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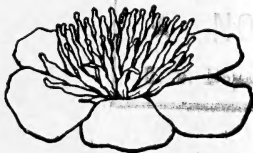
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PEONY CATALOG

The Bonnewitz  
Peony  
Gardens

Fifty  
New Varieties



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Aunt Mary's Sweet Corn Farm

VAN WERT, OHIO

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# —The— Bonnewitz Gardens

## **TERMS OF SALE—REMITTANCES:**

Remittances should accompany all orders and may be made by Post Office Money Order, Bank Draft or by check. Do not send stamps.

SIZE OF ROOTS (See page 7).

## **GUARANTEE:**

All varieties are guaranteed true to name. Should any varieties prove untrue to name, I will replace them with true stock.

## **BANK REFERENCES:**

Peoples Savings Bank, Van Wert, Ohio.

## **PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Cultural directions will be mailed with the acknowledgment of the order. Another copy will be included in the package with the roots.

## **TIME OF SHIPMENTS:**

I begin shipping my peony orders the first week in September. Customers may ask for shipment any week before November 15th.

## **POSTAGE AND PACKING CHARGES:**

In my September, 1939 leaflet I told my customers that postage charges would be made on all of the roots which they purchased from me and in every package which left my garden after that circular was sent out, I placed one or more gratis roots. Apparently these gratis roots are so welcome that my customers do not object to the paying of the postal charges.

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These charges may appear too large in the first, second, and possibly third zones, but customers living farther away will probably notice that on some packages the charges were higher than the amounts noted here. We will place an additional division or two in each package to equalize postage and packing charges.

## **NO SUBSTITUTIONS:**

Of some varieties, I have a limited number of roots. If I cannot supply any variety you order, I will return your money for that variety. I never make substitutions on any customer's order unless the customer asks that this be done.

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L. R. BONNEWITZ

**THE BONNEWITZ GARDENS**

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VAN WERT, OHIO

# My Experience With Small Peony Divisions

Van Wert has been growing peonies over forty years, but thirty-five years ago we found we had one real peony enthusiast in our little city. Her name was Clara Anderson whose beautiful home was located on an extra wide lot on Main Street adjoining the business district. Mr. L. J. Germann, a milliner, was the first man to interest himself in the finer varieties. At this same time, 1900 to about 1914 or 1915, Mrs. Sarah A. Pleas, a widow living in Spiceland, Indiana, had been growing peonies from seed. Some few of these new plants produced finer flowers than the old plants and these new plants she divided and planted to produce stock of them for sale.

Her fame as a peony grower spread to Van Wert, and after some correspondence, Mrs. Pleas invited our Van Wert peony lovers to visit her garden in the blooming season. Mr. Germann accepted the invitation and he was so pleased with the new varieties that he selected the six very best and ordered two roots of each of them. Miss Anderson had asked him to buy a root for her, of every variety he selected for himself.

When these plants were two years old, Mr. Germann invited me to visit his garden and he suddenly brought me face to face with the largest, most beautiful flower I had ever seen. Its beauty was so great that chills seemed to be running up and down my spine and every hair on my head seemed to be standing erect and tingling at the roots.

I immediately offered him Ten Dollars for the peony but he would not consider selling it at any price. The plant in Mrs. Pleas' garden had first bloomed on the 50th anniversary of her wedding day and she had given it the name JUBILEE. The flower was between 10 and 12 inches in diameter with long and narrow irregular shaped petals of cream white, with just a touch of light pink and yellow at the center of the bloom.

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Mr. Germann then told me of the plant he had purchased for Miss Anderson and of course I went to see her and her JUBILEE. She would not consider selling her plant and she gave me the discouraging news that Mrs. Pleas had dug up all her peonies and had taken them with her to her new home in Whittier, California. Within a week or two Miss Anderson told me she had a letter from Mrs. Pleas' daughter who had remained in Indiana and this daughter had written that she had a plant of JUBILEE which she would sell for \$5.00. This was most encouraging news and so Miss Anderson kindly volunteered to get the root for me. I gladly gave her the money to order it.

When I opened the box containing my purchase, I found a large vigorous looking root with four eyes and a one-eye division with a root no larger than the first joint of my thumb. I did not consider this one-eye root of any value, but I finally decided to plant it. I gave it a place in my best soil on high ground where no water could remain on it, covered the eye with only two inches of earth and watered it very thoroughly. I realized that such a small root needed water often because it would dry out quickly and so at least once a week in October and November and again in April and May I gave it an abundance of water.

In the blooming season the larger root to which I had given no special attention sent up four stems between 20 and 24 inches tall but produced no flowers, while the very small root sent up a vigorous stem at least 30 inches tall with several buds. I removed all the buds except the central one at the end of the stem which developed into a bloom of full size, great beauty and high quality.

My recollection is that when these two divisions were divided at two or three years of age, that the smaller one produced the best divisions. But unfortunately the variety was not JUBILEE but OPAL and as I knew that peonies do not thrive in Southern California, I knew I must procure my JUBILEE from one of the two Van

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Wert peony growers and this is how I did it.

In one of our peony visits, Miss Anderson had told me that Mr. E. J. Shaylor of Auburndale, Mass., not only knew more about peonies than any other person in America, but that he had in his garden finer varieties than could be found anywhere else. I wrote to him and at my request he told me that the following eight varieties were the very best ones in his garden: LE JOUR, PHILIPPE RIVOIRE, ALMA, FRANCES SHAYLOR, KELWAY'S EXQUISITE, KELWAY'S GLORIOUS, MARY W. SHAYLOR AND WILLIAM F. TURNER and that he would furnish a five-eye division of each of them for \$94.00.

