YOUR GARDEN AND MINE From the cradle to the grave our friends plants in the warmer climates. More joy, receive floral tributes, and these silent arrived in a gift of freezias, cream prim-

By Ann Earncliff Brown (No. 48)

week-end in South Canterbury out the spring beauty. with two names written on a paper "Amelauchier" and "Andromeda," or, as it is sometimes called, "Bog" or "Wild" Rosemary. Why these misleading popular names are given I cannot see, for Andromeda is not related to nor does it in the least resemble true Rosemary. Florists describe this shrub as "A dwarf evergreen bearing beautiful waxen pitcher-shaped flowers in spring" -a description supported by my 83-yearold hostess, who asks with pride, "Have you seen my beautiful pearl bush yet?" Like strings of pearls the pendulous racemes certainly are.

Andromeda polifolia is the only species but there are forms with both broad and narrow leaves. In the autumn I hope to return and peg down a shoot or two of this most attractive shrub which roots readily in moist soil.

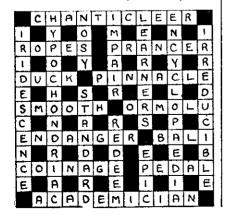
This will be a short cut to a pearlladen Andromeda of my own, but propagation by seed is also very successful. Like the rhododendron, Andromeda thrives in a moist, peaty soil, so mine will find a place beside that jewel among rhododendrons, "Pink Pearl," a fairly old variety which holds its place by sheer merit against all-comers. I recall with delight a wide-lipped posy vase in dark green mottled pottery ware, in which the massed pearls of Andromeda and blue grape hyacinths combined into an unusually beautiful floral arrangement. If you have a spct, moist and partially shaded, with shelter from strong winds, the dwarf-flowering shrub Andromeda would grace it throughout the year.

Over the Fence

The second name Amelauchier belongs to a tall shrub, or perhaps a small tree, growing in one of your gardens. I admit that I deliberately stared over the fence to try to decide just what the massed off-white blooms were. There are various species of Amelauchiers, natives of China and parts of America, all deciduous and all carrying pure white or pale ivory flowers in spring. The autumn foliage, in varying shades of red, makes Amelau-

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Say It With Flowers

flower borders which I had fondly con- maidenhair fern-a hot house bunch in cently a-blow in her own garden, she did sidered weed-free a few weeks ago, I the South although cyclamen with quaint not blink an eye as she graciously acthought over the social value of flowers. re-curved petals are exquisite bedding cepted good wishes and flowers!

Yesterday as I was busy weeding crimson and flesh pink cyclamen, and old lady recognised the flowers so re-

ambassadors are always tactful. I know roses and giant violets, deliciously perthat years do not diminish delight in fumed. But I smile to remember yet floral gifts, for a week or two ago I saw another floral effort-a hastily gathered ECENTLY I came home from a chier a worthy garden subject even with- for myself how much my 83-year-old collection of narcissi and a spray of hostess rejoiced in kindly messages which flowering currant. These a gallant and reached her in a box of fragrant waggish admirer presented with great hyacinths, a choice bouquet of deep ceremony to the "Birthdayee." If the

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