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Items quoted only in small quantities can be furnished only in small quantities, and at the printed prices.

Bulbs shipped on receipt of order, plants in regular routine of digging and shipping. Bulbs and plants not shipped together, nor at the same time.

No guarantee goes with my bulbs or plants, but I take extreme pains to have them true to name, and it is on them I depend for future orders. Write me, however, if you fail to have success with them. It is important for me to know.

If a mistake is made in the filling of your order or the package reaches you in bad condition, write me. I do not know of it unless you do.

If you do not hear from your orders in a reasonable length of time, write. Orders may get lost on the way, may possibly be overlooked after receipt, or the shipment may go astray.

Order early and plant early, while the bulbs are still fresh and solid.

Next year's price list will as a matter of course be sent to all this year's customers, but I do not keep a permanent mailing list.

THE FORCING OF BULBS

The "F" and "FF" varieties of narcissi, the hyacinths, and the Star of Bethlehem are easily brought to bloom in the house in winter. Grape hyacinths also are said to be easily forced, but I did not happen to have success with them.

For success with any of these bulbs, a certain routine is absolutely necessary. After potting or other method of planting, the bulbs must be put where dark and very cool, the colder the better, so they do not freeze, and kept faithfully watered, for as much as two months, unless they make determined growth sooner. When the buds are above ground, or the two months are up, the bulbs can be brought to warmth and light to complete their growth. Do not get them too warm, or the buds will blast, and do not let them stand in strong sun.

The best material I have found for growing bulbs in water is poultry-grit charcoal, hen size. It does not get foul, holds water a long time, and does not obstruct the roots if properly handled. The dish preferably should be of glass, and more than three inches deep.

Fill the dish with the charcoal to about an inch from the top, and pour in water until the charcoal floats off the bottom of the dish. Press the charcoal down until it is all under water. Nest the bulbs about about half their depth in the charcoal, and add water to float the charcoal for about a week. After that, merely see that there is water standing in the charcoal anywhere from the bottom to the top, all the time. Every ten days or two weeks will be as often as watering will be necessary. Do not remove the bulbs from the charcoal to see if they are rooted. They can not be replaced in the charcoal without injury to the delicate growth and damage to the bulb.

OUTDOOR GROWING

Tulip and narcissus bulbs should be planted about three inches deep to the tops of the bulbs as soon as possible after summer heat and drouth are broken, must remain in the ground over winter, and should not be disturbed until the leaves have turned yellow in early summer. This is the correct time to dig them. Narcissi prefer to be left in the ground several years. Tulips are better dug every year, though they may be let go an extra year if small when planted. Plant about six inches apart.

Bulbs should not be allowed to lie in the sun when dug, nor when planting, nor at any other time. They should be stored cool, dark, and well ventilated.

NARCISSUS BULBS

My descriptions may seem short, but there is a large amount of description in the key following the name. The Ajax type is the one with the long trumpet; the Incomparabilis has the half-length trumpet or cup, the Barrii the quarter-length cup. The Poeticus type has a white flower with a little flat red-edged saucer in the center. The Poetaz, Tazetta, and Jonquil types are bunch flowered and the blooms have small cups. The Leedsii type has medium or small cups and is primrose-white in color. Y, W, and Bic stand respectively for yellow, white and bi-color (white with yellow trumpet or cup). 1, 2, -6 tells the season of bloom. F means that a variety is good for forcing, FF that it is very good.

My supply of many of these varieties is very small; therefore do not order more of any kind than the largest number offered of that kind.

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Mixture. This Mixture is really a mixture, containing many varieties, some of them decided novelties, and will constantly be bringing out something new by way of surprise. As this stock has maintained itself here for years, it can safely be depended on for naturalizing. 10 for 50c, 25 for \$1.00, 100 for \$3.60, 500 for \$17.00, 1,000 for \$33.00.

Albatross. Barrii W4FF. A large broad flower, and a robust variety. Cup pale citron, faintly edged red. 10c, 5 for 40c, 25 for \$1.90, 100 for \$7.20.

Ariadne. Leedsii W3F. A fine flower, profuse bloomer. Cup ivory-white, very broad and spreading. 9c, 5 for 36c, 25 for \$1.70, 100 for \$6.40, 250 for \$14.40.

