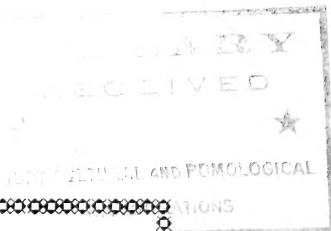


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CATALOGUE

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FINE SEEDS,

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J. W. & J. E. WILE,

THORNTOWN, INDIANA.



In presenting this Catalogue to our customers We do it with confidence, that every thing has been thoroughly tested. We do not claim that our three new corns, and two new potatoes will yield 8 to 10 times what common varieties will, as some seedmen claim, but we know our seeds excell what is described in this catalogue, and can not be excelled in the United States. Favor us with your order and you will be well pleased with your seed, and better pleased with your crop at gathering time. It will pay you well to test our seeds.

INDIANA GOLD MINE.

We offer with pleasure this year a new yellow corn which is a superior corn in every respect. Compared with the pride of the north, which nearly all farmers are familiar with. It is a larger corn, as early, and surer corn on thin soil and out-yields the pride of the north 20 to 30 bushels per acre. For the northern farmer it is without equal; for the south it will produce the largest yield on thin soil of any variety, and for late planting or replanting it positively can't be excelled. It adapts itself to the land and season; on thin ground the ears are smaller than on good ground, but all solid corn. This was a very dry season but on ground that has had no clover or fertilizer for 20 years it made 80 bushel per acre. This is a good proof of its superiority over common varieties and there was not a soft or chaffy ear in the acre plot. The stalks grow 8 to 10 feet high, not growing tall it makes its growth quick and matures early. Ears 3 1-2 to 4 feet from the ground and 2 ears on many stalks, and 8 to 10 inches in length, grains deep, smooth, and a rich golden color. Cob a deep red and small. Grain grows out over cob at both ends; at point it completely covers the cob and at butt it grows out until it breaks off very easy. As we only have 80 bushel of this corn this season our supply is limited and as we want all our customers to have some of this corn, we will not send more than 1-4 bushel to any one person. We will send 1 bushel to a club of four men for \$3.00. Each name must accompany order.

By mail our price is Package 10c, 1 lb., 25c, 2 lb., 40c, 5 lb., 80c. By freight or express 1 1/4 bushel \$1.00. Sacks free.

GOLDEN SUPERB.

A new field corn. We give the originators description and recommendation. "An enormous golden dent variety, so early that it can be grown in the Northern States, and outyield any other sort. It originated in Connecticut. It is the finest field corn we have ever seen. Ears very large and handsome, 24 rows of deep kernels. It is enormously prolific, producing over 200 bushels to the acre in very dry seasons, in hills four feet apart each way, and with ordinary cultivation. Its great vigor enables it to stand dry weather remarkably and give a good crop when other sorts fail from drouth. Two or three ears are borne on each stalk, and they run as uniform as though they were all made in the same mold, and they are as perfect and handsome as though they were made of wax. No other variety of corn can approach this, and it is bound, when known, to be more extensively grown than all other kinds put together. Owing to its extreme earliness it may be harvested earlier than other Dent corn, even when planted much later. It is the earliest by several weeks of all dent varieties. It is seldom one sees any thing bred up to such perfection as is this new corn."

Package 10c; 1 lb., 25c; 5 lb., \$1.00, by mail. By express or freight 1 peck \$1.00. We have less than 25 bushel of this corn and want 5 bushel for our own planting so we can't send more than 1-4 bushel to any one person. To a club of four \$3.00 per bushel. Name of all four must be sent with order. Send at once if you want any of this corn. Sacks free.

James Ferguson, Bloomfield, N. J., Sept. 2nd. writes: "I am about to harvest my Golden Superb Corn. I have never seen such good corn in my life. Its yield is immense, better than you claim. There is not a field of corn in the State of New Jersey that can beat it. Some of the stalks have four good ears with 24 rows of kernels, exceedingly handsome. I shall take it to the State Fair."

WHITE ECLIPSE.

