sale. I am happy to know that you will have some on sale a little later and will be delighted to be able to get them.

At the present time I am particularly interested in the Glenn Dale and the Chugais. Am enclosing my list of azaleas, thinking they may be of passing interest to you. Most of my Glenn Dale and Chugais have come from Mr. Hohman, a few at a time, although the earliest of them came from Fruitlands in 1949. They are big enough now to make quite a showing.

As for your idea of naming an azalea for Miss Brandt -- I think it is an excellent idea and am sure her family would appreciate it. I knew her mostly through correspondence when she was editor of the Journal of the Cal. Horticultural Society, although I did go through her garden at one time. She was very proud of her Glenn Dale azaleas and took me into the house to show me some *Jongleurs* which she had picked for the table. I remember also her pointing out *Ambrosia* and how she delighted in its color. I believe the home belonged to her although her sister Mrs. Helen Shary was living with her. There was also an artist brother somewhere in the background. At the time of Miss Brandt's death the address was 6487 Benvenue Ave., Oakland and so far as I know the sister is still living there. I have written, however, to the Horticultural Society and asked them to write you if that is incorrect. This sister Helen was close to Miss Brandt since she had raised her after the mother's death when both were young, Helen being the younger of the two.

I am sorry that I do not know more about Miss Brandt's family. Mrs. Sydney Mitchell could have told you all about them but unfortunately she passed away a few years ago also. However, if you do not hear to the contrary from the Society the above name and address is correct. As a matter of fact I think I will look tomorrow at the telephone company's Oakland book and verify it. That will be more satisfactory anyway since the Society might be slow in writing you.

Sincerely,

*Lila B. Stapleton*

Kurumes  
 Algeria  
 Appleblossom (2)  
 Avalanche (3)  
 Flood of China  
 Bridesmaid  
 Candlelight  
 Christmas Cheer  
 Coral Bells (3)  
 Coral Bells or.  
 Distinction  
 Firebird (3)  
 Flamingo  
 Geisha  
 Goldsworth Red (2)  
 Hatsushima  
 Hinodegiri  
 Hino-crimson  
 Hinomayo  
 Ho-oden (2)  
 Kagaribi  
 Kintaiyo  
 Kumoi  
 Lavender Queen (2)  
 Orange Beauty  
 Pagoda (2)  
 Pink & Silver  
 Pink Perfection  
 King-po  
 Rosy Morn  
 Salmon Beauty  
 Salmon Pink  
 Sento (2)  
 Seraphim  
 Sherwoodi  
 Shimmer (3)  
 Singing Fountain  
 Stardust (4)  
 Snow (4)  
 Surprise  
 Sweetbrier  
 Torch (2)  
 Ward's Ruby (3)  
 Wooddove  
 Yaeshojo  
 Yayegiri  
 Sender Hys.  
 Hexe (5)  
 Orange Hexe (2)  
 Vivid (3)

Pericat Hys.  
 Hampton Rose  
 Mme. Pericat (2)  
 Melba (2)  
 Pericat Salmon Pink  
 Twenty Grand (2)  
 Sweetheart S.

Belgian Indicas  
 Albert & Elizabeth (2)  
 Avenir (2)  
 Blushing Bride (3)  
 Daybreak (3)  
 Daybreak Sport  
 Dr. Bergmann (2)  
 Etolle de Belgique (3)  
 Eureka's Everlasting (2)  
 Hollandia (2)  
 Jean Hearens  
 L.C. Bobbink  
 Loveliness  
 Miss Cottage Gardens (2)  
 Mme. Mestaeg  
 Mrs. Fred Sanders  
 Mrs. J. Vervane  
 Orchidiflora (3)  
 Paul Schame  
 Paul Schame fr. (2)  
 Pink Pearl (2)  
 Prof. Wolters (2)  
 Snowdrift  
 Sweet Sixteen (2)  
 Van Langham  
 Verveaneana alba (2)  
 Verveaneana coral (2)  
 Verveaneana rosea (2)  
 Weaver's White (2)  
 William van Houtte  
 William van Orange  
 Wolters White

South. Indicas  
 Fielder's White (3)  
 Ivoryana  
 Geo. L. Taber (2)  
 Marie Louise (2)  
 Mme. Dominique Vervane  
 Perfection  
 Praestantissima (2)  
 Mucron. & hys.  
 Ledifolia alba (2)  
 Ledifolia rosea (2)  
 Lilacina  
 Magnifica  
 Balls of Arcady (2)  
 Darling of the Gods (3)  
 Lady Lilac  
 Snowbird (2)

Chis. Mor. Hys.  
 Coral Cluster  
 Coral Sea  
 Kaempferi Hys.  
 Kaempferi (2)  
 Addy Wery  
 Pink Treasure  
 Roberta

Ambrosia  
 Anchorite  
 Aphrodite (3)  
 Aztec  
 Beacon  
 Bravura  
 Buccaneer (2)  
 Carmel (2)  
 Cavalier  
 Challenge  
 Con Amore  
 Copperman  
 Coralia  
 Crinoline  
 Cygnet  
 Dayspring  
 Driven Snow  
 Ember  
 Elizabeth  
 Enchantment (2)  
 Eros  
 Fantasy  
 Fashion (2)  
 Firedance  
 Folly  
 Fountain  
 Freedom  
 Gaiety  
 Glacier  
 Glamour (2)  
 Gorgeous  
 Greeting (3)  
 Harbinger  
 Helen Close (2)  
 Helen Fox

