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ELIZABETH BEEBE

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## Our Resolution

We shall try to begin this 1954 with as clean a slate as possible. This means picking up some loose ends for we confess to the weakness of thinking of things we should have done immediately *after* an issue has gone to press.

1. We should have noted in the December number that Jean May, namesake of our cover flower, is now Mrs. Jack Colbert and the original picture of her included her young son. He accounts for her estatic expression.

2. Our other girl of December, Marjorie Townsend, is the elder daughter of Ronald Townsend, the Superintendent of the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery. Marjorie, we might add, has had a keen interest in the prospective picture of "her flower," and the winsomeness of the Camellia Marjorie Townsend is a happy reflection of her own bright self.

3. Still adding to our omissions, we discover that by some chance we placed Mr. Sam Harn in Georgia when of course everyone knows he lives in Gainesville, Florida.

4 And lastly, as speakers say much to the relief of their audiences, the heading of "New Members" over the roster of members of the S.C.C.S. was misleading as of course, many renewals were included. We have been publishing the names as both new members joined and old members renewed, so that by spring a complete list of members would be easily available.

There! We hope all loose ends are now gathered together.

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## No Excuse Now for Ignorance

News and rumors are flying madly about concerning the much-heralded

new Nomenclature Book: its good articles on Camellia culture; its checked and re-checked classification of species and varieties of Camellias running into the thousands; the fact (reiterated by our Treasurer) that only paid-up members will receive a copy automatically; its advance orders including one for 300 copies from Mr. Frank Griffin, publisher of the Camellian; its 10,000 copies that are being printed and taking two and one half tons of paper to do the job. Finally, we know that Mr. William Woodroof and Mr. Ronald Townsend will be among those relieved when the publication is finally off the press. It all is a wonderful undertaking and an achievement that the Society should be mighty proud to sponsor.

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## No More Seeds

Not a Camellia seed remains! Not a single seed from all the hundreds and hundreds that were gathered from the Huntington Camellia Garden and sold through the Society. We do hope that some of the individuals who are experimenting with these seeds will keep records so that a year or two from now they can write us of the results.

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## How Appropriate!

Did you note that one of our members, David L. Feathers, lives on Camellia Lane in Lafayette, California? Sounds very appropriate and intriguing. How did it happen to receive its name, Mr. Feathers, or did you name it? And how many Camellias grow in Camellia Lane? Could almost make a song of it.

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## Author in Our Midst

Congratulations and the finest Camellia of the New Year to Elizabeth Councilman who announces that her book "Two Cats and Forty Cam-

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## NEW HYBRID CAMELLIA

By RALPH PEER



The C. Williamsii Francis Hanger

Courtesy J. E. Downward

Last spring, the Royal Horticultural Society granted an Award of Merit to the C. Williamsii "Francis Hanger" which resulted from artificial pollination experiments carried on by Mr. Francis Hanger, now the Curator of the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens at Wisley, Surrey, England. The crossing of the japonica "alba simplex" with the species saluenensis was accomplished at Exbury, the famous gardens belonging to Edmond de Rothschild, located not far from Southampton, England. The seeds developed in the Fall of 1946, and were sown in November of that year. The seedlings were grown under glass, but did not flower until the winter of 1950-51. From this lot, Mr. Hanger obtained one plant bearing excellent white flowers, which was eventually named *Francis Hanger*.

The Williamsii hybrid camellias (crosses of japonica with saluenensis) developed up to this time have not been large flowered, but the delicate blossoms are most satisfactory. One peculiarity is that when the flower wilts it promptly falls from the plant.

One specimen of *Francis Hanger* is now growing at Park Hill, but has not yet blossomed. In 1955, I hope to be able to distribute scions to any nurseries interested in propagating this new camellia.



























































