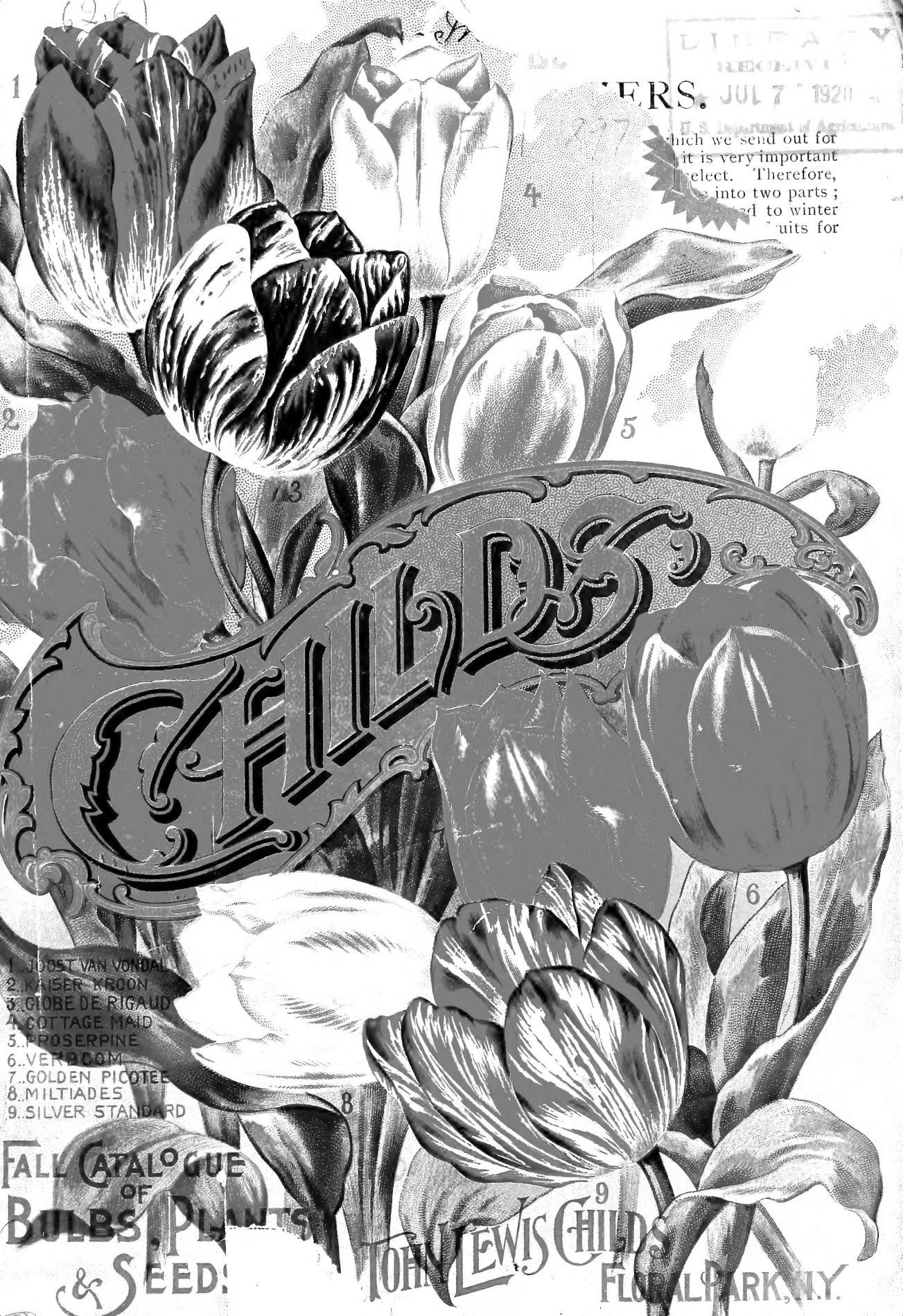


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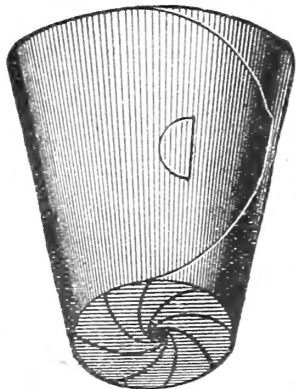
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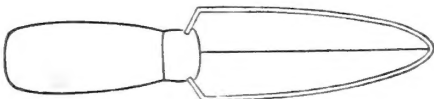
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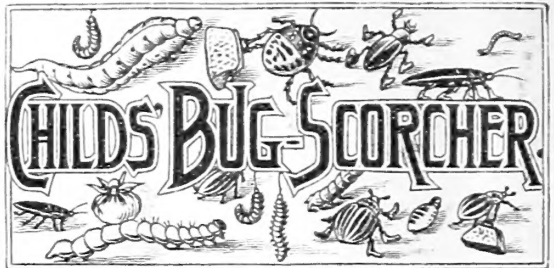
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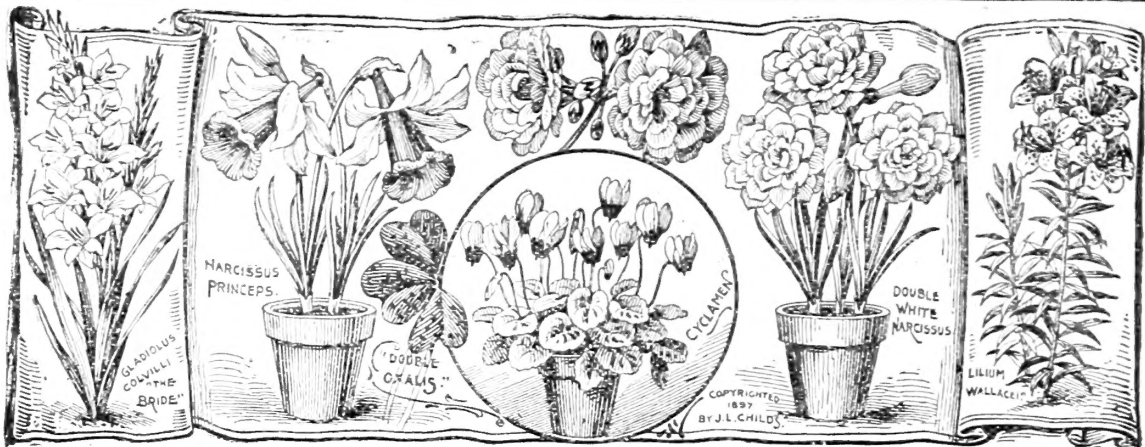
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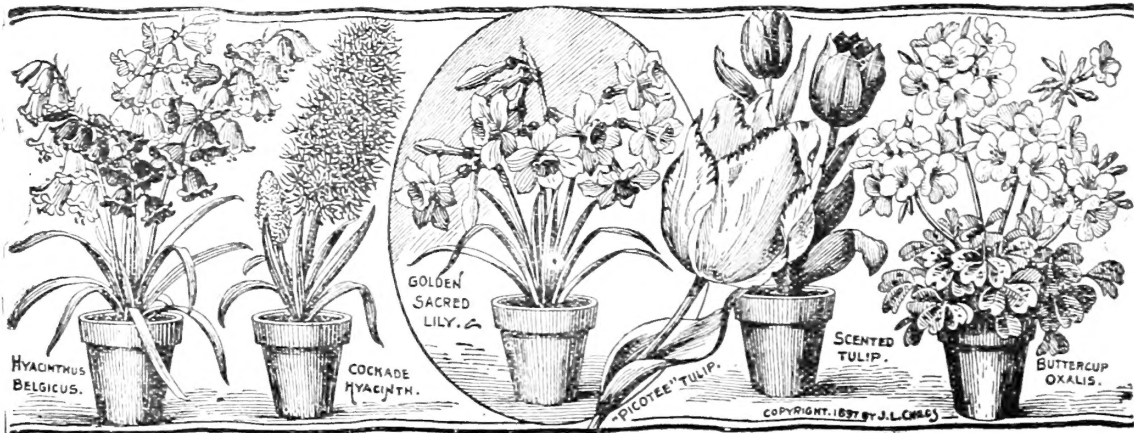
One Bulb Given on an Order Amounting to 40 cts.; 3 on a \$1.00 Order; 7 on a \$2.00 Order, or the Whole 12 on an Order Amounting to \$3.00 or More.

Below we name 12 Splendid Flowering Bulbs which we have selected to give to our customers free of all charge, on the following conditions: The person sending us an order from this catalogue amounting to 40 cts. or more may select any one bulb. On orders amounting to \$1.00 or more, the buyer may select 3 bulbs; on orders amounting to \$2.00 or more, 7 bulbs, and on orders amounting to \$3.00 or more the customer may have all 12 bulbs free of charge. The selection we leave entirely to the customer. They may choose two or more bulbs of any one kind, or one each of different sorts, as they prefer. These Premium Bulbs will not be sent unless the customer names in his order the ones desired. If none are chosen we assume they are not wanted.

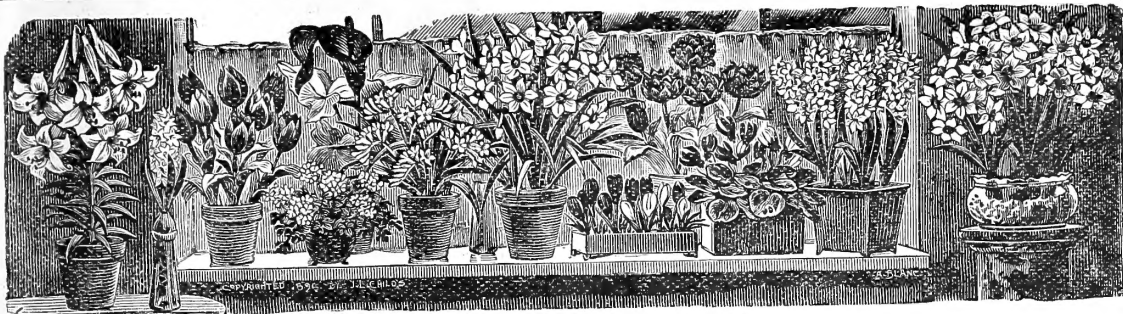
- Oxalis, Bermuda Buttercup**—A magnificent, large, golden-yellow variety and a splendid winter bloomer. Few pot plants will give better satisfaction than this. For full particulars see color plate.
- Oxalis, Bermuda Buttercup Double**—Like the above, but with large, golden-yellow blossoms as double as Roses.
- Hyacinth Belgicus**—Bears tall, graceful spikes of very pretty, bell-shaped blossoms, and is an elegant bulb for blooming in pots during winter or for planting in the garden.
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- Sweet-Scented Tulip**—One of the beautiful and lovely Sweet-scented Tulips which we offer and fully describe on page 35.
- Improved Cyclamen**—One of the splendid varieties which we offer on page 18.
- Golden Sacred Lily**—The large, free-blooming golden-yellow Sacred Lily which is described on page 13 and which is so charming for winter blooming. It is really one of the most beautiful and fragrant flowers for winter blooming in pots, or for early spring blooming in the garden.
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ALL the Bulbs, Plants and Seeds offered on the following green paper pages are selected especially for winter blooming. For this purpose the largest, strongest, best-shaped bulbs are chosen, and in most cases they have been especially grown to secure the highest state of perfection. Not only are they superior to ordinary good grades for winter blooming, but for planting in the garden they will prove equally superior. In either case the profusion and quality of bloom will surprise those who are not accustomed to planting such high grade stock.

### Culture for Winter Blooming.

Bulbs are the most important winter bloomers for window culture. They are the easiest cared for of all flowers, and absolutely sure to bloom abundantly. Geraniums or Roses may, from some cause, fail, but bulbs never. Nothing is more pleasant or cheerful during a dreary winter than a few pots filled with Hyacinths, Tulips, Crocus, Narcissus, etc., displaying their brilliant colors and emitting their delightful fragrance for weeks. Add to these the many new bulbs which are now being cultivated for winter flowers, and at a very little trouble or expense a display of winter flowers can be produced which will be the center of attraction in any neighborhood. Freesias, Ixias, Tritileia, Allium, Scillas, Chionodoxa, etc., are comparatively new, and beautiful beyond description.

The following is a list of the most desirable bulbs for winter blooming, being of the easiest culture, and sure to produce the most satisfactory results:

Hyacinths,	Crocus,	Anemones,
Scillas,	Iris,	Lily of the Valley,
Lillium Harrisii,	Lilium Candidum,	Freesias,
Calla,	Chionodoxa,	Tulips,
Narcissus,	Brodicea,	Snowdrops,
Allium,	Oxalis,	Ixias,
Sparaxis,	Tritileia,	Frittilarias,
Ornithogalum,	Sacred Lily,	Jonquils,
Camassia,	Tropaeolum,	Erythronium,
Calochortus,	Ranunculus,	Cyclamen.

Their culture is very simple. They can be potted during September, October, or November, watered well and set away in the cellar or any cool dark place to make roots, when after remaining four or six weeks, or as much longer as desired, they can be brought out for blooming. We earnestly advise potting the bulbs as early as possible, especially if flowers are desired as early as New Year's for the longer time they have to make roots the better they will bloom. By bringing out a few pots at different times a succession of bloom can be kept up all winter. If they are kept in a cool place while in bloom, the flowers will keep perfect a long time. For the benefit of those who desire more explicit cultural directions, we give it here in detail:

**SOIL**—The variety of soil is not a very important item in bulb culture. Any good garden loam will answer, but if we had a variety to choose from, we would take a rich sandy soil and mix it with a small quantity of leaf-mold. Do not use manure unless it is very old and well pulverized, and then only in small quantities, or it may cause the bulbs to decay, or encourage too rank a growth of foliage.

**TIME TO PLANT**—Bulbs can be planted from September to December, and some kinds even later, but the earlier the better will be the result, especially if desired for early blooming. Plant in September or October if possible.

**PLANTING**—In planting, set the bulbs just below the surface of the soil, so that they will be entirely covered. Set the bulbs down in the soil and cover them; do not press them in by force, for this packs the soil under them, and when the roots start they are apt to lift the bulb.

**AFTER PLANTING**—They should be well watered and set away in some cool, dark place to make root. A cellar is best, for it is desirable that they should be kept moist and as cool as possible, hence a warm, dry place is not a good one. Water them from time to time as the soil becomes dry. They should remain in this position at least four weeks, and as much longer as possible, it being desirable that they should have good roots before bringing them out to bloom. They should, however, be brought out when vigorous top growth sets in.

**BLOOMING**—When brought from the cellar or store-room, the pots of bulbs should be placed in a light, sunny window. See that they are watered frequently and have as much fresh air as possible. Keep them free from dust, and when in bloom they will last much longer kept in a cool atmosphere than in a hot one.

**TREATMENT AFTER BLOOMING**—After the bulbs are through blooming, if one has the room or convenience, it is best to let them remain in the pots where they are for a few weeks to mature their bulbs. They can then be set away in the cellar and allowed to dry out, in which condition they can remain until planting time—the following September. By remaining there a season they will recover much of the strength which they lost by being forced during winter, and are in most cases all right for winter blooming again. Many people who do not have a place in their windows for the plants after the flowers have faded, prefer to throw the bulbs away and buy a new supply every year. Of course, this is a good plan if one cares to do it, and there is no doubt but that fresh imported bulbs will give much better bloom than those which have been grown and flowered here once of more, yet it is too bad to throw the bulbs away, and we would advise anyone who can to keep them and plant them in the garden. We have known people who have a light cellar to succeed very well by placing the bulbs there as soon as they have bloomed. The bulbs ripen up well, even in partial light, if the air is not too hot or freezing cold.

# WINTER FLOWERS.

HOW TO HAVE THEM IN PROFUSION.

**Notes, Comments and Cultural Directions Which Insure Success. A Little Money Properly Expended Will Fill Your Windows With Brightness and Fragrance.**

**I**N NEARLY every home there is someone who loves to cultivate flowers in the winter, and there is always one or more windows that can be used for that purpose. To fill these windows with beautiful flowers and plants during winter is only a question of knowledge—knowledge which will lead to a proper selection of kinds. The proper plants will grow and thrive without any special care. They will bloom profusely. They will be beautiful and fragrant, brilliant and fascinating, and they cost very little. What are they? First and foremost we say Hardy Bulbs, the cultivation of which is fully described on the foregoing page. Follow the directions there given and success is assured. They are so very cheap that one dollar will purchase a great many.

**HYACINTHS.** The Queen of winter-blooming bulbs. Nothing can rival the stately grandeur of its massive spikes of beautiful colors, its exquisite fragrance and chaste beauty. Easy to grow and sure to bloom for anyone, under any conditions. Plant them freely. Three bulbs can be put in a five or six-inch pot, and will make a show fit for a Queen.

**NARCISSSUS.** Golden and white colors of rare richness, in numerous shades, which are often blended together in a charming manner. Exquisite forms, superb fragrance. The greatest rival of the Hyacinth and, like it, a free and sure bloomer. You can not have too many. They cost little. Be sure to plant them freely, and not omit the Polyanthus varieties.

**SACRED LILIES.** Species of the Narcissus, from the Orient, where they are loved, cherished and even revered. And well they may be, for what flower can be more lovely and fragrant, more fascinating and more lovable, or easier to grow either in sand, soil, or pebbles and water?

**TULIPS.** For brightness and brilliancy they are supreme. Great, nodding, cup-shaped blossoms which fairly glow with brilliant colors. And, oh so cheap! What a lot of rich varieties may be had for a few cents.

**LILIES.** Four stately varieties for winter blooming—the Bermuda Easter Lily and L. Candidum, Parryi and Excelsum. Their beauty, statelyness and rich fragrance has made them the aristocratic flowers of the day. Easily grown, sure to bloom, and unsurpassed for church and other decorations. But plant large, strong bulbs. Throw away no time or money upon weak ones.

**FREESIAs.** Dainty blossoms of the highest order. Delicate, charming and beautiful. Everybody loves them. When a dozen bulbs can be had for 10 cents there is no excuse for not having them in abundance. Plant five or six in a 6-inch pot.

**CROCUS.** Of quick growth and quick to bloom. Lovely balloon-shaped flowers of rich, delicate color almost like Lilies. Fill several pots with them. They cost so little and are so satisfactory.

**OXALIS.** A few bulbs will fill a large pot with charming foliage and gay blossoms. They commence growth and bloom as soon as planted. Cannot do without them.

**IRIS.** Some varieties, particularly Hispanica, are indispensable for winter blooming. They cost so little and a pot of half-dozen bulbs, of different colors, will be one of the most attractive in a collection of winter flowers. The new varieties from Palestine, (see page 12), which are offered this year for the first time are gems of great worth. Orchids cannot surpass them in beauty and variation of colors.

**ORNITHOGALUM ARABICUM.** Large bulbs which at once inspire confidence. Each must have a 6-inch pot, and each will produce enormous heads of exquisite flowers and create a sensation wherever seen.

**CHIONODOXA and SCILLA SIBERICA.** Rich colors in shades of blue, graceful, airy sprays of starry blossoms. To see them in a mass is to lose one's heart in admiration; so easily grown, so cheap, so eminently lovely.

**GRAPE HYACINTHS.** Miniature spikes of azure-blue bells, tipped with white. A flower of the gods. Like Lily of the Valley, one would miss the season without them. Sure to bloom early. Pot several bulbs together. Exquisite for small bouquets. So dainty and so cheap.

**IXIAS, SPARAXIS and FRITILLARIAS.** Odd flowers; little known and seldom seen, yet most charming in every particular and of trifling cost. Try them.

**AMARYLLIS REGINA.** A superb bulb for winter blooming and one which until recently was very costly. This year it is included in the Mayflower Premium.

**ANEMONES and RANUNCULUS.** Well known and popular plants for winter blooming. They cost but little and if one is successful with them they yield a large reward.

**CYCLAMEN.** Strictly winter bloomers, with most beautifully marked and shaded foliage and flowers, combining at once exquisite beauty with delicate, rich and brilliant colors. Grow in four or five-inch pots in a cool window.

**CALLAS.** The most popular of window plants. Always seen where plants are grown. The little Gem (new) is the pet among plants wherever it is known. It will soon be in every collection. Child's Dwarf Ever-Blooming, the King of Callas, produces flowers all the time, of great size. Growth dwarf and compact, requiring comparatively little room. The Black Calla is a curiosity, for winter blooming. Flowers as dark as midnight. Easily grown.

**ROSES.** As a rule Roses are not apt to do well in the window during winter, but Champion of the World and Climbing Meteor are exceptions. They are two of the most glorious Roses that bloom, and are better adapted to window culture than most other varieties.

**GIANT WHITE SCENTED SNAPDRAGON.** No new plant ever attracted the great amount of praise and admiration in our greenhouses that has been showered upon this grand winter bloomer.

**BEGONIA VERNON.** One of the very choicest of winter-blooming plants. No collection complete without it. A real gem in every way. Very cheap; plant several.

**CANNA, STAR of 1891.** Still the best of all Cannas for pot culture, and the only one that will bloom freely all winter. A truly glorious plant in every particular.

**OTAHUTEI ORANGE.** The gem of window plants. Exquisite blossoms, fruit and foliage. No plant ranks above it for the winter window garden. Now very cheap.

**SWAINSONIA.** The plants combine exquisite fern-like foliage with superlatively lovely blossoms and graceful habit. A profuse winter bloomer, usually the pride of the window. Cannot be omitted.

**GENISTA.** Rightly called "Shower of Gold," and it is at home in any window, where it will show its golden blossoms of marvelous fragrance in profusion.

**ABUTILONS.** Some of the new sorts, like Infanta Eulalia and Souv. de Bonne, are great acquisitions to the winter garden. Profuse bloomers; graceful and beautiful in both foliage and flowers.

**FOLIAGE PLANTS.** These are always essential to a properly filled window. Handsome green foliage is nature's setting for her floral gems. On page 27 is offered a good selection.

**SEEDS FOR WINTER BLOOMING.** Bear in mind that some of the most lovely pots of flowers you can have for this winter may be had from a 5-cent packet of seed. Pages 30, 31 and 32 gives a list of varieties which are suitable for this purpose, and everyone is a gem. Try a few pots of them. They will astonish you, especially the Multiflora Roses.

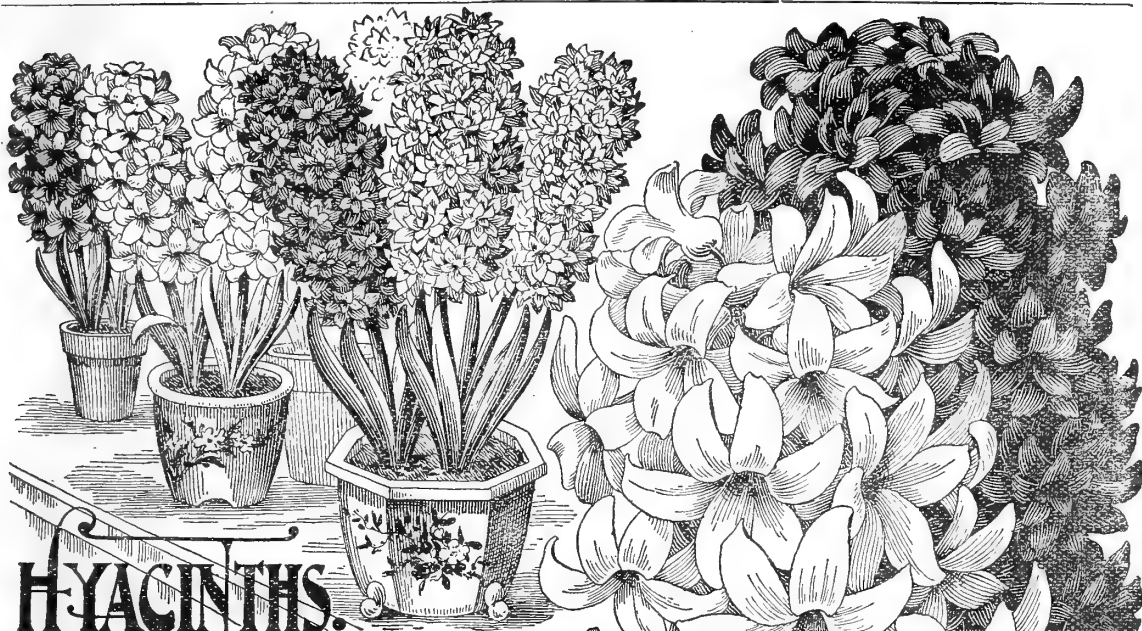
Be sure to keep bulbous plants well watered during growth and blooming. Never allow the soil to become dry.

Oxalis are always very satisfactory winter bloomers, but Sacred Lilies and Hyacinths take the lead. Try our new Japanese Double Sacred Lily.

Bulbs naturally bloom very early in the spring when the weather is cool. Therefore when flowering in winter, if kept in a rather cool temperature, the flowers will keep perfect a long time.

The great hardness of bulbous plants makes them particularly valuable for winter blooming. If they should happen to get frozen some cold night, even when in full bloom, they are not likely to be injured by it.

A splendid collection of 10 rare winter-blooming bulbs is the MAYFLOWER Premium. For only 50c., or 30c. in clubs, you can get THE MAYFLOWER for a year and this superb collection of 10 rare Bulbs. Do not fail to take it, especially if you have never tried to grow bulbs for winter blooming. This collection, with THE MAYFLOWER to instruct you, is just the thing to start in with.



# HYACINTHS.

## New and Rare Hyacinths.

The following are rare or new varieties, and the grandest of all flowering Hyacinths. The bulbs are extra large and strong, and will give such blossoms as never before seen.

**King of the Blues**—(Single). An enormous compact spike of bloom, of a deep indigo-blue color. In size and perfection this is one of the finest of all Hyacinths. Few if any produce so large and fine a spike.

**Queen of the Blues**—(Single). Enormous spike; one of the very largest of all Hyacinths. Beautiful light blue with silvery appearance.

**Minister Van Reenan**—(Double). Exceedingly large spike of a lovely azure blue color. Very double.

**Rosa Maxima**—(Single). Fine pink, of exquisite texture. Truss extra large and perfect. Probably the finest pink.

**Obelisque**—(Single). A rare and exceedingly scarce variety, being the grandest of all yellow colors. Spike large and compact, while the color is the very best yellow.

**La Tour d'Auvergne**—(Double). Very early flowering, and the best of all double whites. Florets large and wax-like and spikes of immense size. Very early to bloom and the finest double Hyacinth for pots.

**Marechal Niel**—(Double). A glorious Hyacinth, as double as a rose, and of a charming soft pink color. A prodigious bloomer, each bulb throwing up as many as twelve spikes. A pot of three bulbs tested by us last winter showed 35 spikes in bloom at one time.

**Milton**—(Double). Fine compact spike of great size, and magnificent color, being a deep dark red of peculiar richness. This is one of the very choicest varieties.

**La Grandeur**—(Double). The ideal double yellow variety. No other sort of the color can approach it in size and magnificence of spike, and the clear yellow tone.

**Laurens Koster**—(Double). A most charming variety, of rich indigo color, and large double flowers. It is a rare and high-priced sort, being one of the very best.

**Miss Kitty**—(Double). A very peculiar and pretty sort. Flowers large and double pure white with a blue center, the two colors contrasting finely. Entirely unlike any other sort.

**General Havelock**—(Black). A grand single Hyacinth with enormous compact spikes of bloom which are of an indigo-black color. Its odd and striking color makes it peculiarly conspicuous, and it is indeed a rare and glorious plant when in bloom.

**La Grandesse**—(Single). Finest single white. Very large spikes and bells. Color, clear waxy white.

**Mammoth or Lily Hyacinth**—(Single). A new sort with gigantic pendulous bells, each one of which is almost as large as a small lily and of the same shape. Color, white, delicately shaded blush. A large spike of these beautiful lily-like bells is indeed a most superb object.

**Roi des Belges**—(Single). Fine, massive spikes, crowded with medium-sized flowers that open a rich self-carmine, gradually turning into a dark, glowing crimson. The brightest color among Hyacinths.

**PRICE**—The above grand Hyacinths, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00; the 15 for \$2.50.

See Pages 34 and 35 for other Hyacinths.



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**Mixed Sorts for Winter Blooming**—Extra large select bulbs of finest winter blooming sorts, double and single. 3 for 35c.; 6 for 65c.; 12 for \$1.25.



## ROMAN HYACINTHS!

### Roman Hyacinths.

We offer extra strong, selected bulbs of this indispensable winter bloomer, which will surprise you with their enormous quantities of large, well-filled spikes. For winter blooming the Roman Hyacinth is a standard bulb, and one that must be in every collection, however limited.

**Selected Blue**—Dark blue bells. About ten days later than the white, with which it forms a fine contrast. A great bloomer. Extra large bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.

**Selected Double Light Pink**—The double Roman Hyacinths are larger than the single sorts. This sort has elegant waxy bells of pale shell-pink. Extra large, 10c.; 3 for 20c.

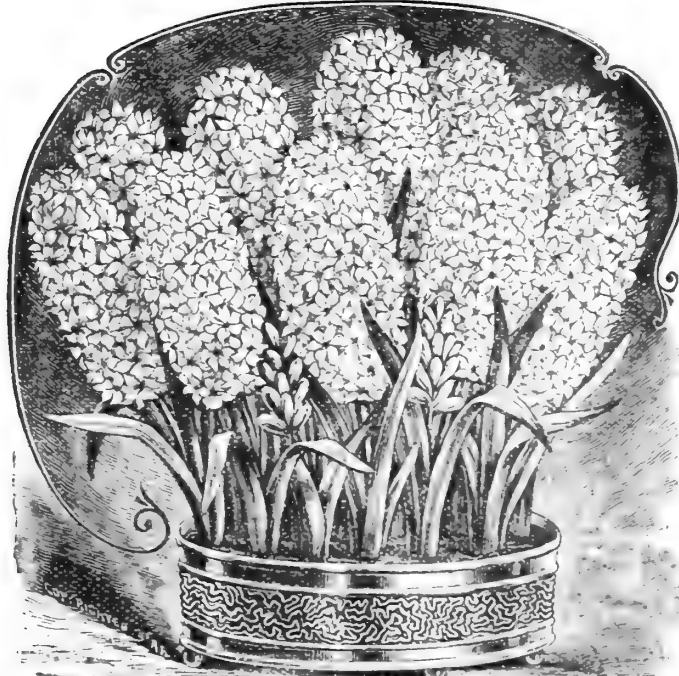
**Selected Double Dark Pink**—Like the above, but a beautiful, clear, bright rose. Spikes long and heavy for this class. Extra large bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.

**Selected Early White**—The early blooming, pure white Roman. Large selected bulbs for pot culture, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for \$1.00.

**Double White**—This new double white sort needs no special praise to induce people to plant it. The spikes of bloom are large and fine, flower double, pure snow-white and very fragrant. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 12 for \$1.50.

**Canary Yellow**—Beautifully shaped bells in airy graceful spikes; in color a soft, pleasing canary-yellow. Really the finest of all yellow Hyacinths. Large select bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 12 for \$1.50.

*One each of above 6 selected bulbs for 50c.*



### PAN OF MIXED HYACINTHS. MIXED HYACINTHS FOR WINTER BLOOMING.

A fine mixture of double and single Hyacinths made up from only such named kinds as are particularly adapted for winter blooming. Extra large, strong, select bulbs which will give magnificent results. Price of these grand bulbs, 3 for 35c.; 6 for 65c.; 12 for \$1.25.



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### Gladiolus Colvilli "The Bride."

**Splendid for Winter Blooming.**

A lovely pure white species of slender growth and blooms very early, often the latter part of May when left in the ground all winter. A splendid winter bloomer in pots, and is becoming very popular as a winter blooming bulb. Its ease of culture, beautiful shape, snow-white color and early blooming qualities, make it very valuable, and particularly adapted to winter flowering. Price, 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.



GLADIOLUS  
COLVILLI  
"THE BRIDE".

# GRAND WINTER-BLOOMING TULIPS.

The following Tulips of various kinds, both single and double, are well adapted to pot culture for winter blooming. In fact they are the very cream of all sorts for that purpose. Their characteristics are, extra large size and beautifully cupped blossoms, extra early bloomers and glorious colors. Such a mingling of rich and delicate shades as they show is really marvelous. Try a good lot of them in pots and you will be delighted. Plant some also in the garden where they will give you a glorious display. The bulbs we supply are extra large and strong.

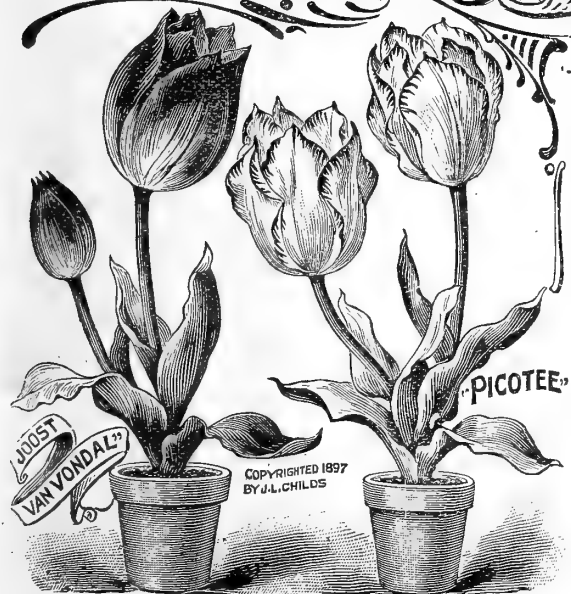
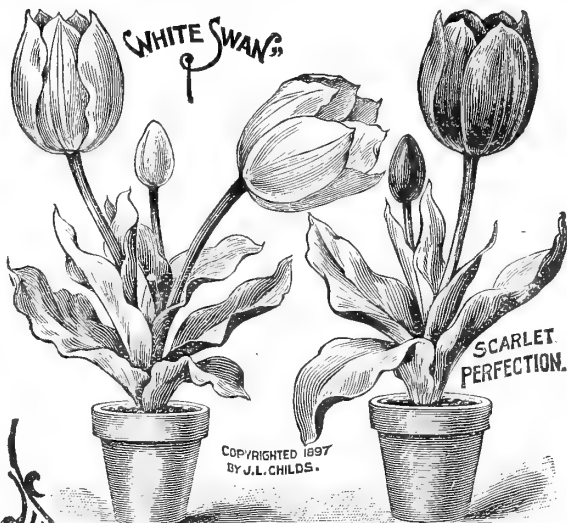
**Alba Maxima**—(Double). Enormous flower, perfectly double, like a Paeony, and pure white in color, with a delicate shadowy tinge of soft pink. Exceedingly fine.

**Cramoise Brilliant**—(Parrot). Deep, dark rich ruby crimson, with large, star-shaped black center. Extraordinary large sized, being 8 or 9 inches across. The most magnificent of all Parrots and the best adapted to winter blooming. It is simply grand.

**Cottage Maid**—(Single). Lovely pink and white, most charmingly suffused and feathered, of immense size, most unique in color, and one of the loveliest Tulips that ever bloomed, either for pots or the garden. See colored sketch on cover.

**Golden Tournesoll**—(Double). Exceedingly fine for winter blooming. The finest double yellow Tulip in cultivation. Flowers very large and double, and of a beautiful golden-yellow color.

**Goldfinch**—Extra large size and charmingly cupped. Color clear light canary yellow of exquisite beauty. A truly grand variety. Very early.



**Joost Van Vondal**—(Single). Beautiful glossy rose, deep rich red and pure snow white, the colors mingled and blended together in a charming manner. The largest, and in many respects the most beautiful of Tulips. See cover, and do not miss this superb variety.

**Princess Wilhelmina**—Rich, deep pinkish-scarlet with large yellow and white center. As large as a teacup. Probably the finest pink Tulip in cultivation. Very early.

**Proserpine**—A grand flower and a superb color. Exquisite rosy scarlet, a shade not found in any other sort, and lovely beyond description. Flower of great size and beautifully cupped. Extra early bloomer. See cover.

**Picotee Golden**—(Single). Enormous flower, bright golden-yellow with beautifully scarlet fringed petals. A very striking color and a great beauty. See colored sketch on cover.

**Picotee White**—(Single). More fully described on page 39. A new Tulip and a great beauty. Petals wavy and beautifully curved. Color snow-white with a charming scarlet border.

**Salvator Rose**—(Double). Gigantic size, elegant shape, and of the loveliest soft rosy color, with pure white stripes.

**Scarlet Perfection**—(Single). Fine, soft, almost transparent scarlet of exceeding brilliancy. Flower of the finest shape and largest size.

**Tournesoll Improved**—(Double). Bright red with yellow margin, and very sweet scented. Flower of immense size. One of the best of all Tulips for winter forcing, and a variety of exceptional merit.

**White Swan**—(Single). Large, pure-white flowers; extra fine for winter blooming. Its beautiful blossoms are borne on long, graceful stems.

**PRICE**—5c. each; the 1/4 for 60c. Any variety at 50c. per dozen. (See other Tulips on pages 36-37-38 and 39.)



## Polyanthus Narcissus.

The Gem of Winter Flowers.

They are considered the best of all Narcissus for pot culture, and by many esteemed the most beautiful. By starting the dry bulbs at intervals from September until January, a succession of flowers can be secured from Christmas until the first of May. No trouble to grow. Treat as you would Hyacinths. The flowers of this class are borne in large clusters and are exceedingly fragrant, like orange blossoms.

**Grand Soleil d'Or** - This has every possible merit, without a fault. A medium early bloomer that lasts a full month in flower. Large clusters of exceedingly pretty flowers of a clear lemon with deep orange cup. Very fragrant.

**Grootvorst** - White with lemon cup. Very pretty and of good size. No variety possesses a richer fragrance than this.

**Lord Canning** - Extra fine, of a deep or dark yellow color; the petals being a little lighter in shade than the cups.

**Queen of Netherlands** - Very early and extra large and fine. Pure white; exquisite fragrance.

**Bathurst** - Fine pale yellow, delicate and beautiful, and contrasts finely with other colors. It is in fact so distinct as to be necessary to make any collection complete.