Rutherford Hybrids  
 Alaska  
 Albion  
 Colorado ?  
 Constance (3)  
 Dorothy Gish  
 Delight (3)  
 Early Wonder  
 Firelight (2)  
 Giant  
 J.H. Mc. Ferland  
 L.J. Bobbink (3)

Miscellaneous  
 Arnoldiana (2)  
 Altaclarensis (3)  
 Calendulacea (2)  
 Exbury Hys. (3)  
 H.H. Hume

Glenn Deles  
 Helen Gunning  
 Janet Noyes  
 Jongleur (2)  
 Lotise Dowdle  
 Loveliness  
 Joya  
 Madrigal  
 Mayflower (2)  
 Melanie  
 Moira  
 Nerissa  
 Niagara  
 Oracle  
 Peerless  
 Picador (3)  
 Portent  
 Prosperity  
 Radiance  
 Red Robe  
 Refrain (2)  
 Revery  
 Rose Ash  
 Samite  
 Sagittarius (2)  
 Souvenir  
 Stardust  
 Sterling  
 Stunner  
 Suwnee  
 Swansong  
 Treasure  
 Wavelat  
 Whirlwind (2)  
 Winner (2)  
 Refulgence

Mary Corcoran (2)  
 Mother of Pearl (2)  
 Mrs. A.M. Mueller  
 Orange King  
 Pink Beauty (2)  
 Pink Ruffles (3)  
 Purity  
 Rhapsody (3)  
 Rose Queen (2)  
 Salmon Perfection  
 Salmon Glow (2)  
 Snow Queen

Life  
 Mollis (8)  
 Occidentalis (3)  
 Serpyllifolium al.  
 Tschonoski

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Chugai Hys.		Macranthas	Eriocarpum
Bunkwa (3)	Keisetsu	Appleblossom	White Gumpo (5)
Eikwan	Kingetsu	Boni-kirishima	Izayoi (2)
Eiten	Kowkoku	Fiesta	Pink Gumpo (2)
Fugi-no-koshi	Maihime	Firmament (3)	Fancy Gumpo
Fukurokuju	Otome (2)	Flame Creeper (7)	
Gunbi	Rowgetsu (2)	Good Times (3)	Gable Hys.
Gunrei (2)	Sakura-yama (2)	Hakatashiro	Boudoir
Gunsei	Seigetsu	J.T.Lovett	Corsage
Gyokushin	Shikun-ow	Macrantha db.	Cameo
Hatsu-gasumi	Shinryo-no-tsuki	Rosaeflora (6)	Caroline Gable
Howraku (2)	Shumpow	Serajini	Elizabeth Gable
Jindai	Shunrei	Sakura-gari	Gable's Scarlet
Johga (2)	So-how	Sei-qua (2)	La lumiere
Kegetsu (2)	Tama-giku	Summer Sun (3)	Rosebud (2)
Kaigetsu (2)	Tama-sugata (2)	Valo	
Moss. Bristow Hys.			
Desert Rose			
Easter Bonnet			
Easter Parade			
Princess Caroline			
Baby Jill			
Rose Parade			
Sun Valley			
White Orchids			

1681 Bird St.  
 Croville, Cal.  
 July 23, 1958

Dear M. Morrison:

One thing or another has prevented me from answering your letters sooner. The latest was a two weeks visit from two small grandsons who are live wires. But now we, my husband and myself, are about to take off for a stay at our mountain place on Buck's Lake in Plumas County so I think I had better send a reply or you will think I am not appreciative of your interesting and informative letters.

In regard to my sources for various azaleas -- it seems best to just give you a list of sources copied from my records since I do not know just which ones you are interested in. You will notice most of the Rutherfordianas are from Bobbink and Atkins. Outside of a certain few it is difficult to obtain them in Cal. Even from Bobbink and Atkins I can never be sure they will send the ones ordered. Unless requested not to substitute they are quite likely to send anything handy. Am sure one or two are wrongly labeled but since I cannot check I have to leave them as is. The group of hybrids from Mossholder-Bristow are from Southern Cal. and are new on the market. They are crosses of the Rutherfordianas and (I believe) Indicas. Those which I have seen to be good and are long lasting. Some of them start blooming in the fall as do some of the Indicas and continue off and on until spring. I do not know how much frost they will take but I think as much as the Rutherfordianas. The James Rere Plant Gardens carry them as well as some of the Rutherfordianas. Their plants are excellent, far better than Mr. Hohman's. His are usually good in the small sizes but spindly in the larger ones. Nevertheless, I can get from him so many things that are unobtainable elsewhere.

Some of my plants have been obtained locally and those I have marked local. The nurseryman picks them up from various sources and often does not carry the same variety again. A couple of the sources are no longer available and those I have marked as out of business.

