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The large variety of flowers now in blossom should guarantee a splendid show, with camellias, primroses, muscari, hyacinths, narcissi, flowering shrubs, etc., it was said.

Entries