I sent him my check and when the package arrived I took it with me to Miss Anderson's home and taking out my knife I opened the package, showed her the roots and said, "You have told me that Mr. Shaylor has the best varieties of peonies in America and he tells me that these varieties are the best in his garden and I now offer you a division of each of these eight varieties for a division of JUBILEE." Yes the trade was made then and there and in three years, that JUBILEE had won for me in the National Show of the American Peony Society held in Philadelphia in June, 1917, the coveted prize for the 10 very best blooms in the show.

When Mr. Shaylor heard that JUBILEE had attained peony fame, he wrote me that he had in his garden a peony he had grown from seed which produced better flowers than had been exhibited in any Peony show. He said he would furnish me a large division of it for \$30.00 (if I remember correctly). When the root arrived it was a large healthy one with six eyes. I will never forget the glorious half hour or more I spent in converting that one large six-eye division into six one-eye divisions.

The name on the label of the plant was SHAYLOR'S NO. 35 and of course I was careful to mark my stake where the roots were planted with the same name and number. The 1918 peony show was held in Cleveland and while I was out to

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lunch the premiums were awarded, and on my return I found more excitement than I had encountered at either of my two National Peony Shows in New York and Philadelphia. I finally discovered that for several years there had been a One Hundred Dollar prize offered for a new peony grown from seed which the judges should decide is better than any other peony that had been originated in America. My informant took me to a display of white double peonies, to which, he told me, had just been awarded that particular One Hundred Dollar prize.

Now there was of course a label on that prize-winning variety, and when I lifted that label, what name do you suppose I found upon it. No, of course it would not be fair to ask you to guess, but was I surprised when in big bold letters and figures I saw "SHAYLOR'S NO. 35." Of course I told all my friends and acquaintances at the show that in my garden at home I had six one year plants of the SHAYLOR'S NO. 35.

Two years later at Reading in Pennsylvania JUBILEE again took the prize for the best 10 blooms in the show and a month later I sent out a little four page printed folder about 3 x 5 inches in size in which I listed about twenty-five or more of my choicest varieties. Of course SHAYLOR'S NO. 35 to which was given the name MRS. EDWARD HARDING, led the list. When I selected a price for it I decided that any peony which on its very first show could win a \$100.00 prize should be worth at least as much as its prize and so I listed all five of the 5-eye divisions at \$100.00 each and all five of them were sold at that price. I believe these were the first peony divisions advertised and sold for \$100.00 each.

I have written this true story so that some of the new members of the Peony Society may know that \$100.00 peonies have been grown from one-eye divisions.

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## Size of Divisions

I am very proud of my five-eye divisions, and I would of course rather sell large roots than smaller ones. Larger roots carry more moisture and they should, and they do make better plants the first and second years. For all peony lovers who do not need to economize, I unhesitatingly recommend the Bonnewitz five-eye divisions. However, I get a thrill in selling small divisions of the best peonies to persons who are willing to give them the extra attention they require.

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## Fifty New Varieties

I am sure that my customers will be glad to find over fifty new peonies in this catalog. By new peonies, I mean varieties I have never before offered. These new varieties come from the best growers in the United States and Europe. I believe that my customers will be happy in having the opportunity to buy small divisions of these new varieties as well as the large ones.

I hope my customers will notice that I have listed everyone of the new varieties introduced by Harry F. Little and also many of the varieties introduced by Colonel Nicholls. I believe I am the only grower who offers these celebrated varieties in one-eye, two-eye and three-eye divisions. Some of the finest varieties grown by Lyman D. Glasscock are included in this offering and some of the newer ones from Mr. Brand, Mr. Franklin and Mr. Auten.

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## Single Varieties

### ARCTURUS (Auten)

This is a brand new peony and I am glad to list it. It is a medium tall, large, very dark cardinal, single peony and it impressed me as infinitely better than any other dark red one in my garden. Very few for sale.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.50
5 eye division.....			\$4.00

### DAINTY LASS (Glasscock) HYBRID

This hybrid peony was the most beautiful variety in my entire garden in 1943. Splendid shades of pink not seen in any other variety.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.50
3 eye division.....			\$3.50

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## Single Varieties

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### FLANDERS FIELD (Brand)

A new red single variety with two rows of petals.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$2.00

### FLAME (Glasscock) HYBRID

This flame colored hybrid variety blooms early in the season and next to DAINTY LASS it was the most beautiful and sensational bloom in the garden.

1 eye division.....\$2.50      2 eye division.....\$5.00

3 eye division.....\$7.50

### HELEN (Thurlow)—9.0

This is probably the very best pink single peony in the world and in order that both its beauty and quality be perfectly appreciated it should be grown on clay soil. However, it is as large and often larger when grown on loam or sandy soil, but it lacks the extra high quality which is shown by the thickness of the petals when grown on clay. I recommend it without reservation, for both clay and loam soils.

2 eye division.....\$1.50

5 eye division.....\$3.00

### IMPERIAL RED (Sass)

This red peony has, I believe, the largest flower and strongest stem of any single peony in my entire collection. It is a perfect landscape variety.

2 eye division.....\$ .50      5 eye division.....\$1.00

### JEWEL (Glasscock) HYBRID

A single peony of bright red color.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.25

### KRINKLED WHITE (Brand)

A new and novel single peony with krinkled white petals and attractive stamens.

1 eye division.....\$1.00      2 eye division.....\$2.00

5 eye division.....\$3.00

### LE JOUR (Shaylor)

An excellent, white single peony.