In the list of azaleas which I sent you earlier I am not at all sure about the grouping of some of them. Nurserymen are inclined to lump them as Kurumes or Indicas without regard to their real classification. For instance the one called Distinction. I have seen it listed as a Kurume but it grows more like a Pericat or something on that order. I do not suppose it matters a great deal however.

In the matter of the Belgians -- I can only speak for their behavior here in the valley, having had no experience in growing them in the bay region or along the coast. Here they are definitely spring bloomers or those which show some color in the fall but more in the spring. If the winter is mild there will be some few flowers all winter. In that case there is not the fullness of bloom in spring which the spring bloomers have. Paul Schame is the one variety which always starts flowering the earliest, in late Sept. as a rule, and unless prohibited by frost will bloom for several months. Paul Schame frize, probably a sport, does not seem to have the same length of bloom time but is nice with its ruffled edges. Others, such as Mrs. Fred Sanders, Albert and Elizabeth, Avenir, Miss Cottage Gardens, will give a scattering bloom in the fall in some years and in others none at all. Some of the plants are on their own roots and some are grafted on what I believe is phoenix stock. It seems to make no difference as far as bloom is concerned. As plants they are more satisfactory on their own roots. Even then they are not as satisfactory here as the Kurumes or other types. Possibly the bloom would be more uniform if I kept the plants as standards which I do not attempt to do.



The above note on the Belgians is rather rambling but perhaps you can cull something from it for your Pocketbook. The weather probably has something to do with their vagaries but, even so, some of the Belgians are listed sometimes as giving fall bloom.

I have wondered about the solid color of some of the Chugai sports. Have not tried to root any of them until this year when I think I took a cutting of Rowgetsu. However, I have never had a form of white with a narrow pink margin. The one unknown which I tentatively call Shun-un is a larger flower than Tamasugata and a darker red. My thought that it might be Shun-un came from the fact that in your mention of some of the Chugais in the January 1956 issue of N.H.M. you said that Shun-un had many 6 lobed flowers. My plant has no striping or sanding, however, but is a solid color. Could be a sport, of course.

Even though it has saved you some labor it is a pity your crosses of this year did not materialize. No doubt you have plenty of others to look forward to, however. I have never tried any of the evergreen azaleas from seed even, let alone crossing any of them. I do have some couple of dozen Knaphills coming along from seed which came from the Knaphill Nursery. They are not yet of blooming size, however. None of the deciduous azaleas do as well with me as the evergreens. I like to think it is due to the climate but am not at all sure that it is. The one azalea which will not grow at all for me is Schlippenbachi. And it is one of my favorites. After a couple of years it just peters out.

Well, well, so you are an old man of 70 who rises with the sun. Evidently imagination plays a good part with the editor of that Japanese magazine. At least as far as age goes. I expect you have risen many a morning at sunrise to watch some azalea open.

For heavens sakes do not apologize for your typing. Mine is pretty poor. I think it is called the Hunt and Peck system.

Sincerely,

*Leila B. Stapleton*

Rutherfordiana		Macranthas	
Alaska	Bobbink & Atkins	Appleblossom	Coolidge
Albion	James Rare Pl.	Beri-Kirishima	Kingsville
Colorado (?)	"	Fiesta	Coolidge
Constance	Armstrong	Firmament	"
Dorothy Gish	James Rare Pl.	Flame Creeper	Starker
Delight	Bobbink & Atkins	Good Times	Henry
Early Wonder	"	Hahatashiro	Kingsville
Firelight	Armstrong	J.T.Lovett	Ten Oaks
Giant	Bobbink & Atkins	Macrantha db.	Local
J.H.Mc.Farland	"	Rosafflora	Berkeley Hort.
L.J.Bobbink	Berkeley Hort.	Serajini	Coolidge
Mary Corcoran	Bobbink & Atkins	Sakura-gari	"
Mother of Pearl	"	Sei-gua	James Rare Pl.
Mrs. A.M.Mueller	"	Summer Sun	"
Orange King	James Rare Pl.	Valo	Coolidge
Pink Beauty	Local	Macrantha Orange	Kingsville
Pink Ruffles	James Rare Pl.		
Purity	Berkeley Hort.		
Rhapsody	Bobbink & Atkins		
Rose Queen	Armstrong	Ericocarpum	
Salmon Perfection	James Rare Pl.	White Gumpo	Starker
Salmon Glow (?)	Local	Izayoi	Kingsville
Snow Queen	James Rare Pl.	Pink Gumpo	James Rare Pl.
		Fancy Gumpo	Lincoln

Brooks Hybrids		Mossholder-Bristow Hybrids	
Brilliance	Brooks, Modesto	Desert Rose	James Rare Pl.
Cardinal	"	Easter Bonnet	"
944	"	Easter Parade	"
Salmon Single	"	Princess Caroline	"
Red Wing	"	Baby Jill	"
Grandeur	"	Rose Parade	"
Ecstasy	"	Sun Valley	"
		White Orchids	"

## Sources

Armstrong Nurseries	Ontario, Cal.
Bobbink & Atkins	Rutherford, N.J.
Bovees	Oswego, Oregon
Calif. Camellia Gard.	13531 Penton Ave., San Fernando, Cal.
Coolidge Rare Plant G.	
Cottage Gardens	Eureka, Cal.
East Bay Nursery	Berkeley, Cal.
Christian & Johnson	Chico, Cal.
Hammond Nursery	Auburn, Cal. (out of business)
Martin Henry	Brooks, Oregon
James Rare Plant G.	6230 Sequel Drive, Aptos, Cal.
Marsh's Nursery	150 N.Lake Ave. Pasadena, Cal.
Martin & Overlach	California St. San Francisco, Cal. (out of business)
Berkeley Horticultural	Berkeley, Cal.



