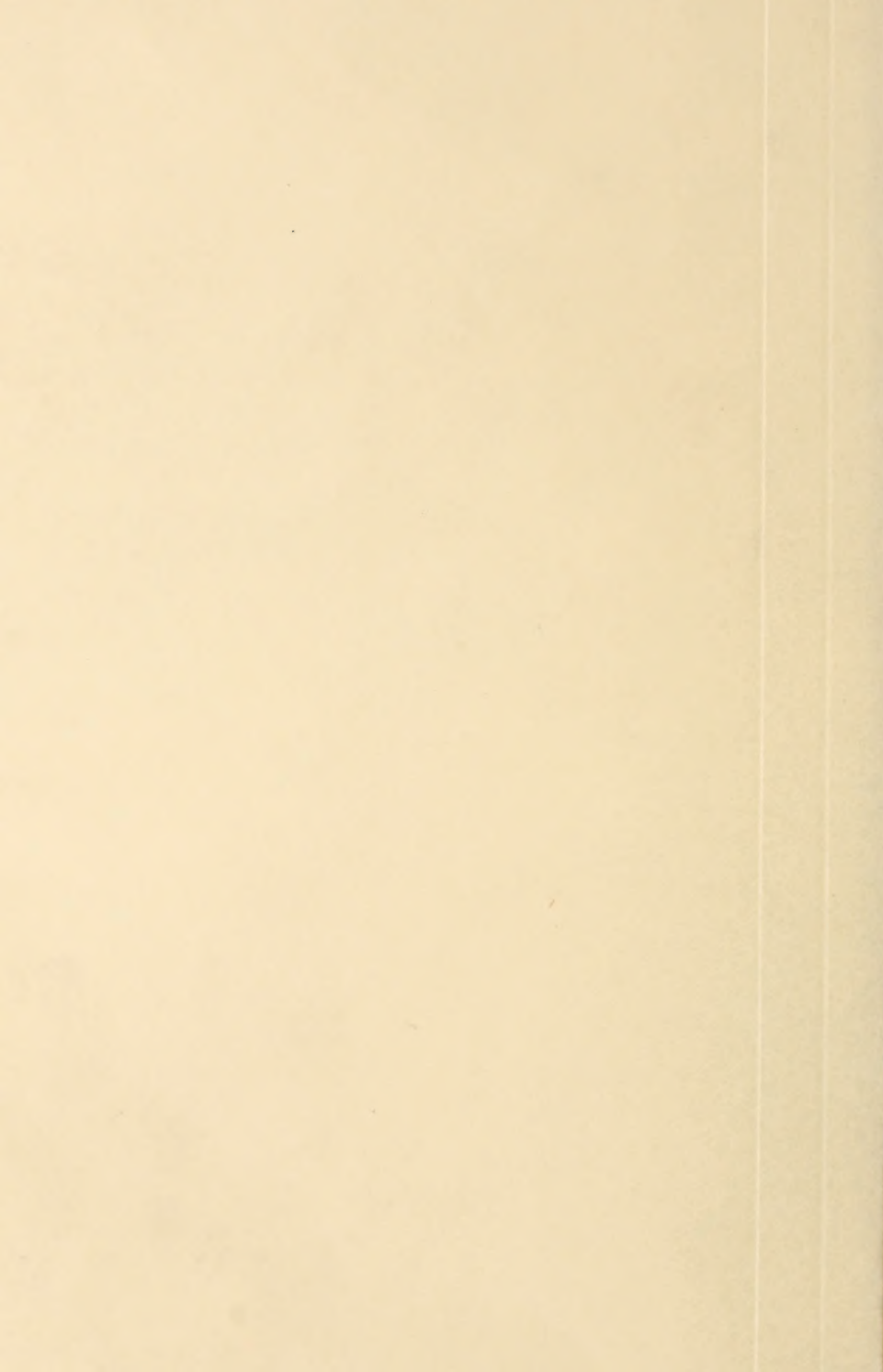


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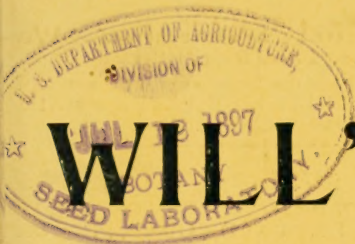
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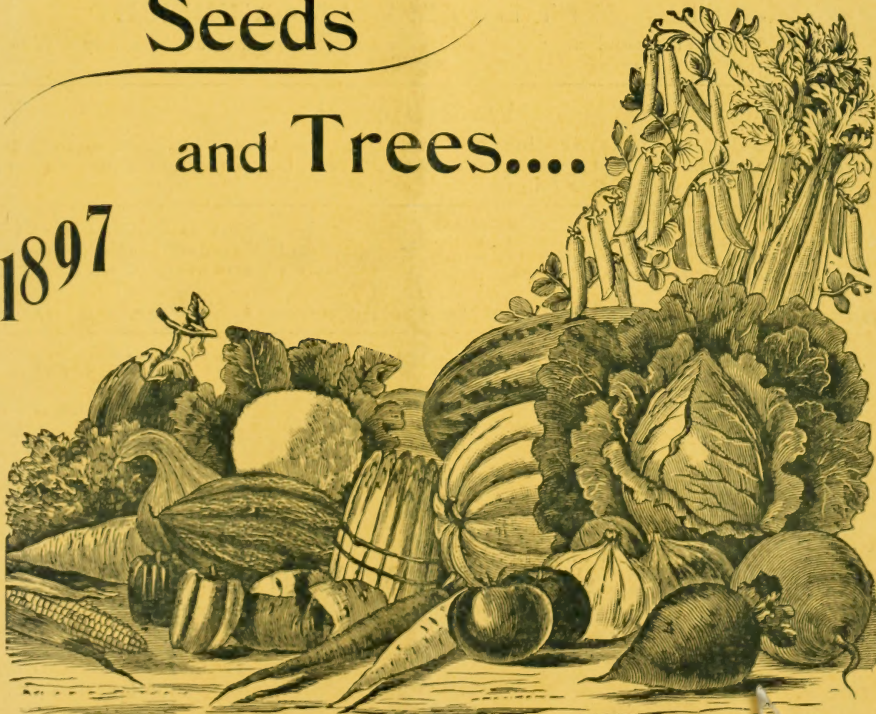


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**T**HIS is our Fourteenth Annual Catalogue which we mail free to our old customers and also to all others who ask for it. To those who have used our seeds we need no introduction and to those who have not, we invite a trial. We have increased our sales from a few dollars to many thousands annually, which must mean general satisfaction to our customers who send us their orders year after year and persuade their neighbors to do the same, for which we are very thankful and hope to be able to serve them better each succeeding year, for many years to come.

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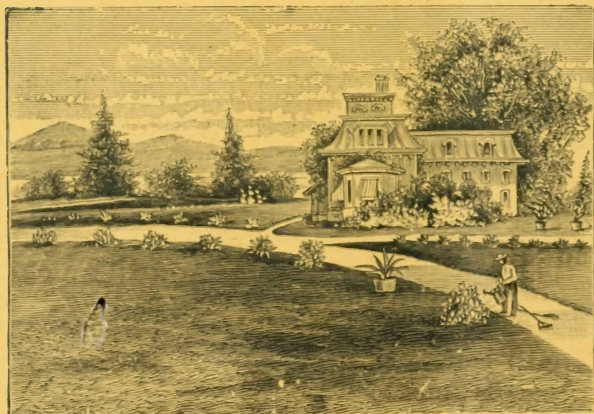
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IMPROVED GOLDEN WAX BEAN.

**Dwarf Horticultural.** Extremely early, same size and color of the Old Pole Horticultural or Cranberry, with all its fine qualities; very hardy, prolific, free from rust, handsome speckled pods. Pkt. 5c., qt. 35c., postpaid.

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**Henderson's Bush Lima.** Pkt. 5c., qt. 35c., postpaid.

**White Navy.** Pkt. 5c., qt. 25c., postpaid. Peck 80c., bushel \$3.00.

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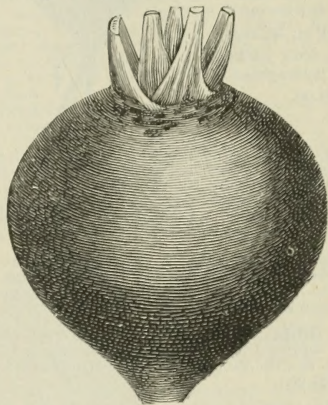
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**Lazy Wife's.** The pods, of medium, dark green color, measure from four and a half to six inches in length. They retain their rich, tender and stringless qualities until nearly ripe, and at all stages are unsurpassed for snap-shorts, being peculiarly luscious. Each pod contains from six to eight round, white beans, which make excellent winter shell beans. They are late to mature, but are valuable to extend the season. Pkt. 5c., qt. 35c., postpaid.

### BEETS.

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**Will's Improved Blood Turnip.** The blood turnip beet is known the world over as a most desirable variety, and there are any number of strains, good, bad and indifferent. Having grown what we consider the most desirable and carefully selected of these various stocks, we have for several years been supplying it to thousands of our customers to their entire satisfaction. It is nearly as early as the Egyptian, but surpasses the latter in flavor. Color, a rich, dark red; roots, fine grained, globular-shaped, with small top. Free from side or fibrous roots, always remarkably smooth. Excellent for forcing and a very superior keeper, thus making it also desirable for winter use. Cooks sweet, tender and crisp, and in every way may be considered the standard sort for the market and home gardener. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 45c., postpaid.

**Eclipse.** One of the best beets in cultivation, especially for market gardening. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

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**Dewing's Early Blood Turnip.** A dark red, turnip shaped, with large top; flesh carmine red, sweet and good. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**Edmund's Improved Turnip Blood.** Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb., 40c., postpaid.

**Champion White Sugar.** Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 35c., postpaid.

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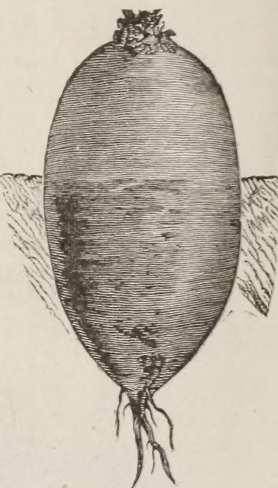
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### MANGEL WURZEL.

