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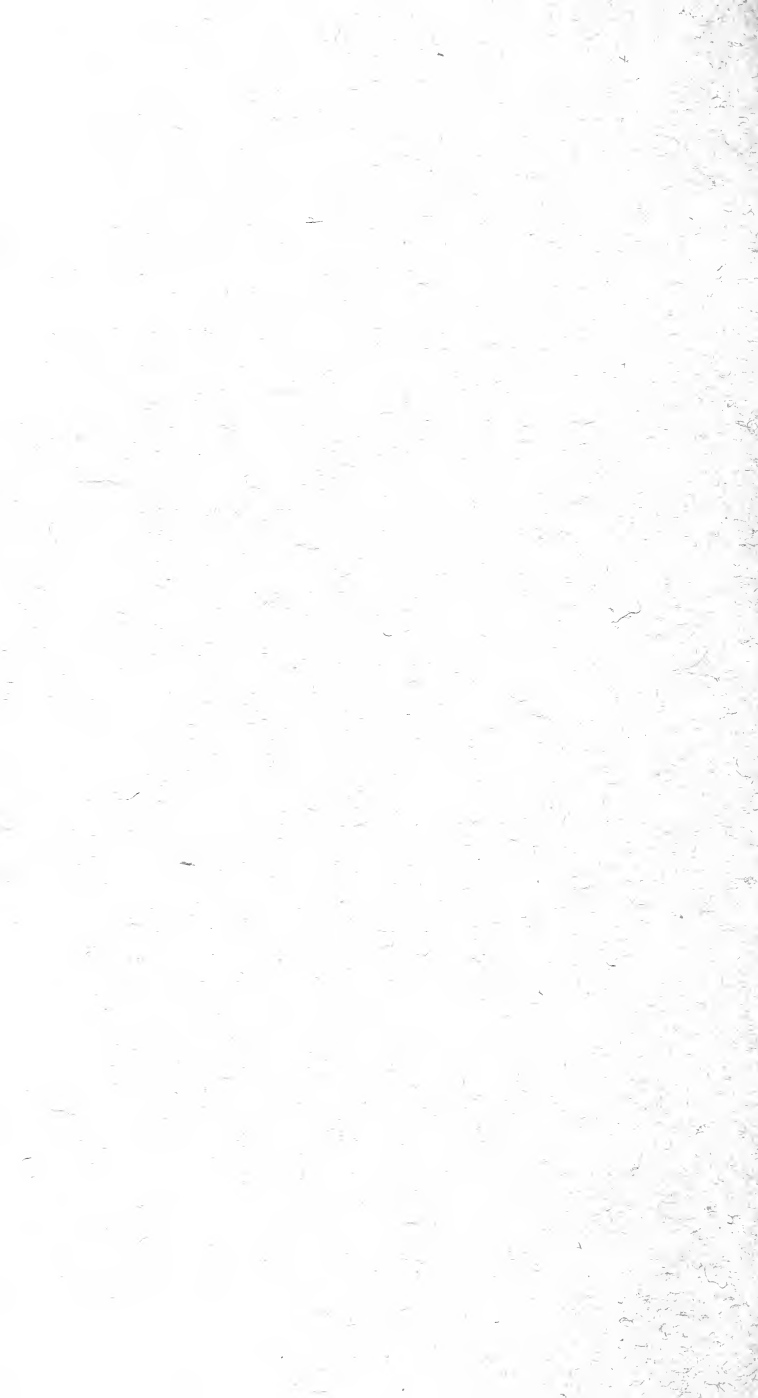
DAHLIAS

1922



Wm. Jost

Dahlia Grower and Originator
EAST HAVEN, CONN.



To My Customers

We take pleasure in presenting to our many customers and friends, this catalog of Dahlias which comprises varieties of our own introduction and the cream of other raisers.

We also take this opportunity of thanking our good friends for their past favors.

We have every confidence in highly recommending our own introductions, stock of some varieties is rather limited, when our stock of tubers is sold out we will supply Green plants.

Terms: Prices are for divided field grown roots or Green plants, either will give equally good results, in fact, *Green plants* are preferred by experienced growers.

Cash must accompany all orders from unknown correspondents.

Remittance should be made by Money Order, Bank Draft or Express Money Order.

Shipping—In filling out your order always give *Shipping Directions*, and write *Name* and *Address distinctly*.

Non-Warranty—We guarantee all roots and plants to be healthy and true to name, but, will not be in any way responsible for the crop.