## Kurumes

Algeria	Coolidge
Appleblossom	"
Avalanche	"
Blood of China	Walnut Ok. Nursery
Bridesmaid	Coolidge
Candlelight	"
Carminata splen.	Kingsville
Coral Bells	Berkeley Hort. Nursery
Coral Bells Cr.	"
Distinction	James Rare Plant Nur.
Firebird	Coolidge
Flamingo	"
Geisha	"
Goldsworth Red	Local
Hatsushima	Kingsville
Hinodegiri	Local
Hino-crimson	James Rare Plant Nur.
Hinomayo	"
Ho-oden	Local
Kagaribi	Kingsville
Kintaiyo	"
Kumoi	"
Lavender Queen	Martin & Overlach
Orange Beauty	Comer, Oakland
Pagoda	Coolidge
Pink & Silver	"
Pink Perfection	"
Ming-Po (Nanking)	"
Rosy Morn	"
Salmon Beauty	Martin & Overlach
Salmon Pink	Coolidge
Santof	Local
Seraphim	Coolidge
Sherwoodi	Local
Shimmer	Coolidge
Singing Fountain	"
Stardust (Alzina?)	"
Snow	Berkeley Hort.
Surprise	Coolidge
Sweetbriar	Berkeley Hort.
Torch	Coolidge
Ward's Ruby	Local
Wooddove	Coolidge
Yaeshojo	Kingsville
Yayegiri	"

## Miscellaneous

Arnoldiana	Martin & Overlach
Altaclarensis	Berk. Hort. Nurs.
Calendulacea	East Bay Nur.
Exbury Hy.	Lincoln
H.H.Hume	James Rare Plant N.
Occidentalis	Local
Serpyllifolium al.	Hammond Nur.
Tschonoski	Bovee

## Belgian Indicas

Albert & Elizabeth	Local
Avenir	Marsh
Blushing Bride	Local
Daybreak	James Rare P
Daybreak Sport	
Dr. Bergmann	Cal.; Cam.-Ga
Etoile de Belgique	Sunset
Eureka's Everlasting	Cottage Gard
Hollandia	Hammond Nur.
Jean Haerrens	Local
L.C. Bobbink	James Rare P
Loveliness	Coolidge
Miss Cottage Gardens	Cottage Gard
Mme. Maestaeg	Chris. & John
Mrs. Fred Sanders	Local
Mrs. J. Vervane	Cal.-Cam.-Ga
Orchidiflora	Coolidge
Paul Schame	Berk. Hort.
Paul Schame fr.	Hammond Nur.
Pink Pearl	Coolidge
Prof. Wolters	Local
Snowdrift	Berkeley Hort
Sweet Sixteen	Local
Van Langham	Cal.; Cam.-Ga
Vervaneanna alba	Berk. Hort.
" coral	"
" rosea	"
Weaver's White	Christ. & Jo
William van Houtte	Hammond Nur.
William van Orange	Berk. Hort.
Wolter's White	Local

## Southern Indicas

Fielder's White	Martin & Over
Iveryana	James Rare Pl
Geo. L. Taber	"
Marie Louise	Local
Mme. Dominique Vervane	James Rare Pl
Perfection	"
Præstantissima	Martin & Over

## Mucron. &amp; Hys.

Ledifolia alba	Berk. Hort. N
Ledifolia rosea	East Bay Nurs
Lilacina	James Rare Pl
Magnifica	Ben Oaks
Bells of Arcady	Coolidge
Darling of the Gods	"
Lady Lilac	Kingsville
Snowbird	Coolidge



1681 Bird St.  
Oroville, Cal.  
June 16, 1958

Dear Mr. Morrison:

This is a somewhat belated answer to your letter of May 17. Since writing you last I remembered a biography of Miss Brandt which appeared in an issue of the Journal of the Cal. Horticultural Society and which I thought you might be interested in if you have not already seen it. Am sending it to you under separate cover.

My acquaintance with Miss Brandt was slight, being mostly through correspondence in regard to azaleas. My interest in Glenn Dale azaleas was at the start at that time and she invited me to see hers in bloom. It happened to be a mild winter and many of the Glenn Dales were unusually early but nevertheless there were a goodly number in bloom at that time, in March. Miss Brandt was most painstaking in showing me all of them.

