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USEFUL ARTICLES BY MAIL, POST-PAID.

We can supply, at any time, the following valuable articles. Many of them are really indispensable. Especially the Excelsior Fertilizer, which is the greatest thing in the world for pot plants. Notice our new Floral Park Lawn Mower, and the "Bug Scorcher" insecticide offered on next cover page.

THE EXCELSIOR FERTILIZER

A New Odorless Fertilizer for Pot Plants. Makes Plants Grow and Bloom Luxuriantly, and Drives Insects from the Soil.

This excellent fertilizer is used by dissolving a teaspoonful in a pint of water and applying to the soil of pot plants every week or two. It starts the plants at once into a healthy and vigorous growth and abundant bloom. It drives worms and other troublesome insects from the soil. It has no disagreeable odor, and is the only artificial fertilizer which can be used without danger or injury to the plants. It takes the place of liquid manure, and is just the thing that has been wanted for a long time. Mr. Eben E. Rexford says: "There is nothing so convenient to use, or better in results, than the Excelsior Fertilizer put up by Mr. Childs, especially for pot plants. It produces a vigorous and healthy growth, and plants to which it is given flower very freely."

Price, one-half pound packages, 25 cents each, post-paid, or 30 cents per pound, by express.



TAM O'SHANTER HONE.

We import this valuable hone from Scotland. It is the finest stone we know for sharpening knives, razors, and other tools. Price, post-paid, 25 cents each.

FERTILIZED LEAF MOLD.

Many valuable plants suffer for the want of a little Leaf Mold in the soil, and as not one person in one hundred has opportunity to procure good Leaf Mold, we have collected a good lot, which we have prepared for use, and offer very low, for the benefit of our customers. We have mixed with it a certain amount of bone dust and other fertilizing material, which makes it a valuable article for mixing with potting soil. In mixing use not over one-quarter Leaf Mold. We furnish it perfectly dry, and being very light, a pound will go quite a ways. Per pound, 35 cents; 2 pounds, 60 cents, post-paid. By express, 5 pounds, 75 cents; 10 pounds, \$1.25.

TOBACCO INSECTICIDE SOAP.

This is made from a powerful form of tobacco-gum, and is absolutely safe to handle, and will not injure the tenderest growth of plants. It is used, by dissolving in hot water, at the rate of one ounce to two quarts of water. With this water the plants are sprinkled, syringed or sponged, and one or two applications will exterminate any kind of insect. It is sure death to green or black flies (aphis), scale, mealy bug, red spider, etc. If used once or twice a month on plants they will never be troubled with insects. It is equally valuable for house plants, garden plants or shrubs, or animals infested with vermin. Sold only in seven-ounce cans, at 30 cents each, by mail, post-paid.

THE ANGLE OR TRANSPLANTING TROWEL



This new tool is the finest thing for garden work we have ever seen. For transplanting, lifting or setting plants or bulbs, it is unequalled. We are so much pleased with it that we are glad to supply them to our customers, by mail, at 25 cents each.

POTTING SOIL.



Many people, especially those residing in cities, find it difficult to get good potting soil and we have been urged to prepare a good mixture for general use, and offer it. This we have done, and here offer a rich, sandy sod loam, mixed with a proper quantity of old pulverized manure, leaf mold and bone dust. It is just the soil which suits all sorts of plants and bulbs best. It is finely sifted, and will be sent by express or freight at buyer's expense. Price, \$1.00 per bushel, and \$2.00 per barrel.

MARKINE.

An Indelible Compound. The Best and Acknowledged by Chemists as the Only Indelible Compound

for Marking Paper, Cloth, Wood, Bone or Metal.



It is unequalled, and cannot be erased by acids or any chemical process without injuring the article written upon. It is of a jet black color, and unlike other marking inks, and is used with a pen. Markine is not ruined by being exposed to light. The bottles contain 25 per cent. more than those of other so-called Indelible Inks. For Post-Office, Bank, Hotel, Nurserymen, Florists, and Family use it is invaluable. Price, 25 cents per bottle, post-paid.

THE LEVIN PRUNER.

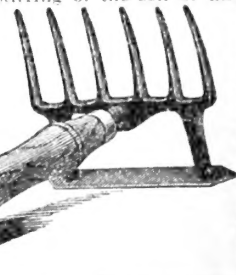


This is the lightest and handiest pruner made, yet so constructed that it is the most powerful and durable. It will cut through a half inch of dry oak with perfect ease. It is also easily adjusted for grinding. It is a wonderful tool. And for trimming and pruning trees, shrubs or vines, it has no equal, and with good care should last a life-time. All should have it. Price, post-paid, \$1.00.

THE COMBINATION WEEDER.

A MOST VALUABLE NEW TOOL.

Combining, as it does, both the rake and hoe, it is the most serviceable, durable and perfect weeder on the market. It is especially adapted to cutting weeds and grass, shallow cultivation, and stirring of the soil of all garden crops,



flower beds and nursery stock that requires hand cultivation in the early stages of growth. It is neatly and strongly made of malleable iron (tinned), and the blade of the best steel, sharpened on both edges and points, which allows

weeding close to the plants. Every one who has a garden, large or small, should have the Combination Weeder. Guaranteed to give satisfaction. Price only 40c., post-paid.

SALUTATION.

It is eminently fitting that our house should be represented by a Catalogue which, among the many, is the most beautiful and tasty in make-up, the most thorough and original in illustrations and descriptions; comprehensive, accurate, interesting and reliable in every detail. In short, it must be the leader—the greatest and best of all. Labor and expense has not been spared to make it all that it should be; every description and every cut is new, original and accurate. We publish nothing which was ever published before and nothing which has not undergone most critical consideration. Three distinct Catalogues are here bound together in one: The first is of Seeds, second, Bulbs and Plants, third, Nursery Stock. Each one contains the most valuable list of representative articles ever offered together; valuable, because every variety offered has been carefully tested and selected as the very best from a large list of sorts, and one can not go astray in selecting as might be the case if we offered a greater variety and necessarily sorts of indifferent merit.

*Ours has become the largest Seed and Floral establishment in the world—not because it is one of the oldest, for it is one of the youngest, but because we have recognized the fact that our customers' interests are ours. If they are pleased it is good for us, if not, we suffer. The whole make-up of our business from beginning to end is framed with an eye single to giving satisfaction to those who send us orders. Nothing but the best selected stocks are kept and sold, nothing but the best varieties are offered, nothing but the most prompt and critical attention is given to every order and to the wants of our customers in every detail; and by way of **The Mayflower** we endeavor to keep amateurs posted and instructed on new varieties, modes of culture, and infuse such general knowledge in gardening and floriculture as is most needed. It is the greatest possible assistant to success. Buy less seeds and plants if necessary, but do not be without "The Mayflower."*

Childs' Superfine Pansies.

Pansies have for years been a leading specialty with us, and as the introducers of Imperial German and Giant Excelsior strains we claim the distinction of having supplied the finest Pansies which have been sold. "Childs' Superfine" is an improvement on these. The seed is carefully selected from only such plants as show special size and beauty of bloom, magnificent colors, perfect shape and vigorous growth. Seed is saved only from the most perfect flowers on these selected plants, and is without question the finest Pansy seed ever offered in this country. It is grown in northern Germany, where Pansies attain the greatest perfection. The flowers are enormous in size, of every conceivable color and combination and are borne in great quantity all through the season, even in hot summer weather. For show beds and exhibiting they surpass all other Pansies.

Price same as last year, packet of twenty-five seeds 50 cents, or we will give a packet free to anyone who orders anything from this Catalogue, if the following check is returned, provided, however, the order amounts to more than 50 cents.

(Cut on this line.)

LITHO BY H. M. WALL, BIRCH, N. Y.

CHECK. Good for a Packet of Childs' Superfine Pansies, free with any order received before July 1st.

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.



CHILD'S SUPERFINE

PANSIES

THIS CHECK ENCLOSED WITH ANY ORDER IS GOOD FOR A PACKET OF THESE PANSIES FREE.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

WHAT WE DO.

Free By Mail.—We send Seeds, Bulbs and Plants FREE BY MAIL, at the prices named in this Catalogue. This brings them to the very doors of our customers without trouble or expense.

By Express.—If a package is ordered to go by express, we do not pay the charges; but somewhat larger plants, shrubs and fruits can be sent in this way, and we always add extra ones, enough to more than pay the cost. All the large express companies, by special arrangement, carry our goods at very low rates.

We Guarantee that every package we send out shall reach its destination in good condition, and that everything shall be received exactly as ordered. If a package is lost, or contents injured on the way, we will send again. We receive everything true to name.

All plants are carefully in strong wooden boxes, and are sent in transit through the mails to the other side of the country.

All orders as soon as received, if the stock is exhausted, or if the order, or any part of it, is not received at a later date, should state the fact.

We ship to Mexico, Hawaii, most of the countries of Central America, and the West India Islands, and goods in large parcels by mail, postpaid.

We can ship to other foreign countries by mail only in postage packages.

England, Ireland and Scotland.—We have so many customers in Great Britain that we, at frequent intervals, fill orders and ship the parcels in bulk to our agent in London, from which point they are forwarded to their destination by rail or parcel post. Our shipments to Australia and New Zealand are made in like manner through our agents at Auckland.

Discounts.—We make the following discount to those who will get up a club or order largely for their own use. Considering our very low prices we think them very liberal. Please notice that these discounts cover everything offered in this Catalogue, and not merely seeds by the packet:

Those sending \$1.00 can select articles amounting to \$1.10			
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We advise the formation of large clubs, and the above discount will certainly pay any one for some trouble in that direction. See, also, our splendid premiums to MAYFLOWER clubs, on colored plates.

WHAT BUYERS SHOULD DO.

Forward Money with the order, and at our risk, when sent by post-office money order on Floral Park, or postal note; greenbacks, or gold or silver coin, by registered letter, bank draft or express company's money order. The money orders issued by nearly all express companies are cheap, safe, and convenient, in fact they are the very best form of remittance, and should be used when convenient.

Stamps.—Please do not send postage stamps in payment for goods if it can be avoided. Letters often get damp in transit, causing stamps when enclosed to stick together, and to the order, frequently resulting in the destruction of both. We shall return such as come in bad order, and we must deny discounts and extras to orders which are paid for in stamps.

Silver or Gold coin when sent in letters should be sewed or pasted up in strong paper or cloth to prevent its breaking through the envelope, which is frequently the case when enclosed loose.

Be Sure to write your name and address plainly. We have on our hands hundreds of orders of last year without names, others without post-office or State, and some with the name or post-office written in such a careless or illegible manner that it is impossible to read them. Keep a correct copy of your order, that you may know when the package arrives if all is correct, as people often forget what they ordered, and complain without cause.

Do Not order articles which are not offered in this Catalogue, and write your order plainly and distinctly by itself, and not mixed up with anything else you may wish to say.

Those Who Send a neat, plainly written order, will be sure to have it filled correctly and with dispatch, and will also receive some valuable "extras." Always carry out the price of each article, and, after adding the amounts together and deducting the discount, remit the exact sum.

Order Early.—We strive to fill all orders within a day or two after they reach us, but this is frequently made impossible by a great rush of business about planting time. Do not wait until you need your seeds and bulbs before ordering. Anticipate planting time by getting your orders in early.

Important.—It occasionally happens that an order is lost in coming to us, or the goods in going to the customer; therefore, if any who order do not hear from us within a reasonable length of time, they should send a duplicate order, naming the date on which the former one was sent, and the amount of money enclosed and in what form. This will enable us to investigate the matter and fill the duplicate order with dispatch. No inquiries will receive attention which do not contain duplicate, etc., as here mentioned.

SPECIAL ATTENTION—\$500 IN CASH PRIZES.

We offer the following **Cash Prizes**, amounting to \$500, to such persons [editors or others] who will write and publish, or have published, the best notices of this Catalogue and our business. [For brief facts concerning business, see next page.] The articles may be written and published at any time, up to April 30th. The prizes will be awarded in May, by competent judges, without partiality. The best notices will receive the prizes, without regard to the paper it was published in, so long as it is a regularly issued daily, weekly or monthly. When the article has been published, all that is necessary is to cut it out and send it to us, together with name and date of paper in which it appeared, and name and address of the sender. It is not necessary to send the whole paper.

Prizes as follows: For best notice, \$200; second best, \$100; third best, \$50, and to the thirty next best, \$5.00 each.

All who compete will be notified as soon as the prizes are awarded, and those who send a fairly good article and do not secure any of the above prizes will receive from us, by mail postpaid, a few new or extra choice bulbs and plants, as a mark of our appreciation of their efforts.

Greetings for 1894

We congratulate our customers upon the prospects of a prosperous year for the American people. During the great depression and hard times of 1893, the World's Fair and holiday year, many of our gardens have perhaps been neglected, but now, with the restoration of better times, and bright prospects ahead, we can plant our Vegetables, Flowers and Fruits, with new energy, and reap therefrom a great harvest of pleasure and profit.

The past year has been a busy one with us. The whole twelve months since the issuing of our last Spring's Catalogue has been devoted to compiling, re-writing and designing this Catalogue. Material which has been accumulating for years, notes on experimental tests, points on cultivation, drawings and photographs have been gotten together and worked up into this Catalogue, with a view of making it the most complete, beautiful, useful and reliable one ever issued by a Seedsman or Florist. Not only has every cut been newly designed, and made a faithful representation of its object, but every line has been re-written and studied that the whole may be made interesting and instructive and that every description may be accurate and reliable. It has been a mighty task, but as we contemplate it now we feel well rewarded in the belief that it will be appreciated by our customers, and that most of them will find it interesting enough to read it, every word, from beginning to end.

The following facts regarding our establishment will, we believe, prove of interest, and with a copy of our Album of Floral Park Views, one can get a good idea of our establishment :

THIS CATALOGUE is the most extensive issued in the world. The first edition, which we send direct to our old customers, exceeds 500,000 copies; later editions will swell the total to probably 600,000. To print them requires 270 tons of paper, worth, when printed, \$70,000. The postage, at 6c. per copy, is \$36,000; covers, \$10,000; other items, including mailing, will aggregate about \$10,000, making a total of \$126,000. When bagged for mailing they will fill about 20 largest sized mail cars. The entire contents of this Catalogue, type-matter and cuts, is copyrighted as a whole, and each cut separately, in accordance with the United States copyright laws. It has become such a custom for seedsmen and florists, both in the United States and Foreign countries, to appropriate our cuts and descriptions (sometimes whole pages solidly), to save themselves the trouble and expense of new ones, that we have been obliged to take this step for our own protection. These rights have all been placed in the hands of an able law firm with whom we have made a contract to protect our interests in this respect, and under the terms of this contract they are obliged to prosecute every offense.

OUR BUSINESS is the largest in the world of its kind. Others make this same claim, but they know better. No two houses combined have a larger number of customers than we alone. Our Seeds, Bulbs and Plants go all over the world: Europe, South America, China, Japan, Hawaii, Samoa, Australia, New Zealand, all parts of India, Africa, etc. In many of these countries we have agents. In the busy season we receive from 7,000 to 10,000 letters, and ship several tons of mail matter, per day. The mail we send out averages three tons per day for every working day in the year. More than 200 people are employed, and during the busy season our establishment is worked to its full capacity both night and day.

OUR SEED STORES.—Our principal seed store, which is a large brick and iron fire-proof structure, was erected in 1890. It consists of four stories and basement, and is the finest seed house in America. It is fitted with every convenience for filling orders promptly and accurately. Besides this we have several other large buildings which are used for storage and for special work, which the main building can not accommodate. In all there are over twenty substantial buildings connected with our establishment. Among them is one enormous brick bulb-house containing 16,000 square feet of floor space, and filled completely with Gladiolus and other Bulbs.

OUR GROUNDS present the most magnificent floral display to be seen in America. Besides the nine acres of beautiful park surrounding our seed stores and the railroad station, our grounds extend for a long distance in every direction, bordering on the railroad for over a mile, and number over 200 acres, all bearing heavy crops of flower seeds, bulbs, fruits, vegetables, etc.

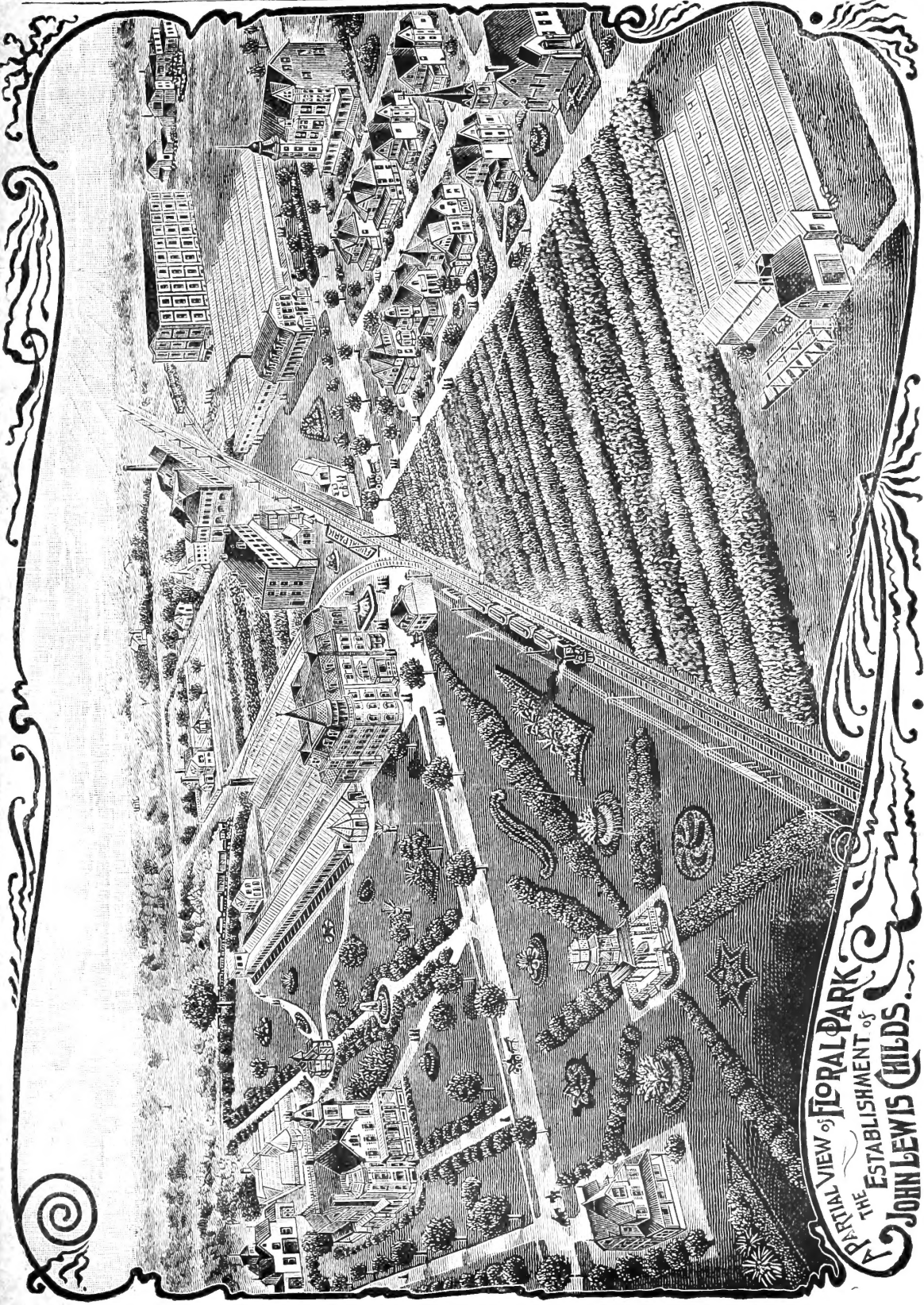
OUR GREENHOUSES are in four sets or blocks. They are all large size, ranging from 100 to 200 feet in length and 12 to 20 feet in width, and cover several acres. Some are heated by immense steam boilers and others by high pressure hot water. These houses are devoted to the propagation of plants and growing them to a proper condition for sending out. Millions of them are produced and sold annually.

LARGEST TRIAL GROUNDS IN THE WORLD.—Though we cultivate here at Floral Park 200 acres, it is not a tenth part of the acreage required to produce our crops, and our grounds here are really an immense trial garden. All manner of tests and trials are carried on among flowers, vegetables and fruits. We have planted over 300 varieties of flowering shrubs, hundreds of hardy perennial plants, summer-flowering bulbs, bedding plants, and endless numbers of flower and vegetable seeds. We know exactly the quality of the seeds, bulbs and plants we send out, and our tests prove that the varieties which we offer are the very best in every particular. We also have range of greenhouses devoted to tests and trials. Our place at Floral Park is the greatest experiment station or trial ground in the world.