GOLD MEDAL
for
SEEDLING DAHLIA
“GOLDWYN”

(The only Gold Medal awarded for a Seedling)

Awarded by The American Dahlia Society for the best Seedling Dahlia at New York Show, 1921.

A very limited quantity of Green Plants of this magnificent Cactus Dahlia offered for Spring delivery 1922 at \$25.00 each.

MY OWN INTRODUCTIONS

The following varieties are all of my own raising and I have every confidence in offering them to lovers of this popular flower.

All visitors to our Dahlia fields this past season were loud in their praise of these new creations.

No. 16—ABUNDANCE (Dec.)

White, with a suffusion of delicate pale pink, distinctly striped yellow, the reverse petals of a lively pink, make this an unusually attractive variety, and an ideal cut-flower. \$3.00 each.

No. 17—DORIS FARRELL (Dec.)

Very free flowering, flowers large, of perfect shape, of a deep lilac-pink, ideal for cutting. \$5.00 each.

No. 12—ETHEL MOWER (Dec.)

Fine large flower, exceptionally good grower and very free, an exquisite shade of shell pink, carried on long stiff stems, fine exhibition variety. \$10.00 each.

No. 2—FRANK ADAMS (Dec.)

Large flowers, of perfect form, in color carmine-red, distinctly striped and blotched deep red, a most attractive variety. \$3.00 each.

No. 10—GEO. K. MOWER (Dec.)

An ideal variety either for cut flowers or for garden decoration, in color it is a pleasing shade of bronze overlaid with salmon-pink, a most unique color combination, and a variety that will become popular, considered by many to be the best in my collection. \$10.00 each.

No. 4—GOLDEN WEDDING (Dec.)

One of my own introduction, and very much admired by all visitors this year, flowers of a pleasing golden yellow shading to an exquisite soft medium apricot-yellow, most useful for decorative purposes and exceptionally free flowering. \$3.00 each.

No. 40—HAZEL WELTON (Dec.)

A variety very much admired by all visitors this year, some describing it Henna, certainly a most unusual color and difficult to describe, a suffusion of deepest bronze and brick red with a silvery sheen, flowers carried on stiff wiry stems, and freely produced, this variety is sure to become popular. \$5.00 each.

No. 37—J. J. McQUIGGAN (Dec.)

A good grower, producing unusually large flowers of a deep sulphur-yellow carried on long stiff stems, very free flowering. \$3.00 each.

No. 9—KATHERINE LANGDON (Dec.)

A splendid flower of perfect form, its color is a rich saffron-yellow, the margin of the petals slightly suffused bronzy red, very much admired by all visitors to our fields this year. \$5.00 each.

No. 32—LUCIFER (Dec.)

An intense velvety-red shading to a lighter red on the outside petals, the flowers are of large size, on good stiff stems and produced very freely. \$5.00 each.

No. 29—MARION McCREEDY (Dec.)

Large flowers of perfect form of an intense velvety crimson shading to a carmine red towards the outer petals, exceptionally good grower, and very free flowering. \$10.00 each.

No. 21—MARION McQUIGGAN (Dec.)

A variety, on account of its brilliant color, fine form, and remarkable free flowering habit, is bound to become popular, both as a cut flower and for garden decoration, its color is a rich Oriental red with a deep velvety sheen. \$5.00 each.

No. 31—MARY G. SMITH (Hyb. Cactus)

A rich apricot passing to an exquisite shade of salmon-pink, the flowers carried on long stiff stems, very free flowering, an ideal variety for cutting. \$3.00 each.

No. 19—NANCY (Dec.)

Large, of perfect form, a pleasing shade of soft pink passing to a deep rose pink, carried on long wiry stems, very free flowering, a most attractive variety. \$5.00 each.

No. 13—PANTHEON (Dec.)

An exquisite shade of mauve-pink with a beautiful silver sheen, finely formed flower on stiff stems. Most useful cut flower variety. \$10.00 each.

No. 11—PEACH BLOW (Dec.)

Medium sized flowers carried on stiff erect stems, of a beautiful soft shade of lilac-pink, the petals prettily curled and twisted, an ideal variety for cut flowers. \$3.00 each.

No. 47—ROSALEEN (Dec.)

An ideal variety for garden decoration or exhibition, a charming shade of mauve-pink with a silvery sheer, flowers of good size, with fine stems for cutting. \$3.00 each.

No. 41—SAFRANO (Dec.)

Dwarf habit flowers freely produced, of a pleasing shade of apricot passing to a deep amber, very attractive. \$5.00 each.

No. 38—SUSAN COE (Dec.)