You expressed wonder at my enthusiasm over the Glenn Dales when I can grow the Belgians. It is true the Belgians will grow here and so far none have succumbed to what little frost we have but none of them exhibit the vigor that I have come to associate with the Glenn Dales. Nor do they have the profusion of bloom of the latter. Whether it is due to summer heat or some winter cold the Belgians are slow to grow and have the name of dying out after a period of years. One other reason I like the Glenn Dales is due to the fact that one can select color, height and spread so easily. Most of my plants are ordered by mail and nearly all catalogs give such meager descriptions of their plants. So I appreciate the complete descriptions of the Glenn Dale monograph. It is a bit upsetting, however, when something comes misnamed. If I cannot identify it it usually goes to one of my friends since I cannot bear to have a plant I cannot name. Two of such plants I am still trying to identify because I like them so well.

Speaking of misnamed plants -- I have a Chugai which I wish could be identified. It was purchased as Kaigetsu but when it bloomed it was a very fine red, almost the color of the Jindai self colored blossoms. It is not Jindai however, since it has 6 to 8 stamens and a number of blossoms with six lobes. The blossoms are very large and reflex slightly. Do you think it might be Shun-un? It came from Mr. Hofman so it is probably one on his list. A couple of other Chugais I ordered from him this spring he could not supply since he lost them from the cold this winter.

I am sorry you had so much trouble with your imported azaleas. I wonder that any of them survived and think the proportion you saved was remarkable in view of the circumstances. Your own seedlings sound wonderful. Margaret Douglas must be lovely in that coloring. It seems to be somewhat like Bunkwa in coloring and that is one of my favorites among the Chugais. My plant came originally from Fruitland Nursery but I believe they no longer list Chugais.

The Chugais are certainly variable. Two listed as white with purple variegations are purple selfs with me. Rowgetsu only occasionally sports a pink blossom but is nearly all variegated. Howraku has some self colored blossoms and some striped. And so it goes. But they are all interesting. I do hope you will have some ready by fall. I sometimes get quite small plants from Mr. Hofman (by express) and they come through nicely.

Sincerely,  
Leila B. Stapleton

22 September 1958

Mrs. R. C. Stapleton,  
1681 Bird Street  
Orville, California

Dear Mrs. Stapleton:

Thank you for your order and check. We can supply as listed at the bottom of this letter.

I donot have propagated plants of Ember, and am suggesting that you let me send Polar Sea, as the plants are larger than those of Wildfire, but you will have time to change that if you wish.

I can let you have good plants of what I have as:

Heiwa- no-hikari ----- 3 season size.  
Kaigetsu " "

with the understanding that if they bloom with solid color, which is more likely to be the case with Kaigetsu, than the other, you will let me send others, that I will match and see this spring when they flower. My stock came to me from USDA, but even that will not stop sporting!

I should also like to give you the plant of Rowgetsu that I had in the greenhouse last winter, which had only white flowers with colored margins, but which threw one almost solid pink flower outside this summer! The margined form is very beautiful.

Now, the 64-0000 question, about inspection in California. Last season, I sent as gifts to two old gentlemen, old friends of mine, a crate of stuff, and they were informed by air when it left, RR Express, but when they called the office, report came - nothing here. It turned up later, and the inspector in Oakland whom they claimed to know personally was a little stuffy about the whole thing.

Every shipment has on it now, two tags, one the regular state tag, and one for USDA coverage of White Fringed beetle and Fire Ant. We have neither. The whole nursery area has been treated by the State man with Dieldrin which is the required treatment. The last week, the local man came and again looked over the whole nursery area to see what he might find, and found nothing. Is there anything more that we can or should do to make sure that your box, will come to you without delay? I'm sorry to bother you with this, but it may save the plants delays?

Cordially,

B.Y. Morrison

1 each - 3 seasons size Fashion and Mary Margaret  
1 each - 2 seasons size, Refrain and Polar Sea.

Chugais as above



1681 Bird St.  
Oroville, Cal.  
Sept. 26; 1958

Mr. E.Y. Morrison  
Pass Christian Nurseries  
Pass Christian, Miss.

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Thanks for your letter of explanation in regard to my azalea order. I have never had any trouble with inspection of plants here. Of course it is a small community and I imagine the agent gets around quickly. As a matter of fact the express agent on one occasion brought down a shipment before it had been inspected with the explanation that it was a week end and he did not want to keep the plants in the station too long. I was instructed not to do any planting but only to open up the plants until they had been inspected. However, I do know that Cal. inspection has caused trouble on occasions and some nurseries will not ship plants into Cal.

Now about my order. I shall be glad to receive the two plants of the Chugais and if they do bloom with solid colors will let you know. As for the gift of Rowgetsu, I shall be delighted to accept that. It sounds wonderful to me. I have two plants of Rowgetsu but both have variously variegated flowers. No whites with colored margins.

Here is the complete order:

1 Fashion	3 seasons size	\$2.50
1. Mary Margaret	"	\$2.50
1 Refrain	2 seasons size	\$1.50
1 Polar Sea	"	\$1.50
1. Heiwa -no- hikari	3 seasons size	\$2.50
1. Kaigetsu	"	\$2.50
1 Rowgetsu		

Packed  
9/29/58  
1 Crate  
5 large azaleas  
2 small "

I expect to be going out of town about Oct. 15 so would like to receive the order before then if possible. If not, then please delay it until the last of the month. Am enclosing a check for \$3.00 for balance of order.

