

M. delavayi in cultivation seldom matures seed, and has not yet been tried for hybridization, so far as I know. It does, however, fall within the same Subgenus *Magnolia* as both *M. grandiflora* and *M. virginiana*, so crosses with either of them might be worth trying by breeders in mild climates. ***

1927 'Magnolias' in Limited 1972 Edition

We are indebted to member, William T. Drysdale for the following information:

"The membership may be interested in the fact that the book, 'Magnolias' by J. G. Millais, which was printed in 1927, has been reprinted in a limited 1972 edition of five-hundred copies at £6.- per copy."

"They are available from:

Wheldon & Wesley
Lylton Lodge
Codicote, Hitchin
Herts, England SG-4 - 8TE"

(Editor's note)

Society members who purchase this book are cautioned not to expect an up-to-date monograph on Magnolias. There have been many revisions since it was first published, yet it remains a classic in its field.

Although we all hope that the Royal Horticulture Society will see fit to re-print the late Mr. George H. Johnstone's magnificent "Asiatic Magnolias in Cultivation", published in 1955, we need not sit holding our knees until this event occurs. Two other fine books, published five and seven years earlier than the above, and also unfortunately out of print, are more easily located in city and college libraries, horticultural booksellers, and bookfinders than is this epic Volumn.

"Shrubs for the Milder Counties", (meaning the south-western counties of England), by Mr. W. Arnold-Forster, was published by Country Life Ltd. in 1948, and contains a fine chapter on Magnolias by Mr. George Johnstone, and nine good photographs. The word "shrubs" in the title is fortunately ignored, and trees of all kinds, including Magnolias and a few species of *Michelia*, are well described. Three species of *Manglietia* are scrambled into *Michelia*, in both index and text, to make just about the only misprint I can recall in fifty years of reading books published by Country Life.

The report on a Conference held by the Royal Horticultural Society on April 4th and 5th, 1950 and entitled "Camellias and Magnolias", is rather more difficult to find than the Arnold-Forster book, but is in some of the libraries that subscribe to the Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society. This is a really splendid book, with chapters by Mr. G. H. Johnstone, Mr. J. E.