A splendid flower of perfect form and size, carried on long stiff wiry stems, the outer petals a pleasing shade of rose-pink passing to a yellow centre suffused with lilac, as the season advances this variety develops into a Paeony Dahlia. \$10.00 each.

No. 35—THE SHEIK (Dec.)

One of the best for exhibition purposes, flowers very large, of perfect form, of a rich lustrous velvety-maroon, shading to a beautiful red towards the center, the twisted and curled petals showing distinct tips of reddish white, making the whole flower unusually attractive. \$5.00 each.

No. 27—VERA KENNEDY (Hyb. Cactus)

Of fine form, medium size flowers of a creamy-white ground, the outer petals suffused a delicate flesh-pink, very free flowering, ideal for cutting. \$1.50 each.

The following Dahlias are selected from my general collection as being the best for either garden decoration or exhibition. I can supply other varieties, names of which will be sent on request.

ALABASTER (Cactus) Stredwick

Flowers of medium size, pure white freely produced, ideal for cut flower purposes. \$1.00 each.

ARTHUR KELSEY (Show) Slocombe

Well formed flower, purplish crimson, good grower, very free. 75c each.

BEATRICE SLOCOMBE (Dec.) Slocombe

Of perfect form, very free flowering, a most attractive color combination of red edged with old gold, most useful variety for garden decoration. 75c each.

BEN WILSON (Dec.)

Of perfect form, bright red faintly striped with gold, very distinct and attractive, free flowering. \$2.00 each.

CAMBRIA (Dec.)

One of the finest Decorative Dahlias yet introduced, unusually large and perfectly formed flowers, exceptionally free flowering, carried on stiff erect stems, of an exquisite shade of soft rose-pink passing to a lighter pink towards the centre. \$3.00 each.

CHIEFTAIN (Dec.) Slocombe

Fine formed flower, ground color is deep orange, striped and mottled with carmine-lake, most useful exhibition variety. 75c each.

CREAM KING (Dec.)

A pleasing shade of sulphur yellow shading to a very pale yellow. 50c each.

DAKOTA (Dec.) Marean

A most unusual color combination of flame and burnt-amber suffused with bronzy yellow, a perfectly formed flower, carried on stiff erect stems, freely produced, the best decorative in this color. \$5.00 each.

DOROTHY DURNBAUGH (Cactus)

An exquisite shade of coral pink, one of the finest of its color. \$1.00 each.

D. M. MOORE (Dec.)

Very large flower, well formed, mahogany color with an exquisite velvety sheen, very free flowering. 50c each.

EDITH CAVELL (Dec.)

Flowers carried on long stiff stems, perfectly formed, of a pleasing flame color shading to a reddish buff on the outer petals, splendid for garden decoration. \$1.00 each.

EDNA STORY

Pale flesh shading to white at the centre, ideal variety for garden decoration and cutting. 50c each.

ELM CITY (Hyb. Show) Slocombe

A very attractive and free flowering variety, yellow ground, suffused amber, tipped with light red. 75c each.

EMMA SLOCOMBE IMPVD (Pae.) Slocombe

One of the finest white Paeony Dahlias grown, very large and exceptionally free flowering. \$1.00 each.

GEORGE H. ADAMS (Dec.)

Well formed flower of a pleasing shade of a carmine red edges of petals distinctly tipped with white, a very attractive variety. \$1.00 each.

GUARDIAN (Cactus)

Large flowers on long wiry stems of an intense red carried well above the foliage. 75c each.

H. J. BOWEN (Hybrid Cactus)

Medium size, of perfect form, in color, a white ground shading to a delicate pink, the flower when fully developed is an exquisite shell pink, one of the best varieties for cut flowers. \$1.00 each.

HORTULANUS FIET (Dec.) Hornsveld

Large flowers of an exquisite shade of salmon pink, shading to yellow in the centre. \$1.00 each.

JUDGE MAREAN (Dec.) Marean

A most attractive Decorative Dahlia, perfectly formed flower, carried on stiff stems, of a striking shade of old rose, the entire flower suffused with a delicate tinge of pink shading to yellow towards the centre, the margin of each petal distinctly tipped with yellow, a most striking combination of color. \$5.00 each.

LADY BETTY (Dec.) Marean

Finely formed flower and very free, creamy white ground, the points of the petals tipped lavender-pink, showing a distinct pale lemon in the centre. \$5.00 each.

LADY HELEN (Hybrid Cactus)

Carmine pink, shading to a deep carmine towards the centre, exceptionally free, fine for cutting. (Green plants only). \$5.00 each.