Beauty. Incomparabilis. Large flower, all yellow, cup tinged deeper. 10c, 5 for 40c, 25 for \$1.90.

Bianca. Leedsii W4. A beautiful flower, almost perfectly flat, all white, except the eye is bright green. I may possibly have exchanged names between this and Canary Eye. 10c, 5 for 40c, 25 for \$1.90.

Campernelle. Jonquil Y1. Dainty, and exquisitely fragrant. 6c, 5 for 24c, 25 for \$1.10.

Campernelle Orange Queen... Jonquil Y2F. Like Rugulosus, but a rich orange in color. 8c, 5 for 32c.

Campernelle Rugulosus. Jonquil Y2F. Deep golden yellow, richly fragrant. 8c, 5 for 32c.

Chaucer. Poeticus W3F. The earliest of the poeticus varieties, and one of the most charming. The eye is very small and very deep red. 8c, 5 for 32c, 25 for \$1.50, 100 for \$5.60.

Cirlet. Barrii Bic4. Though imported under this name, it probably is Southern Star. Pointed overlapping petals, cup broad and widely expanded, with edge of bright red. 10c, 5 for 40c, 25 for \$1.90 100 for \$7.20.

Coeur de Lion. Barrii Y5. Comes greenish yellow here, but has heavy substance and stylish form. It ought to be a handsome flower if grown in moist shade. 7c, 5 for 28c, 25 for \$1.30.

Conspicuus... Barrii Y4F. One of the old dependables. The short cup is rimmed rich red. 6c, 5 for 24c, 25 for \$1.10, 100 for \$4.00, 250 for \$9.00.

Dorothy Wemyss. Barrii W4. Like Conspicuus, but white, and of choicer quality. 10c, 5 for 40c, 25 for \$1.90, 100 for \$7.20.

Double Poeticus. Poeticus W6. The "gardenia-flowered." A beautiful flower, coming right for Mother's Day in some localities. Valuable in being the latest of all narcissi. 7c, 5 for 28c, 25 for \$1.30, 100 for \$4.80.

Euperer. Ajax Y3FF. The popular large yellow narcissus, often mistakenly called "jonquil." 10c, 5 for 40c.

Fairy Queen. Leedsii W2F. A high-grade flower, of elegant form, snowy white. 10c, 5 for 40c, 25 for \$1.90.

Firebrand. Barrii W3. A rather small, creamy white, star-shaped flower, with small cup of most brilliant red. 7c, 5 for 28c, 25 for \$1.30, 100 for \$4.80.

Gem. Leedsii W3. An elegant little white flower of distinctive form. 7c, 5 for 28c.

Gloria Mundi. Incomparabilis Y3F. Similar to Sir Watkin, but later and deeper in color. 10c.

Gold Finch. Ajax Y2. This is the deepest yellow of any large trumpet narcissus I know with the possible exception of two bulbs

in my plantings. Trumpet short and very flaring, being as wide across the mouth as that of King Alfred. 25c, 5 for \$1.00.

Grandiflorus. Poeticus W5FF. The most striking in size and form of all the poets' narcissi, and the most effective for decorating. Gives bold effect in distance plantings. 6c, 5 for 24c, 25 for \$1.10, 100 for \$4.00, 250 for \$9.00.

Greenheart. Barrii W6. Of spidery form, twin-flowered, pure white, with extremely small green cup. 15c.

Horace. Poeticus W4F. One of the largest and finest of the newer poeticus varieties. The eye is deep red nearly to the center. 10c, 5 for 40c, 25 for \$1.90, 100 for \$7.20, 250 for \$16.20.

Jonquil. Y5F. The smallest of all the narcissi, the richest pure yellow in color, and the richest and most exquisite in odor. There is no narcissus of choicer quality. 6c, 5 for 24c, 25 for \$1.10.

King Alfred. Ajax Y2FF. One of the largest, earliest, and finest of the big trumpet narcissi. 25c, four for \$1.00.

King Edward. Poeticus W5FF. Almira. A flower of snowiest white and heaviest substance, and the finest forcer of its type. 7c, 5 for 28c, 25 for \$1.30, 100 for \$4.80, 250 for \$10.80.

