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SPECIAL

LIST OF

PEONIAS

SEASON 1907-8

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THE PEONY stands at the forefront of all garden flowers. When its merits and economic value is properly known it will be one of the most demandable of all plants. In many ways it excels the rose. Its surety, majestiveness, ease of culture, freedom from disease, make for its popularity. Many wonder why we are so enthusiastic over peonies. When they see our fields, the appreciation of perfection, they speak for themselves in eloquence, language, beauty or in a decisiveness no human can equal. Our fields during the blooming season were a paradise of beauty, perfume and achievement. It shows that the peony will make its way to a more popular favor than ever. The one thing that hurts the Peony is the inferior sorts sold for up-to-date sorts.

We sold a large number of dozens to local buyers at \$12.00 to \$18.00 per dozen for small plants showing one that finer peonies can be sold when or where properly brought to notice. The ease and certainty of results in growing peonies as compared with the roses and many other subjects, with a greater degree of results is forcing the Peony to the front. Our country is big, the demand can be made greater.

Our stock was bloomed out this season so that we had a better chance to see the merit of various sorts, make comparisons, selections for further increase-

ments, while some are disappointing, not what they are advertised as being. On the whole we are well satisfied and will forge forward in harmony with our observations and experiences.

Many growers and specialists (?) stocks are badly off, needing further correcting. I give my personal attention during their blooming and digging periods, so know definitely on these points.

There is no grower whose stock is all positively true to name, we know this from experiences in buying. We received Andre Lauris for more than six novelties. Many novelties are old sorts renamed, one from abroad has sent six different sorts for a well advertised novelty. American novelties are the equal of European extra extras altho far too many are duplications of older sorts. While our list embraces about 1200 sorts, we have selected out what proves to be the 100 very best ones for increment as fast as we can work up stock, until such time we will offer those having decided merit that can be supplied in liberal lots, some of the older sorts will not be superceded for a long time.

From a critical florists standpoint for cut flowers, the list of free taking colors are somewhat limited. Great care should be exercised in this matter. Give Peonias liberal cultivation and fertilizer for real results, do not pass judgement on your Peonias until fully established, many sorts are fickle until fully established.

We can ship from September to May—early fall is the preferable time.

We cellar a limited stock of the more popular sorts for spring sales.

Richardson's Peonias.

These sorts are exceptionally fine, each a gem.

Dorchester, delicate salmony pink, late, dwarf, very fine, 50c each, \$5 doz., \$35 100.

F. B. Hayes, very similar to Humeii, a stiff stem, larger globe shaped flower, \$1.50 each, \$15 doz.

G. B. Sowerby, very similar to Whittlegii, \$1 each.

Grandiflora, delicate violet salmony pink, very late, exceptionally fine, \$1 25 each, \$12 doz. \$100 100.

Perfection, soft salmony pink, very fine, late, \$1 each, \$12 doz., \$100 100.

Norfolk, soft salmony pink, early, \$1 each.

Rubra Superba, dark maroon red, latest and very best of its color, 50c each, \$25 100.

Officinalis Sorts.

Alba, [new] not bloomed, pure white, \$1 each, \$12 doz.

Alba, [Mutabilis] rosy white, fades quite pure, 25c each, \$10 100.

Rosea, showy brilliant velvety carmine rose, 25c each, \$10 100

Rosea Superba, extra fine, deep Bridesmaid pink, 35c each, \$25 100.

Rubra, deep dark crimson, "old may piney", 15c each, \$8 100.

Tenuifolia, single, glowing scarlet-crimson, 25c each, \$10 100.

Tenuifolia, double, glowing scarlet-crimson, 25c each, \$20 100.

General List.

Achillea, delicate pink fades white, 25c each, \$12 100.

Alice de Julvecourt, (Pulcherrima) large rosy guards, center white flushed pink, fades white, 25c each, \$15 100.

Andre Lauris, rosy purple, late, free, 15c each, \$8 100.

Anemoneflora, rose and salmon, early, large, free, 25c each, \$15 100.

Arthemise, rose and salmon pink, very large, fine, 25c each, \$15 100.

Boadicea, large guards, high full center, creamy blush white dotted and flushed rosy, fades white, center petals edged carmine, 35c each, \$20 100, \$150 1000.

Baron de Rothschild, rosy guards, rose and salmon center, dwarf, very free, 25c each, \$8 100.

Caroline Mather, showy, large, brilliant crimson, shows stamens, 25c each, \$15 100.

Christopher Archard, rosy guards, opens pink, fades dull white, very free, 25c each, \$15 100.