We are about to undergo the ordeal of house painting and since some of my azaleas are foundation plants I fear for their safety. However, I shall be on the job to watch.

Sincerely,

Laila B. Stapleton

Shipped one crate  
RR 4/26/58  
9/20/58



MRS. R. G. STAPLETON  
1651 BIRD STREET  
OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Oct. 12, 1958

Dear Mr. Morrison,

The shipment of azaleas reached me this last week. The plants arrived in good condition with the exception of Fashion which was rather dry. I soaked it well, however, and think it will pull through O.K.

The plant of *Rouget-su* was such a nice one. I had not expected it to be so large and will look forward to its blooming next May. Many thanks for it.

We are still having unseasonably warm weather. It is fine

for our paint job on the house  
but not so good for the country  
at large. A good rain would  
please every one.

Sincerely,

Leila B. Stapleton.

1681 Bird St.  
Oroville, Cal.  
May 27, 1959

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Your letter was received some two weeks ago but this seems to be the first good opportunity I have had to answer it. You must have been very tired after your trip to Washington. I question whether there were any undeserved honors or monies either. With all the help in the world there is always the moving spirit who sparks any project and yours was that spirit.

Thanks for your appraisal of the azalea plant Miyuno - no-suki. I find that on the tag on the plant the name is spelled Miyuno-no-suki, not quite as far off as the name in Mr. Lee's book. My plant had been cut back but is branching out well and I shall be curious to see what the blossoms look like. It seems to be of vigorous growth.

Speaking of vigor, you asked me one time why I grew the Glenn Dales when I could grow Indicas. My answer was that it was partly because of their vigor. Today, I checked the growth of some of the plants. Fantasy is six feet tall, Copperman five feet, Anchorite five feet, Radiance four feet etc. All of these are of more than the estimated height and have been planted only a few years. Others are of about the height suggested. Perhaps climate has something to do with it.

My older plants of Rowgetsu have been in bloom ever since I wrote you last. At least they are the plants received from Mr. Hohman as Rowgetsu. (Now I find they are not Rowgetsu at all. They are identical with a small plant of Koyokoku which bloomed this year. That accounts for the supposed difference of basic color. Apparently the only plant of Rowgetsu I have is the one you sent me with white base and rose margin. It is growing nicely.

There are a number of Chugais I should like to have this fall and I am enclosing a list of these. When you have time will you tag as many of these as you have so that I can get them in the fall. There will probably be a few Glenn Dales also on the list later. Some of the Chugai azaleas I have already, others are new ones.

You suggested my not-Mary Margaret might be Noreen. That is doubtful because of its manner of growth, very upright. Of course it could be a Gable hybrid but it looks more like a Glenn Dale. But the dealer from whom I purchased it carries Gables also, though none that answer the description of this plant. Next year I will observe the plant more carefully and try to identify it.

I hope Moriya does work out an English catalogue for azaleas and that you will have an opportunity to check it. It would probably simplify your project on *satsulis* considerably. I certainly do not consider your project difficult. It just looks tremendous to me. But fascinating. You had me stumped on the word Romaaji --had to look it up. I am glad you explained the word date. It just seemed outlandish as it is used in the descriptions. Mr. Hohman has mentioned two other of the new introductions, Hi-casa and Ama-casa, both of which he praises.

My last azalea <sup>(Shin-sai)</sup> came into bloom today. Not too thrilling but at any rate different.

Sincerely,

Deila B. Stapleton



Mrs. R. G. Stapleton  
1681 Bird St.  
Groville, Cal.

Chugai azaleas desired.

Hatsu-gasumi

~~Howzen~~ — do not have

Kagetsu

Otome

Rowgetsu — 3 available

Shin-sei

Shin-un

Tama-giku

Others not. 6/5/59

1681 Bird St.  
Groville, Cal.  
Nov. 19, 1959

Mr. B.Y. Morrison  
Rt. 1 Box 24  
Pass Christian, Miss.

Dear Mr. Morrison:

The shipment of azaleas arrived in town Monday afternoon, was inspected that evening and delivered to me on Tuesday morning. They were in excellent condition and were planted immediately. Even little Shin-un looked fine. So it would seem that you need not worry over shipping plants to this locality. I have an idea the extra wrapping helped a good deal. The agent here is very accomodating and gets any plants to me as soon as possible. A couple of the plants were carrying blossoms so apparently you get fall bloom on some. Thanks for the extra care on the plants.

You suggested that I might send you a few notes of material for the Magazine. I am not at all sure that what I am enclosing will suit your purpose. But it occurred to me that there has been little or nothing in regard to the Rutherford Hybrids out of doors. I think very highly of them and have grown many of them for 15 or 20 years. Have lost only two and believe that was due to insufficient water rather than frost.

Please feel free to cut as much as you like from the notes or chuck the whole thing if it does not answer.

I am sorry that you did not get as good results as you would like with your seedlings. Are the first blooms always typical? As for your import, I suppose the dealer wants to make more profit but how do you know you will like what he is sending? If you could select them in person it would be a different matter.