Lady Bird. Incomparabilis Y2F. The earliest red-cupped yellow narcissus I know. 8c, 5 for 32c, 25 for \$1.50.

Leenie. Incomparabilis Y3F. Nearly uniform light yellow. The cup is very large and widely expanded. A choice flower. 10c, 5 for 40c.

Lucia. Leedsii W4F. A tall, stately flower, very chaste form and coloring. 8c, 5 for 32c, 25 for \$1.50, 100 for \$5.60.

Mermaid. Leedsii W2. Flower similar to Sir Watkin in form, a little smaller, and of snowy whiteness. 12c.

Monarch. Ajax Y3F. A massive flower of the style of Emperor, but richer in color, and more refined both in color and texture. 50c.

Olympic. Ajax Y3FF. The largest narcissus in this list. 30c.

Orange Phoenix. Incomparabilis Bic2F. Double rose-shaped flower, white, with shorter petals orange. 10c, 5 for 40c, 25 for \$1.90.

Pheasant Eye. Poeticus W6. Recurvus. The common late poets narcissus. Valuable for its extreme lateness. 6c. 5 for 25c, 25 for \$1.10, 100 for \$4.00, 250 for \$9.00.

Princess Mary (?). Incomparabilis Y3. Light and dark yellow, broad trumpet. 7c, 5 for 28c, 25 for \$1.30.

Sir Watkin. Incomparabilis Y2FF. The largest early incomparabilis narcissus, and one of the most desirable of all narcissi. 10c, 5 for 40c, 25 for \$1.90.

Steadfast. Incomparabilis Bic5. Snowy-white flat flower, with straight cup of golden yellow. A strong grower, with fine stems. 10c, 5 for 40c, 25 for \$1.90, 100 for \$7.20.

Strongbow. Incomparabilis Bic5. A dwarf but very sturdy flower similar to Steadfast. Of highest quality. 10c, 5 for 40c.

Torch. Incomparabilis Y3. A large wingy flower with brilliant red cup. 15c.

Victoria. Ajax Bic2FF. One of the most beautiful of the large bicolor trumpet narcissi. 10c, 5 for 40c, 25 for \$1.90.

White Lady. Leedsii W4F. A large flat white flower of crepe texture. Cup small, heavily crinkled, citron-yellow in color. 8c, 5 for 32c, 25 for \$1.50, 100 for \$5.60, 250 for \$12.60.

White Slave. Leedsii W3. Practically identical with White Lady, but a finer flower. 10c, 5 for 40c.

Will Scarlet. *Incomparabilis* Bic5. Has a large flaring cup of rich red. A variety unique. 20c, 5 for 80c.

W. P. Milner. *Ajax* W2F. A tiny trumpet of primrose-white. Exquisitely dainty when forced. 7c, 5 for 28c, 25 for \$1.30.

It takes all kinds of people to make a world, and the world would be a lonesome place without the children and the young folks. So, too, with a collection of narcissi; it would be a lonesome planting with only the big kinds. Therefore do not overlook or scorn the babies and the young folks of the narcissus world. They have a charm that the big ones do not. All the varieties are different, and you will not have too many if you get them all.

In paying the price for any of these bulbs, one is not spending that amount of money merely for the few blossoms secured the first year, but is making an investment which will yield more and more flowers year by year, and with no more cost than the growing of them.

When a fifty-cent bulb has increased to one hundred, which does not take many years, the original cost of one-half cent per bulb will seem ridiculously small, for the flowers will have paid back the interest on the investment and the expense of growing, and the bulbs will be worth many times the original cost. The privilege of introducing its variety to your plantings is worth many times the cost of any bulb in this list.

GRAPE HYACINTHS

The intensity of color and profusion of bloom given by these, combined with their extreme hardiness and rapidity of increase, make them one of the finest of bulbs, whether for naturalizing or for garden planting. Plant two to three inches deep to the tops of the bulbs.

Two different years I ordered from Holland the common blue and the Heavenly Blue. All four items came exactly alike; therefore I do not know which these are. However, they give large spikes of bloom, of very deep rich purple-blue. 5c, 5 for 20c, 12 for 40c, 100 for \$3.00, 250 for \$6.75, 1000 for \$24.00. Mammoth bulbs, especially fine for forcing, 8c, 5 for 30c, 12 for 60c.