Couronne d'or, similar to Marie Lemoine, earlier, much more free, globular white showing yellow stamens, center petals edged carmine, 75c each, \$50 100.

Daubenton, purplish lilac, very fine, 35c each, \$20 100.

Delacheii, dark crimson, one of the best, 25c each, \$15 100.

Delectissima, similar but better than Ne Plus Ultra, large, purple rose guards, salmon center, 35c each, \$25 100.

Duchess de Nemours, (Calot) large white guards, center pale lemony fades white, very fine, free, 50c each, \$25 100.

Duc de Wellington, large white guards, shorter center petals sulfury white, fades to pure white, 50c each, \$25 100.

Eclatante, brilliant carmine purple, 25c each, \$12 100.

Edulis Superba, early rose pink, 25c each, \$15 100.

Eugene Verdier, soft pink fading to quite pure white, very fine, L'Indispensable is this sort, 75c each, \$50 100.

Festiva, a dwarf Festiva Maxima, later, scarce, (Alba Plena, Edulis Alba, etc.,) are usually sent for this sort 50c each \$5 doz.

Festiva Maxima, very large paper white, center petals marked with carmine, the finest white, 50c each, \$25 100.

Floral Treasure, very fine pleasing soft pink, some salmony, short petals shading to pink. 50c each, \$25 100.

Francis Ortegat, deep crimson maroon, edges fade silvery, 25c each, \$12 100.

Grandiflora Rosea, anemone type, deep rosy guards, center petals have striped appearance, showy, 25c each, \$15 100.

Grandiflora Rubra (see *Souv. de Aug. Millez*.)

Golden Harvest, early, one of the very best, dwarf, large, rosy guards, center deep canary fades white, projecting petals of a soft pink, 50c each, \$25 100.

Humeii, clear silvery rose, cinnamon fragrance, late, 25c each, \$8 100.

Lady Bramwell, very fine, soft even pink, pleasing shade, we have quite a number of sorts that are quite similar to it, all are very fine, 25c each, \$15 100.

La Franchini, rosy pink with salmon, very free, 25c each, \$15 100.

La Tulipe, fleshy guards shading to creamy, delicately dotted rosy carmine, few petals edged carmine, 50c each, \$40 100.

L'Esperance, this sort, *Edulis Superba*, *Fragrans*, (*Petersons*) and several others are identical, *Duchess de Nemour* (*Guerin*) from A Dessert is a very different sort, despite the fact that most growers claim *L'Esperance* and *D. de Nemours* [*Guerin*] as synonymous.

Lucy Mallard, very large, brilliant rose edged white, a very showy sort, 25c each, \$15 100.

L. Van Houtte, large, showy, purplish crimson showing stamens, very free, 25c each, \$15 100.

Lohengrin, [see *M. Andre*.]

Livingstone, very large, full, late, silvery pink, 75c each, \$6 doz.

Marie Lemoine, very large, globular white, showing yellow stamens, extra fine, \$1 each, \$60 100.

Marie Stuart, quite similar to *Golden Harvest*, fades purer white, one of the very best, early, very free, not the same sort as listed by most growers, 75c each, \$50 100.

Mad. Coste, large blush guards, lemony center, few petals edged carmine, 25c each, \$12 100.

Mad. de Verneville, very free, white full bloom, center petals edged carmine, 50c each, \$35 100.

Mad. Duçel, one of the extra ones, enormous globes of soft pink, large guards, 75c each, \$6 doz., \$50 100.

Mad. Geissler, enormous, glossy silvery pink, 75c each, \$6 doz.

Mad. Millett, late full, silvery pink, 25c each, \$15 100.

Modeste Guerin, anemone, self deep rose, very fine, 50c each, \$40 100.

M. Jules Elie, considered by many the finest Peony, enormous globes of rich delicate rose pink, \$1 each, \$10 doz.

M. Andre, purplish pink, salmoned fleshy center, pinkish reflex, 25c each, \$12 100.

M. Boucharlatte Aine, very fine, late, deep rose, self colored, 50c each, \$25 100.

Mt. Blanc, (see *Solfaterre*.)

Melainie Henry, fresh, flesh color, dainty, 50c each, \$15 100.

Nec Plus Ultra, (*Reevesi*, *Duc de Orleans*, *Perfection* and several others with us are identical), large rosy purplish guards, salmony straw colored center, a very fine, tall, showy, free sort, 25c each, \$15 100.

