

9248 to 9267. NELUMBium SPECIOSUM.

Lotus.

From Tokyo, Japan. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 1039, August, 1902), January 6, 1903.

"A collection of pot lotuses for cultivation under water in large shallow pots of 2 feet in diameter and a foot deep. These plants are from a noted lotus grower in Tokyo, who claims to have hundreds of varieties and whose lotus show in late August is said to be unusually fine. The rhizomes of these pot lotuses are kept in a cool place over winter and in spring set out in 6 to 8 inches of rich mud at the bottom of the pots, which are kept filled to within an inch of the brim with water. The second year these rhizomes should bloom and produce a beautiful show of flowers. Judging from water-color sketches, which I saw in the Tokyo Botanic Gardens, the variety of form and color among these lotuses must be something quite unusual. All shades of pink, yellow, and green, and many variegated forms were represented. The pots should never be allowed to dry out, but the mud must be kept continually covered with water. The varieties are as follows." (*Fairchild.*)

9248.	<i>Inazuma.</i>	9258.	<i>Tenjiku ten.</i>
9249.	<i>Shiro Shakuyaku.</i>	9259.	<i>Hakubotan.</i>
9250.	<i>Beni botan.</i>	9260.	<i>Usayo.</i>
9251.	<i>Sakuraden.</i>	9261.	<i>Shokan.</i>
9252.	<i>Kayo.</i>	9262.	<i>Giostan.</i>
9253.	<i>Tokaden.</i>	9263.	<i>Nankin kuchibin.</i>
9254.	<i>Kinshi.</i>	9264.	<i>Ashimaru.</i>
9255.	<i>Nishikilen.</i>	9265.	<i>Miyago.</i>
9256.	<i>Mangitsu.</i>	9266.	<i>Beni Tinshi.</i>
9257.	<i>Itten kobai.</i>	9267.	<i>Tamausagi.</i>

9268. CITRUS BIGARADIA?

Bitter orange.

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Natsu Mikan or *Natsu Shiro*. "An especially fine variety of the bitter orange. This is a remarkable fruit and worthy the serious attention of citrus growers. It is not of such fine flavor as our pomelo, but still is sufficiently palatable to serve the same purpose, and it matures at a different time of the year. *This fruit is common on the market from April until the middle of August* in Japan and, although in August it is a poor fruit, it still serves very well as a morning appetizer. This is the commonest, often the only citrus fruit to be seen on the Japanese markets in July, and I judge the number of tons consumed every year is very large. The tree is said to be a vigorous-growing one and a good bearer. This variety is also one of the hardiest citrus sorts in Japan, withstanding a temperature of + 12° F. on the west