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SEED POTATOES

CORN GRAIN AND SEEDS

CARIBOU
AGRICULTURAL
AND ROOSTOCK CO.

SEED
CATALOGUE
FOR
1900.

GROWN IN THE COLD
NORTH EAST.



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The GEORGE W. P. JERRARD CO.
CARIBOU MAINE.

In presenting this our **TWENTIETH-CENTURY CATALOGUE** to our customers, we are glad to be able to state that never in the history of the business have we been supplied with better stocks of all kinds than now. The past season has been favorable to the production of sound tubers, which are passing the winter in our cool cellars without a starting sprout. When the planting season shall arrive they will be in that wonderfully dormant condition which has helped so greatly from the start to give them the reputation they enjoy in every hamlet far and wide. It has been our purpose from the beginning so long ago, to furnish our customers better goods each year than we or any one else ever sold before. To this end we have made the most careful selection of seed for our plantings, until long ago and ever since, we have been proud to call our seed potatoes "Pedigree" in the truest sense of the word. So **"We Warrant Our Seed Potatoes True to Name, and for Seed Purposes not surpassed by any others on earth."**

Our Special Low Freight Rate from Caribou to Boston.

Commencing the first of March we run special through-cars over the railroads as far as Boston every week-day until April 10th. By this service we give our customers the lowest carload freight rates on all orders, large and small, as far as Boston. We have an agent in Boston who takes the carloads in hand upon their arrival there, and sees to the safe delivery of each lot at its proper railroad station, steamboat landing or express office, to go on to its destination.

From CARIBOU to BOSTON, MASS.

Per Barrel.....	50 Cts.	} This rate does not include transfer at Boston, which costs 25 cts. for Five Barrels or less; and 5 cts. for each Barrel or Parcel over five.
Per Bushel.....	20 Cts.	
Per Peck.....	Free.	

We begin to ship Seed Potatoes to Southern and Middle-Southern points the first of March, and work northward as fast as the season will permit.

HOW TO SEND MONEY. Send money by Post-Office Money Order made payable at Bangor, Me., or Caribou, or by Bank Draft or Express Money Order. Or if none of these facilities are conveniently at hand it may be sent by Registered Letter. Small sums, of one dollar or less, may be sent in a letter without registering. Send stamps for sums less than one dollar. We warrant money to reach us safely when sent by either of the above-named ways, and our customers may deduct the cost of the money order or draft, or for registering, from the amount to be sent, when order exceeds \$1.25.

We Warrant our Seed Potatoes True to Name, and for seed purposes not surpassed by any others on earth; to the extent that if they prove otherwise we will refill the order at any time free of cost.

Discounts. In order that we may bridge over the rush at the busy season, we allow discounts on early orders. Orders received in advance of the shipping season are carefully put up by experienced packers and marked ready, and shipped as early as the weather will permit them to go safe to destination. *All orders sent us with pay during the month of January, may be discounted 7 per cent.; during February, 6 per cent.; during March, 5 per cent.; and in addition to the above, persons who order to the amount of \$50 or more may keep back 5 per cent. therefrom.*

More Discount. Those of our customers who buy seeds in packets and ounces may select \$1.25 worth for every dollar sent. *This offer is not in addition to the discounts named above, and it applies ONLY to seeds in packets and ounces.*

NOTICE. We do not sell seed potatoes in bulk to dealers to sell again. All are packed in barrels, boxes, or sealed sacks, and every parcel bears our Trade Mark label. For barreling we use tight flour barrels, and fill them so they will not rattle. We shake them full, then with a screw press put the head down where it belongs. Packed in this way our barrels hold very nearly three bushels, and we put the same measure in sealed sacks. When desired we will pack two kinds in a barrel without extra expense.

Address,

The GEORGE W. P. JERRARD CO., CARIBOU, Maine.



Northern Beauty.

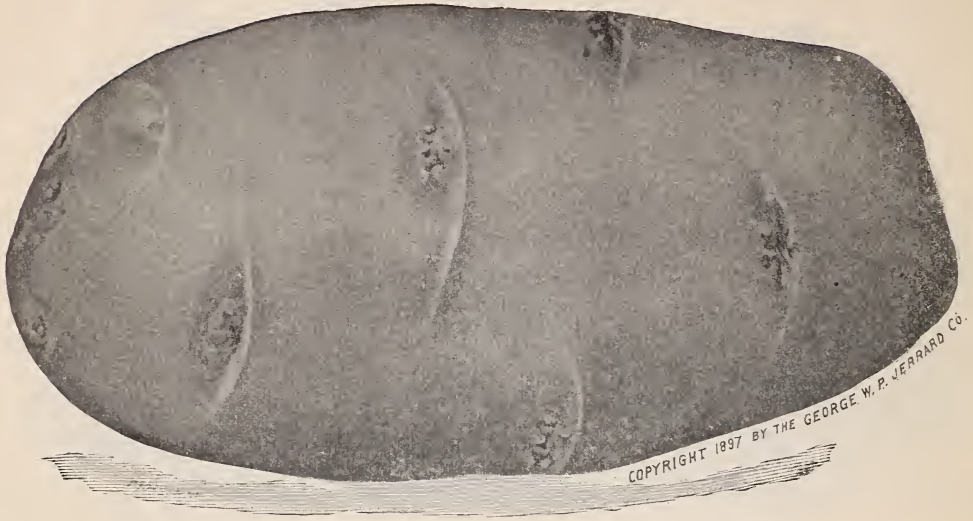
Twentieth Century Greeting.

Once again we are able to offer to our customers the most wonderful potato of the Early Rose type ever introduced since the introduction of the Early Northern by us in 1892. All varieties of potatoes have a tendency to degenerate, to go back to their original wild state. To overcome this natural propensity, new varieties must be produced from the seed ball. Care, patience, and years of toil are required to originate a new variety of potato, and to prove its value, as one worthy to live and be numbered with those which have proved a blessing to the producer as well as the consumer. The **Northern Beauty** was originated by us on our experimental farm in 1894, and was fully developed last season. We have watched with great interest and pride the growth and development of this potato from the tiny seed, until to-day we have this **wonderful new Early Rose type**. It is a strong, upright grower, resisting the ravages of the blight remarkably well; in fact it will resist the ravages of blight and bugs better than any potato of this class. We make it an invariable rule not to offer to our customers a **New potato** until it has been fully tested. If we are fully satisfied after several years trial on our grounds, that it is worthy of dissemination, we offer it to our customers. Of the many new varieties introduced by us in past years each and every one has been a grand success. Many of the most noted varieties of potatoes that are on the market to-day were introduced by us, and are sought after by seedsmen and market-gardeners far and wide, and we have full confidence in the **Northern Beauty**, and believe it will be the **Star of the twentieth century**.

It is of the **Early Rose type**, not quite so long, a little inclined to be flat; an excellent shape for cooking; for which purpose it has no superior among the Rose varieties. It is fully as early as the old Early Rose; a more robust grower, of finer form, as you will see by the excellent engraving, which was taken from a photograph.

Prices, by freight or express—bu., \$8.00; half bu., \$5.00; pk., \$2.50; half pk., \$1.50. By mail, post-paid—lb., 65 cts.; 3 lbs., \$1.50.

See Page 3 for GOLD PRIZE FOR 1900.



The Gem of Aroostook.

This great **main crop potato** was introduced by us in 1898, and though sold for the excessively high price of ten dollars a bushel, was eagerly taken by the thousands of our customers who are in the front rank of the careful farmers of means, who have been buying their seed potatoes from us every year as regularly as our catalogue is sent out, many of them since the establishment of our business. From every part of the country come words of warmest commendation, of its unprecedented yields, its superb quality for table uses, its matchless beauty, its enormously large specimens which have appeared at the agricultural fairs, and of its universally strong, vigorous, healthy and sound habits of growth.

It is a **seedling** from the world-renowned **New Queen**, which we introduced so many years ago, and now, filled with the fire of youth, this matchless scion of an illustrious parent stands out bold to the front, the embodiment of the sterling qualities which go to make up a perfect main crop potato for the world.

It is about one week later than its parent, is light flesh color, oval in shape; foliage medium green; plants strong, half upright; flowers medium size, white, with yellow center. One of the soundest and best winter keepers ever grown by us. We can confidently recommend the **Gem of Aroostook** as the best all-around potato ever introduced by us, and one that will please and stand by our customers for very many years. Our prices this season bring it within the reach of every one, either in a large or small way, and we hope our friends will raise enough of them this year to give them ample seed for next season's planting.

Prices: barrel, \$6.00; bushel, \$3.00; peck, \$1.15; pound, 25 cts.; 3 pounds, 55 cts., by freight or express. By mail, post-paid—pound, 35 cts.; 3 pounds, 75 cts.

See Prizes for 1900 and Testimonials on opposite page.

GOLD-GOLD. \$100 in GOLD PRIZES for 1900.

For best bushel of Northern Beauty potatoes containing least number,	\$25.00
For second best bushel of Northern Beauty potatoes containing least number,	15.00
For third best bushel of Northern Beauty potatoes containing least number,	7.50
For the largest Northern Beauty potato,	10.00
For the second largest Northern Beauty potato,	5.00
For the third largest Northern Beauty potato,	2.50
For barrel of Gem of Aroostook , containing the least number potatoes,	20.00
For second barrel Gem of Aroostook , containing the least number potatoes,	10.00
For third barrel of Gem of Aroostook , containing the least number potatoes,	5.00

SEED must be purchased of us in 1900. Barrel must contain 165 lbs., bushel 60 lbs. Persons wishing to compete for prizes must order seed in their own name, keep a record of the time of planting, harvesting, and yield, and report to us not later than November 1. Potatoes must be counted and weighed in the presence of three witnesses, and if it appears that you are to receive a prize we will request you to forward to us a sworn statement of facts.

Our Last Year's Prizes of \$50, \$30, and \$20, in Gold, went as follows :

FIRST PRIZE of \$50 in Gold, went to Stephen P. Smith of Denver, Col., who purchased of us in the spring of 1899 two pounds of GEMS, and from that two pounds of seed raised 245 lbs. of potatoes; the largest shapely tuber weighing two pounds and six ounces. He writes us that the Gems proved to be all and more than we claim for them. An immense cropper, medium early, do not blight or rot, and in fact possess all the qualities that go to make up a first quality market and table potato.

SECOND PRIZE, \$30 in Gold, went to True Shaw of West Salisbury, N. H., who raised a tuber of the GEM OF AROOSTOOK weighing THREE POUNDS TEN OUNCES. The largest shapely tuber weighed on our scales, November 27th, two pounds two ounces. He writes that "the season of 1899 was the dryest ever known here. I planted the Gems by the side of the Rural New Yorker and American Wonder, fertilized and cultivated the same, and the Gems were ahead of all. Cooking qualities are unexcelled. Perfectly sound to the core, and when cooked are very mealy and nearly as white as flour."