1 eye division.....\$ .50      2 eye division.....\$1.00

5 eye division.....\$1.50

### LOUISE ANN (Brand)

A new red, single variety blooming for the first time in my garden. It holds its color.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.00

### MAN-O-WAR (Brand)

Red single with the appearance of changing to a double variety.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$2.00

### OWATONNA (Brand)

Tall, dainty pink, single.

1 eye division.....\$ .50      2 eye division.....\$1.00

3 eye division.....\$1.25

### PICO (Freeborn)

The largest and stateliest white peony which I have ever seen. Very, very few to sell.

1 eye division.....\$2.00      2 eye division.....\$3.50

3 eye division.....\$5.00

## Japanese Varieties

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### PINK DELIGHT

An excellent pink single.

1 eye division.....\$2.50      2 eye division.....\$3.50

### PRESIDENT LINCOLN (Brand)

A new red single peony with a splendid name.

1 eye division.....\$1.50      2 eye division.....\$2.50  
5 eye division.....\$5.00

### RED WARRIOR (Brand)

A very early red single peony.

2 eye division.....\$1.50      3 eye division.....\$2.00

### SEA SHELL (Sass)

Splendid tall and large pink, single peony.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      3 eye division.....\$1.50  
5 eye division.....\$2.50

### SWAN WHITE (Good & Welch)

This new white single peony is of large size and instead of only one row of petals it has developed a second row. I believe that it is of superior quality to many of the older varieties.

2 eye division.....\$1.50  
5 eye division.....\$2.50

### ZULU WARRIOR (Glasscock) HYBRID

A large and vigorous red hybrid.

1 eye division.....\$1.50      2 eye division.....\$2.50  
3 eye division.....\$3.50

## Japanese Varieties

### AMA-NO-SODE (Japan)—9.2

One of the best pink Japanese varieties I have ever seen. Good on the landscape, in the show room and for interior decoration. On account of its beautiful and very abundant foliage I like to suggest a mass planting of this variety.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$2.00

### GODDESS (Kelway)

This is probably the fourth or fifth best Japanese variety in my collection. The flowers are large, of splendid lilac-pink color and its strong tall stems and its reliability lead me to believe it has a long future to spend in American gardens.

1 eye division.....\$ .75      2 eye division.....\$1.00  
5 eye division.....\$1.50

### HARI-AI-NIN (Babcock)

A featherlike red Jap variety which changes its shade of color rapidly.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$2.50

### HENRI POTIN (Doriat)—9.0

A pink Jap peony which looks somewhat like a wild rose. Splendid landscape variety.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### INSTITUTEUR DORAIT (Dorait)

A late red Japanese variety.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.50

## Japanese Varieties

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### ISANI GIDUI (Japan)—9.3

This yellow and white Japanese peony is in my opinion the best in its class. Notice the quantity and the quality of the yellow in this most beautiful white and yellow peony. Notice also the size and quality of the white guard petals. It is a very reliable variety and can be depended upon to produce every year, blooms of prize winning quality.

2 eye division.....\$1.25	3 eye division.....\$1.50
5 eye division.....\$2.00	

### JAPANESE BEAUTY (Sass)

A very deep rose variety with central petals to match.

2 eye division.....\$ .75	3 eye division.....\$1.25
5 eye division.....\$2.00	

### KING OF ENGLAND (Kelway)—8.6

One of the best red Japs.

5 eye division.....\$1.00
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### KUKENI JISHI (Japan)

A splendid silvery, pink Japanese variety of excellent quality.

2 eye division.....\$1.50	5 eye division.....\$3.50
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### LUELLA SHAYLOR (Shaylor)

A good white Japanese peony with yellow center.

2 eye division.....\$ .75	5 eye division.....\$1.25
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### MRS. WARD WELSH (Good & Welsh)

A white Japanese peony of excellent quality.

2 eye division.....\$1.00	5 eye division.....\$2.50
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### MRS. WILDER BANCROFT (Nicholls)

A new red Jap peony.

1 eye division.....\$1.00	2 eye division.....\$1.50
3 eye division.....\$2.00	

### NIPPON BEAUTY (Auten)

A pink Jap with a red and yellow center.

2 eye division.....\$1.00	5 eye division.....\$2.50
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### NIPPON BRILLIANT (Auten)

Each year I grow more enthusiastic over the beauty of this Japanese peony. There is more yellow in the red color of its petals than there is in the red petals of any other peony I have ever seen.

1 eye division.....\$1.50	2 eye division.....\$2.50
3 eye division.....\$3.50	

### NIPPON GOLD (Auten)

A pink and yellow Japanese peony.

2 eye division.....\$ .50	3 eye division.....\$ .75
5 eye division.....\$1.25	

### NIPPON PARADE (Auten)

A deep rich red Jap.

2 eye division.....\$ .50	3 eye division.....\$ .75
5 eye division.....\$1.25	

### PRAIRIE AFIRE (Brand)

This famous Japanese peony should have the opening buds covered with paper bags and not uncovered until the bloom has been carried indoors.

2 eye division.....\$1.50	5 eye division.....\$2.50
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## Double Varieties

### SHAYLORS SUNBURST (Shaylor)

A white, fragrant and beautiful Jap.

2 eye division.....	\$1.25	3 eye division.....	\$2.00
5 eye division.....	\$3.00		

### TAMATE-BOKU (Japan)—9.4

This large and beautiful pink and yellow peony is undoubtedly the most famous Japanese peony in the world. It has brought me more money than any other variety in my gardens. My experience with it has been nearly 100 per cent satisfactory. I recommend it for its vigor and beauty.

2 eye division.....	\$2.00	3 eye division.....	\$3.50
5 eye division.....	\$5.00		

### TORO-NO-MAKI (Japan)—9.0

A tall light pink Jap, of excellent quality.