**Newton** - Fine yellow with deep orange cup. Extra free bloomer, and early.

**PRICE** - 7c. each; 3 for 20c.; the six for 35c. Any variety at 65c. per dozen. 3 each of the 6 sorts for \$1.00.

## Mixed Polyanthus Narcissus.

While we offer but 6 named sorts of Polyanthus Narcissus, there are 20 to 30 kinds grown and offered separately in Holland, all of which are represented in this mixture. Those who desire to plant a good many should by all means take a dozen or more mixed bulbs. The named sorts offered above are undoubtedly the best sorts grown, yet for variety we would recommend this mixture, which is made up especially for us, and is exceptionally good.

**Mixed, All Colors and Varieties** - 20 to 30 sorts. 3 for 15c.; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 45c.

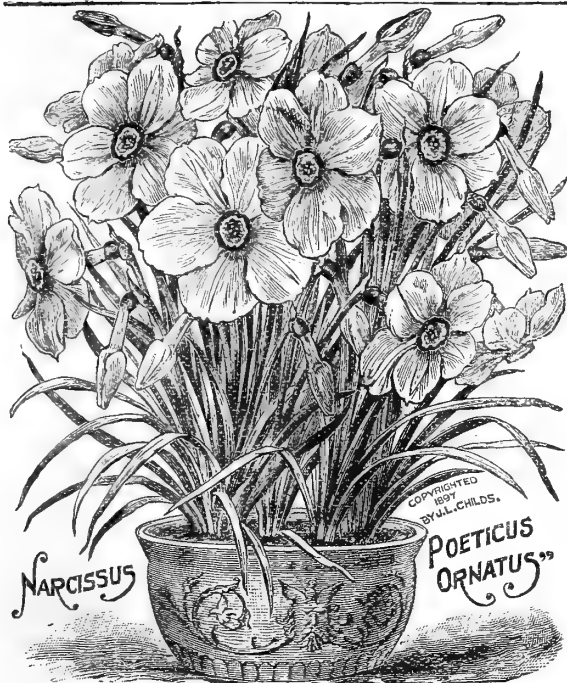
## Two Grand Narcissus.

For winter blooming few bulbs are so popular and so largely grown as the Paper White Grandiflora and Double Roman Narcissus. Realizing their importance, we have, by special contract, secured from France a quantity of bulbs of each, which are of EXTRA SIZE AND STRENGTH, especially for pot culture, and the amount and beauty of bloom from these fine bulbs will be far greater than from ordinary ones.

**Paper White Grandiflora** - An improvement on the common Paper White, the flower being about twice the size, of beautiful star-like form, pearly whiteness and delicious fragrance. It is a very early and profuse bloomer, and can be had in full beauty at Christmas and New Year's. One of the very best of winter-blooming bulbs. Large select bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

**Double Roman** - This is grown so extensively in Palestine and Turkey that it is known as the Sacred Narcissus of Constantinople. In Jerusalem it is the leading favorite of all flowers. Flowers very double, pure white with yellow center and borne in large clusters. Its fragrance is superb, and it blooms very early and freely either in pots or the open ground. A grand winter bloomer. Large, select bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c. 1 of each for 15c.; 3 of each for 35c.





### Rare Winter-Blooming Narcissus.

The following Narcissus are extra fine new sorts of great size and supreme beauty. Do not fail to try one or more of them either in the garden or in pots for winter blooming. Their beauty will be a revelation to you. Extra large bulbs for winter blooming. The cut in opposite column shows a pan of different Narcissus blooming during winter, for which purpose they have no superiors among bulbs.



PAN OF WINTER-BLOOMING NARCISSUS.

**Golden Spur**—Flower  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 inches across and nearly as long. Petals of the perianth broad and smooth, long and widely flared trumpet, with deeply frilled and furrowed border. Color, a deep golden yellow. Blooms early and flowers last three weeks before fading. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.

**Horsfield**—An early and remarkably beautiful flower. Of the most perfect trumpet form, the trumpet being deep yellow and the perianth pure white. The enormous size and lovely form of this Narcissus, added to its two distinct and pure colors, make it of great value. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 80c.

**Sir Walkins**—Is of the chalice-flower type, or half-trumpet form. A gigantic flower, 4 or 5 inches across, with broad wing-like petals that shade from canary yellow at the tips to golden yellow at the base. Cup, golden yellow. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 12 for \$1.30.

**Henry Irving**—Large golden yellow, round shape, great size and beauty. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 80c.

**Princes Major**—Enormous large trumpet of the most beautiful form. Golden yellow with great sulphur white perianth. One of the most lovely of all. See cut. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 50c.

**Moschatus**—Enormous trumpet-shaped flower, of a pure white color throughout. The blossoms are of exquisite shape and pendulous or nodding, unlike any other sort, and lovely beyond description. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

**Emperor**—Broad rich yellow trumpet, perianth deep primrose. Its foliage is very strong and the blooms enormous in size. Probably the most superb Narcissus in cultivation. Flowers of great substance. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

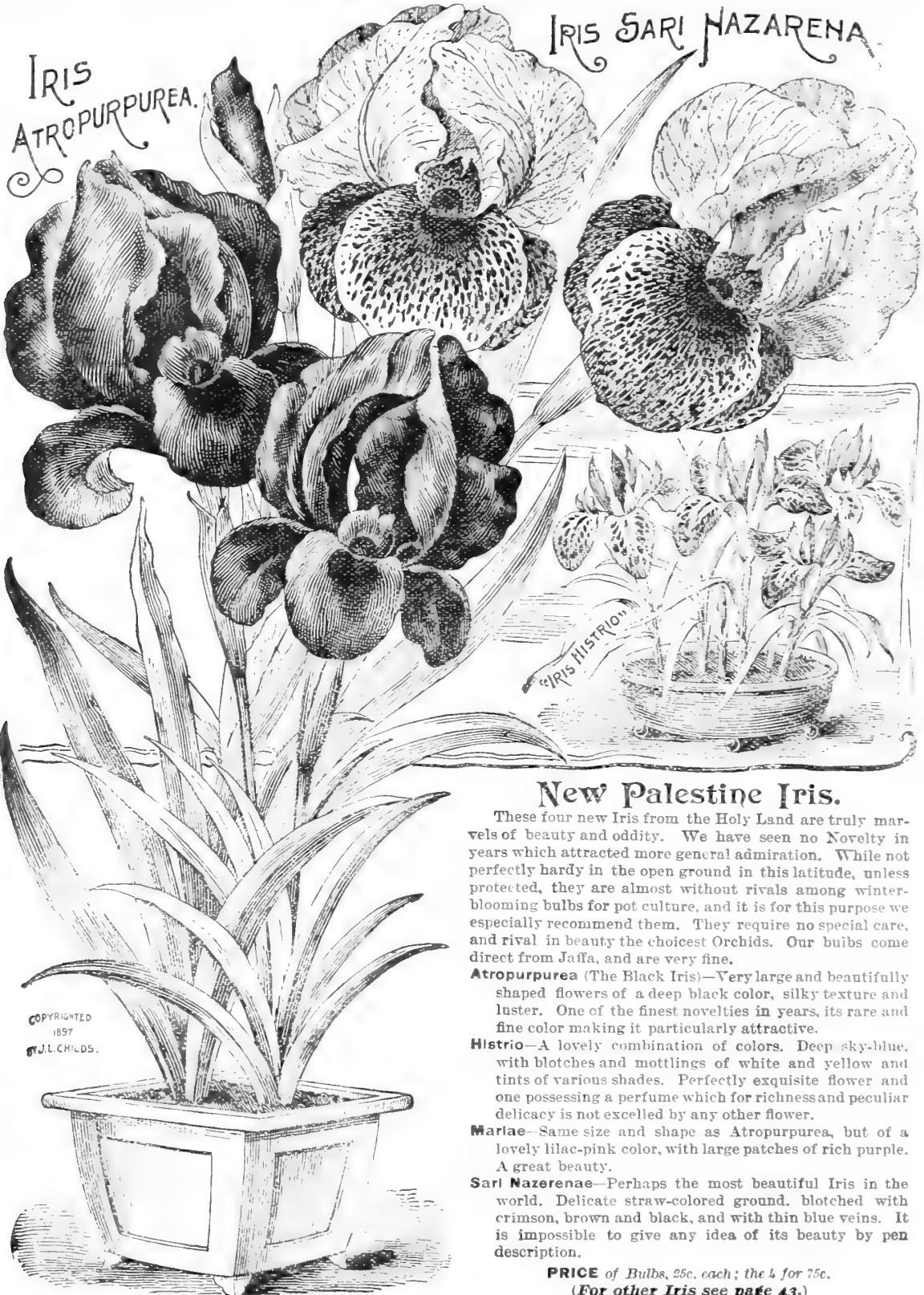
**Empress**—Possesses the same gigantic size and fine form of Emperor, but with golden perianth and white trumpet. Superior to Horsfield, which it somewhat resembles. Very scarce and rare. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Sulphur Phoenix (Double)**—Enormous pure white flower, almost as large as a Paony. Exquisite fragrance. By far the finest double Narcissus in cultivation, but very rare and expensive, but well worth the price. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 12 for \$1.30.

**Poeticus Ornatus**—The great beauty of this new Poeticus is admirably represented in the cut here shown, though it cannot do justice, of course, to the pure waxy colors of the petals and cup. The flower is large, of the most perfect shape, snow-white in color, with a crimson-bordered cup. Not only is it the most beautiful Poeticus, but by far the most valuable, on account of its extreme earliness, blooming three weeks before the old sort. For winter blooming in pots it is just exquisite. Nothing finer, and being very cheap it should be freely planted. 4c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

One each of the 10 Rare Sorts for \$1.10; 3 each for \$3.00.  
(See also Pages 40 and 41.)





## New Palestine Iris.

These four new Iris from the Holy Land are truly marvels of beauty and oddity. We have seen no Novelty in years which attracted more general admiration. While not perfectly hardy in the open ground in this latitude, unless protected, they are almost without rivals among winter-blooming bulbs for pot culture, and it is for this purpose we especially recommend them. They require no special care, and rival in beauty the choicest Orchids. Our bulbs come direct from Jaffa, and are very fine.

**Atropurpurea** (The Black Iris)—Very large and beautifully shaped flowers of a deep black color, silky texture and luster. One of the finest novelties in years, its rare and fine color making it particularly attractive.

**Histrio**—A lovely combination of colors. Deep sky-blue, with blotches and mottlings of white and yellow and tints of various shades. Perfectly exquisite flower and one possessing a perfume which for richness and peculiar delicacy is not excelled by any other flower.

**Mariae**—Same size and shape as Atropurpurea, but of a lovely lilac-pink color, with large patches of rich purple. A great beauty.

**Sari Nazerenae**—Perhaps the most beautiful Iris in the world. Delicate straw-colored ground, blotched with crimson, brown and black, and with thin blue veins. It is impossible to give any idea of its beauty by pen description.

PRICE of Bulbs, 25c. each; the 4 for 75c.  
(For other Iris see page 43.)

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## Sacred Lilies.

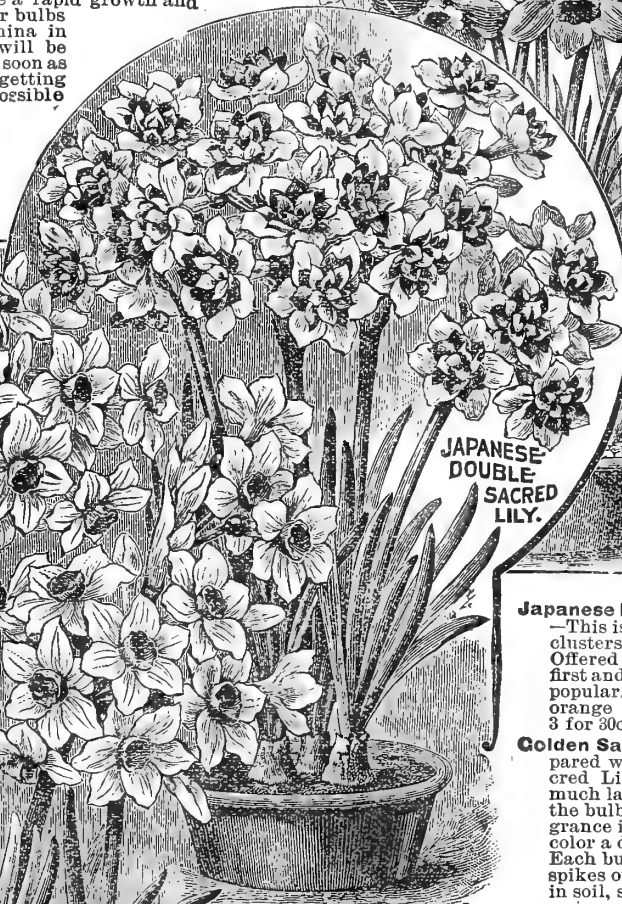
Of all winter flowers the Sacred Lilies are probably the most popular and universally grown. Few flowers equal them in beauty and fragrance, and none in free growing and blooming qualities.

**Chinese Sacred Lily**—This is the one great winter-blooming bulb which is more eagerly sought after than any other. The bulbs are very large, and each one sends up from five to twelve spikes, which bear clusters of large, perfect, waxy-white blossoms with a yellow center, and of a powerful and delicious fragrance, which is not excelled by any flower. They grow well in pots of soil; but the most popular way of blooming them is the Chinese method, as follows: Fill a bowl or some similar vessel with pebbles, in which place the bulb, setting it about one-half its depth, so that it will be held firmly, then fill with water to the top of the pebbles and place in a warm, sunny window. The bulb will at once commence a rapid growth and bloom in two or three weeks. Our bulbs are expected to arrive from China in October. All orders for them will be booked and the bulbs sent out as soon as they arrive. To make sure of getting the best bulbs order as early as possible this fall. Most of the Chinese Sacred Lilies sold now so cheaply are Bermuda grown and in no respect equal to those from China. Beware of such worthless stock.

**Price**—Imported Chinese bulbs, ready Oct. 1, large and selected, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 6 for \$1.00.



**GIANT GOLDEN SACRED LILY.**



**JAPANESE DOUBLE SACRED LILY.**

**Japanese Double Sacred Lily**—This is very fine with large clusters of double blossoms. Offered last year for the first and sure to become very popular. Pure white with orange center. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00.

**Golden Sacred Lily**—As compared with the Chinese Sacred Lily this produces a much larger flower, though the bulb is smaller. Its fragrance is even better and its color a deep glowing yellow. Each bulb produces several spikes of bloom, and thrives in soil, sand, or pebbles and water. Bulbs bloom very quickly after planting and

may always be had for Christmas and New Year's, or even earlier. No winter flower is more beautiful, fragrant, or easier grown. May be had in flower at any time all winter, stands freezing and any amount of abuse, and is sure to do well for anyone in any window. The bulbs are so cheap that three or four should be planted in a five-inch pot, or a bowl of pebbles and water. It is also perfectly hardy and may be planted in the garden, where it will bloom in spring, almost as early as the Crocus. This splendid flower is a highly improved species of the great Narcissus family, as is also the Chinese Sacred Lily. Fine large flowering bulbs, 6c. each; 2 for 10c.; 6 for 25c.

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**CHINESE SACRED LILY**

### SPECIAL OFFER:

For only 30c. we will send one each of Chinese, Japanese Double and Great Golden Sacred Lilies.



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# GIANT CROCUS

## Giant Flowered Crocus.

Our growers in Holland have made up a mixture of named Crocus from such sorts as produce flowers of extraordinary size and beauty, and such as will be particularly fine for winter blooming. It is the finest Crocus mixture ever made up, and either for pot or garden culture we can strongly recommend it, and those who wish an extra fine show of Crocus will certainly find this grade to be better than anything they ever before saw. The bulbs are strong and vigorous and the flowers will be enormous, and of all the finest colors—blue, purple, striped, white, yellow, etc. For pot culture Crocus are always a success, blooming freely with little or no care save an occasional watering. Only the largest, rarest and most beautiful of all named Crocus are used in making up this mixture. Price, 15c. per dozen; \$1.00 per 100.

- Mammoth White**—Enormous pure white lily-like blossoms.
  - Mammoth Yellow**—Gigantic bulbs which produce large golden blossoms in great masses.
  - Mammoth Striped** (Lord Fielding)—Great blossoms beautifully striped violet on white ground.
  - Mammoth Blue**—(Sir J. Franklin)—Largest and finest blue.
- PRICE of above Crocus, 3c. each; 20c. per dozen. One each of the 4 sorts for 10c.; 3 each for 25c.; 12 each for 80c.



## Tuberous-Rooted Troaeolum.

The tuberous-rooted, winter-blooming Nasturtium for pot culture, which is one of the most charming window vines one can possess. Pot bulbs in good soil and treat them like other winter bulbs, but do not be discouraged if they are slow to start. They will, after a while, throw up little needle-like shoots, which should be supported on strings or trellises. After a short time they will develop beautiful tiny foliage which will be followed by hundreds of brilliant flowers which keep perfect a long time, and make an object of the most charming beauty.

**Tricolor**—Fine scarlet, tipped black and yellow; makes a fine trellis plant for winter blooming. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



IXIAS AND SPARAXIS

## Ixias.

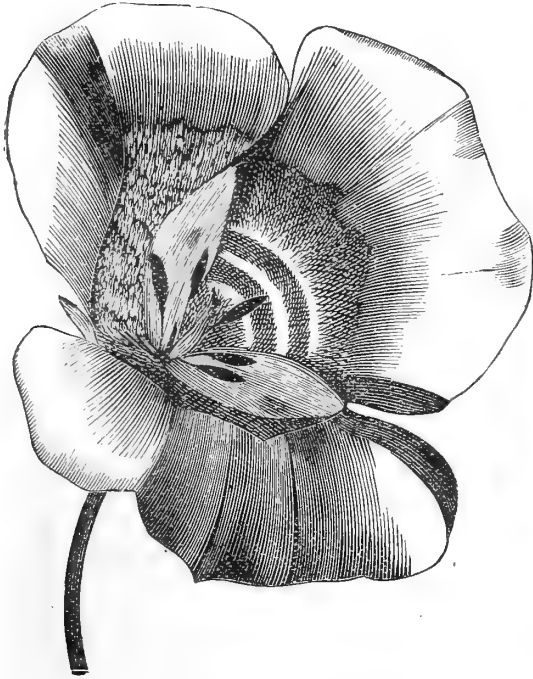
The Ixias produce their beautiful flowers in spikes, and are of the most dazzling and brilliant colors and sure to attract great attention. It is only a few years that they have been grown in this country to any extent, but in that time, like the Freesia, they have become very popular. For pot culture in the house they give great satisfaction, being of easy culture and free bloomers. Half a dozen bulbs may be planted in a five-inch pot, and the display will be magnificent. For open-ground culture give them winter protection with leaves or straw. They are very cheap, and all lovers of odd and beautiful flowers should certainly add them to their collection.

- Alba Mutaballs**—Fine white with blue eye; lovely.
  - Crateroides**—This is a dwarf Ixia, and the finest of all for winter blooming. It produces its flowers very early in January or February, and a pot of them is a most beautiful sight. The spikes of bloom are compact and of the most vivid scarlet color.
  - Double Rose**—Large double flower, fine rose color.
  - Maculosa**—Fine rosy pink.
  - Titus**—Very bright yellow; large and splendid.
- Price of above, 5c. each; 40c. per dozen. One each of the 5 sorts 20c.; 3 each for 50c.
- Mixed Sorts**—Our mixed Ixias are particularly fine, and comprise more than sixty fine varieties of all colors, shades, markings and variegations. 25c. per dozen.

## Sparaxis.

Sparaxis are much like Ixias, except they bear their flowers more drooping than in erect spikes. The blossoms are very large and open flat, presenting some of the most curious and beautiful combinations of colors to be found. Their exceeding beauty at once captivates all beholders, and it is difficult to find a pot of flowers which will be more generally admired or bloom better than a pot of these fascinating Sparaxis. They require the same treatment as Ixias or Freesias, which is simply to plant several bulbs in a pot of good soil, set them away, and when growth commences bring them out and set in a sunny window.

**Mixed, all Colors**—More than fifty finest sorts, representing all colors and combinations of fantastic shades; very beautiful. 4 for 10c.; 25c. per dozen.



### Calochortus.

These bulbs are little known or cultivated, as they are not hardy enough to stand our winters in the open ground without protection, but for blooming in pots they are unsurpassed. The flowers are very large, borne on long stems and are of the most charming butterfly colors, white, yellow, buff, crimson, purple, spotted, and shaded in a charming manner. For winter bloom they required only to be potted (4 or 5 in a five-inch pot.) and treated like Hyacinths or Crocus. When in bloom they will be a marvel of beauty and last a long time. There are two classes, the "large-flowered" and the "small flowered." The former all have large, upright blossoms; the latter smaller, bell-shaped, and drooping. Both classes are entirely distinct, and both very beautiful.

**Splendid Mixed**—All colors, large and small. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 25c.

**Vesta**—Flowers extra large and finely colored, by far the finest of all Calochortus, and a free and early grower and bloomer. We cannot recommend it too highly. 6c. each; 3 for 15c. 12 for 50c.

### Brodiaeas.

An entirely new class of bulbs, particularly adapted for winter blooming. The flowers are of various forms, colors and sizes, all exceedingly interesting and beautiful, and of the easiest culture. In the open ground they are hardy with slight protection, but their greatest value is for winter blooming in pots. They are so little known or cultivated that they are exceedingly interesting as pot plants. Their flowers are odd and beautiful, and producing freely.

**Volubilis**—(TWINING HYACINTH.) Flowers borne on long stems which twine and twist around anything within reach. Blossoms in large compact clusters of a pinkish red color and very handsome. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

**Coccinea or Floral Fire Cracker**—This is a flower of striking beauty, and one that catches every eye. Its blooms are borne in clusters, at the end of long, slender stems, and droop like a fuchsia. They are two to three inches in length, of a deep bright crimson-scarlet color, tipped with green and white. In this lovely flower our friends will find a most beautiful and novel thing. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.

**Lactea**—Our extensive tests of winter blooming bulbs have revealed few sorts worth more for general culture than this new Brodiaea. Its flowers are borne in great umbels, are of a lovely blue color and last for a long time. It also grows and flowers with greatest freedom in any situation, and is one of the most reliable bulbs in cultivation for a sure and satisfactory display of bloom. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.

**Mixed Sorts**—Fine mixed Brodiaeas of all sorts and colors. 2c. per dozen; \$1.25 per 100.

One each of the 3 sorts for 15c.



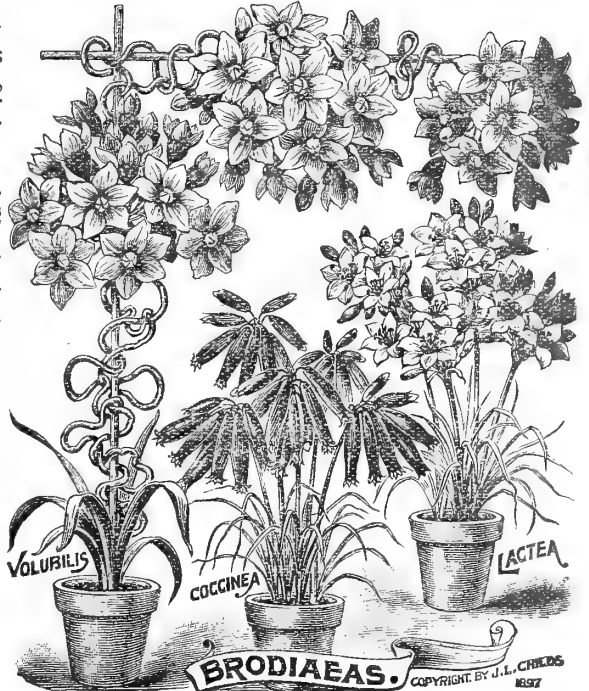
### Allium.

**Neapolitanum**—Florists find it indispensable, its pearly-white blossoms lasting so long, and its long stems and airy grace fitting it for all cut-flower work. Other people like it because it is so sure to bloom and so daintily pretty. It is hardy out of doors in a sheltered location, but indoors is one of the easiest of all bulbs to grow. Three or four bulbs can be placed in a 4-inch pot. The bulbs and foliage are small, but the stems rise to a height of eighteen inches, bearing beautiful umbels of fine starry flowers that remain perfect for a month or more.

**Hermetti**—Like the above, but of a pinky-white color.

**Moly**—Bright golden yellow.

**PRICE**—2 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for \$1.00. Three each of the above three sorts for 10c.



### BRODIAEAS.

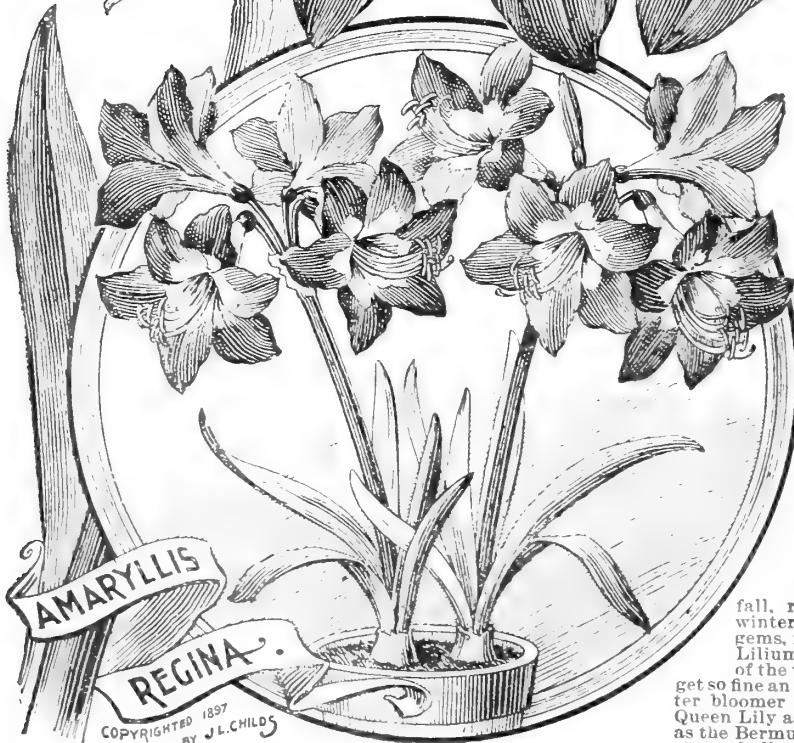
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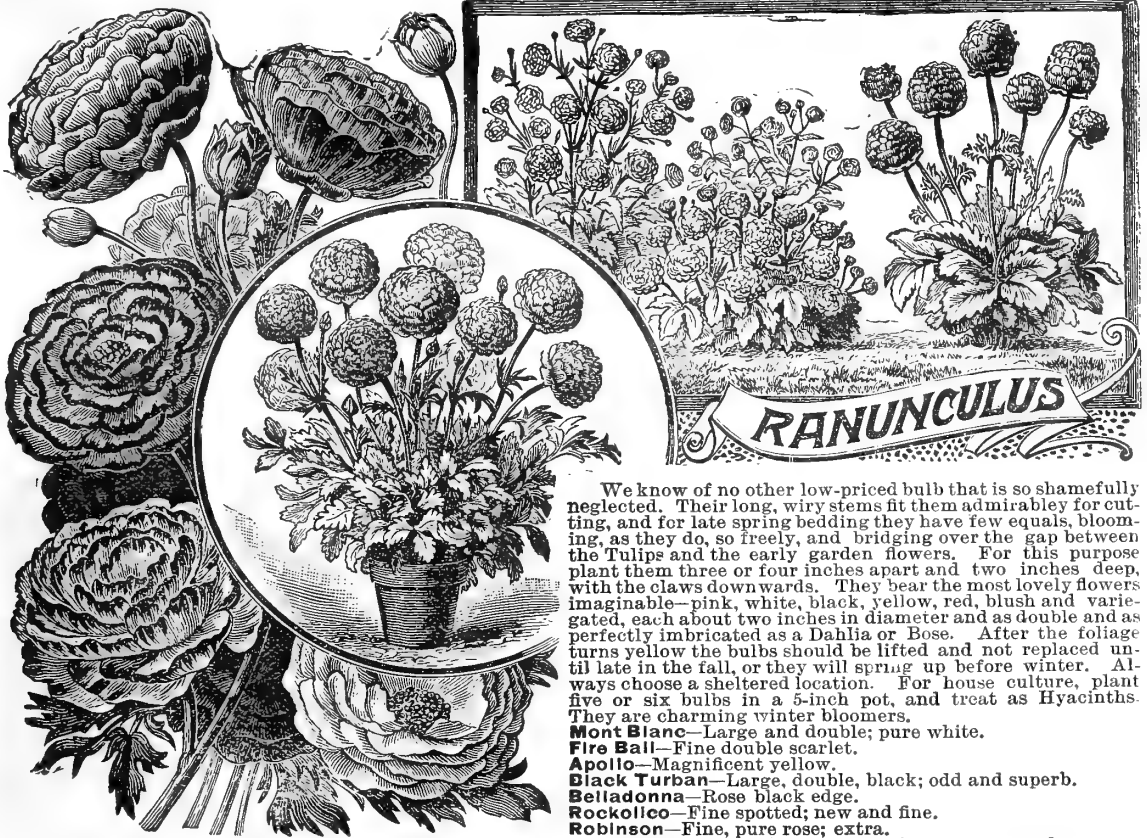


**Amaryllis Regina.**

The Queenly beauty of this superb Amaryllis has given it the name of Regina (Queen) Amaryllis or Queen Lily. That it is a fine winter bloomer also adds much to its merits. Bulbs large and strong, ready to commence growth as soon as potted, and will soon bloom. Flowers very large, beautiful wide-open or spreading shape. Color soft light scarlet with white center or throat. The charming color and beautiful shape of the flower make this one of the choicest of the large and celebrated race of Amaryllis species. In fact, it is the Queen of the tribe, and until within a few years has been scarce and expensive. Lately we found large quantities of it in the Bahama Islands, where it thrives luxuriantly, and have imported thousands of them. Our stock is now so large that we have selected 100,000 fine bulbs for the Mayflower Premium for this

fall, regarding which see page 3. For winter blooming this is one of the real gems, ranking in beauty and value with Lilium Harrisii, Sacred Lily, or, in fact, any of the well-known favorites. That one can get so fine an Amaryllis as this, and a superb winter bloomer at such little cost will make the Queen Lily as popular and as universally grown as the Bermuda Easter Lily. Extra large and strong bulbs, for early blooming, 25c. each; 3 for 60c; 6 for \$1.00; 13 for \$2.00.





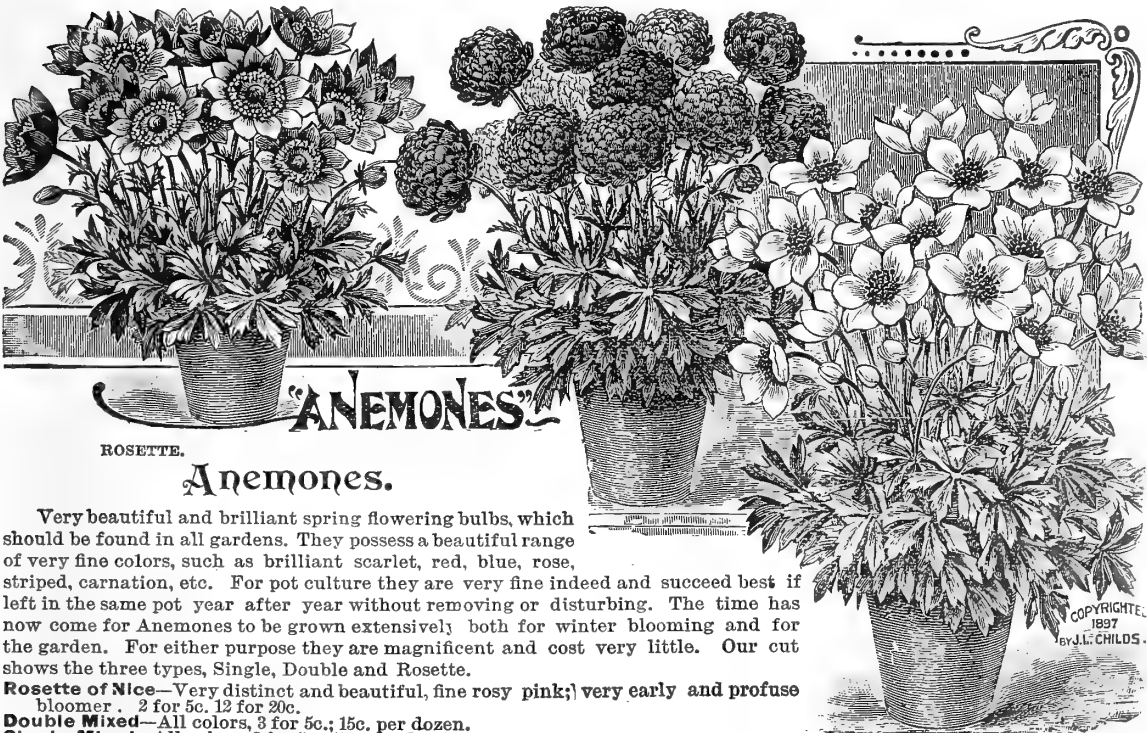
**RANUNCULUS**

We know of no other low-priced bulb that is so shamefully neglected. Their long, wiry stems fit them admirably for cutting, and for late spring bedding they have few equals, blooming, as they do, so freely, and bridging over the gap between the Tulips and the early garden flowers. For this purpose plant them three or four inches apart and two inches deep, with the claws downwards. They bear the most lovely flowers imaginable—pink, white, black, yellow, red, blush and variegated, each about two inches in diameter and as double and as perfectly imbricated as a Dahlia or Bose. After the foliage turns yellow the bulbs should be lifted and not replaced until late in the fall, or they will spring up before winter. Always choose a sheltered location. For house culture, plant five or six bulbs in a 5-inch pot, and treat as Hyacinths. They are charming winter bloomers.

**Mont Blanc**—Large and double; pure white.  
**Fire Ball**—Fine double scarlet.  
**Apollo**—Magnificent yellow.  
**Black Turban**—Large, double, black; odd and superb.  
**Belladonna**—Rose black edge.  
**Rockolico**—Fine spotted; new and fine.  
**Robinson**—Fine, pure rose; extra.

**PRICE** *hc.* each; 3 for 10c.; the 7 for 20c.; 30c. per dozen.  
 magnificent. 15c. per dozen; \$1.00. per 100.

**Giant French Mixed**—50 different colors; magnificent.



**ANEMONES**

ROSETTE.

**Anemones.**

Very beautiful and brilliant spring flowering bulbs, which should be found in all gardens. They possess a beautiful range of very fine colors, such as brilliant scarlet, red, blue, rose, striped, carnation, etc. For pot culture they are very fine indeed and succeed best if left in the same pot year after year without removing or disturbing. The time has now come for Anemones to be grown extensively both for winter blooming and for the garden. For either purpose they are magnificent and cost very little. Our cut shows the three types, Single, Double and Rosette.

**Rosette of Nice**—Very distinct and beautiful, fine rosy pink; very early and profuse bloomer. 2 for 5c. 12 for 20c.  
**Double Mixed**—All colors, 3 for 5c.; 15c. per dozen.  
**Single Mixed**—All colors, 3 for 5c.; 15c. per dozen.

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## Improved Cyclamen.

Few pot plants are so desirable as Cyclamen, especially for winter blooming. Though they are universal favorites, they are not seen in general cultivation to the extent that they should be, considering their ease of culture, great beauty and long season of bloom. Bulbs commence blooming in the fall and continue in the greatest profusion till June, each flower keeping perfect a month before fading, and a good bulb will show at all times from 12 to 50 well developed blossoms. They are of the most delicately beautiful colors, ranging from dark red to white, delicate blush and pink shades prevailing. Often the flower will be spotted and marked, or in other ways showing two distinct colors.

The foliage is also very beautiful, being variegated with different shades of green, and helps to show off the flowers which rise above it to a remarkable degree. In fact, a plant in bloom always looks like a tastily arranged vase of flowers and foliage. After blooming all winter bulbs should be allowed to rest over summer in a dry state like Callas.

**Persicum**—Extra fine strain, all colors mixed. 15c each; 3 for 35c.

**Giganteum**—Grand large flowering form, mixed colors. This is the perfection of Cyclamen, the enormous blossoms of various delicate and brilliant colors are perfectly fascinating and last a month before fading. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Large Rhodian**—Imported from Smyrna. Bears large pearly white flowers early in winter. Foliage very handsome, being marbled and variegated with white and yellow. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

**SOME GEMS FOR WINTER BLOOMING.**

The Bulbs offered on this page are also offered elsewhere among other Hardy Garden Bulbs, but as they are so eminently satisfactory for pot culture for winter blooming, we offer here a select grade of extra large and fine bulbs for winter blooming. They are so very cheap, and so exquisitely beautiful and easily grown, that we earnestly recommend them.



**Fritillaria Meleagris.**

The newer varieties of this charming bulbous plant produce flowers of great and peculiar beauty and they are really among the most desirable of all fall bulbs for any purpose. They are superb for flowering in pots during winter, and for early spring blooming in the garden. The large, curiously colored flowers always attract great attention. They are of various colors and shades, but all are regularly and distinctly checkered. 3c. each; 20c. per dozen.



**Triteileia Uniflora.**

This is the "Starflower," now becoming so popular for both winter and spring blooming. The flowers are white, tipped and faintly striped lilac-blue, and are remarkably sweet-scented. A fine window plant if several bulbs are planted to a pot, as they bloom steadily for two months, and need no fussing with to succeed. One of the most charming fairy-like white flowers for winter. See page 44 for full description. Price, 3c. each; 20c. per dozen.



**Erythronium Hartwegii.**

This new variety is the finest yet introduced and should be extensively planted for winter blooming as well as for the garden. Perfectly hardy. Flowers very large, light yellow, borne on long, slender stems, each bulb sending up 5 or 6 blooms as shown in cut. Foliage as well as the blossoms is exceedingly handsome and several bulbs will make a most unique and graceful pot of bloom. Fine, large bulbs, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.