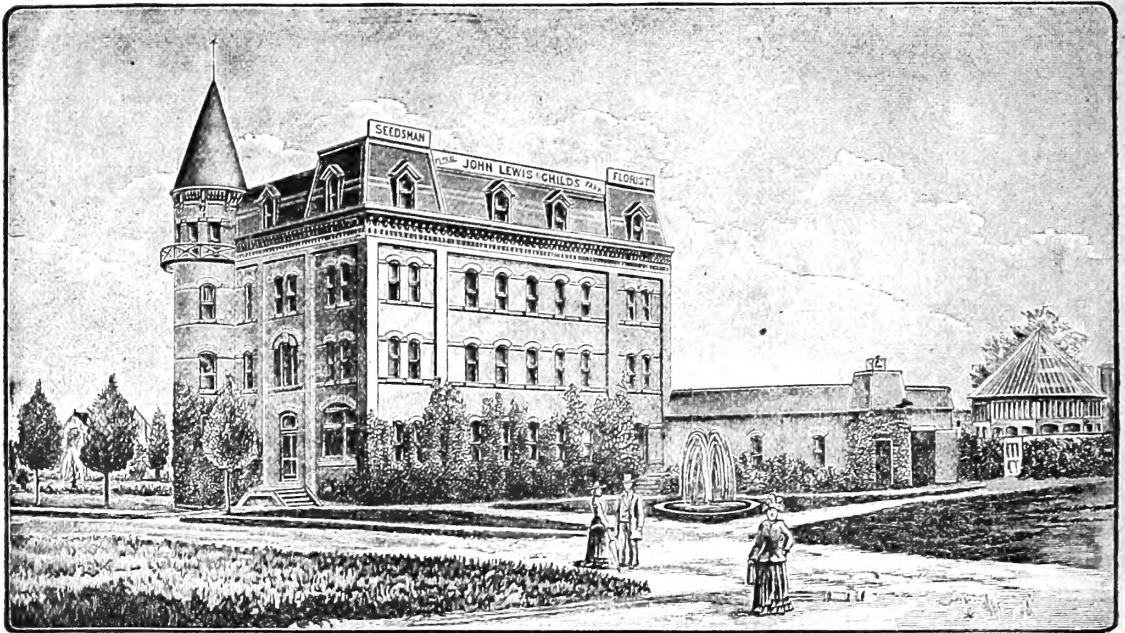
THE MAYFLOWER, which we publish, is the leading Horticultural Journal of the world. A large building, separate from all others, is devoted to this. The finest presses known are used, and about 300,000 copies are turned out each month. It costs but 50 cents per year, or 40 cents in clubs of five or more, with a splendid premium free. Each number is bound with an attractive cover and two or three colored plates of some new flower, plant or fruit.

OUR TRADE MARK.—Our registered trade mark is the ancient coat of arms of the Childs family, adopted about the year 700. It presents the motto, "IMITARE QUAM INVIDERE." Imitate rather than envy. Through this Catalogue we have attached this trade mark to all varieties of Seeds, Bulbs or Plants, that were introduced and named by us, and wherever it is seen, one may feel sure that it designates a variety of great merit.





A PEARL VIEW OF FLORAL PARK
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
JOHN LEWIS CHILDS.



Our Album of Floral Park Views.

We publish a beautiful album of half-tone photographic pictures of Floral Park, showing the beautiful lawns, flowerbeds, summer-houses, fountains, buildings of various kinds, greenhouses, seed-stores, residences, MAYFLOWER printing office, etc. It also contains a fine portrait of Mr. John Lewis Childs. This album of Floral Park views is gotten up to accommodate those of our friends and customers who have asked for something of the sort, and is offered at cost price. The album also contains several pages of press notes on the beauties of Floral Park, and several pages of poems, called "Gems from THE MAYFLOWER." They are a selection of the most beautiful poems (all original) which have appeared in THE MAYFLOWER during the last eight years. Price of album by mail, postpaid, 10c.

Our Ten Cent Horticultural Books.

We publish several valuable books on Horticulture, which we supply at 10c. each. They are so cheap that all our customers CAN afford to have them, and so valuable that all SHOULD have them.

Popular Bulbs and Their Culture

BY JOHN LEWIS CHILDS.

Fifty pages, finely printed on elegant paper, with a beautiful illustration of all the different flowering bulbs.

A most valuable guide to bulb culture either for the house or garden. It illustrates and describes all popular varieties, both hardy and tender, and tells how to grow them.

It embraces our former work on Lilies and Amaryllis (revised), describing over 200 sorts, time of bloom, color, height, nativity, etc., as well as complete cultural directions. It treats particularly on bulbs for winter blooming. In compiling this work we have endeavored to give just such information concerning bulbs and their culture as amateurs stand most in need of. Price, 10c. per copy.

Beautiful Home Surroundings.

A NEW BOOK BY LORA S. LA MANCE.

This charming book contains 80 pages, and is the most comprehensive and valuable work on planting, laying out and keeping in proper order the lawn and garden, and everything pertaining thereto. It is worth almost its weight in gold. It should be in the hands of all who love gardening. Price, 10c.

House Plants.

BY LORA S. LA MANCE.

This is a thorough treatise on House Plants and their culture. It is a companion to "Beautiful Home Surroundings," and is as valuable a guide to floriculture in the house as that charming book is to floriculture in the open air. No one should be without it who grows window plants. Price, 10c.

Chrysanthemums.

A charming little illustrated book on the Chrysanthemum, which gives all needed information in regard to its culture in the house, garden or conservatory. It tells all about propagating, insect enemies, growing from seed, etc. Eleven chapters. Price, 10c.

Gladiolus and Their Culture.

BY C. L. ALLEN.

This is a complete and unique treatise on the Gladiolus, giving all needed information regarding the different species and their culture. It is finely illustrated and is a valuable work on this most important garden flower. 10c.

Insects.

This valuable book tells all about insects of every kind, which infest house and greenhouse plants, garden vegetables and flowers, shrubs, trees and field crops, moths, ants, flies and other insects which infest our homes. In every case it gives the best known means of destroying them, many of the remedies being new and little known. This book is worth its weight in gold. Price only 10c. per copy.

SPECIAL OFFER. Any of the above valuable books by mail post paid at 10c. per copy, or for 50c. we will send one copy each of the six.

Mayflower Back Volume.

For only 25c. we will send by mail postpaid the entire volume of THE MAYFLOWER for 1893, containing 392 pages and 24 colored plates. It is a mine of valuable information. Volume of 1892 same price.



OUR SUPERB PAINTINGS.

We hope that not one of our customers will fail to order these two pictures. They are well worth \$1.00 each. The 10 cents which we charge does not represent their value, only the cost of packing and mailing them, we giving the painting free as an accompaniment to this Catalogue. There was never anything produced in floral art which can compare in magnificence to these two great Floral Paintings, Gladiolus Childsi and Iris Kaempferi, by the famous artist, Kratzer.

Great Painting of Gladiolus Childsi.

A most beautiful picture in eighteen colors, 16x33 inches, showing in natural size and color several spikes of this grand new race of Gladiolus (Childsi). It is a magnificent picture, and is acknowledged to be the finest thing ever produced in floral art. It has been ordered from all parts of the world, and about 200,000 copies have already been sold. It is well worth a dollar. Everybody who sees it wants it, and many people are making money by selling them at 50 cents and \$1.00 each. Sent on receipt of 10 cents, to pay postage and packing.

Glorious Painting of Iris Kaempferi.

A companion picture to Gladiolus Childsi, just finished, size 16x33, in eighteen colors, showing thirteen varieties of the finest double Iris Kaempferi in natural colors. It is useless to attempt to describe the beauty of this loveliest of all floral paintings. The great flaming blossoms in their loveliest tints stand out in all their silken lustre and charm the eye with their matchless beauty. Sent by mail, postpaid, on receipt of 10 cents to pay postage and packing.



The Mayflower Premium Offers.

THE MAYFLOWER

IS A 32-PAGE (and cover) illustrated monthly publication, devoted to Flowers and Fruits, and to gardening in all its branches. It goes all over the world and is the most valuable and popular publication of its kind in existence. Each issue contains ONE, TWO OR THREE ELEGANT COLORED PLATES of new flowers, plants and fruit, making 20 to 30 of these beautiful large colored plates which you get during a year's subscription. Each issue also contains 50 or 60 interesting and instructive articles on Flowers, Fruit and Gardening, many of which are from the most noted cultivators and writers the world over.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, only 50c. per year for single subscription; 40c. per year when three or more subscriptions are sent in together, including Premium. Subscription price without Premium 30c. per year.

A "NOVELTY GARDEN" PREMIUM.

8 Magnificent New Flowering Bulbs and 5 Packets New Flower Seeds Given to Each Subscriber.

Each subscriber gets free of charge 8 Magnificent New Bulbs and 5 Packets Choice Flower Seed Novelties, a collection which makes in itself a lovely novelty garden. They are as follows:

- One *Gladiolus Childsi*, most magnificent of all floral novelties
- One New *Variegated Tuberosa*, an elegant thing.
- One *Amaryllis*, some choice variety, of great beauty.
- 5 New *Seedling Gladiolus*, all different and superb.
- One Packet *Hybrid Japanese Chrysanthemums*, extra choice, mixed, all colors. Will bloom this fall.
- One Packet *Poppy Blushing Bride*, a superb novelty.
- Three Packets of *Other Choice Novelties*, each one a real gem.

These Bulbs and Seeds are the very finest, and would cost over one dollar were one to purchase them at regular rates. These fine Seeds and Bulbs will be sent postpaid to each subscriber up to July 1st, after which it will be too late for them. In the case of clubs, however, we shall send all premiums to the club raiser to be delivered. Each lot will be neatly boxed ready for delivery.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

- THE MAYFLOWER is edited by John Lewis Childs, assisted by a corps of noted writers, among whom are the following:
- Hon. Henry Gilman, of Jerusalem, who writes on the flowers and ancient gardens of Palestine.
 - E. S. Rand, of Brazil, a noted writer, and cultivator of rare plants.
 - P. Lancaster, of India, secretary of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of India.
 - Duchess Lindhurst, of Italy.
 - G. Kruff, of Holland, extensive bulb grower.
 - A. Fuller, of Aintab, Turkey, president of the Central Turkey College.
 - Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, of Brooklyn, N. Y., well known writer on floral and other topics.
 - Dr. C. F. Clowe, of West Central Africa Medical Mission.
 - Prof. Landrum, of Texas, series of "Easy Lessons in Botany."
 - Professor Massey, of North Carolina, fine writer and eminent authority on Fruits and their Culture.
 - C. L. Allen, of New York, well-known and popular writer on Horticultural topics.
 - Peter B. Meade, of Massachusetts, noted writer and authority on Fruits and their Culture.
 - Lora S. LaMance, of Missouri, author of several valuable books, and a most talented and popular writer.
 - Mrs. Humphreys, of Pennsylvania, will write a series of chatty articles running through the year, on Flowers, Fruits and Gardening, under the head of "Instructive Notes."
 - John Lewis Childs will write a series of articles running through the year, entitled "My Amateur Greenhouse." He has built a little set of houses, and will manage them as an amateur, and will report what he grows in them, how different plants succeed, &c.
 - Walter N. Pike, a well-known and popular writer and cultivator.
 - Mrs. M. B. Welcome, Lennie Greenlee, Hilda B. Monty, Dorothy Lincoln, and many other well-known, talented and popular writers.
- Besides these we have correspondents in nearly every state in the Union and in almost every country of the world.

The Mayflower Clubs and Club Premiums.

Dear Reader: We desire you to act as our agent in securing a Club for THE MAYFLOWER. By showing this copy with colored plate of a portion of Premium to your neighbors and friends, and calling their attention to its merits, you will find it a very easy matter to get a large Club, and thereby secure some of the following Club Premiums. THE MAYFLOWER and its Premiums is so cheap and valuable, that all your friends will thank you for calling their attention to it and taking their subscription. As an inducement for you (or someone whom you may know) to get up a Club, we offer the following valuable Club Premiums, which will be sent to you free of all charge.

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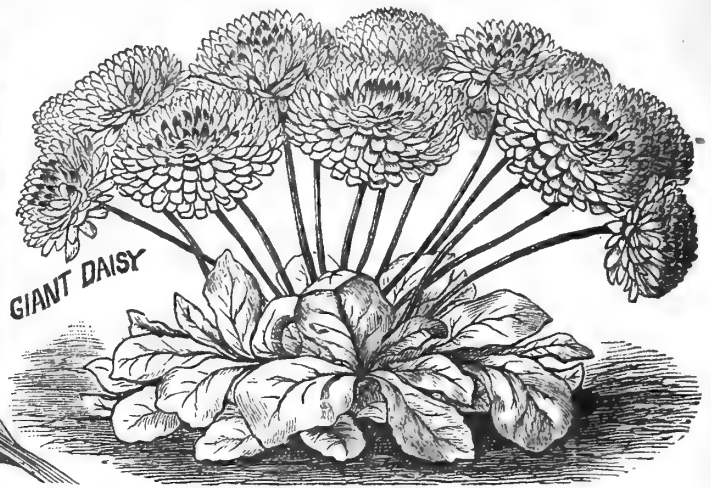
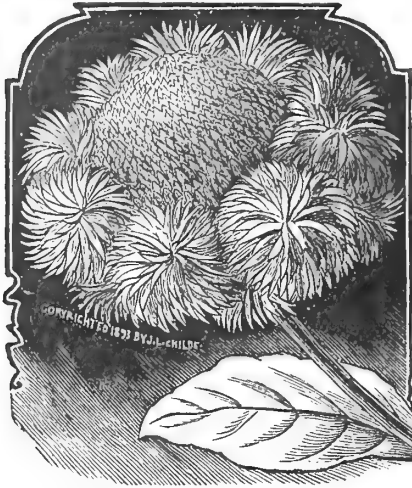
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The sweet little Daisy of Scotland, whose praises were sung by Robert Burns a hundred years ago, is the natural form of our fine double Bellis, which have been so popular for many years. From these have recently sprung the new giant and cluster strain here offered. No amount of praise

can be too lavish for this new form of the charming little double Daisy which we all love so much and which, next to the Pansy, is our most cherished early spring flower. The flowers are from one to three times larger than the ordinary double Daisy, very perfect and double and of lovely colors, ranging from pure white through blush pink, rose, etc., to deep crim-
 son. Many of the plants produce on one stem a cluster of 13 to 20 blossoms instead of the usual solitary one, as represented in the cut above. The blossoms are very large, unique and beautiful. The plants are exceedingly strong and vigorous, of compact habit, with large healthy foliage, and throw up flower stems by the dozen. Not only do they bloom early in the spring, but continue all through the summer and fall, and also make splendid pot plants for winter blooming, flourishing in cool windows and cool rooms where few other plants will survive. This is without question one of the very choicest novelties we have ever offered. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts. for 50c.

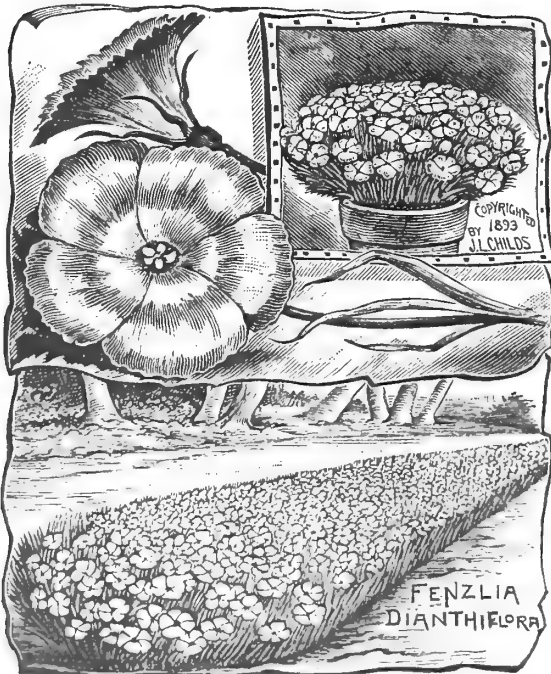
Fenzlia Dianthiflora, Alba.

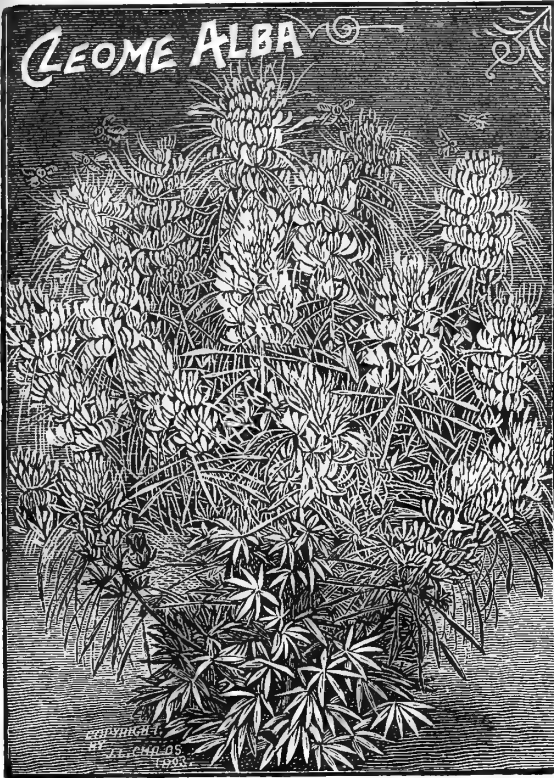
For several years we have sold the pink Fenzlia, but now we can offer a good true strain of the pure white. It is, indeed, a charming little plant, coming into flower about thirty days from the time of sowing the seed. The plants grow only about three inches in height, but are tufts of matted foliage above which are set the beautiful, large, pure-white blossoms. It is a beautiful effect which these charming little plants present, and for borders there is nothing better. For pot culture in the house, either in summer or winter, they are also splendid. Seed can be sown at any time of the year and the little plants will soon commence blooming and continue for a long time. They look very pretty when sown over the surface of pots which contain large, tall-growing plants. They will hide the soil completely with their mass of moss-like foliage and starry blossoms. Pkt., 15c.



Lobelia Goldelse.

A compact, low-growing variety, the foliage of which is golden-yellow and is most charmingly set off by the hundreds of blossoms which the plant carries of the brightest, deepest blue, with a pure white eye. We have never seen in one plant a more charming contrast between flowers and foliage than is shown in this most superb novelty. We grew a large quantity of it the past season and can pronounce it suitable for any situation, either for hanging-baskets or vases, for pots in the window or on the veranda or for massing in the garden, either in shady situations or where it is exposed to the full sun. It has succeeded admirably in every place we have put it, standing the sun better than any other Lobelia we have ever tried, retaining the beautiful color of its foliage and is at all times loaded with its charming blossoms. Too much cannot be said in praise of this lovely plant. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 40c.





Cleome Alba.

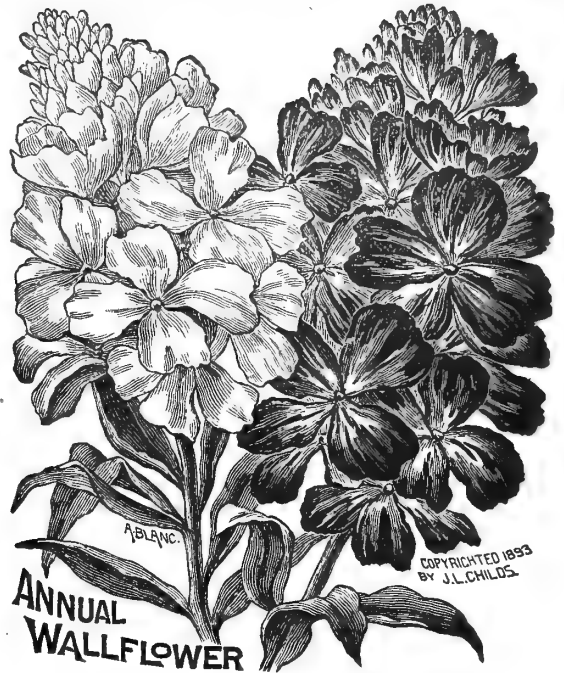
THE GIANT WHITE SPIDER FLOWER.

This is a sport from Cleome Pungens which originated at Floral Park and was introduced by us last year. It is a garden flower of superior merit, one that will grow vigorously in any situation and bloom profusely all the time from spring to late fall, caring not for prolonged drouths or for continuous rainy weather. We know of no flower which will stand adverse circumstances so perfectly as this. The flowers are borne in large clusters, are of snowy whiteness with long scraggy stamens which stand out in all directions, suggesting its common name, "Spider Flower." It is one of the very few exceedingly beautiful flowers which will flourish like a weed in any situation for any one. It should have a place in every garden. Pkt. 15c.



Anemone Chinensis.

Here we offer a strain of large-flowering Anemones of the most varied and vivid colors—white, scarlet, indigo, purple, blue, pink, striped, variegated, etc. After repeated trials we have found that these Anemones will grow and bloom most beautifully from seed. Seed sown this spring and kept growing in pots plunged in a cool, shady place over summer and brought in in the fall will bloom elegantly during the winter or spring months, and we can highly recommend them for this purpose. They should be treated in all respects as recommended for Freesias. Pkt., all colors mixed, 10c.



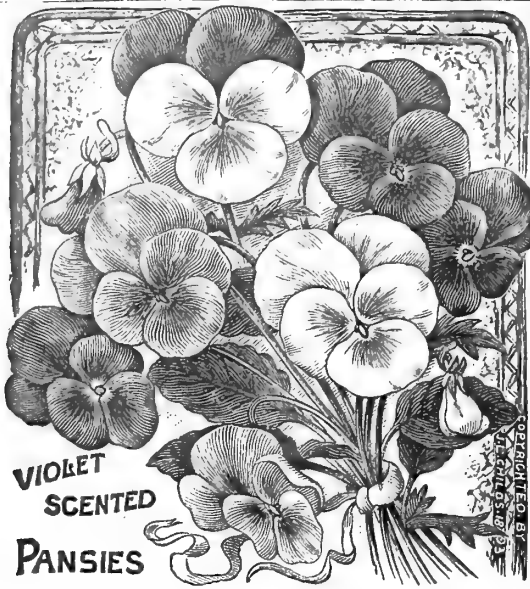
Wallflower, Annual, Mixed.

