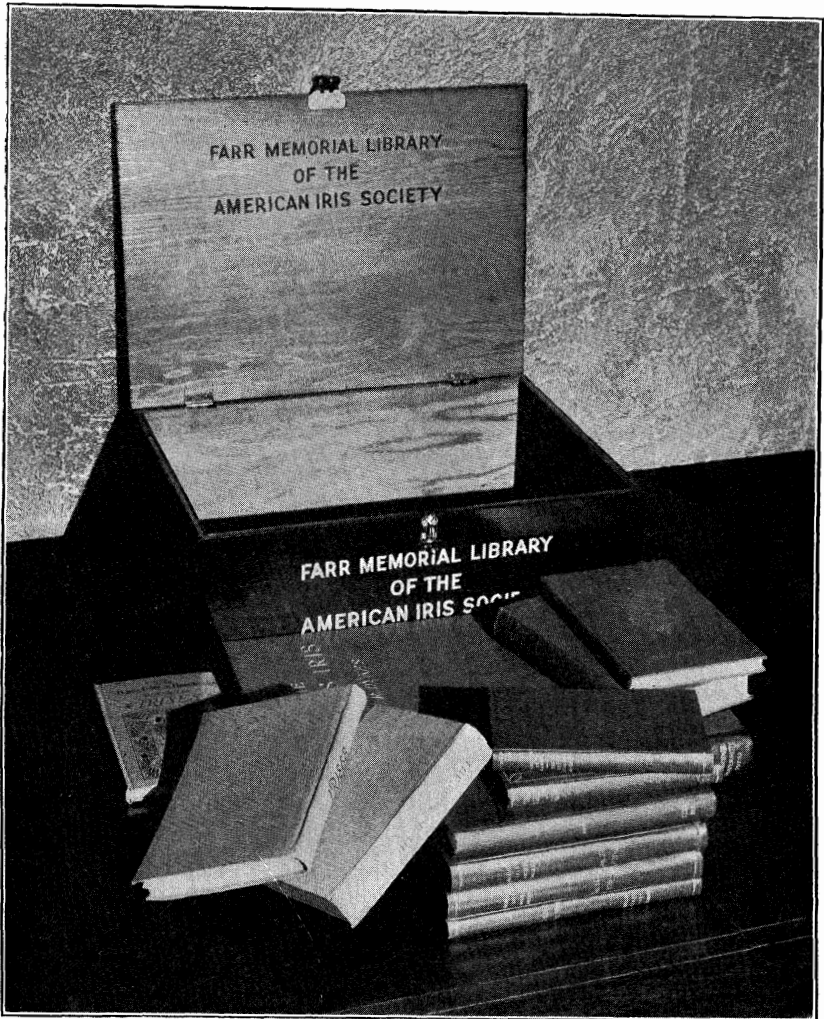


THE FARR MEMORIAL

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In February, 1928, the Directors of the American Iris Society decided that the Society's memorial to the late Bertrand H. Farr should take the form of one or more traveling libraries, containing



a selection of the best books and pamphlets on Iris. These libraries were designed for the use of organizations and individuals in all parts of the country.

Subscriptions to this Farr Memorial Fund were liberally contributed by members of the Society and others whose gardens have been made more lovely by the presence in them of Iris created by Mr. Farr. At the present writing (late November) the fund is close to \$900, and several generous members are just awaiting this report before they follow the impulse to make the sum a round thousand dollars.

The necessary books and pamphlets have been purchased and the boxes for shipping the libraries built, as will be seen in the accompanying illustration. The residue of the fund will be held in a Special Interest Account, the accruing interest being used for additions to the libraries and their general upkeep. This Farr Memorial, thanks to the generosity of our members and friends, will be self-contained and self-supporting.

THE BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The Farr Memorial Library consists of a strong shipping box in which are neatly packed the following:

- The Genus Iris—W. R. Dykes.
- A Handbook of Garden Irises—W. R. Dykes.
- Irises—W. R. Dykes.
- Bulbous Irises—Sir Michael Foster.
- A Book of the Iris—R. I. Lynch.
- Les Iris dans les Jardins—Correvoon et Masse.
- The Iris—John C. Wister.
- Iris In The Little Garden—Ella Porter McKinney.
- Irises—F. F. Rockwell.
- The Iris—Walter Stager.
- Addisonia, December 1924 and March 1927.
- Bearded Iris and A Study of the Pogoniris Varieties—A. B. Sand.
- Bulletins of the American Iris Society—Nos. 1 to 29.
- Bulletins of The Iris Society (England), Nos. 1-5.
- Garden Irises—B. Y. Morrison—Farmer's Bulletin 1406.
- 1 package of Membership Applications for the American Iris Society.