THIRD PRIZE, \$20, went to C. M. Haynes of West Eden, Me., who raised a fine specimen of the Gem weighing ONE POUND FOURTEEN OUNCES. He also writes: "The GEMS OF AROOSTOOK I bought of you last spring are immense. I raised at the rate of 580 bushels per acre, while the average yield here is about 100 bushels."

Julian N. Northrop of Fairfield, Vt., sent us a fine specimen of the Gem weighing ONE POUND EIGHT OUNCES. He also adds: "We had the dryest August in thirteen years, yet I harvested the finest lot of potatoes from the Gems that I ever saw dug."

N. T. Lester, West Alexandria, Penn., writes: "From the half-peck Gems of Aroostook you sent me last spring I raised some GEMS INDEED; all large, beautiful potatoes, and just the best table potato you ever introduced. Just the potato for the farmer to grow. It pays to buy seed of you."

Our 1898 Prize of \$100 in Gold went to Mrs. Valentine Stoddard of Spokane, Washington, who raised a tuber of Gem of Aroostook, smooth and perfect, weighing THREE POUNDS SIX OUNCES.

We could fill this Catalogue from cover to cover with interesting reading that has come to us from our customers who bought the Gem of Aroostook of us last season, but the few brief mentions we present below, furnish all the facts our this year's folks will want to know. Thaxter Scott & Son of Massachusetts raised NINETY-FIVE BUSHELS from ONE-HALF BUSHEL seed. J. A. Snow of Maine raised NINETY-ONE BUSHELS and eleven pounds from ONE-HALF BUSHEL planting. Lafayette Brown of New Hampshire raised TWO HUNDRED TWELVE BUSHELS from ONE BUSHEL seed. Isaac Johnson of New York raised FORTY-SIX BUSHELS from ONE PECK planting.



The Early Harvest.

The Early Harvest potato originated in the town of Kenduskeag, Penobscot County, Maine, and was introduced by us in 1893 as an exceedingly early white potato of finest quality. During the few years we have been selling it, we have sent it everywhere in America, and, in a small way, all over the world, and in every state and clime it has pleased.

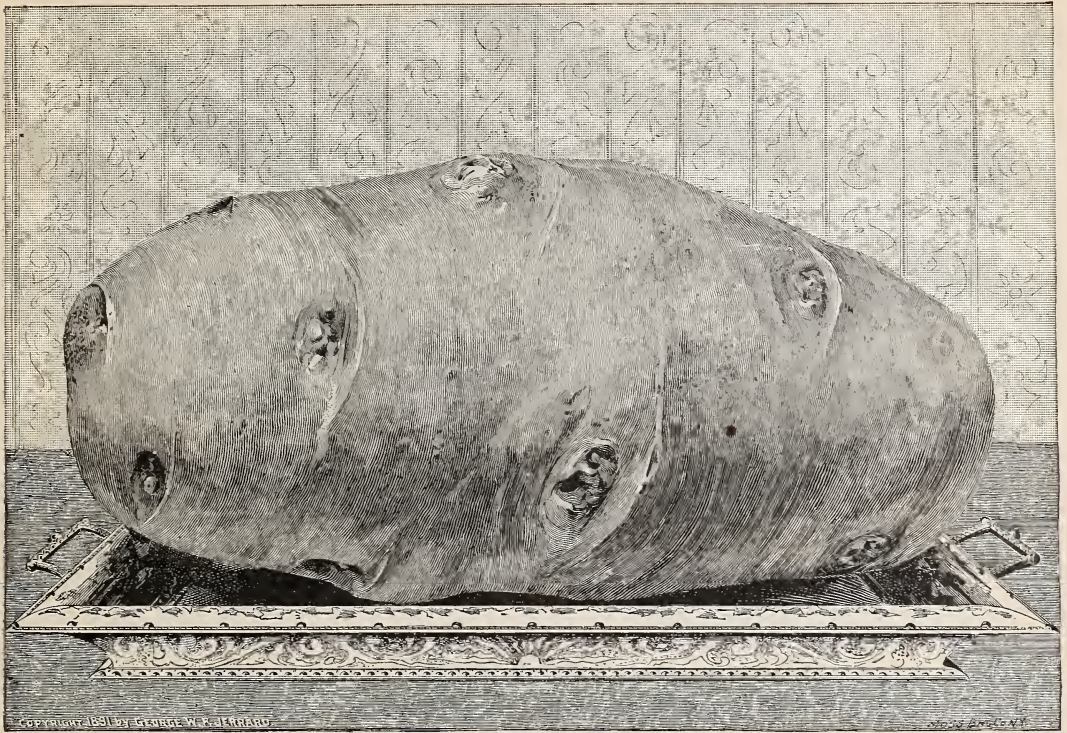
It is, in fact, a vigorous new seedling, full of life and strength, and proves not only one of the very earliest to mature, but it is a large yielder as well. A very strong point of superiority in the Early Harvest is that it bears shipping very early in the fall, when the weather is hot, better than any other kind, and arrives at destination, after long-distance carrying, almost as bright and sound as when dug out of the ground; so it is an exceptionally valuable potato for very early marketing, and a good one for home use. Prices: bbl., \$4.00; bush., \$2.00; pk., 75 cts.; lb., 18 cts.; 3 lbs., 35 cts., by freight or express. By mail, post-paid—lb., 25 cts.; 3 lbs., 60 cts.

JOSEPH GILBERT, Middlesex Co., Mass., writes: "The three two-pound packages Early Harvest potatoes purchased from you last spring yielded a wonderfully early and very large crop, notwithstanding the severe drouth in this locality. From less than half a peck we harvested nineteen bushels of mostly extra large and exceedingly handsome potatoes."

I. W. JOHNSON, Litchfield Co., Conn., writes: "I planted one pound of your Early Harvest potatoes last spring. They got ripe very early, and at digging we got one hundred and seventy-three pounds very large potatoes."

AMES BRANDON, Madison Co., New York, writes: "From two pounds planting Early Harvests I raised two hundred and fifty-seven pounds of mammoth potatoes."

G. C. WAKEFIELD, Bergen Co., New Jersey, writes: "The Early Harvest is the very earliest potato I have grown, and, strange to say, it is also a large grower, and yielded as well as the best."



The Early Norther.

Very rarely in latter years do good kinds of potatoes bear true seed from the flower balls, so common in olden times; but if we keep our eye sopen when we go through the fields towards harvest time we are pretty sure to find one now and then. My foreman and I, walking in a field of Early Rose in the autumn of 1886, found a single "ball," which was carefully husbanded, and the few tiny seeds it contained were tenderly planted and nourished the following season of 1887. One promising new sort developed from the puny seedlings, which we introduced in 1892, after growing it five seasons, and named it the Early Norther. During the seven years this potato has been before the public we have sold thousands of barrels of them, and every year sell more and more. This is because it is a very prolific yielder, of excellent quality for table uses, smooth, handsome, and a good keeper, and last but not least, with the exception of a few splashes of crimson at the seed end, which are not noticed by the ordinary observer, it looks precisely like its illustrious parent, the famous old Early Rose, than which no potato was ever higher in the esteem of both the farmer and the consumer. The wonderful old Early Rose is pretty near dead and gone, but its youngest daughter, the beautiful Early Norther, liveth, and is sure to please all who may come to know her. Prices: bbl., \$4.00; bush., \$2.00; pk., 75 cts.; lb., 18 cts.; 3 lbs., 35 cts., by freight or express. By mail, post-paid—lb., 25 cts.; 3 lbs., 60 cts.

J. S. FOWLER, Fresno Co., Cal., writes: "From the two three-lb. mail packages Early Norther seed potatoes I bought of you last spring, I harvested 412 pounds of the most beautiful potatoes, many specimens nearly as large and long as my foot."

DAVID C. BENNETT, Kings Co., N. Y., writes, acknowledging arrival of 20 barrels of Early Norther potatoes: "If they do as well as the one barrel did last year, I shall not growl."

N. G. KILBORN, Douglas Co., Minn., writes: "This has been a very poor season for potatoes, but, nevertheless, from the one barrel Early Northers, bought of you last spring, I harvested 147 bushels, and from the five barrels New Queen I got 510 bushels."

JAMES GRADY, Norfolk Co., Va., writes: "I raised 2,647 bushels of splendid Early Northers from the 40 barrels of seed which I planted on 13 acres."



New Queen.

During many of the first years of our residence in this cold, snow-bound country, we took a lively interest in the welfare of the land of our adoption, and year after year attended all the great fairs with a full carload of the most carefully prepared exhibits. At the Lewiston, Maine, Fair in 1883, a very old gentleman from Washington County brought in a little bag of potatoes to exhibit. After seeing what we had, however, he decided not to show his, and asked permission to store them under our tables. Later on we gave him some of our kinds and he gave us his seedlings, he called them, in return. He said he had grown them himself from a seed ball. We never saw or heard from the old man again, but the little lot of potatoes in that bag have grown famous in these seventeen years. We planted them the next season and they yielded to beat anything. At harvest time they came out of the ground smooth, velvety, and handsome, the color of an Indian moccasin, and about that large. They were the earliest of any on our farm, and when we had them baked to eat, we found we could break them in two and shake the contents of each half all out on our plate, so ripe and starchy were they. We named them New Queen, and sent them out in our trade in the spring of 1886 at ONE DOLLAR A POUND. Next year they were ten dollars a barrel, and so on.

This was fourteen years ago, and during these years we have sold tens of thousands of barrels of them, which from the first seemed to surprise and delight every one who saw them. The New Queen was indeed a marvellous new potato, and after these many years we have grown it, we are not able to see that it has greatly deteriorated from its old-time vigor. No person ever said swear words about us because we recommended the New Queen to him; nor will one ever, while it is as good a potato as it is to-day.

Prices: bbl., \$4.00; bush., \$2.00; pk., 75 cts.; lb., 18 cts.; 3 lbs., 35 cts., by freight or express. By mail, post-paid—lb., 25 cts.; 3 lbs., 60 cts.

The late PHIL0 BRADLEY of New Haven, Conn., once wrote: *“I have raised Potatoes for over Forty Years, and the New Queen is the best one I ever saw.”*

ALFRED H. PELTON of Putnam Co., N. Y., writes: *“The New Queen potatoes I bought of you last spring were the admiration of all who saw them. I had the first early potatoes in the market, and from one season’s trial I consider them the best early potatoes I ever saw.”*

G. W. BLACKMAN, Clerk of Courts, Bradford Co., Pa., writes: *“I am more than pleased with the New Queen. From the peck of seed I raised 14 bushels, and in quality they are superior to anything I have ever raised, and I have planted all the new kinds for years.”*

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The Minister.

