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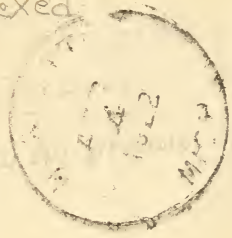
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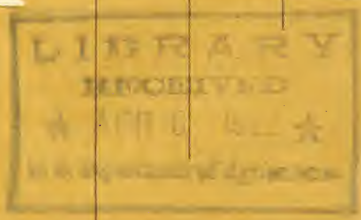
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# THE THUMB NURSERY

R. J. RASMUSSEN & SONS  
Nursery, Greenhouses and Orchard  
MARLETTE, MICHIGAN

Centrally Located in the "Thumb" of Michigan



BEAUTIFY YOUR HOME  
Plant Trees, Shrubs and Flowers  
A GROWING ISSUE, 1922

## OWNERS OF HOMES AND FARMS

DEAR FRIENDS: We wish to call your attention to these facts: A house can be made very attractive and home-like by surrounding it with well placed shade trees, shrubs and pretty flowers. The garden should contain berry plants and fruit trees, it is a practical feature.

To secure the best results with your vegetable garden you should get plants that are started right and of a dependable variety.

If you want some help in planning your grounds, you are invited to ask our advice on how to plant, when to plant, what to plant and where to plant. If you are going to build a house, we might be able to give you some pointers in locating it on your lot.

In buying from us you eliminate the experimenting, as we try out the different varieties to make sure they are suited to this climate.

Yours for a Pretty Home and a  
Successful Garden,

R. J. RASMUSSEN & SONS.

## FRUIT TREES

An orchard or a few fruit trees constitutes an asset to any property which increases in value with a little care. We offer you standard varieties at the following prices:

	Size	Each	10
APPLES .....	4-5 ft.	\$ .80	\$ 7.00
CHERRIES .....	4-5 ft.	1.35	12.00
PEARS .....	4-5 ft.	1.25	11.00
PLUMS .....	4-5 ft.	1.35	12.00
PEACHES .....	4-5 ft.	.60	5.00
QUINCES .....	3-4 ft.	1.25	

FRUIT TREES SHOULD BE ORDERED EARLY!

## BERRIES

Every garden should have a patch of berries. You will enjoy them fresh when you pick them yourself.

	Each	10	100	1000
CURRANTS .....	\$ .40	\$3.50		
GOOSEBERRIES .....	.35	3.00		
GRAPES, Moore's Early..	.30	2.50		
<b>RED RASPBERRIES—</b>				
✓ Cuthbert .....	.35	2.50	20.00	
✓ St Regis, Everbearing..	.60	4.00		
BLACK RASPBERRIES..	.35	2.50	20.00	
BLACKBERRIES .....	.90	7.00		
<b>STRAWBERRIES—</b>				
✓ Brandywine .....		.90	7.00	
✓ Dunlap .....		.80	6.00	

We cannot recommend the Everbearing varieties of Strawberries except under ideal conditions, so we do not list them.

## SHADE TREES

MAPLES give the quickest permanent results—35c to \$1.00 each.

AMERICAN ELM, the most graceful of our native trees—50c to \$1.00 each.

HORSE CHESTNUT, a splendid specimen tree—\$1.50 each.

NORWAY SPRUCE or EVERGREEN—good as a wind break or for specimen planting—50c to \$1.25 each.

## PLANTING ARRANGEMENT

A good planting arrangement gives a pleasing setting for a home and brings out the attractive features of the house. You will never regret the cost because it will stimulate your pride of ownership every time you look at it.

## SHRUBS

Shrubs, as a rule, should be planted close to the house to round out the corners and to give the effect of merging the house with the lawn. There are some pretty combinations of shrubs planted in groups that add very much in creating a pleasing surrounding. Avoid straight, systematic planting as much as possible except in hedges.

FLOWERING ALMOND, PINK and WHITE—Clusters of flowers close to branches early in the spring; medium growing—\$1.00 each.

BARBERRY, JAPANESE—Individual bushes are dense, round, low-growing. Suitable for grouping or hedges, also as specimens—35c each; \$3.00 for 10.

BUDDLEIA—Also called Summer Lilac. Fragrant lavender lilac-like clusters throughout summer—50c each.