**Mammoth Golden Giant.** (See cut.)

An improvement on all other **Yellow Mangels**, being of considerably greater size. In shape remarkably even, rather elongated, of vigorous growth. Flesh white, firm and sweet. Excellent keeper, it yields 40 tons per acre. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 35c., postpaid. By express 5 lbs. \$1.00.



**Golden Tankard.** In color it is a deep yellow throughout. It is a heavy cropper and is considered indispensable by the best dairymen. It is also equal to the best variety for table use, being very sweet and tender. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 35c., postpaid. By mail or express, 6 lbs. \$1.00.

**Mammoth Long Red.** A particularly fine stock of Mangel. The roots attain enormous size. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 35c., postpaid. Express or freight 6 lbs. \$1.00.

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## BORE-COLE, OR KALE.

**Green Curled Scotch.** A very useful variety, growing about 18 inches high. Pkt. 3c.

## BROCOLI.

**Purple Cape.** Produces heads very nearly like Cauliflower, but more hardy. This variety has large, close heads of a brownish purple color and good flavor. Pkt. 5c., oz. 20c., postpaid.

## BRUSSELS SPROUTS.

**Paris Market.** This is a very fine new variety, or half dwarf growth, bearing handsome, solid, round sprouts of best quality, crowded together on the stalk. Pkt. 5c., oz. 15c., prepaid.

## CABBAGE.

**New Express.** Earliest of all. Produces fair sized heads in eighty to eighty-five days from sowing of seed. An important acquisition for the market gardener and those who grow cabbage for early market. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1, postpaid.

## CABBAGE.—(Continued.)

**Selected Early Jersey Wakefield.** Among its merits may be mentioned its large size of head, small outside foliage, and its uniformity in producing a crop. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 90c., postpaid.

**Henderson's Early Summer.** This is an old popular sort with market gardeners. It follows the Wakefield. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 85c., postpaid.

**Fottler's Improved Brunswick.** This has proved to be a most excellent second early variety. It is low on the stump, heads solid and compact. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. \$1, postpaid.

**Marblehead Mammoth.** This is one of the largest variety of the cabbage family in the world. Under high culture it is compact and hard. Its size is indeed mammoth. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1.50, postpaid.

**Red Drumhead.** For pickling. Pkt. 3., oz. 10c. postpaid.

**Sure Head.** Always sure to head, very hard and firm, and of fine texture. It has comparatively few leaves, keeps well and is a good shipper. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1.25, postpaid.

**Will's Selected Premium Flat Dutch.** Largest of the late varieties; remarkably hardy; a sure header, and for fall and winter, home or market use, has no superior, as it retains its freshness and flavor until late in the spring. This is a highly improved strain, the result of careful gathering from selected heads for consecutive years, and is of superior quality. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1.25, postpaid.



PREMIUM FLAT DUTCH CABBAGE.

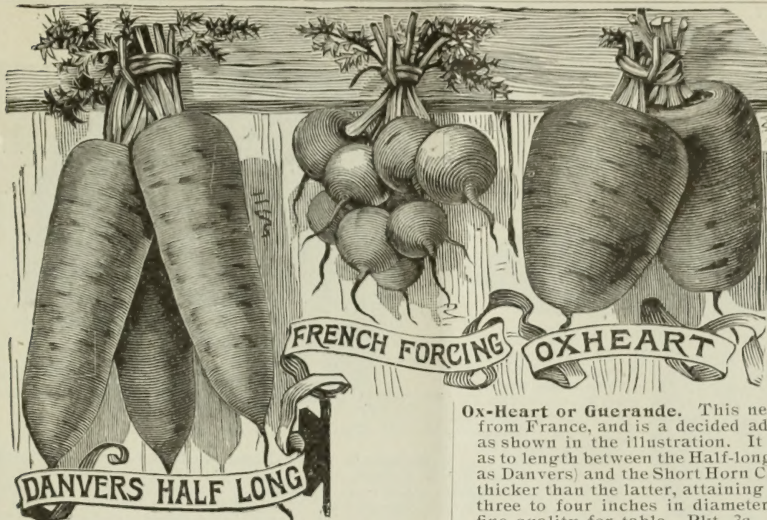
**Acme Flat Dutch.** The Acme is entirely distinct from the *Premium Flat Dutch Cabbage*, and differs from all other strains of *Late Flat Dutch* in that it is *quicker growing* (earlier to mature), hence can be started later. It is extremely handsome in appearance. The well developed heads are *true to type* and uniform in color, which is an attractive bluish-green. The heads measure about thirteen inches across and weigh from ten to twelve pounds each. The *Acme comes very true*, and is a *sure header*. A very superior Cabbage for autumn and winter use. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1.00, postpaid.

## CAULIFLOWER.

**Large Early Erfurt.** This is a large and vigorous growing variety with large white, firm heads. Pkt. 5c., oz. \$1, postpaid.

**Extra Early Paris.** A standard early variety. Pkt. 5c., oz. 50c., postpaid.

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CARROTS

**Danvers Half-Long Orange.** This variety originated in Danvers, Mass., where the raising of carrots is made a special business, twenty to thirty tons per acre being no unusual crop. In form it is midway between the Long Orange and Short Horn. The root is of a rich, dark-orange color, and grows very smooth. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 55c., postpaid.

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**CELERY.**

**Golden Self-Bleaching.** This has become a standard and deservedly popular variety. Its growth is compact, yet vigorous, ribs straight, solid, crisp and tender. The heart is very large, solid, of a rich golden yellow color, and of a most delicious flavor; without banking up, the outer ribs become a yellowish white color as it approaches maturity, but will be more tender by having some earth brought up to them; unlike other self-bleaching kinds, this is an excellent keeper. Pkt. 5c., oz. 15c., postpaid.

**White Plume.** A desirable feature of this Celery is that (similar to the *Golden Self-Bleaching*), naturally its stalks and portions of its inner leaves and heart are white, so that by closing the stalks, by simply drawing the soil up against the plant and pressing it together with the hands, the work of blanching is completed, without, as in most varieties, the additional troublesome process of "banking." It is also ornamental on the table, and is the *earliest* Celery in cultivation, but will not keep longer than Christmas. Pkt. 5c. oz. 10c., postpaid.

**New Rose.** The Red or Rose Celeries have a superior flavor. This variety is very ornamental on the table, the delicate tracing of beautiful rose shading with the white in the bleached stalks and heart. Very solid, rich, and nutty in flavor, and keeps remarkably well. Pkt. 5c., oz. 15c., postpaid.

**Celeriac, or Turnip Rooted.** Used principally for seasoning meats and soups. Pkt. 5c.

Mr. Byron Johnson of Fayetteville, N. Y., says: "Early Dakota Corn is better than you claim for it. It is much earlier and will outyield Perry's Hybrid one third. I picked 1600 dozen ears from one peck planting. My customers were delighted with it."

**Ox-Heart or Guerande.** This new Carrot comes from France, and is a decided advance in shape, as shown in the illustration. It is intermediate as to length between the Half-long varieties (such as Danvers) and the Short Horn Carrot, but much thicker than the latter, attaining at the top from three to four inches in diameter. It is of very fine quality for table. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 60c., postpaid.

**Improved Long Orange.** The roots grow uniform and smooth, being always well formed, of large size, and deep, rich orange color. It is a good keeper, of fine quality for table use, and highly nutritious for stock. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 45c. postpaid.

**Early Horn.** A favorite sort; much esteemed for early summer use. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 75c., postpaid.

**Sweet Corn.**

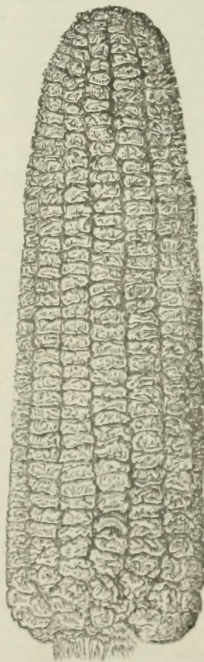
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**The Cory.** Resembles the Marblehead in appearance, but the ears are much larger and much sweeter. Pkt. 5c., qt. 20c. postpaid.

**Stowell's Improved Evergreen.** The standard late sort, remaining longer in the green state than any other. Pkt. 5c., qt. 30c., postpaid.

**Banana Cream.** See last page of cover.

**Early Dakota.** We claim for Early Dakota Sugar Corn that it is the best and sweetest and most prolific of all the early varieties. It is a pure white corn, the result of careful selections for many years. As early as the Cory, and much larger and sweeter. It is fast driving out all other varieties of extra early corn as a market sort where it has been tried. Pkt. 5c., qt. 25c., postpaid.



EARLY DAKOTA.

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## POPCORN.

**Queen's Golden.** A golden yellow variety of dwarf habit, produces from two to four ears on a stalk. The very best. Pkt. 5c., qt. 30c., postpaid.

**White Rice.** Well known old variety. Pkt. 5c., qt. 30c., postpaid.

## CUCUMBERS.

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IMPROVED LONG GREEN CUCUMBER.

**Improved Long Green.** Produced by selection from the Long Green. Vines vigorous and productive, forming fruit fit for the table nearly as early as the shorter sorts. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c.

**Early White Spine.** An excellent variety for table; a great bearer; a favorite with market growers. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**Early Cluster.** Good for table use, but not adapted for pickling. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**Early Frame.** Good variety for pickling and table, of medium size. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**Boston Pickling.** A distinctive variety which has attained a great degree of popularity as a pickle. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**Climbing.** The vines are of healthy, vigorous growth, with rich, dark-green foliage, and throw out *strong, grasping tendrils*, which enable it to climb trellis wire netting, brush or any other suitable support. It comes into bearing quickly and continues abundantly throughout the season, while the climbing habit enable the hanging fruit to grow perfectly straight; from twelve to sixteen inches in length, the cucumbers are thick, tender and of delicate flavor; flesh pure white, skin dark green, turning to brown and netted when ripe. They are of good quality, and when young make attractive pickles. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c.

