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CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS:

I now present you my little catalogue for another season, hoping for a share of your patronage in the near future.

The seeds here offered have been selected with the greatest care and are the same I shall use in my own garden. Without doubt the care bestowed upon them will be satisfactorily repaid.

If we desire *fine flowers*, the first thing needed is *good seed*, which I can supply at a very reasonable rate.

My mixed packets have proved so satisfactory that I deem it advisable to offer them the coming season in mixture—that is, those of the same variety but of different color or habit of growth. This gives the *most* for the *least* money. Selecting the *best* and *latest improved* and mixing them gives all the most desirable in a single packet. A word in regard to seeds. I do not now, nor have I heretofore, warranted them, but they are offered in good faith, believed to be as good as recommended; but for all that the greenhouse varieties of Chrysanthemum seed offered last year produced only inferior flowers. All plants from it should be destroyed. To make amends to all my customers who planted it last season I will give a packet of above as offered in this catalogue.

All my other seeds proved very satisfactory on my own grounds both to myself and visitors.

FLOWERS—THEIR CULTIVATION.

A few well grown specimens of the best afford more pleasure than a multitude closely crowded. Small seeds require careful planting and care till the young plants have made a little growth. Clean cultivation and protection from hard rains are also needed. Pansies are very easily grown here and do best without shade. Grow them in rich, well prepared soil, in a cool, airy situation, shading from the hottest sun if needful. Give plenty of water. Soil and plants become exhausted after the first year and a new lot of plants should be grown. Transplant when small if at all. From seed planted soon as the ground can be worked in spring flowers are produced in sixty days. For early spring flowering plants, seeds should be sown in August or early in September. The climate being so different the same cultural directions will not apply to all sections. Their needs should be studied and well supplied and in turn they will repay you with their best efforts. Variety gives the best display, but a collection too large will cause neglect of which the flower will not fail to remind you. The little collection I offer, well cultivated, will give more pleasure than the thousand and one varieties offered by many. For the ordinary garden a few of the best is enough.

Strawberries.

Matthew Crawford, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, publishes a very instructive catalogue guide on the Strawberry, which I think he will send you. Write for it and give him an order for plants. You will have no cause to regret it.

DIRECTIONS, TERMS, Etc.

My business is wholly by mail. I take *all* risks from loss by mail, provided my directions are followed. Thus you can order of me by mail just as well as you could buy of me in person. *Write very plainly, especially your name and address in full*, giving town, county, State and number of your post-office box. If a city resident give street and number.

Terms: Cash with order at my risk in the following ways:—Sums less than one dollar in United States postage stamps; larger sums by post-office money order, or if unable to obtain that send paper money in registered letter. You can get your letters registered at any post-office. The fee for either of the above may be deducted from amount you wish to send or seeds may be ordered extra to that amount.

I prepay postage on all I send you and guarantee its safe delivery.

For each dollar you send me you may select *seeds* at the single packet price amounting to \$1.20. An extra packet of seeds will be given with each order mailed me before April if you will send me the name and address of five or ten friends who grow flowers.

Seeds sent on receipt of order. Bulbs and potatoes soon as danger of freezing is over.

To The Trade: The pansy is my specialty. Woodbury's Pansy Seeds are grown only by me and are sold wholesale or retail or grown on contract. For twenty-five cents I will mail you a sample box of pansy blossoms *in September*. The twenty-five cents may be deducted from your first order. I would be pleased to have you catalogue my pansy seed. *All customers treated alike.*

DAVID B. WOODBURY.

PARIS, MAINE, Jan 1, 1888.

SELECT FLOWER SEEDS.

All except Hollyhocks and Sweet Williams flower first season. This list is selected from *the best* in cultivation. You want all the twenty-eight packets here offered. They amount to \$2.70. The collection will be mailed you for \$2.00.

ASTER.

Half-hardy annual. A beautiful flower in which great improvement has been made in the last few years. More than twenty-five sorts and colors in the Diamond, German Emperor, Pæony Perfection, Quilled and Victoria.

Above, *medium tall*, mixed, per packet, 10 cts.

Crown or Cocardean, pretty class with white center.

Chrysanthemum, large flowered class.

Above, *Dwarf*, many colors, per packet, 10 cts.

BALSAM.

Tender Annual. Produces flowers in great abundance of fine form and brilliant hue.

Blotched, striped and marbled in great

variety, mixed, per packet, 5 cts.

CHRYSANTHEMUM.

The greenhouse varieties (Chinese, Japanese and Pompon) are very popular and are grown more extensively each year. They flower the first year if sown early.