**Camassia Esculenta.**

A beautiful bulbous plant with tall spikes of fine blue flowers in late spring. Several can be planted in a pot together for winter blooming, and will make a fine display. In the garden they increase rapidly, and soon show great masses of their star-like flowers. Fine to cut for vases or large bouquets. A remarkably fine winter-bloomer, often called Celestial Lily. Try a good lot of them, both for pots and the garden. 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.



**Grape Hyacinths.**

Among the most charming of winter flowers. Sure to do well and bloom profusely. We offer extra large, select bulbs for winter blooming, three colors, as described on page 45. 3c. each; 12 for 20c.



**Scilla Siberica.**

Fully described on page 44. Here we offer extra large, selected bulbs, for winter blooming, and advise our friends to try them. Nothing finer for small pots. 3c. each; 20c. per dozen.



**Giant Snowdrop.**

Another charming little flower for winter. See large cut and description on page 44. Perfectly charming for small pots, and we can supply extra large and strong bulbs at 3c. each; 20c. doz.



**Chionodoxa.**

The charming "Glory of the Snow." Fully described on page 45. It is also a rare gem for winter blooming, and the large strong bulbs which we here offer are selected for that purpose. 3c. each; 20c. per dozen.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—For only 30c we will send 3 Bulbs each of above 5 sorts; 12 of each for \$1.00.



**Ornithogalum Arabicum.**

In magnificence there is nothing like this among winter blooming bulbs or plants. It is a native of Arabia. Bulb large and solid, closely resembling that of Hyacinth, and requiring exactly the same culture; leaves long and narrow, flower spikes 18 to 24 inches high, strong and graceful, bearing an immense cluster of large, pearly-white flowers, having a jet-black center. The illustration gives a good idea of its great beauty. The individual flowers keep perfect many weeks before fading, so that for more than a month this grand spike of bloom is in full glory. Its durability is almost without equal among flowers. Add to this its delicate aromatic fragrance and we have a winter bloomer which all must admit stands without a rival. Its culture is the easiest as it will grow in any position in any window. A bulb can be planted in a four inch pot, or several in a larger pot or box. Pot in September, October or November. They can

even be kept and planted as late as February 1st. For open ground culture they do well if protected from freezing severely. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 90c.

**Ornithogalum Umbellatum**—(Star of Bethlehem)—Fine pure white, perfectly hardy. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

**Lily of the Valley**

We offer strong imported pips, that have been grown especially for winter bloom-

ing. Plant half a dozen in a four inch pot, keep rather cool until well started, then bring to the light and warmth, and keep freely supplied with water. You will be surprised at the rapidity of growth and the size of their lovely fragrant bells. 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.



**Two Fine Lilies.**

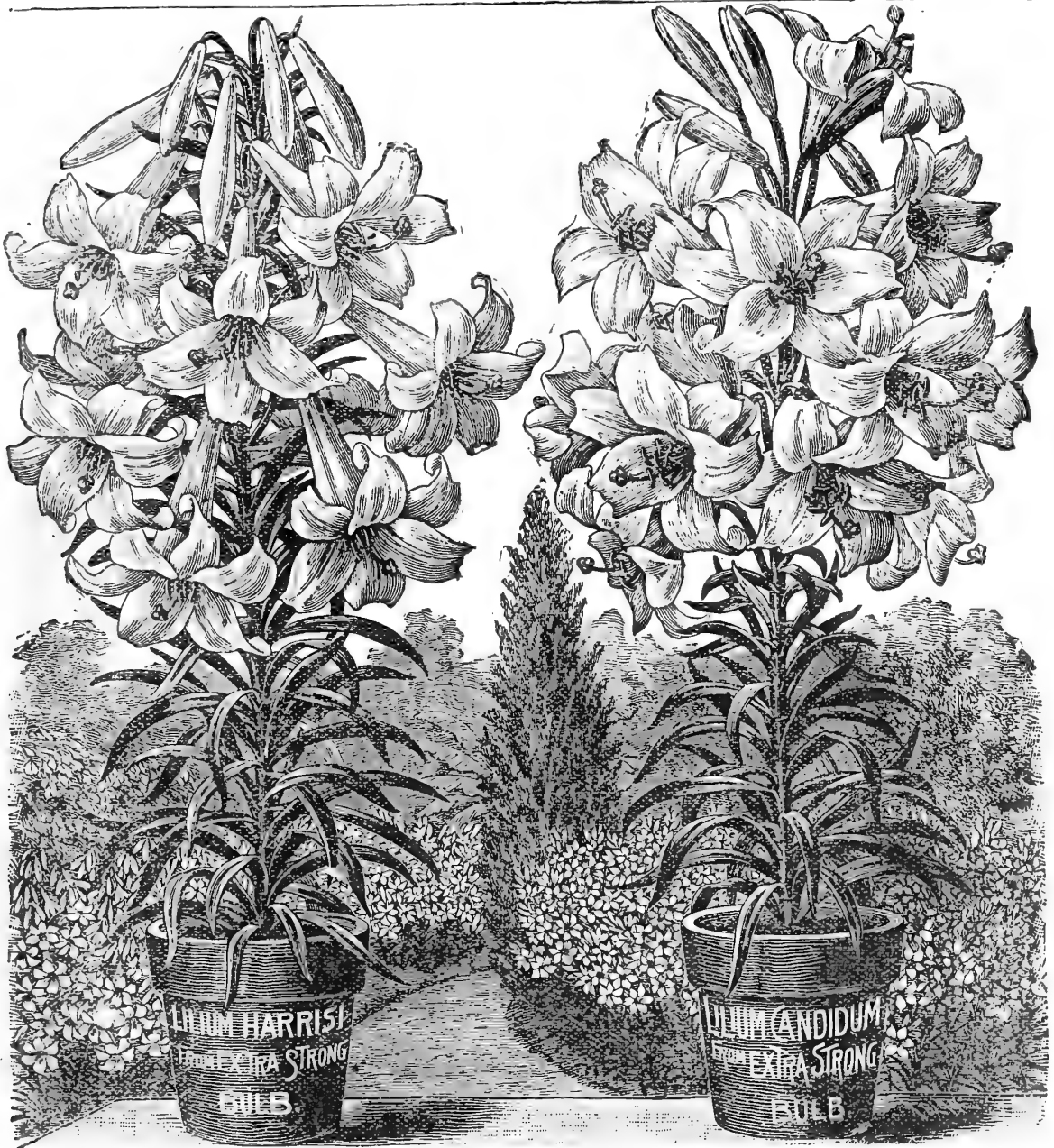
We have by repeated tests with all Lilies found that the following two sorts are admirably adapted to pot culture for winter blooming. While not quite so early as *Harrisi* and *Candidum*, they are nevertheless not far behind them in their season of blooming. *Parryi* is a very fine and rare sort, and justly termed the "Yellow *Harrisi*."

**Parryi, or Yellow *Harrisi***—One of the very rarest, choicest and most beautiful of all Lilies. Elegant for pot culture as well as for the garden. Flowers partly trumpet-shaped, like *Harrisi*, and of a golden yellow color, very deep and glossy. Exceedingly fragrant and blooms early. For pot culture this will rival *Harrisi*, its rich golden color and graceful form making it a most unique companion to that popular variety. It is sure to succeed well in pots with the same treatment, and when in bloom it will be found to be the most beautiful of the two, though not quite so large. We have a large stock of home-grown bulbs, and can offer extra fine specimens for pots at 60c each.

**Excelsum, or Yellow *Candidum***—This beautiful Lily is a near relative to *Candidum*, being like it in bulb, foliage and growth, the flowers being a little different in shape and of a rich apricot-yellow color. It is fragrant, and one of the most exquisitely beautiful of all Lilies, and like *Candidum* an early and superb winter-bloomer. Large bulbs, 60c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One each of these two Lilies for \$1.00.





## TWO GRAND LILIES.

**LILIAM HARRISII and CANDIDUM** are the two best of all Lilies for winter blooming in pots and certainly among the most important of all flowers for winter decoration. Recognizing their great importance, we have for several years made special efforts to secure from our growers in Bermuda and France, extra strong bulbs of enormous size especially for pot culture, such as will produce an astonishing amount of extra large and fine blooms. In this we have been very successful and our extra strong bulbs of these two lovely Lilies have become famous for the number and beauty of the blossoms they produce. Our stock is this season finer than ever before, and we offer these special select bulbs with the assurance that they will prove more than satisfactory. For bulbs of ordinary size see our list of Lilies, pages 14 and 15.

**Harrisii, or the Bermuda Easter Lily**—Large, pure white, trumpet-formed flowers, of great beauty and fragrance; as a winter-bloomer nothing can surpass it. Plant in six to eight inch pots of good soil and treat like other winter blooming bulbs. It is impossible to describe the charming beauty of this Lily as a pot plant. Extra strong bulbs of enormous size, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00; 12 for \$3.50.

**Candidum**—This lovely Lily produces from six to thirty lovely waxy-white blossoms, which have the most delicious fragrance of all Lilies. It is one of the most charming winter flowers and sure to bloom freely. Treat same as *L. Harrisii*. Extra strong bulbs of enormous size, 35c. each; 3 for 60c.; 12 for \$2.25.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—For 50c. we will send one bulb of each of these two Grand Lilies; 3 of each for \$1.25; 12 of each for \$4.50.



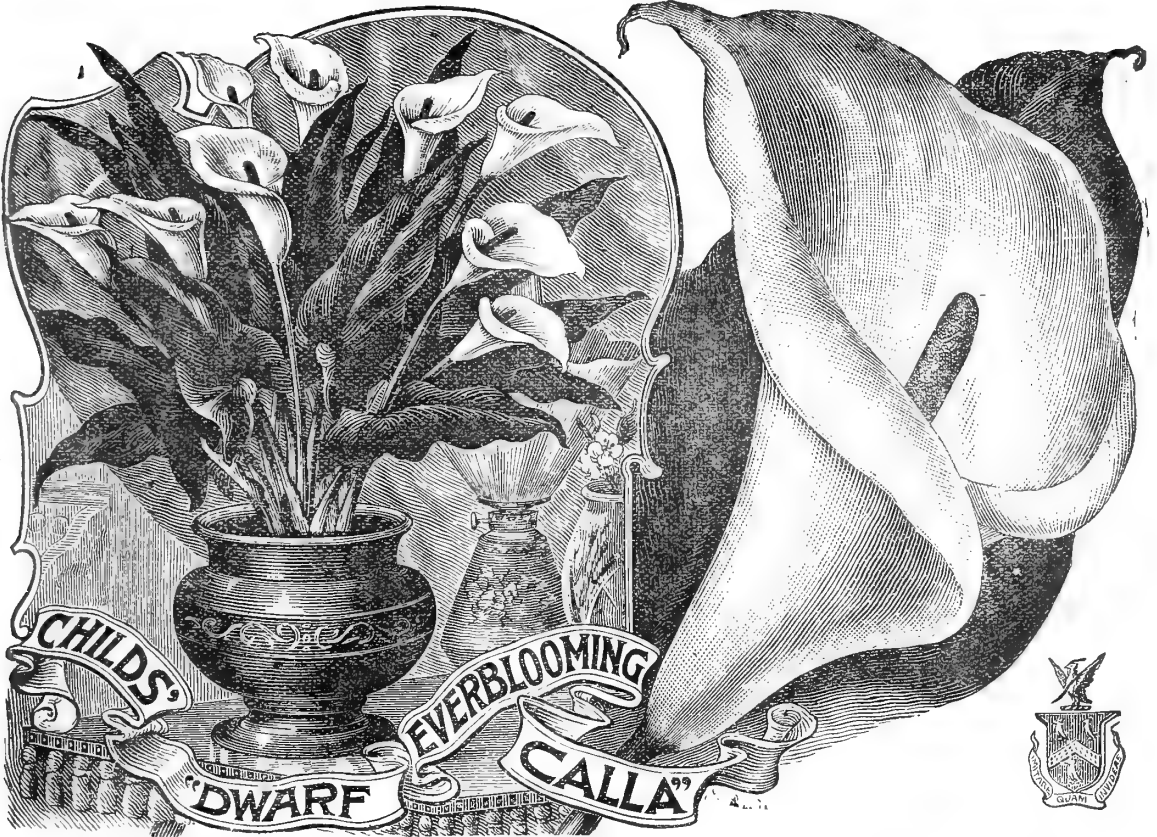
## Superb Callas, for Winter Blooming.

We offer here and on next page several Callas of recent introduction, and which are valuable winter bloomers. We no longer offer the common Calla, as Childs' Dwarf Everblooming is so much superior to it in every respect, and our stock is now so large that we can offer it at a reasonable price.

### CALLA, LITTLE GEM.

All that need be said about this sterling novelty is that it is a perfect miniature Calla, growing eight or twelve inches high and producing perpetually very large snow-white blossoms. It begins to bloom when only a few inches high, in a three or four-inch pot, and a well-established plant in a large pot is never without flowers, summer or winter, and sometimes shows a dozen at once. The greatest plant novelty of late years, and yet the sensation of the day. Our stock is TRUE, and the largest in the world. Cut shows the comparison of the common Calla and Little Gem growing side by side. The plant for everybody. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 7 for 60c.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—For only 75c. we will send one each of the 4 Callas offered on these two pages!



### Dwarf Everblooming Calla.

It is our good fortune to have come into possession of this most valuable of all Callas. The following facts will convince anyone of its great superiority over the old sort. It is of a dwarf habit and does not grow tall and scraggly like the old variety, but is strong and compact with a great abundance of lustrous dark green foliage. It is a true ever-bloomer, its flowers appearing in great abundance both summer and winter when grown in pots, or it will bloom profusely all summer long in open ground and being potted in September, will continue blooming without intermission all winter. The same plant will grow and bloom for years without once ceasing, and the quantity of bloom which a good plant will produce is astonishing. It is estimated that six plants of the old sort will not produce so many flowers in the course of a year as will one plant of this new dwarf variety. A large plant is hardly ever without one or more flowers and its dwarf compact habit makes it a much more desirable pot plant than the old variety. Its flowers are of large size and snowy white in color. All in all it is one of the most desirable plants we ever offered. Strong plants for blooming at once. 30c. each; 3 for 75c.

### The New Black Calla.

Among recent bulb introductions we doubt if there has, in several years, been anything brought out which is so eminently desirable as this. It is a bulb which has come to stay and find its way rapidly into every collection of winter flowers. We say winter flowers, as it is strictly a winter bloomer and will bloom no other time. Its flowers are enormous, fully a foot in length; color, clear black, so intense that it really shows a brilliancy, and as may well be imagined, it is a flower of most striking oddity and beauty. A person who possesses a bulb of this Calla has, indeed, a treasure which will be the envy of the entire neighborhood. The bulbs are large, and should be potted in the fall, and when growth commences set in a window. After blooming, the foliage will die down, and the bulb should be kept dry for planting again in the fall. In addition to its great beauty and oddity, it has a fine fruity fragrance. It is a native of the Holy Land. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Giant California Callas**—Large flowering Callas, which come from California, are now extensively grown and very popular. The bulbs are of a large size, start quickly and are soon in bloom, and continue in bloom all winter. Flowers large and snow-white. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



NEW BLACK CALLA.

# Beautiful \* Winter-Blooming \* Plants.

We offer on this and the four following pages a few Plants which are particularly adapted to Winter Blooming. We have a good stock of fine, well-grown plants all of which have been carefully grown for winter use. Do not omit to try a few of them, especially the Otaheite Orange, Swainsonia, Roses, Begonia, etc.



SWAINSONIA.



## Bridal Rose—(*Rubus Floribunda*.)

A remarkable plant with leaves resembling a blackberry in shape; its flowers are produced during winter, and are as double as a Pæony and almost as large. Color, pure white, and when a plant one or two feet high shows a score or more of these enormous flowers, which they often do, the sight is most novel and attractive. New and little known. Will create a sensation anywhere. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

## Swainsonia, or Swanflower.

A new plant for winter blooming which surpasses any novelty that has been brought out in many years. In fact, it will be hard to name a plant now in cultivation which can equal it in beauty and general good qualities. It has a most beautiful fern-like foliage and blooms perpetually every day in the year, its blossoms being the shape and nearly the size of Sweet Peas, and borne in great clusters of twenty to forty. These clusters appear at the axils of the leaves, and a single branch shows many clusters of blooms at all times. The plant is a free and rapid grower, beginning to bloom in three or four weeks from cuttings, and continuing for years. It is easier to grow and manage than a Geranium, thriving in any soil and in any window, and is a superb bedding plant for the garden in summer. We believe there is no plant so easy to grow, or one that thrives and blooms under all conditions as does this charming Swanflower.

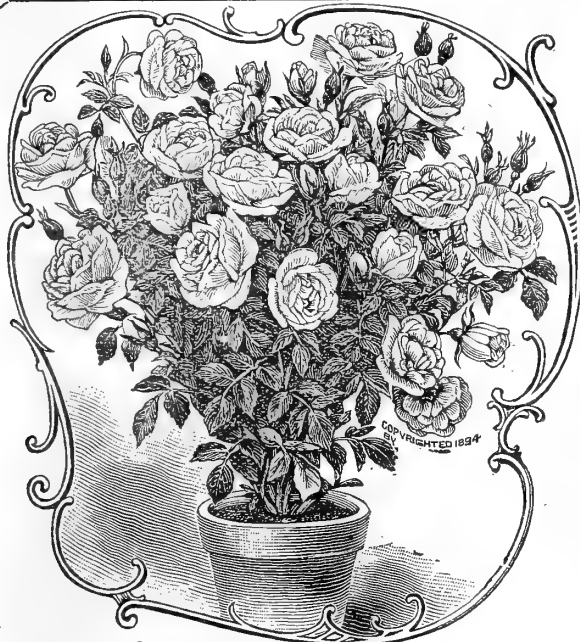
**Pure White**—Large, milky white; exquisite.

**Deep Red**—Fine dark red, with large white blotches.

Price, 25c. each; the two for 40c.

## Roses and Chrysanthemums.

We can supply all the leading varieties of Roses Chrysanthemums and Violets as offered in our Spring Catalogue at 10c. each.



CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.  
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The Rose for Everybody, the Best and Freest Bloomer for Winter.

It commences to bloom as soon as potted from the propagating bench, and continues in the greatest profusion all the time, both SUMMER and WINTER. One plant of it will produce more flowers during the year than ten plants of any Tea Rose. It is always in full bloom.

It is the most healthy and vigorous Rose in cultivation, for its handsome rank foliage has never been known to mildew under any conditions.

It has the most delicious and powerful rose fragrance, which is maintained during the whole year. Its perfume in December is as rich, delicate and sweet as it is in June.

Its blossoms are perfectly double to the center, and of the most perfect shape, both in bud and blossoms, while its color is a degree of loveliness which few roses can equal, being a rich, deep rosy, pink, darker and richer than Hermosa, and a shade the delicate richness of which is seldom seen. Its size is very large for an everbloomer, often as large and fine as La France, or the best hybrid perpetuals. Strong, well-rooted plants for winter-blooming, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; 15 for \$2.00.

**Childs' Jewel**—Produces flowers which range in color from dark orange-yellow to crimson, variegated, blotched, mottled etc. A plant in bloom shows no two flowers alike. Some will be dark yellow; others, buff, saffron, light and dark crimson, pink, blush, apricot, etc.; while others will be variegated in a most beautiful manner. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Climbing Meteor**—Buds exquisite; flowers large, beautifully shaped and of that rich, dark, velvety crimson color seen only in the Jacqueminot. For winter blooming it is just the Rose to train up in a conservatory or bay window, where its exquisite blossoms will show to wonderful advantage. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

One each of the above 3 sorts for 50c.

### New Abutilons.

These are of the beautiful Infanta Eulalia type introduced by us a few years ago. Unlike the ordinary Abutilons of scraggy growth, they are very compact and short jointed, making a neat pot plant. The flowers are the most beautiful we have seen among Abutilons, being very large yet short and beautifully cupped, and of the most lovely colors. They produce flowers by the score both summer and winter. It is safe to say that these varieties will produce five times as many flowers as any other Abutilon.

**Infanta Eulalia**—This is perfection itself. Plants dwarf and short jointed, producing exquisite large cupped blossoms by the score from the time the plant is four inches high. Blooms all the time, summer and winter. Color a most beautiful soft satin-pink. No finer pot plant for windows than this.

**Wm. McKinley**—Like the above except in color, which is a beautiful clear lemon yellow of exquisite loveliness.

**African**—Like Infanta Eulalia, except its color is a deep, velvety, crimson black. Exceedingly rich.

Price, 20c. each; the 3 for 50c.

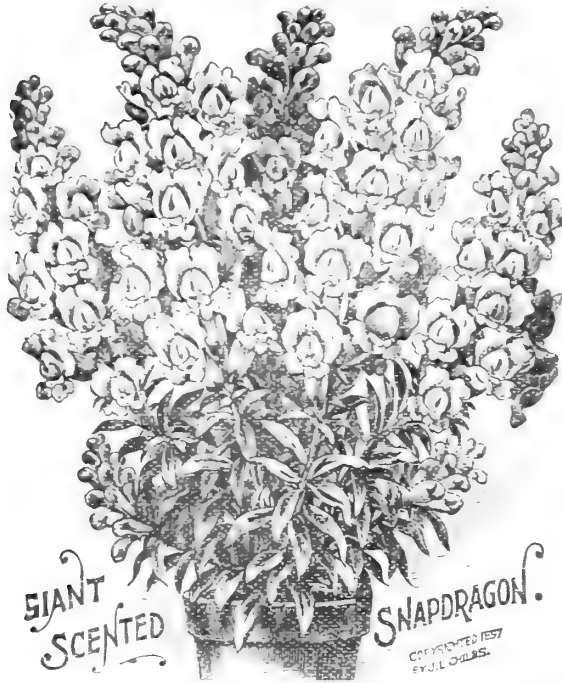


### Otaheite Orange.

**MOST UNIQUE POT PLANT IN CULTIVATION.**

An extra fine pot plant with glossy green leaves, the true fragrant orange blossoms and abundant little bright oranges that will hang on the little bush like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two-inch pot, and we have seen a plant in a common window, that was but 15 inches high and had 23 oranges on it. When good sunlight they are never out of fruit from one year's end to another, and at least two-thirds of the time are in flower also. The fruit is very sweet and handsome. Could we have but one plant in our window it would be an Otaheite Orange. In beauty, grace and fragrance there is nothing like its delicate leafy sprays of bloom, so indescribably exquisite, dainty, lovely and adorable. Fine plants for blooming and fruiting at once, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.





**GIANT WHITE SCENTED SNAPDRAGON**

This remarkable new plant has in one season jumped to foremost place among choice winter-blooming plants. No novelty in our greenhouses has attracted the attention or received praise equal to this. It is a perpetual bloomer compact and branching in habit, sending up flowers spikes by the dozen, one to two feet in length, almost as large and more beautiful than Gladiolus. Color, pure white, with lemon tinged throat, and of lovely fragrance. Flowers keep two weeks after being cut. It has created a sensation in the New York flower market. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed, 15c. per pkt.

**Giant Yellow**—Exactly like the above except in color, which is a beautiful canary yellow. 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed 15c. per pkt.

One plant of each sort for 50c. One pkt. seed of each, 2c.

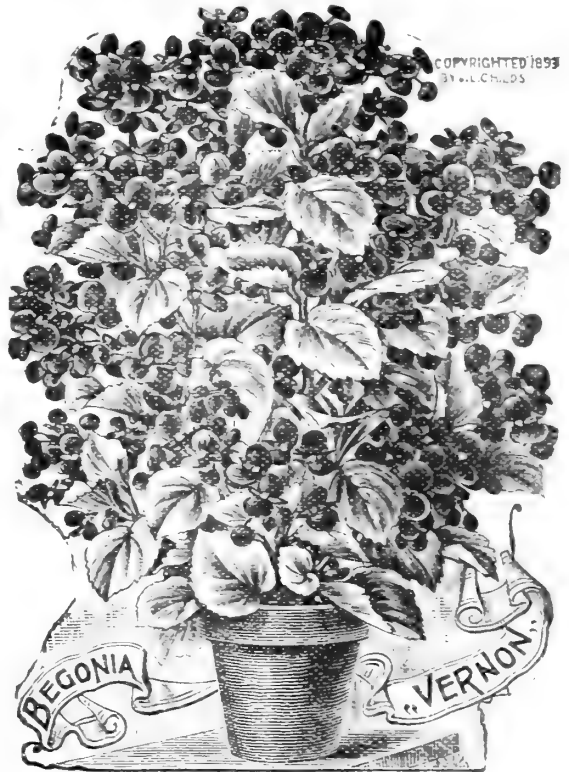
**Dwarf Winter-Blooming Canna, Star '91.**



A very Dwarf Canna which will show bloom every day in the year, its flowers being borne in great compact panicles, often as large as a man's hat, and of the most intense fire scarlet color rayed and bordered with pure gold, is a novelty of an entirely new departure—a new garden flower and a perpetual blooming pot plant of unsurpassed grandeur.

As a pot plant for blooming, both summer and winter this Canna is a novelty of immense importance. It has already become recognized as the most valuable and important flowering plant among

those who know it. It is utterly impossible to have a plant which is more easily grown or more effective in bloom. The enormous panicles of flowers which are borne continually even on plants only a foot or two in height and in small pots is indeed marvelous, and the intense color of the blossoms makes such plants objects of the most effective beauty. We honestly believe it to be the finest of all winter-blooming plants, and as a garden flower nothing can surpass it. Fine plants for immediate blooming. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



**Begonia, Vernon.**

No other kinds of flowering Begonias can begin to compare with the varieties of B. Vernon for beauty and constant bloom. They are so much superior to others that we have concluded to offer none but these. Plants flower perpetually all the year round, the plant being completely covered with bloom at all times, especially during winter.

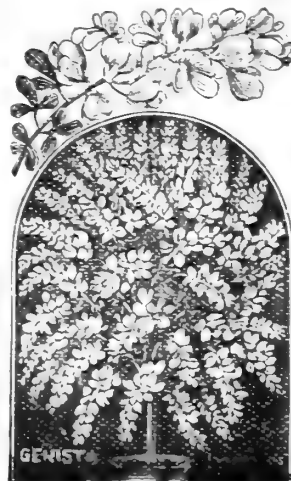
**Crimson**—Produces a profusion of dark crimson flowers. Many of our customers regard this as the very finest pot plant for perpetual blooming in existence. It is certainly a plant which must be in every collection.

**White**—Splendid large blossoms, pure white.  
**Pink**—Lovely blush and pink shades. In other respects exactly like the above, and a plant of perpetual beauty.

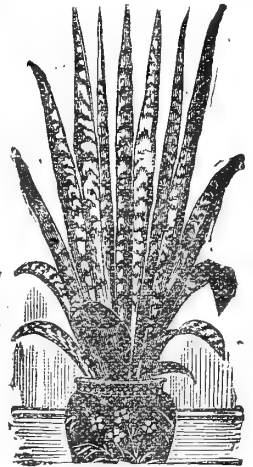
**Yellow Leaved**—This new variety of Begonia Vernon has pure white blossoms slightly shaded or bordered with exquisite silky pink, while the foliage is of a charming yellowish color. The flowers are borne perpetually both winter and summer, and the exquisite beauty added to the superb color of the leaves makes a plant exceptionally odd and striking.

Price, 15c. each; the four sorts for 50c.

**Genista, Shower of Gold.**



As a plant for late winter and early spring blooming, (especially for Easter), it is almost without an equal. Flower golden yellow very fragrant, and borne in large drooping racemes, and in such quantity as to almost hide leaf and branch—most truly a "Shower of Gold." It is one of the easiest plants to grow we ever saw, and is absolutely sure to bloom profusely in any window. As a plant for rare beauty, delightful fragrance, and ease of culture it has no superior, and should adorn every home. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



**Grevillea Robusta.**

A splendid decorative plant, much quicker growing than a Palm, and very effective with its long, drooping, silky foliage, deeply cut like a large growing Fern or a pinnate leaved Palm. No window complete without it. It is very easy to manage, and can be easily grown from seed if desired. Fine plants, 20c.; 3 for 50c.

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**PALM**  
**WASHINGTONIA**  
**FILIFERA.**

**Filifera Palm.**

One of the best window Palms, needing no petting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant fan-shaped leaves of a rich, dark, leathery green. Picturesquely fringed with long threadlike filaments along the segments of the leaves. The plant is a compact grower well adapted to pot culture, succeeding in any situation and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. It will make a grand ornament during winter, and in summer it can adorn a veranda, or be placed in any shady place about the garden or yard, or used for a center in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

**SPECIAL OFFER—For only 75c. we will send one each of these 6 fine foliage plants.**

**Parrot's Feather.**

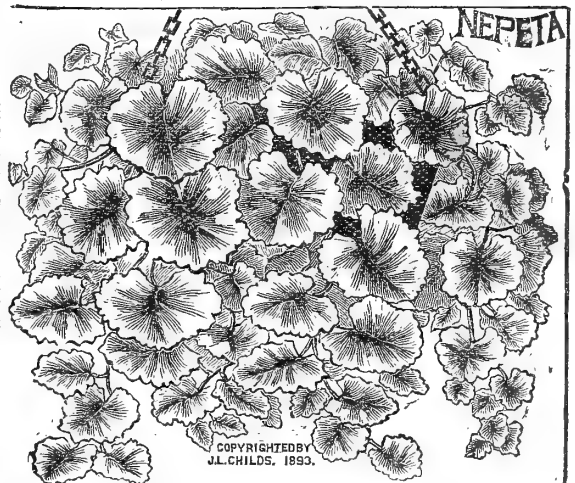
This consists of long trailing stems completely clothed with whorls of the most exquisite foliage which is finely cut. If planted in a water-tight hanging basket so the soil can be kept very wet, or water standing on the surface, it will trail down over the sides in a most charming manner. In a tank or lake it prefers shallow water and will run about over the surface in a charming manner. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

**Sword Fern.**

A magnificent plant for window decoration, and particularly well adapted to house culture, being robust, hardy and free growing. Its beautiful green fronds often grow 4 to 5 feet in length and produce a charming effect. A splendid decorative plant. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Sanseveria Zealanica.**

Singularly beautiful as well as easily grown. Erect, rigid, sword-like leaves; in some old specimens reaching a length of from four to six feet. The leaves are thick and fleshy, a dark green color, with clouded bars of white. In May and June it sends up long plummy flower spikes, which in their soft feathery whiteness, remind one of an Agave's flower. The splendid outlines of the plant together with its distinctive marbling make it a superb plant for jardinières, centers of vases, etc. 20c. each.



**NEPETA**

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**Nepeta Glechoma.**

This new Nepeta is hardy, fragrant and pretty, its small round leaves finely marked with white. Very fine for hanging basket, standing any abuse and looking cheerful under it. One of the prettiest things in the world with which to carpet graves, as it roots wherever it touches the ground and forms an impenetrable network of vines through which weeds and grasses cannot creep. It will grow in any kind of soil, in sun or shade, hot or cold location, and is ever a mass of green and white refreshing to the eye. Unsurpassed for vases, hanging pots or baskets. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

# Lovely Winter Blooming Plants at 10c. Each.

The following are all Lovely House Plants for winter and we have grown a fine lot of them with the view of offering them very cheaply to encourage their culture.

**ALYSSUM, Double White**—Fine for pots or bedding—always profusely covered with clusters of double white and very fragrant flowers.

**ASPARACUS Tenuissima**—A most lovely foliage plant for window culture. Indispensable for cut flowers.

**CARNATIONS, New Dwarf**—These two sorts do not grow over one foot in height, and are therefore admirably adapted for pot culture in windows. They branch freely making thick, compact plants, which are continually loaded with most beautiful flowers, and bloom perpetually. Just the sorts for windows.

**Winter Cheer**—Rich dark crimson; very profuse; often showing 20 to 50 flowers at a time.

**Little Gem**—A fine and constant bloomer, each flower showing a beautiful blending of pink and white colors.

**CHRYSANTHEMUM**—All the finest varieties, for list see spring Catalogue.

**COLEUS, New Dr. Ross**—Enormous leaves, like a Rex Begonia but more exquisitely colored, being a blending of yellow, crimson, pink, green, chocolate, etc. A grand specimen plant. Finest sort yet seen.

**Mrs. Saunders**—This splendid variety differs from all other Coleus in having a wedge of creamy white in the center of the leaf, with a clearly defined margin of oxide green, bronze, crimson and purple. This central wedge shaped creamy white blotch occupies the greater half of the leaf, and is sometimes splashed with magenta.

**ELETTERIA CARDAMOMUM**—An enthusiastic correspondent always sends his letters by a reference to "that fragrant Cardamomum plant that I cannot help but like." A very pretty plant with fragrant foliage, and spikes of charming white flowers that resemble an Orchid, and last for weeks without fading. It is an easily grown pot plant, and always admired. Its fragrance is rich and refreshing like the sweet bay, and unsurpassed for working into bouquets.

**CERANIUMS**—20 different sorts, double and single.

**JASMINE, Crandiflora**—In a warm room bloom all fall, winter and spring steadily. Very beautiful and fragrant. White, star-like flowers.

**Grand Duke**—Beautiful glossy foliage and large, double, creamy-white flowers. Very fine.

**Cardenia Florida**—(CAPE JASMINE.) Large double flowers, pure white, wax-like and fragrant. Extra fine.

**Night Scented**—One of the sweetest of all perfumes. Graceful star-like blossoms of delicious fragrance.

**LOTUS, Pelyorensis**—A charming plant with long wavy plants of Asparagus-like foliage, of a charming silvery color. Highly ornamental.

**LYCHNIS, Plenissima**—A new perpetual blooming plant suitable either for the garden or for pots. It is particularly fine for winter blooming. Flowers lovely pink, in great profusion.

**PASSIFLORA, Pfordtli**—The best for pot culture as it blooms when but a foot high. Large, handsome fringed flowers, exhibiting a mingling of white, pink, brown and blue in its coloring, making a flower of the most fascinating beauty.

**Constance Elliott**—One of the most graceful of all vines, worth a place in every home for its exquisite foliage. The shining, leathery five-fingered leaves airily hanging

the slender stems, and festoon-supporting pillar or trellis until after the snows of winter begin to fall. Flowers pure white.

**Purpurea**—Flowers in large spikes and of a rich royal purple color. Fine.

**Pitcheri**—Fine graceful spikes of blue flowers.

**SOLANUM, Jasmynoides Crandiflora**—A beautiful half climber, easily kept in bush shape by a little pinching, or can be allowed to climb or trail at will, as it never grows too large for a window. Mostly grown as a house plant, for which its size and long profusion of star-like flowers well adapt it, but it is even more pleasing grown as a summer vine at the foot of a pillar or window. The panicles of pure white bloom are very pretty and are profusely borne both summer and winter. It is never without flowers.

**Rantonetti**—The flower is of the very deepest and clearest blue, which is brought out more vividly by a yellow center. Is not a climber, but forms a neat little bush two feet high, which is covered with bloom.

**Azureum, or Blue Solanum**—Its flowers are a fine deep azure blue, and borne in large, dense panicles, and are extremely beautiful, and are produced most of the time during the entire year. It is a splendid pot plant as a climber for the window or conservatory.

**SMILAX**—The dainty, yet luxuriant masses of the glossy Smilax are as handsome in the window as any other flower and as the plant is easy to grow, any one can possess it. A beautiful climber for the arch of a plant stand, wreathing it in a bower of the loveliest green. The finest foliage we have for bouquets, cut flower work, etc., as it is so beautiful and spray-like, and lasts for hours without wilting. Flowers small, white and fleecy, and exceedingly profuse and fragrant.

**ROSES**—30 finest Everblooming, of all colors.

**MANETTIA VINE**—Most beautiful of all winter blooming climbers.

**OXALIS, Ortgesi**—One of the few pot plants that will bloom every day in the year. A robust but neat-habited grower with pretty three-lobed leaves of a dark olive-green above and shining crimson-purple beneath. The flowers are freely borne in clusters on long stems above the foliage. They are star-like and of a clear golden yellow.

**SALVIA, Splendens Compacta**—An improvement on the old variety, it being of dwarf, compact growth with plenty of beautiful foliage and long showy spikes of the most brilliant scarlet flowers, borne continually.

**Alba**—Like the above, except in color, which is white.

**Striata**—The bloom of this variety is freely striped and mottled white and scarlet.

**PLEROMA, Splendens**—At present this is a rare flower. Not only is it a free grower and bloomer the year round, but it is another addition to the very small list of purple-blue flowers, always an uncommon color, but a striking one, and one that imparts a look of richness to a general collection. Flowers very large—three inches across,—opening flat, the velvety petals showing to great advantage, and reminding one of the regal beauty of Clematis Jackmani. Plants commence to bloom when only a few inches high, and continue all the time.

**TRADESCANTIA, Multicolor**—This is a remarkable variety of Tradescantia, in that its pretty striped leaves show every tint of silver, bronze-green, pinkish crimson, rose, and grey, in their markings. An extra fine basket plant, as it stands dust, dryness, and extremes of temperature.

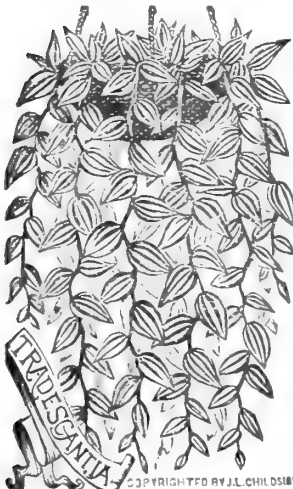
**VIOLET, Swanley White**—In pots it grows luxuriantly and is loaded with flowers. In the garden it is hardy with slight protection, and greets us in early spring with a profusion of its large, sweet-scented blossoms. The growth of the plant is vigorous and healthy, bearing in great numbers very large, perfectly double flowers of pure snowy whiteness and unexcelled fragrance. It is not uncommon for a plant to have as many as fifty large flowers open at once, and they present a beautiful sight.

**Lady Hume Campbell**—The finest blue Violet. Flowers extra large and sweet, borne in great profusion on long stems. Plant rank and strong grower, producing flowers by the hundred.

**Alaska**—A grand new sort, well adapted to garden culture being hardy and robust and producing in spring great masses of enormous double flowers of a deep blue-black color and powerful fragrance. A superb thing, especially for the garden. Probably the very best of all garden sorts and should be planted by all.