This is a Minister who never disappointed his congregation nor went back on his parishioners. There is no hypocrisy in this one; it is honest, it is pious, it is good. A good many years ago we found it ministering to the wants of the simple yeomanry, who dwelt on the banks of the Madawaska in far north-eastern Maine.

We were attracted by its luxuriant growth, its big, handsome leaves, and its lovely pink flowers, which came in such enormous clusters. We took some of the potatoes home and had them baked for our table. Such delightful flavor they had; it was different from anything else we had ever tasted. There was a peculiar nutty flavor about them we had never seen in a potato before. We got seed and, after growing them a few years, introduced them to our customers in 1889. They were received with such great favor that in the winter of 1891, although we had a large stock, we were obliged to return more than \$2,000 sent to us for Ministers more than we could supply. It is not a potato to grow for marketing, but for home use it is superb. Plant a peck or so of Ministers on rich old gravelly loam pasture ground, newly broken, and—our word for it—all the late summer, the fall, and all winter, you will bless the day. Prices: bbl., \$5.00; bu., \$2.50; pk., \$1.00; lb., 25 cts.; 3 lbs., 50 cts., by freight or express. By mail, post-paid—lb., 35 cts.; 3 lbs., 75 cts.

A Few Words of Caution.

which have followed the use of our seed stocks have led an army of unprincipled and irresponsible adventurers to try to sell the most common and worthless potatoes, claiming them to be New Queens, Early Harvest, or Early Northers. Bear in mind that the like of Jerrard's Seed Potatoes are not on the market outside of our establishment, and those who plant the buyings from our pretentious neighbors will rue the day.

Beware of our thrifty neighbor, or yours, who is offering to sell you Aroostook grown seed potatoes that are every way as good as Jerrard's. The unprecedented results



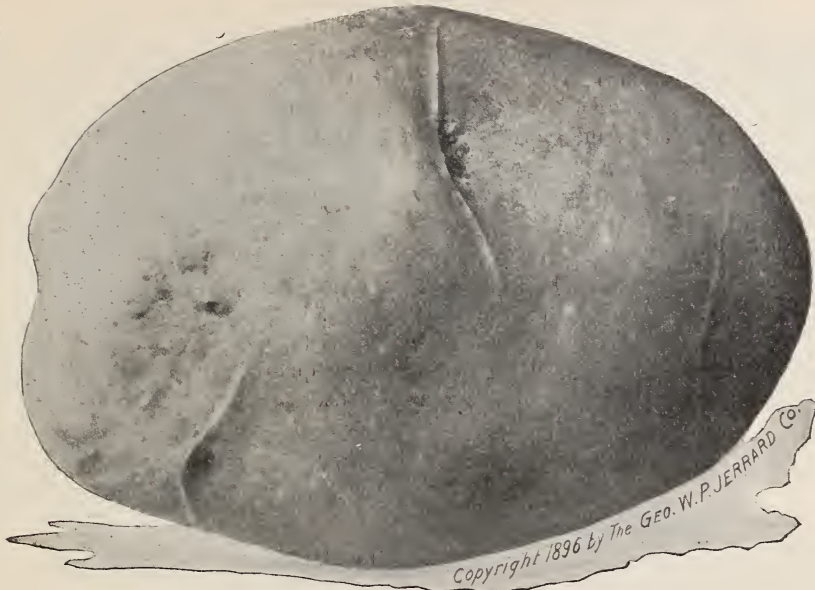
Pearl of Savoy.

This well-known early potato, of the Early Rose type, came to us from the green hills of Vermont—the land of persistent industry, of Merino sheep, and of careful, honest frugality, and was first introduced into northern Maine some eighteen years ago. It was slightly lighter color than Early Rose, which everybody was raising at that time, and was certainly handsomer and a little earlier. We bought it many years ago from the originators, and have grown it pure for all these years. During the time we have sold many thousand barrels of them to our customers all over the country, and we think they have invariably given satisfaction. But it is getting to be an old variety and plainly shows the ravages of time. Its once thick, light-green foliage has thinned out a bit, and the yield is noticeably less. It is not such a robust grower as Early Norther, and never was, and is far inferior to it in yield; but, like all other kinds, the seed we send out of it will produce an excellent crop the first season from our grounds. This changing of seed to almost any variety from our carefully-grown stock is sure to accomplish wonderful results for one year at least, and when the vigorous new kinds are taken, the good results last for many years. Prices: bbl., \$4.00; bu., \$2.00; pk., 75 cts., by freight or express. By mail, post-paid—lb., 30 cts.; 3 lbs., 60 cts.

Small Tubers for Seed. We have, every year, had a call for small tubers of our superb seed stocks by a number of our patrons who commendably desire to economize in their purchases, and get the most value possible for their money. So, at the last fall harvest, we had all the shapely small potatoes put into our cellars—a few hundreds of barrels—which, while they last, we shall be pleased to supply to such of our customers as may especially request them, at \$1.00 per barrel less than the price for the same kinds in the larger stocks.

SEE FIRST PAGE. We own every tuber of the **NORTHERN BEAUTY** there is in the World. We employ no Agents, so this potato can only be purchased from us.

New Potato Seed from the Flower Seed Ball. We have a quantity of very choice potato seed from the flower ball (the true seed), which we are pleased to offer to our customers who would try to raise a new kind of potato. Growing new sorts from the seed-ball seed is a very interesting employment for old or young. There is the widest range of difference in color, shape, and general characteristics between the different seedlings; every one is more or less unlike every other. Price: pkg., of about twenty seeds, 20 cts.



The Green Mountain.

The Green Mountain potato has proven a very valuable variety for late crops, and though we have not been in a hurry to offer it to our customers, we do so this season with the full assurance that it will give entire satisfaction. It has been in our city markets as a table potato for several years, and when well grown has invariably brought an extra price over other kinds. It is a fair, white-skinned potato of flat, oval form, very smooth and handsome. In the field it grows strong and rampant with large, healthy foliage. Its season of ripening is late, and we have found it not prone to decay either in the field or cellar. On the whole we are led by our experiences with the Green Mountain potato to pronounce it a good one for late crops.

Prices: bbl., \$4.00; bu., \$2.00; pk., 75 cts.; lb., 18 cts.; 3 lbs., 35 cts., by freight or express. By mail, post-paid—lb., 25 cts.; 3 lbs., 60 cts.

A Few Simple Instructions in Planting.

For very early planting cut seed-pieces the size of a pullet's egg; later on when it is time to plant, cut to size of a walnut, being assured that every cut contains one or more eyes. If a few are planted very early for home use, plant whole tubers, either large or small. These will crop a little earlier.

If a commercial fertilizer is used let it be well mixed with the soil or dropped away from the seed. If cast directly upon the cut seed-pieces it will corrode, and greatly injure or ruin the seed. Never leave the seed long in the rows uncovered, especially when the sun shines. Two inches is deep enough to cover seed potatoes. At harvest time it is best to pick up the potatoes as fast as they are dug out. If left upon the ground to dry in the sun or air their quality will be injured and their keeping qualities laid low.

Black Christy Potato.

The old Calico Christy has become nearly extinct. When it was in its prime no potato excelled it in quality. We receive many inquiries every year for that once loved potato. Several years ago we noticed that the darkest colored ones did not rot, and seemed to retain their vigor and vitality, and so by careful selection of the darkest and shapeliest tubers for a succession of years we are enabled to offer, for the first time, the Black Christy, which our customers will find retains all the fine qualities and peculiar flavor of the old Calico Christy.

	Frt. or Express.			Mail.	
	Barrel.	Bushel.	Peck.	3 Lbs.	Lb.
Calico Christy.	\$5.00	\$2.50	\$1.00	.75	.35

Cow Horn Potato.

This is a great novelty, worth growing to exhibit at the fairs. It is a black potato, growing very irregular, and sometimes as long as sixteen or eighteen inches. It is of an excellent cooking quality, but is too ill-shaped to be of any value for the general market.

	4.00	1.25	1.00	.40
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Bliss Triumph.

Very early. A round, red potato, popular in the South for early market.

	3.75	1.85	.65	.60	.25
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Early Fortune.

Earlier than the Rose, light amber color, red at seed end, resembling the New Queen in shape, excellent quality and a good yielder, becoming very popular with our customers.

	3.75	1.85	.65	.60	.25
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Beauty of Hebron.

The old standard early market potato of New England.

	3.75	1.85	.65	.60	.25
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Early Rose.

Our stock is very fine, and of the old standard variety.

	3.75	1.85	.65	.60	.25
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Carman, No. 1.

Late. A round, globular white potato. Fine quality. Good yielder; free from decay.

	3.75	1.85	.65	.60	.25
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White Elephant.

Very late. In color and shape is an exact duplicate of the Beauty of Hebron. A very rank grower and prolific yielder.

	3.75	1.85	.65	.60	.25
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Dakota Red.

Late. Deep eyes and dark red skin. Good quality; large yielder. Very hardy; never rots.

	3.50	1.75	.60	.55	.25
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IXL Potato.

Rose variety. Strong grower; ten days later than the Early Norther.

	4.00	2.00	.75	.65	.40
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Pride of the South.

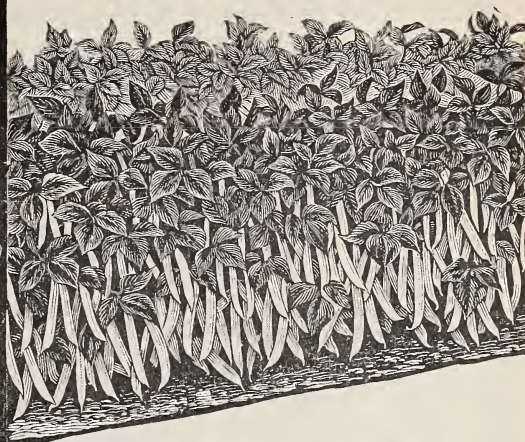
In season and shape is identical with the Bliss Triumph; in color, light amber, spotted and splashed with red.

	4.00	2.00	.75	.65	.40
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The Gem of Aroostook.

(See page 2.)

Mrs. JENNIE BLACK, Fillmore Co., Minn., writes: "We cut the beautiful Gem of Aroostook potato you sent us into twelve seeds, and planted them the last of May. October 16th, my husband dug the twelve hills and got 118 pounds of the handsomest potatoes we ever saw. One plant yielded six monster tubers, which weighed together, 11 pounds 2 ounces."



Early Aroostook Bean.