2 eye division.....	\$1.25	5 eye division.....	\$2.00
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### YELLOW KING (Japan)

While this splendid variety has pink guards, yet it has the best yellow central petals of any variety and the yellow takes prominence over the pink. The growing buds should be covered with thick paper bags until they begin to expand rapidly, at which time the buds should be taken indoors and the bags removed. ↓

1 eye division.....	\$ .75	2 eye division.....	\$1.25
5 eye division.....	\$2.50		

## Double Varieties

### A. B. C. NICHOLLS (Nicholls)

A new white double variety with a yellow glow.

1 eye division.....	\$2.50	5 eye division.....	\$5.00
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### A. B. FRANKLIN (Franklin)

One of the very best selling white varieties, of very good substance and form.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.50
5 eye division.....	\$4.50		

### ACME (Franklin)

✓ A very large rose type, light pink variety with stiff stems. This variety is so new in my garden that I have never offered a single division for sale.

1 eye division.....	\$ .50	2 eye division.....	\$1.00
5 eye division.....	\$2.50		

### ✓ADONIS (Sass)

Light pink double peony with yellow collar.

2 eye division.....	\$ .50	5 eye division.....	\$1.25
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### A. G. PERRY (Brand)

This new peony is from Mr. Brand's garden. It is double with a rich old ivory color, tinted delicate rose pink.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.75
5 eye division.....	\$3.50		

### ALICE HARDING (Lemoine)

An extremely large cream white full double rose shape variety with very strong stems. Excellent for cut flowers and for landscape. It has my highest recommendation.

2 eye division.....	\$1.00	5 eye division.....	\$2.50
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## Double Varieties

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### ANNA SASS (Sass)

Late, delicate pink. Double variety. Splendid stems.

2 eye division.....\$ .75	5 eye division.....\$1.25
2 eye division.....\$1.00	5 eye division.....\$2.00

### ANNE NIELSON (Good & Reese)

Dainty pink, strong erect stems. Probably next to Judge Snook in quality among all G. & R. varieties.

1 eye division.....\$1.00	
2 eye division.....\$2.00	

### AUGUST DESSERT (Dessert)

In May 1921 I visited Mr. Dessert in his own garden when peonies were in bloom. He told me he admired this variety (his namesake) even more than his THERESE which is considered to be the best pink peony in the world.

3 eye division.....\$ .75	5 eye division.....\$1.00
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### BLANCHE KING (Brand)

A rich pink, full double peony which holds its color in all kinds of weather. Blooms late in the season. At the National Peony Show in Syracuse a bloom of it was selected as the best flower and placed in the Court of Honor.

1 eye division.....\$1.00	2 eye division.....\$2.00
5 eye division.....\$3.50	

### BLUSH (Nicholls)

A blush pink double; finishes white.

1 eye division.....\$1.00	2 eye division.....\$1.50
5 eye division.....\$3.00	

### CAROLYN MAE NELSON (Sass)

A tall red double variety which shows stamens at its center.

1 eye division.....\$1.50	2 eye division.....\$2.50
5 eye division.....\$5.00	

### CHIEF (Franklin)

A light pink, fragrant variety.

1 eye division.....\$1.50	2 eye division.....\$2.50
3 eye division.....\$3.50	

### CORAL QUEEN (Sass)

An excellent light pink variety with splendid stems.

2 eye division.....\$ .75	5 eye division.....\$1.50
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### CRUSADER (Franklin)

An excellent white variety with perfect stems.

1 eye division.....\$1.50	2 eye division.....\$2.50
3 eye division.....\$3.50	

### DIANA (Sass)

The very latest double, opens cream and holds its color well.

2 eye division.....\$ .75	5 eye division.....\$1.50
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### DR. J. H. NEELEY (Good & Reese)

The beautiful buds open first as a faint blush pink but soon become pure white. The flowers are large with broad guard petals and the central petals form a cup-shaped center. Long stems. Pleasing fragrance.

1 eye division.....\$ .75	2 eye division.....\$1.25
5 eye division.....\$2.00	

## Double Varieties

### DR. JOHN L. CRENSHAW (Brand)

This is a new bright crimson-red peony which probably is better than LONGFELLOW OR MARY BRAND.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.50
3 eye division.....	\$3.50	5 eye division.....	\$5.00

### EDITH M. SNOOK (Snook)

When this yellow and white variety comes into perfect bloom it far exceeds both PRIMEVERE and LAURA DESSERT in the beauty of form and color.

3 eye division.....	\$7.50	5 eye division.....	\$10.00
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### ELLA LEWIS (Lewis)

This peony has been recommended as one of the best tall, very bright pink varieties.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.50
5 eye division.....			\$5.00

### ELLA CHRISTIANSEN (Brand)—9.0

This is one of the tallest, largest, most vigorous, most beautiful and best of the Brand pink double peonies. The quality and color of the petals approach perfection. It blooms in early mid-season and it is both a landscape and a show variety.

1 eye division.....	\$1.00	2 eye division.....	\$1.50
5 eye division.....			\$2.50

### ELSA SASS (Sass)

This is a very beautiful cup-shape white peony with unusually good quality petals. It supports its flowers gracefully and has an excellent blooming record. In my judgment it is in a class with Judge Snook, Mrs. J. V. Edlund, Nick Shaylor, George W. Peyton, Harry F. Little and Kelways Glorious. It is a most refreshing variety in its garden habits.

2 eye division.....	\$1.50	5 eye division.....	\$2.50
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### ESTAFETTE (Dessert)

One of the very best deep pink landscape varieties.