Octavie Demay, early, very large blush white, fades quite pure, rather dwarf, an exceptionally fine sort, 75c each, \$6 doz. \$40 100.

Potsii Plena, dwarf, very fine crimson, 25c each, \$25 100.

Prince George, one of the best purplish crimsons, \$1 each, \$7.50 doz.

Princess de Galles, fine deep crimson, 25c each, \$15 100.

Pomponia, rosy, salmon and pink, 25c each, \$15 100.

Purpurea Superba, very free, rose purple, shows stamens, 25c each, \$15 100.

Plenissima Rosea, late, rich rosy red, 25c each, \$12 100.

Rosea Superba, similar in color to *M. Guerin* or *G. Rosea* an extra fine showy sort, 35c each, \$25 100.

Rubra Triumphans, early, brilliant, satiny crimson, variable, double and semi-double, very showy, 25c each, \$15 100.

Solfaterre, [*Mt. Blanc*] some growers question this claiming there are two distinct sorts, in leafage, color and every point of differentiation they are identical, very fine, large white guards, lemony sulfur center, fades white 75c each, \$40 100.

Souv. de Aug. Millez, [*G. Rubra*] late, rosy purple red, very robust, very full enormous globes, 25c each, \$15 100

Taglione, very free, pale pink fading nearly white, 25c each, \$12 100.

Triumph du Nord, [*Eclair*, *Rhine Hortense*, etc.,] lilac pink, with whitish suffusion. 25c each, \$15 100.

Victoria Modesta, enormous flat flowers, deep rose and cham-
ois, free, fine 25c each, \$15 100.

Victoria Tricolor, deep rose, some salmony petals, 25c each, \$10 100.

Whittlegii, [*Edulis Alba*, *Grandiflora Alba*, *M. de Larmes*, *Albas Edulis* and many others are sorts from a common parentage, leafage etc., are quite identical. I would not pass an opinion on them as to which sort they are. Many send out this sort for *Festiva*, a very scarce, different sort. This is one of the very best florists sorts, very free, sure and profitable, 25c each, \$10 100, \$80 1000

Special List of Newer and Rare Peonias.

Every One a Gem. Stock limited.

- Atrosauguinea, very fine, deep crimson, 50c each, \$5 doz.
A. Dumas, rich pink, salmon and chamois, 50c each, \$4 doz.
Aug. Villaume, giant, late, deep rose, \$1 each, \$10 doz.
Avalanche, milk white, full center petals edged carmine, \$1 each, \$10 doz.
Baroness Schroeder, very extra, flesh white, \$2.50 each, \$25 dozen, \$250 100.
Belisaire, soft flesh, shaded deeper, \$1.25 each, \$12 doz.
Belle Hough, late, purplish crimson, 50c each, \$5 doz.
Beaute de Villecante, purplish pink, center lighter, 50c each, \$5 doz.
Beranger, mauve pink, brighter center, 75c each, \$7.50 doz.
Charlemagne, lilac, flesh white, 35c each, \$3.50 doz.
Canarie, white, sulfury center, very fine, 50c each, \$5 doz.
Carnea Elegans, flesh and white, 50c each, \$5 doz.
Cerisette, silvery rose, \$1 each, \$10 doz.
Col. Wilder, very fine, bright rose, 50c each, \$5 doz.
Crimson Queen, brilliant, fetching crimson, extra, 75c each, \$7.50 doz.
Distinction, brilliant crimson, 75c each, \$7.50 doz.
Fidelene, violaceous purple red, edged lighter, 50c each, \$5 doz.
Gismonda, fleshy, deeper center, very extra, \$1.50 each, \$15 doz.
Gloirie de Ch. Gombault, flesh pink multicolor, \$1.50 each, \$15 doz.
Goliath, enormous purplish pink, \$2 each, \$20 doz.
Jules Calot, carmined pink, shaded white, 50c each \$5 doz.
Jupiter, crimson and light rose, 50c each, \$5 doz.
La France, delicate apple blossom pink on lighter ground, enormous, exceptionally extra, \$10 each, \$100 doz.
Mad. Aug Dessert, glossy, flesh shaded carmine, \$1.50 each \$15 doz.
Marie Crousse, extra fine, late, delicate pink, \$1.50 each, \$15 doz.
Mary Holley, brilliant crimson, large guards, fades lighter, 75c each, \$7.50 doz.
Maud L. Richardson, enormous, white shaded lilac, \$3 each, \$30 doz.
Michelete, late, large, white, \$1 each, \$10 doz.
Mireille, enormous, milky white, \$1 each, \$10 doz.
Marguerite Gerard, enormous, fleshy pink fades salmony, \$2.50 each, \$25 doz.
Mad. E. Lemoine, tender pinkish white, \$3 each, \$30 doz.
M. Bastian Le Page, large, purplish guards, shaded pink center, edged and intermingled silvery, \$1 each, \$10 doz.