We offer a new white corn this year that will when known be grown all over the United States. This we are confident of, as it has all of the best qualities of the leading white corns grown. It is a medium sized ear. Like our new yellow it is superior corn for thin ground, and a large yielder on any kind of ground. It can be grown north and south with perfect safety, as it matures early. This is what we are working at—to get as large a corn as we can, so it will mature before the drouth which has ruined our corn crop of late years, and in this corn we have a variety that is without equal in this respect. In Boone County we have had the past season the dryest season on record, and it made 95 bushels per acre on a one acre plot and like the yellow, on ground that has never had clover or fertilizer. This we can give proof of if you want it, and to our customers we will mail proof cheerfully. The stalks grow 10 to 12 feet high; a vigorous grower; ears early. The ears are 4 to 4 1-2 feet from ground and two ears on many stalks. The color is clear white. Cob small and white. As we only had one acre of this corn we will have to limit it to one peck to each person as we do our other new varieties and as we want all of our numerous customers to have this corn so they can test it and send us their testimony in the fall for our Catalogue for 1897. For your trouble we will send you samples of our other new corns.

Our price is Package 10c; 1 lb., 25c; 2 lb., 40c; 5 lb., 90c. By express or freight one peck \$1.00. In a club of four names we will send one bushel for \$3.00. Sacks free.

Our three new varieties are fire dried and warranted to grow. Agents wanted, send for terms, you can make money selling our seeds.

THE WHITE BANNER OATS.

Are a very heavy oats weighing 40lb to the bushel. Dont grow common light oats when there is a chance to make oats raising pay at a small outlay in money. The White Banner oats have thin hull making excellent feeding and a good seller in the market. Stiff straw, and ripens early. Dont so.v common oats when you can double your yield by sowing White Banner. We quote hard time prices on this excellent variety.

1 lb., 20c; 5 lb., 75c by mail. By freight or express 1-4 bushel 20c, 1-2 bushel 30c, 1 bushel 40c, 10 to 20 bushel 35c per bushel, 20 bushel and over 30c per bu. New sacks free.

MILLS PRIZE POTATO.

(MEDIUM EARLY)

Its handsome form, white skin, and large size, recommend it everywhere. The

flesh is white and fine grained, cooks dry and mealy, and is of superior flavor. This is the case when first dug and they retain their good cooking qualities, and keep sound until the new crop comes again. As a variety to keep for late spring use it has no superior. Vines grow vigorously, foliage deep green. The tubers grow compactly in the hill which is completely crowded with fine large potatoes. They ripen in August if planted in April and in the matter of productiveness they are wonderful beyond all expectation: By all odds this is the most suitable potato for marketing and for home use and a novelty of unusual value. Every farmer or gardener should plant at least a few for seed.

Price 35 cents per peck, half bushel 60 cents, bushel \$1.00, barrel \$2.25.

GREEN MOUNTAIN.

(THIS IS A WONDERFUL MEDIUM LATE POTATO.)

That it is an extraordinary and exceedingly valuable variety there is no doubt. The skin is white. The flesh is also white and its large size recommends it everywhere. It cooks dry and mealy and is of superior flavor; this is the case when first dug and they retain their good cooking qualities and keep sound and perfect. As a variety to keep for late spring, there is nothing better. Vines grow vigorously, foliage very fine green. Mountain ripens in August if planted in April and in the important matter of productiveness they are perfectly marvelous. This quality combined as it is with fine appearance and good table qualities makes the Green Mountain one of the most valuable late varieties in the country and is supplanting all other late potatoes in section where it has been introduced.

Read the report from the Rural New Yorker Experimental grounds: Green Mountain potatoe was planted April 7 and the crop harvested August 27. They were dug under the supervision of E. Williams secretary of the New Jersey Horticultural Society and Charles L. Jones of Newark N. J., who with the editor of the Rural New Yorker, weighed and estimated the yield which was at the rate of 1391 1-2 bushels per acre, there was an average of 11 2-5 to the hill, an average of 5 3 4 lb to the hill. They were planted two eyes to the hill, one foot apart in rows 3 feet apart.—E. S. CARMON EDITOR.

As to how we handle our corn we refer you to our 1895 Catalogue.

WARRANTY.

We warrant all our seed first class and to grow with proper treatment and to be as represented.

OUR TERMS.

Are cash with orders. We have many orders to fill in the busy season and we cant open accounts.

See '95 catalogue as to how to remit. Write your name and post office plainly.

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