## EGG PLANT.

**New York Improved.** The leading variety for market and table, fine quality. Pkt. 5c.

## ENDIVE.

**Green Curled.** Leaves six or eight inches long, and finely cut and curled. Easily blanched and hardy. Pkt. 5c.

## KOHL RABI.

**Early White Vienna.** Flesh white, tender and succulent when young. Best for table. Pkt. 5c.

## LEEK.

**Large London or Flag.** Pkt. 5c.



## LETTUCE.

**Tomhannock** Lettuce forms a beautiful plant. The leaves grow upright, the upper part of the outer leaves turning out very gracefully, and are handsomely wrinkled. It grows very quickly.

Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 60c., postpaid.

**White Cabbage or White Butter.** A favorite, produces fine heads. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., postpaid.

## LETTUCE.—(Continued.)



BURPEE'S HARD-HEAD LETTUCE.

**Burpee's Hard-Head Lettuce.** Appropriately named, as it is one of the *hardest heading of all Lettuces*. It grows very rapidly and heads extremely early; the heads are nearly as solid as cabbage. The outer leaves are tinged with brownish red, changing toward the center of the head from a beautiful golden yellow to a creamy white. It is as palatable as it is beautiful, very tender, never bitter, of a sweet, buttery flavor, it surpasses in quality most varieties of cabbage lettuce. It is ready for use from the time it is three inches across until it runs to seed, and always crisp and tender. From our customers we have received but one verdict, and that is—*"The quickest in forming heads, the hardest heads of all and the best for flavor and long standing."* Pkt. 5c., oz. 20c., postpaid.

**Hanson Improved Hard-Heading Stock.**—We can recommend this as one of the *very best*. Heads green outside and white within; grows to a remarkable size, very solid and is deliciously sweet, crisp and tender. It withstands the hot sun. *This hard-heading stock of Hanson Lettuce has been so improved that most of the heads are so very solid that they do not send up any seed stalks unless cut open with a knife.* Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c., postpaid.

**Henderson's New York.** A very superior summer cabbage lettuce, remains a long time without going to seed; heads very large, often weighing three or more pounds, solid, crisp, tender, of excellent flavor and free from bitterness. One of the very best in all respects. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., postpaid.

**Black Seed Simpson (or perpetual).** This does not form a head but a compact mass of leaves, which are tender and of excellent quality and of rapid growth; early, stands heat well, one of the very best for outdoor growth and good for forcing. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., postpaid.

**Black Seed Tennis Ball.** Very early, forms a close, hard head, leaves crisp and tender. A very popular sort for forcing in hot-beds; as it has but few outer leaves it can be planted only six or seven inches apart. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., postpaid.

**Sensation.** This remarkable new candidate appeals not only to the shrewd market gardener but to every owner of a home garden who may desire something extra choice in quality. All agree in pronouncing it the best lettuce they have ever grown for forcing, and equally valuable for growing in the open ground during the hottest summer months. It is a beautiful light yellow-green color, leaves much blistered on the surface, and of very superior, even quality. It has the peculiarity of forming a solid head, even before half grown. It is the shyest seeder of any lettuce we have ever grown, and necessarily high in price. Pkt. 5c., oz. 30c., postpaid.



## WATER MELON.

**Will's Sugar.** A small melon, oval in shape, color mottled with light and dark green, flesh bright red, perfectly solid, very sweet, and of delicious flavor, often so full of saccharine that bits of dry pulp show a coating of sugar. Will mature anywhere in N. America, south of the 50th parallel. If you want the most delicious Water Melon ever introduced do not fail to include Will's Sugar in your order. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.



Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

Mr. David Dunlop of Fayetteville, N. Y., says: "We had ripe melon August 15th, and the most delicious I ever tasted."

**Mountain Sweet.** Fruit large and oblong, flesh red, solid and very sweet; a delicious and very desirable standard variety. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 35c., postpaid.

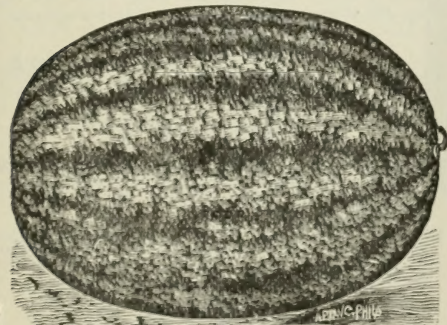
**Cuban Queen.** An excellent melon of the largest size, flesh bright red, very solid and sweet, skin striped dark and light green, ripens quite early, and is wonderfully productive; very popular. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 35c., postpaid.

**Phinney's Early.** One of the very earliest, of medium uniform size, oblong shape, flesh bright red and very sweet, seeds white, skin mottled white and green; vines vigorous, hardy and very productive; an excellent variety for market or home use in northern latitudes. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 35c., postpaid.

**Peerless, or Ice Cream.** An excellent one for home use, early, medium size, oblong, light green skin, with very sweet, melting, delicious flavored crimson flesh; seeds white. Pkt. 2c., oz. 8c., lb. 35c., postpaid.

**Colorado Preserving Melon.** This is quite distinct from the ordinary citron, is of larger size and more productive. The flesh is firm and solid, with but few seeds, and makes preserves of the finest flavor, clear and nearly transparent. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**Citron.** A round, handsome fruit of small size, used in making sweetmeats and preserves. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.



"EASTERN SHORE" WATER MELON.

A dozen seeds of this remarkable melon were sent us three years ago by a customer on the eastern shore of Maryland, and this is the first season we have had sufficient quantity of the seed to offer. It is the sweetest and earliest large melon in cultivation. Pkt. 10c.

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## MUSK MELON.

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**Giant Chicago Market.** It is a type of our well known Chicago Market Musk Melon, equal to it in quality, which we hold to be of the very sweetest, but much larger and very productive. It is decidedly ribbed, extra well netted, with very thick green flesh. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1, prepaid.

### Miller's Cream.

The finest flavored melon in cultivation and the best melon grown for the market garden, for the trucker, for the farmer, or for the small planter. Without question the sweetest of all melons. The flesh is of a rich salmon color very sweet and melting in quality, and is so very thick that the melon is almost solid the seed cavity being remarkably small. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.



**Extra Early Hackensack.** An improved strain of the popular Hackensack, being about two weeks earlier and retaining all of its former excellence, making it a very valuable sort for market or home use; large size, deeply ribbed, nearly round, flattened at the ends, skin and flesh green and of delicious flavor. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**Emerald Gem.** New, extremely early, skin smooth, surface ribbed, color deep emerald green, very thick, salmon colored flesh, and ripens thoroughly to the very thin green rind. The flavor is sweet and luscious. The vines are hardy, thrifty, and very prolific. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

## OKRA.

**Dwarf Green.** Earliest and best for the north. Pkt. 5c.

## ONION SETS.

Our crop of onion sets are well matured and uniform in size. Please observe that prices are very reasonable, quality considered, as compared with prices of other houses. Add 10c per qt. if ordered by mail.



**Yellow Bottom.** Qt. 20c., peck \$1, bu. \$4, by express or freight.

**Red Top.** Qt. 15c., peck 80c., bu. \$3, express or freight.

Larger Quantities of Seeds.

## BEST AMERICAN GROWN ONION SEED.

Mr. Cyrus Davis, President of the Farmers' Institute, Perth, Ontario, writes: "The onion seed I bought of you was *first class*, also the price was right. I am a market gardener and have been for the last twenty years and have dealt with many seed men but found none with better seeds and few so honorable. I give my endorsement with pleasure and hope to make my order for 1897 exceed last year.

Mr. John McCarrick of Fayetteville, N. Y., says: "Everyone who I sold your Yellow Globe Danvers Onion seed to are much pleased, as they all have good crops of nice, ripe onions."

**New Queen.** A remarkable keeper and rapid grower. Sown in May will produce onions two inches in diameter before July 1st. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1.50, postpaid.

**Golden Queen Onion.** After several years' trial in all sections of the country, we are thoroughly convinced that this is the very best and most profitable type of the *Yellow* onion in existence. *No other will yield as well. No other will keep as long.* We have seen onions grown from our seeds *fifteen months* after they were harvested, and yet in good condition. No other ripens down so firm and solid with so fine a neck. Its form is the best possible to conceive of, for an onion. Somewhat flattened, yet deep, indicating good keeping quality. No stiff necks or scullions. *The mildest* flavored of any yellow onion, matures quite early, of fine yellow color and large size. Pkt. 5c., lb. \$1.00, postpaid. By express, 4 lbs. \$3.00.



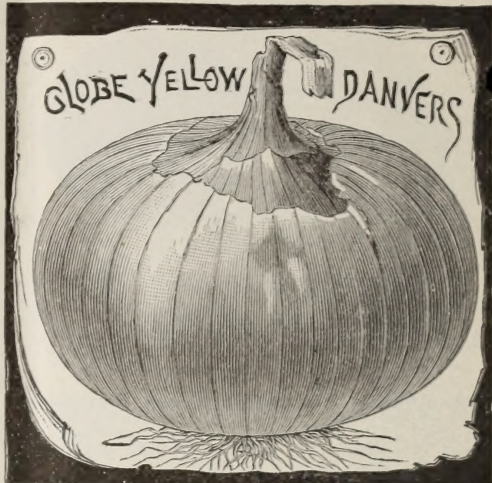
GOLDEN QUEEN ONION.

**White Silverskin, or White Portugal.** Very desirable for family use; flavor mild and pleasant, skin silvery white, of handsome appearance, highly esteemed for pickling when young, also for market in early winter. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1.50, postpaid. By express, \$1.25 per lb.

**Extra Early Red.** This variety matures very early. It yields abundantly and is of mild flavor, medium size, deep red in color, very close grained, solid and heavy. This will often form bulbs in cold and mucky soils where other varieties fail. It is highly recommended, particularly for the North and North-west. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. 75c., postpaid. By express, 65c. per lb.

