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SEED * POTATOES

—GROWN AND FOR SALE BY—

* L. L. OLDS, *

Clinton, Rock Co., Wisconsin,

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In presenting to the public our second annual catalogue of Choice Seed Potatoes we are gratified to know that our customers of last year seem to have been very well satisfied with the results of their investments. A large number of letters have come in, testifying to the value of our seed, and to an appreciation of our efforts to please. We reproduce one from Mr. Morris, who gave us quite a large order last spring for himself and for his neighbors:

MR. L. L. OLDS, CLINTON, WIS:—

DWIGHT, ILL., Jan. 23, 1889.

Dear Sir:— Your letter of the 17th at hand. Will say the potatoes I got from you last spring did very well. Planted some early and some late. The first I planted did very well indeed, the late ones were drowned out by a big rain. Some of the others said they had never invested money to a better advantage than they did in buying their seed of you. I will need some more next spring. Please send me your price-list as soon as it is out. Will try and get a club order. Please send your best terms to a club.

Yours Truly,
WM. MORRIS.

FARMERS', CHANGE YOUR SEED!

There is undoubtedly just as much need of obtaining a new stock of seed every few years in raising potatoes as in raising anything else. Our most successful potato-growers do not plant their own stock at all, but always send off to a different locality for their seed. Again, every variety, no matter how good it is, runs out after a while. It has always been so, and probably always will be. It is the new blood that is the most vigorous. Why do you insist on planting Early Rose and Snowflake year after year, when there are so many new kinds that are of just as good quality, and will yield twice as much?

TERMS.—All orders accompanied by the Cash will be noted and acknowledged at once, and the potatoes shipped as soon as danger of freezing is past. Our crop last year was a light one owing to the drought, and therefore our stock is not large. We have put our prices very low to correspond with the low market price, and we venture to say that these varieties cannot be procured of any RELIABLE seedsmen at a lower price.

The prices named in every case are BY WEIGHT. One bushel is 60 pounds. One barrel 165 pounds, or nearly three bushels.

No extra charge for packing or packages.

Our prices are so low that we cannot make any reduction for an order of less than three barrels. Send for special rates on large orders.

Give full shipping directions in your order. We are located on both the C. M. & St. P. and the C. & N. W. Railroads.

Send in early before our assortment has been reduced.

VARIETIES.

EARLY SUNRISE.—This is fast becoming the most popular early potato in the United States. We put it at the head of our list last year, and we do not hesitate to give it the same place again this year. Probably no EARLIER variety has ever been introduced, as it will produce a crop large enough for the table in fifty days. It resembles the Early Rose somewhat in shape and color. It yields well, is a vigorous grower, and is good to eat as soon as large enough. Everyone wanted it last year, and we had a great many orders come in after our stock was exhausted. It seems to have given general satisfaction, and we recommend it to all.

Price, 40 cents per peck; \$1.25 per bushel of 60 pounds; \$3.00 per barrel of 165 pounds.

EARLY HARVEST.—Very much like the Sunrise in every respect. Our stock of both varieties was procured at the same time. We have raised the two side by side for four years and have seen no appreciable difference between them. The Early Harvest has not been so much advertised as the Sunrise, and is not so well-known, but for our own use we would just as soon have it. It is a native of Ohio, from the same neighborhood as the well-known Early Ohio. To show that it is an extra early sort, it is reported by reliable seedsmen that it has proven to be ready for market earlier than Hebron, Clark's or Ohio, on the same ground.

Price, 35 cents per peck; \$1.00 per bushel; \$2.50 per barrel.

WATSON'S SEEDLING.—A remarkably smooth and nice shaped potato after the Early Rose style. Very much like Clark's No. 1; so much so that we consider them practically identical. We did not recommend the Watson's very highly last year, because other newer sorts seemed more promising, but last season it yielded the BEST OF ALL OUR KINDS, BOTH EARLY AND LATE. We consider this fact pretty good testimony in its favor. We advise you to try it if you have never done so. We feel quite sure that you will be pleased with it. It always grows smooth and handsome, and cooks up beautifully.

