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Dahlia Collections

Dahlia Collection No. 1 \$2.00 (Small and Pompon)

FAIRY. A beautiful pink with a gold cast. Very nice for cutting.
LITTLE DOROTHY. Small yellow and white Pompon. Very early bloomer.
MORNING MIST. Prolific blooming white with a delicate lavender overtone. The more it is cut, the more it blooms.
SPRINGHILL ROSE. Finest in its color class. No open centers.
 1 each variety, 4 tubers \$2.00.

Dahlia Collection No. 3 \$5.00 (Jumbo Giant Dahlias, the Largest Grown)

FAITHFUL. A giant white, larger than any other white we ever offered.
MRS. THOMAS EDISON. Giant red blossoms with a silver sheen. Notice how square this bush grows. A very fine Dahlia which draws everyone's attention at once.
RUFFLED GIANT. Finest Giant Dahlia grown for an accent piece in your garden. The flowers of brilliant orange are huge and encircle the top of the bush.
TOPS. A giant yellow which we think is tops among the yellows.
 1 each variety, 4 tubers \$5.00.

Dahlia Collection No. 2 \$3.00 (Large Flowering Varieties)

AVALON. Fine yellow Dahlia, producing an abundance of blooms.
COMMANDO. Perfect pure lavender, a huge flower which grows the way we wish all Dahlias would grow.
DR. TAYLOR. Glistening scarlet-red of unusual depth and beauty. A Dahlia that will often have several blooms per stem.
MARIE. Another beauty, of a delicate pink shade which makes this flower a true masterpiece.
 1 each variety, 4 tubers \$3.00.



Commando Dahlia

Free

With every Dahlia order amounting to \$5.00 or more.

One **OGDEN REID**, an immense champion that easily grows 12 inches across. A special pink blended with rose-pink and stripes of primuline-yellow. An especially healthy plant and vigorous grower. Free and prolific bloomer. Outstanding. (Not sold alone).



Pompon Dahlia

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Nelis Most Popular Mum Collection

These early flowering and large blooming varieties were selected according to their popularity and excellent performance in the field. Most admired by visitors and sure to please, we are happy to offer you these lovely Mum varieties.

	Each	3	Doz.
COURAGEOUS. Large, double flowers of rich maroon measuring 3 1/2 in. in diameter. Strong, upright, healthy green foliage. Late September bloomer	\$.50	\$1.35	\$4.50
HUNTSMAN. Large, tall blooming, of a vivid scarlet-orange shade. Very decorative variety	.50	1.35	4.50
KRISTINA. Large, Daisy-like flowers of deep rose-pink with purple glow. A most unusual brilliant addition to your garden. Very hardy	.50	1.35	4.50
LEE POWELL. Large orange-gold Mum, of fine strong substance. Very decorative and long lasting	.50	1.35	4.50
ORCHID HELEN. Very fine shaped, orchid-lavender flowers. Outstanding in this color class. The flowers are medium sized and very attractive	.50	1.35	4.50
POMPONETTE. An excellent early yellow. Medium sized flowers making mounds of large balls on strong stems. Profuse bloomer	.50	1.35	4.50
SNOWBALL. Lovely white with light cream center, a truly lovely Mum which should not be missing in your garden	.50	1.35	4.50
TRIXIE. Unusual combination of apricot, salmon and pink. Flowers are large, with long spike petals. Free blooming with long, wiry stems	.50	1.35	4.50



Orchid Helen

MOST POPULAR MUM COLLECTION
 1 each of 8 varieties (unlabeled) .\$.325
 3 each of 8 varieties (24 labeled) \$.675



Pink Cushion Mum

Cushion Mums (All Early Bloomers)

This prolific, improved strain of low growing Mums forms mounds of colorful blooms. Plants grow about one foot high and spread two to three feet in width. All bloom early and are in full bloom in September, continuing until frost. Winter hardy with a little straw protection. Sometimes they are called "Million-Mums" as they are literally covered with blooms.