This beautiful white bean was introduced by us, and has proved unusually early, productive, and good in every locality. It is very desirable in the cold north, where other varieties will not ripen, though its quick growth, early maturity and great productiveness are sterling qualities in every locality where beans are grown. It is a fine, hardy grower, resisting rust and mildew better than any other sort we have found, and it has a way of shedding all its leaves as soon as the pods are ripe, so that the crop may be harvested and cured with great ease. Its great productiveness may be inferred from the facts that fifty bushels to the acre have been raised from it in Aroostook County. Prices: pk., \$1.80; qt., 35 cts., by freight or express. By mail, post-paid—qt., 50 cts.; pt., 30 cts.; 1-2 pt., 20 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

Burpee's Stringless Green Pod Bush Bean.

Burpee's New Stringless Green Pod Bean is of immense value, not only to the market gardener who wants to make more money, but also to the amateur who seeks the finest quality for the home table. It is entirely stringless and surpasses all others in crisp, tender flavor. Prices: by mail, post-paid—qt., 50 cts.; pt., 30 cts.; 1-2 pt., 18 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

Keeney's Rustless Golden Wax Bush Bean.

A strong growing variety, of remarkable vigor and freedom from rust. The pods are meaty and well-filled, are of a rich yellow color and fine quality, entirely stringless. If the pods are picked as fast as formed the plants continue to furnish a bountiful supply for an unusually long season. Prices: by mail, post-paid—qt., 50 cts.; pt., 30 cts.; 1-2 pt., 18 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

Early Red Valentine Bush Bean.

This is the earliest of the snap varieties, and should be in every collection. The pods are long, round and tender; the best very early bush snap bean. Prices: by mail, post-paid—qt., 50 cts.; pt., 30 cts.; 1-2 pt., 18 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

Horticultural Pole Bean.

The old standard sort, so well known, has never been excelled as a pole bean. Productive and early. Good, either stringed, shelled, or dry. Prices: by mail, post-paid—qt., 50 cts.; pt., 30 cts.; 1-2 pt., 18 cts.; pkt., 8 cts.

Dutch Case-Knife Pole Bean.

This, and the good old Horticultural, are the pole beans that our mothers used to have planted in the home garden so many years ago. There are none better except the Limas, and they are too late to plant far north. The Dutch Case-Knife is a very superior shelled bean. It is very early and productive. Prices: by mail, post-paid—qt., 50 cts.; pt., 30 cts.; 1-2 pt., 18 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.



Eclipse Beet.

This new beet heads the list of extra early sorts. It is as early as the well-known Egyptian, is of better shape, and for quality it has no equal among the early sorts. It has small tops, and bright, glossy, scarlet bottoms. Our friends can buy the Eclipse, feeling sure it will please them. The seed we offer is carefully grown in this country, and is superior to the imported seed sold by most seedsmen. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 60 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Edmand's Early Beet.

This is one of the most shapely kinds, and its rich, waxy, bronze red skin makes it very handsome. There is no more popular kind in the market than this. It is of superior quality, very early, and altogether one of the very best kinds. It grows to a fine uniform size, is very round, with small tops, and its flesh is as dark red as its skin. It is unusually sweet, tender, and good. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 60 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Extra Early Egyptian Beet.

One of the earliest beets, and exceptionally good for early use. Give them a good chance and you will have fine beets for the table before you dream of such a thing. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 60 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Bastian's Extra Early Blood Turnip Beet.

Excellent for both the family and market garden; very early, of quick, large growth, fine turnip form and dark red color, zoned with white. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 60 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

The Columbia Beet.

The roots of this beet are of a neat, turnip shape, with smooth skin and deep dark-red flesh, of very rich and tender quality. It is ready to use very early, and does not become coarse and stringy when of large size. The roots are smooth and regular in form. The flesh is fine grained and cooks dark blood red. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 60 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Improved Golden Tankard Mangel-Wurzel.

A very valuable kind for field culture. Is a prolific cropper, of fine form, and, when cut open, shows interior ring similar to the table varieties. A capital sort for stock feeding. Beautiful and monstrous specimens may be grown for exhibition purposes by planting far apart and making the land exceedingly rich. Prices: lb., 25 cts., by freight or express. By mail, post-paid—lb., 35 cts.; 1-4 lb., 15 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

CARROTS.

HOW TO RAISE THEM.—The soil best suited to this crop is a rich, mellow, sandy loam, which should be deeply ploughed, and an abundance of well-rotted manure or rich compost thoroughly intermixed with the soil. Cover the seed half an inch deep, and firm the soil slightly over it with a light roller or the face of the hoe. Four pounds seed are required to plant an acre.

Danvers.

This we consider the very finest carrot for all purposes. It is in length midway between the long and short varieties, is a beautiful orange color, fine quality for either table use or stock, and will yield more bushels to the acre than any other kind. Thirty tons of these most excellent roots have been grown upon an acre under favorable circumstances. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 80 cts.; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., 30 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Chantenay.

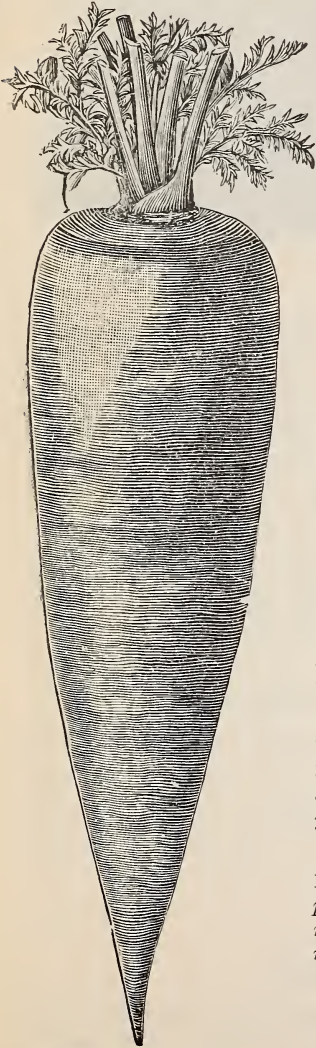
This beautiful new French carrot is one of the most shapely of all the kinds we have. It is medium early, of a dark orange color, and in shape much like the well-known Danvers. It is less liable to go to side roots than that good old standard sort, and our customers will find it a wonderfully fine carrot to raise.

Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 80 cts.; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., 25 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

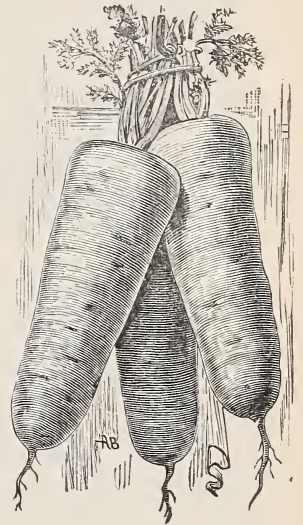
LEFOREST ALLENWOOD, Waldo County, Me., writes: "I am more than pleased with the Danvers Carrot seed bought of you last spring. From the one package seed I planted I raised nine bushels, nearly all very large size."

J. T. COURTNEY, Upshur Co., W. Va., writes: "I think I can beat the world this year with the carrots and peppers raised from your seed."

WM. C. BOWDORN, Waldo Co., Me., writes: "I have the best piece of carrots this season I ever raised. I am pleased with your northern-grown seed."



DANVERS CARROT.



CHANTENAY CARROT.

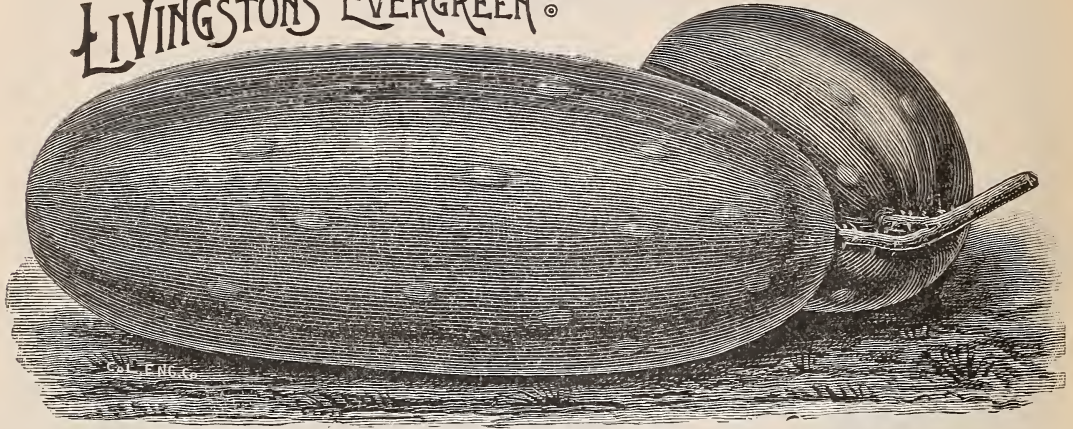


WHITE PLUME CELERY.

White Plume Celery.

This is the earliest celery in cultivation. It has a fine nutty flavor; is crisp and solid. Prices: by mail, post-paid—oz., 25 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

LIVINGSTON'S EVERGREEN®



The New Evergreen Cucumber.

This new cucumber is very hardy and evergreen, flourishing through excessive drouth and bearing loads of fruit all through the season until cut short by the frosts of autumn. It is a strong, robust grower, a great bearer, and best of all, it is one of the very earliest to mature. The fruit is fine flavored, crisp and excellent either to slice to eat with vinegar, pepper, and salt, or for pickles. Price: by mail, post-paid—oz., 10 cts.; pkg., 5 cts.

Improved Early White Spine.

This is a beautifully shaped, crisp, dark-green variety, one of the very best for the private garden or for market. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 60 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.



BOSTON PICKLING.

Boston Pickling.

A fine, early cucumber, especially desirable for pickling. It is the most productive sort we have found and is of good quality. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 60 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Wilson's Yellow-Eye Pea Bean.

A novelty indeed; a handsome, shapely pea bean, with a yellow eye, combining the fine texture of the small pea bean with the exquisite flavor of the old-fashioned Yellow Eye. It is a vigorous, healthy grower. Season of ripening same as the Yellow Eye. It originated in the south-western part of Maine, and came to us from the Rev. Joel Wilson, a gentleman well known to many of our customers. Prices: by mail, post-paid—qt., 50 cts.; pt., 30 cts.; pkt., 8 cts.

N. D. KERN, Lehigh Co., Pa., writes: "The Wilson Yellow-Eye Pea Bean yielded a wonderfully big crop for me, and my wife thinks it is the best bean we ever raised."

Aroostook Extra-Early Cabbage.



AROOSTOOK EXTRA-EARLY CABBAGE.

This is the very best early cabbage in the country, and cannot fail to please all our customers who include it in their planting. It is a very superior strain of the Extra-Early Etampes, the seed stock of which is produced with the greatest care, so that hardly a plant will fail to make a good solid head. It is many days earlier than any other variety of cabbage. Prices: oz., 30 cts.; pkt., 8 cts.