Choicest quality, mixed, per packet, 20 cts.

Annuals: These flower the first season and die.

Brilliant colors and bright zones, mixed,
per packet, 5 cts.

DAHLIA.

Dahlias are very easily grown from seed and flower the first season. Plant early in the house, cover lightly, keep quite warm and but little damp till the plants appear. Out door cultivation same as when grown from bulbs. My collection contains a choice variety of many colors.

Double and single, mixed, per packet, 10 cts.

DIANTHUS.

The annual Dianthus or Pink is among our most desirable summer flowers. Easily grown and continue in bloom all the season.

Choicest double in great variety, mixed,
per packet, 5 cts.

EVERLASTING FLOWERS.

Very desirable for winter bouquets. The blossoms should be cut before fully opened and dried in a dark room. The ornamental grasses are desirable to mix with them.

Several best varieties, mixed, per packet, 5 cts.

HOLLYHOCKS.

Old garden favorites, too well known to need description. Chater's superiør strain.

Double, six varieties, mixed, per packet, 10 cts.

LARKSPUR.

The Larkspur is a desirable annual, receiving quite an amount of attention of late, many new varieties having been introduced.

Best double, mixed, per packet, 10 cts.

LOBELIA.

Low growing plants desirable for the border, hanging baskets or vases.

Many of the newest and best, mixed, per packet, 10 cts.

MIGNONETTE.

Noted for its delightful fragrance. Several new species have been produced of late that are very desirable.

Four of the best, mixed, per packet, 5 cts.

NASTURTIUM.

The Dwarf or Tom Thumb varieties are charming border or bedding plants. Flower best in poor soil.

Newest and best sorts, mixed, per packet, 5 cts.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.

Very showy and when arranged with the everlasting flowers make attractive winter bouquets.

Many of the best sorts, mixed, per packet, 5 cts.

PHLOX.

The Grandiflora or large flowering varieties are of recent introduction and are greatly admired by all. Their long duration in bloom combined with their richness of color render them indispensable in the flower garden.

Choicest colors, mixed, per packet, 10 cts.

POPPY.

A class of remarkably showy, free-flowering plants.

Several best named sorts, mixed, per packet, 10 cts.

RICINUS (Castor Oil Bean).

Stately and showy ornamental foliage plants.

Best new varieties, mixed, per packet, 5 cts.

SMILAX.

The Smilax is the most desirable of all climbing plants for pot culture. Is very easily grown from seed, though it requires some time to germinate. The plants should be shaded from the hottest sun.

Per packet, 5 cts.

STATICE.

A very interesting and desirable class of plants of easy growth, remaining a long time in bloom. The plants are good for pot culture and the flowers for winter bouquets.

Best varieties, mixed, per packet, 5 cts.

SWEET PEA.

Very beautiful, free-flowering, climbing plants, of delightful fragrance. Plant in the open ground early as it can be worked. (Plant a few in a six inch pot in the house, and when warm weather comes transplant to the open ground without separating.)

Woodbury's Best, several of the new sorts

not yet much grown in this country,

mixed, per packet, 10 cts.

Per ounce, 20 cts.

Choice named of the higher priced sorts,

mixed, per packet, 5 cts.

Per ounce, 10 cts.

SWEET WILLIAM.

A well known free flowering class of plants of which the *double* flowered sorts are very attractive.

Choicest colors, mixed, per packet, 5 cts.

VERBENA.

This is truly a deserving favorite, combining as it does fragrance with beauty. My collection is particularly choice, containing the best large flowered sorts in great variety.

Mixed, per packet, 10 cts.

ZINNIA.

The Zinnias of the past few years show a marked improvement in the fine form of both flower and plant. Colors bright and showy, remaining a long time in bloom. They deserve a place in every garden.

Choice, double, mixed, per packet, 10 cts.

BULBS.

GLADIOLUS (Hybrids of Gandavensis).

The Gladiolus is our best summer and autumn flowering bulb. Should be planted about four inches deep. They grow and flower nicely in all warm, sunny situations and do equally well in pots. They require rich soil and plenty of water. Planted in May, they begin to flower in August, sending up a flower spike two to four feet in height, each spike bearing from fifteen to twenty-five lily-like flowers. I have originated my entire collection which is very large and choice. The select of ten thousand, they are of all colors and combinations known in this lovely flower, which, all things considered, hardly has a peer among our flowering plants. Grown for pleasure rather than the money they bring at the price I offer them, I sell in order to reduce my stock to a convenient size. Sold only in mixture.

