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# JOHN H. SIEVERS & CO.

1251 CHESTNUT ST., SAN FRANCISCO

## Our Specialties :

*CARNATIONS*

*Giant Double Tuberos-Rooted*

*BEGONIAS*

*PELARGONIUMS*

*PALMS*

*ORCHIDS*

*FERNS*

*Telephone East 480*



1905

# Introductory



IN PRESENTING our New Descriptive Catalogue for 1905 we call special attention to the many novelties

## OF OUR OWN RAISING

it contains, and claim that our

### New Carnations New Pelargoniums New Begonias

are a grand advance upon existing varieties. You will miss some of your old Favorites—not being listed by us. Our rule is to discard any variety as soon as we have produced or imported improvements upon them, and by so doing we claim to be able to offer the very best.

Our well-known and gratifying success at all the Plant and Flower shows held during the last thirty years in this city verifies the above.

We invite personal inspection of our stock at our Nurseries, located on Chestnut Street, between Polk and Van Ness Avenue. These can be reached by the Union Street Cable-road, by the Sutter and Polk Street line, or by the California and Hyde Street line, transferring to Union. From the corner of Union and Van Ness Avenue, it is only three short blocks to the Nurseries.

## Instructions

1. All purchasers are requested, when ordering by mail or otherwise, to give their proper address, and directions where to and how they desire their orders shipped—whether by freight or express. When not advised how to ship, we exercise our own judgment, and forward to the best advantage of the purchaser.

2. New customers and persons unknown to us are kindly requested to accompany their esteemed orders either by Wells, Fargo & Co's Express or Post-office money-orders, or draft on San Francisco, or with satisfactory reference.

3. All orders are carefully packed for shipment by experienced hands, so they may be sent to even far distant points with perfect safety; and no charges are made for packing and shipping by express or freight at San Francisco.

4. After delivery to forwarders, in good condition, all shipments are at customer's risk; and complaints of any kind will not be entertained unless made promptly upon receipt of stock.

5. All communications should be addressed to

JOHN H. SIEVERS & CO.,

1251 Chestnut Street, bet. Polk and Van Ness Avenue,  
Telephone East 480.

San Francisco, Cal.





# New Carnations

## FOR 1905.

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### FIANCEE.

A beautiful new variety introduced this year by the Chicago Carnation Co. and described as follows:

**COLOR**—Clear pink—a lively, bright pleasing color. A shade not approached by any known variety of carnation at the present time.

**GROWTH**—Strong, healthy, no superfluous grass; every break making a rapid advance and producing a long-stemmed flower. The growth is characteristic of this variety and in keeping with its other strong points.

**SIZE**—Extremely large, three and one-half inch flowers are common and four-inch flowers not a rare occurrence. Depth, two inches and over.

**FORM**—Nearer the Bradt, but with a much greater depth.

**STEM**—Always sufficiently strong to hold up the large flower. Length of stem, twenty-four to thirty inches.

**CALYX**—Perfect, of Albertini style.

**BLOOMING QUALITIES**—The earliest of all, and free and continuous throughout the entire season without any cessation.

50 cts. each; \$5.00 per dozen.

### THE PINK LAWSON (John H. Sievers & Co.)

This is indeed a grand novelty and was raised from a sport of the well-known Mrs. Thomas W. Lawson at our nursery. It retains the same excellent habit of growth and productiveness of the parent plant, but the flowers are larger and the color a beautiful light pink, somewhat like Enchantress. It remained perfectly true while in our possession and was admired by everybody.

50 cts. each; \$5.00 per dozen.

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First Premium for Carnations wherever exhibited.

## DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF SIEVERS' CARNATIONS.

To meet the demand for the best twelve Carnations of our introduction, we have selected the first named twelve varieties as the best for all purposes, as garden favorites or for growing in greenhouses for winter blooming. We grow these varieties for cut flowers for the San Francisco market; they are the Carnations which have made the name of Sievers' Carnations famous.

**ETHEL CROCKER**—California's production, pronounced by the leading Eastern experts to be the best pink Carnation ever offered. Color, the most perfect shade of pink. Size of flower, three to three and a half inches in diameter. Form of flower, ideal, composed of extra heavy petals of silky texture, with high, built-up center. Fragrance, sweet and clove-like. Habit of growth, strength, perfection of flower stems, freedom of bloom unsurpassed by any Carnation.

**Dr. TEVIS**—The best scarlet Carnation for greenhouse or outdoor culture offered to date, three times the size of Portia. Of grand shape, perfect habit of growth and produced on erect strong stems. A commercial variety.

**JOHN HINKEL**—The best dark crimson Carnation considering freedom of bloom, size, stem and substance. Brilliant dark crimson, extra large, petals deeply fringed, full, freely produced on strong stems. Very vigorous in growth, of excellent habit. A commercial variety.

**LESLIE PAUL**—Very deep rose in color, extra large, of grand shape, strong, vigorous in growth; habit, stem and calyx of flower perfect. Best described as a greatly enlarged form of Tidal Wave, in size and fullness of flower, length of stem, and vigor of growth far surpassing that variety. A commercial variety.