Mammoth Rock Red.

A new select strain of Red Drumhead, producing wonderfully hard, solid, heavy heads of dark-red color. It is the largest and best of this class of cabbage (pickling). The average weight of the heads is 12 lbs. or more, and one of them is just about as heavy as a stone of same size. It is a very late sort, and should have a long season to grow. Set plants three feet apart each way. Prices: by mail, post-paid—oz., 40 cts.; pkt., 8 cts.



MAMMOTH ROCK RED CABBAGE.

Early Jersey Wakefield. This is the most popular early cabbage in America. It produces a medium-sized, rounded, conical head, very hard, and of best quality; is sure to make a fine, shapely head. Our *select seed* of this variety will please everybody, and it should be in every garden. Set plants eighteen inches apart, in rows three feet apart. Prices: by mail, post-paid—1-4 lb., 60 cts.; oz., 20 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Late Flat Dutch. There is no better late main crop cabbage in the country than this. The plants all head in a most satisfactory manner, grow large size, and are of superior quality either for home use or for market. Set plants three feet apart each way. Prices: by mail, post-paid—1-4 lb., 60 cts.; oz., 20 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

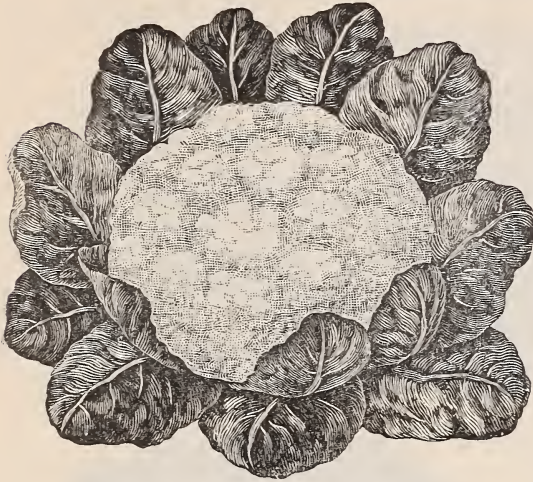
JAMES PARIS, Lincoln Co., Me., writes: "I never before raised such splendid cabbage as I did this year from your seed."

M. A. BLAKESLEE, Perryville, N. Y., writes: "For the last two years I have raised cabbages from your seed side by side with an old-established house's seed of Philadelphia, and am perfectly satisfied that your seed is far superior to theirs."

JAMES HAWLEY, Brooke Co., West Virginia, writes: "Your cabbage seed is the best I ever saw."

E. T. ELY, Agent, Fairfield Co., Connecticut, writes: "The cabbage seed I bought of you was extra nice."

CAULIFLOWER.



EARLY SNOWBALL CAULIFLOWER.

Early Snowball Cauliflower.

The earliest and finest of all for forcing, this cauliflower deserves a place in every vegetable garden. It is of dwarf habit, and is sure to produce a magnificent snowy-white head of a quality not bettered by any other kind that we have found.

CULTURE.—Sow early in hot bed, or later in the open ground. Make the soil very rich, mellow, and deep for cauliflowers, and set the plants two and one-half feet apart each way. Hoe often, bringing the soil up around the stems a little each time.

Price: by mail, post-paid—pkt., 25 cts.

LETTUCE.

California

Cream Butter Lettuce.

This new variety is one of the very best of all the hard heading kinds of lettuce. It forms a round, solid head. It is medium early, fine quality, and deserves a place in every garden.

It comes from California, and seems to succeed in every locality so far as we are able to ascertain.

Prices: 1-4 lb., 60 cts.; oz., 20 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.



CALIFORNIA CREAM BUTTER LETTUCE.

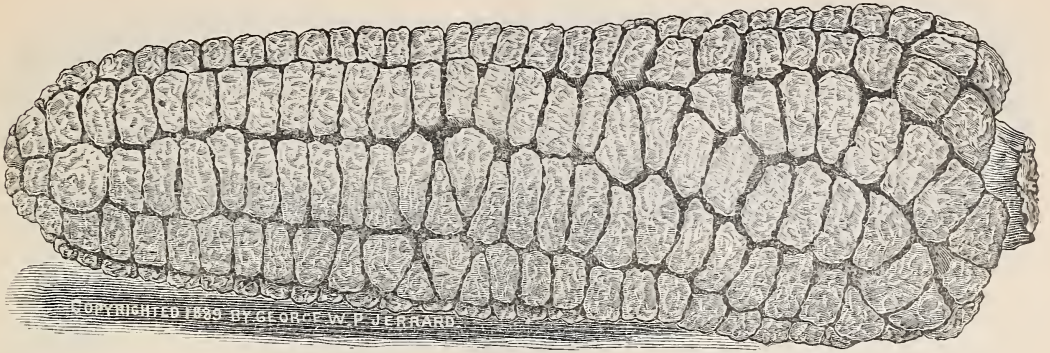
Salamander Lettuce.

This variety will live and thrive under adverse circumstances better than any other kind of lettuce we have found. It forms a large, compact head that is of the finest quality. It is one of the very best for either the market garden or for family use.

Prices: by mail, post-paid—oz., 20 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Our seeds are the result of most careful selection and growing, and for earliness, quality, and productiveness our seeds defy competition.

Make all Money Orders, Bank Drafts or Express Money Orders. payable to the GEO. W. P. JERRARD COMPANY, Caribou, or Bangor, Maine, and NOT to Geo. W. P. Jerrard.



THIS ELEGANT ENGRAVING WAS MADE FROM AN EAR OF OUR 1889 CROP.

Improved Cory Sweet Corn.

The short, quick seasons of this cold north country, together with judicious selection of first ripening ears for seed, has worked unheard of earliness into this earliest of all sweet corns, until now it is sure to ripen in this country of cold, short seasons, which it should be borne in mind is one hundred and fifty miles farther north than the north line of the State of Vermont. Prices: qt., 40 cts.; pt., 25 cts., by freight or express. By mail, post-paid—qt., 55 cts.; pt., 35 cts.; 1-2 pt., 20 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

Crosby's New Early Sweet Corn.

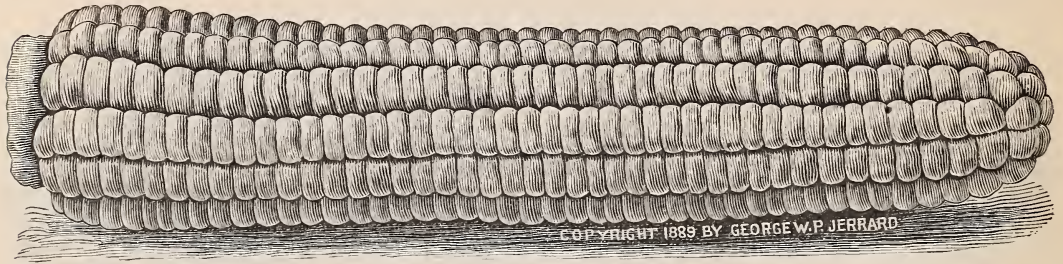
Next to the Cory we consider this to be the finest sweet corn yet introduced. It is immensely productive and of finest quality, having a rich, sugary flavor, which makes it very desirable. Prices: by mail, post-paid—qt., 45 cts.; pt., 25 cts.; 1-2 pt., 15 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

Tattooed Pop-Corn.

This is an early, good, and very productive pop-corn, which originated in Central Maine. It is rich, tender and sweet, and one of the best of poppers. We think it will ripen anywhere in the United States, and on account of its bi-coloring of black and golden yellow, it will be found an attractive as well as valuable novelty. Prices: 1-2 pt., 20 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

Rev. F. RAYNARD LAWRENCE of Lanesboro, Mass., writes Sept. 20, 1899: "*Your Early Bryant Corn is just what you claim for it, the EARLIEST CORN grown in the United States. It glazed before most varieties were in the milk. Tested in same field with your Maine grown Cory Sweet Corn, it was one week ahead of that sort, and of as good quality for table use. It ought to be extensively grown in localities with short season.*"

Capt. WM. B. WELCOME, Penobscot County, Me., writes: "*My large hotel garden was planted mostly with seed purchased from you, but I obtained some seed from other seedsmen. The vegetables grown from your seed were very early, and the largest and best of any I raised.*"



THIS BEAUTIFUL SPECIMEN WAS ENGRAVED FROM AN AVERAGE SIZE EAR FROM OUR 1889 CROP.

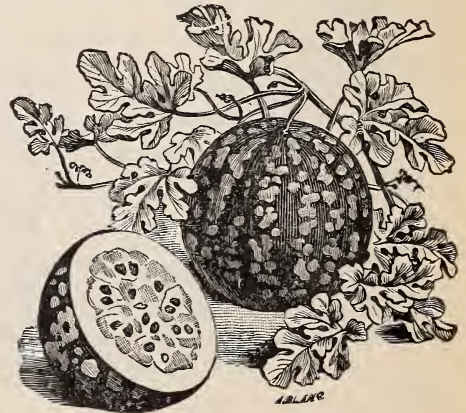
The Early Bryant Corn.

This alpha of all early corns sailed up the Aroostook River in a canoe with the van-guard of Aroostook's early settlers, the year following the close of the "Aroostook War," and has been raised on the same farm continuously for a period of more than fifty years. It is a handsome yellow variety that will mature farther north than any other corn. It grows as tall as a man, and bears one or two ears to the stalk. For early boiling it is tender, rich, and delicious, and the fact that it may be had ready for use many days before the Cory makes it one of the greatest luxuries to be had, and for a first early green corn it should be planted in every garden in the United States, for there is no locality within the limits too far north for this wonderful cereal to ripen.

Prices: qt., 50 cts.; pt., 25 cts., by freight or express. By mail, post-paid—qt., 65 cts.; pt., 35 cts.; 1-2 pt., 20 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

Colorado Preserving Melon.

Citron. This is the finest preserving melon we have ever seen, and cannot help pleasing every good housewife. Its flesh is unusually firm, and it makes a clear, transparent preserve of the finest flavor. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 75 cts.; 1-4 lb., 25 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.



COLORADO PRESERVING MELON.

Jersey Belle Musk-Melon.

During the past three seasons this new cantaloupe has been the **First to Ripen**, and what is more remarkable, it has proven the **largest of all the first-early sorts**. Prices: 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Seminole Water-Melon.

