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FOREWORD

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- MILLIONAIRE** (Decorative)—One of the largest dahlias in existence with stout stems, plant medium size. Color light lavender, shading to white in the center, outer petals turn back, giving the appearance of a large, beautiful ball. Very rare.75
- DOROTHY DURNBOUGH**, (Cactus)—Attractive shade of old rose pink, very large and fine shaped flower with straight petals slightly curved at tips. Everyone admires it.75
- ATTRACTION** (Hybrid Cactus)—Extra large, a fine flower, with wavy petals, giving it a distinguished appearance, color, rose lilac. Strong stems, of great length.75
- JONKHEER BOREEL**, (Decorative)—An elegant large flower, light copper color, clear and beautiful shade, strong stems, upright grower.75
- HORTULANUS FIET**, (Decorative) Bright glistening salmon rose shaded with gold, held erect on good stems. Immense flower and always a prize winner.60
- GEORGE WALTERS**, (Hybrid Cactus)—One of the largest and best varieties to date. The finest of California creations. An immense flower of deep salmon shaded rose color. Much admired wherever shown. Highest award for the best fifty plants at Panama-Pacific Exhibition at San Francisco.75
- YELLOW COLOSSE**, (Show)—An Immense flower, the plant covered with flowers all season. Color a rich bright yellow, vivid in its brightness, delicate as the finest silk.50
- GLADYS BATES**—Immense, heavy blooms of soft tan color, tinted with rose. Perfect

form, long stout stems and a profusion of bloom. Greatly admired. 1.00

SULPHURIA—An extra large, clear sulphur yellow without shading. Early, wonderfully free and most constant bloomer. Petals are narrow, slightly rolled; worked and reflexed, like a Comet Aster. Fine in every way; a grand variety for cutting.75

KING OF THE AUTUMN, (Decorative)—The name indicates the beauty of this dahlia. The color is real autumn like—buff over laid terra-cotta and the flowers are borne very freely on long straight stems, in fact it is one of the most stately of the dahlias. Sometimes the flowers come semi-double or even single, but the singles are the most beautiful. Ours last year were all single and were admired by all who saw them.75

KALIF, (Hybrid Cactus)—A bright scarlet of gigantic size, borne on long, straight and sturdy stems. The long, narrow petals and well formed flower. A fine cut flower and a wonderful decorative plant, for the garden. 'Kalif' has the distinction of being the first dahlia to receive the National German Dahlia Society's highest award.75

MRS. BRANT, (Cactus)—The flowers are exceptionally large, charmingly beautiful and perfect for exhibition purposes. The petals are exceptionally long and very evenly distributed, standing out like a circular array of spears, while the center is a picture of perfection. The plants make splendid specimens, with deep green foliage and carry their blossoms on stout stems well above the foliage. The coloring is most exquisite, a beautiful salmon-buff blending to golden in the center. One of the largest and most satisfactory.75

CACTUS DAHLIAS

COUNTRY GIRL—Deep yellow base, shading to red at tips, a beauty.30

COUNTESS OF LAUNSDALE—Salmon red and old rose. One of the most satisfactory varieties.25

DAHLIAMUM, (Dahliamum)—Pure white tips with golden suffusion at base of petals. ....	.25
MODEL—Yellow ground, shading to a lovely pinkish color, with yellow tips. Beautiful incurved form and fine stems.....	.75
F. W. FELLOWS—One of the largest cactus dahlias, often over 6 inches across. Pure orange scarlet with very narrow and almost straight petals, a good habit and long wiry stems, free-flowering....	.50
GUSTAV BIER—One of the best red cactus grown, beautiful scarlet color, thoroughly reliable, good cut flower.....	.35
INDOMITABLE—Long narrow petals, perfectly incurved, color rosy mauve.....	.25
IRENE SATIS—Bright amber, tinted bronze, perfectly formed flowers, held erect on fine stems; blooms freely and constantly. One of the best true cactus. ....	.50
J. H. JACKSON—One of the old reliables, holds it own among the dark velvet maroon colors and has never been excelled.	.25
KRIEMHILDE—A standard variety with good stems, a fine cut flower, color, light pink shading to white in center.....	.25
J.B. RIDING—Base of petals a rich yellow, shading to orange and tinged with apricot, large flower and free habit.....	.25
MRS. H. H. SHOESMITH—One of the best white cactus flowers, remind one of water lilies, erect stems, a free bloomer and a prize taker wherever shown....	.35
MRS. J. J. CROWE—Sulphur yellow flowers well formed, a good cut flower. ....	.25
PIERROT—Lovely deep amber, usually carmine tipped white, flowers are of immense size and very double. A pure cactus, very desirable. ....	.50
RHEINISCHER FROHSINN. — Beautiful, carmine rose changing to cream at the base. A distinct and refined variety that should be in every selection.....	.50
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ROYALIST—Beautifully formed, large, incurved flowers of a soft coral red shade, one of the choice ones.....	.50
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SNOWSTORM—A large white of incurved form, early, very free and constant.....	.30
VULCAN—Beautiful velvety maroon, quite unique, large and incurving, with a small secondary white floret at the base of each petal.50
VICAR OF WASPERTON—Very large flower with very narrow, incurved petals. Pretty shade of soft, delicate pink, passing to pale yellow at the base of the petals. Profuse bloomer; distinct and in great demand. ....	.75
VARIGATED—A fine showy flower varigated red and orange, fine plant. ....	.25