**IRIS MILLER**—In color a light salmon, shaded with yellow, lightly flaked with rose, very large flowers of great substance, very freely produced on strong stems, remarkably vigorous in growth; raised by crossing with Daybreak. A commercial variety.

**HARRIET BRADFORD**—In every respect a fine, variegated Carnation, a very early and constant bloomer, flower of good size on very long strong stems, ground color white, petals edged with scarlet and lined with same color. A commercial variety.

**GRACE RUNYON**—A grand, variegated Carnation, ground color of flower, white, penciled with light rose. In size, substance, shape of flower, habit and vigor of growth, stem and calyx of flower an ideal Carnation. A commercial variety.

**JENNIE GIFFARD**—This beautiful variety was named in honor of an ardent admirer of Carnations in the Hawaiian Islands. Color a deep rose-pink, finely fringed, very fragrant, excellent stem.

**JOHN CARBONE**—With us one of the most admired and best selling fancy Carnations. It is in every respect a grand variety, in color a very brilliant, rich shade of gold, flaked in light carmine, large, produced freely on strong stems, a constant bloomer. A commercial variety.



**CALIFORNIA GOLD**—This excellent yellow variety closely resembles Ethel Crocker in habit and healthy growth. It is by far the freest variety of the color that we have ever grown. Flowers are of good average size, on stiff slender stems; calyx strong. The color is golden yellow, with markings of soft red. A first-class, practical variety; will be highly valued by every grower needing a bright yellow in quantity.

**MRS. F. CAROLAN**—One of our latest productions. Color an exquisite light silvery pink, deeply indented at edge of petals, delightfully fragrant, good stem, very productive.

**GRACE DAVIS**—An excellent scarlet Carnation of our own raising; of great commercial value, being a free bloomer. Flowers three inches across, borne on long erect stems. Color a beautiful bright scarlet, petals finely fringed; very fragrant. This variety was exhibited during the last flower shows of the California State Floral Society, in the class of Best Six, receiving the first prize.

**Norman R. Lang**—Dark velvety red, very rich and glowing, flowers large, of grand shape, petals finely toothed. Strong and compact in growth.

**Blanche Matheron**—Lighter in color than Crocker, somewhat like Genevive Lord, and as early and free in bloom. Has a fine, large flower, a good stem, and is an all-round, first-rate sort.

**C. H. Souther**—Creamy white ground color, flushed rosy, edged with deep crimson, also lightly penciled with same shade; a charming combination of colors; flowers of good size, nicely fringed.

**Mrs. Wm. McKinley**—This beautiful variety was named, with the lady's consent, during the visit of the late President in California. Color a clear rose, edges of petals finely fimbriated, flowers of very large size, measuring from three to three and one-half inches, very fragrant, long stem, excellent in every way.

**R. Raymond**—The color, a light, delicate, shell pink, is somewhat like Daybreak. Flowers of good size, fragrant and grown on stiff stems twenty-four inches in length. A good producer and therefore a fine commercial variety.

**J. M. Howland**—Intense scarlet, striped and flaked with very dark maroon. Flowers of the very largest size and very striking in coloring.

**O. E. Lenhard**—Very light salmon red, a novel, entirely new shade in Carnations, with flowers of large size, grand shape, strong and vigorous in growth; petals finely fringed.

**Lavender**—Light lavender in color, shading to flame color in center of flower, flower of large size having a satin lustre.

**D. H. Bibb**—Deep velvety dark red, shaded maroon; a very rich shade, a grand, bold flower. In every respect a perfect variety.

**H. Jonas**—Cream ground color, edge of petals broadly banded with very deep earmine-red, petals also flaked with same color. A unique and distinct variety.

**Lewis Bradbury**—Intense brilliant carmine-red, with smooth, silky, rounded petals. Form, calyx, growth ideal.

### Price of Sievers' Seedling Carnations.

So as to place our Grand Novelties within the reach of all lovers of flowers, we have decided to offer them at

Each, 20 cts.; \$2.00 per 12.

We shall be pleased to select for purchasers that are not familiar with the above varieties; by our knowing each and every variety offered, we can select the best 12 in the most distinct varieties, the best 24, the best 36, and shall give to such orders our personal attention.

Orders booked and filled in rotation, commencing March 1, 1905.

### Carnations Introduced in the East.

Of these we catalogue only those varieties which we have grown ourselves and can recommend.

**Enchantress**—One of the great novelties from the East. Color, a very pleasing shade of light pink, deepening towards the center. Size, three and one-half inches and over. It does not burst and has strong, stiff stems, averaging two to three feet in length. Habit very vigorous and blooms early, free and continuous.

**Adonis**—It is described as the brightest scarlet Carnation yet introduced. Fine, free grower, compact in habit, with stiff, erect stems, which average two feet and over in height. Form, perfect, and quite distinct, not crowded with petals, which fact allows it to develop its flowers in much less time than any other "fancy" Carnation. An early bloomer, free and quite continuous.