	3	Doz.
AUTUMN LIGHT. Fire-red. Perfectly formed plant about 18 in. high and 3 ft. in diameter, covered with a blaze of red flowers	1.00	3.50
BLACK VELVET. Unusual deep maroon shade, very fine grower	1.00	3.50
BRONZE CUSHION. Warm golden bronze, free blooming, and always very popular.	1.00	3.50
MAJOR CUSHION. Clear lilac. Masses of lovely lilac flowers on perfect dark green background of mound	1.00	3.50
ORANGE CUSHION. Nicely proportioned plant, covered with a profusion of brilliant orange flowers	1.00	3.50
PINK CUSHION. Colorful mounds of light pink flowers produced by the hundreds.	1.00	3.50
ROSE-LAVENDER CUSHION. A fine new addition to this group of delicate coloring, sure to please you	1.00	3.50
YELLOW CUSHION. Brilliant, pure golden yellow, producing multitudes of long lasting blooms	1.00	3.50
WHITE CUSHION. Opening to a clear delicate pink, the flowers turn pure white as they develop	1.00	3.50



Charles Nye Pompon Mum

CUSHION MUM COLLECTION

1 each of 9 varieties (9 plants unlabeled) \$ 3.15
 3 each of 9 varieties (27 plants labeled) 8.50
 6 each of 9 varieties (54 plants labeled) 16.50

SPOON MUMS

The always popular and elegantly shaped Spoon Mums are hardy growers and are excellent for the garden or for cutting.

ROSE SPOON. Lavender-rose, medium tall. Very striking variety.
 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.

MAGENTA SPOON. Magenta-red, deeply colored and of bright gaiety.
 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.



Spoon Mum

POMPON MUMS

This type of Chrysanthemum is ideal for cut flowers. It produces a multitude of lovely, miniature rosette-type flowers, each 1 inch or more across, in large clusters of sprays. Most of them bloom in September.

CHARLES NYE. Fully double, rounded flowers of rich buttercup-yellow, blossoms 2 to 2 1/2 inches across on 18 to 24 inch stems. Very free blooming and especially long lasting variety. 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.
JEWELRY. A lovely lavender Pompon Mum with a silvery sheen. Free blooming and excellent for cutting. 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.
RONNIE. Wine colored with ruby substance, with neat, ball-like flowers. Extremely pretty. 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.
ROSITA. Light persian-rose in color, this Mum blooms from mid-September until frost. Height 2 feet. Very free blooming. 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.
SEPTEMBER BRONZE. Mingling shades of bronze cover this Mum from early fall until late in the year. 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.
WHITE BOUNTY. This exquisitely formed Mum has ball-shaped flowers, so freely blooming that each spray is a bouquet in itself. White with creamy center. 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.

POMPON MUM COLLECTION
 1 each of 6 varieties (unlabeled) ..\$2.15
 3 each of 6 varieties (labeled) ..\$5.75
 6 each of 6 varieties (labeled) ..\$11.25

NELIS CHRYSANTHEMUM SPECIAL

From our stock of over 50 varieties we will ship 1 each of 10 varieties, unlabeled (our choice of varieties) for only \$1.75. 3 collections (30 plants) for \$5.00.

Climbing Lily

(GLORIOSA ROTHSCHILDIANA)

A splendid low climber, this relative of the Lily family is easily grown in the garden and does well in sheltered spots out-of-doors. It can be started indoors early in the year and blooms in the late summer. The flowers open to a bright yellow and red and change to a deep scarlet. A most unusual and rare garden bulb. Tubers are stored like Gladioli during the winter, and replanted year after year.
 Each \$1.65; 3 for \$4.50



Climbing Lily (Gloriosa Rothschildiana)

SWEET VIOLETS

ROSINA. Very graceful coloring of pink and rose with charming fragrance. It produces flowers in spring and fall in great quantity, and resists sun and dry weather conditions.
 Each 45c; 3 for \$1.30; \$4.50 per doz.

ROYAL ROBE. A most floriferous Violet, which makes a beautiful globular shaped plant, about 10 to 12 inches high. The fragrant, dainty flowers show very prominently on top of the foliage and are a lustrous shade of deepest violet-blue.
 Each 45c; 3 for \$1.30; \$4.50 per doz.

WHITE WONDER. An unusually lovely new white Violet. Blossoms are pure white with the center of the flower faintly marked with veins of pink and blue. Delicately beautiful and fragrant.
 Each 45c; 3 for \$1.30; \$4.50 per doz.