Price, same as Early Harvest.

EARLY OHIO.—This variety needs no description. We discarded it once because we believed others were better. But it has such a high reputation, and is so much sought after all over the country, that we have procured new stock and can now furnish it to those who desire it.

Price, same as the Early Harvest.

BEAUTY OF HEBRON.—Another old standard early variety. A great favorite everywhere, and deservedly so. It ripens very quickly, has always been described as earlier than the Early Rose, and is especially popular among market gardeners.

Price, same as Early Harvest.

MAYFLOWER.—The successor to the Snowflake, which it closely resembles. It is fully as good as a table potato, which is the highest recommendation that could be given in that respect. It is a little earlier than the Snowflake, but the all-important point is that it is a MUCH BETTER YIELDER. This variety was exhibited by us and took FIRST PREMIUM AS BEST TABLE

POTATO at the Wisconsin and Illinois State Fairs, and also at Rock and Walworth County Fairs.

Price, 35 cents per peck; \$1.00 per bushel; \$2.50 per barrel.

CRANE'S POTENTATE.—A very handsome white potato. Is nearly round in shape, the eyes being few and shallow. It is noted for the SMOOTHNESS AND UNIFORM SIZE of its tubers. Crane's Potentate is a good yielder, and a good cooker; and has given good satisfaction wherever it has been tried. Perhaps the only objection to it is its shape. It is classed as a medium early.

Price, same as Mayflower.

GARFIELD.—We made the statement last year that we were better satisfied with this variety, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, than with anything else we had. We do not hesitate to say the same thing again this year. Our customers also seem to have been much pleased with it. Mr. Geo. Harding, Fine Stock Breeder of Waukesha, Wis., writes: "It was very dry here and potatoes were a light crop. The Garfields were very smooth and nice, with fair yield, and are fine cookers and EXTRA BAKERS. I shall plant them and the Early Ohio this year, and think you are safe in recommending them." Mr. Matt Anderson, of Pine Bluff, Wis., writes: "The Garfields did the best of the varieties I got from you." The Garfield is a seedling of Early Vermont, hybridized with Excelsior. It excels both of its parents, however, as a market potato. In color, and also in quality, it is like the Mayflower, but is longer, being more like the Vermont in shape. In season, it is between early and late. It is not only of the VERY BEST QUALITY, but is also a GOOD yielder, and altogether we consider it as THE POTATO for the million. Try it everybody.

Price, 40 cents per peck; \$1.25 per bushel; \$3.00 per barrel.

ALEXANDER'S PROLIFIC.—An exceedingly popular potato. The following is the original description: "It is a wonderful yielder, skin white, well covered with rough netting, (which denotes a good cooker), eyes few, and lie even with the surface; flesh pure white, and purest flavor; finegrained, always solid, cooks through equally and quickly; it is dry and floury, but does not fall to pieces or waste. A very vigorous grower, and to a great degree resists the ravages of the bugs." Prof. Henry, of the Wisconsin State University, in testing fifteen varieties, ranks the Alexander's Prolific first, out-yielding all others. Last year we sold MORE of this kind than of any other on our list. We consider it about as profitable for a market variety as anything we have.

Price, same as Garfield.

EMPIRE STATE.—NEW. This is probably the most popular just now of all new kinds. It has been very widely advertised, and is strongly recommended by prominent seedsmen as a main crop variety. It is after the Burbank's style. A VERY HANDSOME POTATO, and an unusually STRONG GROWER. Originated in New York, as its name implies, it has been introduced very rapidly into all parts of the country, and everywhere seems to have stood the severest tests. It comes from the White Elephant, but is claimed to be much more productive than its parent, and it is also claimed that it will mature two weeks quicker. It bids fair also to supply the long-felt need of a potato of this stamp, which is of REALLY GOOD QUALITY. We

have had only one year's experience with it, but are fortunate in being able to offer quite a stock of it to our customers.