- M. E. Galle, soft lilac, white center, 50c each, \$5 doz.
 M. H. de Lille, ash pink, tinted lilac, 50c each, \$5 doz.
 M. Hutin, bright pink-marbled rose, 50c each, \$5 doz.
 M. M. Cahusac, very dark maroon, darkest of all, \$5 each, \$50 doz.
 Mrs. Bradley, deep purplish crimson, \$1 each, \$10 doz.
 Myrtle, light creamy rose, 75c each, \$7.50 doz.
 Ornament des Massifs, enormous, delicate flesh, 50c each, \$5 doz.
 Petite Renee, dainty white and carmine, petaloids enclosed in a large carmine purple cup, \$1.50 each, \$15 doz.
 Pierre Duchartrei, Lilaceous, soft deep flesh, very fine, \$1.50 each, \$15 doz.
 Pottsii Alba, deep rosy outer petals, soft pinkish white, center fades quite pure, very extra, \$1.50 each, \$15 doz.
 Prof. Budd, very fine, blush guards, delicate pink center, \$1 each, \$10 doz.
 Princess Ellen, very fine violaceous flesh, 75c each, \$7.50 doz.
 Sainfoin, even self, dark rose, 75c each, \$7.50 doz.
 Sapho, lilac rose edged silvery, very large and showy, \$2 each, \$20 doz.
 Souv. de Expo de Bordeaux, blush violet vinous red, \$1.50 each, \$15 doz.
 Sully Prudhomme, pale pink guards, salmoned tea color, \$1 each, \$10 doz.
 Triumph de Expo, de Lille, fleshy soft pink silvery edging, 50c each, \$5 doz.
 Victor, crimson with light stripes, edged silvery, 50c each \$5 doz.
 Victor Hugo, enormous brilliant carmine red, extra, 75c each \$7.50 doz.

Singles

We have a very fine list of singles that we offer at the uniform price of 50c each \$5. per doz. \$40. per 100
 10 sorts 50c each \$3. per doz. \$20 per 100

Imperials

We have a fine list of these including Kelway's and other growers' latest novelties. Our stock is limited but we can offer a few of each sort at \$1.50 each.

Species

Our list of species is nearly complete. Can offer all but Browni.

Lutea (Delaveyi) rich dandelion yellow, dark blotch at base of petals \$25 each.

Corsica, rosy purple, \$5 each.

We will have a large stock of pinks, reds, whites and mixed to offer for Fall delivery. Write us.

I can put up fine collections, my choice of sorts, (customers wishes followed as closely as possible,) at \$3 to \$12 per dozen and up. In ten of a sort at \$10 per 100 and up. Special rates on large quantities.

Any sort not listed supplied in a limited way.

The prices above are for 2-6 eye divisions or 1 year plants, at prices for single plants we select largest plants. Many sorts we can supply in 1-2-3-4-5 year clumps at relative rates.

We guarantee all of our peonias to be true to name. Every grower has some sorts under wrong names. Where there is any doubt we do not list them.

Remember we have the largest list of varieties, giving us all the best ones, the largest stock of peonias in the world--an important fact.

In addition to Peonias we grow large quantities of Gladioli, Cannas, Iris, Phlox, Hemerocallis, Dahlias, etc. We aim to have the same high standard of excellence as our Peonias. All these items will pay florists if the right sorts are grown. When Iris and Hemerocallis are in bloom for May 30th they pay very well.

A word about our Gladioli—Our stocks of these are beyond doubt as fine as can be had world wide. One hears much about "The Best" etc, etc. We have bought or inspected stock from all growers but little of that has merited retention in our stocks.

Much stock is produced from the most ordinary seed, the very finest handpollenated seed as a rule is quite common-place.

Last season we showed our stock longside the finest in America. Critical growers admitted the superiority of ours.

We have very large stocks of Augusta, May, etc. It will not pay florists to plant low priced mixed stock.

We are situated in Central-Eastern Ohio, equidistant from Pittsburg-Columbus-Cleveland. Our place is easily of access, as we have Penna. Lines, B. & O. and excellent trolley lines to Canton and Dennison landing a few blocks from our place.

Our terms are cash, or where satisfactory references are given 60 days for large accounts.