We have had no frost as yet but what is more important very little rain. We need it badly although there is no scarcity of water in our irrigation systems. Probably when the rain does come we 'll get a deluge. Sasanqua camellias are in full bloom with a few seedlings to furnish interest. Good thing we have some flowers since the waxwings and the robins have stripped the pyracantha bushes.

Sincerely

*Leila B. Stapleton*

*dis 11/22/59*

*Mrs H Lee*



1681 Bird St.  
Oroville, Cal.  
June 10, 1960

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Thanks for your prompt reply to my letter with the information in regard to the Gumpo group of azaleas. My plants were still in bloom so I gave them further study. Whether or not I have the true Gumpo white they are good plants and have layered tremendously. No sign of color on any, however. The two plants I have as Gumpo Variegated and Gumpo pink seem to be identical and I believe they are. Izayoi may not belong with the Gumpos but grows like them so can stay with the others. Some day I hope to get other Gumpos. This fall I will include a white Gumpo with my order and can then compare it with what I have.

Over the Memorial Day week end we had three small granddaughters with us while their parents drove up to our mountain cabin to open the place up for the summer. It is at an elevation of over 5000 and the snow stays late in spring. With the little girls here there was little gardening done. Their visit was followed by a terrific heat wave which lasted for a week. A little new growth on the azaleas was singed slightly but no real damage done. It is only this week, however, that I have begun to take cuttings, a few of my own, but mostly for two daughters who have gardens of their own. Strangely enough out of a list of twenty apiece there was only one duplication. Both daughters are azalea enthusiasts although one lives in Santa Barbara where the climate is equable but the soil and water strongly alkaline. With persistence, however, she is getting a nice collection of azaleas.

You mentioned the tendency of the Satsudis to sport. This year for the first time on Johga plants (2) I have had a pink sport which I liked well enough to propagate. Have had the plants for several years but this is the first tendency to sport. I have never had a sport on Mai-hime although it is an old plant, just the Tyrian rose with darker spots. But Ukurokuju which has always been white with just a dash of color has had two or three blossoms with much more color, one blossom reminding me strongly of Helen Fox. Kowkoku had one whole branch of salmon pink blossoms. Tama-giku has all sorts of variations and is one of the last to bloom.

I had a note from Mr. James of the James Rare Plant Nursery that he had for sale this year a sport from Hexe that had much more yellow in the blossom. I do not know whether or not it was a sport he had grown or whether it came from some wholesale source. I think I will get a plant later to compare with one I have and have never been able to identify but which I call Orange Hexe because it is so identical with Hexe except in color.

By the way the prints from Washington of the Rutherfordianas have not shown up as yet. You told me to let you know if they did not arrive soon.

I hope your house partner came from the doctor's with a better report than you seemed to fear might be the case. It is enough to be overwhelmed with work without adding ill health.

It is past my bedtime so will say goodnight.

Sincerely

Leila B. Stapleton



1681 Bird St.  
Oroville, Cal.  
Nov. 4, 1961

Dear Mr. Morrison:

In the spring I sent you a small order for some low growing Glenn Dale azaleas and you asked me to wait until fall for shipment. Now I find that I have mislaid my list and anyway you did not have all the ones I wanted. So I am writing to ask that you send me a few plants (up to twelve dollars or so) of your choice. I am enclosing a copy of my collection so that you will not duplicate the list of those I have.

I should like to have plants which will not exceed three feet in height at maturity. Less would be preferable. They need not be restricted to Glenn Dales but could be any evergreen types.

I am assuming that you are still in the shipping business but of course do not know.

I am enclosing a note on my experience with *Iris danfordiae* which may or may not be of use to you. I like it much better than *reticulata*.