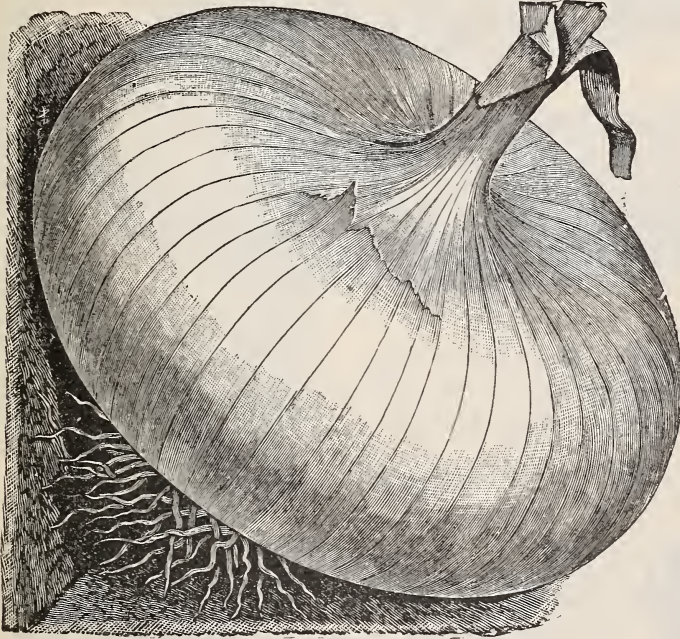
One of the best large, long Florida melons, early, enormously productive, and of most delicious flavor. Prices: by mail, post-paid—1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

ONIONS.

ONIONS.—Mrs. A. T. BRADLEY, Androscoggin Co., Me., writes: "I have sown your onion seed for two seasons, and have been highly pleased with the crops. I have raised onions from it fifteen inches in circumference, and not a scullion among them."

A. H. ELLIS, Somerset Co., Me., writes: "Your Aroostook Early Red Onions are the best of all for this section, always proving a sure crop on suitable soil."

L. S. PHELPS, Hampden Co., Mass., writes: "I find your onion seed superior to any other I can buy. The Aroostook Flat Red is very early, and from two ounces seed this year I raised seven bushels of superior onions."



MAMMOTH SILVER KING ONION.

Mammoth Silver-Skin Onion.

This is an Italian onion of largest size and fine quality. It is of unusually mild flavor, so that for slicing to eat raw with vinegar and salt this monster has hardly an equal. Its great beauty and mammoth proportions make it the very best onion to grow for exhibition. Sow early, in very rich soil; keep them clean of weeds and give plenty of room, and you can raise onions that will take the prize and surprise your neighbors. Prices: by mail, post-paid—1-4 lb., 75 cts.; oz., 25 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

Extra Early Aroostook Flat Red.

This is a very early and reliable strain of the well-known Early Flat Red. Our customers will find this variety exceedingly early, and, with proper cultivation, big necks almost unknown among them. Prices: by mail, post-paid—1-4 lb., 75 cts.; oz., 25 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

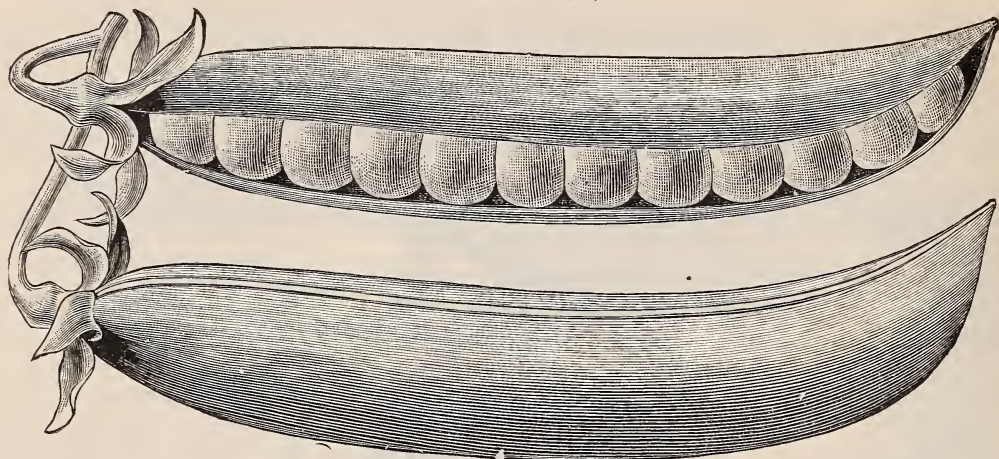
Australian Brown Onion.

Introduced by W. Atlee Burpee & Co. in 1897. It is of medium size, hard and solid, extremely early in ripening, and is free from stiff-necks or scullions. It is an extra good keeper. It has done remarkably well the past season in this cold North country. Prices: by mail, post-paid—oz., 25 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

We grow such seeds as mature to perfection in this latitude, others are grown for us by experienced seed growers in such localities as are best adapted to their growth and perfect development.

T. B. TERRY, the great potato specialist of Ohio, once wrote, in a communication to the *Rural New Yorker*: "Last spring I bought all seed, as did some of my neighbors, of Mr. George W. P. Jerrard, who advertises in the 'Rural,' and lives away up in the northern part of Maine. We had them come just before we wanted to plant, and they got here without a sprout having been started. In my estimation, the cost of bringing them so far was a small matter by the side of the gain from having entirely sound seed so that the first sprout could grow, and from the change of seed. My next neighbor planted a few rows of his own seed (*Beauty of Hebron*) by the side of the Jerrard seed, and it would be a dark night when one could not see the difference in growth when riding by. I should not be surprised if the difference in yield reached 75 bushels per acre."

PEAS.

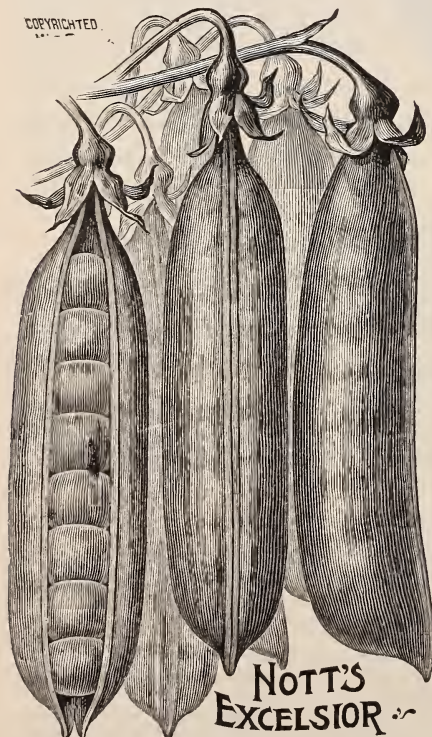


HEROINE PEA.

Nott's Excelsior Pea.

As early as the American Wonder, while the pods are larger, more of them, fully as well filled, with unusually large, sweet-flavored peas. Prices: by mail, post-paid—qt., 40 cts.; pt., 25 cts.; 1-2 pt., 15 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

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**Northern Leader Pea.**

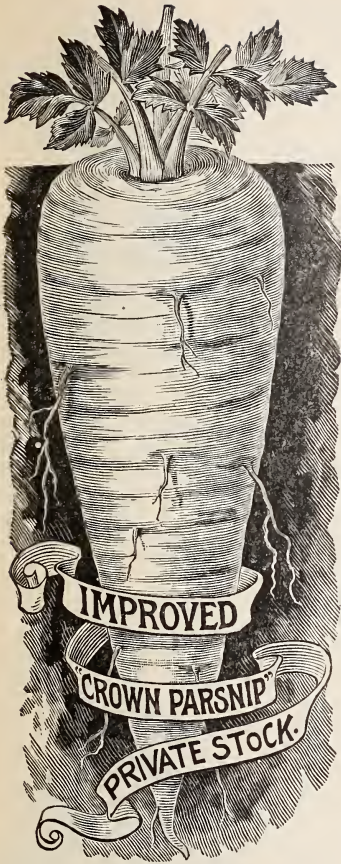
Of all Early Peas there are none that surpass this one for earliness. Having been grown in this cold north country for the past ten years, we can safely recommend them **Earlier Everywhere** when taken to more favored climates than any other pea. This kind can be sowed as early as the ground can be got ready in the spring, at least a week earlier than it will do to sow the wrinkled kinds. Prices: by mail, post-paid—qt., 45 cts.; pt., 25 cts.; 1-2 pt., 15 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

Heroine.

Grows two feet high, is loaded with pods, and like the Excelsior, the pods are crammed full from end to end. This is a medium late sort of choice quality. Prices: by mail, post-paid—qt., 40 cts.; pt., 25 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

The Gradus Pea.

One of the finest flavored early peas yet offered to the public. As an Extra Early Pea the Gradus, being a sugar pea, is far superior to all smooth varieties, such as "Extra Early," "Maud S.," etc., not only in its delicious quality but also in the long pods, which are produced in abundance, and are packed with large sweet peas. Prices: by mail, post-paid—qt., 60 cts.; pt., 30 cts.; 1-2 pt., 20 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.



PARSNIP.

The parsnip is one of the most wholesome and delicious of vegetables. They are ready for use as soon as grown in the fall, and a supply for winter use may be stored in moist earth packed in a box in the cellar. We always leave some in the ground over winter for use in the spring, for the freezing seems to be no detriment to their quality.

Improved Hollow Crown Parsnip

Is the most shapely of any kind and is of good quality, so it is the best one to be had, and should have a place in every garden. Prices: lb., 47 cts., by freight or express. By mail, post-paid—lb., 55 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

PEPPERS.

Sow peppers in hot-bed in April, and transplant to open ground when danger of frost is over; or they may be sown in open ground when it is safe.

Red Cluster Pepper.

Bears a profusion of red clusters of very pungent peppers in an upright position. It forms a small, compact plant about a foot high. Price: pkt., 10 cts.

Sweet Spanish Pepper.

One of the earliest kinds in cultivation. It is mild flavored and sweet; one of the best. Price: pkt., 10 cts.

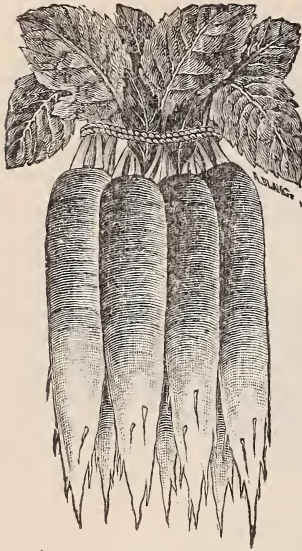
Mammoth Sunflower.

It forms an **IMMENSE HEAD**, and yields a large amount of valuable grain to feed to poultry. It will grow and thrive anywhere, but does best on good warm, very rich land, heavily manured in the hill.

Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 35 cts.; 1-4 lb., 15 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.



SWEET SPANISH PEPPER.



CHARTIER RADISH.

RADISHES.

The radish is cultivated for its roots, and must be eaten when quite young, else it will be tough and stringy. In order to be good, radishes must be grown very quickly, and eaten at an early stage of their growth.

New Bright Breakfast Radish.