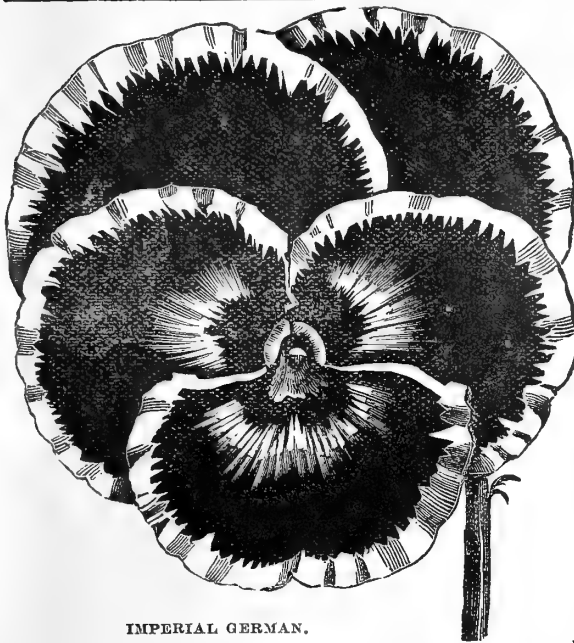
**California**—A new single Violet of great size, beauty and fragrance. Flowers single, borne on long graceful stems and unsurpassed for richness of color and fragrance.

**WATER HYACINTH**—The well known and popular water plant.



PRICE: 15c. each; any two for 25c.; any 5 for 50c.; or more at 10c. each.





IMPERIAL GERMAN.

### Imperial German Pansies.

Introduced by us several years ago, and now a household word in the land. Many inferior stocks have been placed on the market under the same name, but, as the introducers, we may be depended upon to furnish the true variety. Large flowers of the finest coloring; stout, robust and bushy growth, withstanding heat and producing fine large flowers during the entire summer. Flowers of great substance and beauty.

- Gloriosa Perfecta**—An indescribably lovely flower; reddish steel-blue, with distinct red and white rim. 10
- Snow Fairy**—Grand snow-white blooms, profusely borne. Fine for cemeteries. 10
- Black Knight**—A large Pansy of inky blackness. 10
- Thunder Cloud**—Another grand Pansy of most unusual markings; large coal-black flowers, each with red and white rim. Extra fine. 10
- Azure Blue**—A clear, lovely shade, very fine for bedding. 10
- Emperor William**—Elegant deep blue, very useful for bouquet making. 10
- Little Red Riding Hood**—A good advance toward the bright red Pansy of the future. A rich reddish color some of them very brilliant and showy. Only a portion of the seeds come true to character. 10
- Deep Yellow**—A fine color for bedding. 10
- Odder, or Five Spotted, Mixed**—Beautiful spotted flowers. A peculiar variety. 10
- Large Spotted, Mixed**—On white, yellow and reddish grounds very fine. 10
- Lord Beaconsfield**—True. Flowers of great substance and size, shading from deep indigo at the center to the palest azure blue at the edge of the upper petals. 10
- Marbled**—Beautiful marbled, various shades. 10
- Striped**—Very showy and striking flowers, distinctly striped and shaded. 10
- Bronze Perfecta**—A unique color, hard to describe. Exquisite to combine with the deep blue and purple Pansies in cut-flower work. 10
- Mixed Seed**—Of more than fifty distinct shades of Imperial German, including those described above. 10

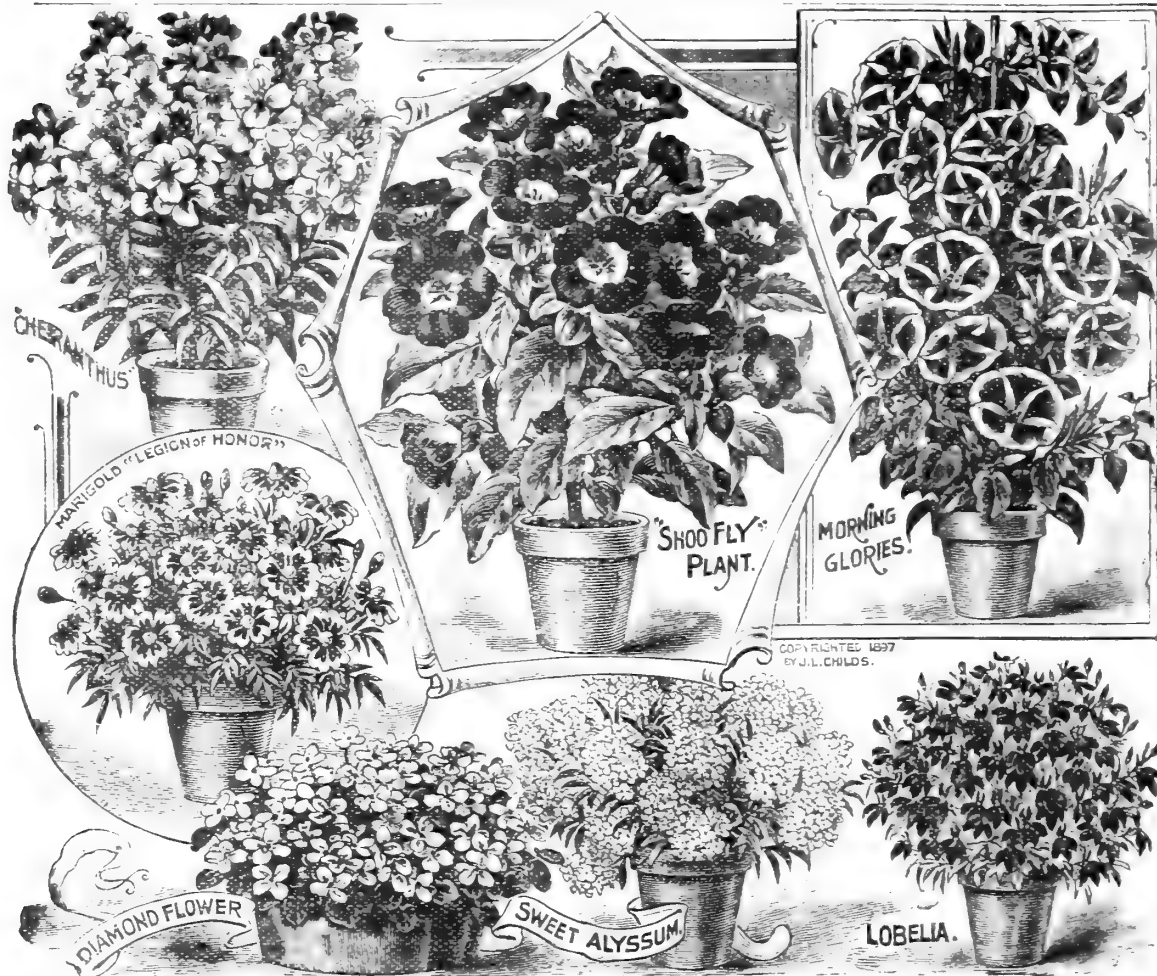
One Packet each of the above 15 sorts for 75c.

### Giant Excelsior Pansies.

It is impossible to do justice to these lovely flowers in a printed description. Cold type cannot convey an idea of the indescribable richness, the varied and exquisite coloring, the large size, perfect form, and great substance of the blossoms. Plants are compact and bushy, and produce great quantities of flowers, borne well above the foliage on strong stems. Owing to their vigor, this strain withstands the hot and dry weather better than any other variety, and produces its great, beautiful blossoms in profusion all summer. Over a hundred different shades and combinations of colors have been counted in one bed of this strain. Pkt. 10c. Extra large pkt. 20c.

## Seed of Choice Greenhouse and Window Plants.

- We offer at special low prices the following list of choice Seed of Greenhouse or Window Plants. Per pkt.
- ALOES and ACAVES**—Fine mixed. 10
  - AZALEA INDICA**—Mixed. 10
  - ABUTILON, Choicest Hybrids, Mixed**—All colors. Blooms soon after planting. 10
  - ACACIA, Choicest Sorts, Mixed**. 5
  - BECONIA, Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids**—Largely grown for bedding purposes, or for summer conservatory decoration. Blossoms very large and showy. 10
  - Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids, Double**—Very fine. 10
  - Mixed Seed**—Many kinds. Grand for window culture. 10
  - Vernon**—A grand new perpetual blooming sort. 10
  - CALCEOLARIA, Dwarf Hybrids**—Large flowering, mixed colors. 10
  - CHRYSANTHEMUM, Extra Choice**—All colors and varieties, mixed. 10
  - CYCLAMEN, Persicum**—Choicest mixed colors. 10
  - CINERARIA, Dwarf Hybrids**—Large flowering, mixed colors. 10
  - Double Extra Choice Mixed**. 20
  - CARNATION, Fancy Extra Choice Mixed**—Variegated colors. 10
  - Monthly, or Perpetual Tree**—Mixed greenhouse varieties. 10
  - Hardy Hybrids**—Hardy free bloomers. Extra fine for the garden or for pots. Many fine colors mixed. 10
  - Margaret**—Fine early bloomers. 5
  - CACTI**—Mixed sorts; very choice collection. 5
  - COLEUS**—Extra choice mixed Hybrids. 10
  - FERN**—Mixed; many sorts. 10
  - FUCHSIA**—Fine mixed, all sorts. 10
  - GLOXINIA**—Choicest mixed Hybrids; magnificent. 10
  - GERANIUM, Zonale Extra Choice**—Mixed, from finest new varieties. 10
  - Apple Scented**—Very delightfully scented leaves. 10
  - Double Mixed**—Saved especially for us from the finest new sorts and will produce some of the best double varieties in existence. 20
  - Bronze and Silver Tri-Color**—Fine foliage sorts. 20
  - Pelargonium, or Lady Washington**—Fine mixed. 20
  - Ivy**—Fine doubled flowered; ivy leaved; grand. 20
  - LANTANA**—Fine mixed colors. 10
  - LEMON VERBENA**—Everybody knows the Lemon Verbena, and everyone ought to have a few specimens of it; its fragrant foliage is so fine to use in bouquets and other floral work. 10
  - MUSA ENSETTE**—Giant Banana. 10
  - PALM, Mixed Sorts**—Many varieties. 10
  - Fillifera or Weeping**—Very fine and easily grown. 10
  - PASSIFLORA**—Fine mixed. 5
  - PRIMULA, Chinensis, Mixed**—Very good; from a fine collection. 5
  - Fimbriata**—Extra fine; large flowering; mixed. 10
  - Fimbriata Filicifolia**—Mixed; (fern-leaved) beautiful cut-leaved foliage. 10
  - Fimbriata Globosa**—Mixed colors. This is a new strain of Fimbriata, with many unusually large flowers of great substance and colors; very clear and pleasing. Colors, pure white with large lemon eye; deep red; carmine, white and pink, striped, flaked with other colors, etc. This strain is an extra fine one for pot culture, to many more pleasing than even the double varieties. 10
  - Fimbriata Cristata Hybrids**—Fine new hybrid strain with crisped foliage and producing a great diversity of colors from white to deep crimson. We believe that this new strain of Chinese Primrose will become very popular on account of its distinct appearance and large blossoms of distinct and bright colors. 10
  - Fimbriata, fl. pl., Alba**—Fine double white. 20
  - Fimbriata, fl. pl., Rosea**—Beautiful double rose. 20
  - Fimbriata, fl. pl., Double, Mixed Colors**—The double Primulas are among the choicest of all winter plants; are the admiration of all who see them. All colors, mixed, an extra choice strain. 20
  - Obconica**—Strong plants of this are ever-bloomers, flowering for ten or twelve months at a time, without a day's intermission. Flowers in umbels well above the foliage, white, tinted with pale lilac. Quite unlike other Primulas, being a distinct species. 10
  - PRIMILAX**. 5
  - VIOLET**—Mixed sorts. 10



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## SEEDS FOR WINTER BLOOMING.

We have made extensive experiments with all quick growing annuals, and to our surprise and delight find that some of them make the most beautiful pots of winter flowers that it is possible to have. Of the following kinds, seeds can be sown in pots of good soil at any time from November 1st to January 1st. They will germinate quickly, grow rapidly and be in bloom in a surprisingly short time, and the pleasure which they will afford it is impossible to anticipate. It is not possible to find any winter flower which will in true beauty and loveliness surpass some of these. They bloom much sooner in pots than they do in the garden and the flowers are larger and handsomer, while the plants are much smaller and more compact. Do not fail to try a few of them. They cost so little and are so lovely.

**Alyssum, Little Gem**—An improved variety; much larger flowers of a pure white, and if possible more floriferous than the old Sweet. Plant is also more robust and spreading, a single plant forming a thick mat of flowers and foliage 12 to 15 inches across. **Three and four hundred spikes of flowers in full bloom can be counted on a good specimen plant at one time.** Elegant for winter blooming in pots. Per pkt., 10c.

**Cherianthus, Fairy Queen**—A lovely little flower which all should possess. It commences to bloom within a month after the seed is sown, either in the garden or in pots. The flowers are borne in spikes and are very gay and pretty, being of bright crimson and lilac colors. Per pkt., 10c.

**Diamond Flower**—It is one of the loveliest little annuals known, rarely growing over two inches in height, and forms a tuft of beautiful foliage which is completely smothered in a profusion of white and violet blossoms glistening like diamonds. It will be in bloom within a month from the time of sowing the seed at any time of year. For pot culture in winter it is just superb. Sprinkle a few seeds in a small pot or saucer, or in pots where other plants are growing, and within a month you will have a most charming mat of foliage and flowers—covering the surface of the soil like moss. Pkt., 10c.

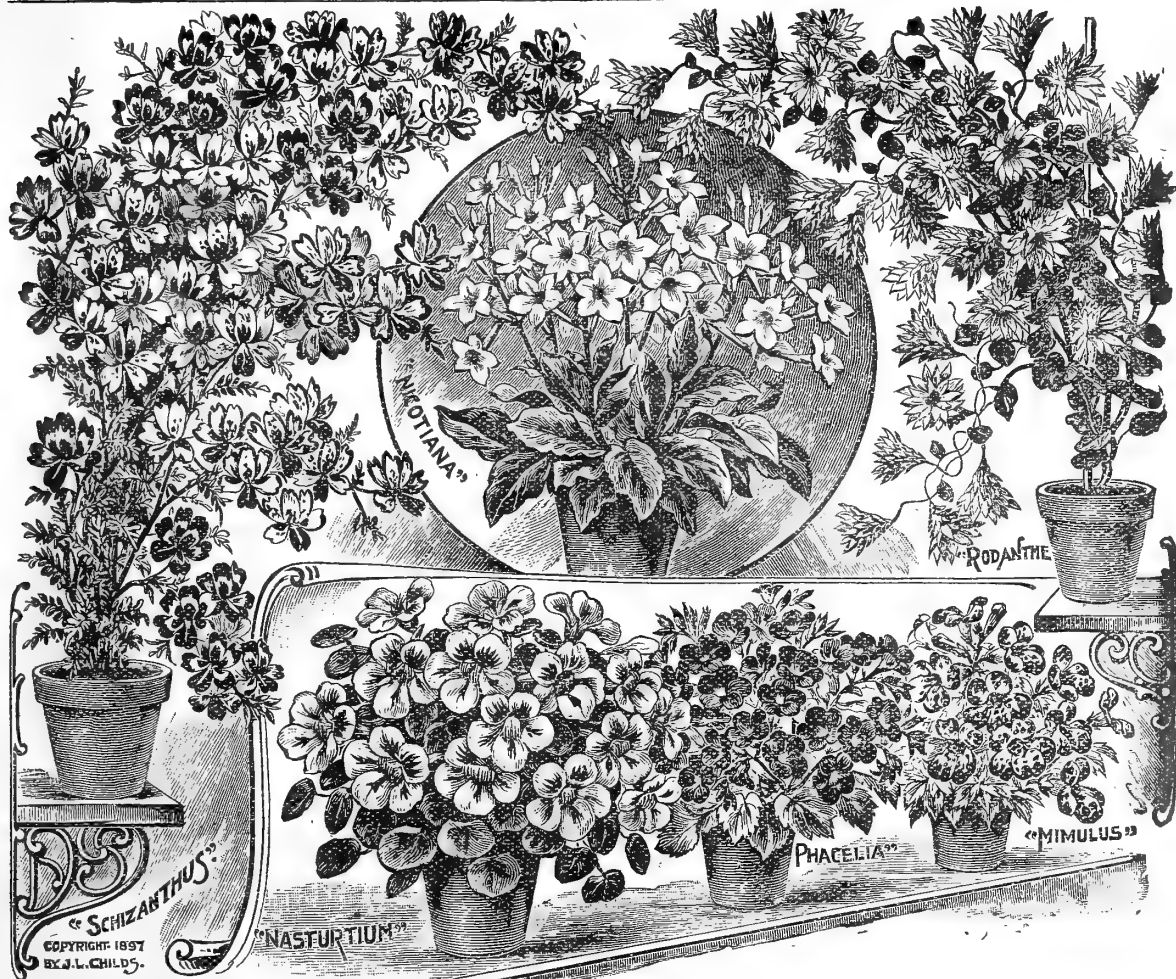
**Lobelia Goldense**—A compact, low-growing variety, the foliage of which is golden-yellow and is most charmingly set off by hundreds of blossoms of the brightest, deepest blue, with a pure white eye. Per pkt., 10c.

**Margold, Legion of Honor**—A dwarf gem, and one of the prettiest pot plants, blooming in a month after the seed starts. Attracts great attention. Per pkt., 5c.

**Morning Glories**—For winter blooming—Seed sown at any time during the winter will commence blooming in about thirty days and when the plants are only three to four inches high, and continue for months. The flowers are very large and of varied and brilliant colors, and remain open all day, from morning until night, making as pretty a pot of flowers as you can imagine. The cut represents a pot of them forty days from the time of sowing the seed. They are in no respect hard to grow, and will succeed in any window, and we are sure that no plant or bulb can be purchased for double the price, which will give so much real beauty and enjoyment, and for so long a period during winter, as will a pot of these lovely Morning Glories. Mixed seed of all colors, 10c. per pkt.

**Shoo-Fly Plant**—An important new plant of the Physilis family. It is claimed that flies will not stay in a room where it is growing if they can conveniently escape, though what there is about it that repulses them is not clear, as the plant or flower has no odor. Aside from this most remarkable quality it is a most beautiful flowering plant, and blooms in a very short time, (60 days) from seed. It is particularly valuable as a winter bloomer, the blossoms being large, cup-shaped, and of a lovely light blue color with a white center. It is a profuse bloomer all winter long, and a more charming plant it will be difficult to find. Pkt., 10c.

(one pkt. each of these 7 sorts for 40c.)



**Brachycome, or Swan River Daisy**—This grows about a foot in height, showing an abundance of beautiful fern-like foliage, and a great quantity of elegant, daisy-like flowers of various colors, blue, white, pink, etc. Pkt., 5c.

**Eschscholtzia**—This is an attractive pot plant both in foliage and flower, and blooms profusely during the winter. The foliage is handsome, being fern-like, while the flowers are like a tulip and nearly as large, and of a most beautiful deep brilliant yellow color. Per pkt., 5c.

**Cynoglossum Linifolium**—This grows very quickly from seed and is soon in bloom, producing large sprays of elegant white flowers, which are unsurpassed for bouquets and other floral work. Per pkt., 5c.

**Phacelia Campanularia**—As a pot plant this is one of the most strikingly beautiful that can be had during winter, particularly on account of its rare and lovely color. It grows 12 to 15 inches, producing large cup-shaped blossoms which are of a most elegant shade of celestial blue. Per pkt., 10c.

**Fenzlia Dianthiflora**—This is a most beautiful little annual and makes a splendid show in pots. It is of a trailing habit and produces in great profusion large, beautiful pink-like blossoms which are of a light lavender color with dark center. Per pkt., 10c.

**Mimulus Cupreus Hybrids**—This has proved a wonderful winter bloomer indeed. The plants grow thrifty and produce a surprising quantity of large, petunia-like blossoms which are mottled, spotted and blotched in a most fantastic and beautiful manner. Per pkt., 5c.

**Nasturtium, Empress of India**—While other dwarf Nasturtiums will probably bloom as well as this we think this is most desirable on account of its beautiful dark-colored foliage and its great profusion of large, bright red blossoms. Per pkt., 5c.

**Rhodanthe**—For charming grace and beauty few flowers can surpass this. It blooms in about forty days from the time of sowing the seed, and as the flowers are everlasting they never fade, but hang on the plants in great

drooping sprays all winter, and the lovely, delicate pink colors are exceedingly attractive. Per pkt., 5c.

**Verbesena, Occidentalis**—Blossoms very large, richest golden yellow in color, closely resembling a Cosmos, and borne on long, graceful stems. Seed sown in pots at any time during winter will be up and blooming within a few weeks, the plants producing their charming flowers when only a few inches in height. For pots it is a most lovable flower. We cannot say too much in praise of this real gem. Everybody will be delighted with it Pkt., 10c.

**Nicotiana Decurrens**—One of the easiest of all plants to grow, and equally fine for winter blooming in pots. Its long, tubular, star-pointed flowers are pure white, exceedingly fragrant and very profusely borne. It is one of the few plants that will flower well without a single ray of direct sunshine, and, for shaded north windows, is invaluable. Per pkt., 10c.

**Schizanthus, Mixed Colors**—No flower in our conservatories last winter attracted as much attention as did a few pots of this superb annual. Plants grow freely and flowers appear in large drooping racemes, and resemble some species of Orchid so closely that they are often taken for that queen of flowers. The colors are beyond description and each flower look like a beautiful butterfly with spreading wings. Our plants were in full perfection of bloom during the entire months of February, March, April, and May, from seed sown the latter part of November. Try them by all means. We offer a mixture of many different colors, all suitable for winter blooming at 10c. per pkt.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**

For only 50c. we will send one pkt. each of the 11 fine winter-bloomers offered on this page.

Or for 80c. we will send one pkt. each of the 15 sorts offered on both pages.



MULTIFLORA ROSE,  
SIX MONTHS FROM SEED.

## NEW MULTIFLORA ROSES FROM SEED.

With seed of these new Roses, plants may be had in bloom in 60 days from time of sowing. Plant at any time. They grow quickly and flowers appear in large clusters, and in such quantity that a plant looks like a bouquet. Perfectly hardy in the garden where they bloom all summer. In pots they bloom both summer and winter. From a packet of seed one will get Roses of various colors—white, pink, crimson, etc., no two alike and mostly perfectly double and very sweet. Greatest novelty of the year. Sow seed now for winter blooming. Per pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts. for 50c.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AT LOW PRICES.

We offer the following collections at extra low prices to introduce some choice sorts.

### 5 Winter Blooming Plants for only 60c.

To induce many of our customers to try a few choice new plants for winter blooming we offer the following collection of 5 splendid sorts for only 60c.; two collections for \$1.00.

- 1 Calla, Little Gem. See page 22.
- 1 Otahite Orange. See page 25.
- 1 Rose, Champion of the World. See page 25.
- 1 Begonia, Vernon. See page 26.
- 1 Giant White Scented Snapdragon. See page 26.

### 5 New Fruits for 60c.

A collection of new fruits which will be sent by mail postpaid for only 60c.; 2 collections for \$1.00, as follows:

- 1 Childs' Golden Japanese Mayberry. See page 58.
- 1 Childs' Great Japanese Wineberry. See page 59.
- 1 Childs' Tree Blackberry. See page 59.
- 1 Japan Tree Strawberry. See page 58.
- 1 Japan Muskberry.

### 5 Hardy Climbers for 60c.

The following 5 hardy climbers are all extra fine. The lot for only 60c.; or two collections for \$1.00.

- 1 Clematis. See page 53.
- 1 Wistaria. See page 53.
- 1 Ampelopsis. See page 53.
- 1 Honeysuckle, Halliana. See page 53.
- 1 Honeysuckle, Golden Leaved. See page 53.

### 10 Hardy Ornamental Shrubs for 75c.

For only 75c we will send by mail, postpaid, the following 10 fine hardy shrubs:

- |              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| Berry,       | Deutzia,         |
| Exochordia,  | Forsythia,       |
| Callicarpa,  | Hydrangea,       |
| Calycanthus, | Spirea,          |
| Tamarix,     | Sweet Pea Shrub. |

### 10 Hardy Perennial Plants for 75c

For 75c. we will mail the following collection of 10 fine hardy plants:

- |                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Rudbeckia Golden Glow, | Lychnis,    |
| Phlox Perennial,       | Achillea,   |
| Day Lily,              | Statice,    |
| Spirea,                | Candytuft,  |
| Coreopsis Lanceolata,  | Marguerite. |

### 16 New Fruit and Ornamental Trees for \$1.50.

For only \$1.50 we will send by express or freight the following 16 rare new Trees. We make this low offer to close out some surplus stock which will soon be too large for shipping. Some of the trees are now 3 or 6 feet tall, and are well worth 50c. each.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Japan Giant Chestnut,   | 1 Japanese Maple,         |
| 1 New Apple,              | 1 Golden Poplar,          |
| 1 Floral Park Plum,       | 1 Ginko, Maiden Hair Tree |
| 1 Russian Mulberry,       | 1 Catalpa,                |
| 1 Double Flowering Peach, | 1 Tulip Tree,             |
| 1 Red Leaved Peach,       | 1 Mountain Ash,           |
| 1 Chinese Apricot,        | 1 Althea,                 |
| 1 Balm of Gilead,         | 1 Sweet Pea Shrub.        |

# NEW FREESIAS AND OXALIS.

There is nothing more desirable, or more universally admired, or easier to grow, among winter blooming bulbs than **Freesias** and **Oxalis**. Recognizing their great importance we have secured new and improved strains, and grown enormous quantities of bulbs that we might offer them at low prices, so that all lovers of choice winter flowers can afford to have a good lot of them.

We have tried to represent on this plate our new strain of **Various Colored Grandiflora** **Freesias** and some of the finest **Oxalis**, but the work does not do justice to their large size, graceful form and delicate colors. Those who plant them will enjoy a rich feast of beauty.

## Freesias.

A new class of bulbs, splendidly adapted for winter blooming, and are, we believe, the most popular winter blooming bulbs for amateurs. They are always sure to succeed and bloom elegantly for anyone in any situation, and the great beauty and fragrance of the flowers are everywhere admired, almost as no other winter bloomer is. The blossoms or buds when cut and placed in vases of water will keep perfect two weeks. In pots they commence blooming early and continue for a long time, the stems branching freely and producing several clusters of bloom in succession. Four to six bulbs can be planted in a five inch pot. They commence growth immediately after planting and need not be put away to form roots like **Hyacinths**, unless it is more convenient to do so. Planting successively from September to November will give a succession of bloom through the winter. We cannot too earnestly urge customers to plant this charming winter flower. Their free growth, abundant bloom, delicate beauty and charming fragrance will be a surprise and delight to all. The bulbs we supply are extra large and strong. Our new strain of many colored **Grandifloras** is extra fine.

**Various Colored Grandiflora**—This grand new strain is represented in this colored plate, and is the finest of all **Freesias**, possessing tints, colors and variegations not before seen. Not only are the common white and yellow colors seen, but pink, purple, violet, primrose, canary, and some purple shades so deep and rich as to be almost red. The flowers are of gigantic size and borne in extra large clusters. The fragrance is rich and powerful. All colors mixed, 5c. each; 6 for 20c.; 12 for 35c.; 25 for 60c.

**Refracta Alba**—Pure white, very sweet and popular. Fine large bulbs. 2 for 5c.; 15c. per dozen; \$1.25 per 100.

**Leichtlini Major**—Rich orange yellow and white. 2 for 5c.; 15c. per dozen.

**Giant Bermuda**—A magnificent strain of mixed hybrids, of various colors, from pure white to deep orange, shaded blotched, straw color, etc. Flowers very large and freely produced. 2 for 5c.; 20c. per dozen; \$1.50 per 100.

**Mammoth French**—We have secured a limited number of **Freesia** bulbs of enormous size. The magnitude of bloom which one of these bulbs will give will be perfectly astonishing. For winter blooming they are immense. 5c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

**Scarlet Freesia** (*Anomatheca Cruenta*)—This is much like a **Freesia** in all respects except that it does not flower so early. Its flowers are bright scarlet, blotched with dark carmine, and very showy. Blooms in March or April and its bright color makes it very desirable for mixing in bouquets with other flowers. (Represented on this colored plate.) 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

## Oxalis.

These varieties of **Oxalis** are all for winter blooming. They make the most beautiful hanging pots and baskets, producing a mass of flowers all winter which in brilliant and beautiful colors are truly charming. Winter-blooming **Oxalis** are always sure to please. Plant five or six bulbs in a 6-inch pot. They commence growth immediately after planting and need not be set away to form roots like most other bulbs. They bloom during the entire winter, a thing we can expect of very few plants or bulbs, and are for that reason doubly worthy of a place in every collection of winter blooming bulbs. Our bulbs are particularly fine, and the **Double Yellow**, **Bermuda Buttercup**, and **Versicolor**, which are shown on this plate will be found to be exceedingly showy and free blooming.

**Bowl**—Extra large brilliant red blossoms and luxuriant foliage. One of the very best.

**Lutea Major**—Bright golden yellow in large clusters. One of the most magnificent.

**Multiflora Alba**—Pure white; growth pretty and graceful, but a shy bloomer.

**Nirta**—Deep red, and also a shy bloomer.

**Versicolor**—The prettiest of all. Beautiful foliage and compact growth with an abundance of large pearly white blossoms, each petal having a wide border of brilliant scarlet, a combination which is truly charming. The beautiful effect of the half open buds is admirably represented on this plate.

Price of above 5 sorts, 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

**Bermuda Buttercup**—A fine, robust growing, large flowering yellow sort from **Bermuda**. Blooms in enormous panicles, each flower being as large as a silver half dollar, and of a clear bright yellow color. Bulbs commence blooming soon after planting and continue all winter without a break. Easily grown in any window and a most satisfactory winter bloomer. Fine large bulbs 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 50c.

**Double Yellow** (or **Double Buttercup Oxalis**)—This is exactly like the above except its blossoms are perfectly double like a rose. One of the finest of all flowers for winter blooming. A great acquisition. Fine bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 50c.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—For only 30c. we will send one bulb each of above 7 grand **Oxalis**; 3 of each for 75c.

**Mixed Oxalis, 25 Sorts**—A fine mixture of a great variety of fine winter-blooming sorts. 15c. per doz.; \$1.00 per 100.

New Grandiflora,  
Various Colors  
FREESIAS.



Sweet  
Freesia

Buttercup  
Oxalis

Sweet  
Oxalis

Oxalis Versicolor

NEW FREESIAS AND OXALIS.



# Specialties in Hardy Bulbs.

THE CHOICEST GEMS

For Fall Planting and Spring Blooming, at Greatly Reduced Prices.

**GRANDEST NAMED HYACINTHS at 10c.**

**EXQUISITE NAMED NARCISSUS at 5c.**

**RICHEST NAMED TULIPS at 4c.**

Giant-Flowered Crocus, Rare Lilies, Charming Scillas, Iris, Snowdrops, Chionodoxas, Camassia, Triteleia, Etc.

Special Collection of Elegant Hardy Perennial Plants, Flowering Shrubs, Hardy Climbers, Choice and Rare New Fruits, Etc.

➤ FOR CHOICE WINTER-BLOOMING BULBS, PLANTS AND SEEDS, SEE PAGES 5 TO 32. ➤

## HARDY OR HOLLAND BULBS.

**H**ARDY, OR HOLLAND BULBS, are most deservedly popular. In the flower garden they have wrested two months of each year from Winter's stern grasp. Before the last snowdrift has melted, the Snowdrop, Scilla and Crocus appear, close followed by a score of others that have made the name "Spring Flowers" synonymous with beauty and fragrance. Indoors they have won equal triumph. The place of honor once held by the tender Geranium and Begonia belongs now to the Hardy Bulbs, that, while enduring the most hardships and extremes, are at the same time the most beautiful, fragrant, and the most certain to bloom.

Our sales of these bulbs are something enormous. The quantities in which we buy secure us the choice of Holland's annual output, and we give our customers the benefit of it in the fine, plump, heavy bulbs we send out, and the remarkable low price at which we offer them. They are now so very cheap that no lover of rare and beautiful flowers need be without a good collection.

**CULTURE IN THE GARDEN**—Bulbs are especially valuable for outdoor planting, as they bloom at a time when the garden is utterly destitute, and make it gay and attractive. Scillas, Snowdrops and Crocus appear as soon as the snow is away, and are quickly followed by Hyacinths, Narcissus, Tulips, etc. The display which a few of these bulbs make in the early spring is indeed charming, and they are always appreciated more than any other class of flowers, for they come when most needed.

The many forms and rich and varied colors of the Tulip make this bulb one of the most important of all garden flowers for a gay and dazzling display. For delicate fragrance and refined beauty and grace, the Narcissus, with its great variety of form and charming colors, is always admired and is one of the most pleasing of all bulbous plants. Of Hyacinths we need not speak, for they are well known; their large round spikes of bloom in a garden or window lend a charm which no other plant can rival. No class of flowers are so easy to grow or surer to bloom than bulbs, and it is an established fact that they always surprise those who plant them by proving much better than one unacquainted with them can imagine.

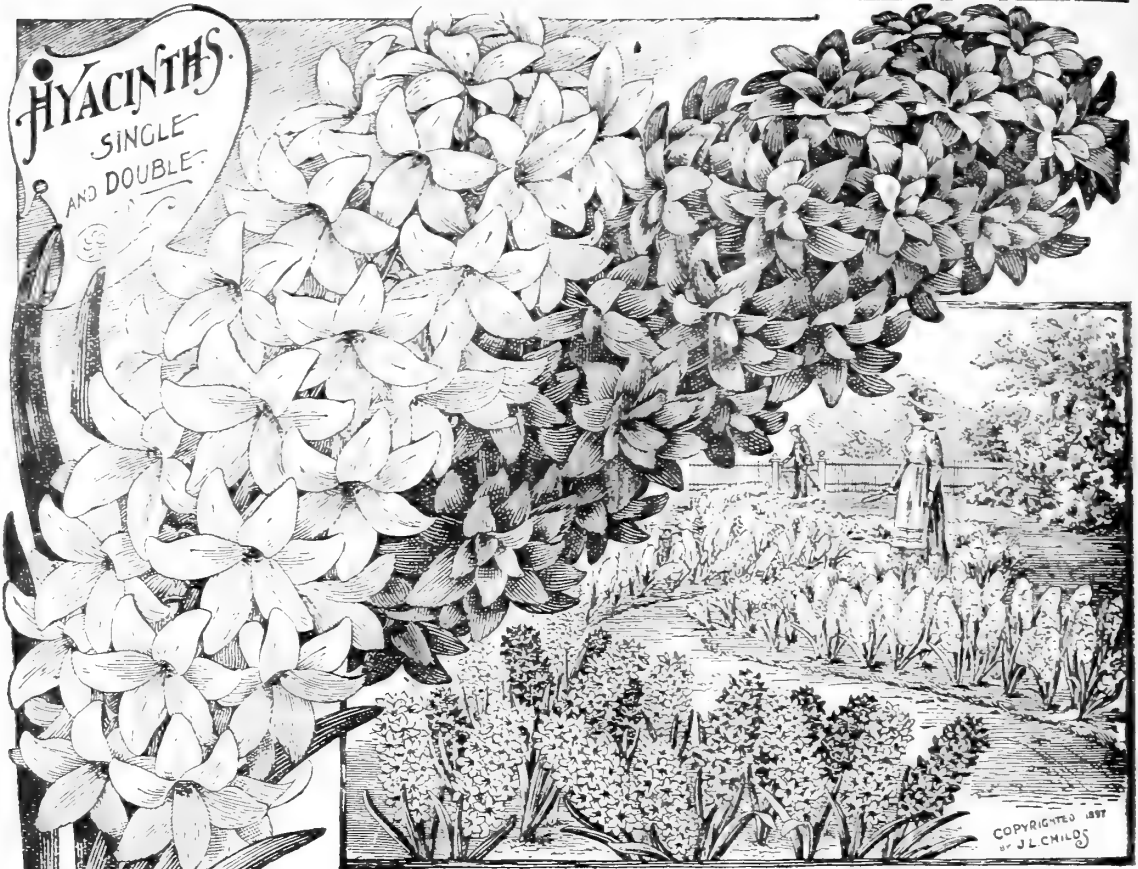
For garden culture bulbs do not require a very rich soil and are easily cared for. Plant in September, October or November, which is the best time. Late in the fall the beds

can be covered with leaves or coarse litter which should be removed early in spring. After the bulbs are through flowering, the leaves soon turn yellow and die, and are then ripe enough to be taken up and stowed away for planting again in the fall, leaving the beds to be filled with other plants for the summer display, or, if desired, they can be left in the beds the whole year.

**PREPARATION OF BEDS**—Spade up making the beds a little higher than the surface, so that water will readily drain off. If the soil is poor, add a liberal quantity of well-rotted manure.

**TIME TO PLANT**—September, October and November are the best months for planting bulbs in the garden. Set them from one to six inches apart, according to variety or size, and from one to three inches deep.

**PROTECTION**—After planting, the beds should be covered with leaves, straw or other coarse litter (as a mulch or protection), which should be removed when the bulbs start in early spring. This is not necessary to save the bulbs, for most kinds are perfectly hardy in any situation without protection, but it is most advisable to do it, for it preserves the vitality of the bulbs to a great extent, and when in bloom you can notice that those which were protected will be twice as good as those which were not.



**BEST NAMED HYACINTHS.**

Beyond doubt the Hyacinth is the Queen of Spring. Its hardiness, ease of culture, and certainty to bloom would alone insure popularity, but it has the additional merit of being one of the most decorative and ornamental of plants. Its massive spikes of waxen flowers are of the most perfect shape and most delicious fragrance, while its colors sport into a hundred shades, tints and blendings. Out of the long list of Holland growers we have chosen the very cream of all varieties, either for pot or garden culture. The bulbs here offered are not of second size or inferior quality, but first-class in every respect, consequently our prices for same are very low.

