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(31) b. Sat May 1/76 orig list 21 (Deutzia)

—gracile ease - Fri May 7/76 f. first draft

gracilis / roadside

saxifrage S 1

(China - Jap 2

(Lotuses) / anomene? <sup>(2)</sup>(japanned) gray yellow

bark yellowish / gray <sup>(\*)</sup>(3) recurved gracile ^ japanned-gray stems

bells / bells / recurved 4 bow <stems> dewed see your oblong

oblong all / swift 5 ^ leaves<s> (bluest) <(bluish)> green <← [verb]> cities sacks

werent / sloth 6 if rage scent drug <drugged> roadside

sloe slow / lvs oblong 7

narrow / sloe = prunus 8

spinosa

(\*) 1.3 recurved gracile japanned (gray ↓) <(Verb)> yellow stems  
gray

2nd draft (over)

recurved bells

~~bark yellowish gray not shreddy Lvs oblong narrow <2½">~~

(31) Deutzia H.J. Rod. Hud 24 lotuses .. on rococo china 4/21/76

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(31) (Deutzia)

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**Sources**

Taylor, *Taylor's Encyclopedia of Gardening*, **Deutzia**, **Nymphaea**, **Prunus**, **Sloe**  
 Gray, *Gray's Manual of Botany*, **Saxifragaceae** (Saxifrage Family) > **Philadelphus** (Syringa) >  
**Deutzia** (747)

Henry James, *Roderick Hudson*

**Deutzia**

line 1: **Lotus of toy china bells**  
 line 2: **numerous pent amorous white blossoms**  
 line 3: **recurved gracile japanned gray yellow**  
 line 4: **stems dewed see your oblong**  
 line 5: **bluish leaves green cities sacks**  
 line 6: **if rage scent drugged roadsides**  
 line 7: **lotus fruit spin oaths a**  
 line 8: **night amulet hardby white deutzia**

May 1-7/76

line 1: **Lotus of toy china bells**

Henry James, *Roderick Hudson*, Chap. I: It's always lotus-eating, only you sit down at table and the lotuses are served up on rococo china (24).

Taylor, **Nymphaea**. Water lily or pond lily, also called nympea. A genus of herbaceous water plants of about 40 species distributed through tropical and temperate regions of the world, and belonging to the water lily family (Nymphaeaceae). They have beautiful showy flowers in various shades of white, red, pink, yellow, and blue, some species opening only at night but the majority during the day. Leaves roundish, green on the upper side, sometimes purplish on under side, floating, or growing 3-4 in. above the water when crowded. Leafstalk long, thick and flexible, composed of loosely packed tissue, having small air cavities which help the leaves to float. Flowers solitary, on long, cord-like stalks, the calyx of four or more long, green sepals which completely enclose the petals when flower is closed. Then open they lie flat on the water, exposing the petals and stamens, or in some species the flowers stand out of the water. Petals many, arranged in a closely packed spiral, though apparently on the same level, giving the flower a cup-like appearance. Stamens many, with yellow or purplish anthers. Ovary many-chambered, many-seeded, splitting when the seeds are ripe. (Named for Nympha, a Greek and Roman nature goddess.)

**N. Lotus**. Egyptian white lotus. Tropical. Leaves 12-20 in. across, dark green on upper side, brownish on under side. Flowers 5-10 in. across, white with the outer petals pinkish. Sepals green. Opens at night until nearly noon next day. Egypt.

Taylor, **Deutzia** (doot'zi-a). A group of garden shrubs of the first importance, comprising perhaps 50 species, 2 from Mex., all the rest Asiatic, and belonging to the family Saxifragaceae. They have usually hollow twigs and mostly shreddy bark. Leaves opposite, short-stalked and toothed. Flowers mostly in terminal clusters (cymes or panicles), generally white. Calyx with 5 teeth. Petals 5

(more in some double-flowered hort. forms). Stamens 10. Fruit a 3-5-valved capsule, its seeds minute. (Named for Johan van der Deutz, Dutch patron of botany.)

**D. campanulata** {> Campanulate; *i.e.*, bell-shaped} = *Deutzia rosea campanulata* > The var. **rosea campanulata** (often sold as *D. campanulata*) has bell-shaped but white flowers that are nearly 1½ in. wide.

line 2: **numerous pent amorous white blossoms**

Taylor, **Deutzia** {see line 1} > **D. gracilis** {> Slender and graceful}. Much the best known of all the deutzias and a shrub not over 5 ft., usually lower and bushy, its bark not very shreddy and yellowish-gray. Leaves oblong or narrower, 1½-2½ in. long. Flowers very numerous, white, about ¾ in. wide, the clusters loose. Jap. One of the best-known shrubs in cult. and often forced for late winter bloom.

See Taylor, **Nymphaea** line 1.

line 3: **recurved gracile japanned gray yellow**

See Taylor line 2.

line 4: **stems dewed see your oblong**

**dewed see** < *Deutzia*

See Taylor line 2.

line 5: **bluish leaves green cities sacks**

See Taylor, **Nymphaea** line 1.

**sacks / if rage scent** < *Saxifragaceae* (sacks-i-fray-gay'see-ee), see Taylor, **Deutzia** line 1.

line 6: **if rage scent drugged roadsides**

See line 5.

Gray, **FAM. 79 SAXIFRAGACEAE** (Saxifrage Family) > **11. Philadelphus** L. MOCK-ORANGE or "SYRINGA" > Two species of DEUTZIA Thunb. (genus named in 1781 for *Jan van der Deutz*, patron of *Thunberg*), differing from *Philadelphus* in paniculate or paniculate-cymose inflorescences, calyx-teeth, petals and styles 5, stamens mostly only 10, are beginning to spread to thickets and roadsides from cult.: **D. SCABRA** Thunb. (harsh) with stellate-pubescent and scabrous leaves, and **D. GRACILIS** Sieb. & Zucc. (slender), more slender, with essentially glabrous foliage; both introd. from e. Asia (747).

line 7: **lotus fruit spin oaths a**

See Taylor, **Lotus** line 1.

Taylor, **Prunus** > **P. spinosa**. Sloe. Blackthorn {...}. A thorny shrub or small tree, freely suckering at the base, usually less than 12 ft. high. Leaves numerous, small, scarcely over 1½ in. long. Flowers 1 to a cluster, but very numerous, blooming before the leaves unfold, white, about 2/3 in. wide. Fruit nearly round, about ¾ in. in diameter, bluish-black and with a bloom, but the flesh reddish, tart, and used to flavor sloe gin. Eurasia. Hardy from zone 3 southward. The source of most Irish blackthorn walking-sticks.

**spin oaths a** < *spinosa*, Spinoza

line 8: **night amulet hardby white deutzia**

See Taylor, **Nymphaea** and **Lotus** line 1.

See Taylor line 2.