The old English Wallflower is everywhere a favorite, and it is a regret to most cultivators of flowers that it cannot be grown in this country as well as it can in England. This is owing to the fact that it is not hardy enough to stand our winters in the open ground without being killed or severely injured, and as the old varieties do not bloom until the second year from seed they can be successfully wintered only in frames. This serious difficulty is obviated in this new strain which flowers early the first season from seed. Seed sown in the open ground the first of May will commence blooming by the last of July, and if started earlier in the house or in hot-beds they can be had in profusion from early in June until late autumn, as they continue blooming through autumn frosts without injury. The blossoms are of large size and borne in compact, short spikes or clusters and are exceedingly sweet-scented. The plants are not injured by fall frosts and bloom profusely till snow flies. The colors range from yellow to dark brown, striped, variegated, etc. This splendid novelty will be welcomed by thousands of admirers of the lovely Wallflower. Pkt., 20c.



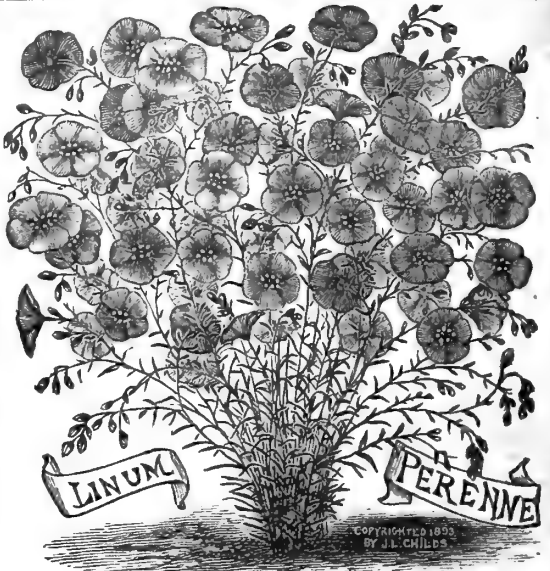
Petunia—(Earnest Locke.)

This is a beautiful little Petunia of the Stellata type. Plants dwarf and compact, branching freely and showing at all times scores of the most beautiful rosy-scarlet blossoms blotched, starred or striped with white. The cut shown is taken from a photograph and is a good representation of a plant in bloom. Notice also the beautiful star shape of the blossom which is quite unlike other Petunias. It is a beautiful Petunia for massing in the garden or for pot culture in the window. This novelty was greatly admired at Floral Park the past summer. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 35c.



Violet-Scented Pansies.

This new type is a cross between the Pansy and the Violet, combining the ideal properties of each. The flowers are much larger than the Violet, more like Pansies, but with the delicious fragrance of the former. The flowers are also quite free from central rays and markings, and the habit of the plant is decidedly dwarf and compact, producing its flowers on long foot-stalks, and they appear continually from early spring until late fall. The plants possess to a considerable extent the hardy and robust nature of the Violet, and make splendid pot as well as garden plants. This unique strain originated with Dr. Stuart, of Chirnside, England, and was named by him "Violetta." They are now called "Tufted Pansies," "Miniature Pansies," and "Violet-Scented Pansies." The latter name seems to us to be the most appropriate. The range of color runs through white, buff, canary and azure blue, and the coloring of each is exceedingly delicate and charming. A most important novelty and one in which all admirers of the Pansy and Violet will be especially delighted. Pkt. of 10 seeds, 25c.; 2 pkts. for 40c.



Linum Perenne.

Not entirely new, yet little known and rarely seen, although it is one of those flowers of dainty beauty that is appreciated when seen, but can never be justly described. We will not attempt to convey to our readers an impression of its great beauty; this they can never know until they see it, but will say that it is a hardy perennial, sending up numerous stems which send out long wily branches, which are clothed with a growth of small, almost hair-like foliage. At the tips of the branches are poised large, saucer-shaped blossoms, borne with such airy grace that they appear to be floating in the air. The effect is charming. No garden in the land should be without this exquisite flower.

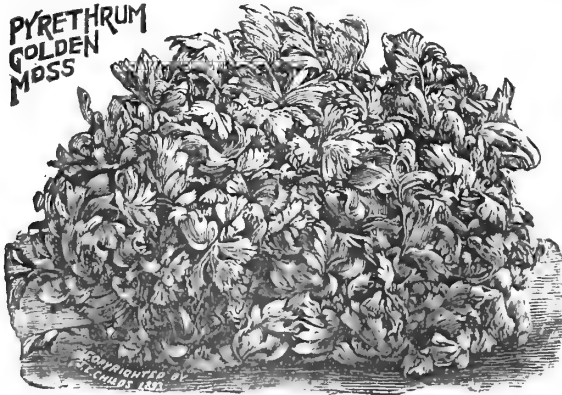
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| White. Fine, pure color..... | Pkt. 10 |
| Blue. Extra fine shade..... | 10 |
| Rose. Fine, rosy pink..... | 10 |
| Mixed. All colors..... | 15 |

One packet each of the three colors for 25 cents.

Euphorbi Heterophylla.

This fine, bushy plant, with its curious fiddle-shaped leaves and clean growth, is always attractive, but when in August or September the tip of each branch is crowned by bracts of vivid scarlet and green and carmine leaves that grow larger and brighter each day until frost, the plant becomes marvelously beautiful and striking. This Euphorbia, or Fire-on-the-Mountain, as it is more often called, grows from 2 to 4 feet high and is very handsome for the center of a bed, particularly if edged with the dwarfier growing, Whitebrac Euphorbia Variegata. Pkt. 10c.,

**PYRETHRUM
GOLDEN
MOSS**



Pyrethrum (Golden Moss).

This unique new Pyrethrum is entirely different from all others. The foliage is of remarkable beauty, being finely cut and of golden-yellow color, and so short that the little balls, which the plant forms, assume in neatness and compactness the appearance of beautiful tufts of golden moss, each plant being almost as round as a ball. This variety does not require cutting or pinching back to keep in good shape, for it retains its unique habit through the entire season. A very choice and a beautiful and curious plant. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 30c.



Scabiosa, Double Yellow.

This variety is rather dwarf, its flowers of large size and of fine canary yellow color, double, and borne on long stems well above the foliage of the plant. We consider ourselves very fortunate, indeed, in being able to add this new color to the popular and widely cultivated Scabiosas. Seed may be sown in the open ground early and the plants will produce flowers freely all summer. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 30c.



DOUBLE-GAILLARDIA
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Gaillardia Perfection.

These are aptly called the Chrysanthemum Gaillardias, owing to their great size, brilliant colors and double and perfect blossoms. The choicest flower seed novelty we introduced last year. Flowers are of enormous size, perfectly double, and borne in great profusion all summer, while the colors and variegations are the most brilliant and beautiful imaginable; scarlet, red, orange, purple, lemon, buff, etc. They are hardy and robust and grow readily in any situation. As pot plants they are also exquisite and we advise our customers to try them this way as well as in the garden. Start seed early, if possible. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts. for 50c.



FREESIA
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Hybrid Freesias.

It is not generally known that these beautiful fragrant flowering plants may be grown to great perfection in six months from seed. Seed may be sown at any time during April, May or June, in pots, boxes or frames of light, rich soil and good drainage. They will soon germinate and can be kept in a growing state during summer, plunged in a cool, shady location. In fall they may be removed to a conservatory, pit or cold-frames, and the pots brought inside for flowering as wanted. Under favorable circumstances they will bloom finely within six or seven months from the time of sowing the seed. There is no better way to secure a fine lot of these elegant, fragrant blossoms for next winter than to sow a packet or two of seed this spring. Pkt., 10c.



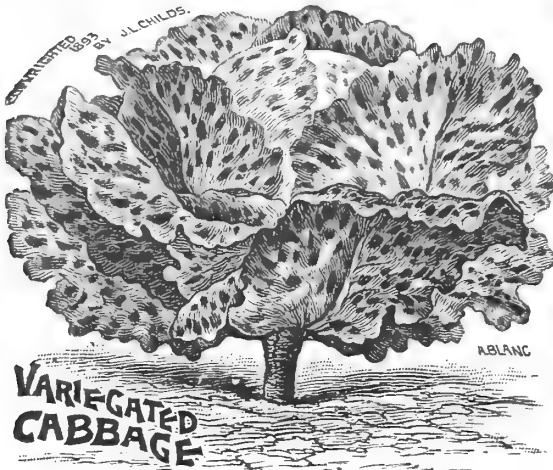
Amaranthus Bicolor.

This is really a first-class novelty and a charming companion to Amaranthus Rainbow offered on page 58. Plant low and bushy and covered with a luxuriant growth of fine green foliage. About the first of August the leaves at the tips of each branch turn to a golden-yellow color and look at a little distance like great heads of yellow bloom, often as large as the panicle of a large Hydrangea. The effect is very pretty, and it is a plant which is sure to become very popular, indeed. Pkt., 15c.



Mignonette, Improved Victoria.

This new Mignonette which was offered in Germany for the first time last year, has proved with us to be one of the most desirable novelties we have seen for a long time. It grows only six to twelve inches in height and is sure to put every lover of flowers in ecstasy by its perfectly regular, pyramidal habit and the beautifully formed spikes of the prettiest red Mignonette flowers ever seen. The flowers are larger and a more brilliant red than the old Victoria and contrast charmingly with the dark, glossy, green foliage of the plant. We consider this the finest of all Mignonettes, either for the garden or for pot culture. Its large, compact spikes are exceedingly fragrant, seeming to surpass in this respect all other varieties. It is a robust and healthy grower and succeeds well, even in dry soil and hot sun where most Mignonettes fail. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts for 50c.

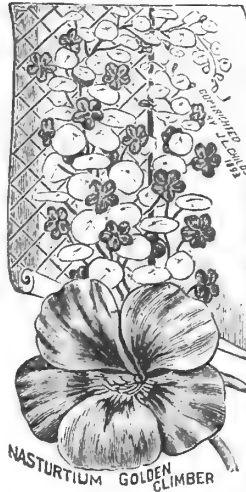


Variegated Cabbage.

This is a unique novelty among vegetables and is a highly ornamental plant. It is of the ordinary size and habit of growth of a cabbage, but the dark green leaves are streaked and blotched with white, rose, red and lilac, and when the plant attains size it makes a splendid show when planted in rows, or masses, or when grown as single specimens, especially in the autumn and during winter. Freezing only intensifies the beautiful coloring of the leaves, and all during late fall and early winter it is an object of great beauty. While the ornamental character of this variety forms its main feature, and is of the greatest value, it is by no means useless as a vegetable, as it is a true-heading cabbage and the heads are of fair size and excellent quality. We can recommend this as a most superb novelty. Pkt., 25c.

Chinese Tea.

We are able to offer our customers this year seed of the Chinese Tea Plant, and we are sure that many of our customers will be glad to grow it as a curiosity, if nothing else. The plant is of a shrubby nature, with beautiful shiny foliage and exceedingly fragrant blossoms, requiring the same treatment as an Oleander or Hydrangea, or any other pot shrub offered on pages 146 to 150. Per pkt., 20c.



Cherianthus, Fairy Queen.

This fine little flower is a close relative of the Stock and Wallflower. It is one of those small, bright flowers that give a quick return for one's care, blooming a month after seed is sown, either in garden or pots, and continuing a long time. One who has never seen them does not realize how bright and pretty their little clusters of maltese-cross-shaped flowers are. They form a perfect mass of bloom, and for small bouquets, filling floral baskets, etc., they are just the flower one needs in quantity. Bright, without being big, and cheerful without being gaudy. Very easy to grow and very sweet-scented. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 20c.

Nasturtium, Golden Glimber.

A splendid climbing Nasturtium with beautiful golden-colored leaves and brilliant scarlet blossoms. It makes a vine, either for the garden or window, which is of the most striking oddity and beauty, and will attract the widest attention. As the Nasturtium is now the most popular garden annual, excepting only the Pansy and Sweet Pea, this charming variety, which is so beautiful both in foliage and flower, is particularly desirable. Pkt., 20c.



Morning-Glory, Black.

Our friends will surely be pleased to add to their old favorite, Morning-Glory, a new color and surely none could be so odd and unique as black, the rarest color among flowers. It does not differ from the ordinary Morning-Glory in any other respect. The flowers are of large size and freely produced. A novelty which all will admire. Pkt., 10c.

Coreopsis Lanceolata.

A graceful and profuse blooming plant with large, striking flowers of a brilliant golden yellow, and remains in bloom all summer. Its long, wiry stems fit it admirably for bouquet making, while its golden cloud of blooms far above the foliage makes it a capital bedder. Pkt. 10c.

Mixed Flower Seeds.

100 KINDS.

A packet of this seed will surely please people who want a great variety of flowers at small cost. It is a mixture of about 100 of the best and hardest varieties of annuals for garden culture. It will make a brilliant and attractive bed of flowers. Splendid for making "wild" or "crazy" flower beds, or for sowing in quantity in any out-of-the-way place for a good lot of bloom for cutting. Large pkt., 10c.

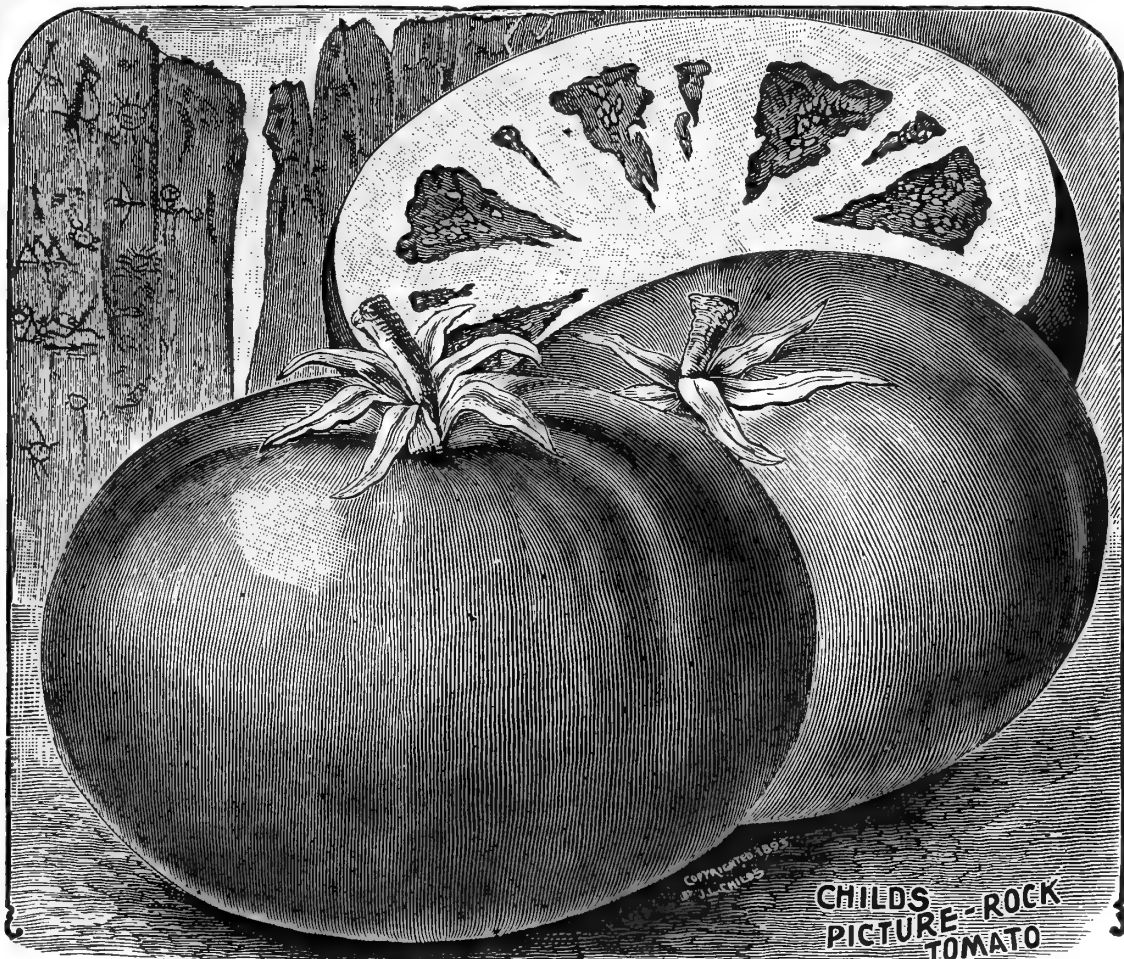


SPECIAL OFFER OF FLOWER SEED NOVELTIES.

We will send our entire collection of Flower Seed Novelties here offered for only \$2.50. At regular rates they amount to \$4.50, and consist of one packet each, as follows: The three new Popples, Centrosema, Begonia Vernon, Margaret Carnation Mixed, Marigold, Bellis Maxima, Fenzlia, Lobelia, Cleome, Anemone, Wallflower, Petunia, Violet-scented Pansy, Scabiosa, Pyrethrum, Euphorbia, Linum Mixed, Callardia, Amaranthus, Freesia, Mignoette, Cabbage Variegated, Tea, Cherianthus, Nasturtium, Black Morning Glory, and Calliopsis, in all 29 packets. A SUPERB COLLECTION.

CHOICE VEGETABLE NOVELTIES.

Scores of worthless Vegetable Novelties are yearly put upon the market; scores of old varieties are also re-named and offered as new or "improved." Genuine novelties of real merit are few. Our list of new Vegetables is a small one, but every variety is honest, new and meritorious and our customers will find them to be just what we claim for them. The Honey Dew Corn, Picture Rock Tomato and Morning Star Pea are the most valuable varieties of their kind, the earliest and finest in every respect. Good varieties are as easily grown as poor ones, and to get the best returns from our gardens we should plant the best varieties.



Childs' Picture Rock Tomato

The grandest Tomato ever introduced. Early, smooth, uniform, prolific, longest bearing, longest keeping, and the finest in quality. In all these essential points this Tomato is superior to any other kind. Fruit bright scarlet, of fair size, and so perfect and uniform that they look as though each one was moulded with the same stamp. On account of this perfect shape and great beauty it is unsurpassed for market. Its quality is extra fine, and it commences to ripen its fruit very early and continues in bearing until frost,—a most remarkable quality. Its keeping qualities are, however, the most wonderful. Ripe fruit picked from the vines have been kept in perfect condition from three to four weeks during warm summer weather. It originated in the Picture Rock region of Wisconsin, hence its name. Pkt., 15c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$5.00.

Fine Mixed Hybrid Tomato Seed.

SOMETHING ENTIRELY NEW AND UNIQUE.

An enthusiastic gardener has for several years been crossing and re-crossing all sorts of the Tomato, both large and small, yellow, white and red, early and late. Every known variety has been used—large, smooth, pear-shaped, plum-shaped, currant, fig, peach, etc. The result is a most interesting mixture of all shapes, colors and sizes, from the very largest to the very smallest. This mixture is not only novel but valuable, and the most interesting and satisfactory to plant for the home garden. Everybody will be delighted with the variety and quality of fruit produced, and everybody can find among them some particular kinds which suit their individual taste better than others. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.



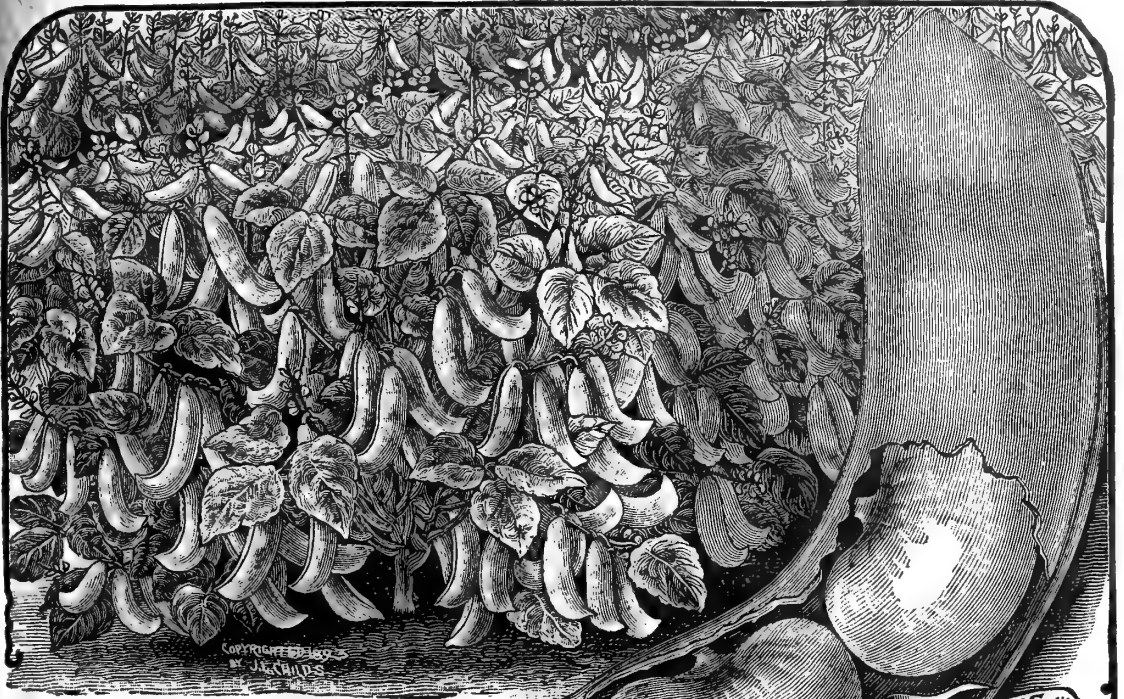
Sweet Corn—Childs' Honey Dew.

THE EARLIEST AND FINEST EARLY SORT.