**BEST SINGLE HYACINTHS.**

- Amy**—Quite early. Fine spikes of medium-sized flowers of a deep, clear, carmine-red, glowing with richness.
- Argus**—Fine flower and spike. Dark blue with large white center. Extra.
- Certrude**—Tall, with heavy spikes of extra large flowers of a distinct shade of lilac-pink, turning to silver-rose, striped carmine. Extra fine.
- Gigantea**—Thick spikes and large bells of a beautiful flesh color. One of the grandest sorts.
- Grand Marvel**—A most beautiful sort. Large spikes of handsome, bluish-white bells. Few so fine as this.
- La Franchise**—A magnificent variety. Large, long spikes of bluish-white blossoms, turning afterward to a snowy-white, petals very broad, and flowers of great substance and measuring two inches across.
- Mimosa**—Fine, compact truss of rich, indigo-blue bells.
- Mad. Vander Hoop**—Medium spike, but grand widely-opened bells of milky whiteness. Very beautiful.
- Mad. Hodson**—Compact spikes of exquisite satiny, silvery-pink bells, the shade of the La France Rose.
- Pure D'Or**—Spikes of pretty corn-colored bells.
- Pleneman**—A magnificent sort, with enormous sky-blue bells arranged in graceful spikes of great size.
- Norma**—Beautiful pink, very large, and an extra early bloomer. Exquisite.
- Lord Macaulay**—Bright red with white center. Extra large spike. A most striking and beautiful color.
- Gen. Pellissier**—Deep scarlet, compact spike, very early. One of the most showy of Hyacinths.
- Voltaire**—Creamy white; a most delicate and pretty color.

**BEST DOUBLE HYACINTHS.**

- Bouquet tendre**—Tall and compact truss; beautifully shaped florets of a tender rose color.
- Bouquet Royal**—Fine light pink or blush. Extra large spike and very beautiful.

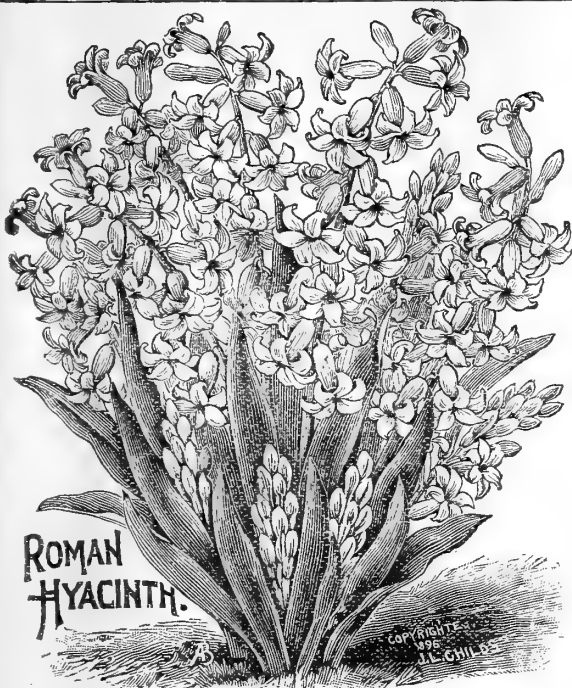
- Bloksberg**—Beautiful light blue. Extra fine, large and beautiful truss.
  - Czar Nicholas**—An early sort with rosy pink bells. An old favorite, and one of the best.
  - Carrick**—Azure blue; large compact spike. A fine sort.
  - Crootvorst**—Compact truss; large and very double bells of bluish-white, with a touch of lilac-rose at center.
  - Cothe**—Splendid large flower; one of the best yellow shades.
  - Jenny Lind**—Very double flowers. White flushed with lilac.
  - La Tour**—Pure snow white and a very early bloomer. Truss and florets very large and double. A most exquisite sort, violet at the center. Compact spikes.
  - La Virginiate**—Spikes of tubular bells of soft bluish-white.
  - Lord Anson**—Fine large spikes, florets of perfect form; color soft bluish lilac, delicate and pretty. Very pretty and a general favorite.
  - Noble Par Merite**—Fine, compact spikes of large, double flowers, as perfect as little roses. A soft shell-pink, gradually deepening as they stand into a deep peach striped carmine.
  - Othello**—Fine deep indigo-black. A very fine and rare color of exceeding richness and beauty.
  - Prince of Saxe Wiemar**—Tall spikes of rich indigo-blue.
  - Princess Royal**—Dark red with brown center; very showy.
- PRICE of all Hyacinths on this page, 15c each; 3 for 25c.; 5 or more at 10c. each; the 39 sorts for \$2.75.

**MIXED HYACINTHS.**

- Our Mixed Hyacinths are not ordinary stock, but fine, large bulbs which will give magnificent bloom either in the house or garden. We have marked prices down very low indeed.
- |   |    |        |
|---|----|--------|
| Single Mixed, all colors, extra fine.....     | 75 | \$4 50 |
| Double Mixed, all colors, extra fine.....     | 75 | 4 50   |
| Double and Single Mixed, extra fine.....      | 85 | 4 00   |
| Pompon Mixed, all colors, double and single.. | 50 | 2 50   |
| Roman Mixed, all colors, double and single..  | 50 | 2 00   |

See Pages 20 and 21 for other Hyacinths.





### Roman Hyacinths.

Not at all like the Dutch or Snow Hyacinths, though they do not suffer by comparison. The slender stems, arching beneath their load of daintily poised bells, are the acme of grace and elegance, while so many spikes are thrown up from each bulb that the whole pot appears a mass of bloom. Roman Hyacinths are extra good for cutting, and so early that they bloom by Christmas, or before, remaining in perfection nearly a month, if the room is not kept too warm. They are extremely early and bloom in the garden with the Crocus. Two bulbs can be planted in a 4-inch pot, or 3 bulbs in a 5-inch pot. The bulbs we offer are extra large and strong. For extra fine bulbs for winter blooming see page 8.

**Single White**—The most popular of all. Every window should have several pots of these. Exquisite bells, white as the driven snow, and pleasantly fragrant. Never fails to bloom. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

**Single Blue**—Dark blue bells. About ten days later than the white, with which it forms a fine contrast. A great bloomer. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

**Double Light Pink**—The Double Roman Hyacinths are larger than the single sorts. This sort has elegant waxy bells of pale shell-pink. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

**Double Dark Pink**—Like the above, but a beautiful, clear, bright rose. Spikes long and heavy for this class. 6c. each. One each of the 4 sorts for 20c.

**Fine Mixed**—Roman Hyacinths, all colors. 50c. per dozen; \$2.80 per 100.

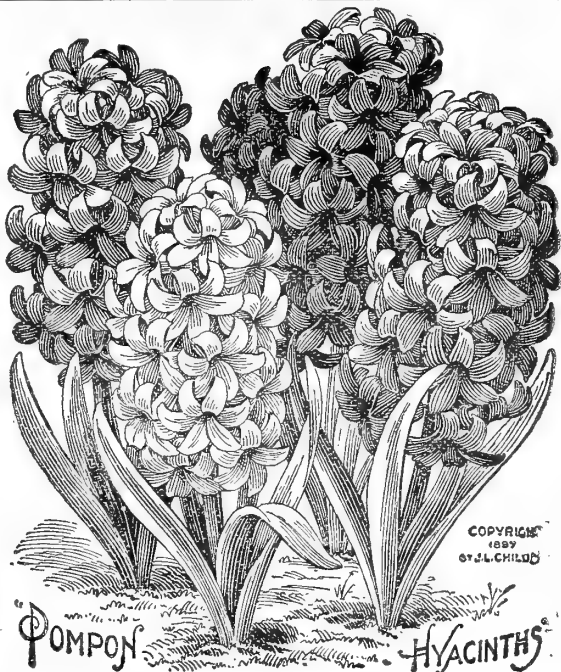
(See also page 8.)

### Hyacinthus.

Species of Hyacinth, valuable alike for the garden and for pots. Very hardy and early to bloom.

**Cockade**—A real curiosity. First, a frizzed, cockade-like spike, an inch or two in length, appears above the soil, and as it slowly rises on its long stalk, it becomes five or six times as long as at first, developing into a long feathery blue plume, and lasting for weeks in that condition. One of those pretty, odd things that everybody likes. Perfectly hardy in the garden, and fine for pots. 5c. each; 3 for 12c.; 12 for 40c.

**Belgicus**—A distinct species of Hyacinth that we urge our customers to plant largely. It resembles the Grape Hyacinth more than any other, yet is very distinct, its spikes being much longer and looser and the bells wider and larger in every way. It is also equally adapted to garden or pots, producing a mass of bloom that is very striking and beautiful. Should be planted in masses to produce the best effect. Five or six bulbs may be planted in a 5-inch pot, and will need no more care than other Hyacinths. We offer this species at prices so low that our customers can afford to plant them in quantities. There are three colors, white, pink, and violet. Price of mixed bulbs, 3c. each; 2 for 5c.; 5 for 10c.; 12 for 20c.



### Pompon Hyacinths.

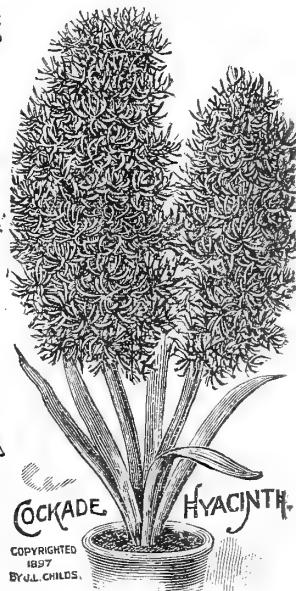
A class of Hyacinths with comparatively small bulbs, and, as they are usually compact growers, can be more cheaply grown than the larger bulbed class. While the spikes scarcely average as heavy as other Hyacinths, the difference is small, and many specimens are fully equal to the best of the latter. They are splendid for either garden or pots, while for cutting they are the best of all. Every hue, shade and color is found among them; the flowers are large and wax-like, and the spikes airy and graceful. We offer them so low that they ought to be purchased by the dozen for every plant window.

**Double Red,**  
**Double Rose,**  
**Double Blue,**  
**Double White,**

**Single White,**  
**Single Pink,**  
**Single Blue,**  
**Single Red.**

Price of above, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; the 8 for 35c.

**Mixed Pompon Hyacinths**—All colors, double and single. 50c. per dozen; \$2.50 per 100.





## Single Tulips.

There is no question but that the Tulip is the most popular spring flower that grows. The soft, seductive breezes have scarce whispered in our ears that spring is at hand, ere our eyes, wearied of winter's dull, somber, lifeless tints, are dazzled by a sudden blaze of Tulips in rainbow shades, ribboning the earth with warmth and color. From the first Duc Van Thol, scarce peeping above the ground, to the last Gesneriana Tulip, holding its flaming cup high aloft, there is a constant succession of Tulip beauties, single, double, dwarf, half-dwarf and tall, early, medium and late, with blossoms cup-shaped, star-formed, bowl-like, peony-flowered, imbricated like a rose, or twisted, waved and horned like the plumage of some fantastic bird. No garden can be complete without Tulips and plenty of them. Fortunately they are inexpensive.

**Cardinal's Hat**—Rich blood scarlet; gold tinted border.  
**Chrysolora**—Very large flower and widely opened. Color, a solid golden yellow.

**Color de Cardinal**—Large cup-shaped blooms of a rich, cardinal red. Intensely brilliant.

**Duchess of Parma**—Extra large, early, and gloriously colored. Orange-yellow, shading to terra cotta, with fiery yellow and brown shadings. Very bright and showy.

**Globe de Rigaud**—Very large, round flower of an odd lilac shade, freely striped and flaked pure white. See cover.

**Kaiser Kroon**—Outside of each petal bright scarlet, broadly bordered yellow; inside, deep yellow, zoned with a wide center band of velvety scarlet glowing like fire. Extra large size, beautiful shape, early, and one of the very finest Tulips grown. See cover.

**L'Immaculée**—Beautiful snow-white flower, with lemon eye.  
**La Precieuse**—Beautiful bright pink, feathered and flamed with pure white. Early, and one of the most lovely. See cover.

**Miltiades**—Large, elegant flower, splendidly cupped. Pure white exquisitely shaded and clouded with soft pink. See cover.

**Purple Crown**—Fine cup-shaped flower of maroon-cardinal. The rich dark color is beautifully brought out by the satin-like sheen of the petals.

**Silver Standard**—Beautifully shaped flowers of a fresh carmine scarlet, striped and feathered white. Very showy. See cover.

**Verboom**—Flower of gigantic size, and richest glowing scarlet red. Extra early and fine in every way. See cover.

**Van Der Neer**—A splendid large flower of a rare and lovely bright violet color. Very distinct.

**Woverman**—Extra large and fine. Deep magenta-purple.

**PRICE**—4 cents each; 5 for 10c.; the 14 for 10c. Any variety by the dozen at 30c. per dozen.

**Fine Mixed Single Tulips**—All the above, and many others, 20c. per dozen; \$1.25 per 100; \$10.00 per 1,000.

- 1 L'IMMACULÉE
- 2 LA PRECIEUSE
- 3 MILTIADES
- 4 SILVER STANDARD
- 5 KAISER KROON
- 6 CHRYSOLORA
- 7 COLOR DE CARDINAL

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SINGLE TULIPS.

# Grand Double Tulips.

Double Tulips produce very large double flowers, many of which are as large and showy as a Pæony. They are becoming more and more popular each year, which they justly merit. A very pretty show can be made by planting several colors, such as yellow, white, rose and crimson, in the same bed. The bright colors of the large double blossoms contrast splendidly and make a charming display.

**Blue Flag**—Late. Flower beautiful shape; a distinct color.

**Count of Leicester**—Another very distinct and finely colored sort. Light orange, feathered yellow.

**Duke of York**—Beautiful incurved flowers of poppy-red, broadly edged white.

**Gloria Solus**—Of enormous size and very double. Bright scarlet, edged yellow.



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1 MARIAGE DE MA FILLE.

2 LA CANDEUR.

3 REX RUBRORUM.

4 MURILLO.

5 GLORIA SOLUS.

**La Candeur**—Large and double; wax-like pure white. Largely used for cemetery planting.

**Mariage de Ma Fille**—Immense flower of the most perfect shape and superb coloring. Currant-red, banded, striped, flaked and feathered with pure white.

**Murillo**—Large, graceful flowers of flesh-white, bordered and clouded rose.

**Ma Cousine**—Of remarkable coloring. Carmine violet, edged pink and flamed golden yellow and brick-red.

**Double Crown**—Large and double flower. Dark cardinal-red with black shadings. One of the best.

**Queen Victoria**—Blood red. Very double.

**Rex Rubrorum**—Large double flower of deepest scarlet. Very double and perfect.

**Rose Blanche**—Large, incurved white; most perfect shape.

**Rose La Reine**—Fine rosy scarlet. A lovely color.

**Yellow Rose**—A magnificent sort, of very largest size and most perfect form. Deep, brilliant yellow.

**PRICE**—4c. each; 3 for 10c.; the 14 for 40c. Any variety by the doz. at 35c.

**Splendid Mixed Double Tulips**—All varieties, 25c. per dozen; \$1.50 per 100; \$10.00 per 1,000.



# DARWIN TULIPS.

## Darwin Tulips.

A new race of Tulips which produce only solid self colors and bloom early in May. The flowers are of great size like Gesneriana and are borne on tall graceful stems. The colors are exceedingly rich and varied, ranging through all the shades of rose, deep red, violet, purple-blues to coal black. They are probably the most showy class of Tulips in cultivation, a bed of them producing an effect which for rich splendor is not surpassed by any other flower. A valuable novelty which all should try.

**Mixed**—All colors and shades, fine bulbs. Dozen, 30c.; 100, \$2.  
**Large Black**—Pure coal black. **Large Crimson**—Showy.  
**Large Rose**—Soft and delicate. **Large Blue**—Fine color.

PRICE—*5c.* each; the 4 for 20c.



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# "PARROT TULIPS"

## Parrot Tulips.

A flower more bizarre, fantastic or grotesque, would be hard to find. A bed or clump of them always attracts much attention. They are six, seven and eight inches across, with petals toothed, horned, twisted and waved, now loosely incurved, now spread flatly out like a star. Some are yellow, some are crimson, or again dashed, flaked or feathered with green, gold or scarlet. Fine to plant among shrubbery, or for bedding. They grow ten inches in height, and bloom just after the double Tulips.

**Constantinople**—Fine deep crimson.  
**Gloriosa**—Yellow, splashed and streaked crimson and green.  
**Perfecta**—Gaily striped yellow and red.  
**Lutea Major**—Fine yellow.

PRICE—*5c.* each; the 4 for 15c & 30c. per doz.

**Fine Mixed Parrot Tulips**—All varieties, doz., 25c.; 100, \$1.50.



# SWEET SCENTED TULIP.

## Sweet-Scented Tulips

A new class of Tulips, with a charming fragrance, as well as beauty and brilliancy. Customers will be delighted with them either for pots or garden.

**Prince of Austria**—Enormous flower, of broad and round form, and of the same lovely orange-scarlet as T. Greigi. Delightfully sweet scented, and a great acquisition.

**Florentina**—Large golden-yellow; very sweet. Buds, when closed, look like an enormous Tea Rose.

**Macropsilia**—Brilliant red, with dark zone-like center, bordered yellow. Size of Tulip Gesneriana.

*5c.* each; the 3 for 15c.; 50c. dozen.

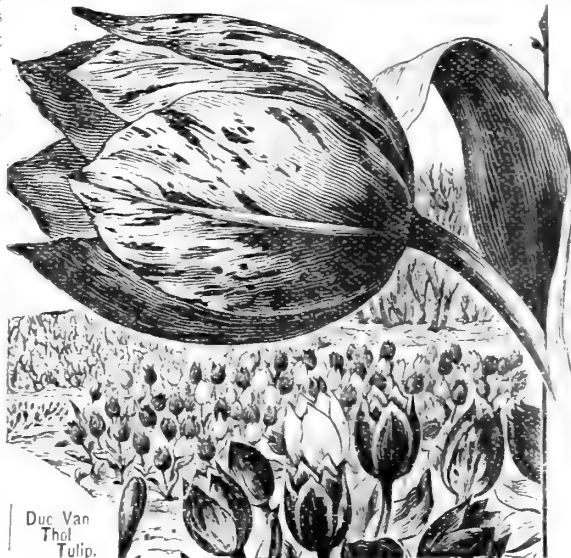
## Duc Van Thol Tulips.

These are the best of all for house culture, and the first of all to bloom out of doors. They are noted for the depth and purity of their colors, and as they bloom two weeks in advance of all other Tulips, are quite indispensable in the garden, as well as the house, for winter.

**Crimson**—Fine for contrast.  
**Cold Striped**—Scarlet, striped gold.  
**Rose**—White, shaded with clear rose. Delicate and beautiful.  
**Scarlet**—Brilliant, dazzling scarlet.  
**Violet**—Lovely violet-crimson white border. Very distinct.  
**White**—A fine pure color.  
**Orange**—A fine bedder.  
**Vermillion**—Fine bright color.

PRICE—*4c.* each; the 8 for 25c.; 50c. per dozen.

**Mixed Duc Van Thol Tulips**—All colors, 30c. doz.; \$1.75 100.



Duc Van Thol Tulip.



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**BIZARD & BYBLOOM TULIPS.**

**Bizard and Bybloom Tulips.**

It seems strange these are not more commonly grown, for their large cup-like blooms, feathered and flaked as only a Tulip can be, are always admired more than any other. Byblooms have white, light or violet grounds, flaked and feathered, rose, lilac, pink, purple, violet, scarlet, black and crimson. Bizards have yellow grounds, flamed and blazed maroon, black, scarlet, bronze and brown. We offer a fine mixture of every imaginable color and marking. We know our customers, if they could but see a bed of these in their gorgeous splendor, could not resist the temptation of buying a liberal quantity of them.

**Byblooms**—White grounds, variegated with various colors. Fifty finest sorts, mixed, 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.  
**Bizards**—Yellow ground, variegated. Fifty fine sorts, mixed. 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.; 100 for \$1.50.



**Variegated Foliage TULIPS.**

These Tulips are doubly desirable in that the foliage as well as the blossoms is very handsome. The broad green leaves are elegantly bordered or striped with white or creamy-yellow, which sets off the brilliancy of the blossoms to great advantage. For pots they are just superb, and bloom splendidly in midwinter. For the garden they are novel and charming. We advise our customers to plant each variety.

**Salamander**—Large double flowers, yellow spotted, elegantly variegated leaves.

**Rex**—Enormous double blossoms of glowing crimson color, and lovely striped foliage.

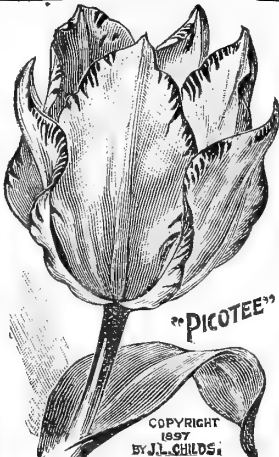
**Van Thol**—Double flowers, yellow and scarlet, finely variegated, beautifully white and creamy-yellow leaves.

**Standard**—Large single scarlet and white striped blossoms and fine variegated foliage.

**Purpuratum**—Elegant white and green leaves, and large, single blossoms of a fine purple-red.

**Golden Rod**—Large double yellow.

PRICE—5 cents each; the six for 25 cents.



"PICOTEE"

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TULIP GREIGI

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**Picotee Tulips.**

These are quite new, and to our minds the most exquisite of all. They bloom later than the single early varieties, or about the same time as the Byblooms. Flowers very large, and borne on tall, graceful stems, like Gesneriana. Each petal has a distinct border of bright crimson which is most beautiful, and gives them the name of "Picotee." They are extra fine for winter blooming and for the garden, but they will show the most color in the garden.

**Picotee White**—Exquisite wavy petals of large size; pure white with a fine border of crimson, which makes the flower exceptionally beautiful.

**Picotee Yellow**—Like the above, but golden yellow, with crimson edge.

PRICE—5c. each; 6 (3 of each) for 25c.; 40c. per dozen.

**Tulipa Greigi.**

Its large green leaves are variegated with black spots, while the flower, which is of the largest size, is clear transparent scarlet, as clear and beautiful as a sheet of wax. No other Tulip has a color like it, and none are so strikingly beautiful. Its magnificent color shows up almost like a torch in a dark night. Splendid for pots or the open ground, being a hardy, rank grower, and early. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

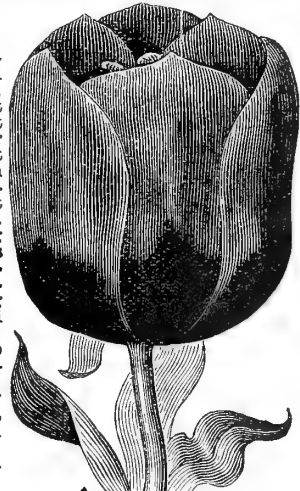
**Tulipa Gesneriana.**

The grandest Tulip in existence. Tall growing and late blooming, with large, long leaves, and tall erect flower stalks, which support great waxen blooms larger than teacups, of the most vivid, glossy, coral-red, each flower showing a deep blue-black blotch at the base, that further enhances its beauty. They remain in bloom a long time, and clumps of this grand flower are particularly fine planted among evergreens or shrubbery lighting up their sombre background as with a flaming torch.

**Scarlet Blue Center**—The true Gesneriana, as described above.

**Golden Yellow**—Exactly like the above, except a golden yellow color. A superb novelty.

PRICE—5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.



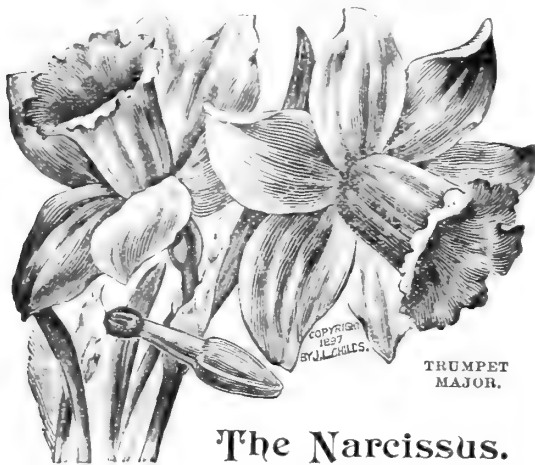
TULIPA GESNERIANA.

**Mixed Tulips.**

Our mixed Tulips are of extra fine quality, being made up from first-class named sorts and much superior to the ordinary grades.

	Per doz.	Per 100
Double Fine Mixed—All colors.....	25	\$1 50
Single Fine Mixed—All colors.....	20	1 25
Parrot Fine Mixed—All colors.....	25	1 50
Byblooms, Fine Mixed—All colors.....	30	1 75
Bizards, Fine Mixed—All colors.....	25	1 50
Duc Van Thol, Fine Mixed—All colors.....	30	1 75
Darwin, Fine Mixed—All colors.....	30	2 00

(See also other Tulips on page 9.)

TRUMPET  
MAJOR.

## The Narcissus.

The Narcissus is fast becoming a rival to the Hyacinth and Tulip. The massive spikes of the one and the vivid colors of the other are missing, but the Narcissus—the Daffodil of the poets—has charms of its own to counter-balance these. For cutting or wearing it is the best of the three, being by far the best vase flower of the spring. Most of the garden sorts are particularly showy in masses, and do not require frequent re-setting to keep in vigor and flower, needing no care, in fact, beyond the planting. Others of this family are among our best pot bulbs, their clustered stars and stately trumpets of white and cream, lemon, orange and yellow, giving variety, fragrance and warmth of color to our window gardens. In pots they may be had in bloom from Christmas until April. Out of doors, from the earliest to the latest, they last fully two months. Our collection is a particularly choice one and *true to name*. We offer our bulbs at a low price to encourage extensive planting. Try a few bulbs both for the house and garden. They will prove so beautiful and increase so rapidly you will feel doubly repaid for your outlay. They can be grouped along the border of shrubberies, or at the foot of rockeries, or under trees. Every one should have early, medium and late sorts, as well as some of each of different types.

### FINE SINGLE NARCISSUS.

- Leedsi**—A lovely early sort, pure white perianth straw cup.
- Trumpet Major**—Golden yellow. One of the best for massing. Fine also for winter blooming. Early.
- Scoticus or Garland**—Perianth white, trumpet yellow. Extra for forcing.
- Pseudo Daffodil, or Lent Lily**—Very early and pretty. White and gold.
- Stella**—A favorite vase or corsage flower. One of the best for house culture. Extra large star-like flowers, creamy-white, with clear yellow cup. Early and quite distinct.
- Princeps**—Elegant large trumpet of a delicate canary yellow, and large sulphur-white perianth. One of the most elegant and beautiful of all Narcissus. A very early bloomer and extra fine either for the garden or for winter blooming in pots. Plant it largely.
- Cynosure**—Yellowish perianth, deep orange cup stained crimson. Very fine.
- Nana**—The lovely dwarf golden Daffodil.
- Incomparabilis Simplex**—The fine old golden Daffodil.

PRICE of above, 5c. each; 5 for 20c.; the 9 sorts for 35c.; any variety at 40c. per dozen.

### MIXED NARCISSUS.

We have prepared a very fine mixture of Narcissus, which includes some of the finer varieties. For extensive planting, for clumps and vases they are just the thing.

**Double Mixed**—All colors. Very fine. 40c. per dozen; \$2.50 per 100.

**Single Mixed**—All colors and varieties. A superb collection. 35c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.

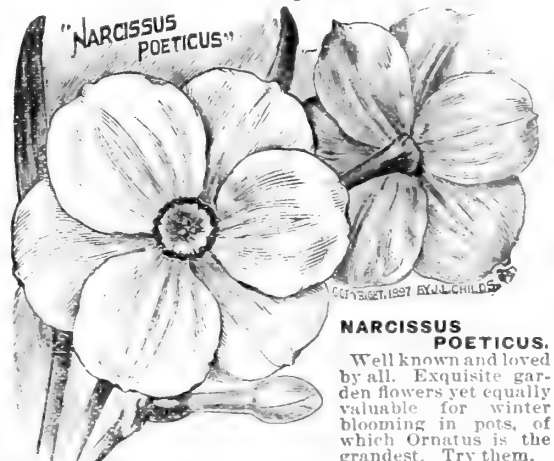
**Mixed Narcissus**—All sorts. Double and Single, many varieties, and will make a magnificent bed, blooming year after year. Per dozen, 30c.; per 100, \$1.80.

(See also pages 10 and 11 for other Narcissus.)



FINE DOUBLE NARCISSUS.

- Aurantius**—Beautiful Gardenia-like flowers, and very double. The large outer petals are sulphur-yellow, the small center petals of sulphur and orange. Very early.
- Albo Pleno Odorato**—A pure white flower of medium size, but very double. Late.
- Incomparable**—Medium early. Large handsome flowers, as double as a rose. Bright canary, interspersed with orange center petals.
- Pumulus Plenus**—Pure yellow, very double. The old-fashioned Daffodil.
- Orange Phoenix**—Nearly pure white outer petals. Center well filled with mixed white and deep orange petals.
- Van Sion**—Old, but unexcelled. Extra fine for cutting. Single, star-like perianth, and long double trumpet filled with beautifully crimped petals. Deep golden yellow.
- PRICE of above finest Double sorts, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; the 6 for 25c.; any variety at 40c. per dozen.

NARCISSUS  
POETICUS.

Well known and loved by all. Exquisite garden flowers yet equally valuable for winter blooming in pots, of which Ornatus is the grandest. Try them.

- Poeticus, Pure White**—With scarlet-edged crown. Very fragrant. Late. Dozen, 30c.; per 100, \$1.50.
- Poeticus, Ornatus**—Fine for either garden or pots. Blooms three weeks earlier than the old Poeticus, and is even larger and finer. Per dozen, 35c.; per 100, \$2.00.
- Poeticus Poetarum**—Pure white with orange scarlet cup.
- Poeticus, fl. pl. Double**—The charming double Poeticus. Pure white with Jasmine fragrance. Per dozen, 35c.
- PRICE of above Poeticus Narcissus 3c. each; the 4 for 10c.



## New Giant Narcissus.

We advise all to try at least one of these newer sorts. They will be a revelation of unexpected beauty. In form and color they are perfection itself, while in size they are truly gigantic. Last winter we measured a number that were fully five inches. May be grown in garden or pots.

**Trumpet Maxim**—Medium early. Flower  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches across. Very broad petals, slightly reflexed, and long, heavy trumpet. Rich golden yellow.

**Golden Spur**—Flower  $\frac{4}{5}$  to 5 inches across and nearly as long. Petals of the perianth broad and smooth, long and widely flared trumpet, with deeply frilled and furrowed border. Color, a deep golden yellow. Blooms early and flowers last three weeks before fading.

**Horsfield**—An early and remarkably beautiful flower. Of the most perfect trumpet form, the trumpet deep yellow, and the perianth rich creamy white. Grand for cutting.

**Sir Watkins**—Is of the chalice-flower type, or half-trumpet form. A gigantic flower, 4 or 5 inches across, with broad wing-like petals that shade from canary yellow at the tips to golden yellow at the base. Cup, golden yellow.

**Henry Irving**—Fine yellow trumpet with sulphur perianth. Great size and beauty.

**Moschatus**—A large, beautiful flower of long trumpet shape, elegantly poised in a graceful drooping or nodding position. Color pure white with lemon tinge. Perfectly exquisite.

**Princes Major**—A large flowering form of the beautiful Princes shown in above cut. Golden with great sulphur-white wings. Very large and an extra early bloomer.

Price 10c. each; any 3 for 25c.; the 7 for 50c.

## Narcissus Gorbolata.

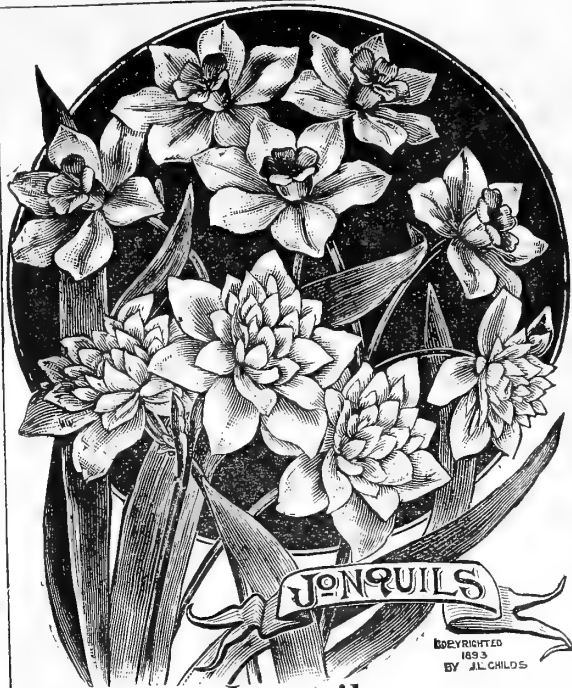
A rarely beautiful flower, both for winter blooming in the house or for the garden. Three to six bulbs can be planted in an ordinary pot and will produce a charming lot of flowers during February and March. Each bulb bears 3 or 4 flowers at a time. As will be seen by the cut the blossoms are very beautiful in both form and habit; color, a fine shade of bright brilliant yellow, and fragrant. In the garden they are hardy and bloom early in the spring. It has been called the Golden Fairy Lily, and well does it merit the name.

**Golden Yellow**—Rich and beautiful.

**Citrimum**—Lovely citron yellow.

**Citrus**—Pure white. New and exquisite.

PRICE 5c. each; the 3 for 10c.



## Jonquils.

These dainty flowers are a gleam of gold when in bloom and large clumps or masses of them are always admired. They are extra fine for pots, from their beautiful color, profusion and delightful fragrance, and they flower very early in the window. In the garden they are perfectly hardy and their lovely and delicious blossoms appear almost as soon as the Crocus. Plant a few at least. No garden complete without them.

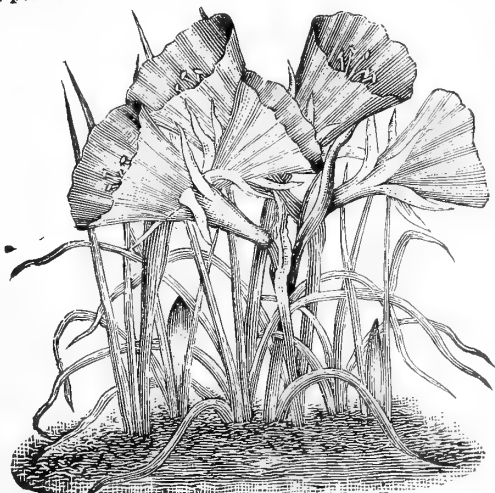
**Single**—Very dainty blossoms of pure gold and such exquisite fragrance. Plant a good lot of them if possible.

**Double**—Perfect little golden roses of the most exquisite beauty and fragrance. Nothing finer for bouquets.

**Tennor**—(SILVER JONQUIL). Flowers of good size and beautiful shape. A lovely silvery white color with orange cup. This very fine variety is but little known. We prize it highly.

**Giant Odorous**—We think this one of the finest yellow-flowered bulbs on our list. Flowers twice the size of other Jonquils, but retaining the same beautiful color and handsome shape together with profusion of bloom. Its fragrance is lovely beyond description. This bulb is so eminently fine and so very cheap every garden should be supplied with it. The much prized Golden Sacred Lily is an improved variety of this exquisite Jonquil.

PRICE 1c. each; 1 each of the 4 for 10c.; any of the sorts at 40c. per dozen.



NARCISSUS GORBOLATA.



The Crocus is the recognized harbinger of spring. Between the lulls of late winter's tempest its brave little flowers first appear, minding not the least frosts or flurries of snow. For six weeks its bright flowers smile saucily at us, quite sure of their welcome. Their cost is so trifling that all can afford to plant them freely. The Crocus has been much improved late years in size of blossom and variety of colorings. Crocuses are extra fine for borders, etc., and are particularly charming dotted by twos and threes over the lawn. When up, they come in earliest spring and peep through the grass, as the wild flowers do in the meadow.

**Fine Mixed Crocus**—Of all colors. Fine select bulbs, 10c. per doz.; 90c. per 100; \$4.00 per 1000.

### Fancy Named Crocus.

The following are extra fine named sorts, of odd and beautiful colors.

- Dandy**—Fine blue, white edged; lovely.
- Othello**—Rich purple-black.
- Montblanc**—Large snow-white; grand.
- Purpurea Grandiflora**—Rich purple; enormous.
- Cloth of Gold**—Bright yellow, black spots.
- Brilliant Yellow**—Rich bright yellow.
- Van Speyk**—Extra large, rich violet-purple, striped white; the finest of the large-flowered striped sorts.
- Sir John Bright**—Lovely azure blue, large fine flower and a profuse bloomer.

**PRICE**—15c. per dozen; \$1.00 per 100; 5 each of the 5 sorts for 30c.; 12 each for \$1.00.

(See also page 14.)



CROCUS BIFLORA.



MAMMOTH YELLOW.

### Mammoth Yellow Crocus.

It is astonishing the amount of blooms a single bulb of this Crocus will furnish. The handsome flowers are very large and brilliant, and a row of them is a wave of gold. Not another flower of its season makes such a display of brightness or becomes such a complete mass of bloom. More than twenty blooms have been counted from a single bulb. Bulbs are about the size of a Tulip and bloom extra early. 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.; 100 for \$1.75.

### Crocus Biflora.

A favorite, because of its extreme earliness as well as for its general beauty. The flower-cup is beautifully flaked and feathered with purple on the outside, while the inside is white and yellow, tinged blue. Quite fragrant also, and a most profuse bloomer. A truly lovely flower and particularly adapted to pot culture. 3c. each; 5 for 10c.; 12 for 20c.