Price, 50 cents per peck; \$1.50 per bushel; \$3.50 per barrel.

ROSE'S SEEDLING.—A very large, nearly round, white potato. It is a very vigorous grower, and an immense yielder. The first year we tried it, it produced at the rate of 300 bushels per acre, with only ordinary field culture.

Price, 35 cents per peck; \$1.00 per bushel; \$2.50 per barrel.

CORLISS' MATCHLESS.—Very hardy, a strong grower and a great cropper. It produced at the Rural New Yorker experiment grounds in 1885, 1,008 bushels to the acre. As a result of this almost incredible report, the seed has been in demand and has been sold at very high prices. The tubers are long, with pink skin and white mealy flesh.

Price, same as Rose's Seedling.

AMERICAN GIANT.—Rightly named. An enormous potato, but of good shape for cooking, being long and smooth. Pure white in color and very showy. Mr. Harrington, of Delavan, Wis., who probably has the largest list of potatoes of any man in the world, places this among the **BEST FIVE** out of over 700 varieties. With us, although nearly a failure last year it has **AVERAGED** a larger yield for the last four years than any other variety.

Price, same as Rose's Seedling.

—«**(NEW VARIETIES.)**»—

The following kinds we have raised but one year. One stock is quite limited and therefore we can furnish them in very small quantities. Will send any of them, while they last, by mail, postpaid to any address, at 30 cts. per lb. or three pounds for 75 cts. By express or freight, purchaser paying for transportation, 10 cts. per lb. or 3 lbs for 25 cts.

No reduction for larger quantities.

EARLY MAINE.—A very handsome rose-colored potato somewhat similar in appearance to Beauty of Hebron. Earlier than Early Rose and claimed by many to be the **MOST PRODUCTIVE** of all early potatoes. It has a record of 410 bushels to the acre. Mr. Jerard, Potato Seedsman of Caribon, Maine, says of it: "After growing a score of varieties of the Early Rose type, I have dropped them all but this, the Pearl of Savoy and Early Ohio." Although we cannot recommend this, or any of the following varieties very strongly from our own experience having never seen them until this year, yet the Early Maine seems very promising indeed.

EARLY ALBINO.—Quite new, a cross of Early Ohio and Snowflake. White skined, very early, and as might be expected from its pedigree, of the **BEST QUALITY**. J. C. Vaughan, of Chicago, introduced it last year, and it gave such general satisfaction that this year he placed it at the head of his list.

PEARL OF SAVOY. An **EXTRA EARLY** variety that is becoming quite popular. A cross of Clark's No. 1 and Early Vermont but lighter colored than either. First-class in quality and reported to be a good yielder.

OHIO JUNIOR.—The only known seedling of the Early Ohio. Almost identical with that well known variety in every respect. It has the advantage of being new blood.

LEE'S FAVORITE.—Another **VERY EARLY** variety. Similar to Early Rose but of lighter color, although not white. It seems to possess **MORE** good qualities than most of these new sorts. It is **VERY PRODUCTIVE** having yielded at the rate of 400 bushels per acre; in size, it is uniformly large; smooth skinned, a good cooker and of the best quality, while it is declared by some to be the **VERY EARLIEST** desirable market sort.

VICKS EXTRA EARLY.—Noted for its fine table qualities.

THE THORBURN.—A seedling of Beauty of Hebron. Very popular. One chief characteristic is its solidity. It is said that a measured bushel will weigh from three to five pounds more than the same measure of any other variety. Yet it is of the best quality, and is not heavy in the sense of being soggy.

SMALL POTATOES AT HALF PRICE.

We have a small stock of the following varieties, which are under market size, but all in good condition for planting:—Watson's Seedling, Beauty of Hebron, Early Sunrise, Early Harvest, Mayflower and Garfield. These we will sell while they last at just **HALF PRICE**.