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F. C. BURNS
DAHLIAS,
DELPHINIUM



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THE BURNS NEW HYBRID DELPHINIUM

The Delphinium has of late years come to be one of the most popular of all perennials. I have admired and loved this flower ever since my advent into the horticultural world, because it seemed to offer such great possibilities in both color and habit of the plant. The very dark purple shades did not appeal to me, so I decided I would work with only the lighter colors. I began with crossing some of the best strains and found results to be most satisfactory and interesting. After several years of crossing and selection I nearly eliminated the darker shades and noted a few plants showing perfectly double flowers with a tendency to be frilled. From these plants I believe I have fixed a new strain which is very robust, has excellent branching habits and is very rarely affected with mildew.

The colors are indeed difficult to describe. All shades of blue and lavender pink are included, forming a wonderful combination rarely seen in the floral world except in the orchid. In the cut of the Burns Delphinium shown in this issue, shows one of the seed parents of this strain. The outer row of petals are light blue, and the inner row lavender pink—an altogether ideal combination. Florists are now using Delphiniums, who never used them before, because these lovely spikes can be used in so many rich color schemes. Gardeners are also taking new interest in Delphiniums because they are offered something quite different from the old-time, closely-packed rocket type with small flowers.

These gorgeous blue delphiniums are the results of many years crossing and selections. Leading horticulturists proclaim this strain to be the finest to date.

Seed—\$1.00 per pkt.



THE BURNS NEW HYBRID DELPHINIUM
(Natural Colors)



THE BURNS NEW HYBRID DELPHINIUM
(Growing Plant; Height 6 Feet.)

THE MEADOW LARK—(Burns)

This grand decorative is being introduced this season. In color it has shadings of buff and straw with the reverse side of the florets darker. The buds are long and rather pointed and the fully expanded flower is of large size and good keeping quality. The stems are extra long and straight with splendid foliage. This dahlia is quite different from most novelties and sure to become very popular. Price \$7.50 each

YOSEMITE—(Burns)

Another novelty for 1924 in the Hybrid Cactus class. In this variety is offered a new color, a watermelon red, as near as we can describe it. The flowers are large and of good keeping quality. Fine for exhibition. Stock limited—price \$5.00 each

BUTTERCUP—(Burns)

A true decorative. The color is clear primrose yellow with no shadings. This dahlia is the first good cream decorative. It cannot be beaten for exhibition. With their large and gorgeous flowers which are gracefully carried on tall, strong stems, and their fine lasting qualities, they make excellent material for garden decorations, and are very desirable as cut flowers. Price \$3.00 each

THE ORIOLE—(Burns)

One of my best peony dahlias. The Oriole has a wonderful combination of Autumn shades, many of the flowers shading white at the tips. This Dahlia is exceptionally prolific, can be grown to a huge flower. Fine for cutting. I have a large stock of this variety and am offering it at a very reasonable price. Price \$2.50 each.



THE ORIOLE—(Burns)

THE GRIZZLY—(Burns)

A dark maroon red decorative. One of the varieties that made California Dahlias famous. Stems 3 feet long; plants grow 3 to 4 feet in diameter; flowers are extra large and reflexed. Price, \$1.50 each

SEQUOIA GIGANTEA—(Burns)

A large yellow decorative dahlia with excellent habits; noted for its vigor and productiveness; extra stout stems with a gigantic flower. A prize winner. Price, \$1.50 each

NEW MOON—(Burns)

Hybrid Cactus. Color canary yellow. Nearly always showing white tips. This is a very early dahlia and blooms constantly throughout the season. Price, \$1.50 each

PACIFIC GLOW—(Burns)

An extraordinary large pink paeony dahlia, florets, long and slightly twisted. Good for exhibition. A prize taker for the largest dahlia in the show. Price, \$1.00 each

MRS. CARL SALBACH—(Salbach)

One of the most popular of California Decoratives. A lavender pink in color. The immense blooms are held erect on long straight stems. Good keeping qualities. A heavy prize winner. Price, \$1.00 each
To persons not acquainted with named varieties, I will offer a special collection of **12 different named dahlias for \$10.00**, including some of the varieties listed herein.

MEXICO—(Burns)

An attractive red and yellow paeony; can be used for any purpose. Large flowers held on good stems. A prize winner for largest dahlia in the show. Price, \$1.50 each

DAHLIA SEED

Much pleasure can be derived from growing dahlia seed. Dahlias grow very easily from seed. Plant early, then transplant after danger of frost. They will make large plants the first year. New varieties are produced in this manner.

Great care has been exercised in the selection of these seeds. Their record speaks for themselves..

Seed artificially fertilized and gathered from the best varieties of Decorative Hybrid Cactus and Paeony Dahlias. \$1.00 a package.

From hundreds of testimonials comes the report that this seed has given better results than from any other source.

SPECIAL OFFER

The following five choice Dahlias delivered prepaid for \$5.00:

THE ORIOLE	\$2.50
THE GRIZZLY	1.50
NEW MOON	1.50
PACIFIC GLOW	1.00
MRS. C. SALBACH.....	1.00

\$7.50

The dahlias that are listed herein are responsible for me being awarded First prize (Trophy Cup) on Best 12 California Dahlias at the Dahlia Society of California Shows 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, and Los Angeles growing exhibit 1921, also most artistic basket 1922 and 1923.

DAHLIAS

I wish to thank my friends and customers for their kind patronage and I take this opportunity to again thank all that have written me telling of their wonderful success with my Dahlias.

I invite correspondence and will give my customers any advice that I can.

The following list of Dahlias are not over priced and are within the reach of all. I do not list a large collection but have selected the following for their color, perfection of form, stem and blooming qualities.

It is my wish and desire to introduce at least one new variety each year and my friends can be assured of something good as my past introductions speak for themselves.

TERMS — All retail orders are delivered prepaid.

CASH with order or in advance of shipment.

I guarantee all roots and plants to be healthy, and true to name. Having no control over them after delivery I do not guarantee them to live and thrive. They should be returned upon delivery if not satisfactory.

JOIN THE DAHLIA SOCIETY of CALIFORNIA

I would be pleased to receive applications for membership in the Dahlia Society of California—\$2.00 per year,—which includes privileges of the Society and bulletins.