**Governor Roosevelt**—This grand variety has a stiff stem, the stem reaching two and one-half to three feet, and holding the flowers very erect. It is a deep, brilliant scarlet, heavily shaded with maroon. The flower is full, having a large number of petals, which are so perfectly and regularly arranged that the periphery of the flower produces a perfect semi-circle. The size averages fully three inches in diameter throughout the season, many blooms being produced running from three and one-half up to four inches across under the guard petals. It is a vigorous, healthy grower, the foliage being of that rich, glaucous green color that characterizes our most vigorous and most productive commercial Carnations.

**Prosperity**—Prosperity is the "American Beauty" among Carnations. The flowers are of immense size, measuring fully four inches in diameter. It was awarded the Lawson Gold Medal at the last meeting of the American Carnation Society.

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**Mrs. M. A. Patten**—Among variegated varieties this carnation holds the same position as Enchantress and Lawson in their colors, and is decidedly in the same class. Its ground color is white, beautifully marked with pink (of the same shade as Lawson), and just enough of it to make the flower attractive. Early blooms are large, averaging three to three and one-half inches. Stems stiff and long from the first; habit of the plant perfect.

**The Bride**—The flowers average three to three and one-half inches in diameter; of ideal form and the purest white, borne on good stout stems which average fourteen to sixteen inches long, after the plants get well established; a free and continuous producer, and a healthy, clean grower, not subject to disease in any form.

**Norway**—A Seedling of Mrs. Fisher. Color, purest white, two and one-half to three and one-half inches in diameter. A wonderfully vigorous, rapid grower of splendid habit. It is delightfully fragrant and an excellent keeper. We believe this variety will fill a long-felt want in whites. We predict that it will at once take its place among the very best Carnations now on the market.

**Estelle**—A grand scarlet of last year, extra fine in color, and reminds one of Jubilee in this respect, but is more brilliant. It is a very fine variety.

**Gaiety**—This is a seedling of Bradt by Scott, scarlet and white variegated, has a stiff wiry stem, a perfect calyx, no surplus grass, and is a very easy doer; it is not susceptible to any of the Carnation diseases, and enjoys a temperature of about fifty degrees.

**Cressbrook**—Made the highest score at the Baltimore meeting of the American Carnation Society, reaching 94 points. It is a seedling from Bradt and Scott. Bright pink—flower three to three and one-half inches in diameter; stem strong and wiry; a fine grower, and has no surplus foliage. Mr. Warburton, the raiser, says he has yet to see the first bursted calyx.

**Mrs. E. A. Nelson**—A seedling from Armazindy and Scott, of large size, a pure glistening pink similar to Joost, strong stem, and very free and early; keeps and travels exceedingly well, has scored high before the various florist's clubs in the East.

**Mrs. Potter Palmer**—A new scarlet Carnation, combining size and productiveness to a high degree. It is described best as about the color of Jubilee, with blooms larger than anything in its class, and borne on long stiff stems.

**Mrs. Thomas W. Lawson**—This famous and much advertised Carnation is so well known that it is hardly necessary to describe it. Flowers are of immense size, borne on wonderfully long, strong, stiff, and erect stems. Color, dark cerise pink, fighting up beautifully under artificial light. This variety has been received with great favor, and is proving to be one of the most satisfactory of last year's introduction.

**The Marquis**—This is pre-eminently the finest light pink Carnation that has been introduced up to this time. Color is ideal, light silvery pink. Flowers are of the largest size, well-grown blooms measuring fully four inches in diameter, of perfect form, fimbriated, large and very full. Its large size, lovely color, and freedom of bloom are making it exceedingly popular. We can recommend it in the very highest terms.

Above 14 sorts, each 20 cts.; \$2.00 per 12.

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# New Single Tuberos Begonias

## HYBRIDA CRISTATA

A distinct break from the ordinary single type, a very quaint appearance being given to the well-formed flowers by each petal having a cockscomb-like layer growing from the base, but adhering to the center of the petal. Both petals and layers are of great substance, the flowers are of the gigantic type and borne upon very stout, erect stems.

In various shades of colors, \$1.00 each.

## The Sievers Giant Double Tuberos-Rooted Begonias

ARE SUPERIOR TO ANY OFFERED  
IN EUROPE OR AMERICA.

They are the result of crossing the Mammoth Single Begonias with Double flowering varieties, and the result is: a Strain of Begonias of gigantic growth, Mammoth Flowers, resembling in shape Roses, Camelias, Hollyhocks, and exceeding them in size. In coloring, numerous shades of any color excepting blue; they are unapproached by any flowers.

### Descriptive List of the Sievers Giant Double Tuberos-Rooted Begonias.

**Dr. Brigham**—Pure White Rose shaped flowers, erect flowering, edge of petals round, but petals undulating.

**Miss L. Schwerin**—Very rich, deep rose-shaped flowers borne on erect strong stems, very full, fine substance and grand shape.

**Mrs. W. H. Smyth**—Deep rose shading to almost white at edge of petals, very erect flowering, flowers crowded with fluted petals, but finishing up in one center.