HYBRID CACTUS.

These are between the cactus and decorative in form and are among the most striking and satisfactory dahlias. They are strong growers with strong stems.

BIANCA—Finest shade of lavender pink. Grand erect habit, blooms carried above foliage on strong stems and by far one the most lasting cut flower dahlias....	.50
GOLDEN WEST—One of the very finest varieties. The large blooms are held erect on long strong stems. A bright orange buff incolor, free bloomer and in great demand for cut flowers. ....	.50
DR. H. G. DEAN—A beautiful flower. Red shading to salmon, large, with wavy petals. ....	.50
LOVELINESS—Mauve pink, petals twisted in an attractive manner, a beautiful flower. ....	.50
MRS. WARNAAR — Wonderful Holland variety of mammoth size, we have raised them eleven inches across, on good stems, creamy white, tinted pale pink, wavy petals, one of the finest of all.....	.75
WODAN—Giant salmon rose, shading to gold in the center. Robust, upright habit; long erect stems; one of the best. ....	.50

YELLOW KING—Beautiful sulphur yellow; one of the largest of all on long rigid stems. Is certainly a wonderful dahlia. ....	.50
NIBELUNGENHORT — Delicate salmon rose pink with golden suffusion, looks like a flesh pink water lily. ....	.50
TOM LUNDY—Rich crimson color, often nine inches across. Free and constant bloomer on good stems, robust grower, very satisfactory and reliable. ....	.75
JOHANNESBURG—Bright golden yellow, admired by all, blooms freely the entire season on good stems. ....	.25
GOLDEN GATE—Rich golden yellow tinging to russet red at tips, large and sturdy, in fact it is the sturdiest dahlia we have ever known, often has three full blooms on one stem at one time. Several years ago this was declared by eastern dahlia lovers to be the best of all. Blooms constantly until frost. ....	.35
RAPIER—Pure gold shade tinted salmon, looks like an enlarged Country Girl. Large fine flowers of wondrous beauty. The plant is medium tall and is covered all the season with these fine blooms. No garden is complete without it. ....	.50

DECORATIVE.

JEANNE CHARMET—Extra large lilac pink with lighter center, long stems, reliable. ....	.30
CHARMINSTER — An unusual shade of delicate salmon pink, tinted terra-cotta. Visitors see it the first thing and exclaim: 'What a lovely flower'. Large and most perfect decorative form. ....	.50
JACK ROSE—So named for it resemblance to the rose of that name. A fine flower, free bloomer on good stems. ....	.25
HORTULANUS WITTE—A pure glistening white, on long stems, makes a pleasing bouquet resembling giant white cosmos, only it is double. One of the very best, a free sturdy bloomer. ....	.50
DELICE—A perfect gem, richest shade of pink, long upright stems, a long lasting flower in bouquets. ....	.35

PEONY DAHLIAS.

GEISHA GIRL—One of the most famous dahlias. An eastern grower of international reputation says: "For many years the color combinations of Geisha has been, and is still, impressed upon the minds of all lovers of dahlias." Color golden yellow changing to red and again to yellow tips. A sure bloomer and always popular, 8 to 10 inches across. Always scarce and in great demand..... .50

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Kalif75
Snowstorm30
Country Girl30
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CULTURAL DIRECTIONS:

Plant in well prepared ground, about May 20th. Dig in shovel of cow manure, or two handfuls of commercial fertilizer. Drive stout stake three feet high, lay bulb almost flat with sprout next to stake, cover about four inches. Water thoroughly once a week, avoid sprinkling foliage, except to wash off dust. Cut off all mature flowers before seeding and you will have satisfactory bloom.

Send in your orders early. They will be booked and sent in order received.