BUDDLEIA (Butterfly Bush)

For summer blooming and continued blossoms through early fall, these Buddleias are unsurpassed, either for show in the garden or for use as cut flowers. They grow 3 to 4 feet high and the sweet fragrance attracts quantities of beautiful butterflies.

BONFIRE. Hardy Butterfly Bush of rich dark red, with pleasing deep green foliage. Ideal for cut flowers, as well as an ornamental shrub. Flowers from midsummer until frost.
 Each 75c; 3 for \$1.75

DUBONNET. A lovely shade of wine-red, of erect growth and long stemmed. A fine, late summer cut flower and an entirely new color in Buddleias.
 Each 75c; 3 for \$1.75

ORCHID BEAUTY. Soft orchid-purple, with brilliant orange eye. Strong growing plants with good keeping qualities and ideal as cut flowers. Claimed to be the best known Buddleia.
 Each 75c; 3 for \$1.75

PINK DAWN. Flower pink throughout, producing a great abundance of blooms and deep green foliage. Excellent cut flower. Best truly pink-flowering Buddleia known today.
 Each 75c; 3 for \$1.75

WHITE QUEEN. Startling new glistening white Buddleia with hardy, 8-inch spikes. "All-out-at-once" blooms. Fine for cut flowers and excellent shrub. Blooms from July until frost. Very fragrant.
 Each 75c; 3 for \$1.75

SPECIAL: Our choice, all varieties mixed, \$3.50 per doz.



Violet, Royal Robe

GIANT SHASTA DAISY NOVELTIES

GRAND MARCONI. (Frilled). An outstanding variety, producing double, white Chrysanthemum-like flowers on about 2 1/2 to 3 foot stems. Will bloom continuously during the summer months if flowers are kept cut. Excellent for outdoor culture. Each 60c; 3 for \$1.50; \$5.00 per doz.

MOUNT SHASTA. An ideal plant, grand for cutting and always in flower. Double, pure white flowers of good size and long lasting. Begins blooming in June and continues until late in the season. Easily grown plants, impartial to sun.
 Each 60c; 3 for \$1.50; \$5.00 per doz.

SNOW QUEEN. Giant single blossoms of pure white with golden center. Flowers are up to 6 inches across on stems up to 3 feet tall. Blooms continuously until frost. Ideal cut flower.
 Each 60c; 3 for \$1.50; \$5.00 per doz.

WIRRAL'S SUPREME. Double, pure white, Aster-like flowers. A giant Esther Read, at least twice the size of the old variety, on taller, stouter stems. These plants are from the original imported stock. Prolific bloomer.
 Each 75c; 3 for \$2.00; \$7.50 per doz.

SHASTA DAISY COLLECTION

1 each of the above varieties, 4 plants (unlabeled) \$2.45
 3 each of the above varieties, 12 plants (labeled) 6.25
 6 each of the above varieties, 24 plants (labeled) 11.75



Mt. Shasta Daisy

Hardy Garden Lilies

LILIUM AURATUM ("Gold Band Lily"). One of the finest Lilies known. The large, ivory-white, fragrant flowers are thickly studded with crimson spots and striped golden yellow through the center of the flower. Bulbs 8 to 9 inches in circumference. Immediate shipment.
 Each 70c; 3 for \$2.00; \$7.50 per doz.

LILIUM CANDIDUM ("Madonna Lily"). This is the earliest outdoor garden Lily and one of the oldest, loveliest and best known varieties. You have often admired it, with its rich perfume and snow-white flowers, from 3 to 15 on a stem. It is very hardy and will thrive in any light garden soil, with plenty of light and air. Shipment in August, at its proper planting time.
 Large bulbs, 3 for \$1.50; \$5.00 per doz.
 Medium bulbs, 3 for \$1.20; \$4.00 per doz.

LILIUM, ORANGE TRIUMPH. A startling introduction of really brilliant orange in the Umbellatum class, which has created a remarkable enthusiasm in the Netherlands. Height 3 1/2 feet with erect flowers. An outstanding flower of striking color. Immediate shipment.
 3 for \$1.25; \$4.50 per doz.