**Maud Hooper**—Deep flesh colored flowers, outside petals of immense size, deeply cut or fimbriated, center of flower rosette shaped like a rose placed into large shell-like leaves.

**Mamie Sievers**—Beautiful round flowers, color white, shaded with lemon, petals fringed and wavy, in shape like a Camellia, erect flowering.

**Sophie Sievers**—Clear, soft, rich, deep pink, round Camellia shaped flowers, petals undulating and finely fringed.

**Mrs. J. H. Colen**—Very large round guard petals, center very full and crowded like a Hollyhock, color, rich creamy white, erect flowering.

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**C. Kruger**—Rich bright red full flowers, composed of large wavy petals, erect flowering.

**Louise Sievers**—Rich rose colored flower of the Hollyhock type, guard petals extra large and round, center full and formed of undulating petals, erect flowering.

**Mrs. Holman**—Light flesh-pink flowers of the most perfect shape imaginable, formed like a grand Camellia, flowers borne on strong stems and very compact in growth.

**Nellie Fenton**—Color deep rose, shaded bronze, petals fluted and forming a grand rose-shaped flower of irregular but very pleasing shape; flowers erect on strong stems.

**Mrs. McCartney**—A lovely shell-pink colored flower, petals like sea-shells, wavy, fringed and fimbriated and finishing up one after another to a perfect center.

**John H. Sievers**—Intense rich deep carmine-rose. Flowers of enormous size, as regular in build as a Camellia, petals round, smooth and of great thickness, and carried erect on strong stems.

**Mrs. Wm. Coupland**—Enormous flowers of grand rose-shape, in rose shading to a very light color almost white at edges; petals undulated, forming a high built-up center; erect flowering.

**Wm. Coupland**—Deep orange red in color, Camellia shape, smooth round petals of great substance and flowers carried erect on strong stems.

**Chas. Ahlborn**—Deep crimson rose of a rich tint, flowers of rose-shape, high centered, full, and erect flowering.

**Wm. Babcock**—Very light lemon colored rose-shaped flower, composed of wavy, undulating petals of irregular but very pleasing form, erect flowering.

**Mrs. T. R. Morgan**—Light buff salmon in color; in form, a perfect ball formed of fluted fringed petals.

**Mrs. H. E. Holbrow**—Immense lilac-pink flowers, shading to white at edge of petals, very full, but petals are well arranged.

**Mrs. Allyne**—Rich deep salmon in color, of rose-shape, with high center, petals beautifully serrated.

**John McLaren**—A beautiful loosely arranged flower, wavy white in color, and carried very erect on strong stems, not one of the largest, but very free in bloom, and very pleasing.

**J. Schwind**—Deep carmine, shaded purple, a very brilliant shade, round, smooth petals forming a Camellia shaped flower.

**Katie Sievers**—A brilliant, glowing shade of very deep carmine-rose in color, in shape a very high-built flower of the Hollyhock type, crowded, but nicely arranged, composed of undulating petals.

**Park Fellows**—Clear, deep buff, not an extraordinary large flower, but of good size; its rare and rich coloring makes it one of the most admired.

**Grace Henderson**—Rich, pure deep salmon in color, in shape almost like a **Rose**, center upright, petals round, of fine texture and forming a lovely flower; carried erect on good stems.

**J. F. Sims**—A grand lemon-yellow, Rose-shaped flower of the largest size, composed of wave, waxy petals.

**Mrs. May Ellis**—A glowing shade of magenta-rose, a beautiful color, grand flower in shape, size, freedom of bloom and habit, of erect stems to flowers.

**Mrs. T. Sachau**—A beautiful shaded flower, ground color of flowers which are of grand size, full and of grand shape, is white, edge of petals beautifully shaded rosy-pink.

**Mrs. F. Beringer**—A fine pink variety of the largest size, shape and finish, with the entire edge of petals surrounded by a much deeper shade of color.

**Geo. B. Jones**—A light salmon red, almost light terra cotta, a very bright and attractive flower, carried on very strong, erect stems, petals smooth, round and forming a Camellia shaped flower.

**George West**—The great aim of Begonia raisers for years has been to obtain erect flowering Begonias; and while all our Begonias are erect flowering, this new variety is remarkably so, the large, deep, full, rose-colored flowers being carried erect on strong stems.

**Ana Andrada**—Rich, deep rose in color, composed of very large, deeply cut and undulating petals, which have also the peculiarity to have little yellow pistils at edge, giving the flower a very rich appearance.

**Nelita Kruger**—Rich, deep pink in coloring, shaded with silver at edge of petals, also center of flower, which is beautifully arranged, composed of deeply cut fimbriated petals, and also remarkably erect flowering.

**R. Raymond**—Lemon yellow in coloring, shaded with chrome-yellow, large, smooth petals, regularly arranged and reflexing.

**Mrs. John H. Sievers**—A beautiful shade of light lavender-pink, shaded with white; in color, shape, size, and finish unsurpassed.