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Sincerely,

*Lila B. Stapleton*

Kurumes	Belgian Indies		
Algeria	Albert & Elizabeth (P)	Ambrosia	Helen Gunning
Alzina (2)	Avenir (2)	Anchorite	Janet Hayes
Appleblossom	Blushing Bride (3)	Aphrodite (3)	Jongleur (2)
Avalanche (3)	Daybreak (3)	Astec	Louise Dowdle
Blood of China	Daybreak Sport	Beacon	Loveliness
Bridesmaid	Dr. Bergman (2)	Brevure	Joya
Candlelight	Etoile de Belgique (3)	Buccaneer (2)	Madrigal
Carminata Splendens	Eureka's Everlasting (2)	Carnal (2)	Mary Margaret
Christmas Cheer	Hollandia (2)	Cavalier	Mayflower (2)
Coral Bells (3)	Jean Beervens	Cinderella	Melanie
Coral Bells orange	L.C. Bobbink	Con Amore	Merissa
Diable	Loveliness	Copperman	Magava
Firebird (3)	Miss Cottage Gardens (2)	Cocquette	Oracle
Flamingo	Mrs. Sanders	Coralie	Peerless
Geisha (2)	Mrs. J. Vervane	Crinoline	Picador
Giddyama	Ochidiflora (3)	Cygnat	Polar Sea (2)
Goldsworth Red (2)	Paul Schame	Dazzler	Portent
Hatsushima	Paul Schame fris. (2)	Dayspring	Prosperity
Havatha	Pink Pearl (2)	Delos	Radiance
Hime-kagari	Prof. Walters (2)	Driven Snow	Red Robe
Hinodegiri	Snowdrift	Ember	Refrain (2)
Hino-crimson	Sweet Sixteen (2)	Elizabeth	Revery
Hinomayo	Van Lingham	Enchantment	Rose Ash
Ho-oden (2)	Verveanama alba (2)	Eros	Samite
Kagavibi	Verveanama coral (2)	Fantasy	Sagittarius (2)
Kintaiyo (2)	Verveanama rosea (2)	Fashion (2)	Sarabande
Kamoi	Weaver's White (2)	Firedance (2)	Snowclad
Lavender Queen (2)	William van Houtte (2)	Folly	Souvenir
Orange Beauty	William van Orange	Fountain	Stardust
Princess (2)	Wolfs White	Freedom	Starling
Peachblow		Gaiety	Susannah
Pink Pearl (2)	South. Ind.	Glacier	Suzanne
Pink Perfection	Distinction	Glamour (2)	Swansong
Ranking (Hing-po)	Felder's White (2)	Gorgeous	Treasure
Red Ruffles	Geo. L. Taber (2)	Grace Freeman	Wavelet
Salmon Beauty	Iveyama	Greeting (3)	Whirlwind (2)
Salmon Pink	Mrs. Dominique Vervane	Herbinger	Winter (2)
Santoi (2)	Marie Louise	Helen Close (2)	Wildfire
Sherwoodi	Perfection	Helen Fox	
Shimmer (3)	Praestantissima (2)		
Singing Fountain (2)		Rutherford Hys.	
Snow (4)	Micron. & Hys.	Alaska	Mother of Pearl (2)
Surprise	Ledifolia alba (2)	Albion	Mrs. A.M. Mueller
Sweetthrier	Ledifolia rosea (3)	Colorado?	Orange King
Torch (2)	Bells of Arcady (2)	Dorothy Gish	Pink Beauty (2)
Ward's Ruby (3)	Darling of the Gods (3)	Delight (3)	Pink Ruffles (3)
Wooddove	Lady Lilac	Early Wonder	Purity
Yaeshofu	Milacina	Firelight (2)	Rhapsody (3)
Ynygiri	Magnifica	Giant	Rose Queen (2)
	Snowbird (2)	J.N.W. Farland (2)	Salmon Perfection
		L.J. Bobbink (3)	Salmon Glow
Sander Hys.		Mary Corcoran (2)	Snow Queen
Hexe (5)	Brooks Hys.	Constance	
Hexe orange (2)	Brilliance (2)		
Vivid (3)	Cardinal		
	Ecstasy		
	Grandeur		
Chis. Mer. Hys.	944	Miss. Hristov Hys.	
Coral Cluster	Red Wing (2)	Desert Rose	Baby Jill
Coral Sea	Rival	Easter Bonnet	<del>Rose Parade</del>
Pascination	Salmon Single	Princess Caroline	White One 100
		Easter Parade	Sun Valley



## Gaugai Hys.

Adzuma-no-hana  
 Rinkwa (2)  
 Silkwan  
 Eiten  
 Fugi-no-koshi  
 Fukurokufu  
 Fukurokufu sport  
 Gunbi  
 Gunrei (2)  
 Gunesi  
 Gyokushin  
 Hatsu-gasumi  
 Heiwa-no-hikari  
 Houraku (4)  
 Jindai  
 Johga (2)  
 Johga sport  
 Kagetsu (3)  
 Keigetsu (3)  
 Keisetsu

## Pericat's sp.

Hampton Rose  
 Mrs. Pericat (2)  
 Melba (2)  
 Pericat Salm. Pink  
 Twenty Grand (2)  
 Sweetheart S.

## Gable Hys.

Boudoir  
 Cameo  
 Caroline Gable  
 Elizabeth Gable  
 Gable's Scarlet  
 La Indere  
 (2)

## Satsuids

Ana-gasa  
 Beni-kirishima  
 Fiesta  
 Firmeant (3)  
 Flame Creeper (2)  
 Good Times (3)  
 Hakatahiro (6)  
 Hi-gasa  
 Isayoi (2)  
 J.T. Lovett  
 Macrantha db.  
 Macrantha orange  
 Miyuno-no-suid  
 Osakesuid  
 Rosaflova (6)  
 Sakura-gari  
 Serajini (2)  
 Sho-ous (2)  
 Shoshye-no-hana  
 Summer Sun (2)  
 Valo  
 Wakamatsu  
 Waragishi

## Eriocaryum

White Gampo  
 Pink Gampo (2)  
 Fancy Gampo (2)

## Kempferi Hys

Kempferi (2)  
 Addy Mary  
 Pink Treasure  
 Roberta

## Miscellaneous

Arnoldiana (2)  
 Altsclarense (3)  
 Calendulacea (2)  
 Endury Hys. (2)  
 H.F. Rums  
 Knephill (9)  
 Life  
 Nellis (8)  
 Occidentalis (2)  
 Soryyllifolium album  
 Tschonosid