A superb novelty. For years seedsmen have been working to get a corn as early as the Cory, with large ear, white cob and superb quality of the later varieties. We at last have it. Childs' Honey Dew is not only the earliest, but has a good-sized ear, white cob, and large, pearly kernels of the very finest quality, tender, sweet and nutritious. It also keeps a long time in good condition before hardening and runs perfectly uniform, every ear exactly alike. In all-round good qualities it is the finest of all Sweet Corns. It grows to a medium height and the ears are formed low, and two or three on each stalk. Mr. Wilbur, the extensive seed-corn grower of Weathersfield, Conn., who grew an acre of the Honey Dew the past season, says: "It is the finest Early Corn." This is undoubtedly the most important vegetable novelty of last year, and we are now prepared to supply it in quantity for the use of market gardeners. It is the most profitable corn to plant, combining as it does good size and color, luscious quality, handsome appearance and long-keeping, and earliest to mature. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c. We will send a peck by express for \$2.00, or a bushel for \$6.00.

Late Sweet Corn—Childs' California.

A fit companion for our Honey Dew, and with these two varieties one can wish for nothing further in the line of Sweet Corn. This late variety of enormous size and great beauty of ear. It is the largest and handsomest sweet corn grown—one of the most prolific, while its quality is equal to the old Shoe Peg variety or the Improved Ruby. Nothing further need be said. Don't neglect to plant the Honey Dew for early, and this for late. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c. By express, peck, \$2.00; bushel, \$6.00.



New Lima Beans.

Among the most important new vegetables of the last few years are several Limas, of both bush and pole varieties:

Burpee's Bush Lima. This grows 18 to 20 inches high, of stout growth, erect, branching vigorously into a fine circular bush two to three feet in diameter. This bush character is permanently established and not two per cent. will attempt to throw up runners. Leaves of large size, healthy and vigorous, leathery and dark emerald green, showing great health and strong constitution. It is the only bush form of the large-seeded Lima and ten times more valuable than the small-seeded sorts. Its yield is quite wonderful, each bush producing 50 to 200 large pods, well filled with beans of great size, and of the true, rich, luscious Lima flavor. It is a matter of congratulation that we can now raise the true large Lima without the trouble and expense of obtaining and setting poles. It comes absolutely true from seed, and should be found in every garden now that we can offer it so cheaply. Pkt. 15c., pint, 50c., quart, 90c.

Jackson's Wonder Bush Lima. A very prolific Bush Lima, the beans being flat and beautifully speckled, of fair size and fine quality. It is probably twice as prolific as Henderson's Bush Lima, and also a greater yielder than Burpee's. All in all it is one of the very finest garden beans and the earliest of all the Bush Limas. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 50c.; quart, 80c.

Childs' Horticultural Lima—(Pole). This novelty is a cross between the old Horticultural Bean—the finest flavored of all common pole beans—and the pole Lima; the richest and most buttery flavored of all beans. In color and markings this new cross resembles the Horticultural, but is flat like the Lima, while the flavor is a combination of these two finest of all beans. This bean is fully three weeks earlier than any other Lima, and is also much more prolific. An extra good variety for Canada and the Northern States, where the seasons are too short for the tropical Lima to do well. It bears five to seven beans in a pod, and as the pods are numerous, it is exceedingly prolific, which, added to its extreme earliness and fine combination of rich flavors, makes it one of the most important Limas. Pkt. 15c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

Henderson Bush Lima. Fully described on page 62. A true Bush Lima, but of the small type. Pkt., 10c.

Willow Leaf Lima—(Pole). On account of its unique appearance, great productiveness and beauty, this is an extraordinary new bean. It differs from all other beans in its fine, deeply cut, willow-like foliage, wonderful rapidity of growth and enormous productiveness. Its slender, graceful growth and beautiful wavy green foliage make

it quite an ornamental vine, while its rapidity of growth adapts it to positions on porches, verandas, etc., where shade is needed. In such a position it is not only doubly useful but ornamental. One can form some idea of its great productiveness when we state that as many as 1729 pods have been counted on one vine. They are produced from early until late, are pure white in color and of extra fine flavor. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 70c.



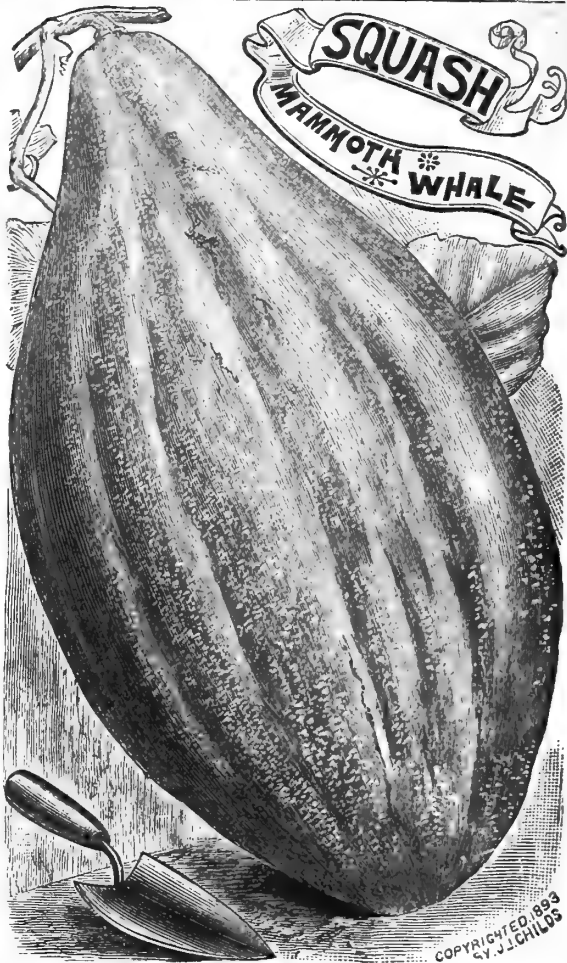


Pea, Childs' Morning Star.

A New Wrinkled Pea, Earlier by Nearly a Week than Any of the Small Round Varieties.

This is the greatest vegetable novelty of 1894. It is the earliest Pea grown by nearly a week. It is a fair-sized, wrinkled variety and, therefore, possesses the same delicious quality of the late wrinkled kinds. For the first time the fine quality of the late varieties is combined with extreme earliness. When this is once tried no other early Pea will be grown. Added to its other qualities it is exceedingly prolific and continues to bear longer than other early sorts. It grows 18 to 20 inches high and does not require bushing.

Mr. William Falconer, gardener to Charles A. Dana, and editor of *Gardening*, says: "I ought to tell you about that 'Morning Star' wrinkled pea you let me try here two years ago. I sowed it in single rows in light warm soil about



the end of March when I sowed round peas, and Alpha and American Wonder. It astonished me by its earliness, coming in ahead; and it is a good cropper and of fine quality. Better still, it is the most reliable wrinkled pea for fall use—sown August 1st—that I have ever grown."

The supply of this wonderful Pea is limited and we can offer it only in small quantity. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 30c.; pint, 60c.; quart, \$1.00.

Squash, Mammoth Whale.

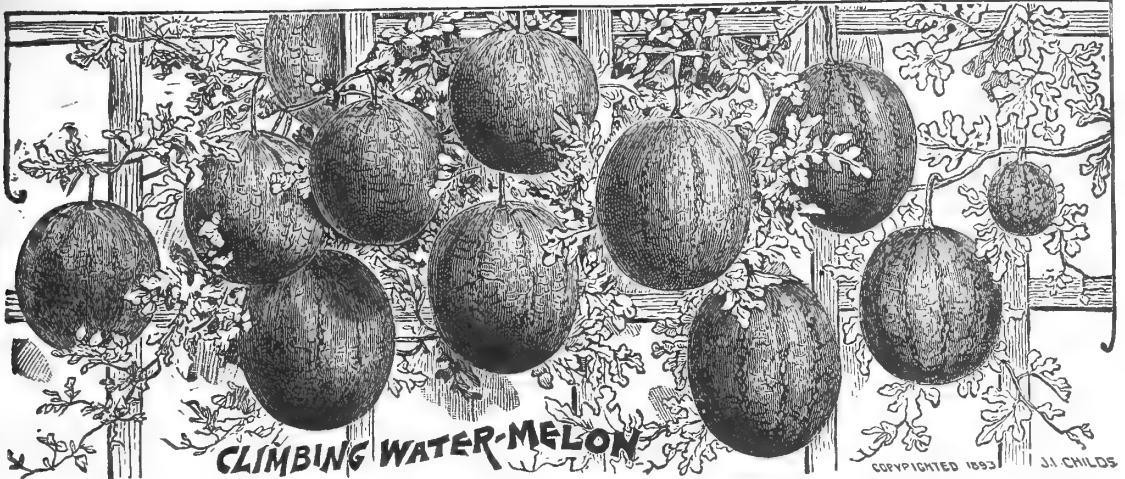
(New Mammoth Variety.)

A new French variety of enormous size, growing to the length of three feet and attaining a weight of one hundred or more pounds. Fruit thick and an ashy-gray color and tapers toward the end. Flesh solid, beautiful orange-yellow and of excellent quality. It has, also, the advantage of being a long-keeper and a variety which does well in any soil or climate. It is a splendid variety in all respects, especially for exhibiting at fairs. Pkt., 30c.

Giant Purple Cauliflower.

(The Largest Known.)

The Cauliflower is the most delicious of the entire Cabbage family, and this new Italian variety is one of the finest of all Cauliflowers. It grows very large, the heads being sometimes two feet across, the edible part a pea-green color tipped with purple; much finer flavored than the best white Cauliflower. Very tender and delicate. Its enormous size and purple color make it very conspicuous, and its superior flavor makes it an exceedingly desirable novelty. Pkt., 15c.



Climbing Watermelon.

In Northern Russia, where the Watermelon does not mature in the open ground, this variety has been grown trained up on trellises under glass. In this country it does not, of course, need to be grown under glass, as it attains its greatest perfection in the open ground and is the earliest Watermelon in cultivation, and one which is most unique in many particulars. The melons are freely produced and are spherical in shape, weighing four or five pounds, and a deep olive-green color. The rind is very thin and the flesh rich crimson, very juicy, melting and delicious. The seeds are black and very small, being more like good-sized apple seeds than like watermelon seeds. This is sure to become one of our most popular garden melons on account of its extreme earliness and on account, also, of its most delicious quality and climbing habit. Pkt., 20c.

Childs' Improved Celestial Pepper

One of our finest novelties a few years ago. Much improved now. For cut and full description, see page 79. The most beautiful pepper grown, and as ornamental as a fine flowering plant. Pkt., 10c.

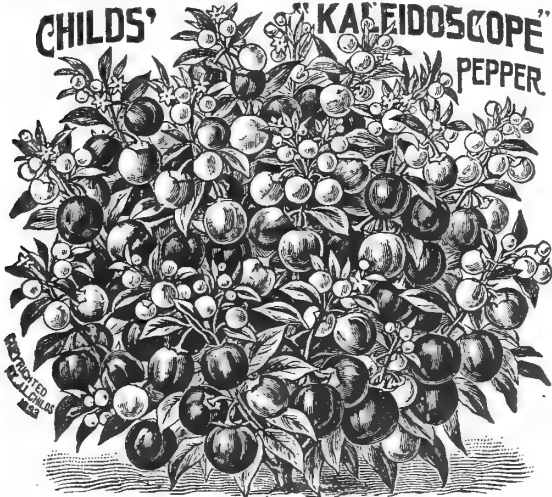
PEPPER, IVORY TUSK



Pepper, Ivory Tusk.

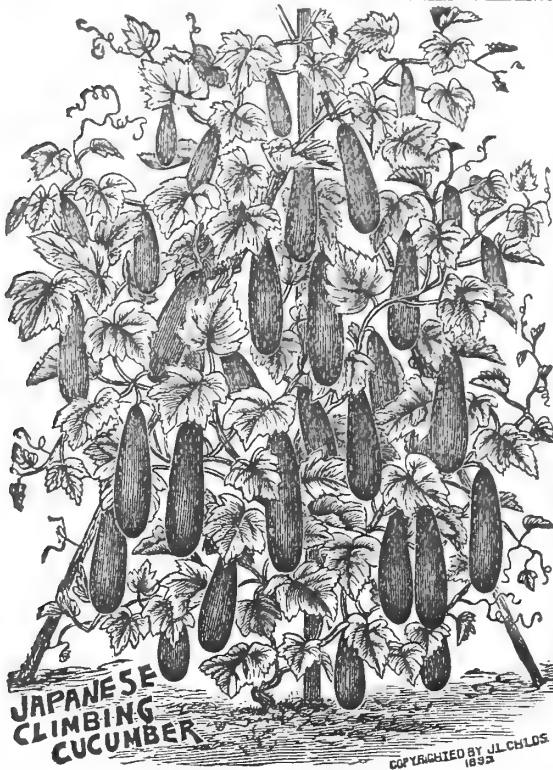
A new pepper of highly ornamental as well as useful qualities. It is a rank grower, the branches spreading out to a considerable length and bearing its long tusk-like fruits from the base to the tip of every branch. Fruit about four inches long, usually of an ivory-white color but sometimes touched with a slight tinge of green. In ripening they turn to a most vivid scarlet. The two colors representing peppers in different stages of growth upon a plant make it highly ornamental. It is of a shape most adapted for pickling and commands a most ready sale in all markets. Pkt. 10c.

CHILDS' "KALEIDOSCOPE" PEPPER



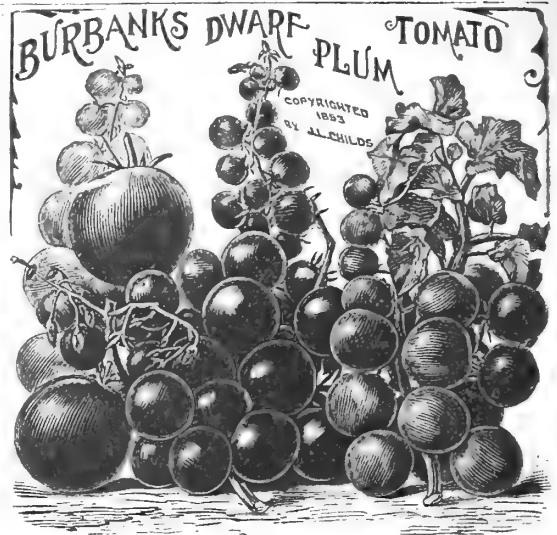
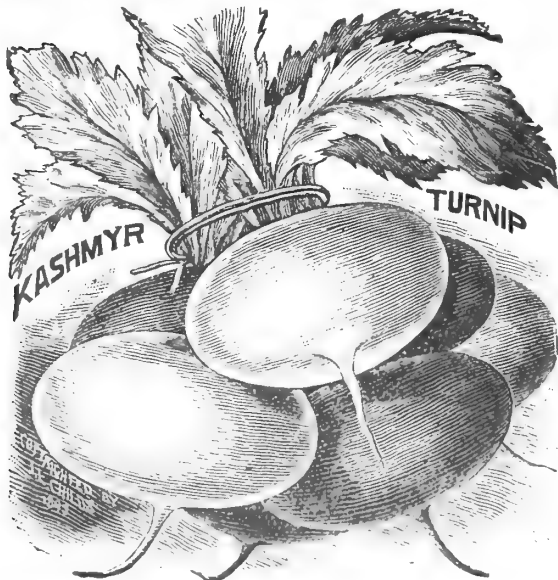
Childs' Kaleidoscope Pepper.

Beautiful enough to be classed among pot plants, yet with a fine, sharp flavor that makes it valuable in the garden, also. From the time the pretty plum-like peppers form until they are fully grown they are of a light yellowish-cream color. As they commence to ripen they change, first to a clear canary color, then deepening to orange, then again turning to pink or rose, varying from shade to shade until they become a vivid, shining scarlet. One of these pepper plants, with their dark green leaves, and hanging full of cream, pink, yellow, rose and red fruits, is exceedingly beautiful. A very easily grown house plant and an attractive one. It is enormously prolific, plants branching freely and weeping to the ground with their load of jewel-like fruit. Pkt., 15c.; 2 pkts., 25c.



Cucumber, Japanese Climbing

This cucumber is such a strong and vigorous grower that the vines attain twice the length of ordinary varieties. The vines climb readily, and they may be grown on fences, poles or trellises, thus saving much valuable space in small gardens. The fruit are of a fine lovely green color, about a foot in length. Flesh thick and firm and of splendid quality. Never bitter and exceedingly fine for pickling as well as for slicing. The vines never mildew and the fruit being raised well above the ground is always free from insects, rot or rust. When picked freely a vine will continue bearing during the entire season and one hill will keep a good family supplied with this delicious vegetable all summer. A splendid Japanese novelty and one which will soon find its way into nearly every garden. Pkt. 15c., 3 pkts. for 50c.



Tomato, Burbank's Hybrid Plum.

This class of Tomato Hybrids was originated by Luther Burbank of California. The vines are mostly of dwarf, compact growth, with a variety of foliage. The fruit is of various sizes, but all round and plum-like. Some are no larger than cherries, others the size of a small apple. Fruit borne mostly in long clusters, and it is not uncommon to see them a foot in length, and containing a great number of the beautiful plum-like tomatoes. Color bright scarlet. Very handsome. Splendid for eating raw, and unsurpassed for cooking and preserving. Will become very popular. Pkt., 10c.

Pumpkin, Japanese Pie.

A wonderful fine pumpkin. Flesh very thick, solid and fine grained, dry and sweet; in taste resembling a fine Sweet Potato. Ripens early, and keeps extra well. It is a very valuable sort, as well as a curious and beautiful one. We advise our customers to plant it. Pkt., 10c.

Kashmyr Turnips.

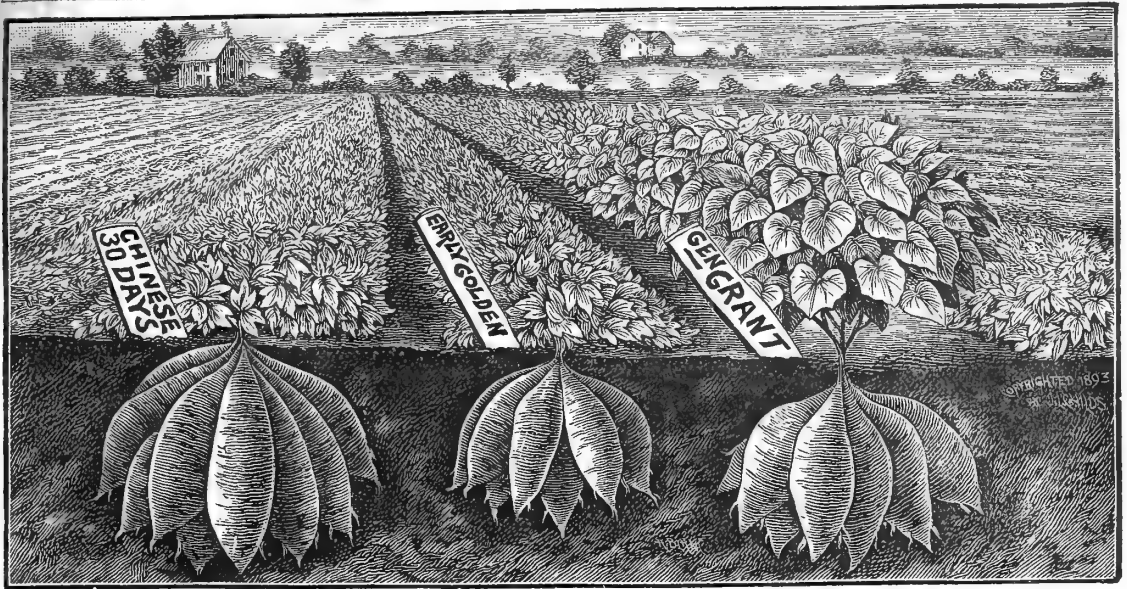
Might properly be called Radish Turnips on account of their shape, beauty and quick growth. The earliest of all turnips and must become a necessity in every garden.

Scarlet Kashmyr. This turnip has a striking resemblance to a large radish, being as round and uniform in shape and bright purplish scarlet in color. The flesh is as white and crisp as a radish and of most excellent quality. It matures almost as quickly as the earliest radishes, being several weeks ahead of any other turnip, and when cooked is of unsurpassed quality. It is also a good keeper and is entitled to a place among our garden favorites. Pkt. 10c.

White Kashmyr. This varies very little from the above except in color, it being pearly white and as smooth and round as a ball of ivory; of exceedingly quick growth, with small top, and delicious flavor. Pkt. 15c.

New Ruta-Baga, Carter's Elephant.

For cut and full description see page 83. A new turnip of great size, and a wonderful cropper. In shape it is beautiful and perfect, and remarkably uniform, of quick growth and excellent quality. Owing to its very large size it will probably turn out 50 per cent. more bushels to the acre than any other, and is therefore the most profitable variety for large crops, especially for growing for stock feeding. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.



New Early Sweet Potatoes.

These four new Early Sweet Potatoes are indeed valuable. They ripen in ten weeks from the time of planting, and can be grown in any of our Northern States, or in Canada, as well as the ordinary Sweet Potato can be grown in the South. In quality they are much superior to the Southern article. With these varieties any family in the land can grow their own Sweet Potatoes. Set the plants in hills as you would ordinary potatoes, and any good soil will answer, though a light sandy one is the best. Even if the soil is very sandy and poor they do exceedingly well. Plants should be put out during June, or any time up to July 10th. These may be ordered at any time, but we do not send them out until about the first of June, when it is time to plant them in the garden directly they are received.