**Fringed Pink Beauty**—Its name well describes this wonderful Begonia, with its remarkably fringed, fluted, and undulated flowers, on extra strong stems; in growth moderate, and not of such a vigor as all the other Begonias listed.

### Prices of the Sievers Giant Tuberous-Rooted Begonias.

Up to April 1st we can furnish tubers of the above described Grand Begonias, after that date plants started in pots at the following prices:

Large tubers, which should grow into large plants, at \$1.00 each, \$10.00 per 12.  
Small tubers ..... 50c each, \$5.00 per 12.

**Important Notice**—The price charged for the Sievers Giant Begonias may seem high in comparison with the prices quoted by other growers in America for Double Tuberous-Rooted Begonias, but we claim there is no comparison possible with our Strain, and the price we offer our Grand Begonias is one-third of the price we have paid for the best Begonias from the most noted growers in Europe, and it is admitted that our Strain is **Far Superior**.

### European Tuberous-Rooted Begonias.

From the many European Importations we have retained the following varieties, being entirely distinct in growth and bloom from our Strain, and are in every way desirable.

**Alice Manning**—Deep sulphur yellow in color, flowers of good size, and produced on immense drooping branches, making this variety an ideal Basket Begonia; very attractive.

**King Ludwig**—Immense deep, rich crimson red flowers, very rich in color, flowers of the largest size.

**Rosebud**—A well-named variety; clear rose-pink; waxy petals forming when half expanded, flowers resembling Rosebuds in shape and carried erect on strong stems.

**Lady Whitehead**—Clear golden yellow, double, erect flowering on strong stems; a very desirable variety.

Price, \$1.00 each; the four varieties for \$3.50.

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# New Pelargoniums of 1905.

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We take great pleasure in offering for the first time four new varieties of Pelargoniums of our own raising. They will prove, no doubt, on account of size of flowers and beautiful colorings, to be a great addition to the fine array of already disseminated varieties.

## **DOROTHEA**

A very distinct variety in having all petals marked alike. Color, deep rose with heavy blotches of deep crimson, almost black, lighter at the edge. A great addition to existing varieties.

## **GRANDIOSA**

One of the choicest of all Pelargoniums. Flowers of great substance, immense trusses. Color, lower petals light shell pink, nearly white in center, upper petals beautifully blotched and feathered with rose carmine.

## **N. PETERSON**

Flowers not as large as some other varieties, but perfectly rounded and produced in great clusters. Color, violet rose, lighter in center. Upper petals blotched and feathered with deep crimson and a small distinct blotch in the middle of each of the lower petals, which adds very much to the beauty of the flower.

## **REFORMATION**

Somewhat like Anita in color, but far larger flowers with blotches of a similar shading, as in the former variety, but which in this case cover very nearly the entire surface of the upper petals. A great producer.

30 cts. each; the four varieties for \$1.00.

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# John H. Sievers & Co's Unrivalled Collection of Pelargoniums

## Novelties of our Own Raising

### Best Varieties Selected from European Importations

**Anita**—A most charming flower of extraordinary size, combining with it great freedom of bloom. Of a lovely shade of brightest pink; upper petals grandly feathered with dark velvety crimson, with an almost white center.

**Alexander Crow**—The well-known and deservedly popular Mad. Thiebaud Pelargonium is much admired; our Alexander Crow is a flower of the same type, only more double, petals much more fimbriated, or crisp, of a deeper shade and more brilliant coloring, and a lighter center. Habit of growth, excellent.

**Albert M. Herr**—We have had Pelargoniums of an approaching tint, but this novelty is of such an attractive shade, so very large, of such fine substance, that it will outrival all of similar colors; cerise-rose in color, upper petals feathered with orange-red, lower petals lightly painted same color.

**Anna Pfitzer**—Brilliant carmine; center maroon. Upper petals feathered with crimson.

**Adela Brandt**—Perfectly rounded but fluted flowers, forming fine trusses of a deep carmine rose-shade flushed with purple, petals of flowers beautifully edged white, also center of flower white, upper petals with crimson colored feather.

**Bertha Wagener**—Immense deep rose-pink flowers, surrounded by a distinct broad band of pure white, upper petals feathered crimson, center of flower white; form of flower ideal.

**Beauty of Oxton**—The upper petals very rich maroon, darkly blotched under petals very dark crimson, light centers; all the petals margined with white.

**Bush Hill Beauty**—Flowers of large size, of a mottled rose shade, much deeper than the parent, Mad. Thiebaud.

**Blue Mabel**—Identical with the well-known Mabel, except color, which is of a rich plum shade.

**Champion**—Flowers extra large; white, delicately shaded blush, small lake blotch in lower petals, upper petals feathered with maroon and red; immense trusses.

**Charmer**—Our grand variety Inocente has been much admired on account of its size, fimbriated petals, and silky texture. In Charmer we have a variety that is a counterpart of Inocente, but of a charming shade of blush-pink, with upper petals very lightly feathered carmine.

**Carmen**—Flowers extra large, white, shaded deep flesh, upper petal blotched deep carmine surrounded by fiery crimson lower petals feathered crimson, edge of all petals white.

