

PÆONIA MOUTAN. (Var. ROSEA PLENA.)

(Chinese Pæony. Rose-coloured double variety.)

LINNEAN
POLYANDRIA

NATURAL ORDER.
RANUNCULACEÆ. (Juss.)

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Pæonia (LINN.) *Calyx* 5-sepalis, lobis, inæqualis. *Petala* 5-10, suborbiculata. *Stamina* innumera. *Discus* carnosus, ovaria cingens. *Carpella* 2-5, grossa, stigmatibus bilamellatis crassis instructa, in folliculos capsulares conversas. *Semina* subglobosa, nitida. *Radices* fasciculatæ. *Folia caulina* bitermitim secta. *Flores* amplè, albè, aut purpurascèntes. *D. C. Syst. i. p. 386, prod. 65.*

Calyx five-sepals, lobes unequal. *Petals* from five to ten, roundish. *Stamens* innumerable. *Disc* fleshy, surrounding the ovary. *Carpels* from two to five, thick, furnished with a two-plated thick stigma, turning into capsular follicles. *Seeds* roundish, shining. *Roots* fasciculate. *Stem leaves* divided bipinnately. *Flowers* large, white or purple.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

P. Moutan. *Caulis* fruticosus. *Foliorum* segmenta ovali-oblonga, rubris glaucis; *carpellis* villosis, 5. *Stem* shrubby; segments of the leaves oval-oblong, underneath glaucous. *Carpels* villous, five.

Pæonia Moutan. Sims' Bot. Mag. t. 3154.

Anderson, *Veget. Lem. Sac.* vol. x. p. 262.

Rosa floribus subplenis, lobis segmentis spinis fissuris obtusissimis. *Bot. Repos. t. 373.*

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Flowers nearly double, rose-colour, segments very obtuse, divided at the apex.

THIS is one of the varieties of the species *Moutan*, introduced about the year 1794, and certainly a very splendid one. It was sent to W. H. Osborn, Esq., of Perry, near Birmingham, from the valuable and extensive collection of Earl Mountnorris. It flowered in unusual perfection last year in Mr. Osborn's collection, at which time our drawing was taken.

All the *Moutans* are hardy shrubs, which in a conservatory expand their blossoms in April and continue in bloom until the middle of May. If in the open border, they open in May and continue till June, and in consequence of their blooming early they ought to be planted in a sheltered situation, or have

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