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# CHOICE VARIETIES OF PEONIES

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### TO LOVERS OF PEONIES

HE herbaceous Peony (*Paeonia Sinensis*) has been called the Queen of Spring Flowers. In color-effect she certainly is a powerful rival of the rose. Peonies prefer a heavy ground, but will grow in any good garden soil. They need a free sunny position and plenty of well rotted manure.

The fall and early spring is the best time to plant Peonies. Have the ground dug, 2 or 3 feet deep; and plant about 3 to 4 feet apart, care must be taken to plant the roots from 2 to 3 inches below the surface, too deep planting produces shy bloomers. Get the ground firm around the roots and mulch with leaves or stable manure 3 to 4 inches high.

The first season after planting the plants often will have imperfect flowers, but they will increase in beauty from year to year. Occasional watering during dry spells will be of great benefit.

By far too many varieties of our popular Peony have been listed in the catalogues of our seedsmen. Many of them are much alike and a great percentage not worth planting. In the following list of 25 choice varieties I have tried to include only those varieties which during my many years of experience in this country and in Europe have proved to be the best of the good varieties.

You will not receive from me an elaborate catalogue with cuts or gaily colored plates, it costs a great deal of money to issue such books which naturally have to be added to the cost of the plants or the quality has to suffer.

Should you wish a variety not listed, let me quote you prices and tell you why I did not list same amongst the 25 best.

I aim to establish my reputation by sending out only healthy plants true to name and in case of error I will gladly replace or refund the money.

Do not hesitate to ask me for advice; it has always been a great pleasure to me to correspond with plantlovers everywhere. All orders small or large will receive my own prompt and careful personal attention.

Would be glad to hear from you.

Yours truly,

DEUTSCHER BRIEFWECHSEL CORRESPONDANCE FRANCAISE FRANK KOEHLER

## A COLLECTION OF 25 VARIETIES

# ALL CHOICE AND SELECT SORTS

- ALICE DE JULVECOURT. Lilac White, Flecked with Crimson. Perfect double form, freeblooming and fragant of compact growth, 30 cts. each, \$2.50 per 10.
- CHARLEMAGNE. Delicate Flesh Pink, close Peony type. Compact and strong grower. 40 cts. each, \$3.50 per 10.
- COURONNE D'OR. The best late flowering white variety. 50 cts. each, \$4.50 per 10.
- DE CANDOLLE. Lilac Carmine, cup shaped rose type. 60 cts. each, \$5.50 per 10.
- DELACHEI. Violet Crimson, a good compact growing midseason variety. 40cts. each, \$3.50 per 10.
- DR. BRETONNEAU, (Verdier). Syn. Lady E. Bramwell. Lilac Rose, occasionally flecked crimson, freeblooming early midseason. 30 cts. each, \$2.50 per 10.
- DUCHESSE DE NEMOURS, (Calot). An early blooming pure white variety of medium size, very fragrant. 30 cts. each, \$2.50 per 10.
- **EUGENE** VERDIER. Pale Pink, Rose Type, freeblooming, strong grower. 75 cts. each, \$6.50 per 10.
- FELIX CROUSSE. Brilliant Red, one of the best red variety, midseason to late, strong grower. 60 cts. each, \$5.50 per 10.
- FESTIVA MAXIMA. The standard early white, very fragrant. 40 cts. each, \$3.50 per 10.
- FLORAL TREASURE. Pale Lilac Rose, vigorous grower of American origin. 45 cts. each, \$4.00 per 10.
- FRANCOIS ORTEGAT. Dark Amarant Red, large rose type, an old but very attractive variety. 35 cts. each, \$3.00 per 10.

- GOLDEN HARVEST. Pale Lilac Rose with cream centre, fragrant, of American origin. 40 cts. each, \$3.50 per 10.
- LA TULIP. Delicate Ivory White, sometimes edged with carmine.

  Tall growing, fragrant variety. 50 cts. each, \$4.50 per 10.
- LIVINGSTONE. Soft Pink with Silver Tips. One of the best late pink. 85 cts. each, \$7.50 per 10.
- LOUIS VAN HOUTTE. Dark Crimson of rare beauty. Good cut-flower variety. 35 cts. each, \$3.00 per 10.
- MADAME CALOT. Pale Pink, early, tall grower. 50 cts. each, \$4.50 per 10.
- MADAME CROUSSE. A very good white variety. Very fragrant. 60 cts. each, \$5.50 per 10.
- MADAME DE VERNEVILLE. Light Cream Color, white centre, touched carmine, midseason. 60 cts. each, \$5.50 per 10.
- MADAME DUCEL. Light Rose, freeblooming, globular bomb type, 60 cts. each, \$5.50 per 10.
- MADAME FOREL. Deep Pink Rose Type, fragrant, freeblooming, 75 cts. each, \$6.50 per 10.
- MARIE LEMOINE. Already 1869 introduced, still rare. A beautiful white variety. 60 cts. each, \$5.50 per 10.
- MEISSONIER. Reddish Purple, Crimson Centre. 50 cts. each, \$4.50 per 10.
- MONSIEUR DUPONT. Ivory White central petals marked carmine. A notable good variety. 60 cts. each, \$5.50 per 10.
- TRIOMPHE DE L'EXPOSITION DE LILLE. Silvery Pink, large flower, fragant. 60 cts. each, \$5.50 per 10.

The above prices are for strong divisions with from 3 to 5 strong eyes. Packing free.

P. S.—I am Grower of Perennials and other hardy Plants for the Wholesale and Retail Market. Both Plants and Seeds.