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A most desirable variety of a charming shade of violet-rose, changing to lilac-white. High crown; strong grower and very free bloomer. Amidseason sort, one of the best.

STRONG PLANTS,  
Each

\$5



Peony lists

## Life's Lasting Pleasures

are fixed in our minds by our association with the beautiful things that we sense or see about us. Acquiring personal ownership of these things of beauty and pleasure, it is everywhere evident, is the ultimate goal of human desire.

**SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS** is Nature's most gracious expression of beauty and pleasure. No man-made product inspires us to such flights of poetry or art as do the flowers.

Of the countless thousands of colorful blossoms that are with us from Spring until Fall, there are none of easier cultivation, or that give more pleasing results than the increasingly popular Peony and Iris.

This folder illustrates in color and describes the best in these old time favorites as grown by

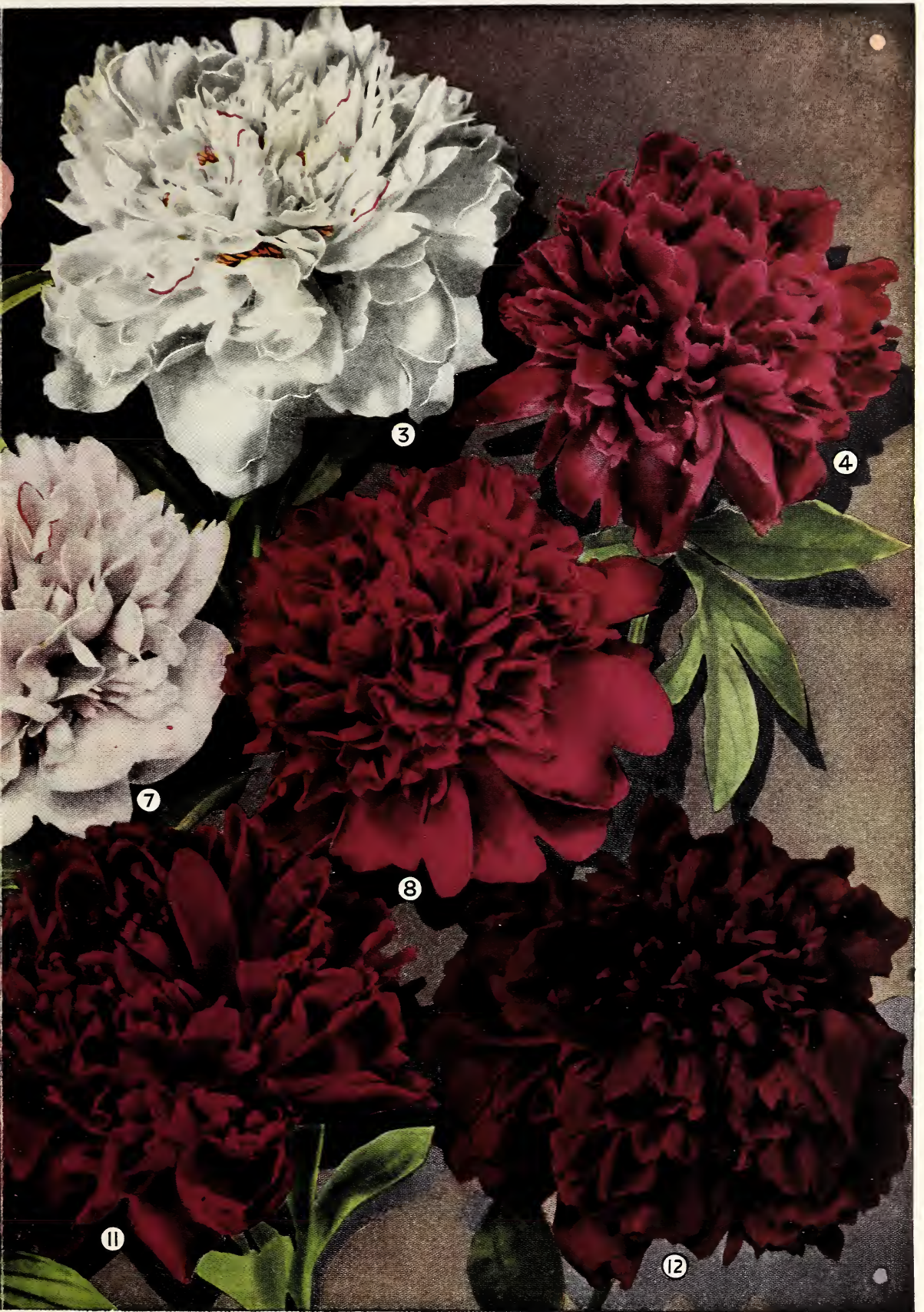
## The Greening Nursery Company

Born 1850 - Still Growing

Monroe, Michigan



1 Sarah Bernhardt 2 Golden Harvest 3 Couronne d'Or 4 Officialis Rubra 5 Nobilissima 6 Festiva Maxima  
(Size of flowers mm)



7 Monsieur Jules Elie 8 Felix Crousse 9 Baroness Schroeder 10 Avalanche 11 Delachei 12 Midnight  
(much reduced).

# Peonies Are Easy to Grow

We wish that all flower lovers could accompany us on our seasonal observation of the colorful Peony fields. The outstanding development of the increasingly popular, easily grown Peony has given to the floral world hundreds of gorgeous new varieties. Our trials covering hundreds of varieties show that many are of unusual merit, while some do not indicate their right to replace proved varieties. Years of careful study has been devoted to selection for our friends and customers of just the best possible in these marvelous hardy flowers.

Thus, again **Greening Service** contributes to making your garden more beautiful and its successful cultivation easier by offering you only meritorious varieties at the lowest price consistent with quality.