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**Dr. Andre**—An elegantly fringed flower. Color, delicate pink; upper petals feathered with maroon.

**Dr. H. L. Tevis**—A remarkably fine truss of flowers of great substance. Deep cerise, upper petals heavily blotched with deep crimson, almost black, center of flower white, lightly striped with rose.

**Duke of Albany**—Deep, rich, crimson maroon, margined with rosy lake; light center, surrounded with violet-rose shading. A grand, dark variety, having a very full appearance.

**Duchess of Teck**—Very large trusses of extra large, semi-double, white flowers, petals undulated and frilled. A grand white variety.

**Duke of Fife**—A regal variety, in the way of Mad. Thiebaud, but with much deeper colored flowers, and of a fuller appearance.

**E. G. Hill**—A remarkably bold flower, of grand substance, extraordinary size; brilliant dark maroon, shaded scarlet, lower petals lighter in shade, with large white center, upper petal grandly feathered deep crimson, lower petals lighter; flowers of perfect rounded form.

**Empress of Russia**—A seedling from that grand variety, Emperor of Russia, but entirely distinct. Ground color, a very light lavender with almost white center, and shading almost to white at edge of petals, each petal with a blotch of dark maroon surrounded by crimson purple.

**Emperor of Russia**—Extra large flowers; dark maroon, surrounded with crimson-purple, margined with blush white. A most effective variety.

**Edward Perkins**—Bright orange scarlet, maroon blotch on upper petals, which are beautifully fringed and undulated.

**Franciscana**—Somewhat like old Empress of India, but larger flowers. Color, rich salmon pink with upper petals blotched deep carmine. Edge of petals pure white; also the center.

**Inocente**—A grand flower of great substance, one-half again as large as any other white Pelargonium. Inocente, translated, means purity, which well describes the color of this lovely novelty. Of the purest white, extraordinary size, extra number of petals, which are beautifully fimbriated.

**J. B. Boland**—A novel shade of rose, distinctly suffused with salmon, upper petals blotched almost black, surrounded by fiery crimson, lower petals also feathered lighter with same tints. Fluted flowers of extraordinary size, of fine substance produced on large trusses.

**Lord Clyde**—White, veined and flushed with light purple, each petal with dark velvety crimson blotch.

**Milton**—Upper petals grandly blotched dark maroon, surrounded with bright crimson and edged with rose, lower petals soft pink, feathered with crimson; light center. Light trusses of fine, elegantly fringed flowers.

**Mabel**—Upper petals brilliant, dark maroon; under petals soft, rosy pink; large white center.

**Mad. Vibert**—Ground color, rose, almost covered with brilliant, black maroon blotches, light center and edges.

**Miss L. Cannell**—Maroon and crimson, with a well-defined white margin and center.

**Mad. Thiebaud**—The Queen of the Pelargoniums. Blotched and marbled rose on white ground; upper petals marked with maroon; large, white center, and edges of petals also white.

**Mr. Worthington**—A remarkably distinct variety of our own raising. Large flowers with elegantly fringed margins, of a beautiful orange-scarlet color, center light maroon, upper petals blotched with intense black.

**Miss E. G. Britton**—Another seedling of our own, named after one of San Francisco's most successful amateurs. Extra large flowers, beautifully fringed and undulated, of great substance. Color, a delicate salmon-pink; upper petals handsomely feathered, velvety carmine.

**Maud Hooper**—A charming variety of our own raising. Of fine dwarf habit with flowers of a delicate rosy-blush, deepening toward center of flower; upper petals feathered deep rose. Beautifully fringed and undulated. Very free bloomer.

**Mrs. Harrison**—A light-colored sport from Mad. Thiebaud having all the good points of the parent; large flowers and fine habit.

**Mrs. S. P. Hart**—A grand improvement on Louise Arner. Immense trusses of extraordinary size, composed of silky, pure white flowers of great substance, upper petals grandly feathered with carmine, the entire flowers beautifully fringed and fimbriated. Very vigorous in growth, and very profuse bloomer.

**Mrs. E. H. Childs**—Our grand novelty of 1897, Mrs. O. W. Childs, is one of the most admired Pelargoniums on account of its almost self-color and great freedom of bloom; our novelty for this season has every merit, only differing from Mrs. O. W. Childs in its much darker shade of rose-pink, contrasting and enhanced by its distinctly pure white edge-around its petals.

**Mrs. H. J. Jones**—Immense trusses of extra large flowers of rounded form; color, a beautiful shade of cerise-red, upper petals grandly feathered with dark crimson.

**Mrs. Perkins**—Pure white, maroon blotch on upper petals, bold flowers, crimped edges, splendid habits.

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**Mrs. Hollingsworth**—This variety has a fine compact habit, and is of a very attractive color; deep rose ground feathered with red on upper petals. Fine trusses of large, deeply fringed and crisped flowers.

**Mrs. Wm. Coupland**—A lovely shade of light shell-pink deepening toward center of flower, which is white, also shading to light blush at ends of petals, which are of great substance and finely fimbriated, fluted and fringed, with upper petals feathered with intense rosy-red in a charming way.