2 eye division.....	\$ .75	5 eye division.....	\$1.50
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### EVENING STAR (Sass)

This season, this very early peony was the best of the new white varieties in my garden.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.50
5 eye division.....			\$5.00

### FANNY LEE (Vories)

In our garden, this semi-double deep rose variety held its pleasing color very well.

2 eye division.....	\$ .75	5 eye division.....	\$1.50
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### FLORENCE BOND (Gumm)

A collector's peony, white, semi-double.

1 eye division.....	\$2.50	2 eye division.....	\$ 4.00
5 eye division.....			\$10.00

### FLORENCE NICHOLLS (Nicholls)

A blush pink double peony of very great beauty and excellent quality.

1 eye division.....	\$2.00	2 eye division.....	\$4.00
5 eye division.....			\$7.50

## Double Varieties

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### FRANCES WILLARD (Brand)

A full double white.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.... \$1.50

### FRANK E. GOOD (Good & Welsh)

A very beautiful tall, late, pink peony.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### FRANKIE CURTIS (Vories)

A white peony somewhat similar in shape to M. JULES ELIE.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$2.00

### GARDEN PRINCESS (Neeley)

An ivory and pink variety. Flat full flowers on strong stems. Blooms in midseason. One of the best Neeley varieties.

1 eye division.....\$1.00      2 eye division.....\$1.50  
5 eye division.....\$2.50

### GLEAM OF GOLD (Sass)

White bloom with carmine markings.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$2.00

### GRACE BATSON (Sass)

A splendid late, large, pink double peony.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### GEORGE W. PEYTON (Nicholls)

A very light pink double variety. In form and quality similar to MRS LIVINGSTON FARRAND and FLORENCE NICHOLLS.

1 eye division.....\$1.50      2 eye division.....\$2.50  
5 eye division.....\$5.00

### HANSINA BRAND (Brand)—9.1

This flesh pink, double peony is probably the most famous one originated by Mr. Brand. It has won first class prizes several times at our National Peony Shows. Its color is much affected by the amount of light or cloud on its day of exhibition. Sometimes it carries a beautiful corn color and at other times there is no evidence of this shade in its beautiful bloom. I consider it a very valuable peony.

3 eye division.....\$1.50      5 eye division.....\$2.50

### HANS P. SASS (Sass)

This is one of the peonies in the Mrs. J. H. Neeley class. It opens a beautiful light pink but it becomes lighter and lighter in color but holds the pink at its center. It has a good stem and a beautiful shaped bloom with excellent petals. The flower is larger than Judge Snook and I believe it is as high in quality as that most excellent variety. The buds should be covered with paper bags.

2 eye division.....\$2.50      5 eye division.....\$5.00

### HARRY F. LITTLE (Nicholls)

This variety has been awarded the American Peony Society Gold Medal. It was the best flower in the National Peony Show at Lansing in 1938. Its color is very light pink which finished a delicately tinted pink and is beautiful throughout the change. I regard this as the best bargain in this entire catalog and I will sell one division only to any one customer.

1 eye division.....\$2.00      2 eye division.....\$4.00



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### HARRY L. BURDEN (Neeley)

Excellent semi-double white variety showing stamens.

2 eye division.....\$1.00	3 eye division.....\$1.50
5 eye division.....\$2.00	

### HAZEL KINNEY (Brand)

A late pink double variety of high quality.

2 eye division.....\$ .75	3 eye division.....\$1.00
5 eye division.....\$1.50	

### HELEN HUGHES (Snook)

When weather conditions are favorable, this pink double variety maketh glad the heart of its originator, Judge Snook of Paulding, Ohio. Its clear pink color, its size and its shape all deserve the attention of the peony enthusiast.

3 eye division.....\$7.50	5 eye division....\$10.00
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### HERMIONE (Sass)

An exceedingly late, tall, pink double variety.

3 eye division.....\$ .75	5 eye division.....\$1.50
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### INGENIEUR DORAIT (Dorait)

A very erect, deep rose, semi-double variety showing stamens.

2 eye division.....\$ .75	3 eye division.....\$1.50
5 eye division.....\$2.50	

### INSPECTEUR LAVERGNE (Dorait)

A cardinal red double variety with strong stems.

2 eye division.....\$ .75	5 eye division.....\$1.50
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### JAMES KELWAY (Kelway)

James Kelway was the greatest peony man of his time and his name is remembered by this large, pure white, double peony of excellent quality.

2 eye division.....\$ .50	5 eye division.....\$1.00
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### JEAN COOPERMAN (Brand)

A new tall, bright red, double peony with splendid stems.

2 eye division.....\$2.00	5 eye division.....\$3.50
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### JEANNOT (Dessert)—9.2

Very excellent late pink double variety.

5 eye division.....\$1.50	
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### JOHN M. GOOD (Good & Welch)—9.3

Mid-season, white full double. Splendid stems, has landscape value.

5 eye division.....\$1.50	
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### JUDGE SNOOK (Good & Reese)

This very large cream white peony has broad petals of excellent substance borne on good stems. Its color and richness of quality have some similarity to Solange, but its habit, growth, and carriage are superior to that famous variety. It is, I believe, the very best variety originated by Good & Reese.

1 eye division.....\$1.50	2 eye division.....\$3.00
5 eye division.....\$7.50	

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### **KELWAY'S GLORIOUS (Kelway)—9.8**

I saw this full double white variety on my first trip to the National Peony Show in New York in 1916, and it has been producing excellent bloom in my garden every year since 1918. Its blooms withstand rain and storm much better than 90% of other varieties. Notice its very high rating which I believe it deserves every year.