Flowering Bulbs, choice, early and late,

mixed,

ten bulbs, 50 cts.

LILY.

The Lily is always a favorite. Its queenly beauty and delightful fragrance are ever a source of pleasure. Plant about five inches deep in light, well-prepared soil. They do equally well in the open ground or in pots. I offer three choice hardy varieties that are growing in my own grounds. You may order them when you please and they will be mailed to you at the

proper transplanting season (*the first of October*), well rooted and packed in moss.

Lancifolium Rubrum, white with crimson spots.

Longiflorum Japonicum, pure white trumpet-shaped flowers, five inches long.

Wallacei, orange, spotted black.

Each, 20 cts.

One of each, 50 cts.

Novelties in Vegetables, Of My Own Originating.

POTATO.

White Sport: I first offered this last season. It originated from the early Beauty of Hebron in 1885, there being one white tuber in a hill of that variety. It is a clean, clear white. Good quality, hardy and productive and has given good satisfaction the past season. It was the equal of any of the many new kinds tested on my grounds the past season, but one other doing as well. It did much better than its parent. Among the *desirable* varieties tested were Charles Downing, Early Albino, Early Mayflower, Hawkeye, New Queen, Potentate and Summit. Prices of any of above, good tubers, each, 15 cts.

Per pound, 30 cts.

EUREKA, NEW YORK, Nov. 7, 1887.

Mr. DAVID B. WOODBURY,

DEAR SIR:—The White Sport potato is a very good one with me. Tested beside all the leading varieties it proved as good as any and better than many kinds.

Yours Truly,

SHELDON MOORE.

SQUASH.

The Woodbury Squash of my originating was produced several years ago by crossing the Hubbard on the Butman. It has since been grown from hand-fertilized seed and its type is now established. Its outward appearance is similar to the Hubbard but smoother. Its flesh is of a lighter color. In quality it is of the *best*, being *dry, mealy* and of a *sweet, delicious* flavor. Are good to eat soon as ripe, good keepers, of hardy growth and good to yield. A winter squash of the running variety. Believing it the equal of any squash, it is now offered for trial (In my original packets only).

Per packet, 15 cts.

WATERVILLE, MAINE, Dec. 8, 1887.

Among the “fixings” and “side dishes” to our Thanksgiving dinner was a dish of the “Woodbury squash”, a new variety originated by David B. Woodbury, Paris, Maine. It was fine grained, sweet, dry, and of excellent flavor. It must be a decided acquisition to our list of desirable vegetables.
—*Eastern Farmer*.

CARIBOU, MAINE, Dec. 14, 1887.

DAVID B. WOODBURY,

MY DEAR SIR:—I received the sample of "Woodbury Squash" and had it baked next morning for my breakfast—served with butter as I would a sweet potato. I am frank to say I never tasted a more delicious squash than it proved to be; rich, sweet and exceedingly palatable.