**Nelita Kruger**—A most charming flower of large size and bold shape of the most pleasing shade of clear rose shaded with salmon and white, upper petals beautifully marked with deep rosy-carmine.

**Prince of Wales**—Very double appearing flowers; color, velvety scarlet, marbled and reticulated with white, large, clear and distinct white center, and the upper petals blotched with maroon.

**Princess Maud**—Full, light carmine flowers, broadly margined with white, large white center, surrounded with violet; upper petals feathered with maroon.

**Prince Henry**—Soft, rosy-red, shaded orange and chocolate; broad, white margin and center, bold flowers of great substance, fine trusses. Raised from Mad. Thiebaud.

**Princess Beatrice**—Of a blush white shade, deep crimson blotch on each petal, occasionally semi-double. A sport from Mad. Thiebaud.

**Prince George**—Large trusses of finely fringed white flowers, faintly suffused with blush, all the petals spotted with purplish lake, the two upper petals more marked than the others. Very handsome and distinct.

**Pearl Fenton**—A grand novel flower of extraordinary size, unique shade of coloring, and free blooming habit. Ground color of flower rosy-red shaded salmon at center, flushed violet, upper petals feathered deep crimson suffused with flame, lower petals feathered lighter with flame and crimson.

**Ruth**—Our Grand Variety Anita is considered to be not only the greatest, but one of the most charming in combination and brightness of coloring. In Ruth we have a variety of the same type, but of a slight shade of flesh pink shaded with violet, with upper petals blotched rosy carmine, edge of petals white, also center of flower.

**Radiant**—Brilliant crimson, lightly feathered with darker shade on lower petals; upper petals heavily blotched black.

**Violet**—Clear, purple ground of a very clear shade with no trace of magenta, upper petals grandly blotched with dark violet, large flowers, of fine, round shape.

**Volante National**—Flowers large, good shape, delicate light rose, white center, surrounded with violet, upper petals feathered with maroon. Of dwarf habit and very free flowering.

#### ALL PELARGONIUMS IN THIS LIST:

Strong plants in four-inch pots, 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

Fine young plants, 15 cts. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

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## Orchids

We again append hereby a list of our beautiful collection of Orchids. Many of these can stand a cool house treatment, but all will do well with a little artificial heat, principally during the chilly nights of the winter season—enough to keep up the temperature of the house to about 50 degrees. If left to us we will select for our customers such varieties as will best suit the accommodations of their future surroundings. The price of Orchids depends largely upon size and variety. If a list is sent to us we shall be happy to furnish an estimate.

Burlingtonia, fragrans,	Dendrobium, nobile,
Calanthe, Veitchii,	Laelia, acuminata,
Cattleya, Bowringiana,	Laelia, anceps,
Cattleya, chocoensis,	Laelia, anceps alba,
Cattleya, citrina,	Laelia, anceps Dawsoni,
Cattleya, Dowiana aurea,	Laelia, Perrinii,
Cattleya, Gaskelliana,	Laelia, purpurata,
Cattleya, gigas,	Laelia, superbiana,
Cattleya, Harrisoniana,	Lycaste, aromatica,
Cattleya, intermedia,	Lycaste, Deppei,
Cattleya, labiata,	Lycaste, Harrisoniae,
Cattleya, maxima,	Lycaste, Skinneri,
Cattleya, Mendelii,	Maxillaria, grandiflora,
Cattleya, Mossiae,	Mesospinidium, sanguineum,
Cattleya, Percivaliana,	Odontoglossum, citrosimum,
Cattleya, Schroederiana,	Odontoglossum, crispum,
Cattleya, Skinneri,	Odontoglossum, grande,
Cattleya, Trianae,	Odontoglossum, Rossii,
Coelogyne, cristata,	Oncidium, leucochilum,
Cypripedium, barbatum,	Oncidium, Kramerianum,
Cypripedium, Boxallii,	Oncidium, varicosum,
Cypripedium, insigne,	Peristeria, elata,
Cypripedium, Sedeni,	Phalaenopsis Amabilis,
Cypripedium, Stonei,	Phalaenopsis Schilleriana,
Cypripedium, villosum	Pilumna, nobiles,
Dendrobium, Hillii,	Trichopilia, tortilis,

# Ferns

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Underneath we append a list of our collection of Ferns for house culture and decorative purposes. These are all easily taken care of by avoiding the direct rays of the sun and giving them plenty of moisture. Of most of the varieties we have small and large plants and of some beautiful specimens, and therefore would advise our patrons to furnish us with a list of what is wanted and if they are required for immediate effect or small plants for growing on. We will then take copy and attach prices and return for your inspection to avoid misunderstandings.