2 eye division.....\$1.25      5 eye division.....\$2.00

### **KELWAY'S QUEEN (Kelway)—8.8**

Splendid pink double. Perfect rose shaped bloom.

3 eye division.....\$1.00  
5 eye division.....\$1.50

### **LADY ALEXANDRA DUFF (Kelway)—9.1**

Very large semi-double, pink blooms with tall strong stems.

5 eye division.....\$1.00

### **LAST ROSE (Sass)**

In my opinion this is one of the very best of the very late blooming pink peonies. As it becomes widely known I predict an excellent sale for it. The shade of its pink color is attractive and it does not fade. It's stems are strong and graceful and the blooms are large enough without having a cabbage appearance. It should rate well up in the nineties.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$2.00

### **LE CYGNE (Lemoine)—9.9**

For more than 10 years this pure white peony held a higher rating than any other variety. When perfectly grown its appearance brings to the beholder thoughts of purity. It has a very decided rose shape and strong stems give it a graceful carriage. Every peony lover wants it and every peony lover should have it.

3 eye division.....\$1.50      5 eye division.....\$2.00

### **LILLIAN GUMM (Gumm)—8.9**

Pink double, graceful stems, mid-season.

1 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### **LOREN FRANKLIN (Franklin)**

A new pink double variety in my garden.

2 eye division.....\$1.50      5 eye division.....\$3.00

### **LOTTIE DAWSON REA (Rea)**

Very dainty shade of pink which holds. Good stems.

1 eye division.....\$5.00      2 eye division....\$ 7.50  
5 eye division.....\$15.00

### **LOUIS JOLIET (Auten)**

A rich and brilliant red, semi-double variety.

3 eye division.....\$1.25

### **LULU LITTLE (Little)**

A free flowering mid-season variety with a pleasing bright pink color. This is an entirely new variety.

1 eye division.....\$3.00      2 eye division....\$ 5.00  
3 eye division.....\$7.00      5 eye division....\$10.00

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### MADAME CLAUDE TAIN (Dorait)

A white double variety blooming late in the season.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      3 eye division.....\$1.00  
5 eye division.....\$1.50

### MAMMOTH ROSE (Franklin)

Deep rose color with a cup center.

2 eye division.....\$1.50      5 eye division.....\$3.00

### MARIETTA SISSON (Sass)

A splendid deep pink double with perfect carriage for the landscape.

3 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### MARK TWAIN (Franklin)

Red double, mid-season.

1 eye division.....\$1.50      2 eye division.....\$2.50

### MARTHA BULLOCH (Brand)

Extra large pink bloom, double.

2 eye division.....\$ .50      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### MARVEL (Secor)

Tall, double, pink blooms. Good stems.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### MATCHLESS BEAUTY (Neeley)

Next to Mrs. J. H. Neely and Liberty Bell this variety is considered by some of our Northwestern Ohio peony enthusiasts to be the best Neeley variety. A cream white double peony with good quality petals and good stems. It has landscape value and the blooms are excellent for indoor decoration.

2 eye division.....\$1.50      5 eye division.....\$2.50

### MATILDA LEWIS (Saunders)

Excellent dark red double, early variety.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$2.50

### MILTON HILL (Richardson)

Pink double, prolific, late mid-season.

2 eye division.....\$ .50      5 eye division.....\$1.00

### MINERVA (Sass)

Very late delicate pink, double splendid quality. Good stems.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### MINNIE SHAYLOR (Shaylor)—8.9

A splendid pink variety with usually only three, four, or five rows of petals. The sun soon changes its color to white, but it is still very beautiful. I regard it as one of the highest quality peonies in the world, especially when planted in clay soil.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$1.50

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### MINUET (Franklin)

Large, full rose type, light pink color. Stiff stems and a strong grower.

2 eye division.....\$1.50	3 eye division.....\$2.50
5 eye division.....\$4.00	

### MR. L. VAN LEEUWEN

A vigorous, erect deep rose double variety.

2 eye division.....\$ .75	5 eye division.....\$1.50
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### MRS. A. B. FRANKLIN (Franklin)

A fragrant, white, mid-season double variety.

1 eye division.....\$2.00	2 eye division.....\$3.00
5 eye division.....\$4.00	

### MRS. A. M. BRAND (Brand)

A pure white, very late, blooming variety with perfect rose form.

2 eye division.....\$1.25	5 eye division.....\$2.50
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### MRS. BRYCE FONTAINE (Brand)

A mid-season rich, dark crimson variety.

1 eye division.....\$1.50	2 eye division.....\$2.50
3 eye division.....\$3.50	5 eye division.....\$5.00

### MRS. DEAN FUNK (Brand)

This splendid and fast growing pink variety blooms in mid-season.

2 eye division.....\$ .75	5 eye division.....\$2.00
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### MRS. F. D. ROOSEVELT (Franklin)

A very beautiful pale pink peony with a cup-shape center which shows no stamens. Excellent stiff stems of good height and with vigorous foliage. A most attractive variety which does not fade out entirely.

1 eye division.....\$1.50	2 eye division.....\$2.50
3 eye division.....\$3.50	5 eye division.....\$5.00

### MRS. FRANK BEACH (Brand)

A beautiful, white double variety.

2 eye division.....\$1.50	5 eye division.....\$3.00
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### MRS. HARRY F. LITTLE (Little)

Late midseason. Blush pink. A reliable and satisfactory variety in every way which is gaining favor each year. One of the really good peonies.

1 eye division.....\$3.00	2 eye division....\$ 6.00
3 eye division.....\$9.00	5 eye division....\$15.00

### MRS. J. H. NEELEY (Neeley)

Our 1940 blooming season in Van Wert was an extremely cloudy one and this famous variety opened in its own beautiful soft pink color without the necessity of being bagged in advance. When covered with bags, the flowers, when brought indoors and uncovered, show a richness in tone which is not excelled and I sometimes believe is not even equaled by any other peony.

