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A GROWING ISSUE

Trees, Shrubs and Flowers
AROUND YOUR HOME

Season of 1921

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Dear Friends:

We are giving you a few suggestions on how to beautify your home. Your pride in your home is more often judged by the appearance of its surroundings, than the house itself. To get that homelike appearance you cannot neglect planting flowers, shrubs and trees around it and caring for them. We will be glad to help you solve your individual planting problems. Now is a good time to think it over and to plant.

You are invited to visit us at any time.

EVERY HOME A PRETTY PICTURE.

Yours for growing,

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FRUIT TREES

Fruit Trees are of practical value, returning something for your care, and increasing in value as they grow. Putting off the planting of varieties you need means going without the fruit that much longer.

	Size	Each	10
Apples	4-5ft.	\$1.00	\$ 9.00
Cherries	4-5ft.	1.35	12.00
Pears	4-5ft.	1.25	11.00
Plums	4-5ft.	1.35	12.00
Peaches	4-5ft.	.75	6.50
Quince	3-4ft.	1.25	

These prices are for standard varieties. There are so many names that we have not listed them, but we can give you the description of any of them. **Fruit trees should be ordered early.**

Spraying Information on request. We handle Spray Material.

BERRIES—SMALL FRUITS

This is an item you should not overlook in planting your garden. The Best Berries are picked from your own plants; the freshness and convenience is worth considering.

	Each	10	100	1000
Currants	\$.50	\$4.50		
Gooseberries45	4.00		
Grapes, Moore's Early.	.40	3.50		
Red Raspberries, Cuthbers		.50	3.50	25.00
St. Regis, Everbearing		.60	4.50	
Black Raspberries50	3.50	
Blackberries90	7.00	
Strawberries—				
Brandywine, Dunlap .			.90	7.00

A good beginning is planting around your home is Shade Trees. Have you noticed the pleasant appearance they add to the place?

SHADE TREES

Maples are usually planted. Results come quickly and are permanent. 35c to \$1.00 each.

Elms. The American Elm has been classed as the most beautiful of our native trees. They are not so slow growing as is generally supposed. 50c to \$1.00 each.

Horse Chestnut. A fine specimen tree. Only one or two should be planted for a change. \$1.50 each.

Norway Spruce or Evergreen. These Evergreens are well known. They make fine specimen trees or can be planted for a hedge or a wind-break. 50c to \$1.00 each.

SHRUBS

Shrubs as a rule should be planted close to the house. This will give an effect of merging the house with the lawn so that the change from a flat lawn to the walls of the house is not so abrupt. There are also some pretty combinations of shrubs planted in groups that add greatly in creating a pleasing surrounding. Avoid straight, systematic planting as much as possible except in hedges.

Flowering Almond. Pink or white clusters of flowers close to the branches early in spring; medium growing. \$1.00 each.

Japanese Barberry. Individual bushes are dense, round, low-growing. Suitable for grouping or hedges, also as single specimens. Long, red berries in fall. 35c each, \$3.00 for 10.

Buddlea. Also called Summer Lilac. Frag-

rant lavender lilac-like clusters of flowers throughout summer. 50c each.

Deutzia. Several varieties, covered with clusters of white flowers in spring. Grows low to medium. 50c each.

Tartarian Honeysuckle. A tall bush covered with pink or white flowers in spring and red berries during summer. Used mostly as a background with lower plants in front. 60c each.

Hydrangea. A medium growing shrub, best in front of taller shrubs. Large balls of white flowers late in summer till frost. 60c each.

Snowball Hydrangea. Similar to the ordinary Hydrangea, but well adapted to shady places. 60c each.

Lilac, Purple and White. Too well known to need description. Fine for background. 50c each.

Syringa or Mock Orange. Flowers resemble orange blossoms; very fragrant, flowering in May and June. Medium tall. 60c each.

Snowberry. Medium growing, white berries during summer. 50c each.

Spirea. Several varieties. The best known, Van Houtte, medium tall, entirely covered with white flowers in spring, very graceful growing. For grouping or specimen planting. 60c each, \$5.00 for 10.

Weigela. Several varieties, blossom all summer, medium and tall, thrifty growing. 75c each.

Privet. Intended for hedges; can be trimmed to any shape. Perfectly hardy. \$2.50 for 10, \$20.00 for 100.

Roses. A long list of varieties. Roses require a great deal of attention, but the results are unequaled. Bush, \$1.00 each; Climbing, 80c each.

In planting shrubs each should be given a space of three feet, the larger ones four. A general rule in planting shrubs is to have the taller ones in the background and placing smaller ones in front of them, making a gradual decline in

height. There are shrubs that blossom and are showy for every season, and should be arranged so that this will give the most noticeable effect.

FLOWERS—PLANTS

Flowers brighten with their many colors and abundant blooming. We use only the best seed we can buy, assuring you of greater success.

Asters, 25c per dozen.

Pansies in bud and bloom, 35c per dozen.

Salvia, \$1.00 per dozen.

Zinnias, 25c per dozen.

Cannas in pots, 20c each.

Castor Beans, 20c each.

Geraniums, 25c each.

For Hanging Baskets and Porch Boxes, we have a good assortment of vines and plants.

Bulbs. The earliest flowers in the spring are raised from bulbs, which must be ordered before October 15th and planted in the fall.

VEGETABLES

Tomato Plants, twice transplanted, stocky, with strong roots, is our specialty. Ask your neighbor who buys them. Burbank and Bonny Best, both of which ripen here and bear abundantly. 30c per dozen; out of 3 inch pots, \$1.00 per dozen.

Cabbage, early, 15c per dozen, \$1.00 per 100.

Cabbage, late, 10c per dozen, 75c per 100.

Cauliflower, early, 25c per dozen.

Pepper, 25c per dozen.

At all Seasons you will be able
to get

Cut Flowers and
Flowering
Plants

at our Greenhouse.

We can make or furnish Floral
Designs to express the fitting
sentiment

"Say it with Flowers"

Visit the Greenhouse; we like to
have you come

Bear in mind when dealing with us---

That the trees, bushes and plants are fresh dug and must grow.

That you get your order when you are ready to plant.

That we have tried these varieties in this climate.

That you can benefit by our experience.

That we are within easy reach for you to come direct to us.

That we live in this community and must keep faith with you to
retain your business.