Racemosum. A variety still darker in color. 6c, 5 for 25c, 12 for 50c.

STARS OF BETHLEHEM

Ornithogalum umbellatum. Small white flowers in great masses in late spring or early summer. These are perfectly hardy and do well anywhere; therefore are especially well adapted to naturalizing. They are also one of the easiest of bulbs to flower indoors in winter. In outdoor planting set about two inches deep to the top of the bulb. 5c, 6 for 20c, 20 for 50c, 100 for \$2.00, 250 for \$4.50, 1000 for \$16.00. Mammoth bulbs, especially fine also for forcing. 7c, 6 for 30c, 25 for 75c.

SNOWDROPS

Galanthus Nivalis. The earliest flowers in spring. Pure white, and of exquisite and faultless beauty. 5c, 5 for 20c, 12 for 40c. These should be ordered and planted at the earliest possible moment, about two inches deep, where cool, moist, and shady.

HYACINTHS

In outdoor planting these should be about four inches deep to the top of the bulbs. For growing indoors for winter blooming they are

one of the finest of all bulbs. I offer them only in mixture, though my stock is composed wholly of named varieties. All will be blooming bulbs, and all suitable for forcing. 3 for 25c, 4 for 25c, 5 for 25c, according to size. Larger quantities at the same rates.

MADONNA LILIES

Lilium Candidum. This is the earliest outdoor lily, and one of the finest of all lilies. Here it is usually in bloom for Memorial Day. It should be ordered and planted at the earliest possible moment after this list is received. The bulbs should be set in a well-drained location, not more than three or four inches deep to the top of the bulb. These are the choice thick-petaled variety. 20c, 25c, 30c per bulb, according to size.

TULIP BULBS

Shipped August until winter. Not furnished in spring.

Cut tulip blooms should be removed from the water over night and replaced in the morning, as they get waterlogged when kept constantly in water. This may be true also of some other flowers.

Do not attempt to grow any of these tulips indoors. They are for outdoor growing only.

Prices include delivery by mail or express.

Mixed Late. In utter riot of color nothing can surpass a bed of mixed late tulips. The prevailing colors are white, yellow, pink, orange, red, and variegated. This mixture is made up wholly of named varieties, and contains a great many of them. 12 for 36c, 25 for 60c, 100 for \$2.00, 250 for \$4.50, 1,000 for \$16.00.

Bouton d'Or. Rich golden yellow, with black anthers. The nearest like a Darwin of any yellow tulip. 5c, 3 for 12c, 25 for 40c.

Ellen Willmott. Tall slender bud, pale cream in color, very late. In fragrance unsurpassed by any tulip. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c, 100 for \$3.00.

Flava. Soft lemon-yellow. A very distinguished flower. 12c.

Fulgens. Rich crimson. Very tall, pointed flower, 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c, 100 for \$3.00.

Inglescombe Yellow. Cup-shaped flower of purest sulphur-yellow. Very late. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c, 100 for \$3.00.

Louis XIV. Dark purple, flushed bronze and golden brown. 12c.

Mrs. Moon. Pure clear yellow. Tall stem, pointed flower. A fine cut-flower variety. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c, 100 for \$3.00.

Striped Parrot. The parrots have long petals with ragged edges, and are the showiest of all tulips. This variety and the yellow are the finest of the parrots. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c.

W. T. Ware. The richest deep golden yellow of all tulips. 12c, 3 for 30c, 12 for \$1.10, 25 for \$2.00.

Yellow Parrot. Pure, clear yellow. The brightest of the parrots. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c.

DARWIN TYPE

In refined beauty there is nothing else in tulips to equal the Darwins, except that the pure yellows of the Cottage type share honors with them.

Mixed Darwins. This mixture is not made up of the varieties listed below, though some of them will be found in it, but it contains many more varieties than are named here. The colors include tinted whites, light and dark pinks, various reds, blues, purples and browns

to nearly black. 12 for 40c, 25 for 70c, 100 for \$2.40, 250 for \$5.40, 1,000 for \$20.00.

Aphrodite. Large pure rose. 12c, 3 for 30c.

Bleu Celeste. Dark blue. A faultless flower. 16c, 3 for 40c, 12 for \$1.50.