### Giant-Flowered Crocus.

This Giant strain is a special mixture of the best new sorts and improved seedlings, prepared for us in Holland by those who make a speciality of these bulbs. Only those sorts with the largest flowers and best colors are admitted in the mixture. Either for garden or house this Crocus mixture cannot be surpassed. Crocus for the house do not thrive under dry heat or gas, but do well in any sunny window of moderate temperature; they can even be grown in rooms almost destitute of fire heat. This strain of Crocus will be to our customers a revelation of beauty such as they cannot anticipate. Try them, both in the garden and in pots, by all means. Do not miss the beautiful treat they will afford you. See cut on page 14. 15c. per doz.; \$1.00 per 100.







IRIS  
HISPANICA

**Iris.**

A most desirable garden flower, and in many respects one of the most charming and satisfactory. These varieties are all perfectly hardy and fine for the garden. Hispanica, Persica and Reticulata are fine also for winter blooming.

**Hispanica**—Magnificent plants, both for pots and the garden. They bloom early and profusely, and are exceedingly showy. The colors are brilliant and cover a large range of different shades and combinations. Four or five bulbs planted in a 5-inch pot make a beautiful display for a long time in winter, and are absolutely sure to bloom well in any situation, treated like Hyacinths. In the open ground they are perfectly hardy, increase rapidly and make a magnificent display. It is really one of the most satisfactory of all Holland bulbs, and as they are very cheap we advise our customers to plant them largely, both for winter blooming and in the garden.

**All Colors Mixed**—2 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for \$1.00.  
**Pure White**—Large and fine.  
**Pure Yellow**—Rich deep golden. } 4c. each; the 3 for 10c.  
**Blue**—A fine rich shade.

**Anglica**—Very fine, with large broad-petaled flowers and rich colors. Blooms a little later than Hispanica. All colors, mixed, 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.

**Reticulata**—The earliest of all bulbs to bloom. Very handsome, large, purplish-red blossoms. 10c. each.

**Persica**—Exquisite large blossoms of a greyish color beautifully marked with bright peacock spots. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.



IRIS PAVONIA.



IRIS SUSIANA.

**Pavonia**—The Peacock Iris. Very fine and an early bloomer. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.  
**Susiana**—Dark brown, black and gray, mottled; beautiful beyond description, and of enormous size. 20c. each.



**Crown Imperials.**

This magnificent bulb of gigantic size breaks ground with the Crocus, and the strong flower-stems at once attract attention. They grow so rapidly that in a few days they stand three feet high, crowned with a tuft of elegant foliage and half a dozen large, bell-shaped, drooping flowers. These blossoms are as large and as beautiful as Lilies. A grand bulb for early blooming.

**Single Red**—Large and early..... 20  
**Single Yellow**—Clear and fine..... 20  
**Crown Upon Crown**—A double crown of blossoms..... 25  
**Double Red**—Rare and fine..... 66  
**Double Yellow**—Rare and fine..... 60  
**Mixed Colors**—Red, Yellow, Orange, etc., 15c. each; 3 for 30c.



**Fritillaria Meleagris.**

The newer varieties of this charming bulbous plant produce flowers of great and peculiar beauty. They are very hardy and succeed in any situation, and the large, curiously colored flowers always attract great attention. They are of various colors and shades, but all are regularly and distinctly checkered, looking in some cases like a piece of calico. Our tests of this Fritillaria, both indoors and out, have for the past two years attracted attention and admiration. The great size of the blooms, graceful, airy habit; and their peculiar and striking and beautiful colors go to make a flower which everyone will delight to cultivate.

**Mixed Colors**—All shades, 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.  
**Pure White**—Large snow-white bells of exquisite beauty.  
**Coal Black**—Large coal-black, contrasting finely with the white. 10c. each; the two for 15c.; 3 of each for 40c.



**Triteleia Uniflora.**

This is the "Starflower," now becoming so popular for both winter and spring blooming. Although dwarf, the pretty starry blooms, each more than an inch across, are borne on stiff stalks well above the recumbent foliage. The flowers are white, tipped and faintly striped lilac-blue, and if the stem or foliage is unbruised, are remarkably sweet-scented. A fine window plant if several bulbs are planted to a pot, as they bloom steadily for two months, and need no fussing with to succeed. Out-of-door they form one of the neatest of all spring edgings, increasing rapidly until they form a matted row that from early spring until early summer, is one mass of starry blooms that are even finer and larger than when grown in the house. A pretty flower that has come to stay. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.

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**SCILLA SIBERICA.**

**Scilla Siberica.**

Hardy and fine. Blooms at the very edge of winter, and laughs at storm and sleet. Beautiful spikes of deepest blue flowers, freely produced and for a long time. Everyone who possesses a foot of ground ought to grow this. It should always be planted in groups, either in house or open ground. Nothing finer for pots. 2 for 5c.; 15c. per doz.; \$1.00 per 100.

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**GIANT SNOWDROP**

**GALANTHUS ELWESI**

**Snowdrops.**

The earliest flower that blooms, and of such hardness that it minds neither sleet nor snow. Exceedingly graceful and pretty, its nodding white flowers touched with green. Snowdrops bloom a few days before the Crocus and Siberian Scilla, but last until these are nearly gone. It is especially fine when planted in clumps and masses to contrast with the deeply blue masses of the Scilla. Much used also for lawns.

**Elwesi, The Giant Snowdrop**—As we now, March 20th, sit at our desk with a dainty little bunch of this Snowdrop before us, picked from a large bed of it on the lawn, we can fully realize what a gem it is. The grace and beauty of the large blossoms is enchanting, but what can we say of its fragrance, it is rich and so delicate, unlike any other flower, and really second to none. This fine new Snowdrop was introduced recently from the mountains of Smyrna. It is three times as large and fine as the common Snowdrop, and a great acquisition, either for the garden or for pots. For winter blooming it is just superb, its large, snowy flowers appearing in profusion, and showing great beauty and airy grace. We have secured several hundred thousand fine bulbs direct from Smyrna, and offer it extremely low. Price, 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.; 100 for 85c.

**Double Giant**—A double form of large flowering Snowdrop. Very beautiful. 4c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.

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**Snowflake.**

The airily poised bells of the Snowflake are exceedingly graceful. The snowy bells are touched at each petal tip with freshest green a contrast most beautiful. Can be grown in a cool window, in the border, or at the foot of the rockery. Delicately fragrant. Grow about nine inches high. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.



**SNOWFLAKE.**



CHIONODOXA.

## Glory of the Snow.

(CHIONODOXA.)

Once to see this floral gem is always to want it. Resembling somewhat Scilla Siberica, it yet differs from it, and has a charm peculiarly its own. The purest, clearest tones of blue are to be found in these flowers that appear so early that they are often overtaken by winter's last frosts and become, literally, Glories in the Snow. Blue is always a scarce color among house plants, and as the Chionodoxa succeed well in the house, a pot or two of them should be grown in every window. Like all small bulbs, several should be planted in the same pot as they appear best in masses.

Their greatest value, however, is for garden planting. Here they increase rapidly, and soon form great clumps that in early spring are a cloud of blue flowers in dainty sprays just long enough for cutting or to wear. They are natives of high mountain regions, and perfectly hardy in the coldest parts of the country. Plant two inches deep.

**Lucillæ**—Lovely azure blue, with large pure white center; very beautiful.

**Sardensis**—Dark blue with small white and pink center.

**Timouisi**—Dwarf; fine bright blue; new and rare.

**Gigantea**—Very large size; fine light blue with white eye; new and rare.

**PRICE**—2 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 25 for 25c.; 100 for 75c.

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## Camassia Cusickii.

A most important new bulb, and suitable either for the garden or for winter blooming in pots. The bulbs are very large, leaves a foot long and beautiful olive green color. Flower stems 2 to 3 feet high, bearing an enormous raceme of hundreds of star shaped blossoms. Color, a lovely sky blue, exceedingly delicate and pleasing. We believe that this is destined to become a most important winter flower. Fine large bulbs, 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

## Camassia Esculenta.

A beautiful bulbous plant, with tall spikes of fine blue flowers in late spring. Several can be planted in a pot together for winter blooming, and will make a fine display. In the garden they increase rapidly, and soon show great masses of their star-like flowers. Fine to cut for vases or large bouquets. 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.

## Bulbocodium Venum.

An early spring flower that is closely allied to the Crocus and requires the same treatment, either in pots or in open ground. Each bulb produces a mass of pretty, purple-red flowers. Fine for edging. Blooms very early. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.



## Grape Hyacinth.

One of the sweetest little flowers imaginable, and in masses very striking making a wave of intense blue that catches every eye. As hardy as an oak, and as it increases rapidly should be planted in quantities in every garden.

Its spikes are just the size for button-hole bouquets, while its long stems enable it to be used to advantage in all bouquets or cut-flower work. If you want a "pot of blue," that will make your window a thing of beauty for a month in midwinter, plant half a dozen bulbs in a 5-inch pot, and treat as other Hyacinths, and you will have your desire. They never fail to bloom, each bulb sending up two flower-stalks that rise to a 'uniform height of eleven inches, each stalk being crowned with a two-inch spike of tiny white-capped bells of the purest, loveliest shade of deep sky-blue.

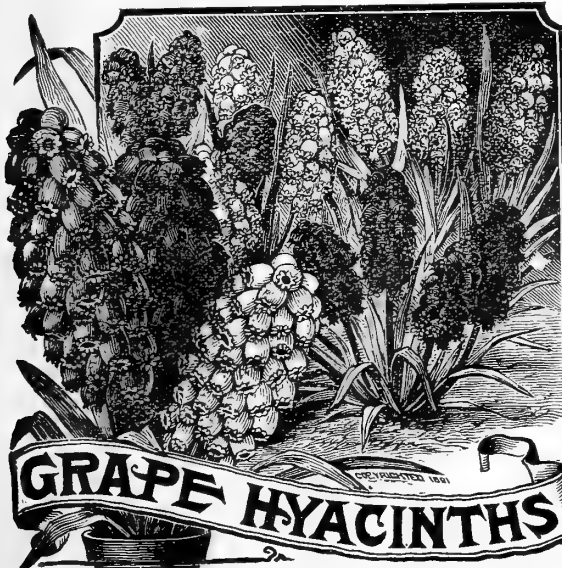
**Sky Blue**—The most fairy-like of spring flowers. 3 for 5c. 12 for 15c.; 100 for \$1.00.

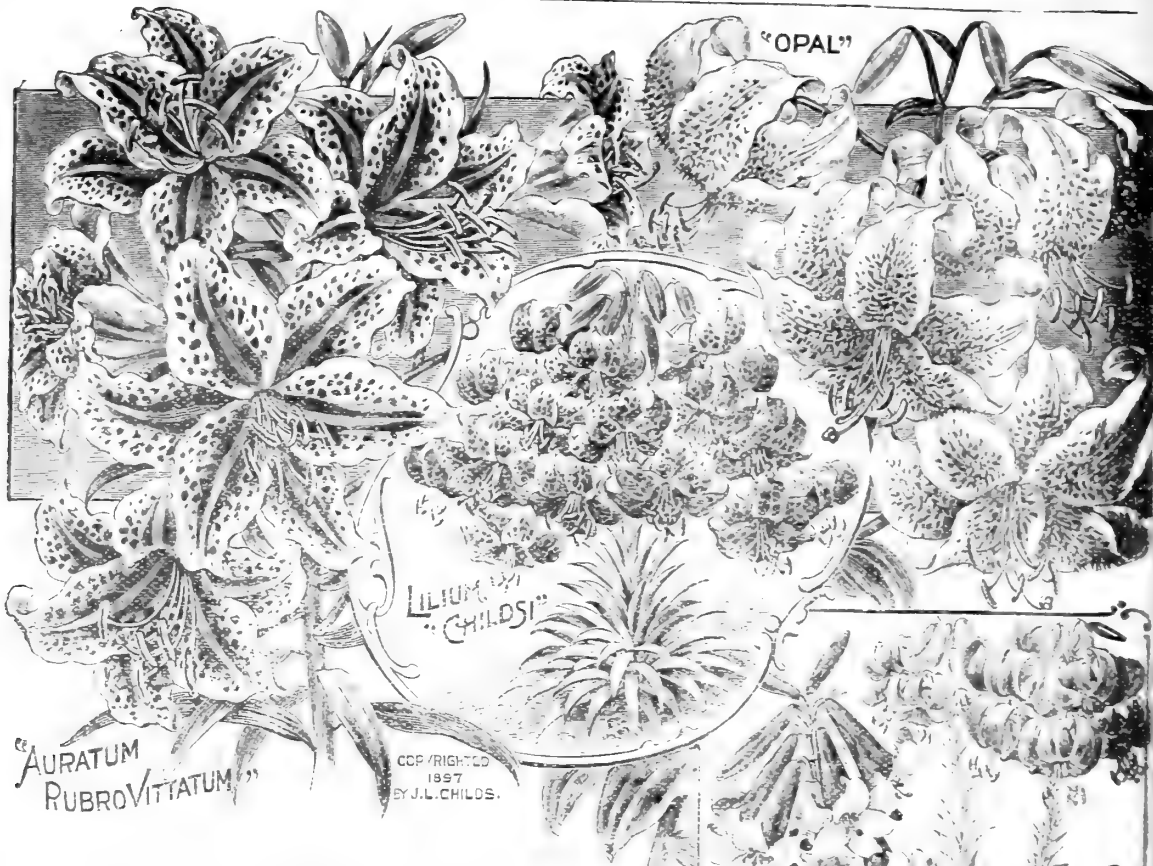
**Indigo Blue**—Fine deep indigo tipped white. 3 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for \$1.00.

**Snow White**—Long spikes of milky-whiteness. Fine for contrast, and quite new. 3 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for \$1.00. 3 bulbs each of the 3 sorts for 10c.

**Mixed Grape Hyacinths**—All colors, 15c. per dozen; \$1.00 per 100.

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## LILIES.

The brush cannot paint, or the pen portray the exquisite purity and delicacy, yet magnificent grandeur of the stately Lily. It is the plus ultra of floral beauty, and we urge our friends to each year add a few Lilies to their collection. No other flower will so adorn our homes when in bloom, and they constantly improve after planting. We feel sure if our readers could see a good collection of from 20 to 40 different sorts in bloom they would never rest until they had a goodly number of their own. As a rule, Lilies are of the easiest cultivation, especially the following, which have been carefully selected as the hardiest, handsomest and best. We grow at Floral Park about five acres of Lilies and the bulbs we offer are large, healthy, vigorous and cheap.

## 8 Rare Lilies at a Bargain.

Here are the 8 rarest and highest priced Lilies, we possess, yet we are able to offer them at the remarkably low price of 60c. each. At that price they should find their way to thousands of homes. Who would not have one of the new Auratum, Brownii or Opal at that price?

**Auratum Macranthum**—This grand variety of *L. Auratum* produces bulbs of great size which throw up a growth of remarkable strength and vigor. The flowers are pure ivory white, with a golden band through each petal, and numerous golden yellow spots.

**Auratum Rubro Vittatum**—Flowers of enormous size, pure snow white, thickly spotted with crimson, and with a wide dark blood-red band through the center of each petal. Its great beauty is a marvel to all.

**Auratum Wittei**—Lovely pure white with golden band but without spots.

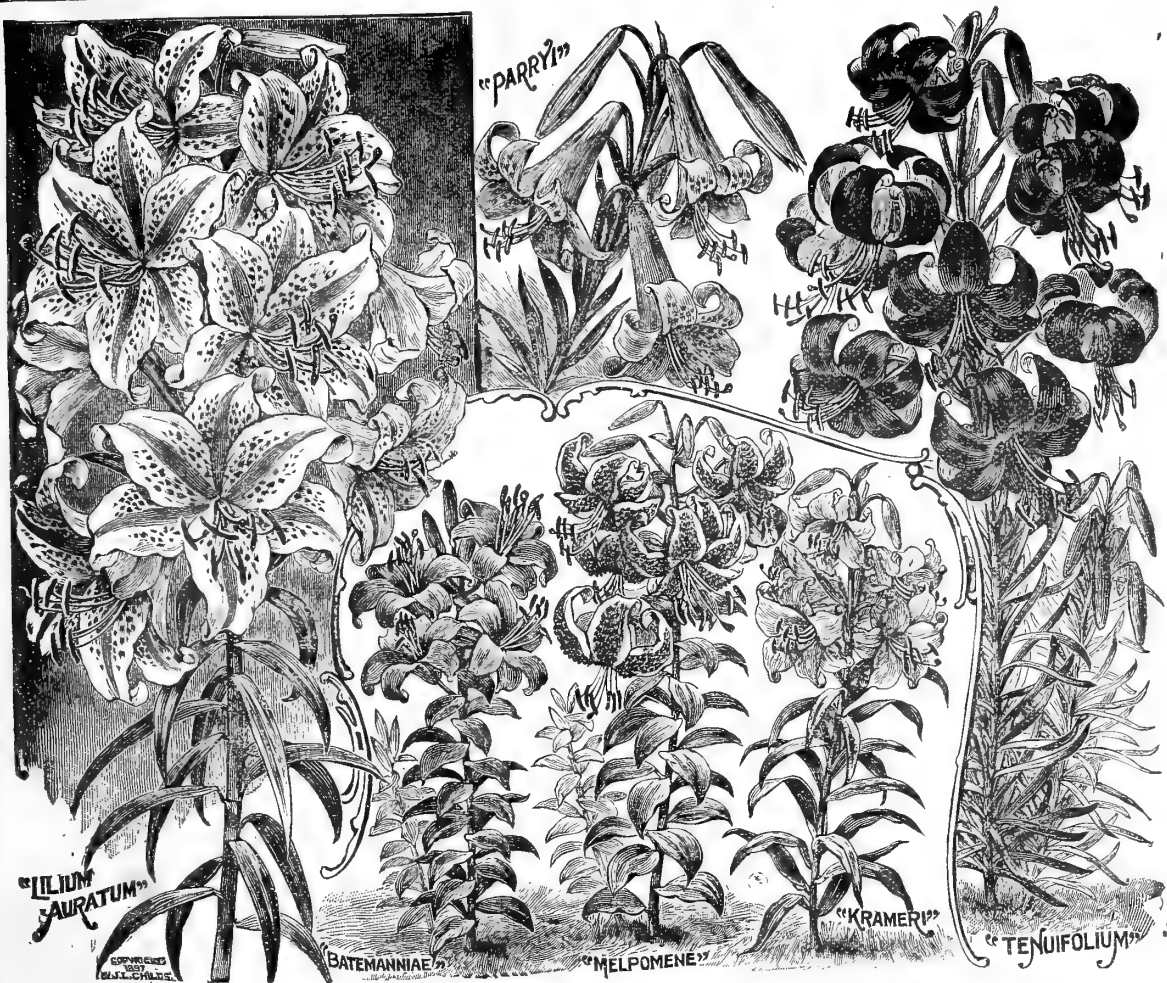
**Brownii**—A grand Lily, but very rare. The large, wax-like flowers are chocolate-purple on the outside, snowy white inside. Stamens a rich chocolate-brown. Blossoms large and trumpet-shaped.

**Longiflorum Variegatum**—The leaves of this variety are most beautifully variegated white and green, making a plant of great beauty. Sold a few years ago at \$5.00 each.

**Excelsium**—This remarkable Lily attains the wonderful height of 5 to 6 feet. It produces from 8 to 12 nodding rich apricot-hued blooms; has a delightful perfume, and its stately form makes it attract attention wherever grown. You will be delighted with it.

**Speciosum Opal**—We had thought that no *Speciosum* could exceed *Melpomene*, but this new Lily is even larger, grander, and, if possible, more richly colored. Like the *Opal*, for which it is named, the eye drinks in its lovely tints with delight. To say that it is frosted, glistening white, delicately clouded and suffused with rosy blush and spotted with rosy scarlet, is to convey but a slight idea of its perfect loveliness. The deeply recurved petals are snowy white at the tip, gradually deepening in color to the base of each petal which is blotched, with a raised moss-like fringe which glistens like diamonds. The flower is very large, and the plant robust and hardy.

**Childsii**—The plant grows only ten inches high, a pyramid of luxuriant foliage, crowned with a cluster of 30 to 30 brilliant blossoms. These are of large size, perfect shape, and in color brilliant orange-scarlet, spotted black. The effect produced by this crown of flowers set on a tuft of dark green leaves is very pleasing and not to be found elsewhere among Lilies. As a pot plant it is a perfect gem, and for the garden even more

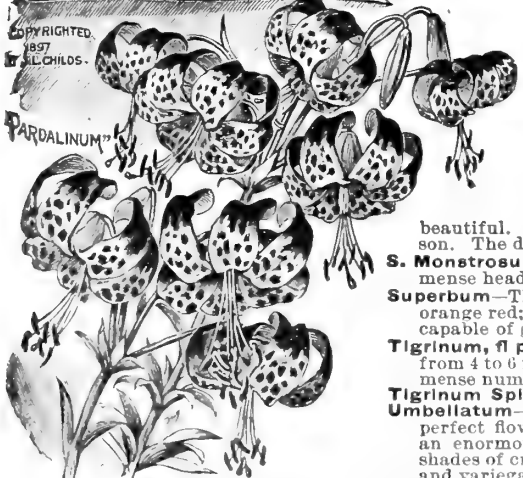
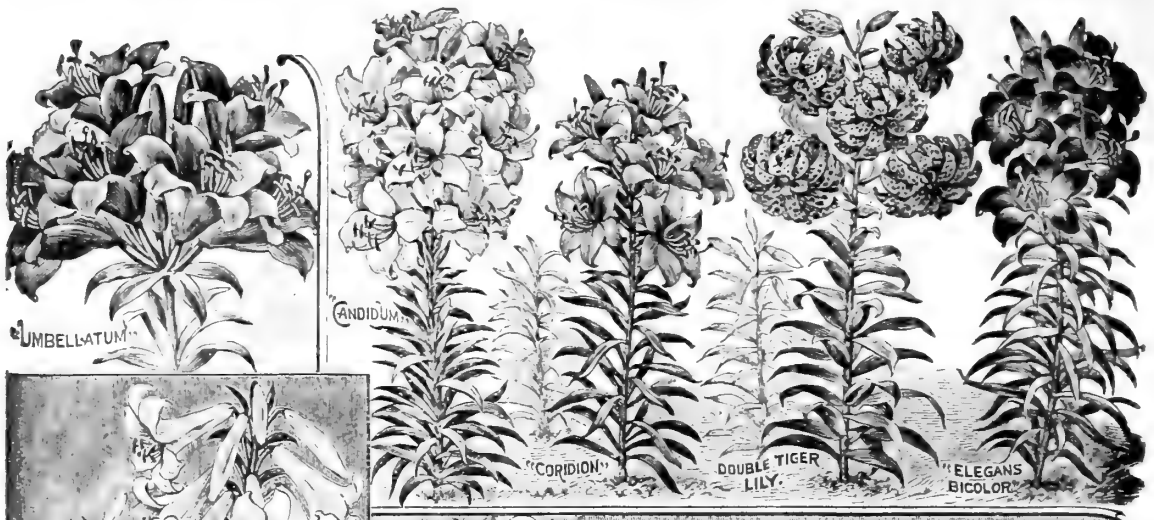


## 12 GRAND LILIES CHEAP.

The following collection of Grand Lilies embraces such gems as Krameri, Parryi, Auratum and Tenulfolium, and at 20 cents each our customers have an opportunity of securing an extra choice collection at moderate cost. Every one is a rare beauty.

- Auratum**—(THE GOLDEN BANDED LILY OF JAPAN.) We can say that this is the grandest of all Lilies, and certainly the most popular. No garden is complete without several of it. (\$1.00. per dozen.)
- Batemanniae**—Pure apricot color without spots. A much prized Japanese variety. It is a near relative to the rare and beautiful Leichtlini.
- Elegans Midnight**—Rich, velvety, crimson-black, most superb color. Exceedingly rare and beautiful.
- Elegans Leonard Joerg**—Light yellow, spotted black; very beautiful and new.
- Elegans Robusta**—Extra large flower, of beautiful cup shape. Clear apricot, thickly spotted. Very beautiful and robust.
- Humboldt**—A majestic Lily; flower orange yellow spotted with purple, large and handsome. Very fine where it succeeds well. Must have well drained situation.
- Kramer!**—A rare Japanese Lily closely allied to Auratum. Growth slender, flowers very large. Auratum shaped and of the most superb tint of color, being a delicate, rosy pink, so soft, delicate and exquisite as to be utterly indescribable. No Lily superior to this.
- Parry!**—(THE YELLOW HARRISI.) One of the very rarest, choicest and most beautiful of all Lilies. Elegant for pot culture as well as for the garden. Flowers partly trumpet-shaped, like Harrisi, and of a golden yellow color, very deep and glossy. Exceedingly fragrant and blooms early. We can now offer this grand and rare Lily very low. For extra large bulbs see page 20.
- Speciosum Melpomene**—Words cannot describe the beauty of this variety. Frosted white, spotted, clouded and bearded with pinkish crimson. Petals deeply recurved and widely bordered. Exceedingly fine.
- Speciosum Praecox**—Large, perfect and beautiful. Frosted white, with a tinge of blush at the tip of petals. The plush-like fringe in each petal adds to its beauty.
- Tenuifolium** (THE CORAL LILY OF SIBERIA.)—A little beauty. The brightest of all Lilies. Grows 20 inches high, with finely cut foliage, slender stems and beautiful shaped flowers of a shining coral red. One ought to grow them by the dozen, they are so fine for cutting and make such grand clumps for the lawn. Blooms very early.
- Washingtonianum**—A beautiful and sweet Lily growing several feet high and bearing a great mass of delicately tinted white blossoms which are freely spotted with black. Like Humboldt, requires a dry location.

**PRICE** of above 10 grand Lilies, 20c. each; any 3 for 50c.; the 12 for \$1.75. All splendid American-grown bulbs, large, strong and vigorous, and will give great satisfaction.



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## 15 Beautiful Lilies

AT EXTRA LOW PRICES.

Our enormous stocks of home-grown Lilies enables us to offer the following fine varieties remarkably cheap. It is a great opportunity for a good collection at small cost.

**Bermuda Easter Lily**—This grand Lily (Harrisii) is one of the most popular of all winter blooming bulbs. We have a fine stock of strong bulbs.

**Candidum**—A well known hardy garden Lily; snow-white, fragrant blossoms; one of the best varieties for forcing and an established favorite.

**Canadense**—A very beautiful sort with pendulous, bell-shaped blossoms.

**Coridion**—A beautiful Lily, with upright, perfect, star-shaped flower of clear yellow; fine and attractive.

**Concolor**—Like Coridion except in color which is a bright scarlet.

**Elegans Bicolor**—Truly magnificent, being Tulip-shaped, and bloom in June. The blossoms are large and of exceeding bright and striking colors; robust, hardy and free bloomers. Exceedingly showy, being of a brilliant red color, flamed with yellow, very large and perfect.

**Longiflorum**—White, trumpet formed, very fragrant. A lovely Lily, being almost exactly like the Bermuda Easter Lily, but blooming a little later, and hardy in the open ground, therefore a grand variety for garden culture as well as for pots.

**Pardalium (LEOPARD LILY)**—Rich scarlet and yellow flowers, spotted with rich brown. Robust and free flowering. A superb Lily and one which will give the greatest possible satisfaction. Succeeds in all situations. No garden complete without it.

**Speciosum Rubrum (LANCIFOLIUM)**—Large wide flowers, recurving more or less at the tips. Among the showiest of all Lilies and perhaps the most robust and the most radiantly beautiful. Very fragrant and hardy. Lovely rose and white, spotted crimson. The delicate colors blend charmingly.

**S. Monstrosum Album**—A variety of the above, with broad, flat stems and immense heads of flowers, often fifty flowers in a cluster. Pure white.

**Superbum**—Three to six feet high; flowers from five to forty, nodding, brilliant orange red; blooms in July. This is one of the grandest of all Lilies. It is capable of growing and producing an astonishing number of flowers.

**Tigrinum, fl. pl.** (Double Tiger Lily)—This is a plant of stately habit, growing from 4 to 6 feet high; foliage is dark green and very long, bearing an immense number of double, bright orange-red flowers spotted with black.

**Tigrinum Splendens.** (Tiger Lily)—Orange salmon, spotted black.

**Umbellatum**—One of the very best, blooming in June or July, with very large perfect flowers and dazzling colors. They are robust growers and produce an enormous head of bloom. Colors range from black-red through all the shades of crimson, rose, yellow, buff, apricot, &c., many being finely spotted and variegated. 25 finest sorts, mixed. Per dozen, \$1.50.

**Wallacei**—This Lily is very floriferous, each bulb throwing up from 4 to 6 flower stems, each one of which is crowned with 3 to 10 beautiful upright blossoms of a delicate bright apricot color. It is very perfect in form and a most desirable sort.

**PRICE of the above 15 beautiful Lilies 10 cts. each, any 3 for 25 cts., the 15 for \$1.00. Any of the sorts at 90 cts. per dozen. All fine home-grown bulbs, sure to bloom well first summer. These 15 sorts make a fine collection at little cost.**

# HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS.

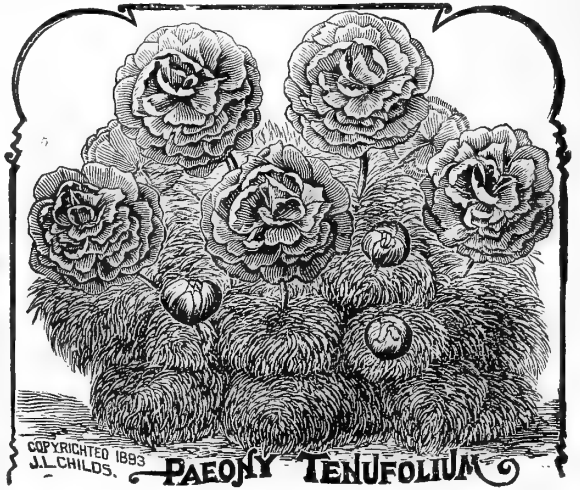
The earth wears a crown of Floral Beauties, and among the brightest, richest and sweetest are the Hardy Perennials. They fill a place in our gardens, and in our hearts, which nothing else can supply. Like Flowering Shrubs, when once planted they are good for a life-time, and we come to regard them as a part not only of our home but our very existence. What would induce us to part with the grand old clumps of Pæonies, Lilies, Iris, etc., which have stood along the path in our front yard so long, and greeted us year after year with such cheery brightness and beauty? They have cheered us through many vicissitudes and dark hours of life. They were loved by dear ones whose voices we hear no more; their blooming calls to our minds dear associations, happy days and happy faces which Time, the great Destroyer, has stolen from us. Yes, let us enrich our little yard, or little lawn, our borders and walks with these dear flowers, which will be our friends and companions for evermore.

The list of Hardy Perennials here presented we have collected together with great care, having in view one special object, viz.: to supply the best varieties and best plants at a smaller cost than they can be had elsewhere in the world. We feel sure that we have succeeded, and that our customers will not let this season pass without adding many of these treasures to their homes. They are all perfectly hardy anywhere, and thrive and bloom year after year with little or no care after once well planted.



## Rudbeckia Laciniata, fl. pl. "Golden Glow."

Offered last year for the first. A hardy perennial plant growing eight feet high, branching freely, and bearing by the hundreds, on long, graceful stems, exquisite double blossoms of the brightest golden color and as large as Cactus Dahlias. The cut represents a plant in bloom, as photographed. Mr. William Falconer, the best authority on plants in this country, says of it: "When I saw the double-flowering form of Rudbeckia Laciniata in bloom in your grounds at Floral Park, in summer last year, I was amazed, for notwithstanding my long and intimate acquaintance with plants I had never before seen a double-flowering Rudbeckia; and I was delighted with the fulness and gorgeousness of the blossoms and their clear, bright yellow color. You gave me a plant last spring and it was set out in good garden ground. It grew vigorously and threw up strong branching flower stems six feet high laden with sheaves of golden blossoms as large as fair Chrysanthemums, and all having an elegant graceful appearance, without any of the stiffness in habit or blossom peculiar to sunflowers. Many eminent florists and amateurs have seen it here, and all admired it. As cut flowers the blossoms last well. In fine, I unhesitatingly regard it as the most desirable introduction among hardy perennials since we got Clematis Paniculata." It is the most effective flowering plant for August and September in cultivation. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.



## Pæonies.

The favorite of to-day, as it was fifty years ago. Luxuriant foliaged plants with magnificent double, incurved flowers of enormous size and rich colorings. Nothing can surpass the intensity of the dark varieties, that fairly glow with a radiant fire of richness, while the white and pale varieties are very soft and delicate in their coloring and all deliciously fragrant.

**Fragrans**—Fine rich pink with an exquisite perfume. Large and double. 25c. each.

**Double Blush**—Beautiful light blush-white. Exquisite fragrance and great beauty. 25c.

**Double Scarlet**—Large double scarlet. A grand flower. 30c.

**Tenifolium**—Fine-cut, fern-like foliage of exquisite beauty, and blooms in May. Rich, fiery scarlet. 20c.

**Tenifolium Double**—Like the above, with large double blossoms. 35c.

**Humulls Single**—Large purple rose, blossoms very early in spring. Extra. 20c.

**Mixed Pæonies**—Ten sorts. \$1.25 per dozen.

## Japanese Tree Pæonies.

The most magnificent flower one can have in May. The new sorts which we imported a few years ago bear flowers more than a foot across, very double and of the brightest color, from white to intense scarlet, pink, mottled, variegated, etc. We have over 30 named kinds. \$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen, by express. They are too large to mail, and will bloom next spring.



**PRICE:** All Plants on this and the next page, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; or more at 10c. each; for fine, healthy plants, by mail, postpaid. We can send by express large specimen plants, (too large for mailing), at 30c. each; 3 for 60c.; or more at 20c. each.



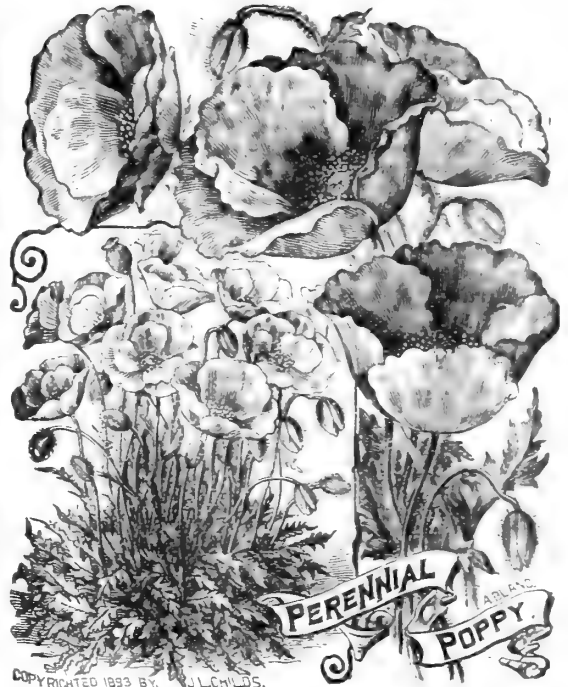
## New Perennial Phloxes.

Those who remember the thin petaled white and the dull-nud purple Perennial Phlox of old fashioned gardens can scarcely recognize these new Phloxes as the same flower. These new varieties are in bloom from June until frost, and are in huge panicles of close bloom, like a Hydrangea, while the individual florets are twice the size of the old time Phlox, and the shades of color the brightest, richest and clearest. There are no finer or more useful perennials than the Perennial Phloxes, or which will give more complete satisfaction. The varieties we offer are new and fine, and the plants we send out will bloom magnificently the coming summer. They are cheap and we hope that all our customers will plant them. **Athels**—Beautiful rosy-scarlet tinged with salmon. Very bright and showy.

- Snow Cloud**—White, suffused with purple. Extra fine.  
**Charlotte Saison**—White, suffused with pink, deepening towards the center to bright vermilion.  
**Lasolle**—Enormous flower and truss, individual flowers being 1 1/2 inches across. Color, light crimson tinged with lilac and shaded lighter towards the center.  
**Diplomat**—Beautiful light lilac with crimson eye. Very large flower and truss.  
**Eclair**—Deep, bright purplish-crimson. Extra large.  
**Master Clarence Hulse**—Pure white. Flowers and truss of very large size and exceedingly beautiful.  
**Master Sylvester Hulse**—Beautiful lilac-rose.  
**Miss Hattie Hulse**—Pure white with beautiful pink eye.



- Phlox Subulata**—One of the finest of low, turfey-growing plants, fine for carpeting under trees, around rock work, edging beds, etc. Early in spring is very showy with its cloud of bright pink blossoms. We do not understand why this is not more widely grown, for it is perfectly hardy, and once planted will take care of itself.  
**Athuricum Lillastrum, Major**—A superb plant with spikes of large pure white lily-like blossoms.

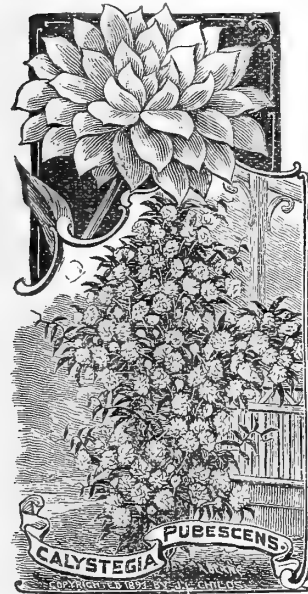


- Asters**—Graceful plants, that in autumn are almost hidden beneath a cloud of single Daisy-like blossoms of purple and lavender. Fine for naturalizing, woodland walks, or by rockeries, etc. Perfectly hardy and very attractive.  
**Chapman**—Large, beautiful lavender.  
**Nova Anglica**—Rich deep purple blue.  
**Achillea Crandiflora**—A most useful and beautiful hardy perennial plant which furnishes a profusion of the choicest double, white flowers all summer. It commences to bloom by the first of July and is a perfect mass of bloom until frost as many as 5,000 flowers having been counted upon the plant at one time. Flowers pure white, perfectly double, and are productive in large sprays, and are unsurpassed for all sorts of cut-flower work, bouquets, etc. It is perfectly hardy anywhere, and so vigorous that it will take care of itself among weeds. For cemetery planting there is nothing finer, for it is sure to live, thrive and bloom profusely year after year.  
**Callopsis Lanceolata**—Each plant is a sheet of golden yellow blossoms borne high above the foliage on long wiry stems. This is the true Lanceolata, a far inferior variety sometimes being sold for it.  
**Lychnis Viscaris**—One of the best herbaceous perennials with tall spikes of handsome crimson flowers, very double and profuse. It is doubly useful because it comes so early in the season, while flowers are yet scarce.  
**Hop, Golden Cluster**—A picturesque vine with its wealth of dark green deeply-cleft leaves and its long festooning sprays of golden yellow Hops with their grateful, homely fragrance and graceful beauty as well as usefulness.  
**Hemerocallis, Lemon Lily**—The clear yellow lily-like flowers are borne on long, stiff stalks, making them superior flowers for large vases or for pulpit bouquets.  
**Poppy, Perennial**—If there is a more gorgeous flower anywhere than the Perennial Poppy we fail to know it. The most indifferent observer stands spell-bound in the presence of its magnificent fire-like scarlet flowers with their silken texture and foil-like heart of innumerable purple-black stamens. Each bloom is as large as a saucer and sits perched like a bird on the end of a swaying, hairy, slender stem, high above the handsome foliage.  
**Pyrethrum Snow Ball**—One will go a long way before he will see so desirable a hardy perennial plant as this. It is perfectly hardy, living, flourishing and blooming year after year. Its foliage is fernlike, lying in a beautiful tuft upon the ground. The flowers stems are long, wiry and graceful, springing from the crown of the plant in great numbers, and each having an enormous flower as white as snow and double and perfect to the center. Flowers often 3 to 4 inches across, and beautiful beyond expression. It blooms most profusely in June.





