List of Plants
Mentioned by Mrs. Perkins in Her Letters
1895-1904

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Complied by Helen Willis, July 2011

1895 January 23: In the plant room: oranges; allium (with white flowers); Roman hyacinths
1895 April 5: Gesneriana tulips; sweet peas; garden has cut stone that Mrs. Perkins likes
1895 May 12: Tulips; lilies of the valley
1895 May 16: Sweet peas; blue trumpet-like flower that Rose brought from Iowa that Mrs. Perkins doesn’t know the name of
1895 October 20: Has planted tulips and iris for the spring; has cannas in the plant room
1897 May 7: Roses; cherry trees; pear trees; tulips in a three-cornered bed; trilliums; lilacs; violas; polemonium; pansies
1899 April 17: Tulips; penstemon; sweet William
1899 April 21: Hyacinth; tulips; squills; crocuses in the College Garden; spindling hepatica
1899 April 25: Adonis vernalis; hyacinth; yellow viola; hepaticas; wind flowers
1899 May 19: Blue polemonium; gold alyssum
1899 May 30: Irises; lilies of the valley
1899 June 14: Peonies
1899 June 20: Ferns
1899 July 18: Phloxes; dahlias; cannas; zinnias; pink geraniums; salvias; grape vines on the chapel wall; clematis (wild, paniculata, graveolens, jackman); akebia; Virginia creeper; Dutchman’s pipe; variegated creeper; trumpet creeper; ampelopsis; climbing bitter sweet
1899 October 6: Planting tulips before leaving the garden for the winter
1900 February 28: In the plant room: golden narcissus; Chinese primroses; cyclamens; tritelia [trumpet lilies]
1900 March 25: In the plant room: lilac tree; amaryllis; narcissus
1900 May 25: Horse chestnuts
1900 July 3: Heliotrope; rose geranium; white lilies; portulaca; mignonette; salvias; white petunias
1900 July 27: Yellow violas
1900 October 4: Corn flowers; blue lobelias; portulaca; pink gypsophila; salmon queen
1901 May 3: Red tulips; red veronica; white cerastium; irises; star of Bethlehem
1901 May 9: White dog-tooth violets
1901 May 24: Gesneriana tulips; peonies; lilies of the valley; ferns; lilacs; cherry tree (includes an excellent description of the garden)
1901 May 27: Irises
1901 June 4: Irises; pink and red daisies (pyrethrum); red tulips; blue veronica; white cerastium; dahlias; sunflowers; phlox
1901 September 25: Dahlias
1901 October 8: Planting bulbs for next year; gladiolus bulbs
1902 May 8: Ferns; seringa
1902 May 13: Pear tree; pink flowering almond; lilies of the valley; tulips
1902 August 1: Asters; salvias; pinks; lychnis
1902 September 22: In Jackson’s Garden: marigolds; salvias, zinnias; anemones
1902 October 13: Yucca; petunia; hollyhock
1902 October 22: Dahlias; salvias; cosmos
1903 March 12: Red azalea
1904 May 2: Dark red sweet William; Virginia creeper
1904 June 1: Dahlias
1904 June 23: White lilies; blue larkspur
1904 October 13: Bulbs have been potted for next spring