"C". Name unknown. White, exquisitely tinted porcelain-blue 5c, 3 for 12c, 12 for 40c, 25 for 70c.

Carmen. Rich rosy pink. A large flower. 7c, 3 for 18c, 12 for 60c.

City of Haarlem... Glowing scarlet-red, with black center outlined in ivory-white. 12c, 3 for 30c.

Clara Butt. Apricot-pink, an exquisite color. The first favorite of all tulips, and a fine market flower. 5c, 3 for 12c, 12 for 40c, 25 for 70c, 100 for \$2.40, 250 for \$5.40, 1,000 for \$20.00.

Courbet. Dark violet. One of the finest of purple tulips. 7c, 3 for 18c, 12 for 60c.

Edmee, One of the finest and tallest of deep pink tulips. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c.

Ethel Roosevelt. A very handsome pink tulip. 7c, 3 for 18c.

Farncombe Sanders. The loveliest of red tulips, second in favor only to Clara Butt, and a fine market flower. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c, 100 for \$3.00, 250 for \$6.75, 1,000 for \$24.00.

Gudin. Deep lilac shaded to white. A somber color, such as is found in no other flower. 5c, 3 for 12c, 12 for 40c, 25 for 70c.

Homer. Similar to City of Haarlem. 7c, 3 for 18c, 12 for 60c.

Isis. Same style as City of Haarlem. Lighter in color. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c.

Jubilee. Deep purple. Very late. 8c, 3 for 21c, 12 for 72c.

Kate Greenaway... White, slightly flushed lilac-rose. 5c, 3 for 12c, 12 for 40c, 25 for 70c.

L'Ingenuë. Soft rose. 7c.

La Tristesse. Dull slaty blue. One of the finest of blue tulips. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c.

Madame Barrois. Glowing pink, edges flushed lighter. Late. 12c, 3 for 30c.

Marconi. Maroon, with yellow center. A fine dark variety. 6c 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 90c.

Massenet. Apple-blossom-pink. Very tall. 10c, 3 for 25c.

Mrs. Cleveland. Delicate flesh-pink in color, and exquisite in form. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c.

Moralis.. Very fine dark blue. 7c, 3 for 18c.

Opal. Heliotrope-lilac. A very brilliant dark-colored tulip, with very beautiful bud. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c, 100 for \$3.00.

Prof. Rauwenhoff. One of the best of the red tulips. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c, 100 for \$3.00.

Queen of the Brilliants... A brilliant and beautiful light-red tulip. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c.

Rev. Ewbank... Beautiful heliotrope. One of the most brilliant of the blues. 6c, 3 for 15c, 12 for 48c, 25 for 85c, 100 for \$3.00.

The Bishop. Pure violet. A massive flower. 10c, 3 for 24c, 12 for 90c.

Velvet King. One of the finest of the dark varieties. 10c, 3 for 25c, 12 for \$1.00.

Planting Stock. If you wish to grow tulips in quantity for the sale of bulbs or flowers, send for the wholesale list of small-size planting stock.

BEARDED IRISES

The bearded irises should be planted shallow, and should be given, as nearly as possible, a dry, well-drained location in full sun. A dressing of some form of lime or limestone is very beneficial.

Furnished any time of year except winter.

Prices include delivery by mail or express.

Mixture. 25 plants, in at least 5 varieties, my selection, \$1.50, 100 plants, in at least 10 varieties, my selection, \$5.00.

Aletha (?). White, with frilled edging of dark blue. 20c.

Alcazar (?). Massive plant, flower violet and purple. 35c.

Ambassadeur. Lavender and deep red-violet. 75c.

Archeveque. Two shades of dark purple. 20c.

Aurora. Beautiful light blue. 35c.

Black Knight. Black Prince. Standards dark blue, falls darkest velvety purple. 50c.

Cengialti. Similar to Pallida Dalmatica, but smaller, deeper in color, daintily crinkled, and richly fragrant. For color mass it is superior, being more profuse in bloom, and richer and more brilliant in color. 15c, 6 for 60c, 25 for \$2.00, 100 for \$7.50.

Citrea (?) Helge (?). Extra early, low growing, dark greenish lemon-yellow. 15c, 6 for 60c, 25 for \$2.00, 100 for \$7.50.