**Day Lily, Large Blue**—Lovely blue flowers on tall spikes.  
**Variegated Leaved**—Leaves as handsome as a flower. A rosette-cluster of almost white leaves, lightly striped with green and yellow. Flowers pretty pale lilac-blue on tall spikes. Fine also for pots. Altogether this is one of the very finest (certainly one of the most attractive and ornamental) of all hardy plants.  
**Large White**—Pure in color as the driven snow, as smooth in texture as though cut from sheeted wax.



**Calystegia, Pubescens**—A fine double perennial Morning Glory. Various called Rose Vine, Double Morning Glory, California Rose, etc. A hardy perennial vine, coming from the roots each spring, and bearing quantities of pale satiny-pink flowers, as full and double as roses. Just the vine for rockeries, banks poor, hard soil, where nothing else will grow, or a hundred other places where a rarely handsome trailing or climbing vine is needed that is able to take care of itself. The vines we send out will bloom the first season and continue all summer. Its long vines, wreathed in a profusion of large double Rose-like blossoms are very attractive.

**Statice, or Thrift**—This is a dainty little plant, forming compact tufts of narrow green foliage, which makes it particularly valuable for edging. The flowers are a clear bright pink, and borne in clusters on tall stems. It blooms all summer long, and is a very pretty, desirable and useful flower, really the best of all hardy plants for edging walks, beds, etc.

**Eulalias**—Elegant ornamental grasses, growing ten feet high, with beautiful foliage and large feathery plumes. We have three varieties—Zebrina, Japonica and Gracillima. Should be in every garden.

**Mountain Fleece**—One of the latest bloomers we have, flowering with the Chrysanthemum. Its great sprays of feathery white bloom are not only pretty in the garden, but are in great demand for all sorts of floral work.

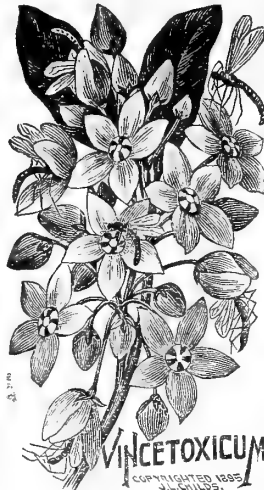
**Spirea Filipendula**—Grows two feet high, with large feathery plumes of the most charming white blossoms.

**Spirea Elegans**—Pure white, in large compact spirals.

**Spirea Ulmaria**—Fine foliage and elegant flowers.

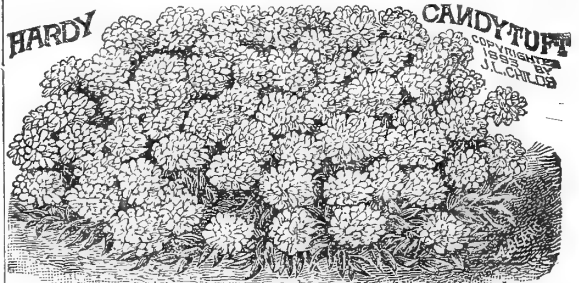
**Platycodon Grandiflora**—A lovely free blooming plant.

**Yucca Filamentosa**—The stately clumps of stiff, bayonet-like leaves, bristling out from the center in every direction, are extremely ornamental. Flower stalks are thrown up as high as a man's head, and bear at their summit immense compound panicles of creamy bell-shaped flowers, each floret two inches across.



**Mosquito Catcher Plant**—This pretty plant, Vincetoxicum comes from Japan. It grows one to two feet high and all summer, bearing a profusion of pretty, white, star-like blossoms that secrete a viscid fluid that attracts mosquitoes and sometimes other insects as well. Alas for the poor mosquito! No struggling on his part can ever free him after he has once dipped his beak in the forbidden sweets, though he may tug and plunge and buzz for a day or two after. A single spray of bloom will capture a dozen mosquitoes.

**Anemone, Whirlwind**—A variety of the beautiful old A. Japonica, but with large, semi-double blossoms of a snow-white color. It possesses a beauty and airy grace which is seen in but few flowers, and its great profusion of bloom at the end of summer and during fall, when pure white flowers are scarce, makes it very valuable—in fact one of the finest novelties of the year. We regret we are unable to give it more space, as all should possess it.



**Candytuft, Hardy**—A plant of exquisite beauty, being of low, compact, spreading growth, and producing its profusion of bloom in May or June when pure white flowers are particularly scarce. Its profusion of bloom is so great that a bed of it looks at a little distance like a mass of fleecy snow just fallen. Few hardy plants will give as much real satisfaction as will this beautiful gem. Lifted late in the fall it will bloom well in the house during winter. Perfectly hardy and foliage ever green.

**Hardy Pinks**—Magnificent early-blooming garden flowers, which are always greatly admired, both for their delicate beauty and perfume.

**Her Majesty**—A compact and healthy grower with beautiful and distinct foliage. Flowers a lovely clear white in color, very double, and produced on long, stiff stems, exhaling an exquisite clove-scented fragrance; rivaling the finest Carnation in size and substance.

**Anne Boleyn**—Like the above, but a rich pink, with darker center; a most charming combination of color.

**Hardy Marguerites**—A popular daisy-like flower, largely grown now for cutting and wearing. Graceful and modest, and very profuse, blooming a long time each season.

**White (Pyrethrum Uliginosum)**—Large white flowers, with a golden center. A fine late summer and fall flower.

**Golden**—Large golden yellow flowers in great profusion. A fine contrast to the white variety.

**Hibiscus, Childs' Hardy Hybrids.**

**Sweet Mary**—This plant was known in olden times only as Sweet Mary, producing an abundance of beautiful leaves all summer, which are indispensable for bouquets and cut flowers. This lovely old plant has almost gone out of cultivation, and we know that many of our customers will thank us for re-introducing it.



## New Double Iris Kaempferi.

A wood cut of this size cannot properly show these new Iris, therefore we have prepared a magnificent stipple lithograph in 18 colors, size 16x3 inches, eight times larger than this page, and showing flowers in natural size and colors. It is a magnificent picture, and we will supply it in rollers, by mail, for 20 cents. Write for it.

These new Iris from Japan rival the Lily in stateliness, the Peony in majestic beauty, the Orchid in marvelous delicacy and blending of colors, the Chrysanthemum in profusion, and surpasses almost every plant in the size and kingly magnificence of its flowers. Think of a plant sending up to the height of three feet a dozen flower spikes, each spike bearing from two to four enormous blossoms eight or ten inches across and of the most delicate and beautiful colors, markings and combinations. Think of a bed of all colors, white, indigo, violet, lavender, mauve, sky-blue, royal purple, bluish, yellow, etc. Your imagination can conceive of nothing grander, and when you see them you will realize that they are infinitely more grand and beautiful than your imagination could portray. Such are these new double Iris Kaempferi, the king of hardy perennial plants. Once planted in your garden they are a joy for a lifetime without further care, blooming profusely in June and July, during which time they are the greatest attraction your garden or lawn can contain. We have about one hundred fine named varieties recently imported from Japan, among the best of which are the following. These Iris received highest award at the World's Fair.

Believing that the public do not realize the beauty and value of these new Iris, which are really among the grandest and most fascinatingly beautiful of all flowers, we here offer 25 of the finest varieties at a price which we hope will tempt all to plant them.

- Blue Jay**—Dwarf habit, large flower; fine azure blue freely veined and mottled white. Extra fine.
- Charmer**—Lovely light blue, with white center and veins. Large and handsome.
- Dinah**—Light silvery lilac, veined purple blue. Dwarf habit, large flower.
- Eclair**—Lovely pure white. Extra large and fine.
- Mahogany**—Very large flower, deep mahogany red.
- Gold Bound**—Tall and showy with flowers of enormous size, probably the most beautiful of all. Pure snow-white with large gold-banded center.
- Hannibal**—Light blue freely veined deep blue. Yellow center.

- Mr. Fell**—Grayish white, finely veined celestial blue with blue and yellow center.
- Mt. Hood**—Light blue shaded darker. Bright orange center.
- Orion**—Tall and strikingly handsome; pure white, each petal having a wide border of lilac red; very distinct.
- Pyramid**—Tall and showy, flower very large; light violet-blue with slight white veins.
- P. C. De Rohan**—Purplish blue, shaded violet, with red at center. Fine large flower.
- Robert Craig**—Tall and very large; French white, shaded with violet toward center; extra fine.
- St. Ogg**—Purplish blue, shaded indigo; yellow markings.
- Victor**—Fine porcelain blue, veined.

### SINGLE VARIETIES.

We offer ten rarely beautiful single varieties from Japan. They are exquisite.

- Blue Bird**—Clear dark blue.
- Como**—Reddish amaranth, with large white center.
- Exquisite**—Fine porcelain blue.
- Shadow**—Enormous wavy petals, dark indigo blue with peacock lustre and golden center. Grand.
- Snowbound**—Large pure white, with golden bands in each petal. Exquisite.
- Cranie**—Grayish white, overlaid fine blue.
- Souvenir**—Lovely rose pink, with satin gloss and delicate blue veins.
- Violet Cap**—Pure white, veined and suffused dark blue.
- Neptune**—Reddish gray, freely veined.
- Quakeress**—Light lavender, tinged rose.

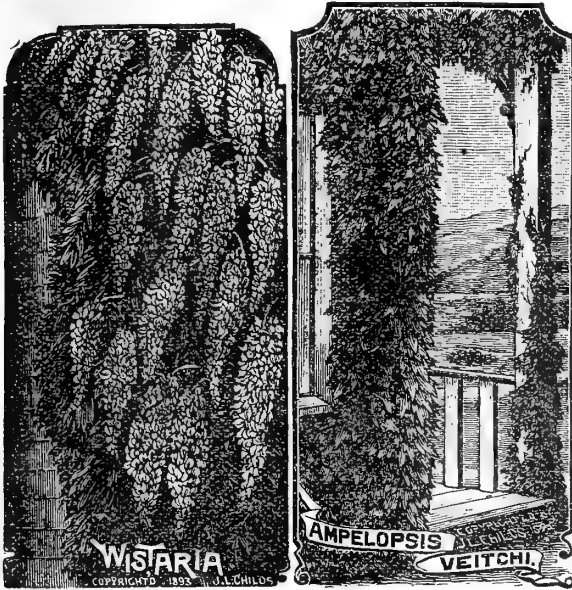
**PRICE of above Double and Single varieties:** Strong roots, by mail, postpaid, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; or more at 10c. each. Extra large, strong clumps, by express, 50c. each; 5 for \$1.00; or more at 20c. each.

- Double Mixed**—All varieties, 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c.; 15 for \$1.00. Extra large clumps, by express, double price.
- Single Mixed** varieties, same price.

### THREE ELEGANT NEW SORTS.

- These three new Iris Kaempferi are grand.
  - Mrs. C. T. Saxton**—Pure white, enormous size and triple extra double. The finest double variety.
  - Senator Lexow**—Enormous flower like Shadow, but much larger; great wavy petals a foot across. Indigo blue.
  - Spotted Beauty**—Large size, very double; silky white freely and finely spotted with violet crimson.
- Price, 50c. each; the three for 75c.

# BEAUTIFUL HARDY FLOWERING VINES.



## Wistaria.

A favorite vine, that will grow twenty-five feet in a single season. Just the thing for second-story verandas, or as a tree climber, or to train against a high wall. In early spring is covered with great massive clusters, sometimes two feet long, of lovely pea-shaped flowers.

- Alba**—A mass of white flowers in spring, the clusters of bloom reaching two feet in length. 75c. each.
- Sinensis Magnifica**—Fine large clusters of lovely blue flowers, produced in great masses. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

## Ampelopsis Veitchi.

The fashionable wall climber of the day. Clings tightly by suckers thrown out along the stem, to rock, brick, etc., and is a wall of living green the summer through, turning in autumn to a flaming crimson, when it is fairly gorgeous. It stands the dust and dry air of cities admirably. Nothing else can take its place. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

## Honeysuckle.

The dear old Honeysuckle is never out of place, at the rich man's mansion or the poor man's cottage. For a cheap, hardy, robust, yet lovely vine, it is the chief standby. Flowers exceedingly beautiful and very fragrant.

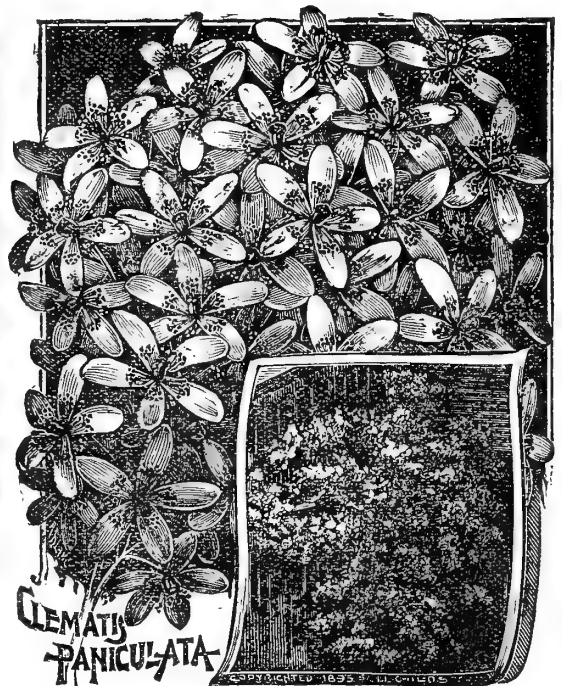
**Fuchsia Flowered**—Large clusters of long, trumpet-shaped flowers, that droop like a Fuchsia, and are of brilliant coral red. Very fine.

**Golden Leaved**—Marvelously effective. It bears innumerable sprays of the most perfect little leaves that are covered with a net-work of gold and green, often marked with pink also. The gold deepens at the tip of the sprays and there is

nothing finer to combine with corsage bouquets, while for trimming floral baskets they are the finest things we know of. A strong grower, with white blossoms. A unique vine.

**Halliana**—The best white monthly Honeysuckle, with dark green foliage, which keeps fresh and green nearly all winter, and beautiful clusters of the sweetest scented flowers that open a snowy white and turn a pale yellow. These flowers are produced in profusion from early spring until late fall. A fine vine for a large trellis, or to train at the end of a verandah, or over tall screens.

15c. each; the 3 for 40c.; \$1.50 per dozen.



## Clematis.

The finest vine in existence for small trellises, or piazza pillars. Used also to cover rock-work, mound, stumps, etc., or can be used as a low trailer, pegging its shoots down to the ground. Foliage neat, habit graceful, and for months a solid sheet of bloom, the large starry flowers actually hiding the foliage. The flowers are from 4 to 9 inches across, extremely showy. All of these are perfectly hardy. And are the finest varieties:

**Ramona**—A strong, rampant grower, fully three times as strong as Jackmanni, often growing ten feet the first season. It is a perpetual bloomer, flowers appearing both in the old and the new wood, giving an abundance of blossoms all through the season. In color a very deep sky-blue, lovely and distinct from any other. In size the flowers surpass anything we have ever seen. Perfectly hardy and very vigorous; new and grand. 80c.

**Henry**—This is the finest of all white Clematis, and should find a place in every collection. It is not only a vigorous grower, but is a remarkably free and continuous bloomer, beginning with the earliest and holding on with the latest. Flowers large, of a beautiful creamy white. 60c.

**Jackmanni**—This is perhaps the best known of the fine perpetual Clematis, and should have credit for the great popularity now attending this family of beautiful climbers. The plant is free in its form of growth, and an abundant and successful bloomer, producing flowers until frozen up. The flowers are large, of an intense violet purple, remarkable for its velvety richness. 50c.

**Paniculata**—We cannot well say too much in praise of this vine. A clean, thrifty, robust growing vine, of graceful habit, with attractive glossy foliage, and covered in August and September with a sheet of clustered snow white bloom of the most delicious fragrance. No other vine so completely covers itself with flowers. An arbor or portico over which this Clematis is trained, is a wall of white for the time being, and what makes it the more striking is that nearly all other vines have ceased blooming at that time. The panicles of bloom are very pretty for cutting, the pretty star-like florets, with their feathery stamens appearing to fine advantage contrasted with the larger and more vivid flowers of the early autumn garden. Perfectly hardy; grows rapidly. Fine vines, 25c. each; 3 for 80c.; 3 for \$1.00.

**Coccinea**—A graceful festooning vine of elegant appearance. Bears a profusion of shining coral-scarlet buds and flowers all summer. Blossoms bell-shaped, very bright and beautiful. Fine for decorating. 20c.

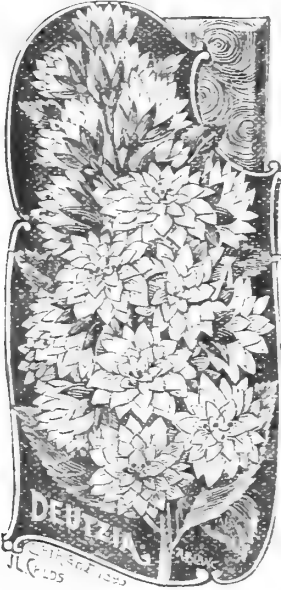
**Crispa**—Something like Coccinea, but more broadly bell-shaped, and their color a fine blue tipped with white. Very neat foliage. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

One each of above 6 fine Clematis, \$2.00.

# HARDY ◊ FLOWERING ◊ SHRUBS.

Every true lover of Horticulture, in its highest sense, finds special delight in the cultivation of Flowering Shrubs. They possess a charm, a grace and a beauty which is supreme; one's soul is drawn toward them in adoration, and it seems to meet, in return, a love which can make its existence known. They stand by our gate, our doorway and our paths, scattered singly or in groups over the lawn in stately hedge or background, and as they develop and make the seasons rejoice with their beauty and fragrance, we grow to love and cherish them to some degree, as members of our family. Each one brings a special joy with its season of bloom, and to our everyday life, beauty, cheer and happiness. No, we who love nature, beautiful and refined homes, cannot realize complete happiness without Hardy Flowering Shrubs, and our love for them, together with knowledge and experience in cultivating them, has suggested the following varieties, every one of which is a gem. Hardy, robust, free-flowering, and exquisitely beautiful. They are the best, and our customers cannot go astray in selecting any of them. Floral Park would be incomplete if one sort was missing, and as we grow and sell Shrubs by the hundred thousand we can offer first-class, healthy bushes at extremely low rates.

PRICE, all Shrubs on this and next page, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; or more at 10c. each for fine healthy bushes by mail, postpaid. We can send by express, at buyer's expense, large specimen Shrubs (too large to mail) at 30c. each; 3 for 60c.; or more at 20c. each.



**Althea**—A fine tall growing shrub, that once planted is good for a lifetime. Blooms when but a slip of a plant, but eventually reaches the size of a small tree. Always a symmetrical, upright grower, well clothed with a dark green foliage, and bears every year, without fail, a profusion of large, showy, double flowers that closely resemble Hollyhocks in shape and colors, but often larger in size. They bloom from midsummer until frost, at a time when few other shrubs are in bloom. Fine for cemetery planting, or for grouping upon the lawn. The following are new double varieties of superb beauty. In Europe this is the most popular of all flowering shrubs. No flowering tree or large shrub can approach it in majestic beauty.

**Berberis, Purple Leaved**—A lovely shrub with dark purple leaves and racemes of orange-color flowers. Blooms early in June and is very attractive.

**Berberis, Thunbergi**—Flowers followed by bright red berries, which remain on the bushes all winter and are exceedingly ornamental.

**Calycanthus Florida**—The "Sweet Shrub" so long a favorite in gardens. The purplish flowers have an exquisite pine apple fragrance of which one never tires, and a spray of which will perfume a whole room. Can not be omitted from any lawn or garden.

**Calliocalpa Purpurea**—A lovely shrub, loaded all winter with clusters of pretty blue berries, and therefore very ornamental, and makes a fine contrast with the red berries of the Berberis.

**Exochordia**—A new Japanese shrub of great beauty. Blooms early in spring and is a complete mass of snowy white bloom.

**Fern Leaf Tree**—A beautiful tree of a low shrubby growth making a superb large foliage shrub. Its leaves are like beautiful fern fronds, so finely lacinated and graceful, often two feet in length by 10 inches in width. Color very dark green while the stems are dark ebony red. It also bears large bunches of red berries, and in autumn the leaves color very brightly at the touch of frost. It is one of the very finest shrubs in cultivation. It is hardy and robust and succeeds in any situation. As a specimen shrub or small tree for the lawn it is grand.

**Deutzia**—Favorite small shrub, completely covered with flowers when in bloom. Unsurpassed for specimen clumps and for cutting, bouquet making, etc. 3 sorts.

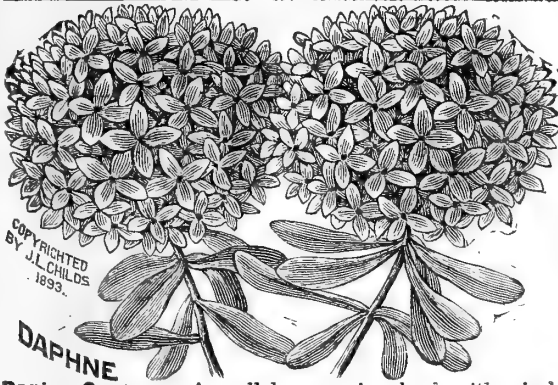
**Deutzia Crenata, fl. pl.**—Four feet high. In June is covered with double white blossoms, like tiny roses, in lovely panicles, exceedingly pretty.

**Deutzia Rosea, fl. pl.**—Exactly like above, but of a lovely rose color. Very fine.

**Deutzia Cracilis**—Grows only two feet high, but is weighted to the ground with its load of white Lily-of-the-Valley-like blossoms. Fine for forcing in winter.

**Forsythia**—(Golden Bell.) Lovely old shrub which blooms exceedingly early.

**Fringe, Purple**—A round-headed large shrub, with pretty foliage and curious misty clusters of feathery bloom that seem to wrap the whole bush in a purple cloud of smoke.

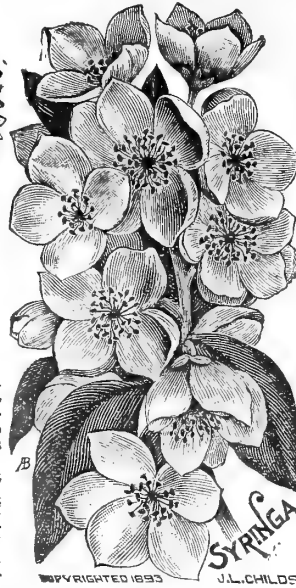


**DAPHNE**

**Daphne Cneorum**—A small, low-growing shrub, with spiral branches of dense evergreen leaves. The flowers are a lovely pink color, in dense clusters, and are borne profusely in early spring, and more or less during the entire summer and fall. The delicate beauty of the blossoms is great, but their fragrance is marvelous.

**Orange, Trifoliata**—A new hardy Orange. This is the most hardy of the Orange family, and will stand our northern climate with little or no protection. In the parks of both New York and Philadelphia it is growing luxuriantly and blooming and fruiting profusely. Think of it; you can have an Orange tree growing, blooming and fruiting on your lawn or yard. It is dwarf, of low, symmetrical growth, with beautiful, trifoliolate, glossy green leaves, and abundance of large white blossoms. The fruit is small, bright orange-red in color. The fine appearance of the plant, with its constant habit of blooming, and showy fruit, combine to make a shrub of peculiar beauty.

**Sweet Pea Shrub**—The shrub of shrubs for bouquet makers. When it is in bloom it is really but a big bouquet itself, so full is it of dainty sprays of large, lovely rose-pink blooms to which the graceful pinnate foliage is an admirable background. Very hardy and robust, and commences to bloom when but a foot high. Its glorious flowers are borne in clusters and are the size and shape of the most lovely Sweet Peas, but its color is more beautiful. The amount of bloom which one of these little shrubs will carry is astonishing, and the sight presented is one of remarkable beauty. Blooms profusely in June and July and to some extent all summer.



**SYRINGA**

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**WEIGELIA**

**Hydrangea Impreterice Eugenia**—A fine hardy sort, producing great flat cymes of sky-blue, among which are scattered great star-shaped white or pink blooms. Exceedingly showy and a rival to the famous Paniculata.

**Magnolia Grandiflora**—This is the Queen of the Southern Forest. It attains the size of a large tree, with enormous foliage, which is glossy and wax-like and ever green. In early summer its enormous flowers are produced, creamy white, fully a foot across, and wonderfully fragrant. The tree is hardy as far north as New York, and may be seen growing in the parks of that city and Brooklyn. There is no grander object in vegetation than this giant Magnolia.

**Spiraea, Japanese**—These new Spiraeas bloom from early summer until frost, and are not only very handsome in the flower garden, but are quite indispensable for cutting, furnishing the fine, feathery, fluffy spikes so necessary to bring out the beauty of a bouquet. Very easy to grow and entirely hardy. Six varieties as follows:

**Spiraea, Bumalda**—So dwarf and compact it can be grown where large shrubs would be out of place. A cloud of lovely rose-pink flowers for months. Very fine.

**Spiraea, Fortunel Rosea**—A medium-sized shrub and a great bloomer. Panicles of delicate pink flowers of wonderful beauty.

**Spiraea, Fortunel Alba**—Like the above, but pure white.

**Spiraea, Van Houtti**—In early spring a weeping fountain of bloom, that cannot be counted for numbers. Solid wreaths of snow-white flowers. Two and three feet long. Grand beyond expression.

**Spiraea, Thunbergi**—A lovely shrub, with pretty, dense, fern-like leaves that in autumn take on the most glowing high colors. The bush is a sheet of white blossoms in early spring, and grows to a good size.

**Spiraea, Aurea**—A grand shrub to group with the Purple-leaved Berberry. Leaves larger than other Spiraeas; trilobed, and shading from a light golden green to a rich orange-yellow; flowers white. Truly superb.

**Syringa, Mock Orange**—This much resembles the Orange in bloom, but the flowers are large and more deeply fragrant. When in bloom their delicious orange odor is wafted by the breeze a long way.

**Tamarix**—A curious shrub, unlike any other. Slender growth, covered with peculiar, fine, feathery foliage. In spring it is a mass of spray-like blossoms of a clear pink.

**Weigelia**—We have seen canes of this three and four feet long one solid wreath of flowers from tip to end, and fifty more such canes could have been cut from the bush.



**MAGNOLIA**

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**HYDRANGEA PANICULATA GRANDIFLORA**

**Hydrangea Paniculata**—Generally considered the most valuable and ornamental shrub in existence. Bushy and robust, every branch tipped in midsummer with an immense close panicle of flat, snow-white flowers of gigantic size. The trusses of bloom are ten to twelve inches long and nearly as thick through, and last for two or three months, turning pinkish towards the last. No other shrub makes such a show on the lawn or is so universally admired. Grand for cemetery use, and always blooms finely the first summer.

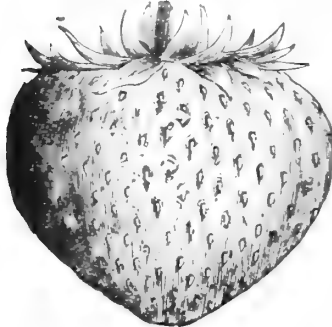
# CHOICE AND RARE FRUITS.

The Fruit Garden is an indispensable part of any rural home. It is a delight, a satisfaction, a convenience, a profit, and a source of the most healthful and delicious food supply any family can have. Beginning with the Strawberry in May, the supply is never exhausted until the last winter Apples have gone. Juneberries, Cherries, Raspberries, Wineberries, Currants, Blackberries, Plums, Peaches, Pears, Grapes, etc., follow successively. They save expense, are luscious and convenient, and any place well stocked with fruits always finds a ready sale at a good price; they enhance its value often many times in excess of its cost.

We have for years made a specialty of Choice Fruit Novelties and have introduced nearly all of the leading ones for ten years past. The varieties here offered are all of recent introduction, and each and every one possesses great merit. The trees here offered are young and thrifty and will make a very rapid growth and bear quickly. When fruit trees or shrubs are received before they can be planted they may be safely kept for any length of time by having the roots packed in boxes of moist soil and stored in a cool cellar or shed. It is important to order fruit trees early that they may be planted out before the foliage starts.

At prices named we send strong, robust, young stock, by mail, postpaid, but by express we can send much larger trees, especially Peaches, Apples, Plums, etc. Strawberries, Raspberries, Dewberries, Grapes, etc., are of course as well sent by mail as by express, as far as size is concerned. Our fruit stock is all vigorous and healthy, and whether you have it sent by mail or express it will be sure to please you by its rapid and vigorous growth and early bearing. We have no San Jose Scale—See Certificate of last year.

## Choice Strawberries.



Of all the fruits known to cultivation the Strawberry is conceded to be the most luscious, and is a universal favorite; yet it is not grown by one-half the people who might grow it just as well as not. It is but a few hours' work to plant a Strawberry bed and care for it through the year, and no work can possibly yield a better return. Strawberries bought in the market are not to be compared with the luscious, ruby beauties, fresh and ripe from the vines. The following are the very best

varieties in cultivation—the cream of all—including extra early, medium and late sorts:

**Knuckless**—It is not often that we have a more important novelty to introduce than this. It is a thorough departure from the general run of Strawberries, differing from all others in one most important respect, and in this point lies its great value, and we are sure our readers will appreciate it when we say that in picking the fruit the berry parts from the calyx something like the Raspberry, thus avoiding the irksome task of hulling them before they can be placed upon the table. The hull remains upon the stems. This one point should, and we believe will make this the most popular berry for home gardens that has yet been introduced. Aside from this advantage, the berry is of large size, beautiful color, of rich, sweet flavor and a hardy, robust grower, producing one of the largest crops of all berries. 50c. per doz.; \$2.00 per 100; \$15 per 1,000.

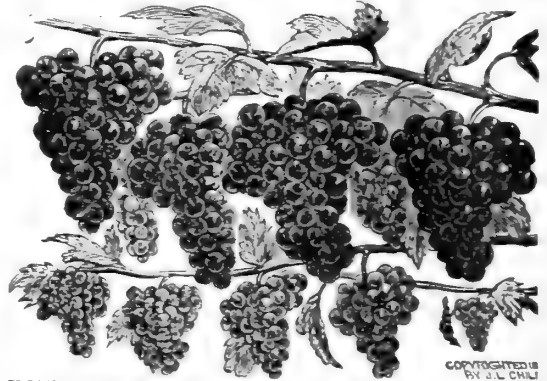
**Weeks Early**—This is a most important new berry, inasmuch as it is the EARLIEST and BEST of all early varieties. It is a good week ahead of any other in ripening, and it is also of large size, fine quality and very productive. No other early variety can compare with it, and it must find its way to every collection. 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15 per 1,000.

**Mineola**—For a general all-around Strawberry, we believe this to be the finest variety in cultivation. It originated on Long Island and has been cultivated here for ten or a dozen years by a few growers, and was first introduced into general cultivation by us last year. The fruit is of very large size and exceedingly sweet and luscious in quality, in this respect surpassing any other variety. It is a most vigorous grower, its foliage being of great size and wonderfully healthy and luxuriant. The fruit is borne on tall stems which hold them well up from the sand and dirt below. The berries are perfect in shape, beautiful in color, enormous in size and exceedingly prolific, succeeding well on all soils. Either as a market, home or exhibition berry it is par excellence. Could we grow but one variety this would be our choice. Fine plants, 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15 per 1,000.

**Ocean City**—A new berry of wonderful value. Its great points of value are, enormous size, surpassing almost any other known sort, and enormously productive. Unlike all large berries, which are usually shy bearers, this one is very prolific. In beauty it has no equal, and always brings a larger price in market than any other. It is a hardy and vigorous grower, supposed to be a cross between Wilson and Sharpless. From what we know of it we believe it is a variety of pronounced value. Fine plants, 60c. per dozen, \$2.00 per 100; \$16.00 per 1,000.

### SPECIAL OFFER.

Six plants each of the above four finest Strawberries for \$1.00; 12 plants each for \$1.50; 100 plants each for \$6.00.



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## Grapes.

Everyone who has a bare fence, wall or outbuilding, or a few feet of vacant ground, can plant a few grape vines and reap an annual harvest of luscious fruit. Owners of country places, or even of city lots, need never be without an abundant supply of Grapes in season. There is no fruit that yields a more prompt or generous return. Everybody can grow it, and everybody should have it in abundance. The following sorts are the very cream of the hundreds of varieties which are before the public; they are mostly varieties of recent introduction and of improved quality.

**Early Ohio**—This is the earliest of all Grapes, originated at Euclid, Ohio, in 1882, being a chance seedling of the Concord. The third year from seed it set thirty clusters of fruit which were allowed to grow; they ripened, August 20th. It has borne large crops every year since, ripening in 1889 the 15th of August, and always as early as the 20th of the month; fully one week to ten days earlier than Moore's Early. It is fully three times as productive as Moore's Early, better in quality, and never drops from the stem, a fact that shippers will fully appreciate. On account of its earliness the fruit is readily sold in the market at 10 to 15 cents per pound at wholesale. Testimonials received from all parts of the country corroborate the foregoing in every detail. The introduction of this variety makes it possible to grow Grapes in any locality. 50c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

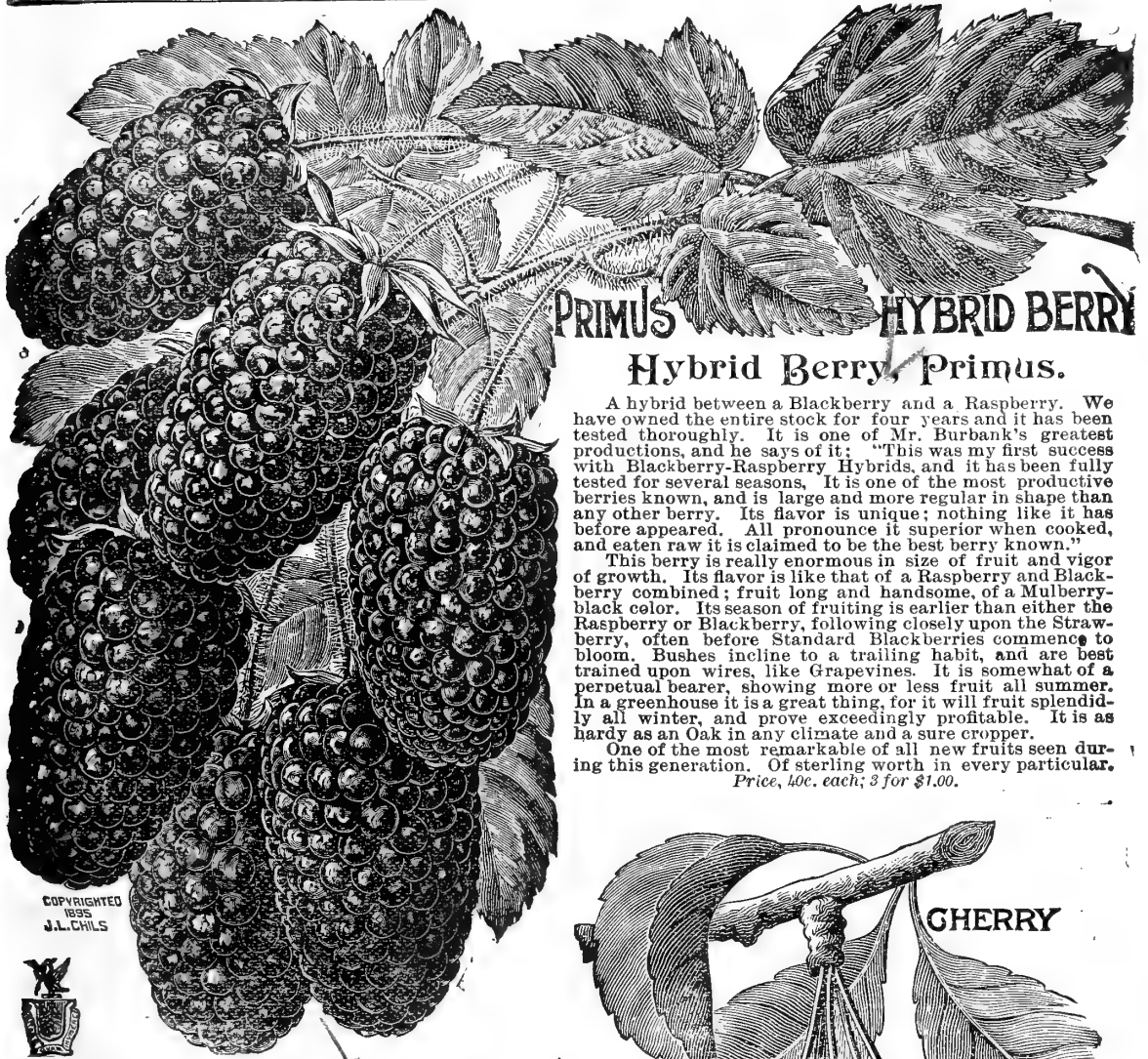
**Moore's Diamond**—This is probably the finest of all white Grapes. The vine is hardy and healthy in growth, vigorous and perfectly free from mildew. Berries large, of a beautiful light straw color—almost white—and of a most delicious quality, having few seeds, and a pulp which melts in one's mouth like snow. 20c. each; \$2.00 per dozen.