<i>Adiantum amabile</i> ,	<i>Davallia ornata</i> ,
<i>Adiantum bellum</i> ,	<i>Davallia pyxidata</i> ,
<i>Adiantum capillus veneris mariesii</i> ,	<i>Lastrea chrysoloba</i> ,
<i>Adiantum concinnum latum</i> ,	<i>Lomaria gibba</i> ,
<i>Adiantum cuneatum</i> ,	<i>Nephrolepis Bostoniensis</i> ,
<i>Adiantum cuneatum grandiceps</i> ,	<i>Nephrolepis Bostoniensis Piersonii</i> ,
<i>Adiantum decorum</i> ,	<i>Nephrolepis davalloides furcans</i> ,
<i>Adiantum formosum</i> ,	<i>Nephrolepis Washingtoniensis</i> ,
<i>Adiantum gracillimum</i> ,	<i>Nephrodium emersum cristatum</i> ,
<i>Adiantum Le Grandi</i> ,	<i>Platycterium alaicorne</i> ,
<i>Adiantum macrophylla</i> ,	<i>Polypodium aureum</i> ,
<i>Adiantum Peruvianum</i> ,	<i>Polystichum setosum</i> ,
<i>Adiantum Weigandii</i> ,	<i>Pteris Adiantoides</i> ,
<i>Adiantum Williamsii</i> ,	<i>Pteris Argyrea</i> ,
<i>Acrostichum scandens</i> ,	<i>Pteris cretica</i> ,
<i>Alsophila Australis</i> ,	<i>Pteris cretica albo lineata</i> ,
<i>Asplenium Nidus Avis</i> ,	<i>Pteris serrulata cristata</i> ,
<i>Davallia Canariensis</i> ,	<i>Pteris tremula</i> ,
<i>Davallia Mooreana</i> ,	<i>Selaginella Emiliana</i> .

## Palms

No collection of plants is complete without Palms. Their bold, yet graceful, foliage cannot be replaced by any other class of plants, and therefore no decoration, whether in the conservatory, hall or sitting room, is complete without them. Nearly all the varieties offered are of the easiest culture, succeeding under the most ordinary conditions.

Areca lutescens .....	6-inch pots	\$2.50
Kentia Belmoreana .....	4-inch pots	.75
Kentia Belmoreana .....	5-inch pots	1.25
Kentia Belmoreana .....	6-inch pots	2.50
Kentia Belmoreana .....	7-inch pots	5.00
Kentia Belmoreana .....	8-inch pots	7.50
Kentia Fosteriana .....	4-inch pots	.75
Kentia Fosteriana .....	5-inch pots	1.25
Kentia Fosteriana .....	6-inch pots	2.50
Kentia Fosteriana .....	7-inch pots	5.00
Kentia Fosteriana .....	8-inch pots	7.50
Latania Borbonica .....	7-inch pots	2.50
Latania Borbonica .....	8-inch pots	3.50
Corypha Australis .....	4-inch pots	.50
Cocos Weddeliana .....	4-inch pots	1.00
Rhapis Flabelli formis.....	7-inch pots	2.50
Rhapis Flabelli formis.....	8-inch pots	3.50

Of all of the above we have also fine large specimen plants, some of them of immense size, in fact, the most perfect and largest on the Coast. Prices of these as well as of a few very rare varieties of Palms, which are enumerated below, will be furnished on application.

Areca rubra,

Areca spinosa,

Aringa sacherifera,

Kentia Sanderiana,

Kentia McArthurii,

Latania glaucapny,

Thrinax argentes.

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### ANTHURIUMS.

Pretty greenhouse plants, that have many good qualities, not only as decorative plants but as cut flowers. Their peculiar shaped flowers of rich colorings frequently last on the plant from two to three months.

	Each.
A. Scherzerianum, Brilliant scarlet Flowers.....	\$ .75
A. Scherzerianum, album, Waxy white.....	1.50
A. Scherzerianum, Grandi florum, Large bright scarlet.....	1.00
A. Scherzerianum, Rothschildianum, Creamy white, spotted with crimson.....	2.50
A. Scherzerianum, Salmonianum, Salmon red.....	2.50
A. Scherzerianum, Sanguineum, rich crimson.....	2.50
Grande. Grown for its handsome ornamental foliage, which is rich velvety-green, the principal veins elegantly banded with pure crystal white. The leaves when first unfolded are a bright violet bronze.....	1.50

### ASPIDISTRA LURIDA FOLIO VARIEGATA.

A very useful and durable decorative plant of strong growth; will succeed in any position; an excellent hall or corridor plant.

Very strong, 7-inch pots....\$2.00 each.  
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### BAY TREES, LAURUS NOBILIS.

Splendid for Verandas and Halls. According to size. \$20.00 and upwards.

### FICUS ELASTICA (Rubber Plant).

The well-known India Rubber Tree, one of the very best plants for table or parlor decoration.

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### PANDANUS VEITCHII.

One of the best decorative house plants.....\$ .75 each  
Stronger ..... 1.00 each

### PANDANUS SANDERIANA.

The new golden Pandanus of which the main distinctive feature is its coloring, which, instead of being white, as in *P. Veitchii*, is a rich golden yellow, while the heart of the plant presents a bronzy orange coloring, which is brightest in the center, gradually diminishing towards the tips of the leaves.

Very strong plants in 7-inch pots, \$5.00 each.



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