Lilium Auratum



Lilium Rubrum

LILIUM RUBRUM. Rich ruby-carmine on white background, stout of substance with broad, elegantly curved petals. This variety stands out prominently because of its vigorous growth as well as size and depth of coloring. A real beauty. Blooms in August. Bulbs 8 to 9 inches in circumference. Immediate shipment.
 60c each; 3 for \$1.75; \$6.50 per doz.

Gorgeous Colchicums

For August Shipment

Sensational Wonder Bulb—No Soil, No Water, No Care.

Place the bulb, just as it is, on the mantel, window ledge or table and with no further attention on your part, it will reward you with its exquisitely lovely blooms. The usefulness of the bulbs does not end after the blossoms fade. Plant them outside in the fall and in the spring luxuriant green foliage appears. When the foliage dies down, dig up the bulbs and the blooming will be repeated indoors.

NEW COLORS—NEW SUPER-LARGE VARIETIES
ORDER NOW FOR INDOOR BLOOMING

AUTUMNALE MAJOR. Lavender. 30c each; 3 for 80c; \$3.00 per doz.

AUTUMN QUEEN. Dark lilac, truly exceptional. 50c each; 3 for \$1.25; \$4.00 per doz.

DAENDELS. Light purple, extra large. 50c each; 3 for \$1.25; \$4.00 per doz.

LILAC WONDER. Clear mauve; prolific. 50c each; 3 for \$1.25; \$4.00 per doz.

THE GIANT. Soft purple. 50c each; 3 for \$1.25; \$4.00 per doz.

VIOLET QUEEN. A majestic lilac-violet. 50c each; 3 for \$1.25; \$4.00 per doz.

6 bulb collection, 1 each of 6 (unlabeled) \$ 2.50

18 bulb collection, 3 each of 6 (labeled) 5.75

36 bulb collection, 6 each of 6 (labeled) 11.00



Colchicums



Sternbergia Lutea

STERNBERGIA LUTEA

(Golden Yellow Autumn Flower)
For August Shipment

We have been fortunate in obtaining a shipment from Turkey where the Sternbergias are native and are now able to offer you these scarce flowers. The bulbs develop their foliage shortly before blooming, adding to the beauty of the richly textured yellow flowers which come forth around mid-September and reach a height of 6 to 8 inches. They are perfectly hardy and may be used for potting indoors. Plant in late August three inches deep in well drained soil where they will have full sun.

6 for \$1.35 12 for \$2.50 25 for \$4.65

HARDY AMARYLLIS HALLI (Lycoris Squamigera)

For August Shipment

Produces attractive green foliage which grows from early spring until July, when it ripens and disappears. About a month later, as if by magic, the flower stalks spring up to a height of 2 to 3 feet, developing an umbel of large, Lily-shaped flowers, 8 to 12 in number, of a delicate lilac-pink shade. The bulbs are perfectly hardy. Plant 4 inches deep, measuring from the top of the bulb.

Each 60c; 3 for \$1.75; \$6.00 per doz.

TUBEROSE

Double Pearl

Delightfully fragrant and beautiful. For best show plant six or more in one bed.

6 for \$1.20; \$2.25 per doz.

TIGRIDIA

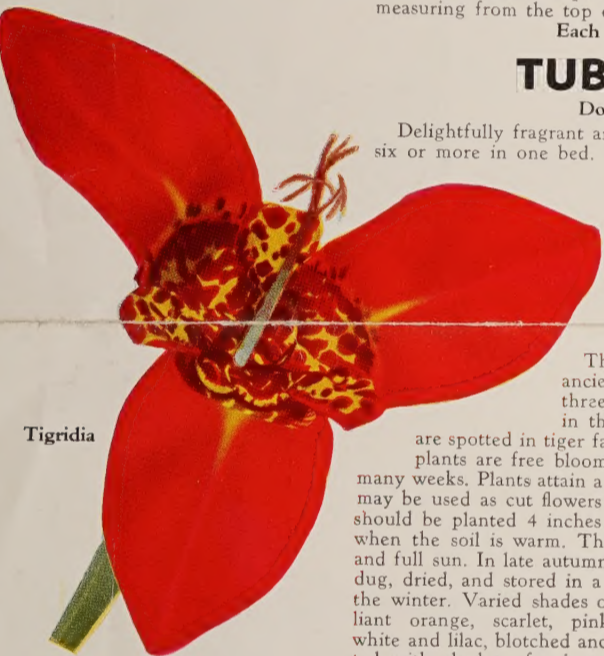
(Mexican Shell Flower)