An improved type of the French Breakfast, with particularly small tops. The radishes grow very quickly, and if pulled while young and small are as crisp, tender, and good in taste as they are attractive in appearance. Prices: pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; 1-4 lb., 25 cts.

Improved Chartier Radish.

This is a beautiful scarlet, white-tipped radish of crisp, nice quality, and a very quick grower. One of the very best. Prices: by mail, post-paid—pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; 1-4 lb., 25 cts.

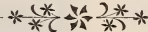
SAGE and SUMMER SAVORY.

Sage.

The most extensively used of all herbs for seasoning and dressing; indispensable. Price: pkt., 5 cts.

Summer Savory.

The leaves and flowers are extensively used for flavoring, particularly in soups and dressings. Price: pkt., 5 cts.

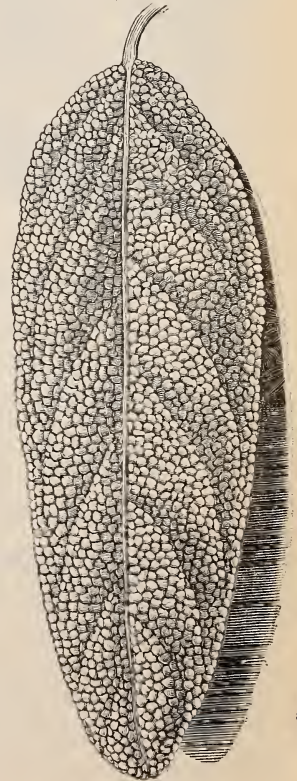


Choice New Potato Seed from the FLOWER BALL, gathered from 1899 Crop.

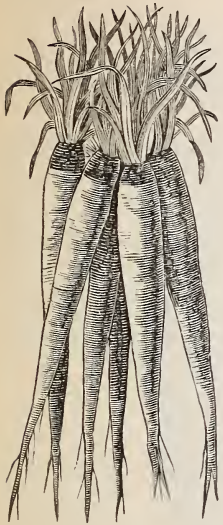
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Dwarf Essex Rape.

The true Dwarf Essex Rape is valuable as a fodder crop for sheep or cattle. It is particularly adapted as a "catch crop," for it grows best late in the season. In the northern states it can be sown at any time from May until August, but in the southern states it should not be sown until September. Its fattening properties are said to be twice as good as clover. Sow ten to twelve pounds per acre broadcast, or four to five pounds per acre in drills fifteen inches apart. Prices: by freight or express—lb., 18 cts.. By mail, post-paid—lb., 35 cts.; pkt., 2 oz., 12 cts.



SAGE.



SALSIFY.

Salsify, or Vegetable Oyster.

The Salsify is one of the most delicious and nutritious of vegetables, and should be more generally cultivated for use in winter, when the supply of really good vegetables is so limited. It closely assimilates to the taste and flavor of the oyster when properly cooked, and is a good substitute for it—very wholesome and nutritious.

Sandwich Island Mammoth.

Of extra large size and fully equal in quality to the popular old variety, Long White. Prices: pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

SPINACH.

Spinach is used principally as greens for boiling and is very highly esteemed for this purpose. For summer use sow early in the spring in drills, covering the seed one inch deep; select rich soil and manure liberally.

New Victoria Spinach.

Dark green very thick leaf; long in running to seed, fine quality. Prices: pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

PUMPKIN.

Nantucket Sugar Pumpkin.

This is a fine pumpkin for family use, the favorite for making pumpkin pies. It is a dark green when ripe, though the flesh is a rich orange yellow, very thick and sweet. It is an excellent winter sort, and will keep almost all the year round. Prices: pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.

Small Sugar Pumpkin.

This nice little pie pumpkin is neither handsome or of large size, but for culinary purposes is without a rival in the whole pumpkin kingdom. It is a prolific yielder, grows to be ten inches in diameter with deep, orange-colored skin; has thick meat; very sugary and of fine quality. Prices: pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; per lb., 60 cts.



NANTUCKET SUGAR PUMPKIN.



SMALL SUGAR PUMPKIN.

Large Field Pumpkin.

Grows very large, is sweet and rich. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 45 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

WE WARRANT ALL SEEDS WE SELL to grow and prove true to name, to the extent that if they fail in either of these particulars we will refill the order at any time free of cost. We also warrant all Seed or Seed Potatoes sent by us by mail or express to reach our customers in good condition.

SQUASH.

The Faxon Squash.

The flesh is a deep orange-yellow, cavity very small and seeds few; the special peculiarity, however, is that while uncooked it appears to have a shell like any squash, when cooked there is practically none, the shell or inedible part being only about as thick as a sheet of writing paper. It is the best squash we ever tasted—sweet and very dry and for squash pies it must be appreciated. It matures early and can be used as a summer squash. It is the best winter variety we know of, being a very late keeper, the only squash we ever saw that every specimen is of superior quality without regard to size or whether it is ripe or green. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 75 cts.; 1-4 lb., 25 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Fordhook Squash.

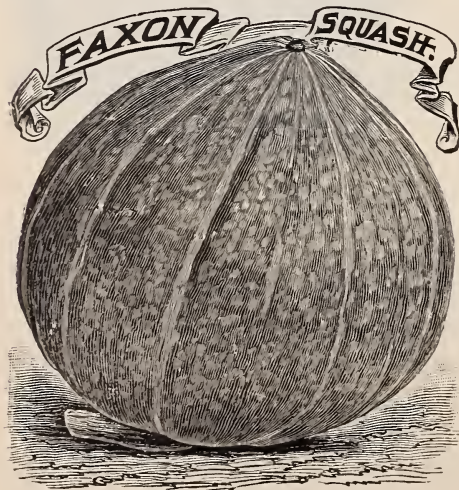
This is a winter squash of great merit. It is of a handsome bright yellow outside and straw yellow within. The flesh is as dry as the Sibley and much sweeter. Placed in a cool, dry room, it keeps in perfect condition throughout the winter and spring. Prices: by mail—lb., 75 cts.; 1-4 lb., 25 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Boston Marrow Squash.

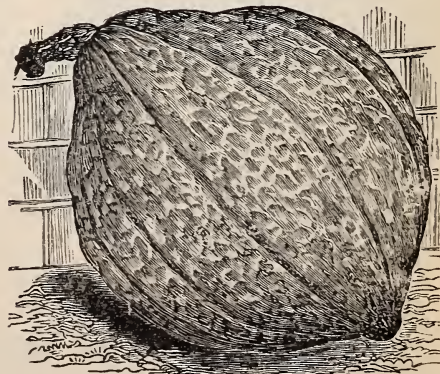
This squash comes next after the bush earlys. It is a very popular market variety, and deserves a place in the family garden, on account of its fine quality and handsome appearance. The skin is yellow and very thin; the flesh is fine-grained and of delicious flavor. Prices: pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; lb., 60 cts.

Hubbard Squash.

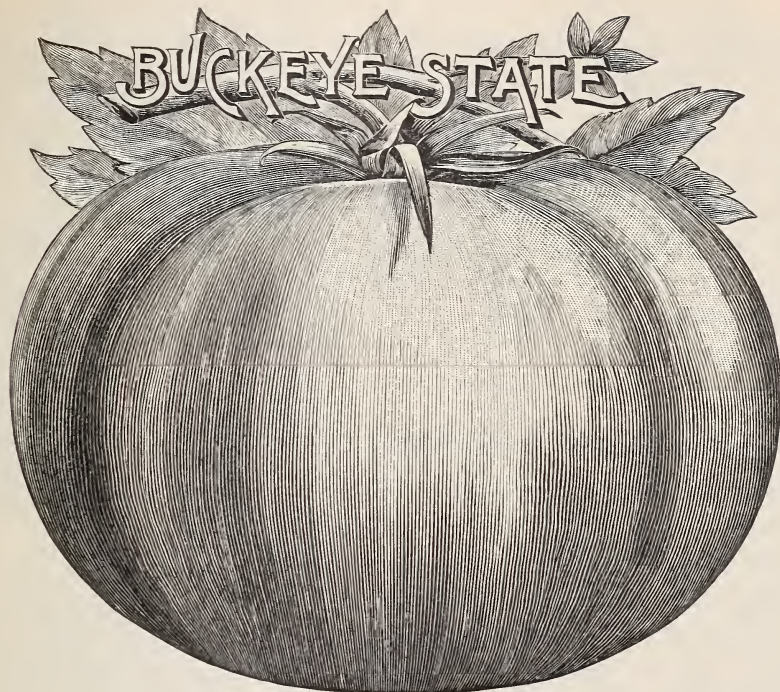
As the standard winter squash of the country, it has been more largely grown for the last twenty-five years than any other kind. It is an abundant yielder, producing squashes of good size, weighing often ten pounds or more each. Color dark green, often marked with dark orange. Flesh dry, fine grained, and of superior quality. It is fit for use in September, and may be kept at its best until May. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 75 cts.; 1-4 lb., 25 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.



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BOSTON MARROW SQUASH.



The New Buckeye State Tomato

Is one of the largest kinds we have ever sold. It averages at least one-half larger than Livingston's Beauty. Many mammoth sorts have been introduced of late, but on first trial they are rejected on account of their roughness. When, therefore, we state that in addition to its very large size it is also smooth and uniform, we are sure we have said enough to enlist the attention of tomato growers everywhere. This is not all, it is unquestionably the heaviest cropper known. The tomatoes are borne in immense clusters of four to eight, and occasionally ten large fruits have been found in a single cluster. In time of ripening it matures with the Stone. In solidity and meatiness it has no equal, while in luscious quality none surpass it. The color is much the same as Livingston's Beauty, but of a somewhat darker and richer shade. Prices: oz., 30 cts.; pkt., 8 cts.

Fordhook First Tomato.

This new tomato we have grown for the past four years in our garden, and we find it by far the earliest variety we have ever planted. It is smooth and handsome, of nice flavor, and altogether the best one for northern localities. Prices: by mail, post-paid—oz., 30 cts.; pkt., 10 cts.

Atlantic Prize.

Possesses extra good qualities; extremely early; vines vigorous and strong; fruit borne in clusters. Prices: by mail—oz., 25 cts.; pkt., 8 cts.

Livingston's Beauty.

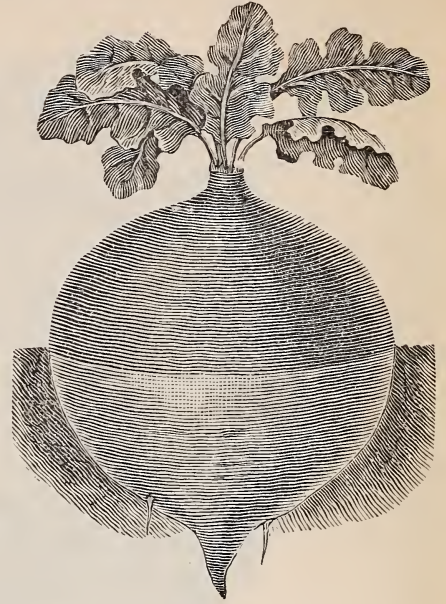
We have the most select seed of this handsome tomato, which was saved from all large, smooth specimens. This, for the second-early or main crop, will be found as choice seed as can be found in the world. Prices: by mail, post-paid—1-4 lb., 60 cts.; oz., 20 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Aroostook Improved Swede Ruta-Baga.