DEUTZIA—Several varieties, covered with clusters of white flowers in spring; grows low to medium—50c each.

HONEYSUCKLE, TARTARIAN—A tall bush covered with small white or pink flowers in spring and red berries during the summer. Well adapted for filling large spaces and for background planting—60c each.

HYDRANGEA, HARDY—A medium growing shrub. Planted in front of others as it is not a

good specimen variety. Large balls of white flowers late in summer till frost. The dried flowers are used for winter bouquets—70c each.

HYDRANGEA, SNOWBALL—Similar to ordinary Hydrangea, but well adapted to shady places—70c each.

GOLDEN ELDER—Yellow leaves give contrast in groups; tall—70c each.

LILAC—Purple and White. Well known. Good for backgrounds—50c each.

SYRINGA or MOCK ORANGE—Flowers resemble orange blossoms; very fragrant; flowers in May and June; medium tall—60c each.

SNOWBERRY—Medium growing. White berries during summer—60c each.

SPIREA, THE FAVORITE SHRUB FOR PLANTING AROUND THE HOUSE AND LAWN—It is pretty wherever you use it. Well adapted to nearly every condition. It presents a solid mass of white flowers every spring. Its graceful shape is pleasing throughout the season when it is not in flower—60c each; \$5.00 for ten.

WEIGELA—Several varieties. Blossom all summer; medium and tall growing; very thrifty—75c each.

PRIVET, ENGLISH—A perfectly hardy plant for hedges that can be trimmed to any shape—\$2.50 for 10; \$20.00 for 100.

In planting shrubs, each should be given a space of three feet; the larger ones four feet. A general rule in planting shrubs is to have the taller ones for a background and placing the smaller ones in front of them, giving a gradual decline in height. There are shrubs that blossom and are showy for every season and they should be arranged so this will give the most noticeable effect.

ROSES require a great deal of attention, but the results are well worth the effort. Bush \$1.00 each. Climbing 80c each.

## CLIMBING VINES

BOSTON IVY—For stone or brick walls—50c each.

VIRGINIA CREEPER—For wooden walls, trellises or fences—45c each.

HONEYSUCKLE—For trellis covering—60c each.

## FLOWERS—PLANTS

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

ASTERS—25c per dozen.

PANSIES—30c per dozen, in bud and bloom.

SALVIA—\$1.00 per dozen.

ZINNIAS—25c per dozen.

CANNAS, in pots—20c each.

GERANIUMS—25c each.

HANGING BASKETS and PORCH BOXES—We have a good assortment of vines and plants for this purpose. Planted Hanging Baskets should be ORDERED EARLY. We can fill your Baskets or Boxes.

BULBS—The earliest flowers in the spring come from bulbs. These MUST BE PLANTED IN THE FALL. Prices and varieties will be advertised in the Marlette Leader about October first. We take orders for Bulbs at that time.

## VEGETABLE PLANTS

TOMATO PLANTS—Bonny Best and Burbank—Twice transplanted stocky plants with strong roots—25c per dozen. This is our specialty and we have an ever-increasing number of customers for our Tomato Plants, which proves that they are good ones.

For EXTRA EARLY TOMATOES we have some in 3-inch pots at \$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.



# SPRAY MATERIALS

If you wish to pick sound fruit and keep your fruit trees alive, you cannot side-step the Spraying of your orchard.

## We Handle SPRAY MATERIALS

Not for the profit but to make  
Spraying a general practice.

Information about Spraying on request.

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## Certificate of Nursery Inspection, No. 2354

East Lansing, Mich.,  
Oct. 3, 1921.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That I have examined the nursery stock of **R. J. RASMUSSEN & SONS, Marlette, Mich.**, and find it apparently free from dangerous insects and dangerously contagious tree and plant diseases.

This certificate to be void after July 31, 1922.

L. R. TAFT,  
State Inspector of Nurseries and Orchards.

*"Say it with Flowers"*

On All Occasions

At All Seasons

You Can Get

Cut Flowers and  
Flowering Plants

At Our Greenhouse Throughout  
the Year

We Can Make or Furnish  
Floral Designs

You Are Always Welcome  
To Visit Our Greenhouses

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Marlette, Michigan