**Moyer**—An extra early Grape, about the size and color of the old Delaware, but with a larger bunch. It is, perhaps, sweeter and more delicious than any other Grape grown, in this respect being superior to the Delaware. It has beautiful red berries, which are very handsome, and the vine is a hardy, robust grower, vigorous and productive. Originated in Canada. 20c. each; \$2.00 per dozen.

**Niagara**—No Grape has been so largely advertised as this, and none so extensively planted during the first few years and, we may say, none has proved more profitable. It is the leading white Grape of the day. Berries very large, borne in large bunches. Flavor sweet and delicious, there being but very few varieties which can equal it. It is exceedingly productive and as hardy and robust in any locality as the Concord. 15c. each; \$1.25 per dozen.

**Golden Pocklington**—A very sweet and delicious Grape of a beautiful amber color. Hardy, vigorous and productive. A magnificent sort. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

One each of above 5 grand Grapes for 75c.



**PRIMUS HYBRID BERRY**

**Hybrid Berry, Primus.**

A hybrid between a Blackberry and a Raspberry. We have owned the entire stock for four years and it has been tested thoroughly. It is one of Mr. Burbank's greatest productions, and he says of it: "This was my first success with Blackberry-Raspberry Hybrids, and it has been fully tested for several seasons. It is one of the most productive berries known, and is large and more regular in shape than any other berry. Its flavor is unique; nothing like it has before appeared. All pronounce it superior when cooked, and eaten raw it is claimed to be the best berry known."

This berry is really enormous in size of fruit and vigor of growth. Its flavor is like that of a Raspberry and Blackberry combined; fruit long and handsome, of a Mulberry-black color. Its season of fruiting is earlier than either the Raspberry or Blackberry, following closely upon the Strawberry, often before Standard Blackberries commence to bloom. Bushes incline to a trailing habit, and are best trained upon wires, like Grapevines. It is somewhat of a perpetual bearer, showing more or less fruit all summer. In a greenhouse it is a great thing, for it will fruit splendidly all winter, and prove exceedingly profitable. It is as hardy as an Oak in any climate and a sure cropper.

One of the most remarkable of all new fruits seen during this generation. Of sterling worth in every particular.

Price, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

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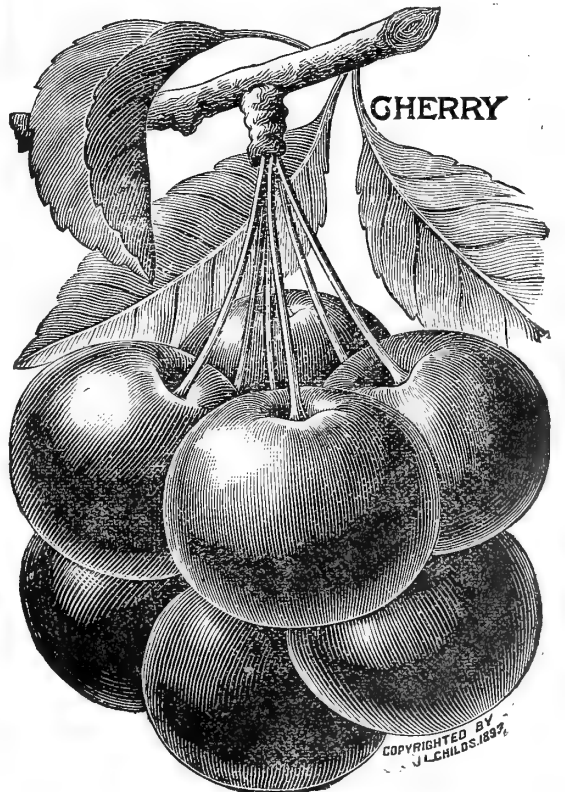


**Hybrid Berry, Logan.**

While not as large and meritorious as Primus, this is a very unique and valuable fruit. It is a hybrid between a Blackberry and a red Raspberry. It is very large in size and of a deep red color. In flavor it is rich, mingling both the taste of the Raspberry and Blackberry. Hardy, robust, a great bearer; ripening its fruit with the earliest Raspberry. It makes a splendid pot plant and fruits well in winter when grown that way. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

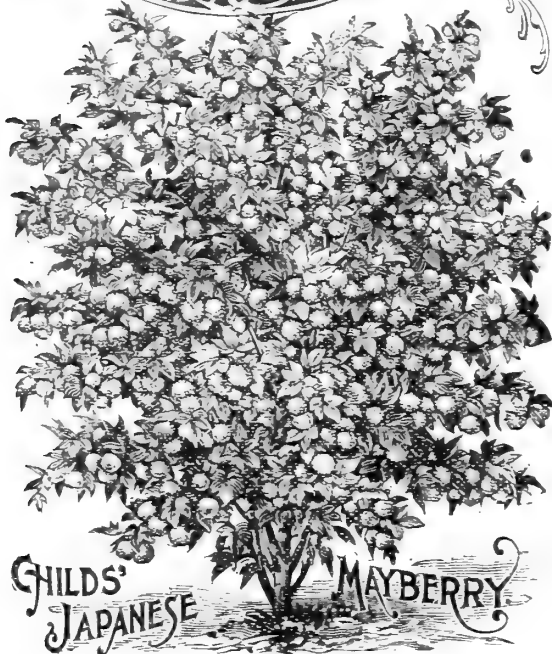
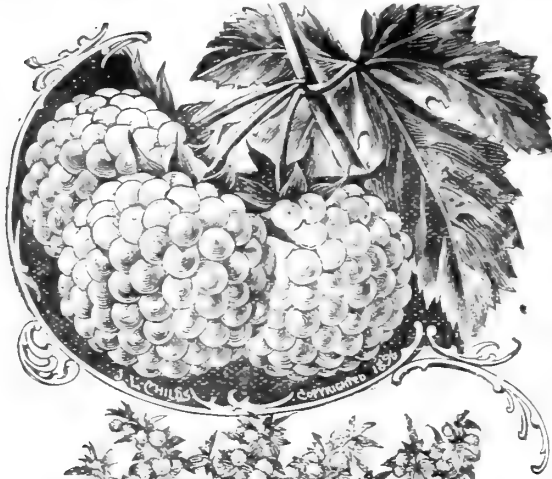
**The Dwarf Rock Mountain Cherry.**

This wonderful fruit was discovered in 1878, in the mountains of Larimer County, Colorado. It is one of the most productive fruits that grow. It is not uncommon to pick 15 to 20 quarts of fruit from a three-year-old bush, and 80 cherries have been counted on a branch 12 inches in length from a two-year-old bush. The fruit when ripe is a jet black and of a size as shown in the cut. In flavor it is much like the sweet cherries; when ripe is conceded superior to any other variety. It is ornamental as well as useful, both in flower and fruit. It bears every year, grows to a height of four feet, and has never been affected by insects or disease. On account of its small growth it can be grown in a little space where there would not be room to plant a larger growing cherry or other tree, and is a superb thing to plant on the lawn or among shrubbery. It is one of the most startling novelties of last year. As it blooms and bears fruit when only a foot high it may be grown in a pot, if desired, like the Otahite Orange. Price, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.



**CHERRY**

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**Childs' Golden Japanese Mayberry.**

This is the most remarkable of all fruit novelties ever introduced, and, like the Wineberry, belongs to the Raspberry family. It grows in sturdy tree form, six to eight feet high and ripens its fruit before Strawberries, a month before the earliest Raspberries, and before some of them have hardly wakened from their winter's rest. The bushes are distinct from other berries, with spreading, tree-like tops, large, bell-shaped, pendulous blossoms, which hang along the entire length of the branches in pairs or triplets. These large, handsome blossoms are followed by great glossy berries which are of a golden-yellow color, and in quality sweet and luscious beyond description. There is nothing like it in cultivation, and its extreme earliness makes it at once the most important of all small fruits. The bushes are entirely hardy in any location. We purchased this berry when there were only about a dozen plants of it, and it cost a small fortune. The stock is yet limited. We have every reason to believe that the common wild Salmon Berry of Oregon is being sold as the Japanese Mayberry. As the introducer, we have the genuine stock, and we hope people will not be deceived by that which is bogus. Childs' Japanese Golden Mayberry is not a wild or native berry of any country, but is a Hybrid raised by Luther Burbank, from Japanese species.

**PRICE**—Strong two-year-old plants, from open ground, 15c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.00.



**The Tree Strawberry, Or Strawberry-Raspberry.**

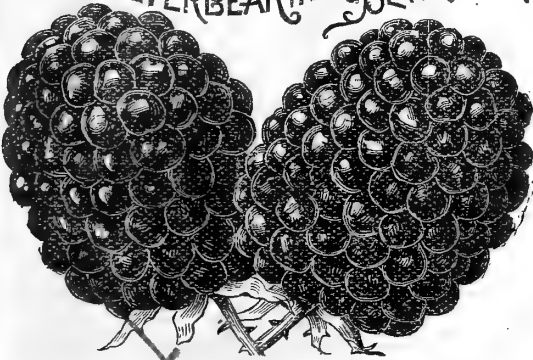
This is one of the most unique and at the same time the most beautiful berry of any kind that has yet appeared before the public. It comes to us from Japan, and is said to be a hybrid between the Strawberry and Raspberry. Whether this is correct or not we are unable to say, but that the plant is entirely hardy without protection and a prolific yielder, we can bear testimony from personal observation. In habit of growth the plant is distinct from both the fruits named. The root is perennial, throwing up numerous strong branching shoots, which are covered with its large, beautiful berries the whole summer, from early in July until freezing weather, rendering it a perpetual bearer. The canes or shoots die to the earth in winter, new ones being thrown up the following spring, which begin blooming and setting fruit at once. The foliage is light green in color, bright, clean, cheerful and pleasing, and exempt from attacks of all insects and diseases. The berries are globular, slightly oblong in form, ranging in size from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches long and one to 1 1/4 inches in diameter, sweet and melting and of such transcendent beauty as to cause everyone to shout with amazement upon first seeing a plant in bearing. The blossoms, too, should not be overlooked. They resemble in appearance small single roses (the petals being cupped) snow white in color, and are as richly and deliciously fragrant as Gardenias or Orange blossoms. As these exquisite flowers are produced constantly from early spring until autumn, the plant is well worthy of cultivation if it produced nothing but flowers.

**PRICE** of strong plants, 15c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for \$1.00





CHILD'S  
EVERBEARING TREE  
BLACKBERRY



### Childs' Everbearing Tree Blackberry.

For a Blackberry it is the largest, finest flavored, most prolific, fruiting for two months, and requires no stakes. This fine novelty, of which we control the entire stock, is surely one of the most desirable new thing we ever offered, and what we say of it we speak from what we have seen and tested, and not from what others say. It grows from five to seven feet high, branching freely into a fine tree form, as seen in the cut, straight and erect, requiring no stake. The berries are of enormous size, equalled only by the Erie; borne in large clusters, which commence to ripen early in July and continue into September, making its fruiting period nearly two months or more. The finest Blackberries we ever ate we picked about September first from some of these plants, which had been ripening fruit since July 8th. They are exceedingly sweet, juicy and delicious, melting in the mouth without a particle of hard core. Its delicate flavor great productiveness, enormous size, long season of bearing, and perfect hardiness in the coldest parts of the country, make it the most valuable of all berries for family use. Some of our customers who bought it last spring report that the plants fruited last summer, and berries proved to be the largest and finest ever seen, and that the symmetrical branching of the plants makes them perfect little trees.

**Price**—First quality, large and strong, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

### Two Fine Blackberries.

**Price**—3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$2.50.

**Erie**—It is in every sense a superb Blackberry, being enormously prolific, hardy, the fruit large in size, perfect in shape, sweet and luscious in quality. Is soft and melting to the taste, being rich and sugary to the very core.

**Early Harvest**—The earliest Blackberry grown and in every way a grand good sort. Often grows eight feet high and a perfect mass of fruit from top to bottom.



CHILD'S JAPANESE WINEBERRY.

### Great Japanese Wineberry.

This magnificent fruit which was introduced by us three years ago, is now acknowledged to be one of the most valuable fruit novelties ever introduced.

**Growth and Hardiness**—It belongs to the Raspberry family, is a strong, vigorous grower, attaining the height of 4 to 6 feet, and is perfectly hardy in all positions without protection. It is, in fact, more hardy and vigorous than any Raspberry or Blackberry. It stands alike the cold of northern winters and the heat of southern summers, without the slightest degree of injury. Its leaves are of the darkest green outside and silvery white underneath. The young shoots and branches are covered with reddish brown hair or moss which makes the plant odd and handsome.

**Fruit**—The fruit is borne in large clusters, often 75 to 100 berries in a bunch. These berries are from the time of formation and bloom until they ripen, enclosed in a "burr" which is formed by the calyx covering them entirely. When ripe the "burr" opens, exhibiting a large berry of the brightest, light, glossy scarlet or sherry wine-color. The "burrs" and stems are covered with a heavy reddish moss, like a Moss Rose bud, giving the plant a most unique and beautiful appearance. The flavor of the fruit is entirely different from any other berry, being very sprightly, sweet and juicy, having no disagreeable sour, but a delicate and luscious flavor peculiar to itself and superior to other berries. It is absolutely free from all insect ravages.

**For Canning and Preserving**—The Wineberry is greatly superior to any other fruit. It is the only fruit which will retain its fresh, sprightly flavor after being cooked, and for cooking in any form there is nothing which can compare with it. It also makes the most delicious jelly.

**For Syrup and Wine**—The Wineberry makes a syrup which, for flavoring, is superior to all other fruit juices. As a flavor for soda water it is delicious and novel. It will make more wine from the same bulk than any other fruit, and good judges have pronounced it the most delicious wine.

**Time of Ripening and Productiveness**—The fruit commences to ripen early in July, and continues in bearing for a long time. It is the most productive berry known, the bushes being literally covered with its large clusters of luscious fruit, which are very easily gathered. Owing to their novelty, superb flavor and great beauty they sell more readily and at far better prices than any other berry.

**Price**—First-class, vigorous plants for fruiting first year, by mail, postpaid, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 15 for \$1.00. Two-year-old plants, 30c. each; 4 for 75c.; 12 for \$2.00.

**Seed**—Fresh seed, per pkt., 10c.; 6 pkts. for 50c.



**RASPBERRY  
"GREAT AMERICAN"  
New Raspberries.**

**Great American**—This giant berry is the "Eureka" of Luther Burbank, we having purchased the stock three years ago and grown it here at Floral Park. It is the largest Raspberry in cultivation, being a real giant by the side of our common garden varieties like Cuthbert, Gregg, Souhegan, etc. The above cut shows the comparative size. Color bright red, firm, very productive, of a luscious, piquant, acid flavor so much admired. Twice as large as Shafter's Colossal, which is one of the largest berries in cultivation. Bushes compact in growth, free from prickles, robust, and of iron-clad hardness. This is one of the berry novelties of our time, and must become the standard in every garden. Strong bushes, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

**Souchet White**—A large berry of light amber, almost white, color. A luxuriant grower, free bearer, and hardy. Berries extra large, and of a peculiar rich, sugary flavor. One of the highest flavored of all berries. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

**Childs' Allsummer**—An everbearer, commencing to ripen its large berries in July and continues until killed by autumn frost. The plants are strong and vigorous, growing three to five feet in height, standing erect without stakes or other support. Foliage very large and rank, dark green above and silver white underneath. In hardness nothing can surpass it, as it has never been injured in the severest climate. It is immensely prolific, the berries being of great size, and dark red in color; quality extra fine. Mrs. Stowe, of Montana, says: "It has fruited for five years and borne a full crop each year, no matter how hot the weather. Our plot is 45 feet in length by 15 feet in width, besides a single row 150 feet long. From this plot and the row we picked last year fully 11 bushels of berries. Is not that a good yield? For five years the yield has been very uniform. In 1889 the yield during July was 244 boxes; August, 175 boxes; September, 27 boxes, an abundance of green fruit being killed by frost September 25th. In many sections where the season is long enough it's October crop is the largest." To see it at its very best it must have a moist soil or plenty of water. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One plant each of above three New Raspberries for 40c.; 3 of each for \$1.00; 12 of each for \$3.00.

**Best Standard Raspberries.**

**Cuthbert**—A very large red variety of superb quality. It is always of large size and an enormous yield, and grows freely in any situation. It will adapt itself to any wild or out-of-the-way place and make a splendid wild berry if one has not the time to give it culture.  
**Golden Queen**—This is a sport from the Cuthbert, and is exactly like that excellent berry in all respects, except that its color, when ripe, is a fine, rich golden yellow. It is of high quality, pulpy and juicy.  
**Thompson's Early Prolific**—The earliest Raspberry yet introduced, and a great cropper. Berries of a fair size, bright crimson color, and of extra fine quality. Perfectly hardy and a sure cropper.  
**Kansas**—The King of all Black Cap Berries. Medium early, large size, great productiveness, excellent quality and perfect hardiness make it superior to any other black variety.  
**Muskingum**—It is a cap variety, though purplish red in color, while its juice is a rich sparkling ruby. It is valuable for the enormous amount of fruit which the bushes produce. Fruit is very large in size and superior in quality to any of the black caps.  
 Price, 60c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.



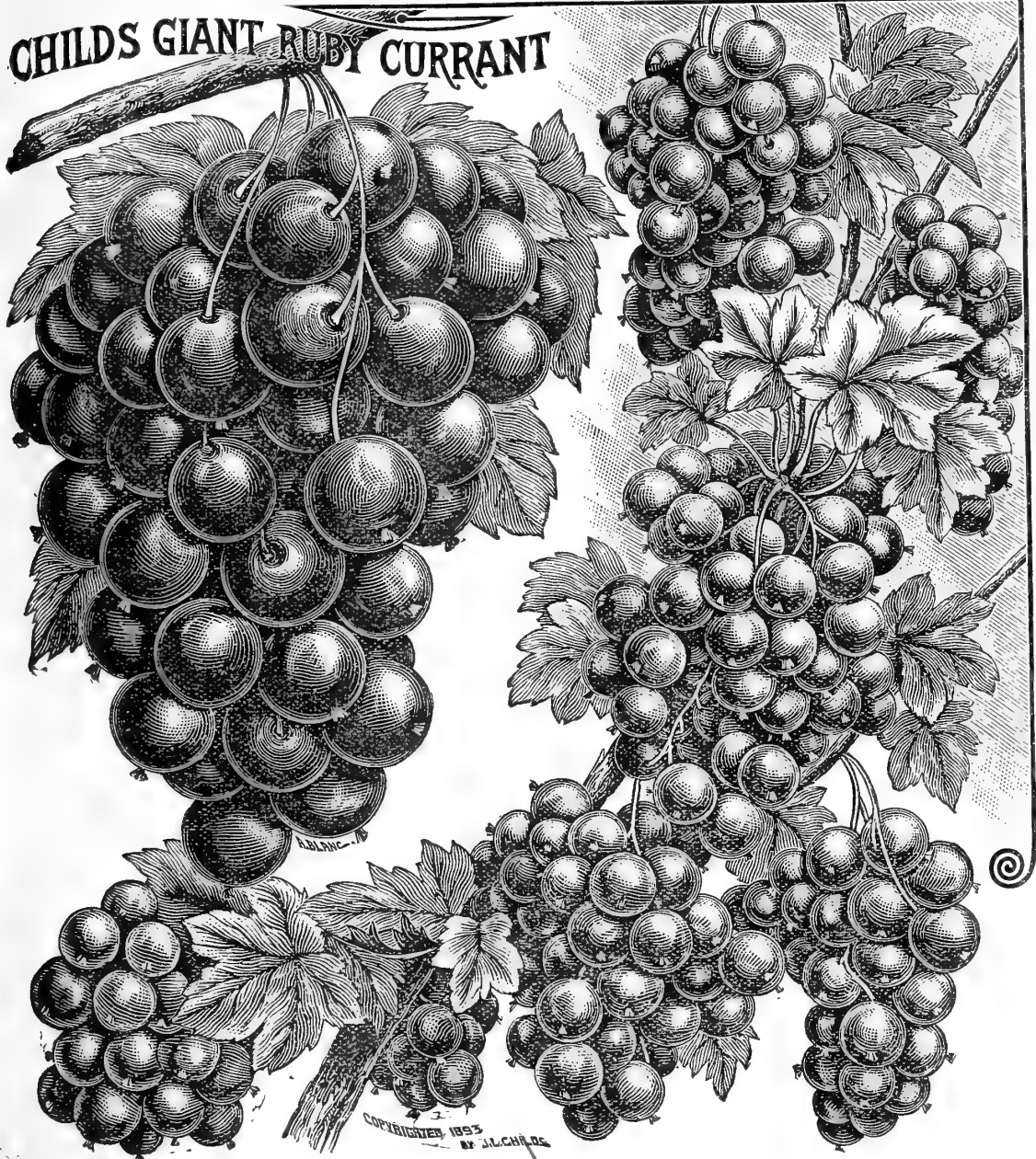
**SOUCHET WHITE.**

**Columbian**—A Raspberry of gigantic size, the canes growing to the height of 10 to 16 feet, strong and woody. Very hardy and vigorous. Fruit large, dark red, with small seeds. A cap variety, never suckers and is increased by tips. This is really a wonderful berry, and one which should have a place in all gardens, it being so entirely distinct from all others. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Mohler**—A new berry of great merit. Claimed to be the finest Black Cap in cultivation. It is a strong grower, very hardy and early to ripen. Fruit of largest size and best flavor, and produced in enormous quantity, almost double that of any other Black Cap. It is certainly a most valuable acquisition. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Caust**—A new Black Cap which produces its fruit in enormous clusters, and is a true everbearer, fruiting freely from June until killed by October frosts. Plants set this spring will fruit next fall and give a good crop. Fruit of gigantic size and fine quality. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

# CHILDS GIANT RUBY CURRANT

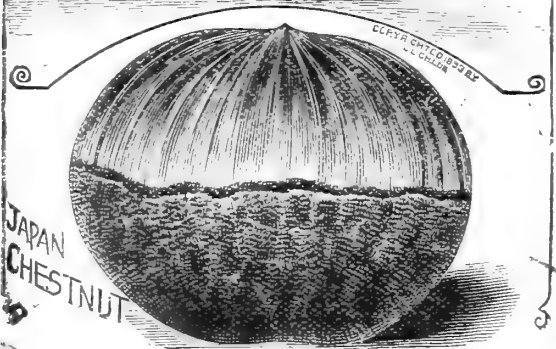
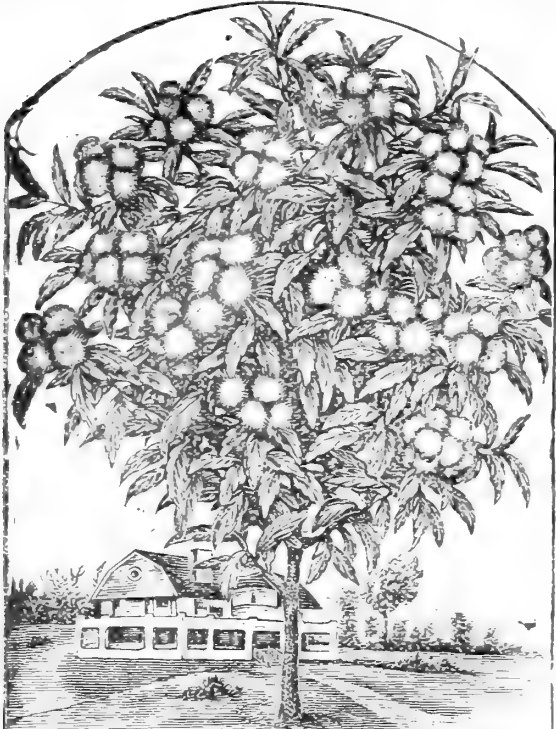


## Currant.

**Childs' Giant Ruby**—This is the finest of all Currants. It is of remarkable strong growth, and in the size and quality of the fruit it is really a marvel. The berries are very large, borne in enormous clusters of twenty to thirty, yet leaving room near the wood to make picking easily done without bruising or crushing the berries. In color they are the most beautiful ruby scarlet, sparkling and glossy, and being so large in size they catch every eye, and sell more readily and for much better prices than any other variety. It is now being largely planted where Fay's and other sorts have been pulled out, for it is a greater and surer bearer than any other. In this locality it easily produces three or four times as much fruit as Fay's or Cherry, and the fruit is certainly much finer in every respect. Mr. N. Hallock says: "I have grown the Giant Ruby Currant for four years. Bushes three years set yielded the past season five pounds of fine fruit where Fay's Prolific, in the same lot, has been an entire failure. Of the seven or eight kinds I grow Giant Ruby yields double the quantity of fruit of any of them." 25c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1; 100 for \$10.

**Drandall Tree**—A strong and rapid grower attaining a height of seven feet and branching freely into a fine symmetrical tree form; single shoots often grow four to five feet in one season. It bears every year a tremendous crop of large black fruit nearly the size of a grape, the quality of which is entirely unlike that of any other Black Currant, as it has none of the odor or disagreeable flavor common to black sorts. Its quality is very fine indeed, and is not excelled for cooking in any form, either for pies, jelly, jam or sauce. Its flavor is that of the Sweet Currant, combined with the acid of the Cherry Currant. It is almost sure to commence bearing the first year and certainly will yield a big crop the second year. The fruit begins to ripen the middle of July and continues to the middle of August, the large berries being borne in clusters of four to twelve and cling to the tree a long time after they are ripe before dropping. The currant worm does not infest this sort. It is of iron-clad hardness. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.75.

**Giant White**—A splendid sort, bearing large clusters of white currants which are perfectly luscious. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



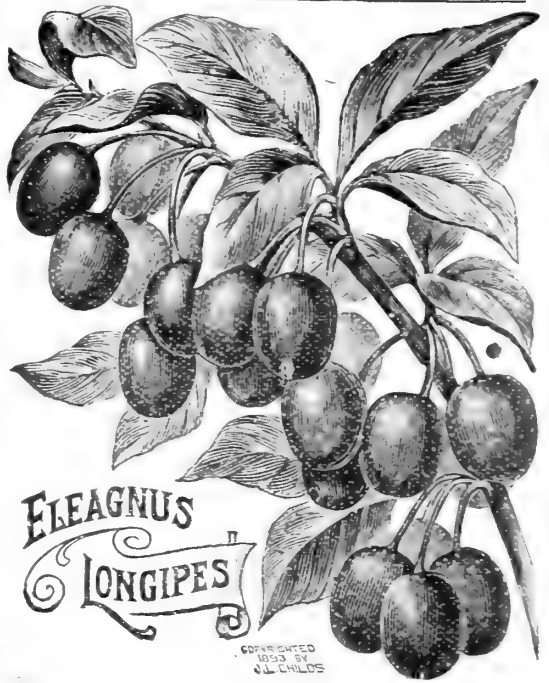
JAPAN CHESTNUT

### Chestnut, Japan Giant.

Introduced recently from Japan, and a chestnut of enormous size, the nuts averaging four to six times larger than our American variety and it is not unusual for burrs to contain four to seven of these large perfect nuts. They are almost sure to commence bearing the second year after planting, no matter how small the tree may be. They mature their fruit early and it drops at the first touch of frost. Enormously prolific, tree highly ornamental and will prove an attractive and novel thing on anyone's place. 40c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

### Downing's Everbearing Mulberry.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher once said: "I regard Downing's Everbearing Mulberry as an indispensable addition to every fruit garden, and I would rather have a tree of it than a bed of Strawberries." One cannot wonder at this remark when one sees this splendid fruit growing and tastes its luscious flavor. The tree attains a large size and begins to bear when very small—in fact, when only a few feet in height. The fruit is about one and one-half to two inches long, jet black in color, very juicy and exceedingly sweet and rich in flavor. Like the Russian Mulberry, the fruit begins to ripen in July and continues for two months or longer. As a lawn or street tree this Mulberry is a beauty and should be grown for this purpose, even if its fruit were not eatable. Its foliage is large, dense and luxuriant, and remains bright and green the whole summer. We consider this one of the finest new fruits. 50c. each; 5 for \$2.00.



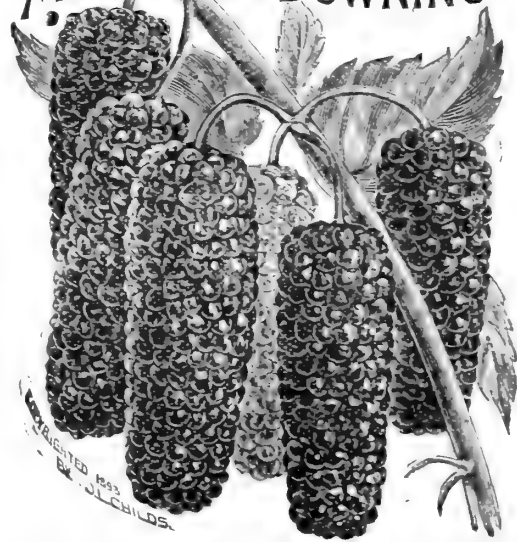
ELEAGNUS LONGIPES

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### Eleagnus Longipes.

This is a new fruit from Japan, and was, we think, first seen in fruit at the summer residence of Mr. Chas. A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun. For two or three years many people have been to see it, and to taste it, and it seems that no one ever tires of praising it. It has fruited elegantly in our own grounds now for two summers, and as a rare or fancy fruit it is one which is sure to delight its possessor. It is a shrub, fruiting when only three or four feet high, and probably never exceeds five or six feet when fully grown. The fruit is borne in quantity the whole length of the branches, is oblong or olive shape and about the color of a dark red cherry. It has a small pit and an excellent flavor, being rich, juicy, sprightly, and more luscious than the cherry. It ripens in July and August, and the fruit remains in good condition a long time before dropping. The bush is perfectly hardy and robust. Price, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

### MULBERRY. DOWNING



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SPECIAL OFFER—One each of Mulberry, Chestnut and Eleagnus for \$1.00.

## New Apples.

It was our good fortune a few years ago to come into control of three new apples of superior quality. They are so valuable that they will become leading favorites, and we advise our customers to plant a few if only to get grafts.

**Two-Faced**—We never brought out a more unique novelty than this. It originated in Cayuga County, N. Y., and the original tree has been known for many years, but this is the first time it has ever been propagated and put upon the market. The tree bears an apple which is in size and shape similar to the Tallman Sweet; its peculiarity being that every fruit is equally divided. One-half is sour, like a Greening, and the other half is sweet, like the Tallman. This is one of the most peculiar freaks which has ever been observed in vegetation. Its oddity, as well as its fine bearing qualities, and the excellent quality of the fruit, both the sweet and sour portion, will make it immensely popular.

**Ruby Gem**—As its name implies this is an Apple of the most brilliant ruby-red color imaginable, and being of large size and perfect in form it is the handsomest variety we have ever seen. Every one is as fair and perfect as though moulded of wax, and the season of ripening is early autumn. The tree is a heavy bearer, commencing when very small to yield an abundant crop; flesh very tender and melting, juicy and of delicious, pleasant, sub-acid quality. Tree a strong grower and heavy annual bearer; a most luscious and valuable apple for home use and the most profitable one for market.

**Clowing Coal**—The fruit is enormous in size and as fair as wax; one-half bright shining red while the other half is intense scarlet, and as they hang on the trees the large, beautiful fruit can be seen for a long distinct, glowing almost like coal among the dense green foliage. It is of extra fine quality, mild sub-acid, and ripens early in September. Tree rank, vigorous grower, and a great and early bearer. This will become the finest of all Apples for market. Its great beauty and size, as well as its unexcelled quality will place it at the head of all.

**Bismarck**—This new Dwarf Apple is indeed a wonder. Little trees a foot or two in height will bear a few apples of enormous size, either growing in pots or in the ground. A little tree 12 inches high, which we imported from France last winter, bore a fine large apple the following summer. Fruit very large, of brilliant color and borne freely on trees two years old.

**Loralin Sweet**—An Apple of great size and superb quality. It ripens in early fall and is the most delicious Sweet Apple grown, flesh being exceedingly tender and melting, and of the most luscious flavor reminding one of the sweetness of honey. Should be in every orchard.

Price of above five New Apples, 30c. each; \$2.00 per dozen; the five for \$1.25.

## Three Grandest Plums.

Since the introduction of our Wineberry and Mayberry, nothing has been offered in the way of new fruits which can compare in value and importance to these new Plums—Burbank's greatest production. They are crosses with Japan varieties, and possess the most distinct characteristics; are the most beautiful, most luscious, best bearers and keepers, hardest and best adapted to all soils and climates.

**Delaware or Dwarf Weeping Plum**—A superb and highly ornamental tree of short, symmetrical growth and long branches which droop to the ground. Owing to its dwarf habit it can be grown in space that would not admit of a large kind. The best Plum in existence, with a most exquisite flavor like that of the Delaware Grape. It is described by some as possessing the flavor of the Apricot, Grape, Plum and Watermelon combined. Fruit of good size, purple flesh and skin, with white bloom. It is exceedingly productive, and ripens very early. Tree hardy and healthy, bearing when but two feet high. A perfect gem of a fruit and ornamental tree combined, and should be on every lawn and in every garden.

**Shipper**—Tree a large, rank grower and enormously prolific. Fruit of large size, rich, juicy and sweet. Form and color of Imperial Gage, but handsomer, and the best Plum for shipping yet introduced. Hardy, robust and heavy annual cropper. The most profitable of all market Plums, as it is of the best quality, largest size, most prolific and best shipper.

**Juicy**—This glorious new Plum is a cross between Botan and Robinson. The fruit is the size of the former and three times larger than the latter, and of perfect shape. Skin thin and transparent, light yellow, underlaid with scarlet—as beautiful as wax. In quality it seems to us that there is no other fruit which can approach it. It has a delicious sweetness, mingled with a sprightly acid, and a high melting plum flavor, surpassing anything we ever saw. When fully ripe it is so juicy that when the skin is broken its delicious pulp flows out like honey. The tree is a hardy, rank, luxuriant grower, though of dwarfish habit. It blooms so late in spring that frost never injures the crop. In this respect it is valuable beyond estimate. It begins to bear when very small—trees scarcely three feet high often producing large crops.

PRICE of these three Plums, 30c. each; the 3 for 75c.

## Peaches.

There is no tree which makes a more rapid growth and comes into bearing sooner after planting than the Peach. Trees small enough to go by mail will bear in three years, and their cost is so little that every home in our land should be abundantly supplied with this most valuable and delicious fruit. These new varieties are particularly fine, and superior in many respects. They are all extremely hardy, some of them being able to stand the climate of Canada.

**Excelsior**. A wonderfully good new Peach, which originated near Lowell, Mass. The tree is a dwarf of low-spreading, willow-like habit of growth, and the fruit buds are so hardy that it produces a full annual crop when all others fail. Fruit medium to large, rich orange-yellow, splashed with carmine on the sunny side, flesh yellow, juicy, very sweet, tender and rich. Pit small and a perfect freestone. The low growth and great beauty of this tree make it a desirable ornament for the lawn or garden. When loaded with its large, luscious fruit, it is one of the most strikingly beautiful small trees it is possible to have.

**Dwarf Japanese**. This is the earliest of all Peaches, ripening two or three weeks ahead of Alexander, and maturing in about eight weeks from time of blooming. It is a dwarf growing, very stocky variety from Japan, bearing when three or four feet high; a little tree, one year planted, matured twenty-four fine specimens. The blooming season is later than other varieties, making it almost free from the danger of damage by late spring frosts. Fruit large, beautiful crimson and yellow, heavily overlaid with red, really having the appearance of blood red. The flesh is rich, juicy and most excellent quality, and much the same color as outside. It is the most fragrant of all Peaches, a single specimen being so sweet as to fill a whole room with the delightful fragrance. The trees are very productive, bear extremely young and can be planted very closely together. It requires so little room that it may be grown on the lawn or in any nook or corner which would not accommodate a larger variety. It is a perfect gem of a fruit, and like the Bougoume Apricot, Bismarck Apple and Rocky Mountain Cherry, can be grown even in a large pot or tub.

**Champion**. Fruit very large often 10 inches in circumference. Flavor most delicious, juicy, sweet and rich, surpassing most other varieties. Color, a beautiful creamy-white, with a bright red cheek, most strikingly handsome in appearance. Its season of ripening is very early.

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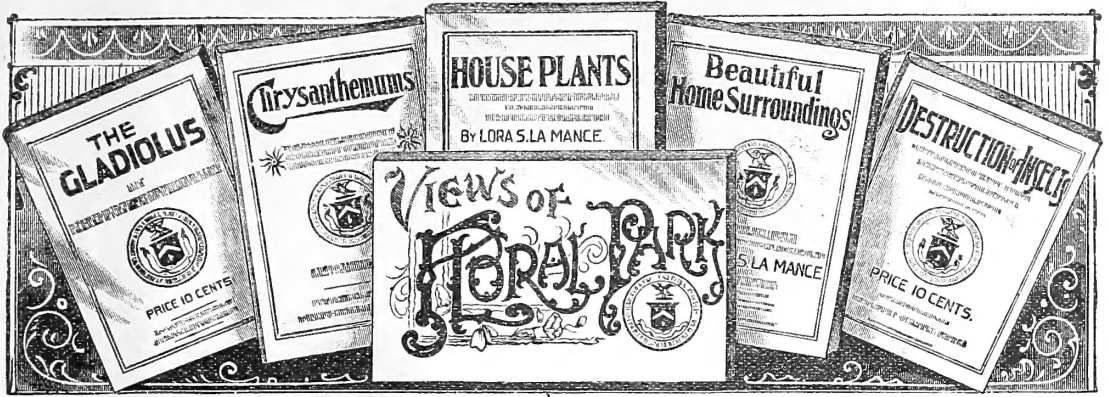


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