**Large Red Wethersfield.** Of large size and fine form, skin deep purplish-red, flesh purplish-white, moderately fine grained and stronger in flavor than the yellow or white onions. Very productive and an excellent keeper. Immense crops of this onion are grown for shipment, and it is one of the very best sorts. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. 75c., postpaid. By express, 65c. per lb.

**Large Red Globe.** A fine globe-shaped onion of superior quality. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1.25, postpaid.



**Yellow Globe Danvers.** This strain has been most carefully selected, the flatter onions being thrown out. The name "GLOBE" in this connection must be taken comparatively, as the *True Danvers Onion* is never so perfectly globe-shaped as the *Southport Yellow Globe*; all the perfectly globe-shaped varieties are later in maturing. We cannot too strongly recommend our seed of this variety—from careful trials we know it is **unsurpassed**. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. 75c., postpaid. By express, 65c. per lb.

**White Globe Onion.** A large, globe-shaped onion; firm, fine grained, of mild flavor, keeps well. This is one of the handsomest onions grown, of beautiful shape, clear, white skin, and commands the highest market price. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1.20, postpaid.

**Prize Taker.** An excellent keeper, of finest flavor, handsome shape and enormous size. The PRIZETAKER grows always to a perfect globe shape, with a bright straw-colored skin. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1.50, postpaid.

## PARSLEY.

**Champion Moss Curled.** Leaves beautifully curled and moss-like, of the richest green. Pkt. 5c., oz., 10c., postpaid.

## PARSNIPS.

**Hollow Crown, or Long Smooth.** Also called *Abbott's Improved*. Very productive, long, sweet, and of excellent flavor. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**Improved Guernsey.** This does not grow as long as the above, but is much thicker, and easier to harvest. Very smooth, flesh fine grained and fine flavored. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

## PEPPER.

**Ruby King.** Pkt. 3c.

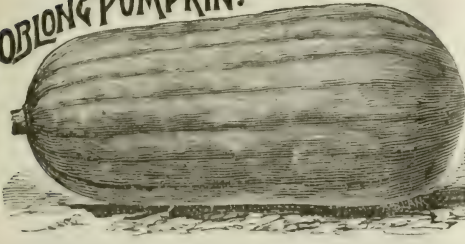
**Large Bell, or Bull Nose.** An early variety of mild flavored. Rind thick and fleshy. Pkt. 3c., oz. 20c., postpaid.

**Cayenne.** Long, slender, pungent. Pkt. 3c., oz. 20c., postpaid.

**Golden Dawn.** A magnificent yellow pepper of the Bell class, very productive. Pkt. 3c.

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**OBLONG PUMPKIN.**



**PUMPKIN.**

- Connecticut Field.** Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 25c. postpaid.
- Sweet Sugar.** One of the best for table. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 35c., postpaid.
- Sweet Potato.** A general favorite wherever known. If you want the best pumpkin known for cooking purposes, try the Tennessee Sweet Potato. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1.00, postpaid.
- Golden Oblong.** This pumpkin is thoroughly established, distinct from all other varieties incultivation, and its fine quality, good keeping qualities and convenient size make it one of, if not the very best of all for pumpkin pies. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. 30c. postpaid.

**PEAS.**

*Remember, these prices are for Peas by mail, postpaid; if ordered by express or freight deduct 15c. per qt.*

**Will's "First of All"** Has proved itself the earliest Pea in cultivation; besides being early it is wonderfully productive. It is also an even cropper, can be cleaned at two pickings. For succession, sow a crop every two weeks from early spring until July or August, and you will have peas the whole season. Pkt. 5c., qt. 30c., postpaid.

**McLean's Little Gem.** A leading favorite for garden use; a green wrinkled pea, quite early, productive, flavor excellent, may be planted close, one foot high. Pkt. 5c., qt. 30c., postpaid.

**Blue Peter.** Habit like Tom Thumb, but more robust, almost as dwarf and immensely productive. Pkt. 5c., qt. 30c., postpaid.

**Telephone.** This strong grown, sweet, wrinkled pea is driving out of the local market the common kinds of early hard peas, owing to its strong growth, large, handsome, well filled pods, and very fine table quality. Pkt. 5c., qt. 30c., postpaid.

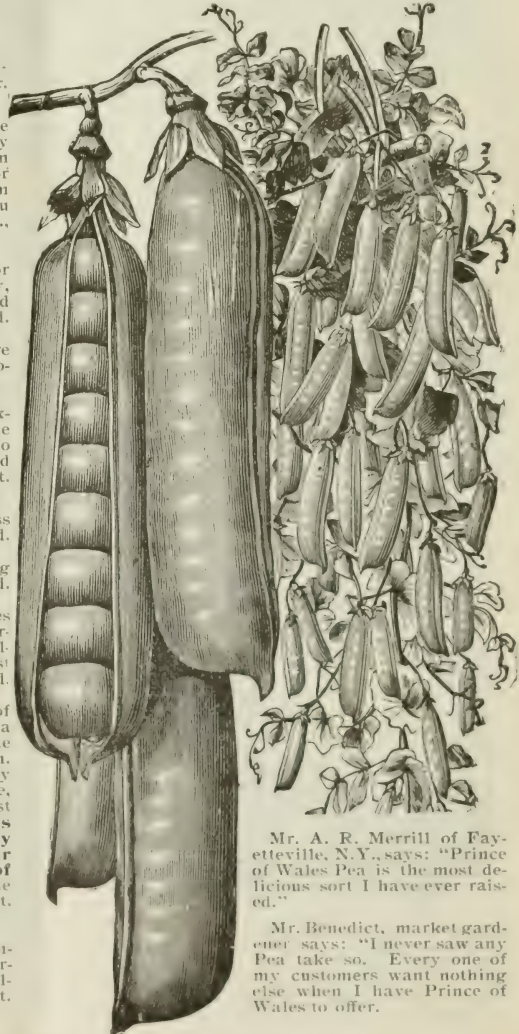
**Yorkshire Hero.** Unsurpassed for sweetness and delicious flavor. Pkt. 5c., qt. 30c., postpaid.

**Champion of England.** A variety possessing merit of high order. Pkt. 5c., qt. 30c., postpaid.

**Bliss Everbearing.** Pods three or four inches in length, containing six or seven rich, marrowy and sugary wrinkled peas of rare excellence. As indicated by the name, it is almost a perpetual bearer. Pkt. 5c., qt. 30c., postpaid.

**Prince of Wales.** (See cut.) The Prince of Wales is what properly might be called a main crop pea, coming in as it does about the time of the Telephone and the Stratagem. Average height of vine two feet, seeds very large, yellow, wrinkled. The pods are large, although not as large as the two sorts just named; but they will produce **more pods from a given quantity of seed than any other sort**, and will give a **greater number of shelled Peas to the same number of pods**, thus rendering it alike valuable to the grower and the consumer. Try them! Pkt. 5c., qt. 35c., postpaid.

**American Wonder.** A cross between the Champion and Little Gem types, a sufficient guarantee of its superior qualities; a most excellent pea; grows ten inches high. Pkt. 5c., qt. 45c., postpaid.



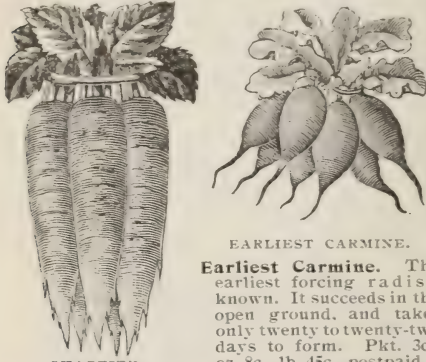
Mr. A. R. Merrill of Fayetteville, N.Y., says: "Prince of Wales Pea is the most delicious sort I have ever raised."

Mr. Benedict, market gardener says: "I never saw any Pea take so. Every one of my customers want nothing else when I have Prince of Wales to offer."

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## RADISH.

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CHARTIER.

EARLIEST CARMINE.

**Earliest Carmine.** The earliest forcing radish known. It succeeds in the open ground, and takes only twenty to twenty-two days to form. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 45c., postpaid.

**Chartier.** A very handsome rose-colored radish, tapering to white near the tip. It is of good size, very tender and remarkably free from pith. It remains in eating order a long time. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**White Strasburg.** It is one of the quickest growing of all radishes, both skin and flesh pure white. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 45c., postpaid.

**Long Scarlet Short Top.** The standard variety. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 30c., postpaid.

**Scarlet Turnip.** Excellent for summer use. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**French Breakfast.** Quick growth, very mild and tender. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**White Turnip.** A summer variety of mild flavor. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.



MODEL BOX RADISH.

**Model Box.** This is the earliest and best white radish for either the home or market garden. Its handsome form is well shown in the photograph above. It is equally valuable for forcing or growing in open ground at any season of the year. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c., lb. \$1.00, postpaid.

## RADISH. (Continued.)

**Black Spanish Winter.** One of the latest, as well as the hardest of radishes, and is considered an excellent sort for winter use. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. 45c., postpaid.

**China Rose Winter.** The best winter radish in cultivation. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c., lb. 45c., postpaid.

## RHUBARB-PIE PLANT.

**Monarch.** The most vigorous and productive variety known. The leaf stalks are very numerous, the longer ones being fifteen to twenty inches long, and fully one and one-half inches wide. Pkt. 3c., oz. 15c.

## SALSIFY-OYSTER PLANT.

**Long Smooth White.** Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 90c., postpaid.

**Sandwich Islands.** A new improved type of this excellent vegetable. It produces roots of nearly double the size and weight of the old variety, and of equally good quality. Although of recent introduction, it has been extensively grown for the markets of the large cities, and in such instances has entirely superseded the old sort. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 90c., postpaid.

## SPINACH.

**Round Thick Leaved Summer.** One of the best market sorts for spring or autumn sowing. Leaves are large, thick and somewhat crumpled. Pkt. 3c., lb. 35c., postpaid.

**Savoy Leaved, or Bloomsdale.** This is the hardest of all, producing twice the weight of crop; leaves are large, very thick and curled like Savoy Cabbage. Keeps well after cutting; suitable for fall sowing. Pkt. 3c., lb. 35c., postpaid.