While these volumes do not exhaust all the available literature on the Iris, they are the books necessary to that thorough working knowledge which is desirable for intelligent gardeners and garden clubs. They have been so selected as to meet the needs of the beginner, the sophisticated Iris devotee and the botanist alike. The Committee suggests that the volumes be classified in interest as follows:

For the Veriest Iris Beginner—

American Iris Society Bulletins Nos. 10, 11 and 28.

The Iris—John C. Wister.

Irises—W. R. Dykes.

Irises—F. F. Rockwell.

Iris In The Little Garden—Ella Porter McKinney.

For the Iris Devotee and the Botanically Inclined—

The Genus Iris—W. R. Dykes.

Handbook of Garden Iris—W. R. Dykes.

A Book of the Iris—R. I. Lynch.

Addisonia.

Bulbous Iris—Sir Michael Foster.

Bearded Iris and Pogoniris Varieties—A. B. Sand.

HOW TO OBTAIN THE FARR LIBRARY

For the convenience of distribution the Committee has divided the country into three sections, furnishing one complete traveling library to each.

(1) The Atlantic Seaboard and west to the Alleghenies. The library for this section will be deposited with the Horticultural Society of New York and be distributed from its offices. Clubs and members desiring use of this library can make application for it to Mrs. Elizabeth Peterson, Horticultural Society of New York, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City.

(2) The Middle States—from the Alleghenies to the Rockies. The library for this section will be deposited with the Missouri Botanical Garden. Application for its use should be sent to Miss Katherine H. Leigh, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Missouri.

(3) The Pacific Coast library is in charge of Sydney B. Mitchell, School of Librarianship, the University of California, Berkeley, Calif., and individuals or clubs in this district desiring to use it should make application to Mr. Mitchell.

The procedure for obtaining this library will be as follows:

(1) Written application for the use of the library is sent to the sectional custodian. The privileges will be extended in the order the applications are received.

(2) The box containing the library is then sent by express to the officer representing the club. It will be necessary for the club to pay express charges both ways—both from and to the custodian. Beyond this expense for expressage the use of the library is without charge.

(3) When the box is shipped the custodian will mail to the officer the key to the lock. This is to be returned to the custodian

when the box is returned. Heavy linen envelopes will be provided for this purpose.

(4) The allotted time having expired, the officer of the club will check up the contents of the box with the list that is attached to the inside lid, lock it, express the box to the sectional custodian and mail him the key.

Note: Since there is a heavy demand for the use of these libraries, it will be necessary to restrict the time they may be held by a club to one month. For the present the use of these libraries can be extended only to clubs.

HOW TO USE THE LIBRARY

In addition to the suggestion of which books will interest the beginner and which the sophisticated devotee and botanist, the Committee suggests that the societies using these libraries will make an event of their arrival: devote one meeting to the discussion of Irises. This might profitably be done after the members have had an opportunity to read the books.

It is suggested that garden clubs contemplating the use of the Farr Memorial Library also avail themselves of the lantern slides of the American Iris Society for their Iris meeting. These slides are a comprehensive collection which is being constantly augmented. Application for them should be sent to Samuel L. Earle, 1223 Mazuma Ave., Birmingham, Ala. The charge for their use is \$10, the recipient club paying the expressage.

It is also hoped that on this occasion some member may explain to the club what the American Iris Society is doing for its members and for the furtherance of Iris culture in America. These facts will be found on the membership cards contained in each library and on page 3 of the BULLETIN No. 26.

It would also be considered a pleasant courtesy if the secretary of each garden club enjoying the benefits and privileges of the Farr Memorial Library should send a list of the names and addresses of its members to our Secretary, J. B. Wallace, 129 Church Street, New Haven, Conn.

In offering this valuable library of Iris lore to American Gardeners, the American Iris Society feels that in a unique way it is carrying on the aspirations of him in whose memory it has been established. "Iris everywhere and better Iris every year" was the ideal of Bertrand H. Farr. May it find abundant accomplishment in our gardens.

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