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THE COVER FLOWER

C. Japonica 'Ville de Nantes'

This month's cover flower needs no introduction. 'Ville de Nantes' has been with us for over 60 years and is still one of the most popular varieties in many gardens. We would be jubilant if we could bring forth a new seedling that would match it. It doesn't grow large in Southern California and doesn't win many show awards here. It stands out in a garden, however, as a beacon.

NEW CAMELLIA NOMENCLATURE BOOK

There will be a new edition of CAMELLIA NOMENCLATURE for 1972. Bill Woodroof, the book's Editor, has announced that copy for the new edition will close September 1, 1971. This means that two types of situations should have attention prior to that date. First, new varieties should be registered with the American Camellia Society. This is the normal channel through which Mr. Woodroof receives knowledge of new varieties. Second, and very important, Mr. Woodroof should be told of varieties that should be reclassified according to size. This is very important because of the increasing practice in camellia shows of having separate Classes for large and medium blooms. Miniature blooms also outgrow their original classification and should be listed as small. Mr. Woodroof would prefer that request for reclassification come from the variety's originator who registered the variety, although his desire for correct classification is such that he would be glad to hear from others. His address is 4117 Davana Road, Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91403.