The Peony is peculiarly adapted to cultivation in the north temperate zone and will grow luxuriantly in any good deep soil that is well drained. The Peony likes plenty of water but will not do well in wet, soggy soil. When once planted no further care is required except a liberal dressing of bone meal to be applied each Fall. The foliage, in itself a real attraction, is a rich glossy green, free from disease and insect pests—no spraying is required.

For permanent planting Peonies should be set from three to four feet apart in deep soil enriched with bone meal—avoid manure and commercial fertilizers—plant to a depth of two inches over the top buds, firm well—do not damage the buds.

For the best results Peonies should be planted in the Fall. To move Peonies at any other season means a setback from which the roots do not quickly recover. The best time for shipment is during the month of September or early October. We begin shipping in September and continue to fill orders as late in the year as the ground remains open.

## **Greening's SUPERIOR PEONIES**

In selecting for our customers the twelve superb Peonies illustrated in color on the opposite pages, careful consideration has been given to color, expressing the delicate tints as well as intense shades. The cut blooms of these varieties keep well in water and all are exquisitely fragrant.

A most pretentious show of blossoms covering the entire blooming season, is procurable by planting the varieties described and priced below.

- (1) **Sarah Bernhardt.** Superb late variety of flat, compact, semi-rose type. Color apple-blossom pink, silver tipped, fragrant. Tall and erect. Strong roots. **Each, \$3.00.**
- (2) **Golden Harvest.** Medium size, loose, bomb or informal rose type. Guards pale lilac-rose, center creamy white on strong plants developing many wide petals of peach-blossom-pink. Fragrant. Dwarf, very free. Mid-season. A very striking variety. **Each, \$1.25.**
- (3) **Couronne d'Or (Crown of Gold).** This name rightly describes this large white, semi-rose type. Pure white with a ring of yellow stamens, around a tuft of center petals tipped with carmine. Medium tall. Strong grower. Free bloomer. Late. **Each, \$1.25.**
- (4) **Officinalis Rubra.** The old and very popular rich deep crimson, the standard commercial Decoration Day Peony, more widely grown than any other crimson. **Each, \$1.50.**
- (5) **Nobilissima.** Bright deep pink. Good stems. Lasts long. Very fragrant. **Each, \$1.25.**
- (6) **Festiva Maxima.** Enormous, globular, rose type. Very broad petals. Pure white center usually flecked crimson. Outer petals sometimes pale lilac-white on first opening. Tall, strong and vigorous. Early. Most popular white for cut flowers. **Each, \$1.25.**
- (7) **Monsieur Jules Elie.** Immense, globular flowers, full high crown. Pale lilac-rose, collar lighter, shaded amber yellow at the base. Fragrant. Medium height, strong grower. Early. Fine for cut flowers. **Each, \$2.25.**
- (8) **Felix Crousse.** Mid-season, very full, large globular bomb. Brilliant red. Fragrant. Strong, vigorous, medium height, free bloomer in clusters. One of the best reds. **Each, \$1.50.**
- (9) **Baroness Schroeder.** Rose type, midseason. White with shadings of flesh. This is one of the finest Peonies. Its immense flowers of great substance with high chalice-shaped center are freely produced, lasting a long time. Very fragrant. **Each, \$2.25.**
- (10) **Avalanche.** Creamy white, slightly flecked with carmine. Large compact crown type; fragrant; of strong growth. Midseason. **Each, \$3.00.**
- (11) **Delachei.** Large, medium compact, rose type. Violet-crimson, slightly tipped silver. Medium height, strong, erect and free. Late midseason. **Each, \$1.25.**
- (12) **Midnight.** Deepest crimson, almost black-red in effect. Compact crown. Strong grower; fragrant. Late. **Each, \$2.00.**



# PEONY COLLECTIONS

*Buy in Collections at Bargain Prices*

## **Greening's "Superb Six"**

Greening's "SUPERB SIX" in all season groups of six superb proved Peonies for the small garden for \$8.00. (If purchased separately would cost \$9.00).

- (2) Golden Harvest. Peach blossom. Midseason.
- (4) Officinalis Rubra. Early red.
- (5) Nobilissima. Midseason pink.
- (6) Festiva Maxima. Early white.
- (8) Felix Crousse. Midseason red.
- (9) Baroness Schroeder. Magnificent flesh-white.

**6 Superb Peonies \$8.00**

Delivered to Your Door, for

## **Greening's "Rainbow Twelve"**

We call this group the Rainbow Twelve because, like the rainbow, which carries all the colors of the spectrum, this magnificent collection contains all the colors of merit in the Peony family.

If you spent months of time and money lavishly you could find nothing superior in variety or quality to

**Greening's "RAINBOW TWELVE"**  
The world's best Peonies

**12 Strong Roots \$18.00**

Delivered to Your Door, for

A Saving of \$3.75 Over  
Separate Purchase

## Of Interest to Quantity Buyers

If you have a large garden or if you are a commercial grower—and want a quantity of either Peonies or Iris—Greening's will be pleased to quote you special low prices. Write for quotations on lots of 100 or more.

**Greening Nursery Co., Monroe, Michigan**







Upper—Fro.

Middle Right—Celeste.

Middle Left—Fairy.

Lower Right—Loreley.

Lower Left—Nudicaulis.

## Greening's Orchid Iris Collection

Five Magnificent Iris \$2.00  
*Delivered to Your Door for*

Greek mythology has it that the Iris is a Messenger of the Gods, radiant with divinity, bearing on golden wings direct from Heaven the many hued rainbow into our gardens. It is an established fact, however, that the "Fleur de Lis" of France, with its exquisite, haunting fragrance is second only to the Peony in perennials. Iris may be planted at any time when the ground is not frozen. Bone-meal and lime is the best fertilizer.

This Group Sold in Collection Only