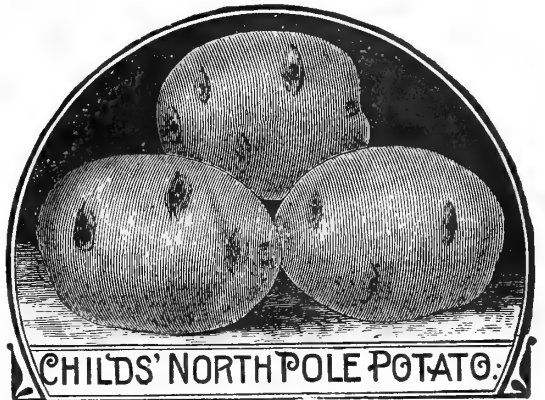
Chinese 30 Days. With us, small plants set out the last days of June produce full-grown fine tubers by the first of August, hence its name, "Thirty Days." The tubers are very large, fully a foot in length, and light pink in color. Its foliage is entirely distinct from any other sort, as when young the leaves are a purplish-black color, but turn green with age. A new sort from China, introduced recently by us. Green plants, 3 for 30c.; \$1.00 per dozen.

General Grant. This entirely new and distinct Sweet Potato, besides being a great novelty, is a very valuable sort. It does not vine, but forms a bush of very strong growth with distinctive shaped, dark green leaves. The tubers are of enormous size, grow deeply in the ground, and the quality is extremely fine. Color light gold with soft thin streaks of pink. The flesh when cooked is a rich yellow, very dry and delicious. Green plants, 3 for 30c.; \$1.00 per dozen.

Early Peabody. Not quite so large as the Golden, but of extra fine flavor, dry and sweet, and of beautiful red color; odd and handsome. It is very early, often fit to cook the second week in August. Green plants, 50c. per dozen; \$3.00 per 100.

Early Golden. Very large tubers, smooth and light golden color. Green plants, 50c. per dozen; \$3.00 per 100.

SPECIAL OFFER. For \$1.00 we will send three plants each of Chinese and Grant, and twelve each of Peabody and Golden.



Childs' North Pole Potato.

So quick-growing, the Esquimo would almost have time to mature a potato crop, if he planted this variety. In the South two full crops can be grown in one season. It is fit for the table far ahead of the Early Rose or other standard earlies. Medium size, smooth, white, tinged pink and very handsome, while the quality is the best we have ever seen, being dry, mealy, and of unsurpassed flavor. We introduced this valuable Potato some years ago, and it has now become the standard early sort in many localities, especially in the South, where it produces two fine crops in one season. 3 tubers for 25c.; 12 for 75c., by mail postpaid. By express, per peck, \$1.50; per bushel, \$4.00.

SPECIAL OFFER OF VEGETABLE NOVELTIES.

We will send our entire collection of Vegetable Seed Novelties here offered for only \$2.00. At regular rates they amount to \$2.60, and are as follows: One packet each Tomato Picture Rock, Mixed Hybrids and Burbank's Plum, two Sweet Corn, five Lima Beans, Morning Star Pea, Mammoth Whale Squash, Giant Purple Cauliflower, Climbing Watermelon, three Peppers, Climbing Cucumber, Japan Pumpkin, and Kashmyr Turnips. **UNUSUAL & SPLENDID COLLECTION OF CHOICE NEW VEGETABLES.**

MARKET GARDENERS SPECIAL PRICES.

ON VEGETABLE SEEDS IN QUANTITY.

The following special prices are made to Market Gardeners, or others who purchase seed in quantity. The varieties offered are the Standard Market Garden Sorts, and the quality of this seed is far superior to the usual grades—the very best in every particular which it is possible to produce.

At these prices we do not allow the discount mentioned on first page, and the seed will be shipped by express at buyers expense unless 10 cents per pound is added to pay postage.

BEANS.

	Per Pk.	Per Bu.
Extra Early Valentine (Bush).....	\$1 00	\$ 3 80
Long Yellow Six Weeks (Bush).....	1 00	3 80
Extra Early Refugee (Bush).....	1 20	4 50
Black Eye Wax (Bush).....	1 55	6 00
Golden Eyed Wax (Bush).....	1 50	5 50
Yosemite Monster Wax, (Bush).....	2 30	9 00
Bush Lima, Burpees (Bush).....	3 50	12 50
Black German Wax (Pole).....	2 10	8 00
Horticultural Cranberry (Pole).....	1 50	5 50
Golden Cluster (Pole).....	2 00	8 00
Lima Mammoth Podded (Pole).....	2 00	7 75

SWEET CORN.

	Per Bu.	Per Pk.
Cory Extra Early.....	\$0 85	\$ 8 25
Childs Honey Dew, New, Earliest.....	1 80	5 00
Childs California, New.....	1 80	5 00
Stowells Evergreen.....	75	2 80
Mammoth Late.....	75	2 80

PEAS.

	Per Bu.	Per Pk.
Alaska Extra Early.....	\$1 00	\$ 3 80
Everbearing.....	1 00	4 00
Champion of England.....	80	3 10
American Wonder.....	1 60	6 30
Little Gem.....	1 25	4 80
Black Eye Marrowfat.....	60	2 25

BEEF.

	Per Bu.	Per Pk.
Edmunds Blood Turnip, in quantity of 3 lbs. or more.....	\$0 50	40
Extra Early Egyptian, " " " ".....	"	50
Eclipse, " " " ".....	"	40
Early Blood Turnip, " " " ".....	"	40
Bastain, " " " ".....	"	25
Laws White Sugar, " " " ".....	"	40
Mangel, Mam. Long Red, " " " ".....	"	40
Golden Tankard, " " " ".....	"	40

CABBAGE.

Early L. I. Wakefield, 1 lb. or more.....	\$2 00
" Winingstadt, " " " ".....	1 80
" Summer, Imp., " " " ".....	2 00
All Seasons, " " " ".....	2 00
Succession, " " " ".....	2 50
Surehead, " " " ".....	1 80
Vandegaw, " " " ".....	2 00
Perfection Savoy, " " " ".....	2 80
Marvins Savoy, " " " ".....	2 75
New Long Island, " " " ".....	1 80
Childs Bismarck, " " " ".....	3 50
Large Red Dutch, " " " ".....	2 00

CARROT.

Downers Half Long, 2 lbs. or more.....	\$0 80
Imp. Long Orange, " " " ".....	65
Ox Heart, " " " ".....	85

CAULIFLOWER.

Extra Early Dwarf Erfurt, per oz. \$5.00.....	\$.....
Snowball, " " " ".....	2 50
Early Paris, " " " ".....	75

CELERY.

White Plume.....	\$2 40
Golden Self Blanching.....	3 00
Giant Pascal.....	2 50
New Rose.....	3 00

CUCUMBER.

Thorburnes Everbearing, 2 lbs. or more.....	\$0 75
Early Green Cluster, " " " ".....	70
" Russian, " " " ".....	75
Bennetts White Spine, " " " ".....	75
Giant Pera, " " " ".....	70
Gherkin, " " " ".....	1 40

LETTUCE.

Curled Simpson, in lots of 2 lbs. or more.....	\$1 00
Cream Butter, " " " ".....	1 25
Denver Market, " " " ".....	1 50
Childs Half Century, " " " ".....	2 00
Tomhannock, " " " ".....	1 50
White Paris Cos, " " " ".....	1 00

MUSK-MELON.

Champton Market, 2 lbs. or more.....	\$0 75
Green Nutmeg, " " " ".....	75
Emerald Gem, " " " ".....	75
Princess, " " " ".....	75

WATER-MELON.

	Per Lb.
Childs Ruby Gold, 2 lbs. or more.....	\$0 75
Dixe, " " " ".....	60
Hungarian Honey, " " " ".....	80
Kolb Gem, " " " ".....	50
Mam. Iron Clad, " " " ".....	60
Cuban Queen, " " " ".....	60
Seminole, " " " ".....	50
Mountain Sweet, " " " ".....	60

ONION.

Weathersfield Large Red, 8 lbs. or more.....	\$1 20
Yellow Globe Danvers, " " " ".....	1 80
Extra Early Red, " " " ".....	1 40
Mam. Silver King, " " " ".....	2 25
" Pompell, " " " ".....	2 25
Prize Taker, " " " ".....	2 75
Zittau Giant, " " " ".....	2 25
Giant White Tripoll, " " " ".....	1 40

PARSNIP.

Improved Long Hollow Crown, 3 lbs. or more.....	\$0 45
Guernsey, " " " ".....	45

PEPPER.

Large Bell.....	\$2 25
Ruby King.....	2 50
Childs Improved Celestial.....	2 00
" Kaleidoscope.....	2 50

PUMPKIN.

Tenn. Sweet Potato, 3 lbs. or more.....	\$0 80
Large Cheese, " " " ".....	40
Mammoth, " " " ".....	1 80
Improved Cushaw, " " " ".....	50

RADISH.

Early Scarlet Turnip, 3 lbs. or more.....	\$0 50
Earliest Forcing, " " " ".....	1 00
French Breakfast, " " " ".....	50
Black Spanish, " " " ".....	60
Chartier, " " " ".....	60

SPINACH.

American Savoy, 5 lbs or more.....	\$0 25
Large Viroday, " " " ".....	15
Round Leaved, " " " ".....	15

SQUASH.

Mammoth White Bush, 2 lbs. or more.....	\$0 50
Sibley, " " " ".....	60
Early Summer Crookneck, " " " ".....	55
Boston Marrow, " " " ".....	50
Hubbard, " " " ".....	60
Perfect Gem, " " " ".....	60
Giant Summer Crookneck, " " " ".....	75

TOMATO.

Ignotum, 1 lb. or more.....	\$2 25
Paragon, " " " ".....	1 50
Perfection, " " " ".....	1 50
Favorite, " " " ".....	1 50
Beauty, " " " ".....	1 50
Peach, " " " ".....	1 50
Volunteer, " " " ".....	2 25

TURNIP.

Improved American Ruta-Baga, 3 lbs. or more.....	\$0 40
Purple Top Globe, " " " ".....	85
Large Yellow Globe, " " " ".....	30
Extra Early Milan, " " " ".....	60
White Egg, " " " ".....	40
Breadstone Ruta-Baga, " " " ".....	75
Carters Elephant, " " " ".....	80

MISCELLANEOUS.

Asparagus, New Mammoth.....	\$1 80
" Colossal.....	25
Cress, Extra Curled.....	25
Egg Plant, N. Y. Improved.....	4 50
Kohl-Rabi, Early White Vienna.....	4 00
Leek, American Flag.....	2 50
Parsley, Extra Curled.....	75
Salsify, Sandwich Islands Mammoth.....	1 25
" Long French.....	85
Sprouts or Siberian Kale.....	60



CHILDS'
NEW
(CHRYSANTHEMUM)

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& CO. BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Our New Chrysanthemums.



Two years ago we were fortunate enough to raise from seed several Chrysanthemums of new forms and colors and of remarkable beauty and value. They are now offered for the first time, although they are quite well known to horticulturists through the press which has praised them very much. They were illustrated and described in "Gardening" last fall. New Chrysanthemums are so plentiful that we would not think of offering these if we did not know that they possessed new and distinct qualities, differing entirely from any other varieties, and exceedingly beautiful.

Mayflower. Flowers six inches across, perfectly double to the center. Petals long and wavy and beautifully and deeply lacinated; color pale, whitish lavender slightly shaded with yellow toward the center. Unlike any other variety and a flower of great and peculiar beauty and most delicate coloring. 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00.

Diadem. Large incurved flower, as round as a ball, the outer petals of the ball being dull red while the inner half is bright golden yellow. This combination of two distinct colors in one flower has not been seen before in chrysanthemums. 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00.

Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay. A Japanese with large, broad petals which neither incurve nor reflex, but are so numerous and formed in such a way that it makes a flower as round and double as the best incurved. Color beautiful lilac pink, distinct and charming. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

(Above 3 sorts shown on colored plate.)

Norma Dee Childs. A beautiful Chinese, enormous flower, seven inches across, perfectly double to the center; petals wide and color snow-white. Unquestionably the best pure white chrysanthemum known. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Laciniata Grandiflora. An improvement on the old Laciniator, flowers twice its size, perfectly double and pure snow-white; petals beautifully lacinated. 75c. each.

White Comet. A large, flat flower double to the center, seven inches across; petals whorled, quilled and twisted in the most beautiful manner, color pure white. A novel and beautiful variety. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Blush Comet. Color soft, delicate blush, otherwise exactly like the above. 30c. each, 4 for \$1.00.

One each of above 7 grand new sorts, \$2.00.

Choice Chrysanthemum Seed.

Chrysanthemums are very easily grown from seed and flower abundantly the first season. It is no trouble at all to grow them and they are sure to flower beautifully in October and November from spring sown seed. Every plant raised will produce a flower of a different color and character, no two will ever be alike, and among them there will be many exceptionally beautiful and perhaps many very valuable new varieties.

Extra choice seed, saved only from the finest named varieties, 25 cents per packet.

Other New Varieties of Special Merit.

Here are several wonderfully fine varieties of recent introduction which should be in every collection:

Mrs. John Lewis Childs. If there is a white chrysanthemum grown that is superior to this we fail to know it. A robust, thrifty grower, doing well with little care, and bearing enormous, broad petaled, snow-white flowers so deep and full and finely incurved as to resemble a fleecy ball of snow. A late bloomer and a good keeper. Flowers very large and borne on long stems in spray-like profusion. 25c. each.

Geo. W. Childs. A massive flower of great substance and superb color. A rich, deep, velvety crimson, absolutely free from all other shades; one of the very largest and richest colored sorts known. Best of all crimsons. 25c. each.

V. H. Hallock. A magnificent sort, but difficult to describe. The flowers are very large, of beautiful but peculiar shape, the petals convex half their length but with incurved tips. The petals are broad and wax-like, in color an exquisite pearl, bathed in tints of rose. flowers last a long time and are always beautiful. 25c. each.

W. H. Lincoln. Pure golden yellow, slightly incurved and of great size and perfectly double. A grand specimen. 25c. each.

Golden Wedding. New last year, and probably the very finest of all yellow varieties. Flowers enormous in size, incurved, solid and globular. Color the finest and brightest among yellows. Nothing can surpass it. 25c. each.

One each of the above 3 superb sorts for \$1.00.

Ostrich Plume Chrysanthemums.

These are the unique hairy or "Esau" Chrysanthemums. Their oddity and great beauty make them exceedingly popular.

Louis Boehmer, (Pink Ostrich Plume.) An elegant fleecy sort of a soft rosy pink. The broad petals show the same plush-like hairiness of Mrs. Alpheus Hardy, to which it is a fine companion. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Mrs. Alpheus Hardy. Large, loose, feathery blooms covered with frosted, plush-like hairs. A magnificent flower when well grown, but plant is of very delicate

habit and needs good care to produce fine flowers. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

W. A. Manda. Superb, large, golden-yellow flowers on stout stems well above the foliage. This also shows the handsome hairs so much admired in these flowers. Everyone ought to try this grand variety. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

One each of these 3 Ostrich Plume varieties for 50 cents.

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, FLORAL PARK, N. Y.

SELECT FLOWER SEEDS.

The ordinary commercial grades of flower seeds, such as are usually sold, can be and are sold at a very low price, yet at a great profit. They are grown and harvested in large crops, much like grain. They are produced cheaply, sold cheaply, and are, in fact, cheap in every sense of the word, and he who sows them has no right to complain at their poor quality. They can not possibly be anything else. Seed of high quality can be produced only by thorough, careful, painstaking and expensive methods. We do not offer our customers the ordinary commercial grades of seed. Our stocks are special strains of special varieties bred up to the highest mark of perfection and selected with great care, and for this reason we grow and offer but a limited number of varieties—only those which are of the greatest merit and sure to give satisfaction everywhere. The very best varieties, bred up to an unequal mark of perfection, has made our seeds known the world over as the finest to be had. A visit to Floral Park during the summer months will convince anyone of their great superiority.

For its best summer display the garden is dependent upon that class of flowers known as Annuals, which are grown from seed sown every spring. There are thousands of varieties of them, some good, some indifferent, but the great majority are poor or in some respect unsatisfactory and not desirable for general cultivation. With a view to offering our customers only the very best varieties, those which can not fail to produce good results in every part of the country, we have for years carefully grown, tested and selected to ascertain which sorts possessed superior merits. The list here presented is the result of our labors. It contains the very best of all sorts and all which are really and generally desirable. We might offer one hundred varieties of Asters or fifty varieties of Balsams, Phloxes, Poppies, etc., but there would be no advantage in so doing. On the other hand it would be a decided disadvantage, for our customers might therefore fail to select the best kinds.

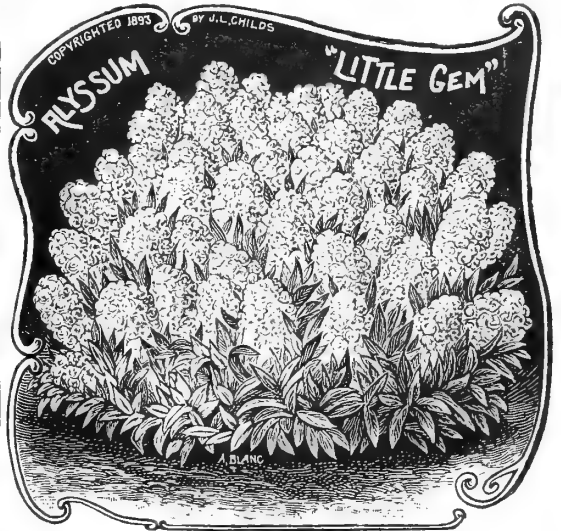
CULTURE: As a rule, annuals may be sown in the open ground about corn planting time, or they may be started in the house or in hot-beds earlier and transplanted to the garden when danger of frost is over. A rather light and moderately rich soil, thoroughly spaded, is most desirable. Do not grow the plants too large. Keep the weeds down and the surface of the soil well stirred with a hoe or rake during the summer, especially if the weather is dry. Very pretty effects are produced by massing different colors. Straight or circular rows of different colors side by side are effective. Yet in Asters, Phloxes, Poppies, Zinnias, Verbenas, etc., a mixture of all colors is always showy and pleasing, and this is the most popular way of growing them.



Ageratum.

One of the most useful and profuse-blooming plants known. Its very name, "Ageratum," meaning ever-young, refers to its ever being in bloom and to the long time each flower remains in beauty. A single head of Ageratum will remain fresh and perfect for a month in the open air, and from six weeks to three months in the window or greenhouse, where not exposed to storm and wind. Not even the Petunia will give a greater quantity of bloom or last longer in flower. This makes the Ageratum almost indispensable either in the house or garden. The new dwarf varieties are very bushy and compact in habit, and exactly suited for edging, carpet-bedding, etc. Give light, rich soil. No trouble whatever to grow.

- Per pkt.
- Little Gem.** A beautiful border variety. A sheet of delicate blue flowers the whole season, and very compact in growth..... 5
 - Little Dorrit.** Much like the above, but white flowered. Best of its color..... 5
 - Lasseauxi.** Compact plant with charming rose-colored flowers. An unusual shade..... 5
 - Swanley Blue.** Flowers of a beautiful azure blue. Good bedder, and extra fine for the house in winter..... 5
 - Canary.** Compact in habit, light canary yellow in color. A very novel shade in these flowers..... 10



Alyssum.

A favorite little annual, because of its fragrance and abundance of bloom. As easy to grow as any weed, and blooms from early summer until severe freezing weather in fall. Sow seed very early in open ground. Dainty little plants for hanging baskets or small pots. Good for cutting and button-hole bouquets.

- Per pkt.
- Sweet.** Racemes of small cruciform white flowers, honey-scented, and never out of bloom..... 5
 - 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. Indeed, 600 spikes have been counted on one plant. 10

Anchusa.

A rare and little-known annual of great beauty. It is a life-long favorite with every one who once grows it. It grows two feet high, and will thrive in a shady or out-of-the-way place where scarcely anything else will grow. It resembles a large, beautiful Forget-me-not, though much finer in every respect, especially for bouquets and cut flowers. Color a most lovely shade of deep, clear, brilliant blue, with a pure white center. It blooms early, and continues all summer.

- Capensis.** Lovely blue..... 10

ASTERS



Asters.

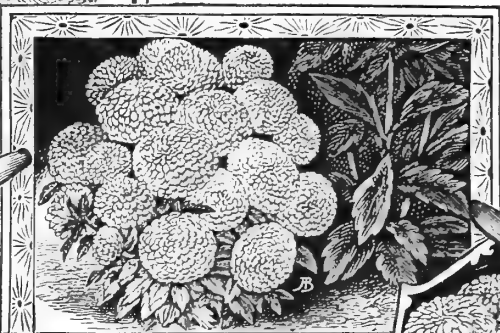
The acknowledged queen of autumn annuals. Indispensable for the flowergarden, fine as a show plant for fairs and exhibitions, and charming pot plants. Very profuse bloomers, with exceedingly beautiful flowers of most exquisite colors and almost perfect form. There are several forms of Asters, some being imbricated like a Rose, some loose and globular like a Peony, while others are partly incurved like the Chrysanthemum. In regard to height, they are classified as tall, half dwarf, and dwarfs. The tall varieties are fine for the center of large beds and for cutting, as their flowers are borne on long stems; the dwarfs are particularly fine for borders or for masses of one color, as they are so compact and bloom so profusely as to seem like so many bouquets set in the ground; the semi-dwarf are good for all purposes, and extra fine for pot culture.