Le GRAND MANITOU (Dec.) Charmet

Very large flower, the ground color a lilac-rose distinctly striped crimson-lake. 50c each.

MRS. A. R. GALLATIN (Paeony) Slocombe

Large flowers of perfect form, a soft shade of yellow, faintly suffused with light red. \$1.00 each.

MRS. FRANCIS A. BUTTS (Dec.)

Creamy white ground shading to a beautiful soft lilac-pink, the edges of the petals distinctly pencilled lilac, flowers carried on long wiry stems, fine for cutting. \$1.00 each.

MRS. JOHN L. EMERSON (Dec.) Slocombe

Flowers of medium size, well formed, of a pleasing combination of red and gold, the petals distinctly edged and striped with gold, a most attractive variety and ideal for garden decoration. \$1.00 each.

MRS. WARNAAR—(Hyb. Cactus)

Creamy white, with suffusion of flesh pink, a most exquisite flower, very free flowering and fine for cutting. \$1.00 each.

MRS. WM. J. ROWE (Dec.) Slocombe

Very large flowers, freely produced, in color a delicate amber shading to clear yellow, a most useful variety for garden or exhibition purposes. \$1.00 each.

PERLE de LYON (Hyb. Cactus)

One of the best white varieties for cut flowers, of medium size, carried on long stiff stems, and freely produced. 25c each.

PRESIDENT WILSON (Dec.)

Large deep velvety-red, the points of the petals tipped white making this a most attractive variety, very free flowering and splendid for garden decoration, the best fancy decorative grown. \$1.50 each.

QUEEN ESTHER (Paeony) Slocombe

An exquisite shade of delicate salmon-pink, very free, flowers carried on long stiff stems makes this a most valuable variety for decorative work. 50c each.

RUTH SLOCOMBE (Paeony) Slocombe

Well formed flower, ground color golden salmon, suffused with pale amber and coral pink, an exquisite combination of color. 50c each.

SETTING SUN—(Dec.)

Red, distinctly tipped yellow, a most effective and rich color combination, useful for garden decoration. \$2.00 each.

STUNNER (Dec.) Broomall

A fine deep yellow, large well formed flowers and exceptionally free, good grower. \$1.00 each.

SULPHUREA (Dec.)

Large, very free, sulphur yellow shading to pale lemon, very distinct. 50c each.

SYLVANIA (Dec.) Broomall

White, the outer petals shading to an exquisite lilac-pink, exceptionally good for cutting. 75c each.

VICAR OF WASPERTON (Cactus)

Large well formed flowers, coral pink shading to yellow towards the centre, very free. 75c each.

WHITE EXCELSIOR (Dec.) Slocombe

Large, well formed flowers, pure white, one of the finest white Decorative Dahlias grown for cut flowers. 50c each.

WHOPPER (Dec.) Broomall

The name truly indicates what this variety is—tall grower, carrying large flowers of an attractive shade of yellow passing to a delicate bronzy yellow at the outer edge of the petals. \$1.00 each.

WM. SLOCOMBE (Dec.) Slocombe

A fine large flower carried on stiff stems, well formed, canary yellow shading to a pale lemon towards the centre, fine for cutting. \$2.00 each.



CULTIVATION OF DAHLIAS

Dahlias are easily grown, requiring no special soil, or treatment, to bring them to perfection. They love an open sunny location, but succeed in partial shade. Prepare the soil thoroughly by digging 12 to 18 inches deep, possibly in the fall and then again in the spring, before planting.

If the soil is poor, work in some well-rotted stable manure, or artificial fertilizer, but don't over do this.

Dig the holes 3 feet apart and about 6 inches deep; drive a stout stake in each hole, and lay the tuber down flat, with the eyes to the stake, and cover with two to three inches of fine soil, leaving the hole to be filled after the plant comes up.

Plant any time between April 1st and June 15th.

When the plants have made their third set of leaves, cut out the top, to make them branch.

The most important thing from now on is hoeing and cultivating the soil, until the buds appear; then give the beds a good mulching of manure, to keep the ground moist; and water the plants thoroughly once or twice a week.

To have large blooms, it is absolutely necessary to disbud; that means, to cut off all the side shoots on each stem above the first or second set of leaves, but being sure to leave the sprouts near the base of each stem, so as to insure a new crop of blooms. Tubers should be stored in a dry cellar or basement, cover them with dry sand or soil to keep from shriveling. Divide the tubers in the spring after the eyes show plainly, being careful that each tuber has an eye, cover them again and keep dry until planted.

