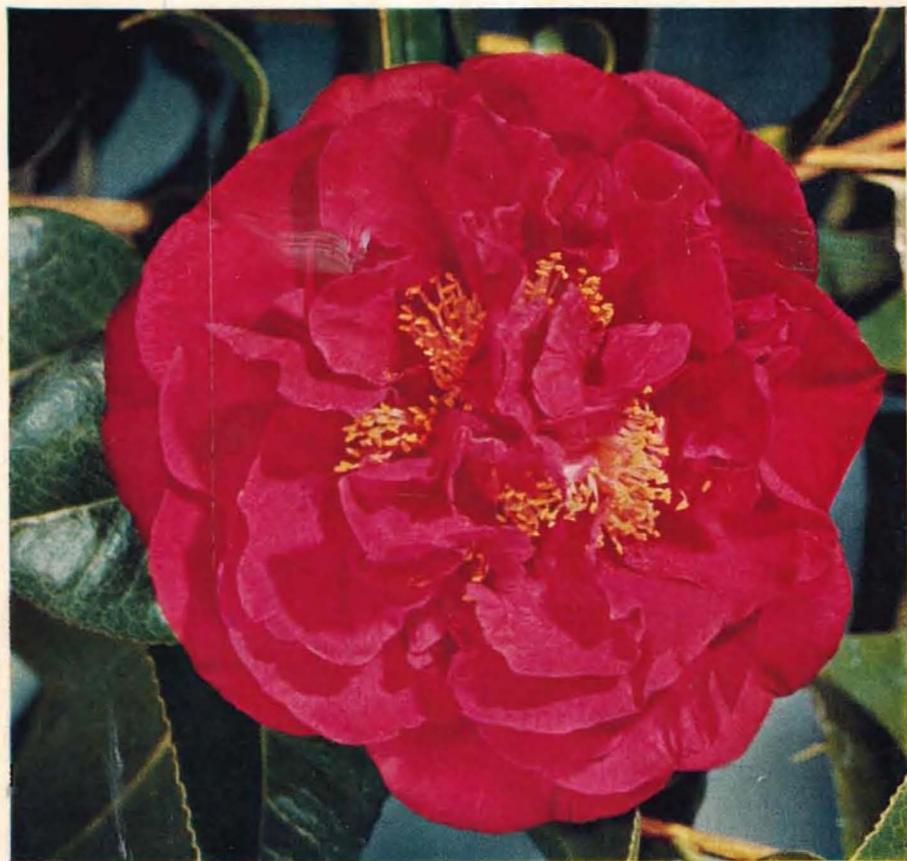


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The "C" Holidays

"C" is for Christmas, Camellias and Cheer. Well, even without a jouncy little jingle the same "C" is an important letter this month above all others. For this is the "C" month of Cakes and Cookies (be Careful with Calories) Cocktails (Sip lightly) and Canapes, Carols (sing sweetly) and Candy, Cherries and Cranberry sauce (and Turkey). But nearest to the One who is Christmas, are the Camellias with their appeal to our sense of peace and beauty; stars without rocket heads; lights in our lives that explode only into warmth and friendship between grower and plant, giver and receiver. Thanksgiving and Christmas should come together, for thankful we are for the Camellia that has helped us toward Merry Christmasses.

Seeds Away

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry.

Our seeds are vanishing. Beyond all expectation, the SCCS Garden Committee reports that orders for Group One (seeds from selected varieties) depleted the supply in short order.

However, there are still seeds available from the common varieties. But, don't forget, all the seeds come from Huntington Garden plants and how, we enquire, can any camellias raised under the conditions of the best camellia cultural knowledge and the beauty of the Huntington Gardens be called "common"? We can only repeat — Hurry, hurry, hurry with your order to avoid disappointment. See page 25 for definite information as to procedure.

Camellias + Cows = Trees

Like old Diogenes with his lantern looking for an honest man, we have armed ourselves with notebook and pencil and accosted friends trying to

track down some real camellia trees in this area. To our oft-repeated question, Ronald Townsend, who in his civic capacity and years in Southern California knows the local camellias well, answered, "No, not here." However he recalled that when he was doing landscape architecture in Louisiana he had at various times found camellia trees out in open fields. Yes, trees with regulation trunks. "No," said Mr. T., "They didn't grow that way by themselves. Cows kept eating off the lower branches and leaves and all the camellias could do was to grow on up — into trees." This information did not do us much good because around here milk comes from cartons and camellias lack cows, but it was interesting anyhow. Do you have a camellia tree story?

Warm Sun, Please

We were pleasingly struck by the fact that in one way we are definitely like *sasanquas*. Marjorie Sample, who is doing real pioneer experimentation with outdoor propagation of camellias in Long Island, reports that as the weather grows colder the flowers become smaller and pinker and finally stop altogether. Yes sir — just our reaction exactly. It's the warm weather that makes us perk up, too.

Do You Know?

The SCCS has a member who is interested in getting hold of early knowledge of specific varieties of camellias. If you know the origin of some of our well established favorites or know where our researcher can find it, would you be kind enough to drop us a card? It will be appreciated.

Petal Pudding Perhaps?

We were intrigued recently to learn of a new type of standard for judging roses. This is known as the "Proof of the Pudding" report as described by John Threlkeld, Superintendent of the Descanso Gardens.

Although this is no official award, a rose must prove itself to be in-

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Merry Christmas



**May your holidays as well as your doors be
wreathed with bright camellias.**

