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# PEONIES

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*14 Japanese, 19 Singles, 13 Doubles*

## A Sensational Offering of New Peonies

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### FOREWORD

Many people take keen delight in new varieties of Peonies. They tire of seeing the same kinds year after year.

There is still room for improvement in the Peony. Among the standard kinds already well established, the first class singles can almost be counted on one's fingers, and the same is true of the Japs. Many doubles lack distinctiveness, many late kinds are not sure to open except in the coolest climate, and many reds of all types fade badly or are poor in color.

No apology is needed, therefore, for the introduction of 46 new kinds, provided high quality is maintained and prices are fair.

In 1921 and 1922 I planted a large quantity of Peony seed, much of it obtained from carefully planned cross-breeding. This year came bloom on 3 and 4 year old clumps of the best plants from this seed. Had you stood in my fields last June, I believe you would have realized you were facing the dawn of a new era in white singles, red singles and red Japs, and that among the doubles were some fine whites, dark reds and pinks.

In choosing peonies for introduction, high quality has been my first object, then difference in season of bloom, height of stem, and in the reds, various shades impossible to differentiate on paper. These reds create a wonderful contrast. No red is knowingly offered that fades to a dead or ugly shade.

The number of clumps of each variety in existence runs from only 3 to 10, with five or six the usual number. Nevertheless prices are very much lower than the level for Peony introductions in past years.

## The 1931 National Show

Nearly 300 new seedlings were exhibited by nearly a dozen originators. The American Home Achievement Medal for the best new Peony at the show was won by my Nippon Princess, a very distinct pink Jap. It and seven other Auten seedlings received Honorable Mention from the Seedling Committee. These were Nippon Maid and Nippon Red, red Japs; Monterey, the salmon red Jap introduced last year; Hennepin, red single; White Perfection, white single; White Beauty, white double, and No. 465, pink double which will be introduced later.

These awards show that the Auten originations merit your consideration.

**TERMS**—Cash with order. Free delivery in United States east of Rockies on orders of \$3.00 or more. Under \$3.00 add 30c. Shipments beginning September 1.

**DISCOUNTS**—On Auten named varieties, 1931 and earlier kinds, 10% on orders \$50.00 to \$100.00; \$100.00 and over, 15%.

### JAPANESE. 1931 INTRODUCTIONS

<b>White Cloud</b> —Early white Jap, opening pale flesh and straw yellow. Tall, good stem.....	\$ 3.00
<b>Senorita</b> —Deep cerise red Jap, center rich and full. Late; good stem; different.....	2.00
<b>San Diego</b> —Brilliant light red Jap, center with golden salmon tints, occasionally a tuft in center. Odd and distinct.....	3.00
<b>Red Emperor</b> —Typical light red Jap like Mikado. Large bloom, with much fuller center. Stiff stems, medium height, made a gorgeous display in the field.....	5.00
<b>Nippon Chief</b> —Large dark red Jap, yellow on center petaloids. Tall, stiff stems; color very fine, one of the latest Japs.....	10.00
<b>Nippon Maid</b> —Dark red Jap, very distinct, typical center, medium sized blooms on slender stiff stems of medium to dwarf height. HONORABLE MENTION, Am. Peony Soc. 1931.....	10.00
<b>Goblin</b> —Bright red Jap, petaloids tipped and streaked lighter; free blooming; tall stiff stems.....	7.00
<b>Sentinel</b> —All red Jap, medium sized blooms well above the foliage, tall stiff stems.....	7.00
<b>Pixie</b> —Red Jap, with lighter casts in center, small bloom on tall stiff stems. Distinct.....	5.00
<b>Nippon Red</b> —A rich solid red Jap, a few petaloids occasionally tipped yellow. Medium height, good stem and carriage. HONORABLE MENTION, Am. Peony Soc. 1931. Only 4 clumps in existence .....	15.00
<b>Nippon Splendor</b> —A glorious deep red Jap, heavy yellow markings in center. Fine, tall plant, FIRST YEAR APPROVAL, Am. Peony Soc. 1926 .....	10.00
<b>Iroquois</b> —A medium dark red Jap, golden edges on petaloids. Stiff stem.....	7.00
<b>Nippon Princess</b> —Honorable Mention and winner of American Home Achievement Medal at 1931 National Peony Show for the best new Peony at the show, in competition with over 250 new seedlings. A typical Jap of a most unusual shade of bright cerise pink, the pink and yellow center very unique. The ladies enthuse over it. Only 3 clumps in existence.....	25.00
<b>Red Crown</b> —A rich red Jap, medium sized bloom, center petaloids extra wide, with typical golden edges. Very distinct. Tall stiff stems. Only 4 clumps in existence.....	15.00