**Long Standing.** Similar to Round Leaf, but is not inclined to run to seed for a long time. Pkt. 3c., lb. 35c., postpaid.

## SQUASH.

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**Giant Summer Crookneck.** This new strain is as early as the common Summer Crookneck, much larger, often measuring from 18 to 24 inches in length, bright golden color, and of the very best quality. They command an extra price in market. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 45c., postpaid.

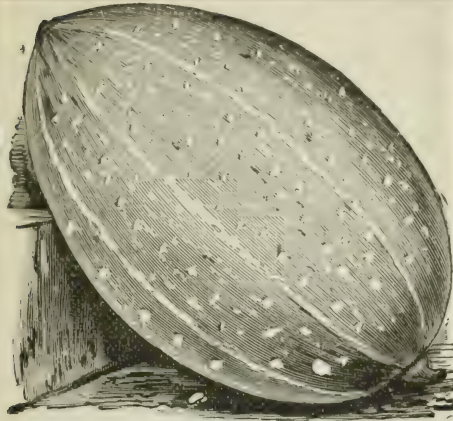
**Mammoth White Bush, Scalloped.** An improved variety of the well known White Bush Squash, growing 12 to 15 inches across; of uniform shape, of a beautiful white color, very early and prolific. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 45c., postpaid.

**Golden Custard.** The color is a dark, rich golden yellow, and for quality it cannot be excelled. It grows in bush form, and is wonderfully productive. This is a novelty of real merit; try it. Pkt. 5c., oz. 15c., lb. 65c., postpaid.

**Yellow Bush Scalloped.** A sub-variety of the white bush, principally differing in color. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 35c., postpaid.

**Perfect Gem.** Equally desirable either as a summer, autumn or winter squash. It is a strong grower and large yielder, as many as 24 squashes having been produced from a single vine. The squashes are from four to six inches in diameter, of a creamy white, with thin, smooth shell, slightly ribbed. The flesh, cooked, is dry, sweet, and rich in flavor, and free from the strong taste often found in winter sorts. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN SQUASH.

**Marblehead.** An excellent variety, color of shell blue. It is remarkable for its combination of sweetness, dryness and delicious flavor. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 75c., postpaid.

## TOMATO.

**Dwarf Champion.** Dwarf and compact in growth, the plants grow stiff and upright, with thick jointed stems, and foliage, unlike so many others, of an unusually dark-green, thick and corrugated. In form, color and size, the tomatoes resemble the Acme,—very smooth and symmetrical in shape, ripening close around the stem. Pkt. 3c., oz. 15c., lb. \$1.50, postpaid.

**Ponderosa.** This monster tomato, so largely advertised, is described by the introducers as follows: "It is all solid meat, so free from seeds that we have had to pay our growers five times as much to raise seeds of this as of the ordinary sorts. It is a very handsome variety, being uniformly large, smooth, of a dark, rich crimson color, and a delicious sub-acid flavor. To show the enormous size of this great tomato, we would state that twelve specimens weighed sixteen and a half pounds, an average weight of one pound six ounces each, one monster tipping the scales at 1 lb. 14 ozs." Pkt. 3c., oz. 15c., postpaid.

**Golden Queen.** A beautiful new tomato, large size and smooth, color rich golden yellow, with a slight tinge of red at the blossom end; the flavor is mild and excellent, not as acid as red sorts. Fine for preserving, the best of the yellow sorts. Pkt. 3c., oz. 15c., postpaid.

**Strawberry — or Ground Cherry.**

Unequaled for preserving, canning or pies. Dried in sugar as raisins or figs, they are unexcelled. They have a strawberry flavor and produce fruit in great abundance. In sections devoid of fruit many esteem them highly. A great curiosity, and sell well market. Pkt. 5c.

**Yellow Plum.** A beautiful variety, used principally for pickling. Pkt. 5c.

**Red Cherry.** A small early variety, size and shape of cherry, for pickling. Pkt. 5c.



## SQUASH. (Continued.)

**Fordhook.** An entirely distinct variety. Very early, of rapid growth, will ripen far north, remarkably prolific; the squashes are rather small, pear shaped or oblong, ribbed, with a thin, light yellow skin, and very thick, straw-colored, dry, and remarkably sweet flesh; seed cavity very small, will keep till June in a cool, dry room, and yet in a green state they rival the best summer squashes. "Fried Fordhook is delicious." Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 60c., postpaid.

**Rocky Mountain Squash.** (See cut. The best winter squash in cultivation. Flesh solid and thick, orange in color, dry, and of peculiar rich flavor. It is a **sure crop when all others fail.** Matures earlier than Hubbard or Marblehead. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 35c., postpaid.

**Hubbard.** A great favorite, more extensively grown for market than any other variety; of good size, color dark green, shell very hard, flesh yellow, fine grained, dry and sweet. In quality it is the standard of excellence. Our seed is of superior quality, having been grown for many years from carefully selected stock. We believe there is none better. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**Boston Marrow.** Much esteemed variety, coming in about ten days later than the bush sorts; color rich orange. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 45c., postpaid.

**Livingston's Acme.** Still holds its reputation of being the earliest large red tomato in cultivation, as well as one of the handsomest. Pkt. 3c., oz. 15c., lb. \$1.50.



ACME TOMATO.

**Red Currant.** A small and pretty sort, grown for preserves. Pkt. 3c.

**Peach.** Resembles a rich, well ripened peach in shape and appearance. Pkt. 3c.

**Pear Shaped.** Used for preserving and pickling. Pkt. 5c.

## TURNIP.

**Extra Early Purple Top Munich.** Must occupy the same place among turnips that the Eclipse variety does among the beet family—that of being the earliest of all. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 60c., postpaid.

**Sweet German.** This celebrated turnip is white, sweet, a long keeper, and generally solid until mid-summer. It should be sowed as early as the Swedes. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

**White Egg.** A very excellent variety, nearly oval, or egg shaped; flesh firm and fine grained, and of snowy whiteness; particularly desirable for the table; can be sown as late as the middle of August. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c., postpaid.

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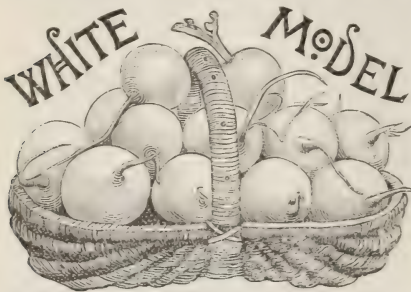
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**TURNIPS.** (Continued.)



WHITE TOP STRAP LEAF TURNIP.

**White Top Strap Leaf.** This and the following are the two best kinds for spring sowing and for garded culture. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 50c., postpaid.



**White Model.** A very superior strain of white turnips, of medium size; smooth, globe shape, quick growing, flesh fine grained, perfectly white, sweet and tender; cooks as quick as a potato, without the strong odor and flavor of some sorts. Very early and keeps in splendid condition till late in the spring. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 50c. postpaid.

**Purple Top Strap Leaf.** Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c. postpaid.

**Early Flat Dutch.** An early garden variety resembling White Strap leaf. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c. postpaid.

**RUTABAGA.**

**Carter's Imperial Hardy Purple Top Yellow.** A most excellent sort either for table use or feeding stock. Flesh yellow, solid, firm, sweet and rich. It is a hardy sort, yields heavily, with no tendency to long necks. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c. postpaid.

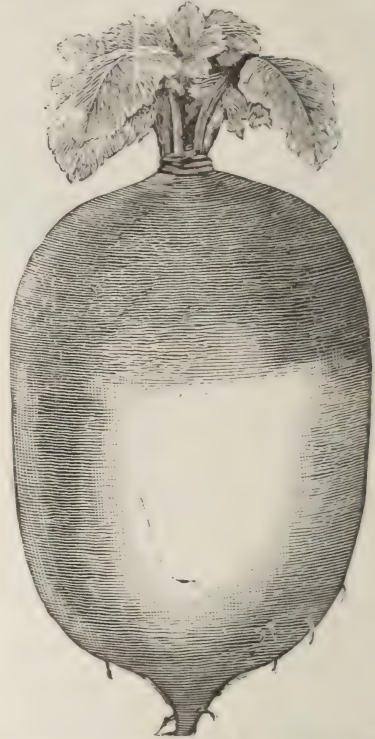


Grows exactly in size, color and shape of an egg; do not crack and are uninjured by cold or wet; they make the very best nest egg. Pkt. 5c.

**RUTABAGAS.** (Continued.)

**White Sweet.** A large, white, solid Swede; sometimes called White Russian; also London-Extra Swede. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c. postpaid.

**Shamrock.** One of the finest Purple Top varieties in cultivation; grows with small top and very few leaves; an excellent keeper and good for stock and table use. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c. postpaid.



WILL'S IMPROVED PURPLE TOP YELLOW RUTABAGA

**Will's Improved Purple Top Yellow Rutabaga.** A new and perfectly distinct variety of Swede. For *earliness, quality and weight* we claim it superior to any variety in cultivation, producing from two to seven tons per acre more than any Swede, while the large percentage of saccharine matter contained in the root makes it very palatable and nutritious to stock fed on it; of handsome shape and distinct appearance. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c., lb. 40c. postpaid.

**HERBS.**

**Herbs.** Anise, Balm, Sweet Basil, Caraway, Coriander, Dill, Dandelion, Horehound, Hyssop, Lavender, Mustard, Rosemary, Fennel, Sweet Majoram, Thyme, Saffron, Sage, Summer Savory, Catnip, Wormwood, 5c. each.

**TOBACCO.**

**Havana, Imported.** Pkt. 5c., oz. 25c. postpaid.

**General Grant.** The earliest tobacco in cultivation, particularly adapted for growing in the Northern states. The leaf has extremely small veins of the finest texture, and very elastic. Pkt. 10c., oz. 25c. postpaid.

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# FLOWER SEEDS.

All Flower Seeds by Mail, Postpaid.