Very truly yours,

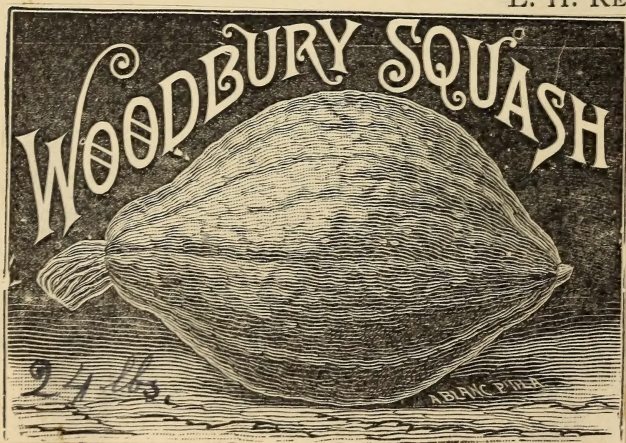
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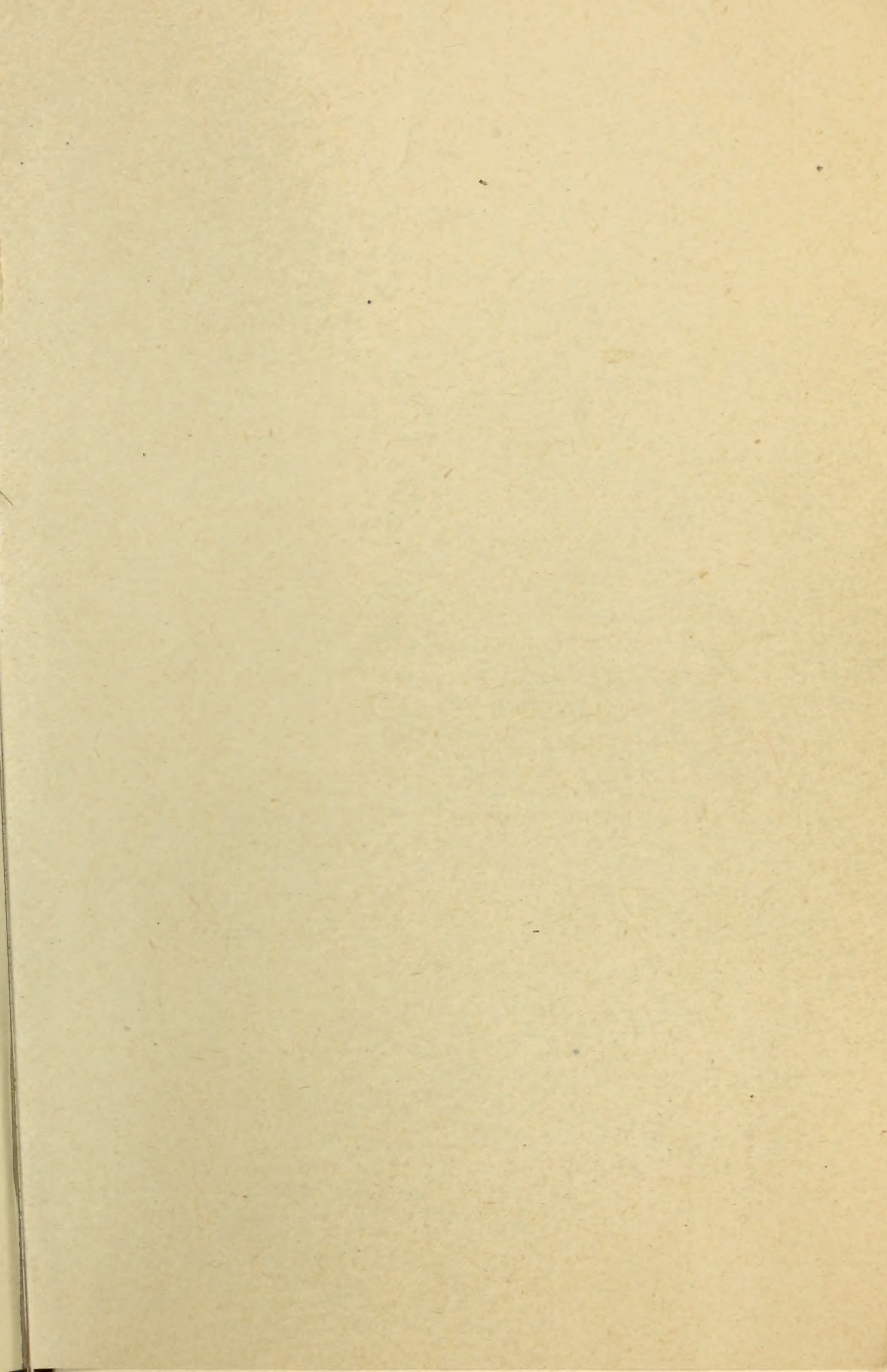
CABOT, VERMONT, Oct. 26, 1887.

Dear Sir:—From the five "Woodbury Squash" seeds received from you last spring I raised five good squashes. They seem to be earlier than the Hubbard. All look very much alike. I think them a very valuable variety. I cut the largest one yesterday and it was the driest squash I ever saw. They are quite hard and thick. I think a great deal of them and consider my seeds from them worth one cent apiece to me for my own planting next year.

Yours Truly,

L. H. READ.







[Eastern Farmer.]

BEAUTIFUL MAINE PANSIES.

We have before spoken of the beautiful pansies originated by Mr. D. B. Woodbury of Paris, who has exhibited at our State and local exhibitions the last few years some of the most exquisite specimens of these lovely flowers we have ever seen. And it is not alone in our State, or by our own growers that his plants are admired, for his cleverness in originating varieties has won recognition and praise from the most competent judges in our country. Mr. Woodbury lately sent a box of some of his specimen flowers to the editor of the *American Garden*, New York, who did them the honor to have them engraved for the November number of his magazine, where they form a charming half-border to the first page of that issue. They show the magnificent size of the flowers, but fail to give an idea of the brilliant, varied colors of the flowers themselves, which cannot be done by the simple black and white process.

WATERVILLE, MAINE, Dec. 15, 1887.