## SINGLES. 1931 INTRODUCTIONS

<b>June Moon</b> —White single, opening pale flesh. Good size and substance, green carpels, medium height, stiff stems, fairly late.....	3.00
<b>White Perfection</b> —White single, broad petals beautifully cupped, wonderful substance, green carpels; medium height, good stem, fine carriage. HONORABLE MENTION, Am. Peony Soc. 1931. Suggests a single Isani Gidui. 3 clumps divided 1930, one clump 1931, only 4 divisions for sale..	15.00
<b>Monticello</b> —White single, large blooms, good substance, green carpels. Blooms gracefully poised on tall, slender, stiff stems. Outstanding.....	7.00
<b>Snow Bound</b> —White single, large blooms, green carpels tipped white. Very stiff stems.....	3.00
<b>Country Dance</b> —White single, opening blush white; early; green carpels. Tall stiff stems.....	3.00
<b>Fairy Dance</b> —Pink single, early, green carpels, tall stiff stems.....	3.00
<b>Fairy Queen</b> —Pink single, green carpels, several rows of petals, color similar to Therese, stiff stem, medium height.....	4.00
<b>Mad Cap</b> —Medium red single, flushed to white, very unusual; late, stiff stem, tall.....	2.00
<b>La Salle</b> —Very brilliant medium dark red single, stiff stems, medium height, early.....	3.00
<b>Peoria</b> —Very brilliant large medium red single. Stiff stems, dwarf. Extra fine.....	5.00
<b>Kiowa</b> —Extra early light red single, good stem and plant. Lasting qualities exceptional. A valuable addition.....	5.00
<b>Kaskaskia</b> —Extra early brilliant dark red single, dwarf.....	3.00
<b>Illini</b> —Black red single, large blooms, tall stiff stems, extra fine.....	5.00
<b>Kahokia</b> —Black red single, about medium height, stiff stems.....	3.00
<b>Kickapoo</b> —A late bright dark red single, stiff stems, medium height.....	2.00
<b>Hennepin</b> —Brilliant black red single, medium size bloom; medium height. HONORABLE MENTION, Am. Peony Soc. 1931.....	5.00
<b>Witches' Dance</b> —Brilliant dark red single, tall stiff stems.....	2.00
<b>Kankakee</b> —Late brilliant medium dark red single, medium height, stiff stems.....	3.00
<b>Calumet</b> —Early brilliant red single, tall stiff stems.	2.00

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## DOUBLES. 1931 INTRODUCTIONS

<b>White Beauty</b> —Large double white, immaculate, fragrant. Midseason. Stem good for cutting, but as plant is of spreading (not sprawling) habit, needs support in wet weather. An exquisite, outstanding peony. HONORABLE MENTION, Am. Peony Soc. 1931. Only 5 divisions for sale.....	15.00
<b>Plymouth</b> —Large full double white, fragrant. Center open; stiff stem, medium height.....	7.00
<b>Betsey Ross</b> —Late white double, petals incurved; fragrant. Occasional red splashes. Tall, slender stiff stems. A magnificent peony.....	10.00
<b>Spoon River</b> —An unusual name for a fine full double, rose fragrant peony of unusual coloring; creamy magenta. Decidedly different; medium height, stiff stems.....	3.00

Patricia—Early blush semi-double, large gracefully formed bloom on extra tall stems. Lasts well as cut flower. Received much favorable comment at shows. A world famous hybridiser said it was well worthy of introduction.....	10.00
White Pearl—Extra early full double, opening pearly shell pink with slight lavender cast. Fades to white in full sun. Exquisite form, like Marie Jacquin without stamens.....	3.00
Peggy—Bright deep pink bomb, medium height, good stem. We need more dark pinks.....	3.00
Daniel Boone—Large, high built dark red, stamens nearly hidden, on tall, straight, stiff stems. Very distinct and outstanding. A real addition to the list of high class reds.....	20.00
Tar Baby—Extremely dark 'black' red semi-double, small bloom on tall stems.....	3.00
Zip Coon—Glossy 'black' red semi-double, medium sized bloom on dwarf, stiff stems.....	3.00
Tempest—Brilliant dark red semi-double, stamens hidden. Late. Dwarf, stiff stems.....	5.00
Uncle Remus—Very rich velvety 'black' red semi-double, medium sized bloom on tall stiff stems..	3.00
Salem—Full double red, fragrant. Medium size bloom, on good stem. Gives promise of being a valuable commercial cut flower sort.....	10.00

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#### NEW SINGLES AND JAPS, UNDER NUMBER

The following have been especially selected for quality, and afford something new at small outlay. If any numbers sold out, I will substitute same color and type.

PRICE, \$1.00 each, any 6 for \$5.00; 12 for \$9.00.

WHITE SINGLES. 459, tall; 489, tall; 637, medium height, opens pale flesh; 699, early; 833, large bloom.

PINK SINGLES. 523, tall; 524, tall, shell pink fades white; 1075, deep pink; 1111, low foliage, medium height; 1122, flesh, tall; 1260, late, tall.

RED SINGLES. 752, medium tall; 788, tall; 976, medium height; 978, above medium height; 1055, tall; 1130, tall. The following are darker reds: 654, tall, late; 801, early, dwarf; 808, tall; 1102, late tall; 1125, tall; 1164, tall; 1178, for landscape, tall.

WHITE JAPANESE. 818.

PINK JAPANESE. 572, medium height, just misses being a top-notch; 628, dwarf anemone type Jap; 854, anemone type, medium height; 882, tall, late; 1070, odd form; 1072, very late; 1133, early, dwarf, anemone type.

RED JAPANESE. 847, distinct, small bloom; 1209, typical center, stiff stems.

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**Your order will have most  
careful attention.**

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