1 eye division.....\$1.50	2 eye division.....\$2.50
5 eye division.....\$5.00	

### MRS. JOHN M. KLEITSCH (Brand)

A tall, very late, deep pink variety.

2 eye division.....\$1.25	5 eye division.....\$2.50
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### MRS. J. V. EDLUND (Edlund)

This variety was in the Court of Honor at the National Peony Show in Rochester, Minnesota. It is a white, full double, and somewhat cup-shaped variety which blooms late in the season. I give it my highest recommendation.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.50
3 eye division.....	\$3.50	5 eye division.....	\$5.00

### MRS. LIVINGSTON FARRAND (Nicholls)

The one peony which every peony man wishes to have in his own garden. Very few to sell. Only one to each customer.

1 eye division.....	\$5.00
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### MRS. ROMAINE B. WARE

A fragrant, light pink peony. Mid-season. Splendid stems.

2 eye division.....	\$ .75	3 eye division.....	\$1.25
5 eye division.....			\$2.00

### MYRTLE GENTRY (Brand)

A very beautiful late, light pink variety.

1 eye division.....	\$1.00	2 eye division.....	\$1.50
5 eye division.....			\$2.50

### NANCY DOLMAN (Vories)

A tall pink double which holds its color.

2 eye division.....	\$1.00	5 eye division.....	\$2.00
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### NICK SHAYLOR (Shaylor)

Very dainty, pink to white, splendid size, good stems.

1 eye division.....	\$1.50	2 eye division.....	\$2.25
3 eye division.....	\$3.00	5 eye division.....	\$4.00

### ODILE (Dorait)

A very dainty pink to white.

1 eye division.....	\$ .75	2 eye division.....	\$1.25
5 eye division.....			\$3.00

### ONONDAGO (Little)

Early, very tall, erect, rose type. Good dark red color. Given First Class Certificate, Boston, 1935. American Home Achievement Medal, Boston, 1935. Best red flower in show, Boston, 1935. Best red flower in show, Lansing, 1938.

1 eye division.....	\$2.00	2 eye division.....	\$4.00
3 eye division.....	\$6.00	5 eye division.....	\$10.00

### PHILIPPE RIVOIRE (Riviere)—9.2

A medium-sized, full double, red, late mid-season peony which, for fifteen years, has maintained its place as the best red variety in the world. It has a pleasing odor, the color holds well and the stems are strong enough to hold the medium-sized blooms. It has my unqualified recommendation as a prize winner and as a landscape variety.

2 eye division.....	\$1.25	3 eye division.....	\$1.50
5 eye division.....			\$2.00

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### PHYLLIS KELWAY (Kelway)—9.0

One of the world's most useful pink landscape varieties.

5 eye division.....\$1.50

### PRESIDENT COOLIDGE (Brand)

Pink double, with strong stems.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$2.00

### PRIMEVERE (Lemoine)—8.6

This variety is known as The Yellow Peony but if you wish to display your Yellow Peony to your friends, you must follow these instructions carefully. As blooming time approaches, procure from your grocer a dozen or more brown paper bags at least 6 inches long, also at least as many very small rubber bands which are small enough to encircle two of your fingers and not drop off. When the growing buds expand enough to show some white or pink between the outer green cover petals, you should immediately cover the bud with one of the paper bags, and use the rubber band to hold the bag in position. At least once each day visit the plant and clasp each bag. If you can feel that the petals are expanding the bag, then cut the stem, carry the bud indoors, place the stem in a vase filled with water, after which remove the bag and find your genuine Yellow Peony. The pink guard petals will bleach white but the inner petals will retain the attractive yellow color for several days.

3 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$1.25

### QUEEN OF SHEBA (Sass)

A very bright, rose color peony.

1 eye division.....\$1.50      2 eye division.....\$2.50

3 eye division.....\$3.50      5 eye division.....\$5.00

### REV. H. TRAGITT (Brand)

White variety with carmine lines on edge of petals.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$2.50

### RICHARD CARVEL (Brand)

A splendid early red peony.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.00

### ROBERT E. LEE (Brand)

A very late, white double peony.

2 eye division.....\$1.25      5 eye division.....\$2.50

### ROSAMOND GRANT (Brand)

A salmon pink variety blooming in late mid-season.

2 eye division.....\$2.00      3 eye division.....\$2.50

### RUTH ELIZABETH (Brand)

An intensely rich red peony in a true rose form.

1 eye division.....\$2.00      2 eye division.....\$3.50

3 eye division.....\$5.00      5 eye division.....\$7.50

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### SHATTUCK (Brand)

Red double with splendid stems.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$2.00

### SNOW WHITE (Little)

A late, mid-season double white. Medium size flower borne on a good plant, with erect stems.

1 eye division.....\$2.00      2 eye division....\$ 4.00

3 eye division.....\$6.00      5 eye division....\$10.00

### SUSAN WHITE (Brand)

An early cream white, which shows stamens.

3 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$2.00

### TEMPEST (Auten)

Brilliant, dark red, semi-double.

1 eye division.....\$1.00      2 eye division.....\$1.50

3 eye division.....\$2.50

### TENUIFOLIA FLORE PLENA

The fern leaf peony. Very bright red double flower.

3 eye division.....\$2.00      5 eye division.....\$3.00

### THE DISC (Sass)

An excellent deep rose, double peony.

