



A HANDSOME CHINESE PRIMROSE (*PRIMULA SINOPURPUREA* BALF. F.; S. P. I. No. 55899)

Because of its vigor and free-flowering habit in the high mountains of western China, where it is native, this primrose seems likely to be more satisfactory in cultivation than other members of the "nivalis" section of the genus, to which this species belongs. It was found by J. F. Rock in boggy meadows on the Likiang Snow Range in northern Yunnan at an altitude of 12,000 feet. The plant grows to a height of about 3 feet, and the flower stalks and lower surfaces of the thick dark-green leaves are covered with golden meal. In May the rich rosy purple, fragrant flowers, each about an inch in diameter, are produced in clusters of 6 to 12 or more. (Photographed by J. F. Rock, Yunnan, China, May, 1922; P30216FS)