It is a good plan to make two or more successive sowings, two weeks apart, to prolong the season of bloom; seeds can be sown in hot-bed or house, and afterwards transplanted, or they can be sown in open ground. In hot,

dry weather, mulch liberally with old manure, or coarse litter, and do not let them suffer for water. Our list of varieties is a fine one. There is not a poor sort among them all.

Per Fkt

- New Rose.** Tall sort, about two feet in height. One of the very best varieties, and a profuse bloomer. Outer petals are fully recurved, and inner petals beautifully incurved and imbricated like the rose. Mixed colors. A favorite sort..... 10
- New Rose, Pure White.** Pure pearly white, exquisite for cutting or wearing..... 10
- New Rose, Dark Red.** Very rich, clear color..... 10
- New Rose, Blue.** A beautiful shade of clear blue. The white, red, and blue sorts are admirable for ribbon bedding, contrasting finely with each other..... 10
- Truffaut's Peony-Flowered.** A valuable and standard variety—the most perfect peony-type known. Tall-growing, and bearing an enormous quantity of extra large, double flowers, beautifully incurved and of every shade from pure white to glowing crimson. Twenty colors or more mixed..... 10
- Reine Des Halles.** A French introduction of much merit. This



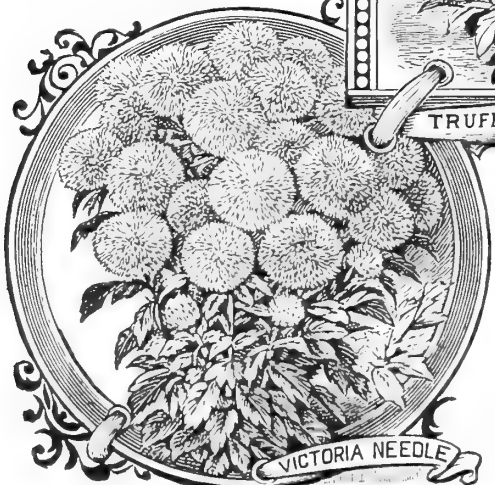
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TRUFFAUT'S PAEONY FLOWERED.



CHRYSANTHEMUM FLOWERED.



VICTORIA NEEDLE

Aster is of medium height, robust and free flowering, and three weeks earlier than any other variety known. Mixed colors..... 10

Washington. Fine exhibition sort. A tall grower of pyramidal habit. The largest-flowered Aster on the list; fine form and splendid colors; extra fine. Mixed colors..... 15

Dwarf Chrysanthemum-Flowered. Plants ten inches in height, perfect pyramids of bloom. Fine for edging, and especially valuable as a late bloomer. Mixed colors..... 10

Dwarf Bouquet. Very compact, but six to eight inches high, a mass of flowers from bottom to top. Mixed colors..... 10

Imbrique Pompon. Exquisite pompons of flowers, almost as round as a ball; medium height. Mixed colors..... 5

Ciant Emperor. Tall grower and robust habit. Each stalk usually bears one very double flower of mammoth size. Showy. Mixed colors..... 10

Harlequin. One of the most curiously marked flowers grown. Lovely pure white petals, irregularly interspersed with deep blue or bright red petals, making bright splashes and stripes of color over the snowy groundwork. Mixed colors. Medium height. Very odd and very beautiful..... 10

Ball of Jewel. This is a new and distinct class of Aster of recent introduction. It differs from all others in two respects. The petals are very short, forming a compact blossom, which is as round as a ball. Extra fine..... 15

ASTERS.

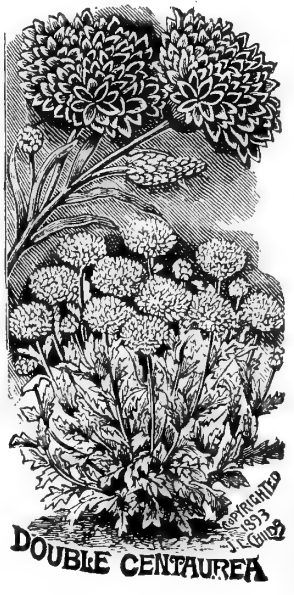
- Per pkt.
- Shakespeare.** Dwarf variety, six inches in height. Novel shades of coloring, large globular flowers, and very floriferous. Mixed colors..... 10
 - Quilled German.** Plants tall and branching; flowers beautifully quilled, and noted for the clearness of their colors. Profuse bloomers and very beautiful. Mixed colors..... 5
 - Victoria Needled.** A favorite with those who are partial to quilled flowers. Flowers are formed of needles like quills, large, freely produced, and show the fine coloring peculiar to the Victoria strains. Mixed colors..... 10
 - Dwarf Victoria, Mixed Colors.** Generally called the finest Aster grown. Equally good for bedding, pots, or exhibition. Plants one foot in height, the foliage almost hidden by the great plummy flowers, three and four inches in diameter, of the most beautiful form, and of the most exquisite colors to be found in any Aster. No praise can be too strong for these lovely flowers..... 20
 - White Wave.** An extra fine white variety. Blossoms of fine shape, double to the center, and pearly-white. A profuse bloomer, and grand for bedding or for pot culture..... 15
 - Crimson Wave.** Exactly like above, save color, which is a rich, clear crimson..... 15
 - Triumph.** A favorite with all who grow it. This variety belongs to the peony-flowered type, and has beautifully incurved blossoms. Plants bear a profusion of large, perfect flowers, which are of a bright scarlet color as they begin to open, changing to a deep, rich, satiny blood-red or crimson as they fully expand. This is an extra fine sort for pot culture, and also most valuable for beds and borders..... 15
 - Lemon Gem.** Not really a yellow Aster, but the nearest approach to that color. The flowers have a lovely, soft lemon shade that is very peculiar and pleasing. The flowers are of large size, and profusely borne, and the plant is of dwarf habit..... 15
 - Multiflora.** An Aster of medium height, with pretty and abundant flowers. Fine colors. Mixed shades... 15
 - Mignon.** Something like the White Victoria, but more profuse in bloom. Very double flowers with reflexed petals, and of the purest, snowiest white..... 10
 - Lilliput-Flowered.** Plant of medium height, almost smothered beneath a cloud of tiny button-like flowers, as double as anything well can be. A charming sort, and fine for cutting..... 5
 - Pygmae.** A little gem. A very dwarf sort, bearing a profusion of pretty, bright flowers, which are as double and perfect as the larger sorts. They make lovely edgings, and are fine for small pots, each plant being a perfect bouquet in itself..... 10
- SPECIAL OFFER.** For \$1.50 we will send one packet each of these twenty-five superb Asters.



Centaurea Cyanus.

Two new varieties of this old favorite flower are here offered.

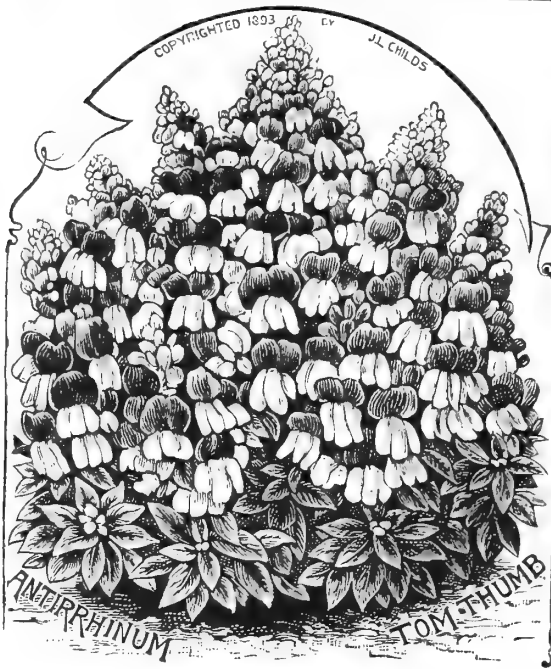
- Per pkt.
- Victoria.** The leading German novelty of two years ago and a most unique little plant which forms a dense mass of foliage and branches, above which is borne hundreds of lovely blue blossoms. It grows about one foot high and begins to flower within thirty days after the seed is sown. 5
 - Double.** A new double flowered form which comes pretty true. It is remarkable for the new shades and combinations of colors which it shows, many of the flowers being striped or variegated. Fine for cutting or wearing; of the easiest possible culture. Two feet in height, branches freely, and forms a compact, bushy plant 5



Comet Asters.

New Asters of great beauty. The plants are tall, and of much vigor, while the flowers are of such extraordinary size that they may without contest be said to be the largest of any Aster in existence. Flowers are formed of long twisted and curled petals, and look exactly like the most refined forms of Japanese Chrysanthemums. They must therefore take first place among Asters for unique beauty.

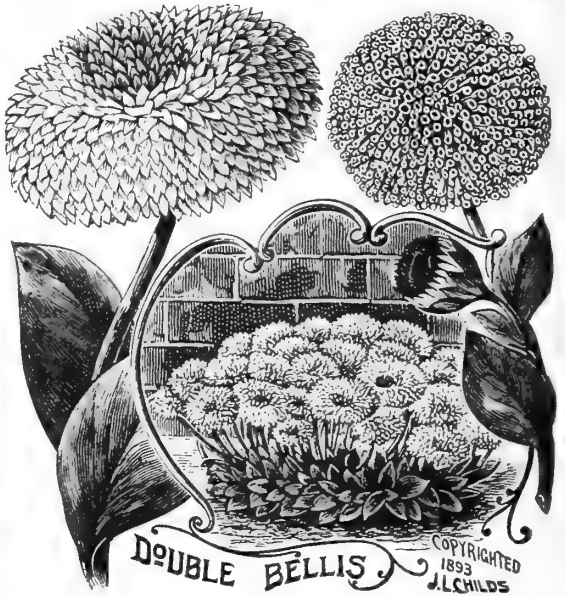
- Pink.** Lovely shade of deep rosy pink, bordered with pure white..... 15
- Giant White.** New this year. Immense size, and pure snow-white..... 30



Antirrhinum.

This is the "Snap Dragon" of old, though so much improved that you would scarcely know it. It is a hardy perennial, flowering freely the first summer. The dwarf sorts form bushy, compact plants, which bear a mass of large, brilliant flowers in short, compact spikes and of a great variety of dazzling colors. Beautiful for pots as well as for the garden, and grows readily from cuttings.

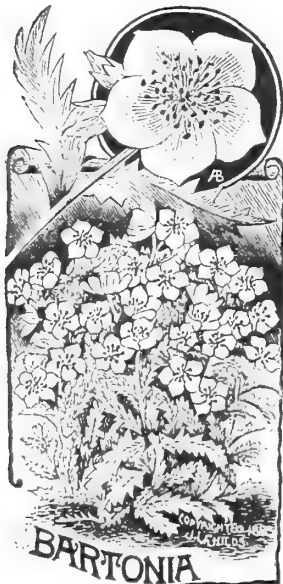
	Per pkt.
Tall Mixed. Rich colors of all shades.....	5
Dwarf Mixed. Dwarf, compact growth.....	5
Tom Thumb. Mixed colors, the finest of all Snap Dragons, growing only eight inches high; flowers large, colors very brilliant, orange, scarlet, yellow, maroon, white, rose, striped, etc. Will flower beautifully in pots during winter.....	10
Tom Thumb Striatum. Striped varieties of above; very striking and showy.....	10



Bellis—(Double Daisy.)

Beautiful double flowers that appear in early spring if plants are slightly protected over winter. Blossom also very early from spring sown seed, as plants bloom when but two or three inches high. If given a cool, moist, shady location, will bloom all summer, even in the south. As pot plants they are charming and will bloom freely all winter, as they delight in cold weather. In the open ground, cultivate exactly as you would Pansies, and next to the Pansy, it is the most charming little garden flower.

	Per pkt.
Double, Mixed Colors. White, crimson, rose, and variegated; very double.....	10
Double, White. Pure color, handsome flower.....	10
Longfellow. A deep, rich pink or crimson; extra large flower on long thick stalks. Fine for cutting. We have received plants of these in full bloom, that after three days' stay in the mail bag were as fresh as ever, and that when again potted, bloomed steadily ahead without a day's intermission. Best Daisy grown.....	10
Quilled. A new strain; the flowers composed of needle-like petals. Very curious and pretty. Mixed colors... ..	10



Argemone Grandiflora.

We do not attempt to show a cut of this beautiful flower, as one cannot do it justice, especially as the page is not large enough to show the flower natural size. The flower is of snowy whiteness, the center filled with golden stamens. Its shape is like that of a saucer, opening nearly flat, its immense size making it very conspicuous. Grows 18 inches high, and has beautiful foliage. Few garden flowers are so singularly striking as this. It will be a genuine delight to all who plant it.

Grandiflora. Immense white blossoms of great beauty.. 5

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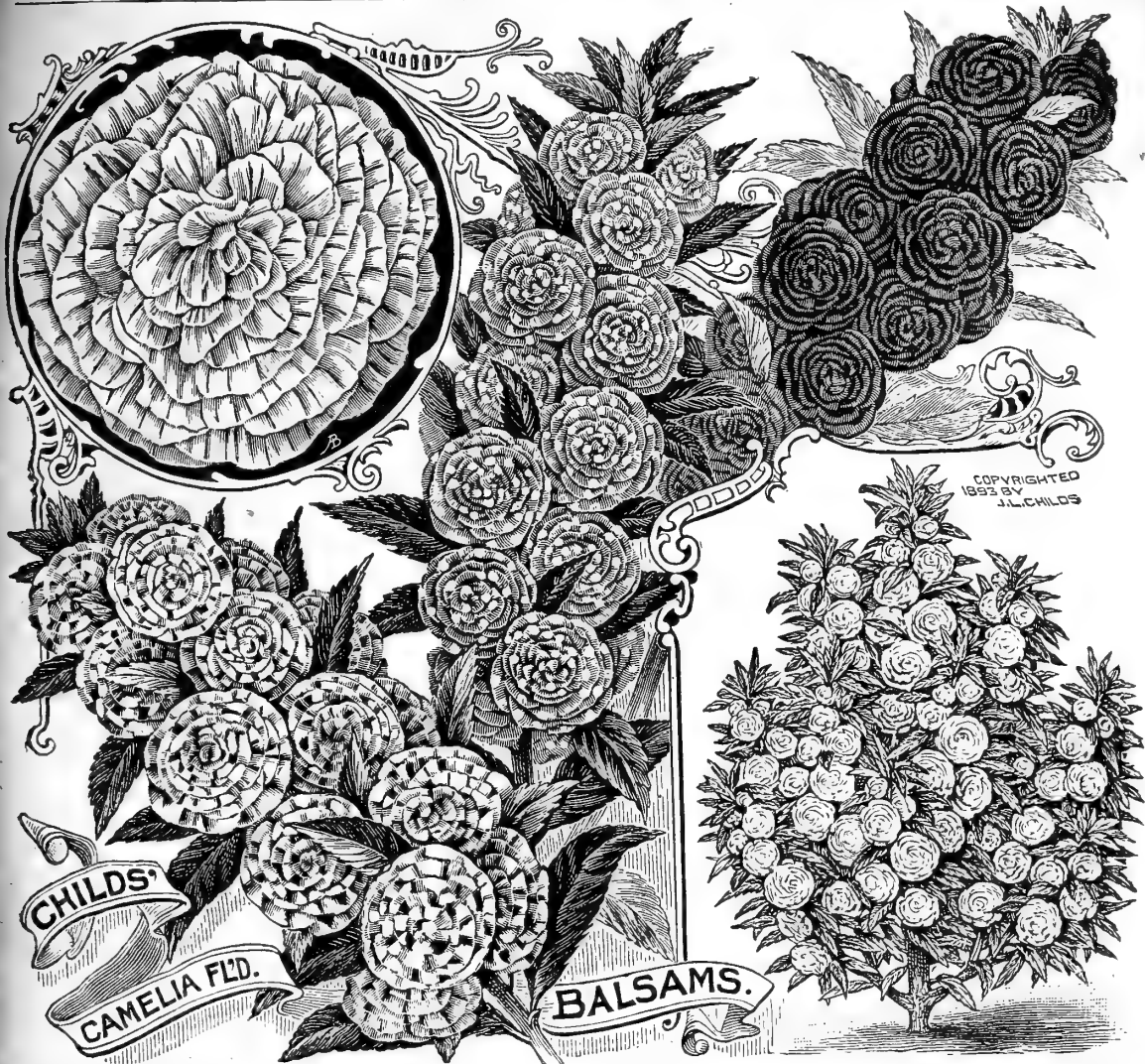
A graceful Cineraria-like flower, often called Swan River Daisy. Plants bloom quickly from seed and remain in bloom a long time. Plants only grow from six to eight inches high, and are fine for edgings, as their blossoms are profusely borne and are pretty and attractive; also a fine basket plant for the house. Colors blue, white, pink, etc.

All Colors, Mixed..... 5

Bartonia.

Aurea. A bright flowered annual, that commences to bloom a month after sowing the seed. Plant twenty inches in height, leaves downy and thistle-like, and flowers two inches or more across, of a shining, bright, metallic yellow, very showy and brilliant; stands drought well. Sow where plants are to stand after the ground gets warm in spring..... 5





Balsam--Childs' Camellia-Flowered Perfection.

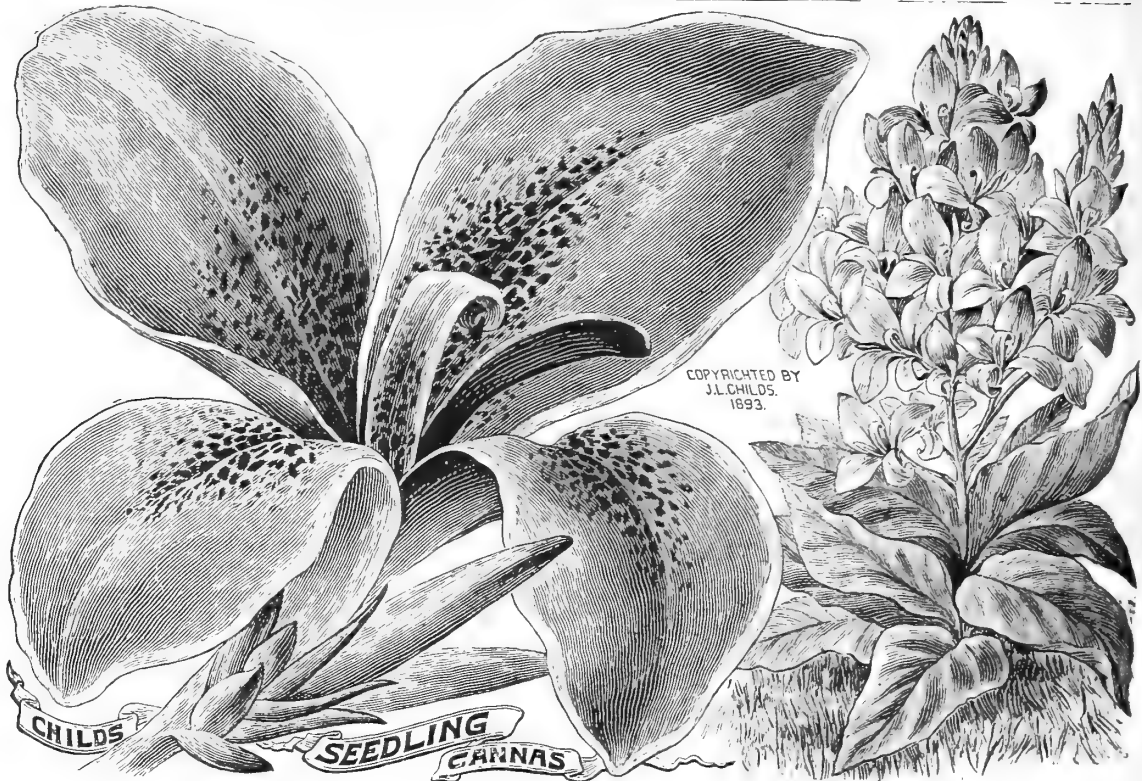
For more than fifteen years Childs' Camellia-flowered Balsams have been a marvel to horticulture all over the world. The gigantic flowers, double and perfect like Camellias, and the wonderful profusion in which they are borne, has been a revelation to thousands who never before knew what really good Balsams were. It is not an uncommon sight to see more than 500 of these magnificent large double blooms upon a plant at one time, the branches being perfect pyramids of bloom. The Balsam is one of the most beautiful and easiest grown of all garden annuals. Seed may be started under glass early or sown in the open ground about corn-planting time. A very rich soil is not necessary, but they like to have plenty of room, at least 18 inches apart each way. It is very hard to raise good Balsam seed for they are inclined to deteriorate rapidly, and very little good seed is sown. Do not devote time or room to uncertain strains. Sow the genuine Childs' Camellia-Flowered Perfection and thereby make sure of having the best. These Balsams make beautiful pot as well as garden plants.