Claret Pink. Name unknown. 15c, 6 for 60c, 25 for \$2.00, 100 for \$7.50.

Crusader. Dark blue. Very strong color. 50c.

Early Dark Blue... Name unknown. The finest early dark blue I know. 15c, 6 for 75c, 25 for \$2.25.

Early White. Earlier and more profuse in bloom than Florentina. Brilliant snowy white. 15c, 6 for 75c.

Edouard Michel... Deep reddish violet. 40c.

Eldorado. Many blended shades of yellow, bronze and purple. A variety of exquisite beauty. 25c.

Fairy (?). White, with blue shadings. A large flower of Pallida form. Very fragrant. 20c.

Florentina. Early pearly-gray-white. The rhizomes, peeled and dried, are the orris root used in perfumery. 15c, 6 for 60c, 25 for \$2.00, 100 for \$7.50.

Her Majesty (?). Queen of May (?). These two varieties are indistinguishable in color. The petals of Her Majesty are a little broader, Queen of May is more graceful, both in flower and plant. 15c, 6 for 75c, 25 for \$2.25.

Honorabilis. The old yellow and brown. 15c, 6 for 60c, 25 for \$2.

Innocenza. Late. Rich brilliant ivory-white. 15c, 6 for 75c, 25 for \$2.25.

Juniata. Like Pallida Dalmatica, but darker and larger. 25c.

Kochii. Early. Buds soot-black, flower deepest purple. 15c, 6 for 75c.

Koenig. King of Iris. Smoky yellow and rich brown. Very large. One of the finest irises. 20c, 6 for \$1.00.

La Neige. Unsurpassed in snowy whiteness. 35c.

Light and Dark Blue. Name unknown. Large flower with broad petals. Early. 15c, 6 for 75c, 25 for \$2.25.

Mme. de Sevigne. A variety of the frilled type, with very dark edging. 25c.

Mrs. Darwin. Pure white. 15c.

Pallida Dalmatica. Plant large, tall, and stately. Flower very large, soft lavender in color. 15c, 6 for 75c, 25 for \$2.50, 100 for \$9.00

Perfection. Light blue and very dark purple. 15c, 6 for 75c.

Pfauenauge. Dull yellow and plum-purple. Dream or nightmare,

whichever you call it, I prefer it to the yellows and to most of the mixed yellows. A stately flower. 20c, 3 for 50c.

Prosper Laugier. Blended shades of bronze, red, and purple. One of the richest in color of all the irises. 25c, 3 for 60c.

Princess Victoria Louise (?). Standards light yellow, falls purple, edged yellow. 15c, 6 for 60c, 25 for \$2.00, 100 for \$7.50.

Pumila. Deep purple. A tiny plant and flower, but blooms in masses, and extremely early. 15c.

Quaker Lady. An exquisitely dainty flower, of smoky gray-blue effect, enriched with faint suffusions of old gold. 25c.

Queen Caterina. Pale bluish lavender. 75c.

Rhein Nixe. Standards white; falls blue, with white border. Very large. 20c, 3 for 50c.

Romeo. Yellow and rich purple. I like this the best of any two-colored flower I have seen in the yellow class. 50c.

Seminole. Dark red. 50c.

Sherwin-Wright. The favorite pure yellow. 20c, 6 for 90c, 25 for \$3.00, 100 for \$10.00.

Windham (?). Deep rose-pink. 15c.

Zua. White. Crimped like crepe paper. 40c.

BEARDLESS IRISES

These thrive in any good garden location, but especially enjoy a location by the waterside. *Pseudacorus* will also grow standing in water.

Siberian, Blue King. Rich blue. 15c, 6 for 50c, 25 for \$1.50.

Siberian, Dark Blue. *Sanguinea* (?). Darker than Blue King, and a few days difference in time of bloom. 15c, 6 for 50c, 25 for \$1.50.

Siberian, Superba. Velvety dark purple. 15c.

Siberian, Snow Queen. White. 15c, 6 for 75c.

Siberian, Distinction. A flower of remarkable grace and beauty, and highly effective in mass planting. Rich blue, with white veining. The stems are very tall, holding the flower mass completely above the foliage, and bear a quantity of buds which will give a display of bloom for a long time. 25c, 6 for \$1.20, 12 for \$2.00, 25 for \$3.60, 100 for \$10.00.