These unique, but little known flowers come from the ancient gardens of Mexico. Flowering in midsummer, the three outer petals form a triangular pattern which is repeated in the arrangement of the three smaller center petals, which are spotted in tiger fashion. Although the individual flower lasts only one day, plants are free blooming and lend a dominant color note to your garden for many weeks. Plants attain a height of 2 to 2½ feet, with short, sabre-like foliage and may be used as cut flowers if the stems are seared immediately after cutting. Bulbs should be planted 4 inches deep in the spring when the soil is warm. They prefer rich soils and full sun. In late autumn the bulbs must be dug, dried, and stored in a cool, dry place for the winter. Varied shades of brilliant orange, scarlet, pink and white and lilac, blotched and spotted with shades of crimson and maroon.

Mixed only, \$1.55 per doz.; \$3.00 per 25



Tuberose



Tigridia

Cannas for Summer Beds

Cannas are invaluable for a really lovely show in your garden or a special bed in the center of your lawn. The brilliant shades of the flowers together with the majestic foliage in varying shades of green and bronze provide an exotic effect. The roots are best started early as Cannas thrive best in midsummer heat. They bloom for months until late fall and should be watered freely in dry periods. Store during the winter as Dahlias.

	3	Doz.
CITY OF PORTLAND. Rosy pink, luxuriant growth with compact green foliage. Height 3½ feet	\$0.75	\$2.50
KING HUMBERT. Orange-scarlet flowers with contrasting brown-bronze foliage. Height 4½ feet	.75	2.50
THE PRESIDENT. Enormous scarlet flowers with green foliage. Height 4 feet	.75	2.50
WYOMING. Lovely orange flowers with bronze foliage. Height 3½ feet	.75	2.50
YELLOW KING HUMBERT. Yellow flowers with heavily marked crimson dots. Height 4½ feet	.75	2.50

COLLECTION OF CANNAS

1 each of 5 (un-labeled) ..\$1.25
3 each of 5 (15 labeled) ..\$3.25



Canna

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

(Imported from Belgium)

These gorgeous summer flowering bulbs produce brilliant flowers which are carried well above the abundant foliage. They thrive superbly well in moist soil in shady spots. Bulbs may be started indoors in pots in March or April and transplanted outdoors from mid-June on, or earlier, providing the soil is warm. Bulbs should be planted about 2 inches deep. Lovely delicate shades, as well as brilliant colors, as follows:

HUGE DOUBLE VARIETIES
Copper, Pink, Red, Salmon, Scarlet, White, Yellow.
Your choice, \$2.00 per doz.; \$3.85 for 25; \$13.50 per 100.

ALL COLORS MIXED, \$1.00 for six; \$1.85 per doz.; \$13.00 per 100.

Tuberous Begonias

ISMENE CALATHINA

(Peruvian Daffodil)

This summer-blooming member of the Amaryllis family will bring pleasure to every gardener. It blooms very soon after planting and produces clusters of striking, pearly white flowers which are borne on proud, straight stems. The curious Lily-like flowers look as if an ambitious gardener had tried to improve on nature and snipped the edges in perfect symmetry. Besides its qualities of beauty and easy growing performance, this flower also has a lovely fragrance and keeps well as a cut flower, guarding its fragrance to the last.

Mammoth-blooming size bulbs, each 75c; 3 for \$2.00; \$7.50 per doz.



Ismene Calathina

NEW GIANT DUTCH IMPORTED AMARYLLIS In Your Choice of Color

Newest, largest and, showiest—true to color—varieties imported for the great thrill they will give you for years to come.

Majestic Dark Red
Intense Orange

Each \$3.50

Brilliant Clear Red
Red with white stripe

\$10.00 for 3

Clear Pink Pure White

The scarcest of all.
Each \$4.00

These bulbs will bloom within a few weeks after planting. Full instructions for their care are shipped with each order. The flower stalks bear from 4 to 8 lovely flowers, which measure 8 inches across.