**Dwarf Bouquet Aster.** Plants only 10 to 12 inches high, producing large, double flowers resembling chrysanthemums and valuable on account of profuse late flowering. Pkt. 10c.

**Aster**, finest mixed, Pkt. 10c.

**Amaranthus**, tri-color, Pkt. 10c.

**Ageratum**, finest mixed, Pkt. 5c.

**Alyssum Sweet.** Hardy annual, flowering from early spring till killed by frost; and all winter in the green-house if sown in the fall. Pkt. 3c.

**Antirrhinum**, Snap Dragon. Pkt. 3c.

**Balsam.** French mixed. Pkt. 3c. Camelia flowered. Pkt. 3c.

**Baloon Vine.** Remarkable for its inflated membranous character and sometimes called Love-in-a-Puff. The flowers are insignificant, but the plant is a rapid and graceful climber. Pkt. 3c.

**Bachelor's Button.** Double. Pkt. 3c.

**Canary Bird Flower.** A beautiful climber, the charming little canary colored blossom bearing a fancied resemblance to a bird with the wings half expanded. Pkt. 3c.

**New French Canna.** The New French Cannas are continuous bloomers, producing their large showy flowers from early summer until late in autumn. Pkt. 5c.

**Candytuft.** Mixed. Pkt. 3c. White, 3c.

**Coboea Scandens.** Although it does grandly outside, it is also a splendid house climber, and will do well running over windows in the house, and will reward the grower with the abundance of beautiful blossoms. In fact, it grows and flourishes anywhere. Pkt. 5c.

**Cypress Vine.** A most beautiful climber, with delicate, dark green, feathery foliage, and an abundance of bright star-shaped rose, scarlet and white blossoms. Pkt. 5c.

**New Dwarf Margaret Carnation.** Blooms the first year from seed. The plants are of dwarf compact and neat habit, branching closely above the ground, and do not require any support. They flower most abundantly throughout the whole year. Eighty per cent. of the flowers are very double, never burst, and embrace a great variety of colors. But the greatest importance is the fact that the *Seedlings bloom when only three months old*, and Carnation flowers can be had all summer and winter if consecutive sowings are made. Pkt. 5c.

**Convolvulus.** Morning Glory. Fine mixed. Embracing a great variety of colors. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c.

**Japanese Morning Glory.** The plant attains a growth of twenty feet by midsummer. The leaves are large, heart-shaped, many of them a rich, dark color, marbled with silvery white or yellow. The flowers are really gigantic, being *double the size of the ordinary kind*, their main attraction, however, is not their enormous size, but their *wonderful coloring*. Their varieties of color are infinite, running from snow-white through all possible shades of blue, and of red from palest pink to darkest reds and purples. Pkt. 10c.

**Dianthus.** (Chinese Pinks.) One of the most useful and desirable plants, and for beauty and variety of colors, and markings cannot be surpassed, ranging from pure white to the most delicate pink and glowing crimson. Pkt. 3c.

**Double Daisy.** Sow seed very early. The flowers are very abundant in early spring, and may be made to flower later by the use of water. Plants can be removed safely even when in flowers. The plants should be about six inches apart when set. Choice mixed. Pkt. 5c.

**Eschscholtzia**, California Poppy. Mixed, flowers yellow, orange and white, leaves finely cut, height ten to twelve inches, very showy. Pkt. 3c.

**For-Got-Me-Not**, (Myosotis). Pkt. 3c.

**Four O'Clock.** Pkt. 3c.

**Hollyhock**, double. Pkt. 5c.

**Ice Plant**, (Mesebryanthemum). Pkt. 3c.

**Lobelia.** Pkt. 3c.

**Marigolds**, (African.) The African varieties are stronger in habit and produce larger flowers than the French.

**Marigolds**, (African Double) Mixed. All varieties. Pkt. 3c.

**New Spiral Mignonette.** Seeds sown early in the garden will give flowers through the summer. Pkt. 3c.

**Maurandya Vine.** Pkt. 3c.

**Nasturtium.** Tom Thumb Varieties, mixed. Including all the above and other choice colors. Plant freely. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c.

**Nasturtium Majus**, finest mixed Tall Nasturtium. Many bright colors. Pkt. 3c., oz. 10c.

**Petunia Hybrida**, Finest striped and blotched, very choice. Pkt. 3c.

**Petunia**, (Large Flowering Single.) Many colors, blotched, striped and fringed, extra fine. Pkt. 10c.

**Petunia**, (Large Flowering Double.) The choicest mixture possible to make for 25c.

**Portulaca.** Double Rose Flowered, mixed. Unsurpassed for brilliancy and beauty. From first-class seed, over one-half of the plants will produce magnificent double flowers, these can be transplanted eight inches apart as soon as they bloom, thus making the entire bed of double flowers. Pkt. 5c.

**Pansies.** Fine mixed. Pkt. 5c.

**Pansies.** (Will's Royal Show.) This mixture is made up of the separate varieties we have carefully noted as the very best, and never before has it been possible for the purchaser to obtain in one packet so many distinct strains. Pkt. 10c.

**Phlox Drummondii Grandiflora.** Superb Mixed. A magnificent new class, with flowers as large as those of the Perennial Phloxes. The colors we offer in our "Superb Mixture" are very positive and perfectly gorgeous in their brilliancy. For massing in groups or arranging in ribbon lines there are no flowers obtained with so little care and expense, the colors ranging in every conceivable shade. Pkt. 3c.

**Phlox.** (Star.) The growth is dwarf, and the habit very compact. The pointed center teeth of the petals five in number are four or five times as large as the lateral ones and project beyond them like little spines. The flowers appear to have a star-like form, thus producing a most brilliant effect. Finest mixture of over 20 colors. Pkt. 3c.

We Give More Every Time Than We Agree To.

**Shirley Poppy.** It is perfectly hardy and flowers the first season from seed. The flowers are large, exceedingly graceful and elegant. The colors are pure, soft and varied, and range from bluish-white, rose, delicate pink and carmine, through innumerable tints to bright sparkling crimson. Pkt. 3c.

**Snowdrift Poppy.** Flowers pure white, very double, of large size and perfectly round. This is the very best double white variety yet offered. Pkt. 3c.

**Fine Mixed Poppy.** Finest mixed double and single; best ever offered. The most brilliant and also the most delicate tinted, making a gorgeous display. Pkt. 3c.

**Stock, Ten Week.** New largest-flowering Globe Pyramidal Stock. A magnificent race, with immense spikes of perfectly double flowers, with individual blossoms frequently measuring from *two to two and one-half inches in diameter*. The large double flowers are produced in great profusion, the spikes being compactly pyramidal in shape, and the plants of neat habit of growth. We offer the following colors: *Crimson, Citron-Yellow, Rose, Dark Blue, Pure White, Light Blue, Black-Brown, Brown-Rose, Coppery-Brown, Apple Blossom, Golden-Chamois, Salmon-Rose, Canary Yellow, Darkest Crimson, Lilac-Rose, Chamois, Flesh Color.* **The seventeen colors mixed,** Pkt. 10c.

**Sweet William.** (*Dianthus Bargatus*.) A great favorite; flowers are produced in large heads in many rich and brilliant colors. Pkt. 3c.

**Sweet Peas.** *Alba magnifica*—pure white. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

*Apple Blossom*—bright pink and blush. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

*Bianche Ferry*—pink and white. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

*Cardinal*—crimson scarlet. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

*Delight*—white, crested with crimson. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

*Duchess of Edinburgh*—scarlet, flushed with crimson. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

*Monarch*—bronze, crimson and blue. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

*Orange Prince*—orange-pink, flushed with scarlet. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

**Cupid** is the only dwarf Sweet Pea ever produced growing but five inches high, yet the tiny plant produces masses of perfectly formed blossoms of the purest white, the foliage is a rich dark-green, and the plant stands upright, having no tendency to trail or climb. Pkt. 5c.



A POT-PLANT OF CUPID.—From a Photograph.

*Painted Lady*—rosy, crimson and blush white. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

*Purple Prince*—maroon, shaded with bronze, purple, wing blue. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

*Crown Prince of Prussia*—blush pink. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

*Lottie Eckford*—flowers large, pure white edged with lavender blue. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

*Emily Henderson*—a gloriously beautiful acquisition, of American origin. Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

**Imperial Mixed.** If you want the finest sweet pea ever grown, you should give the *Imperial Mixed* a trial, and be convinced of their wonderful beauty. The flowers are of the largest size, and in colors surpass any other mixture of Sweet Peas ever sent out, being rich and gorgeous, ranging from bright scarlet, carmine, maroon, rosy pink, purple, indigo blue, pure white, black striped, laced and shade. Pkt. 3c., oz. 5c., lb. 40., postpaid.

**Verbena Hybrida.** Extra fine mixed, from a superb collection of named varieties. Very large in flower and corymbs, and of the richest and most brilliant colors. As now perfected, this is one of the *finest strains of Verbena hybrida in cultivation to-day*. The seed has been saved not only from a large collection of many bright and pleasing self-colors, but also from the finest varieties of the *auricula-eyed* type. Pkt. 5c.

**Wild Cucumber.** A climber with green leaves and pretty white flowers and bud-like fruits, beset with deciduous barbed prickles. One of the best climbers for verandas, trellises, etc.; never suffers from the heat or being destroyed by insects like so many other good climbing plants, but retains its fresh color until in the autumn. Pkt. 3c.

**Zinnia.** One of the most brilliant flowers in cultivation, and a great favorite, the magnificent double flowers of the new strains rivaling the dahlia in beauty, size and coloring. Pkt. 5c.

