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THE COVER FLOWER

C. sasanqua "Chansonette"

The lovely bright pink flower shown on the cover is the Ralph Peer Sasanqua Award Winner "Chansonette." This flower, judged as one of the finest seedlings, is bound to be a favorite in its field.

The flowers are described as being formal double, fully imbricated, with 45 to 50 petals, varying in size from 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and one inch or more in depth. The rosebud center never opens. The petals become ruffled or fluted, after the flower has been open a day or two. The color is bright, strong pink, something like the seed parent, Shishi-gashira. The flowers last well, usually from 5 to 7 days, as the petals do not shatter easily. Blooming period is normally October through December.

"Chansonette" will be introduced to commerce on the Pacific Coast by Nuccio's Nurseries in the fall of 1960. This fine nursery is propagating it in quantity numbers now.