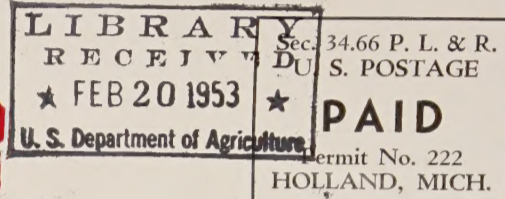
CHOICE DOMESTIC GROWN AMARYLLIS
In Mixed Colors Only
\$1.15 each;
3 for \$2.85;
4 for \$5.00.

1953



New Giant Dutch Imported Amaryllis

(Description Above)



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Holland, Mich.

NEW FRAGRANT GLADIOLI

(Acidanthera Bicolor Murielae)

(Abyssinian Gladiolus)

White with maroon center. Smells like a Tuberose, grows like a Gladiolus. Looks like an Orchid. Although not a true Glad, this novelty resembles them very closely and should be handled in the same manner. Blooms in August and is another ideal cut flower.
\$1.10 per doz.; \$1.95 per 25; \$3.75 per 50



Acidanthera Bicolor Murielae

Imported from the Netherlands—the best European varieties.

	Doz.	25	100
ABU HASSAN. Clear dark violet that holds its color to the tip of the flowers	\$1.30	\$2.30	\$8.50
CARDINAL SPELLMAN. Fuchsia-red with a lavender sheen. A striking color and strong flowers	1.25	2.25	8.00
JOHANN STRAUSS. Beautiful light red, large florets on strong stems	1.25	2.25	8.00
LADY JANE. Delicate cream coloring. An outstanding Glad in this color class	1.25	2.25	8.00
LAVENDER DREAM. A tall and ruffled pale lavender, which cannot be beat for its excellent performance	1.25	2.25	8.00
LEEUEWENHORST. Delicate rosy lilac shading to salmon-rose. Petals edged with purplish line. Enormous flowers	1.25	2.25	8.00
MARSHALL MONTGOMERY. Deep velvety red. Very strong. Often has 8 to 10 florets open at the same time. A sensation among the reds	1.30	2.30	8.50
MORNING KISS. Pure white. Large flowering. 8 florets open at the same time. One of the finest whites	1.25	2.25	8.00
SPOTLIGHT. Deep yellow, very striking, wide florets with attractive small scarlet blotch	1.25	2.25	8.00
SILHOUETTE. A rich, warm smoky shade which defies description. Its unusual and magnificent coloring will add to the beauty of any Glad collection	1.25	2.25	8.00

NEW EUROPEAN GLAD COLLECTION

3 each of 10 varieties (labeled) 30 bulbs	\$ 3.50
6 each of 10 varieties (labeled) 60 bulbs	6.00
12 each of 10 varieties (labeled) 120 bulbs	10.50

SUPERIOR AMERICAN GLADIOLUS

	Doz.	25	100
ACCA LAURENTIA. Vivid apricot shade with faint hue of yellow in throats. Large flowers	\$1.15	\$2.00	\$7.00
BENJAMIN BRITTON. Lovely purple with a magenta sheen. Large florets, 6 to 8 open at a time	1.15	2.00	7.00
BOUTON D'OR. Golden yellow; ruffled. Considered by many the best and deepest golden yellow in existence today	1.15	2.00	7.00
BURMA. Deep rose; beautiful, ruffled flowers on strong stems	1.15	2.00	7.00
JOE WAGENAAR. Deep red. A fine exhibition variety as well as ideal cut flower	1.15	2.00	7.00
MANSOER. A beautiful maroon flower of velvety texture, of perfect form	1.15	2.00	7.00
SALMAN'S GLORY. Rich creamy white with a striking blotch of carmine-red, edged deep yellow with up to 24 buds	1.15	2.00	7.00
SNOW PRINCESS. Pure white opening 8 or more florets at the same time. One of the best whites	1.15	2.00	7.00
TIVOLI. Soft rose color. Large, wide open florets	1.15	2.00	7.00
VALERIA. Bright red, producing a beautiful spike and strong grower	1.15	2.00	7.00

COLLECTION OF AMERICAN GLADIOLUS

3 each (30 bulbs, labeled)	\$2.95
6 each (60 bulbs, labeled)	5.25
12 each (120 bulbs, labeled)	8.95



Abu Hassan Gladiolus