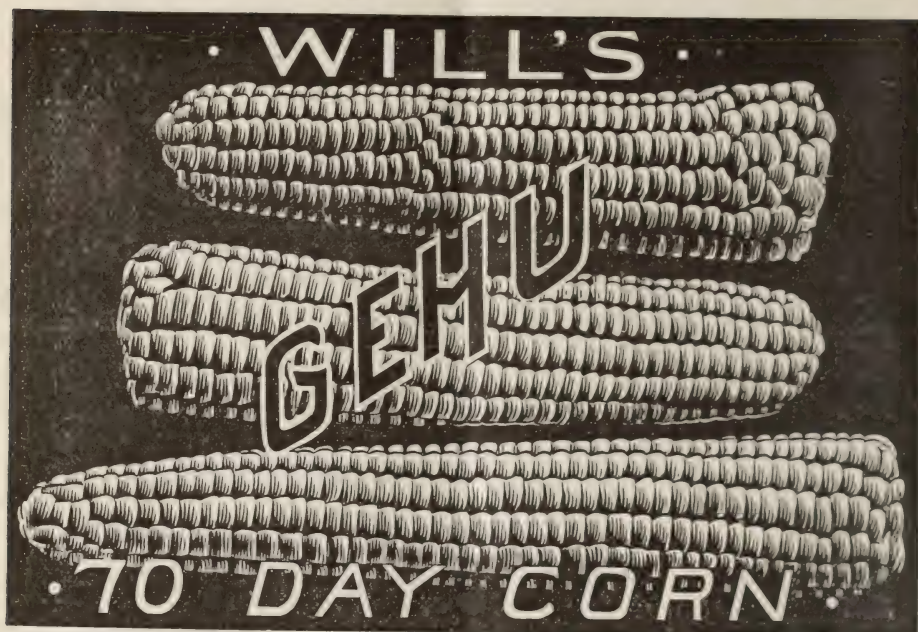
**Zinnia.** (*Zebra*.) This is unique, in the fact that different shades of its brilliant and beautiful double flowers are found on the same plant. Colors, crimson, pink, yellow, orange, rose, scarlet, etc. Most of the flowers are spotted, striped or blotched, making a grand sight when grown in a mass. Pkt. 5c.

We give a one ounce package of Empire Mixed Sweet Peas with every order for Seeds amounting to one dollar or more, if desired.

We aim to do a little better than we agree.







## WILL'S GEHU CORN.

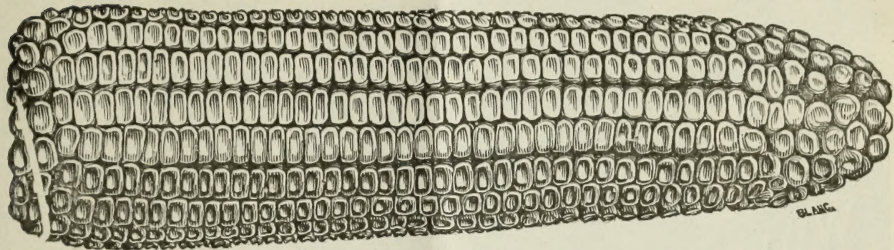
**WE CLAIM Gehu** to be the earliest valuable flint corn in the world and superior to all others in cultivation for localities where the seasons will not admit of growing the large varieties. Grows seven feet high, ears two feet from the ground. It will yield from fifty to one hundred bushels per acre, and mature in from sixty-five to seventy days. Since we first introduced **Gehu Corn** it has steadily improved until now it stands at the head of all varieties of flint corn. It is without a competitor in all flint corn growing sections. It will mature a good crop any where two months of summer weather can be assured. It has been thoroughly tried, not only in the cold northwest, but in the cold northeast, Canada, Manitoba, Pacific Coast States, Rocky Mountain regions, Valleys of Montana, Russia, Sweden and Germany, in all of which it has proved a great success. It is valuable also for **replanting** in the great corn states as it can be planted as late as July first and mature a crop. It is also very valuable for high altitudes, as it will mature where corn has never been grown before, not a few soft **nubbings**, but a good crop of nice large ears. It has always been said that corn would not grow in a country where it is comfortable to sleep under blankets, **Gehu** is an exception, as it has been successfully grown in the States of Oregon and Washington, west of the Cascade Range. There is not, and never was a variety of corn (except our, P. of D.) which would endure so great hardships in the way of intense heat, cold, poor soil and little or no cultivation. In appearance it is most striking, being of a handsome golden yellow shade peculiarly its own. The above engraving was made from a photograph, and is a faithful representation. We make price in keeping with the times. Per pt. 15c., qt. 25c., postpaid, pk. 30c., bu. \$1.00, 5 bu. \$4.75, 10 bu. \$9.00, by express or freight, bags included.

MR. HARRY DRYDEN, of Portland, writes: "I want you to know that I appreciate your seeds, I have never had such good results as from the seeds selected from your modest little catalogue. A fancy catalogue, I have learned to my sorrow, does not always "produce" good seeds. Gehu Corn is more than you claim for it. It requires a little more time to mature here than you claim by about a week, but I attribute it to our very cool nights, I had plenty of ears ten inches long and none less than seven and all hard and sound as a nut, I did not weigh or measure, but am certain my yield would exceed at the rate of more than fifty bushels per acre, which, considering the fact that this is no corn country, is very remarkable.

**A RECOMMENDATION. OUR CORN IS TESTED.** We do not, however, feel like losing an opportunity of strongly urging our customers, **WHEREVER** they may purchase their seed, to **TEST IT BEFORE PLANTING.** It is but little trouble to try a few seeds in earth, and in this way the responsibility can be placed where it belongs. Our Seeds are carefully tested before sending out, and we wish again to call the attention of our patrons to our liberal condition of sale, viz: Any seeds on arrival at destination, not showing a satisfactory percentage of growth can be returned at our expense, and the money that has been paid for them will be cheerfully refunded.

Remember we give more for the money than we agree to.

## NORTHWESTERN DENT CORN.



### Earliest Dent Corn on Earth.

**A** **N**OTHER year's trial has proved our claim of 1896, that we had, after much labor and expense, succeeded in securing a **Dent Corn** that would mature in the most northern sections of the **United States**. Northwestern Dent follows the **Gehu** very closely, as it will mature in from **eighty to ninety** days, according to locality and conditions. Reports received are very flattering indeed. One writer says, "It is surely the coming **Dent Corn**, as its extreme earliness, hardiness and productiveness make it most valuable for a northern climate. **Northwestern Dent** has stood the test of five seasons through a variety of conditions, and has shown a marked improvement each year over the preceding year. **Northwestern Dent Corn** we claim to be the hardest and earliest **Dent Corn** in cultivation, which we believe cannot successfully be disputed. Our supply is as yet only limited, but we have made the price very low, all things considered. Per sample pkt. 10c., qu. 25c., postpaid, per qt. 10c., pk. 40c., bu. \$1.25, 2 bu. \$2.25, 5 bu. or more, per bu. \$1.00, by express or freight.

### WILL'S Y. & W. FODDER CORN.

**I** **T** IS an undeniable fact that there can be obtained better feeding qualities from this corn in the far north and northwest than from any other known sort. The reason is evident from the fact that it goes into the glazing period in from sixty to seventy days, at which period corn possesses the greatest amount of nutriment and should then be harvested, for if left standing it loses a percentage of its nutriment daily.

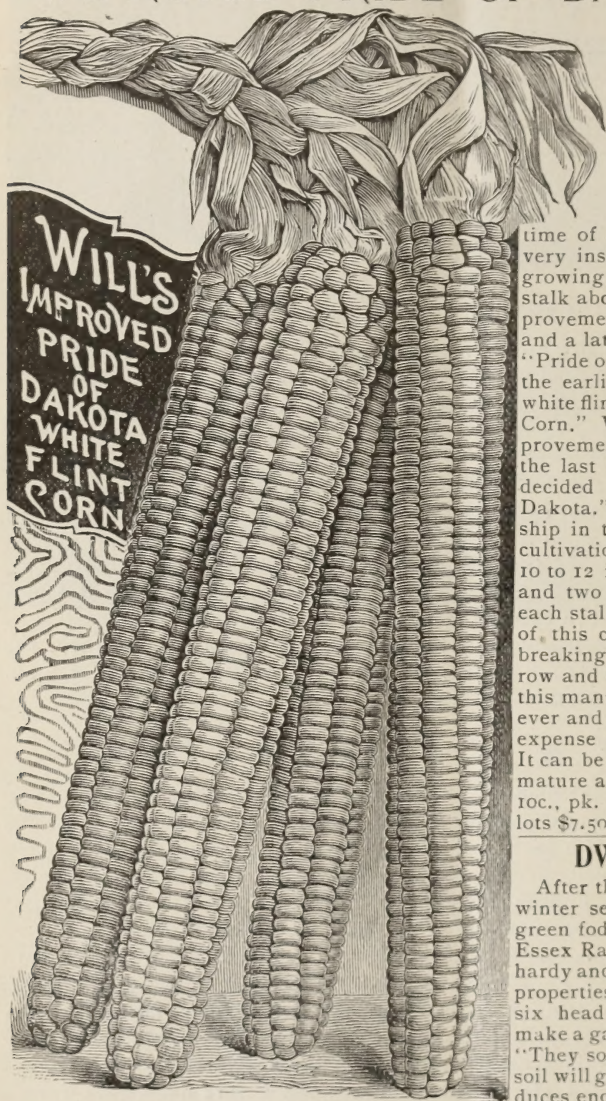


From one-half to two and one-half bushels are required to the acre. It may be planted in hills, drills or broadcast. **The Closer it is Planted the Finer the Fodder.** Often four bushels are sown to the acre; this, in our judgment, is too much, as by such dense growth it is deprived of sun and air. Such fodder, if fed before drying is watery and washy, and when dry is light and chaffy, in neither case containing much nutriment. Per qt. 25c., postpaid, qt. 10c., pk. 30c., bu. 90c., 2 bu. \$1.75, 10 bu. lots, \$7.50 by express or freight, bags included.

**Stockmen, Dairymen** and others using **Fodder Corn**, should place their orders **early**, so that they can secure at the low prices, test it and have corn on hand that they **know will grow** when ready to plant.

POOR SEED CORN IS DEAR AS A GIFT.