This purple-top, yellow-fleshed Ruta-Baga is one of the best to plant for general crop of any in the market. It is exceedingly hardy, a large cropper, and of finest quality for table use or for stock. We have sold it many years, and it has given universal satisfaction. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 50 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.

Improved Long Island Ruta-Baga.

This handsome Ruta-Baga originated on Long Island, New York, and is one of the very largest growers that has ever been introduced. It is a purple-top, yellow-fleshed variety, which grows fully twice as large as the common kinds, and our customers will be



AROOSTOOK IMPROVED SWEDISH RUTA-BAGA.

pleased with its quality and yield, as well as its fine appearance. It is nearly round, very smooth, and free from side roots, and has an unusually small top for such large bottoms. Sow thickly in rows two feet apart, and when out of the way of insects, thin to a foot apart in the rows. Prices: by mail, post-paid—lb., 50 cts.; 1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkg., 5 cts.

Early Purple-Top Munich (Turnip).

This is fully two weeks earlier than the common purple top variety which it resembles, and is every way as good as it is early. Prices: by mail, post-paid—1-4 lb., 20 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; pkt., 5 cts.



EARLY PURPLE-TOP MUNICH (TURNIP).

FRED W. THOMPSON, Hubbardston, Mass., writes March 20, 1899: "I like your seeds very much, because they always prove true to name, and every seed is sure to grow."

GEORGE M. WEBBER, Ware, Mass., writes March 23, 1899: "I always get very nice seed potatoes from you. Early Harvest is my favorite, Minister next."

See Choice NEW VARIETIES of Potatoes, and Prizes Offered on Pages 1, 2, and 3 of this Catalogue.

EBEN S. LINCOLN, Meredith, N. H., writes: "The Gems out-yielded all of my other kinds, six in number. They are keeping splendidly, not one having rotted, and they are of finest quality. They are the best Main Crop Potato I ever raised."



OATS.

The White Russian Oat

Is nothing new. It has been raised in this county ever since its first settlement many years ago, and our best farmers of to-day say it is the best oat they can grow. It is very early, and produces an abundant crop of extra quality grain. Our stock was grown on land newly cleared from the forest, and is of an excellent quality, free from foul seed. Sowing this seed on the old lands of other localities must produce fine results. Prices: by freight or express—bush., \$1.25; pk., 40 cts.; by mail, post-paid—lb., 20 cts.; 3 lbs., 50 cts.

New American Oat.

The New American originated in this country and is destined to take the place of all other kinds now grown. It is a stout-strawed variety, ripens a few days later than the White Russian, and is very exempt from rust or other forms of disease. It is a thin-hull oat shaped like the little common variety, kernels are two or three times as large, more meaty, and are first-class in every respect. American born and American grown. The stock now in our warehouse weighs forty pounds to the bushel, and we shall send our customers forty pounds to the bushel. This is one and one-fourth lawful bushel for a bushel. Prices: by freight or express—bush., \$1.50; pk., 50 cts. By mail, post-paid—pkt., 5 cts.; lb., 25 cts.; 3 lbs., 60 cts.

WHEAT.

Saskatchewan Spring Wheat

This is altogether the best No. 1 Hard Amber wheat yet introduced. It is very early and the most productive of all the Fifes. For milling purposes it has no superior. It should have a trial in all wheat growing sections. Prices: by freight or express—bush., \$2.00; pk., 75 cts. By mail, 1 lb., 20 cts.; 3 lbs., 50 cts.

White Russian Spring Wheat

This is a light-colored variety of red wheat, which seems to succeed in all localities. It is an immense cropper, and very hardy. Prices: by freight or express—bush., \$2.00; pk., 75 cts. By mail—1 lb., 20 cts.; 3 lbs., 50 cts.

Canada Field Peas.

These can be sown with oats, for fodder, at the rate of two bushels of oats, and two bushels of peas per acre, or for plowing under as green manuring at the rate of three bushels per acre. The new American Oats are excellent to sow with peas, as they have a very stiff straw and make a good support for the peas. Prices: by freight or express—bu., \$1.60; pk., 60 cts.



Our customers should add 10c. for bushel, and 15c. for two bushel bags when ordering wheat, oats, or peas.

SWEET PEAS.

Its rare development of beauty and its sweet perfume makes the Sweet Pea the most fashionable flower to-day. Our customers will find the following choice collection, ranging from white through all the delicate and rare shades to dark blue, to contain all one could ask for in the Sweet Pea line.

White Class.

MRS. SANKEY—Pure White; flowers large and fragrant.

EMILY HENDERSON—Pure White; earliest to flower. Very compact vine.

PRIMROSE—Light Yellow; rare shade.

Rose Class.

FAIRY QUEEN—White, penciled with Pink; rare shade.

LADY BEACONSFIELD—Yellowish White with rosy wings.

LOTTIE ECKFORD—White, shaded with Pink and Indigo.

MRS. GLADSTONE—Pale rose and buff; fine large flower.

GAITY—Magenta and White, striped.

APPLE BLOSSOM—Bright, rosy Pink and White; very choice.

RAMONA—Creamy White, flaked with soft Pink; one of the best.

Scarlet Class.

HER MAJESTY—Rich deep scarlet rose; very fine; one of the best.

FIRE-FLY—Brightest of the scarlets.

SPLENDOR—Crimson and magenta; choice.



SWEET PEA.

Purple Class.

BOREATTON—Purple crimson; very dark velvety maroon.

Blue Class.

EMILY ECKFORD—Violet Blue; best of that color. Large, bold flower.

WAVERLY—Grand Blue; body royal blue. Blue crimson standard.

Gem Mixture.

Including all of the above varieties.

Prices: by mail, post-paid—pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.; 1-4 lb., 30 cts.

Rev. J. RAYNARD LAWRENCE of Lanesboro, Mass., speaks a good word for the Northern Beauty Potato: "On the Eden trial grounds Jerrard's seedling potato, the **NORTHERN BEAUTY**, made the following record. It is of the Early Rose type, GOOD SHAPE and FORM. Just enough eyes to make good seed, but not enough to make waste in cooking. Eyes nearly level with the surface; size good and remarkably uniform; average, 5 to 5 1-2 inches long, 3 to 3 1-2 inches in diameter, SMOOTH and EARLY. Better for cooking than Thoroughbred. Out of eighty-four varieties this one of the Ten Best.

SEE PAGE 2 FOR DESCRIPTION OF NORTHERN BEAUTY.



See **DISCOUNTS** and **LOW FREIGHT RATES** given on 2d page of cover.



FLOWER-SEEDS.



The cultivation of flowers elevates the thoughts and refines the taste of every one who studies their beautiful forms and colors. We offer here a few of the most popular varieties, making a collection of flowers that should adorn every home.

- Asters**—Vick's New Branching Aster..... WHITE.....Pkt., 10 cts.
 Vick's New Branching Aster..... PINK.....10 cts.
 Vick's New Branching Aster..... PURPLE.....10 cts.
 Queen of the Earlies..... SNOW WHITE.....10 cts.
 Queen of the Earlies..... ROSE.....10 cts.
 Giant Comet..... SNOW WHITE.....15 cts.
 Giant Comet..... ROSE.....15 cts.
 Giant Comet..... LIGHT YELLOW.....15 cts.
- Balsam**—Fine Double Mixed Colors 5 cts.
- Dianthus, or Chinese Pink**—For beautiful and lasting cut flowers, ease of culture and freedom of bloom, these hardy garden pinks have no superiors among annuals.
 Double Chinese Pink (our mixture is extra good) VARIETY OF COLORS..... 7 cts.
 Double Chinese Pink. WHITE..... 8 cts.
 Double Chinese Pink, Mourning Cloak.....10 cts.
- Single Pinks**—The Bride... WHITE, with PURPLE center, a little gem... ..10 cts.
 Eastern Queen, very striking and pretty.. .. 8 cts.
 Mixture of Single Pinks..... 7 cts.
- Hollyhock**—Double, a very fine collection..... 5 cts.
- Nasturtium**—Mixture of Dwarf Nasturtiums..... 10 cts.
- Poppies**—Peony-Flowered. Large flower, very double..... 5 cts.
 Fairy Blush. Pure WHITE double flower, tipped with ROSE 5 cts.
 White Swan. Immense double WHITE Flower 5 cts.
 All varieties mixed..... 5 cts.
- Pansies**—AZURE BLUE. Extra fine..... 10 cts.
 BRONZE-COLOR 10 cts.
 DARK BLUE. Very fine 10 cts.
 King of the Blacks..... 10 cts.
 MAHOGANY-COLORED. A very fine variety. 10 cts.
 SNOW-WHITE. Good form and size 10 cts.
 WHITE. Sometimes slightly marked with PURPLE..... 10 cts.
 Yellow Gem. CLEAR YELLOW..... 10 cts.
 All colors, mixed..... 10 cts.
- Petunia**—Single. Large flowered. WHITE 10 cts.
 Mixture of large flowering single Petunias..... 10 cts.
- Zinnia**—Queen Victoria. A new giant variety, very double. PURE WHITE..... 10 cts.
 Large-Flowering Dwarf. ORANGE SALMON. 7 cts.
 Large-Flowering Dwarf. WHITE..... 7 cts.
- Sweet-William**—All colors mixed..... 10 cts.
- Everlastings**—Acroclinium. One of the most beautiful Everlastings..... 10 cts.
 Rhodanthe. They are of many colors and shades, and if gathered before fully expanded and dried in the shade, will retain their brilliancy for years.... 10 cts.

Study the first Cover-Page of this Catalogue, and you will get a good idea of our geographical location. Notice the northern projection of the State, also Arrostook County, and our location in the extreme north-east corner of the county. The cut below the State is from a photograph taken last February on our street; the snow and ice is some six feet deep in front of the buildings, almost hiding the windows from view; all nature seems dead. In like manner our Potato-Cellars are Snow-Banked for months, keeping our seed Perfectly Dormant, and in the best possible condition to retain all their vigor and vitality until shipping time arrives. All gardeners and growers of potatoes must recognize the importance of this. Ordinary seed stock stored in potato-houses, and allowed to sprout before seed time arrives, have lost one-half of their vitality, and can give but a meager crop at least.



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