White. Flowers pure snowy white, and very large, double and perfect. A great favorite with florists, and one of the most profuse bloomers, the plants being loaded with hundreds of blossoms. Per pkt. 10

Light Pink. An exquisite shade of soft pink like the rosy hue seen in sea shells. Very fine. 5

Pink. A superb sort, a clear, deep color; beautiful buds and very double flowers. 5

- Per pkt.**
- Scarlet.** Almost dazzling in brilliancy; a rich, glowing color that catches every eye. Flowers large, and finely formed. 10
 - Striped.** A clear frosted white, flaked and striped with rosy purple or scarlet, like a Carnation. Showy in the garden, and beautiful for pots. 5
 - Lavender.** Flowers suffused with a soft shade of lavender; blossoms as double as Roses and of beautiful shape, resembling a fine tea Rose bud. Its color is one of the most delicate and lovely among Balsams. Very beautiful. 5
 - Fancy Spotted.** Exceedingly showy. This strain shows rare and beautiful shades of coloring almost unknown in other flowers, and all spotted with pure white. 10
 - Preferred.** A great favorite with both florists and amateurs. Flowers pure white, overlaid by a delicate blush of lavender, that deepens toward the center of the flower, a line so delicate as to leave but a trace of color, yet so exquisitely soft and lovely that it seems perfection. Flowers of great substance and perfect shade, two inches across and as double as rosettes. Very uniform and constant. 10
 - Light Lemon.** Not really yellow, but a fine shade of light sulphur or lemon. This is an entirely new shade in this class of plants and is much admired. A very beautiful flower, as double and perfect as a Camellia and as large as a good sized Rose. 10
 - Mixed Colors.** No finer mixture to be obtained anywhere. Seeds of all the above contained in the mixture. A great variety at little cost. 10
- SPECIAL OFFER.** For only 50c. we will send one packet each of these ten fine Balsams.



Canna.

Cannas are now the most popular bedding plants in existence, and certainly among the most striking and beautiful. How could it be otherwise, when in this one plant is combined stately habit and tropical luxuriance, superb foliage and brilliant blossoms, ever increasing in beauty and profusion until the frosts of autumn cut it down? New sorts are constantly produced from seed. Star of '91 and C. Childs were grown from just such seed as we offer of the famous French hybrid strain, that has been bred up to such a high standard that the individual flowers are the size of Gladiolus blossoms, and borne in great spikes or heads of bloom that make them grand for either summer bedding or greenhouse decoration in winter. Seeds should be filed at one end and soaked for twenty-four hours in hot water before planting. Start early in house, but do not plant out until all danger of frost is over. The bed can scarcely be made too rich and mellow. Give plenty of water, and seedling plants will be in bloom by the middle of July and continue blooming until autumn frosts. Per pkt.

- Mixed Sorts.** A choice collection of all varieties..... 10
- Dark Foliage.** Mixed; all dark beautiful foliage sort.... 10
- Mad. Crozy.** A magnificent sort..... 20
- Crozy's Dwarf Flowering.** Mixed colors. These can be classed among the grandest of all flowering plants. They commence blooming very early from seed and continue all summer, making a display which for brilliancy cannot be surpassed..... 20

Convolvulus Minor.

DWARF MORNING GLORY.

A pretty little plant, growing ten to twelve inches high. Flowers like a Morning Glory, but remain open all day. Very profuse bloomer and flowers of many bright and pleasing colors.

- Mixed Colors.** Fine showy shades..... 5
- Double.** Blue and white mixed. A good portion of the plants produce fine double flowers, some blue and some white. Very novel and pretty..... 10

Centranthus.

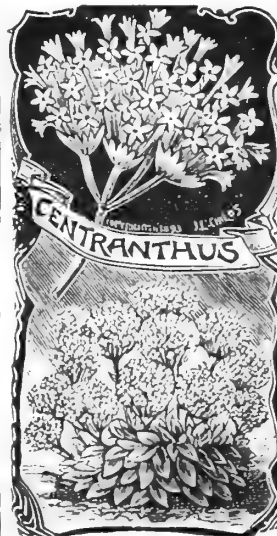
A pretty annual, with glaucous foliage, pale green, almost transparent stems and large clustered heads of tiny flowers, white, blush and rosy pink. Very fine for bouquets, or dainty cut flower work.

- Mixed Colors.** Exceedingly pretty..... 5

Calendula.

The name of this flower is derived from the fact that it will bloom every calendar month of the year. If seed is sown early in open ground, plants will be in bloom by June, and will blossom continuously until after severe frosts of late autumn. It is also a good pot plant for winter, especially for cold rooms, and its large, double blooms are at all times welcome and cheery. Per pkt.

- Mixed Colors.** All fine and double..... 5
- Meteor.** Petals beautifully marked with two distinct shades of yellow. Very double and beautiful..... 5
- Whirlpool.** A superb flower; large, double and perfect to the center; rich deep yellow. A fine plant for fall and winter blooming in pots, being of dwarf, robust habit, and blooming freely all the time..... 10





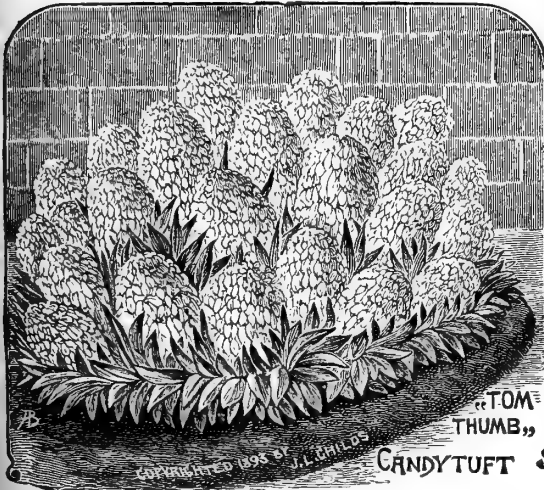
Calliopsis.

The Calliopsis, or Coreopsis is one of our brightest, cheeriest annuals, and as easy to grow as any weed. Sow in open ground quite early, and thin to six inches apart. Plants grow rapidly and are soon a mass of bloom. The myriads of gay flowers, poised on long foot-stalks above the foliage, make a mass or bed of these a dazzling sight. The flowers are particularly fine for bouquets and should be cut freely, as by this means the period of blooming is prolonged.

Dwarf Compact. Mixed colors; fine low growing plants which produce thousands of blossoms in wavy masses. 5

Golden Wave. A row of this plant is truly a wave of gold, as nothing but its brilliant yellow color can be seen, so numerous are the blossoms. It is of compact growth; flowers very large, exceedingly showy, and are produced in great masses all summer. A most showy plant, rivaling in beauty and profusion of bloom the famous Coreopsis Lancolata. 10

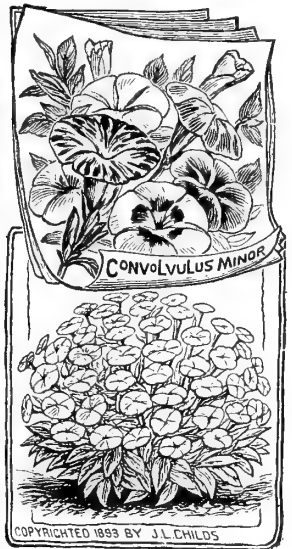
New Double. This new double form of the old Coreopsis is a most desirable flower for garden culture, as it grows freely and blooms continually in any soil or situation. The flowers possess all the rich and varied colors of the single form, and are always greatly admired, being such a novelty. All colors mixed. 10



Cynoglossum.

Pretty sprays of dainty white flowers; very sweet and graceful. Fine for small bouquets, or as a bee plant, and grows quickly and easily from seed. A truly lovely garden flower which all admire. Per pkt.

Linifolium. Fine; pure white. 5



Candytuft.

This good old annual has been a garden favorite for three hundred years. A fine edging plant, and good for cutting. The new Empress is extra fine for massing, or for ribbon gardening, as plants of it are solid sheets of white when in bloom. Sow very early in open ground, and keep seed heads picked off for a constant succession of bloom. The dwarf Tom Thumb is our favorite.

- All Colors, Mixed.** Many fine shades. 5
- Pure White.** A favorite for floral work. 5
- Rocket.** White, in pyramidal clusters. 5
- Dark Crimson.** Good bright color. 5
- Empress.** This new pure white Candytuft forms a dense, bushy plant of a spreading habit, and bears its snowy flowers in endless profusion. It is sure to delight all. 10
- Tom Thumb.** Mixed colors; the ideal Candytuft. Dwarf, bushy plants, growing only 4 to 6 inches high, but bearing most profusely compact spirals of bloom of great beauty. Superb. 10

Cleome Pungens.

This is a special favorite with the bees and the children, and every yard ought to boast a clump of these plants. Easy to grow as any weed, blooming from July until frost in any location, or in any season. Spikes of pretty flowers, deep rose turning lighter, with long, spidery stamens standing out beyond the flowers, have given these flowers the suggestive name of "Spider Flowers." Fine for background, edges of shrubbery, or any place where tall plants are suitable, and sure to attract attention. It is one of the few flowers that will stand a long siege of wet or dry weather without injury.

- Pungens.** Enormous heads of bloom, some of the flowers being deep crimson and others light pink, contrasting elegantly. 5
- Alba.** New pure white. See Novelties. 15



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Cosmos.

A grand fall flower, the only rival to the Dahlia and Chrysanthemum. Sow seed early in spring, and plants will bloom from September to November. In the North give sheltered position, as severe frosts injure the flowers. Give light, rich soil, and support each plant by tying to a stout, deeply-driven stake, as the plants are top-heavy in bloom, and easily blown over. Each plant will reach a height of from 4 to 7 feet, and a more beautiful object is rarely seen. The feathery, dark green foliage forms a filmy setting for the hundreds of graceful Daisy-like flowers, that make each plant like some huge bouquet. The pure white, soft pink, and deep crimson shades are exquisite, and for cutting or wearing they have no superior. Cuttings taken in August, root freely, and make fine pot plants for winter decoration, being dwarfier than in open ground. An extra fine flower for the South and Southwest. It was first introduced by us about ten years ago. Per pkt.

- Childs' Hybrids Mixed.** All colors mixed, white, pink, crimson, rose, purple, etc. 10
- Childs.** Pure snow white. Introduced by us, but has been renamed "Pearl," "Snow Cloud," etc., by others. 10
- Soft Pink.** Lovely shade..... 10
- Dark Crimson.** Fine deep color..... 25

Chrysanthemum. (Annual.)

These bright, graceful flowers are yearly growing in favor. Plants grow from 12 to 18 inches high and bear a profusion of bloom, each flower being belted and zoned with the most clear and vivid of colors. This intenseness of coloring has earned them the name of "Painted Daisies." Few flowers are finer for cutting, or for bouquet making. Inodorum Plenissimum is a double white perennial variety, but blooms first season. It makes an exceedingly fine pot plant, and is almost smothered with bloom.

- Carinatum Hybrids.** Mixed, elegant colors..... 5
- Carinatum Hybrids.** Double, mixed colors..... 5
- Inodorum Plenissimum.** Dwarf and free flowering, very double and pure white; elegant for pots 10
- Golden Feather.** Grand sort with bright yellow foliage and charming blossoms, 2½ to 3 inches across; the dark velvety disk in the center is surrounded by a circle of bright golden yellow, followed by another clear-cut circle of rich crimson. Extra fine 10

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TREE COCKSCOMB



CHRYSANTHEMUM

Celosia.

The old Cockscomb of our mother's gardens, but vastly improved of late years. Its huge combs, from six inches to a foot across, are of the most fiery gorgeous colors, unlike anything else in the floral kingdom. Good specimens are very fine all the late summer and autumn, and our best parks make use of thousands of them for autumn bedding. Start in heat and transplant to open ground after danger of frost is over. As pot plants they are also much admired, their beautifully frilled and ruffled heads attracting much attention. Per pkt.

- Dwarf Mixed.** A fine mixture of all colors, of dwarf habit, but producing enormous heads of bloom. Elegant for pots..... 5
- Variegated.** Tall growth with combs beautifully striped and variegated, yellow and scarlet 5
- New Tree.** This splendid sort is so hardy and vigorous that seed may be sown in the open ground in the spring, instead of starting it under glass. It grows rapidly, reaching the height of 5 or 6 feet, and branches freely, producing several heads of enormous size, and dark rich crimson in color. It is very effective and should be in every garden, for not only is it the easiest to grow but the most showy of all Cockscombs..... 10

Eschscholtzia.

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The Eschscholtzia is one of the hardiest and most easily-grown of our annuals. It is also a very showy one, growing rapidly and coming into bloom soon after the plants are above ground. The foliage is finely cut and handsome, and the flowers exceedingly showy, large and freely produced. It is a fine flower for blooming in pots, especially in winter. For winter blooming sow seed in November or December in pots of light, rich soil. They will bloom in 30 to 40 days and last all winter.



- Californica.** Fine golden yellow. A most showy flower..... 5
- Double White.** New 5
- Tenuifolium.** Fine, hairy foliage and showy blossoms..... 5
- Mixed Colors.** Many sorts. The bright yellows are particularly effective, and make showy masses 5

ESCHSCHOLTZIA



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DIANTHUS—(Garden Pink.)

An indispensable garden flower. A flower fitted equally to adorn the poor man's garden or the spacious grounds of the millionaire. Never out of place in any situation. Succeeds in any soil. Stands neglect, heat and cold, and is as near iron-clad as plant can well be. Like their near relative, the Carnation, the Dianthus is superlatively beautiful, many varieties possessing a radiant-like fire that is impossible to describe, but is the very acme of richness and beauty. A grand flower for cutting or flower work, and succeeds well in pots for winter bloom if treated like Carnations. Sow early either in house or open ground, and plants will not only bloom all summer and fall, but will survive the winter and bloom the next season. Never sow any but the best seed of Dianthus, if you would have the choicest flowers. Grows about one foot in height, branching freely, and is always strong and erect.

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| Diadematus, flore plena. Splendid double flowers of the richest, darkest shades, fringed, mottled, striped, spotted, flaked margined, etc., in a most odd and beautiful manner..... | 10 |
| Atropurpurea. A very fine shade of dark red..... | 5 |
| Double White. Fine for contrast..... | 5 |
| Laciniatus. Finely fringed and lacinated flowers of large size; very double and perfect..... | 5 |
| Striatus. Large, double, striped flowers..... | 10 |

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| Heddewigii. Superb large single flowers, three inches across, of the most beautiful colors, many of them striped and banded in the most striking manner..... | 5 |
| Eastern Queen. Grand flowers 3 or 4 inches across, beautifully striped and shaded, and having colors which are like the richest silks..... | 5 |
| Mourning Cloak. A rich variety of most unique coloring. Large double flowers of a velvety purplish black, each petal tipped and fringed with snowy white. A most suitable flower for all funerals, emblems, or for cutting at any time. This Dianthus is a fine pot plant..... | 15 |
| Crimson Bell. Immense flowers of a rich crimson red. A grand flower of the single Heddewigii type, and a beautiful companion to Eastern Queen and the Bride..... | 5 |
| Imperialis. Double Imperial Pinks. Robust bushy growers, bearing great quantities of large, double flowers of rich, glowing colors. One of the very best garden sorts, as they bloom so soon after sowing, and are very hardy..... | 10 |
| Brilliant. A dwarf grower with numerous double flowers of a dark, rich red, as large and fine as Carnations. A beautiful variety and comes true from seed..... | 15 |
| The Bride. A very dwarf, compact plant, but with flowers of the largest size and of the richest possible combination of colors. The groundwork of the flower is a clear, pure white, with a radiant, glowing, crimson center, shading into a pink band next to the white border. With its beautiful fimbriated blossoms and its compact habit, it is an extra fine sort for pot culture..... | 15 |
| Mixed. Our own mixture, of the most beautiful double and single sorts, and of every desirable shade or peculiar marking. This mixed seed will give a bed of beautiful flowers, and scarcely two plants will be alike in bloom. They will bloom from early until late, and may be lifted in autumn and potted for blooming in the house. Few garden flowers equal the Dianthus, and none are more generally satisfactory..... | 20 |

Fenzlia.

Charming, low-growing plants, forming mat-like tufts of foliage, thickly dotted by a long succession of beautiful white or rose purple-throated flowers. An extra fine little plant for edging or carpet-bedding, or for baskets in the house. Blooms very quickly from seed.

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| Dianthiflora. A superb little flower..... | 10 |
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Dahlia.

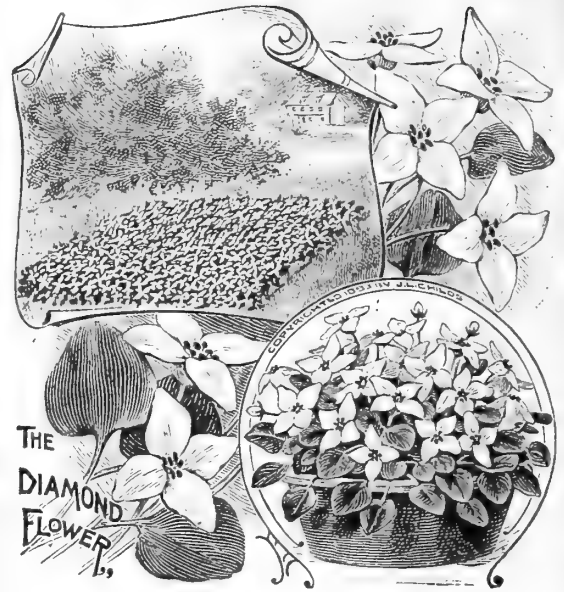
We still find difficulty in convincing our customers that good Dahlias can be grown from seed, and that plants will bloom the first season from seed. We only wish we could show all doubters some of the magnificent flowers grown from our seeds. Anyone who can raise a Zinnia or a Morning Glory from seed, can grow Dahlias from seed. They are remarkably easy to germinate, and from the very seed-leaf the plants are stocky and sturdy. Seed sown in the house in March or April, will produce flowering plants as soon as plants grown from tubers. We know this to be so by repeated experiments of our own, and our customers write us the same thing. Some of the finest, largest Dahlias, and the richest colors we have ever seen, were among seedlings. Give good soil, and never let the plants suffer for water, and our word for it, you will be more than satisfied. Out of a large paper of seed we have known no two plants to be alike in flower, while there was every color represented, from snow white to blackish maroon. Start seed in house, and transplant to open ground after frost has gone. Per pkt.

- Double Large Flowering, Mixed.** Will produce some magnificent varieties..... 20
 - Double Pompon, Mixed.** Extra choice strain..... 15
 - New Single, Mixed Colors.** Flowers very large and of rainbow colors. Very graceful and exceedingly popular as cut flowers..... 10
 - Gracilis, Mixed Colors.** Fine cut foliage, and a profusion of brilliantly striped and flecked blossoms like large tropical butterflies..... 15
 - Zimpani.** A pretty and curious variety with graceful black flowers..... 10
 - Cactus.** A new class of broad-petaled double flowers, esteemed by many the finest of all. Very distinct and extra for cutting..... 25
- One packet of each for 75c.

Feverfew.

Fine border plants, that are always in flower. They bloom quickly from seed, and are extra good for cutting. They also make fine plants for winter blooming in pots. Flowers large and double, like roses, and very profusely borne at all times of the year. Habit dwarf and compact, making them very desirable either for the garden or for pots.

- Little Belle.** Fine snow white..... 10
- Little Fred.** Pure golden yellow..... 10



Diamond Flower (*Ionopsisidium*.)

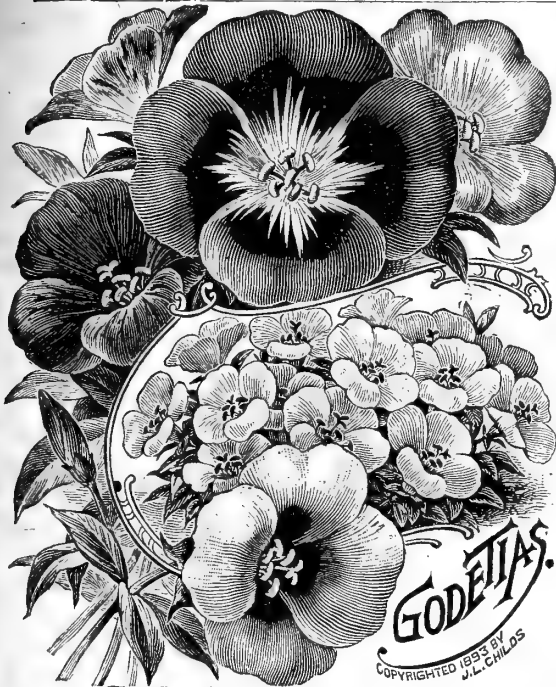
A dainty little annual with tufts of tiny foliage, and beautiful little white and violet-blue flowers that bloom within a month from the time seed is sown. It will grow in the open ground, over rock-work, or in pots, never exceeding three inches in height, and rarely two. The tiny flowers have a glistening sheen that has given them their name of Diamond Flower, and being surrounded by a wreath of bright green foliage, they show to wonderful advantage. 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 the most charming mat of foliage and flowers—covering the surface of the soil like moss—that you ever saw. In the garden it will grow and seed all summer, covering the ground with a perfect carpet of beauty. In the fall the self-sown seed will come up and bloom profusely from October until spring, regardless of ice and snow. They make a lovely bed of flowers all winter long.

Per pkt.

Diamond Flower (*IONOPSISIDIUM ACALE*)..... 15



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Godetia—(Satin Flower.)

A handsome flower, and particularly useful because it will grow in shady places where so few really fine flowers can be grown. They bloom a long time, and so profusely that the foliage is almost hidden by the many large, wide-open flowers, of shining satin texture, and of the most delicate and lovely colors. This flower grows more popular each year, and it well deserves the partiality shown it. Per pkt.