Siberian, Pale Blue. 15c. 6 for 50c.

Siberian, Butterfly. Strong grower. Large flower of light blue. 25c.

Pseudacorus. Foliage tall and handsome. Flower flat, a deep golden yellow with black markings. 20c, 3 for 50c.

Versicolor. The common wild water-flag. Pale lavender. 20c, 3 for 50c.

Orientalis Gigantea. *Ochroleuca*. A superb flower, pure ivory-white, with yellow blotch on the falls. 25c. 6 for \$1.20, 12 for \$2.25.

Longipetala Superba. *Spuria* Mrs. A. W. Tait. This is like the preceding variety in type, but a dainty lavender in color, shading from nearly blue to pink, with yellow suffusions. 25c.

Monspur. Like *Ochroleuca*, but a glorious deep blue, yellow blotch. 75c.

Fulva. Copper colored. 75c.

Hexagona Lemancei (?). Blue. 50c.

Dorothea K. Williamson. Dark blue. \$1.00.

MISCELLANEOUS

Lily of the Valley. One of the most loved of all flowers. Racemes of beautiful fragrant white bell-shaped flowers. Likes moist-

ure and partial shade. Rooted runners with selected fat buds. 5c, 4 for 15c, 12 for 40c, 100 for \$3.00.

Hemerocallis, Queen of May. One of the finest of the yellow day lilies. 35c.

Hemerocallis, Thunbergii. The latest and tallest of the yellow day lilies, and one of the most charming. Light yellow. Fragrant. 25c.

Blackberry Lily. Flowers dark orange. Plant looks like an iris. 25c.

Garlic. Fine for use in cooking. If Americans would try it, they would use more of it. Very mild in flavor when cooked. This is an improved variety, larger than the common variety. One-fourth lb., 15c, one lb., 50c. Should be planted in early fall.

Winter Onions. Stand in the ground the year around. Thinnings from the row give green onions from the opening of spring until summer. One-half lb., 15c, one lb., 25c. Should be planted in early fall.

Hardy Violet, Snowflake. Dark blue, with snow-white spots, 15c.

PEONIES

Plants should be set as soon as received, placing so that the buds will be about two inches below the leveled surface of the soil when planting is completed. In the open field or garden, like corn and potatoes, and with the same kind of care, peonies do famously. Where the soil is killed by elms, maples, or poplars, or is starved and dried out from other reasons, nothing can be expected of them. They also can not thrive in soggy ground.

Prices quoted are for strong divisions from mature plants.

If peonies are desired in quantities of 25 or more of a variety, totaling 100 or more plants, special prices can be given for many of the varieties.

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Mixed Singles. Various colors, not including the varieties listed below. 40c. 3 or more at 30c each.

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7.1 Darkness. Brand. Darkest red, and of exceptionally high quality. \$2.00.

Hollis Dark Single. Deep and rich in color, and very early. 40c, A.

8.6 Mikado. Japanese type, and one of the finest of bright red peonies. \$1.60. 3 or more at \$1.50 each.

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8.7 Albatre. Flower practically the same as Avalanche. 80c, D.

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7.1 Alexandriana. An enormous flower, violet-rose. Very tall and heavy stem. 40c, A.

8.1 Asa Gray. Light pink, thickly sprinkled with dots of deeper color. 80c, D.

7.8 Augustin d'Hour. Dark solferino-red. A brilliant and very beautiful flower. 80c.

8.7 Avalanche. White, faintly tinted blush. A strikingly beautiful flower. 60c, C, CC.

9.0 Baroness Schroeder. Fluffy white, flushed light baby-pink. One of the most beautiful of all peonies, both in flower and in foliage. \$1.00, E.

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8.1 Couronne d'Or. Large white flower lighted up with yellow stamens. A sturdy grower and a sure bloomer. 40c, A, AA.

7.1 Delachei. Rich brilliant dark red. 40c, A, AA.

7.6 Delicatissima. Pearly lilac-rose. A profuse bloomer that can be depended on. 40c, A, AA.

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5.8 Fragrans. Dark rose, exquisitely fragrant. 40c, A.

8.5 Germaine Bigot. Fresh light pink, enormous flower. 60c, C.

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