# IMPROVED PRIDE OF DAKOTA CORN.



WILL'S "Dakota" Corn is a pure pearly white, flint corn, the result of many years careful selections from the original Squaw or Ree Corn which has been grown in the Missouri Valley by the "Ree" Indians for many generations, and also in late years by the Sioux tribes, and up to the

time of our first selection in 1882, was a very insignificant grain of many colors, growing very close to the ground on a stalk about three feet high. The first improvement we offered as "Improved Ree" and a later very marked improvement as "Pride of Dakota," and in 1895 we offered the earliest and best of all varieties of white flint as "Improved Pride of Dakota Corn." We believe there is very little improvement in future to be made, and as the last name is rather cumbersome, we decided to henceforth call it "Will's Dakota." This corn will stand more hardship in the way of frost, heat and poor cultivation than any other variety. Ears 10 to 12 inches long, stalk six feet high, and two or three well-developed ears on each stalk. One of the great advantages of this corn it can be planted on new breaking by dropping in each third furrow and covering with the sod, planted in this manner it needs no cultivation whatever and will produce a good crop with no expense except for seed and harvesting. It can be planted as late as June 25th and mature a crop. Per qt. 25c. postpaid, qt. 10c., pk. 30c., bu. \$1. 2 bu. \$1.75 10 bu. lots \$7.50, by express or freight.

## DWARF ESSEX RAPE.

After the Corn is harvested and before winter sets in there is need of nutritious green fodder especially for sheep. Dwarf Essex Rape is easily grown and perfectly hardy and possesses remarkable fattening properties. One acre will pasture thirty-six head two months, and lambs will make a gain of 8 to 12 pounds per month. "They soon weigh like lead." Any corn soil will grow Rape; a drained swamp produces enormous growth. If soil is rich and

clean, sow broadcast, if not so clean sow in drills and cultivate as for corn. Rape is especially adapted for a catch crop, succeeding well when for any cause other crops have failed, as it, like Turnip, makes its growth late in the season, can be sown on stubble, and will furnish excellent pasturage when much needed in the fall. When sown broadcast, use five pounds, and if in drills, two pounds per acre. Oz. 7c., lb. 30c., postpaid, by express or freight, 10 lbs \$1 50. Prices on larger lots given on application.

## VEGETABLE PLANTS.

Cauliflower per 100, 50c., per 1000, \$4.50. Early Cabbage per 100, 50c., per 1000, \$4.00. Late Cabbage per 100, 25c., per 1000, \$2.00. Tomato per doz. 15c. per 100, 75c. Peppers per doz. 15c. per 100, \$1.00.

It will hereafter be known as "Will's Dakota" Corn

## BROOM CORN.

**Improved Evergreen.** The best for general cultivation; brush firm, of good length, and a bright-green color. Lb. 25c., postpaid; peck 90c., bu. \$2.50 by express or freight.

## SUGAR CANE.

**Early Amber.** It usually grows eleven and twelve feet high and stands up well. When planted between the 1st and 10th of May, the seed almost invariably ripens, thus giving a double crop. The seed is highly relished by poultry and all kinds of stock. Lb. 25c., postpaid; peck \$1.00, bu. of 56 lbs. \$3.00 by express or freight.

## KAFFIR CORN.

The heads are long and well filled with white grain, flecked with reddish-brown spots. The average height of growth on good, strong land is five and one-half to six feet. The seed heads grow from ten to twelve inches in length, and the product of grain on good land easily reaches fifty to sixty bushels per acre. The whole stalk as well as the blades, cures into excellent fodder. Pkt. 5c., lb. 20c., postpaid or 10c. by express or freight.

## JERUSALEM CORN.

Belong to the non-saccharine sorghums, and was brought a few years since from the arid plains of Palestine. It is pronounced the best and surest grain crop for dry countries and seasons; even better than Kaffir Corn. It grows several smaller heads on side shoots; often as many as 8 heads on 1 stalk. The grains are pure white and nearly flat. Three pounds will plant an acre. Pkt. 5c., lb. 20c., postpaid, 10 lbs. \$1.00 by express or freight.

## GRASS SEED.

Price subject to market fluctuations. Ask for price for quantities larger than quoted. We always sell grass seed on a small margin, and orders will be accepted only at market price when received.

**Timothy** (*Herd's Grass*). We handle but one grade, the best. 45 lbs. one bu., about \$2.75 (market price the day order is received).

**Red Top Grass** (*Agrostis vulgaris*). A valuable permanent grass, as a mixture in meadows, pastures or lawns, growing in almost any soil, moist or dry, and standing our climate. 14 lbs. to the bushel; 1½ bushels to the acre; lb. 20c., or market price.

**Orchard Grass** (*Dactylis glomerata*). One of the most desirable pasture grasses for stock and for shady places; not so exhaustive to the soil as Timothy. Choicest re cleaned seed, 14 lbs. to the bushel; 3 bushels to the acre. Lb. 30c., postpaid; bu. market price.

**Fancy Cleaned Kentucky Blue Grass** (*Poa pratensis*). Valuable for lawns when mixed with other varieties; thrives best in a dry soil, retaining its verdure in the hottest weather. 14 lbs. to the bushel; about 2½ bushels to the acre. Lb. 25c., postpaid; bu. \$1.75.

**English Rye Grass** (*Lolium perenne*). A nutritious permanent grass for meadows and pastures, also for mixing with others for lawns. 26 lbs. to the bushel; 3 bushels to the acre. Lb. 25c., postpaid; bu. \$2.50.

**Emerald Lawn Grass.** (See 2d page cover).

## MILLET.

We advise early orders.  
**German or Golden.** True Southern grown, the very best for large yield and profit. Market price.  
**Common or Northern Grown Millet.** Market price.

Millet should be grown between frosts as it is a hot climate plant and will not stand freezing. Southern grown seed raises the largest crop of fodder.

## CLOVER SEED.

Prices subject to market fluctuation. Ask for firm prices.

**Medium or Common Red.** We advise early orders. Best quality per lb. 25c., postpaid; bu. about \$6.00 by express or freight.

**Mammoth, or Pea Vine.** Best quality, lb. 25c., postpaid; bu. about \$6.50.

**Alsike or Swedish.** Excellent for pasture; makes the choicest hay; esteemed for bee feed. The seed being small it requires only one-half as by weight as of Red Clover. Lb. 30c., postpaid; bu. about \$8.00 by express or freight.

**Crimson Clover.** An annual that should be sown in July or early August, highly praised for soiling, hay and plowing under; the bloom is beautiful. Lb. 25c., postpaid; bu. about \$4.00.

**White Dutch.** Pure and clean. Lb. 40c., postpaid.

**Lucerne or Alfalfa** (*Medicago sativa*). Early, productive. succeeds in nearly any good soil, and lasts for years. Valuable everywhere, producing three to four cuttings annually, and even in seasons of severe drought is always fresh and green, because the roots extend so deep into the soil. It grows two to three feet high, with purple blossoms. It yields an immense amount of green food for cattle, and should be cut when first commencing to bloom, or it can be cut and used as ordinary clover hay. It increases fertility of the soil. Sow ½ bushel to the acre. Lb. 25c., postpaid. Bushel, market price.

## SUNFLOWER.

**Mammoth Russian.** Pkt. 5c., qt. 30c., postpaid.

## SEED GRAIN.

**Russian Flax.** Market price.

**Spring Rye.** Market price.

**Improved White Russian Oats.** 50c. bu.

**Lincoln Oats.** 50c. bu.

**White Welcome Oats.** 50c. bu.

**Buckwheat.** Japanese. Market price.

**Peas.** White Canada. Market price.

**White Marrowfat.** A favorite sort. Market price.

**Black-Eyed Marrowfat.** This, as well as the preceding, is extensively grown as a field pea, hardy and productive. Market price.

**Seed Potatoes.** Prices and varieties on application.

## TOOLS.

Little Gem Drill.....	\$ 5 00
New model, with Cut-off Drill.....	8 00
Gem Cultivator, Single wheel.....	5 00
Planet, Jr., Hollow Steel Standard, combined Horse Hoe and Cultivator, with two levers and wheel.....	10 00

## TESTIMONIALS.

Mrs. C. Betts, of Memphis, writes: "Wills' First of All Peas are very early and very nice; also Improved Golden Wax Bean and Early Dakota Sugar Corn. I gave half my seeds to Mr. S. Van Alstyne, of Verner, and he was well pleased with all, and especially with Wills' Sugar Water Melon. We are well pleased with your seeds and will remember you another year."

F. J. Ruth, of Baltimore, writes: "All the seeds you sent us have done splendid."

Anthony Wellman, of Mobile, Alabama, writes: "Many seed men which I have bought seeds of during the forty years past, have asked me to write about how I liked their seeds. You did not ask me and I am going to do what I never did for any other seed man because I feel very grateful for the quantity and quality of the goods sent us, and more than pleased with the result of each and every article of the list. The sample of Eastern Shore Water Melon has no equal hereabouts, and the Onion, both red and yellow, are better every way than any I ever have tried."

Mr. D. W. Breechen, of Greensburg, La., raised two crops of "Wills' Dakota Corn" from the same parcel of land in one season.

Mr. A. W. Bessee, of Fayetteville, N. Y., raised two crops of Great Northern Beans in one season.

# BANANA CREAM SUGAR CORN.



## Sweetest and Most Delicious.

WE offer Banana Cream Sugar Corn for the first time this year and are sure that all who buy it will agree with us that it is the most delicious Sugar Corn they ever tasted. It is a distinct variety of large size, coming into ediable condition a few days earlier than Stowell's Improved Evergreen, and remains fit for table use much longer than any other variety we have ever tested, Evergreen not excepted. We have a very limited supply, and will sell in small quantities only. Per pkt. of 50 kernels 10c., ½ pt. 25c. postpaid.

# GREAT NORTHERN FIELD BEAN.



OUR comparative tests show Great Northern to be the earliest of all other varieties of field Beans, by from ten days to three weeks, and as to productiveness, it will out-yield by one-third any known sort, this is a broad asertion, but can be proven by any person to their entire satisfaction. We do not claim the quality to be any better than any other white bean, but its extreme earliness and productiveness together wito its wonderful hardiness makes it, we believe, nothing short of an agricultural wonder. Per pkt. 5c., qt. 25c. postpaid, qt. 15c., pk. 75c., bu. \$2.90 by express or freight.

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