3 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### THERESE (Dessert)—9.8

This pink peony, originated in 1904, has a rating of 9.8 which makes it the highest rated pink peony in the world. It blooms early in the season, has good foliage, and best of all, it has strong stems. I believe everybody loves this particular variety as I know of no bad habit or quality. Purchasers are fortunate to be able to buy the best pink peony in the world at such a modest price.

5 eye division.....\$1.00

### THOMAS C. THURLOW (Thurlow)

Light pink double.

3 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### THOR (Sass)

An excellent red, early.

2 eye division \$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### THURA HIRES (Nicholls)

Opens very light pink. In class with GEORGE W. PEYTON and FLORENCE NICHOLLS.

1 eye division.....\$1.50      2 eye division.....\$2.50

5 eye division.....\$5.00

### TOURANGELLE (Dessert)—9.4

A very beautiful light pink peony in dark cloudy weather. Fades white in full sun.

3 eye division.....\$ .75

### TRAGEDY (Hollis)—8.0

Late, tall, red double.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.25

### VICTOIRE DE LA MARNE (Dessert)

Selected as best red double variety at Rochester National Show.

5 eye division.....\$1.00

### VICTOR'S CROWN (Neeley)

This very light pink peony approaches the variety Mrs. J. H. Neeley in quality, beauty, and value. In

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very bright weather with full sunshine when its color changes to white it retains its very beautiful pink center and for that reason it may be more valuable even than the other variety. It is a show variety, a landscape variety, and is also most excellent for interior decoration. It is one of my 5 X varieties which is the highest rating I place on any of my peonies.

2 eye division.....\$1.50      5 eye division.....\$3.00

### VICTORY CHATEAU THIERRY (Brand)—8.9

This very large and very beautiful new pink peony has received, I believe, more commendations than any other of the new peonies from Mr. Brand's garden. I, also, am glad to sound its praises. In addition to its show room value, which is very great, I believe its value on the landscape will be even greater.

2 eye division.....\$1.25      5 eye division.....\$2.00

### WALTER FAXON (Richardson)—9.3

A medium-size variety with the most attractive pink color in the whole peony world except that in the variety Mrs. Livingston Farrand. Its stems are strong enough to carry the blooms gracefully and its outstanding color makes it a great favorite with garden visitors.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### W. E. BLANCHETTE (Brand)

A new red double from Mr. Brand's garden.

1 eye division.....\$1.00      2 eye division.....\$2.00  
3 eye division.....\$3.00      5 eye division.....\$5.00

### WESTHILL (Little)

Mr. Little tells me that he believes this pink double variety is the favorite of his garden visitors.

1 eye division.....\$3.00      2 eye division.....\$ 6.00  
3 eye division.....\$9.00      5 eye division.....\$15.00

### WHITE BEAUTY (Auten)

Very large white double with good stems.

2 eye division.....\$ .75      5 eye division.....\$1.50

### WHITE DELIGHT (Auten)

Extra early, fragrant white double.

2 eye division.....\$1.00      5 eye division.....\$2.50

### WHITE EAGLE (Sass)

Very early white with splendid stems.

1 eye division.....\$1.00      2 eye division.....\$2.00  
5 eye division.....\$5.00

### ZIBA (Little)

A very large, double red variety of a distinctive shade that turns to deep rose as the flower ages. Erect plant, good buds, which open perfectly.

1 eye division.....\$2.00      2 eye division.....\$ 4.00  
5 eye division.....\$10.00

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# PEONY PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Peonies should be planted in soil which is at least as well fertilized and pulverized as the soil in the vegetable garden. Do not use fresh manure. The ground must be drained perfectly. Elevate the peony bed at least three inches above the surrounding soil so that no water can remain upon it. Plant the roots about four feet apart. Place the root in such a position that the eyes or sprouts will be exactly even with the top of the bed, and then cover them with two inches of the finest soil you can procure.

**Do not cover the eyes with more than two inches of soil.**

One inch is enough for growth, but should the eyes become uncovered, it would ruin the plant, for the eyes cannot withstand the sun's rays. Consequently, we recommend two inches as the safest amount of covering with the word of caution that a deeper covering than this will result in weaker, slower growing plants.

When the ground has frozen to a depth of about two inches, cover a newly planted Peony bed with two or three inches of leaves, straw or other litter, to protect from the alternate thawing and freezing of February and March. The freezing does not hurt the roots, but the continued thawing and freezing lifts newly planted roots out of the ground.

After the first year no covering is necessary. Remove the covering about March 25th to April 15th and be careful not to break the tender sprouts.

**THE COMMON MISTAKE IS PLANTING TOO DEEPLY.**

**WATCH THIS AND PLANT THE ROOTS ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS**

**THE BONNEWITZ PEONY GARDENS, Van Wert, Ohio**

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## Special Instructions for Planting, Watering and the Care of Small Peony Divisions

One, two and three eye divisions having smaller roots than 5 eye divisions need to be given water more regularly. We suggest a thorough soaking of the ground after the small divisions have been planted to be followed by another thorough soaking every ten days or two weeks until the ground freezes. After the ground has frozen solid, probably about December 15th to January 1st, small divisions should be covered with straw, leaves, or even boards. This covering is needed to keep the warm sunshine in late February and early March from thawing the ground which would immediately freeze during the night following. This alternate thawing and freezing lifts the newly planted roots from the ground, but covering will not be needed over older peony plantings. In the spring the small divisions should be watered at least once every week from the time they appear above ground until the blooming season.

**SMALL PEONY DIVISIONS CAN BE PURCHASED AT MUCH  
LOWER PRICES THAN LARGER DIVISIONS.**

**THE BONNEWITZ PEONY GARDENS, Van Wert, Ohio**

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