- Mixed Colors.** All shades..... 5
- Lady Albemarle.** Flowers of an intense carmine, shaded lighter at edge. Each bloom 4 inches across..... 5
- Duchess of Albany.** A pearly, transparent white. Very fine indeed..... 5
- Bijou.** Plants are perfect mats of foliage, never above 6 inches in height, each plant showing from 200 to 300 flowers in full bloom at one time. Flowers beautiful snowy-white with a rosy-red blotch in the center. A most effective variety..... 5
- Satin Rose.** A rich, bright crimson, beautiful to contrast with the snowy-white..... 5
- The Bride.** Exquisite flowers, of soft crimson and white..... 5
- Princess Henry.** A satin-like flower of delicate rose, each petal marked with a large bright carmine spot. Grand for pot culture, or for cutting..... 10
- Fairy Queen.** Large, pure white flowers, shading to blush, and spotted with carmine in center. A beautiful flower, admired by everyone who sees it..... 10

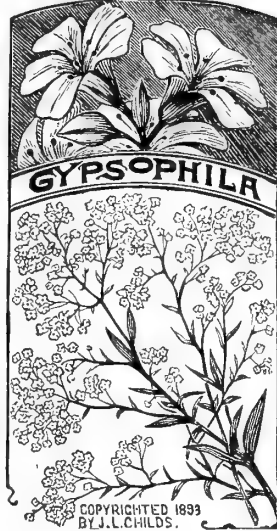
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Lychnis.

Hardy perennials that bloom the first season. Sow seed early in open ground. Colors very brilliant, and flowers extra good for cutting.

- Mixed Colors.** Many fine old sorts..... 5
- Burning Star.** A blaze of brilliancy for months if plants are kept from seeding. Star-like blossoms, covering the dwarf bushy plants as with a cloud. Perfectly hardy, and blooms even better the second season than the first. One of the most brilliant and satisfactory of garden flowers, surpassing even the Phlox. Mixed colors..... 5



Gypsophila—(Elegans.)

Everyone who is fond of bouquets, ought to grow this. It produces long, fine, mist-like sprays of tiny white flowers, that are one of the finest things in the world for all cut flower work, softening all hard outlines, toning down all glaring colors, and giving the finish to a bouquet that filmy lace does to a rich dress. Blooms soon after sowing seed..... 5

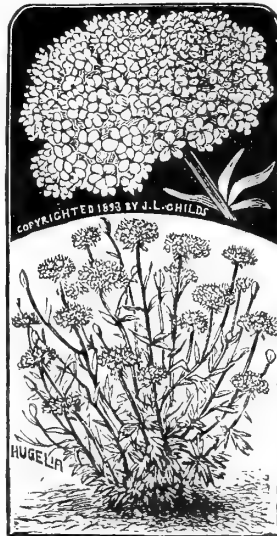


Hunnemannia.

This annual is not yet well known, but it is bound to become a general favorite in the near future. Its large, bright, tulip-like flowers are supported on long stalks above the foliage, making it exceedingly showy, and like all long stemmed flowers, it works admirably into large bouquets, and has the added merit of remaining perfect many days before fading. The flowers are a rich, brilliant yellow, and profusely borne from July to October. Sow early in open ground..... 10

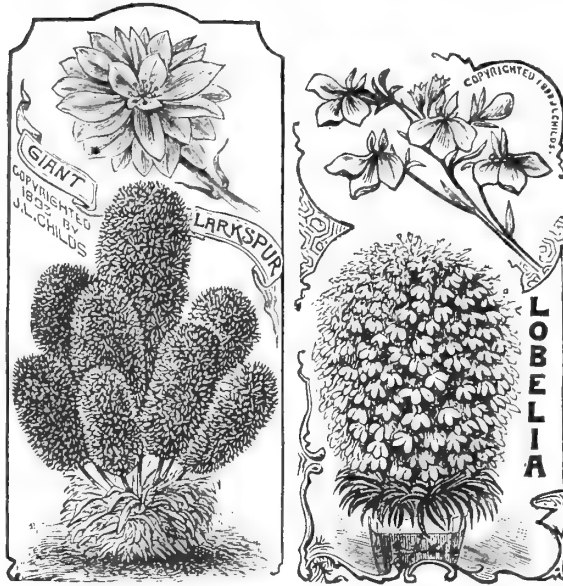
Hugelia, Coerulae.

A half hardy annual, growing 2 feet high, with numerous umbels of perfect sky blue flowers. A dainty, modest little flower, very fine for all bouquet work, and pretty in the garden. 18 inches high..... 5



Helianthus.—(Sunflower.)

- Miniature.** The smallest of all Sunflowers, growing only two feet high; flowers two or three inches across; bright yellow and not at all coarse..... 5
- New Double Dwarf.** Compact grower, with double flowers of great size and beauty..... 5



Larkspur.

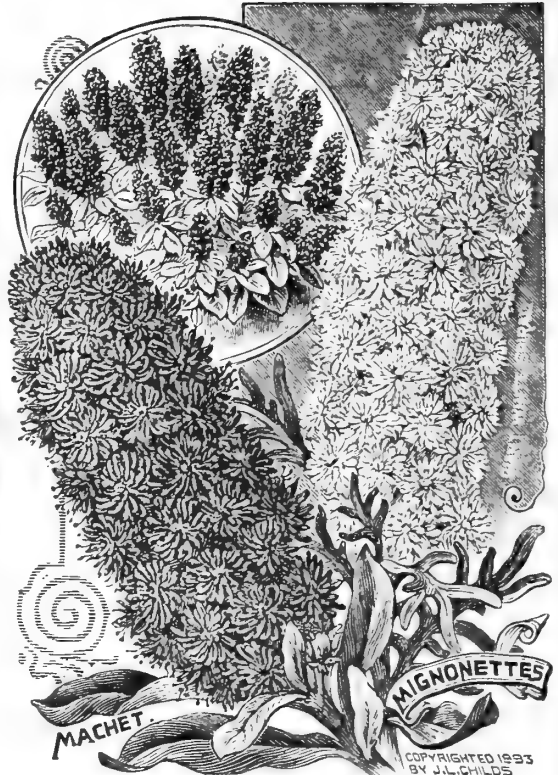
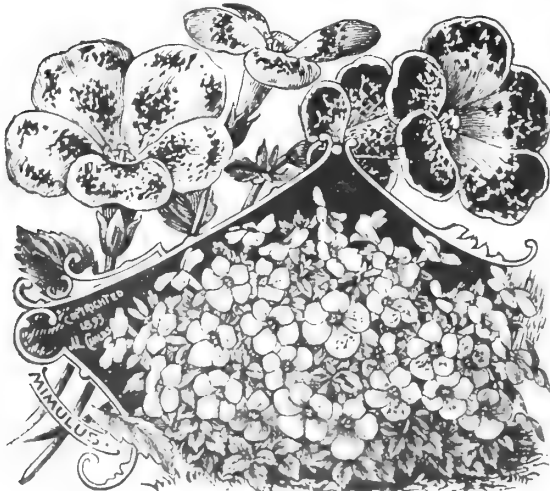
An old-fashioned, but none the less valuable annual, with large, compact spikes of showy flowers, in all shades of white, pink, red, blue, etc. Sow seed very early in open ground, or even in late autumn.

- Double Dwarf Mixed..... 5
- Hyacinth Flowered. Great hyacinth-like spikes of large double flowers. Mixed colors..... 10

Lobelia.

Charming little plants for small beds, edgings, baskets, etc. Graceful and pretty, and colors exceedingly clear. A most charming pot plant for winter culture, blooming in four weeks and making the prettiest little pots of flowers you can imagine.

- Crystal Palace. Dark blue, best for bedding..... 5
- Erecta Alba. Fine white..... 5
- Emp. William. Light blue, very compact..... 5
- New Double Dwarf, Mixed Colors. A lovely dwarf compact sort, bearing hundreds of beautiful double blossoms of various colors..... 10
- Royal Purple. Extra fine with dark stalks, and large deep blue flowers having a distinct white eye. A charming new variety..... 10
- Coldense. New, with golden yellow foliage and lovely blue flowers. See Novelties..... 15



Mignonette.

Mignonette is the French word for "little darling." No more expressive term could well be found for the sweet, honey flower, that by its merits alone has won its way as the favorite of all, though hundreds of showier flowers were its rivals. No garden is complete without its plot of Mignonette, no nosegay finished without its sprig of this sweet-smelling flower. We pride ourselves on our choice strains of this favorite flower, and believe no finer seed can be procured anywhere. Sow early in the ground for summer blooming, and in pots at any time for the window.

- Common Sweet. The old small-flowered variety; very sweet. Per oz., 20c..... 5
 - Pyramidal or Giant Tree. A robust grower with numerous large spikes of flowers; very sweet..... 5
 - Giant White Spiral. First introduced by us several years ago. Very distinct from all other sorts; rank, luxuriant foliage, deeply cut, and decidedly ornamental. Each plant bears great quantities of large, snow-white spikes, that are very pretty for cutting and for small bouquets. Grows well also in pots. Grows and blooms in any situation with greater freedom than any other sort..... 10
 - Machet. The finest of all. Plant bushy and a profuse bloomer, with extra large spikes of a pretty brick red color; exceedingly fragrant. Much inferior seed of this variety is on the market. Ours is strictly pure... 10
 - Golden Queen. Pyramidal habit, with flowers of a yellowish color. Very good..... 10
 - Crimson Queen. A fine variety with large spikes of dark red flowers..... 5
- For 30c. we will send one packet each of the six sorts.

Mimulus.

Beautiful little plants, with the daintiest and prettiest flowers imaginable. Will not succeed in hot sun, but is just the plant for cool, shady beds, or for baskets or pots in poorly lighted windows. Seeds fine, and need care in sowing. Great favorites with those who have once grown them. In exquisite coloring these flowers rival the Gloxinia.

- Mixed Sorts. All colors (MONKEY FLOWER)..... 5
- Moschatus (MUSK PLANT). Well-known for its fine musky fragrance..... 5
- Double Mixed. Double flowers, splendidly spotted..... 10
- Tigrinus Grandiflorus. Flowers size of a Petunia, and of very bright and striking colors, all spotted, tigered and variegated in a most charming manner. Fine as pot plants, rivaling the Gloxinia..... 10



Marigold.

Petted by our grandmothers, neglected by our mothers, now once more on the high wave of popularity. Bright, showy flowers, that only need the slightest care to do well and blossom freely.

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| French, Mixed Colors. Small double flowers, in rich, dark shades..... | Per pkt. 5 |
| African, Mixed Colors. Shades of yellow, very large and double; tall grower..... | 5 |
| Butterfly. A new strong-growing variety, that bears hundreds of beautiful striped and variegated flowers. Very gay and showy..... | 5 |
| Lucida. Sweet-scented and fine..... | 5 |
| Dahlia - Flowered. One of the best new Marigolds, growing very rank and tall, and studded with enormous double Dahlia-like flowers. The colors range from the palest canary yellow to a deep, full orange. Set one to two feet apart, and if any plants prove single pull them up. The double ones will soon fill up all gaps with their wide branching. Sow a few for winter blooming. In the window they never fail, and their color is so intense they light up a collection wonderfully..... | 10 |
| Pygmae. Babies among Marigolds. Plants only reach the height of 9 or 10 inches, but are full of bloom. Flowers a light velvety brown, bordered with bright yellow. Fine for bordering..... | 5 |
| Tagetes Signata Pumila. A plant of dwarf, compact habit, growing in the shape of a globe or ball, perfectly round and uniform. The plant is made dense by thousands of branches and leaves growing as compact as possible. The whole mass is studded with hundreds, nay, thousands, of golden-yellow star-like blossoms, the whole making a plant of striking beauty. For bordering, or as a specimen, it is superb. | 5 |
| Legend of Honor. (See Novelties)..... | 10 |

Mimosa---(Sensitive Plant.)

A curious plant, with delicate fern-like leaves that fold closely together if touched, as though they were wiled by a hot blast. In a short time they again revive. It is a very beautiful plant and one which furnishes endless amusement.

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| Mimosa Rubica. True Sensitive Plant..... | 5 |
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Martynia.

This is grown, both as a vegetable and as a garden flower. See illustration in Vegetable Seed Department. The flowers are Gloxinia-like, and very pretty.

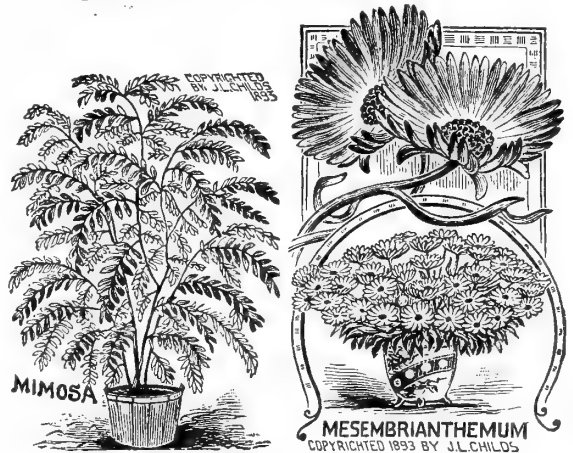
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| Mixed Colors | 5 |
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Myosotis.

The beautiful Forget-me-not is a synonym for faithfulness and undying affection. Beautiful for shady nooks and quiet beds, and exquisite for cutting and for wearing. Like the Pansy, there is something almost human in the expression of these modest little flowers, that look you frankly in the eye as though they had something to tell you. Though perennials, they bloom the first season. They are also fine for pot culture in a shady window where few plants will bloom.

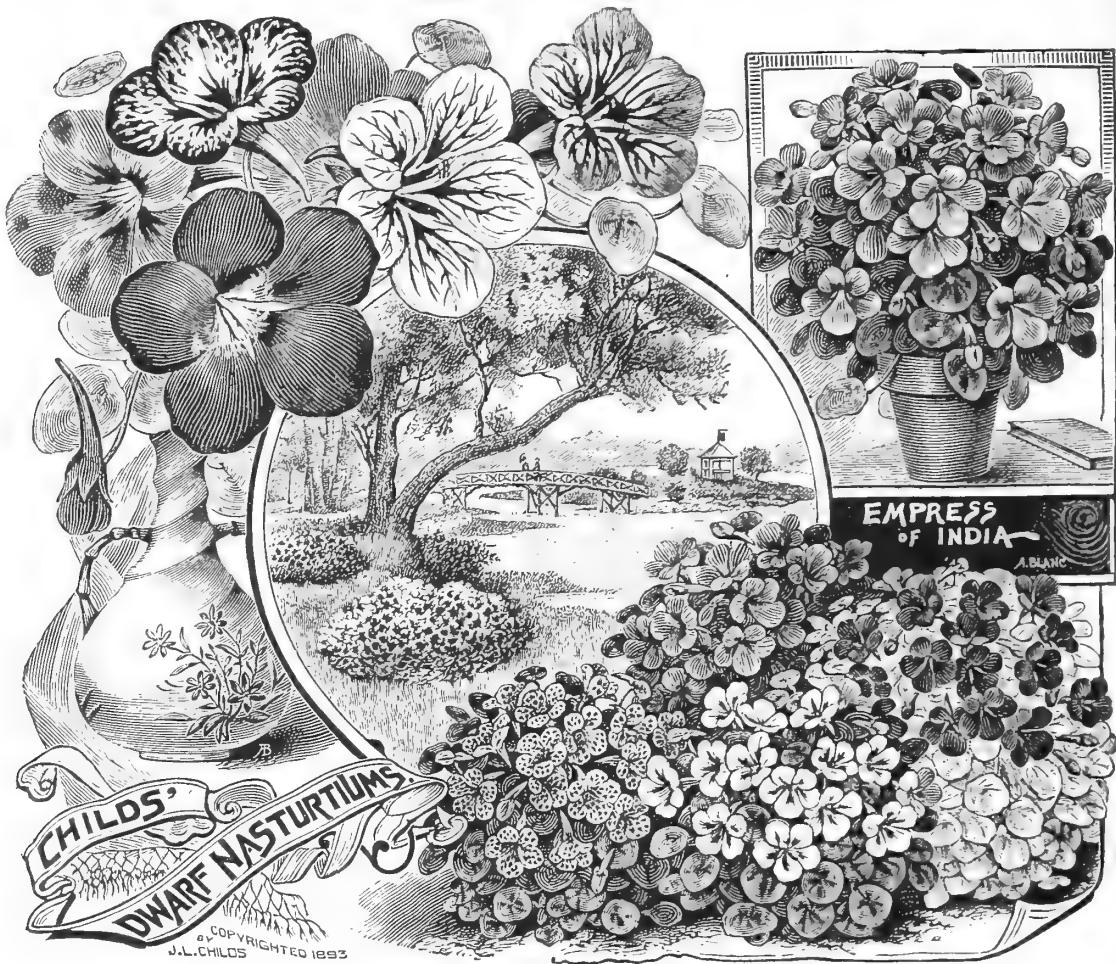
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| Rosea (CLIVENDEN PINK). A charming rose color..... | Per pkt. 5 |
| Palustris. Elegant blue flowers of large size..... | 5 |
| Alpestris. Pure white..... | 5 |
| Elegantissima. Neat pyramidal growth; mixed..... | 10 |
| Dwarf, Mixed Colors. Small, bushy growth, large blossoms..... | 10 |
| Fairy Gem. This is an annual variety that sown in proper ground will bloom in July. Its flowers are a beautiful blue and profusely borne..... | 5 |
- One packet each of the six sorts, 30c.



Mesembryanthemum.

These are the well-known Ice Plants and Dew Plants, succulent plants with peculiar crystallized foliage that sparkles in the sun, as though coated with minute particles of dew or ice. In addition the flowers are numerous and pretty, and the plants bear sun and drouth admirably; 6 inches.

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| Crystallinum (ICE PLANT). Its leaves glisten like ice, and it is one of the most effective basket or vase plants that can be grown..... | 5 |
| Tri-color (DEW PLANT). A lovely trailing plant for pot culture, which bears in great number large blossoms of peculiar beauty. Its leaves look as though they were covered with dew..... | 5 |



Nasturtiums.

If we were asked to name the six best annuals, the Nasturtium would be one of them. They are so easy to grow that a six-year old child could plant them and care for them, and they have every good quality of a bedding plant—compact habit, attractive foliage, intensely bright and beautiful flowers, borne profusely the whole season, not troubled by insects, and standing dry weather well. Do not let seed form, and plant on thin soil.

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| Tom Thumb, Fine Mixed. Our own special mixture, of all colors, no better can be found. Per oz., 20c.; per lb., \$1.50. | 5 |
| Lady Bird. A beautiful bright yellow, stained and blotched with deep crimson. | 10 |
| Empress of India. A fine variety with dark purplish foliage and very dark, rich crimson flowers. Grand for edging or ribbon beds, as its color is so noticeable. | 10 |
| King Theodore. Darkest of all, almost black in color. | 10 |
| Golden King. One of the loveliest shades of yellow we ever saw. Superb bedder. | 10 |
| Coccinea. Bright, flashing scarlet; could not be brighter. | 5 |
| Pearl. The nearest white. Good for contrast. | 10 |
| Rose. A lovely soft shade of rose. | 5 |
| Spotted. Gorgeous in colors and markings. | 5 |
| Beauty. Deep yellow marked with bright scarlet. | 5 |
| Crystal Palace Gem. Sulphur-marked maroon. | 5 |
| King of Tom Thumbs. Deep, velvety scarlet, with handsome dark foliage. Very fine. | 10 |
| Ruby King. An elegant new sort with flowers of large size and a rich ruby red color. A grand sort, and one of the richest colored Nasturtiums in cultivation. | 20 |
| Minus. Miniature Nasturtium, growing only half as large as other varieties. It is very dainty and pretty as an edging to beds of the larger sorts. Many fine colors mixed, per oz., 20c. | 5 |
| Cloth of Gold. Fine to contrast with the green-leaved or dark-foliaged Nasturtiums. Leaves of a clear, bright yellow, while the beautiful flowers are a fine | |

scarlet. It is a superb bedding plant, of compact habit, forming a plant which is a dense mass of foliage and bloom at all times. Must be seen to be appreciated. 10

SPECIAL OFFER. For only 75c. we will send one packet each of above fifteen sorts.



Nigella.

Often called Love-in-a-mist, from the curious way in which the pretty blue blossoms are veiled by the feathery, close-enveloping foliage. 15 inches. An easy and rapid grower of much beauty.

Dwarf Mixed. Blue and white; lovely compact plants, which are in themselves perfect bouquets, so numerous are the blossoms... 5

Hispanica. The Spanish Nigellas are different from the above, and although single the flowers are exceedingly showy and profusely produced. They are hardy, robust and will grow freely in any position. Many fine colors mixed 5



Petunia.

This is a flower for everybody. Few high priced and rare plants can begin to compare with the Petunia for beauty, and not half a dozen other flowers on our list are as showy in beds or masses as it is. We once saw in front of a humble western cabin a great raised bed of Petunias, a perfect cloud of brilliant blossoms that could be seen far over the prairie, gleaming in purple and white, like some great star, and all this wealth of beauty was the product of a ten cent paper of seed. The smallest yard and the finest park is not complete without these butterflies among flowers, that mind neither heat, drouth or rain, but bloom in profusion until the winter is almost upon us. The seed is best started in the house, and the young plants transplanted to open ground one foot apart; but if the soil is made very fine, seed can be sown in open ground and covered lightly. After they are once up they are no trouble to grow.

Per pkt.

- Childs' New Hybrids.** Striped, blotched and stained. Large, funnel-shaped flowers of intense brilliancy and vivid markings. Never out of bloom, and fine for pots 10
- Grandiflora, Mixed.** Very large flowers and fine colors, including beautiful blotch, bordered, striped and veined types 10
- Grandiflora Alba.** Pure white..... 10
- Nana Compacta.** A dwarf bedding Petunia, almost smothered under its load of beautifully variegated flowers, and blooming all summer..... 15
- Fimbriata Titania, Mixed.** Large flowers of various colors, beautifully veined and fringed..... 20
- Ernest Lock.** New. (See Novelties.)..... 15

PETUNIA, NEW GIANT FLOWERED.

A giant flowered strain which originated in California. The Double is particularly fine. Per pkt.

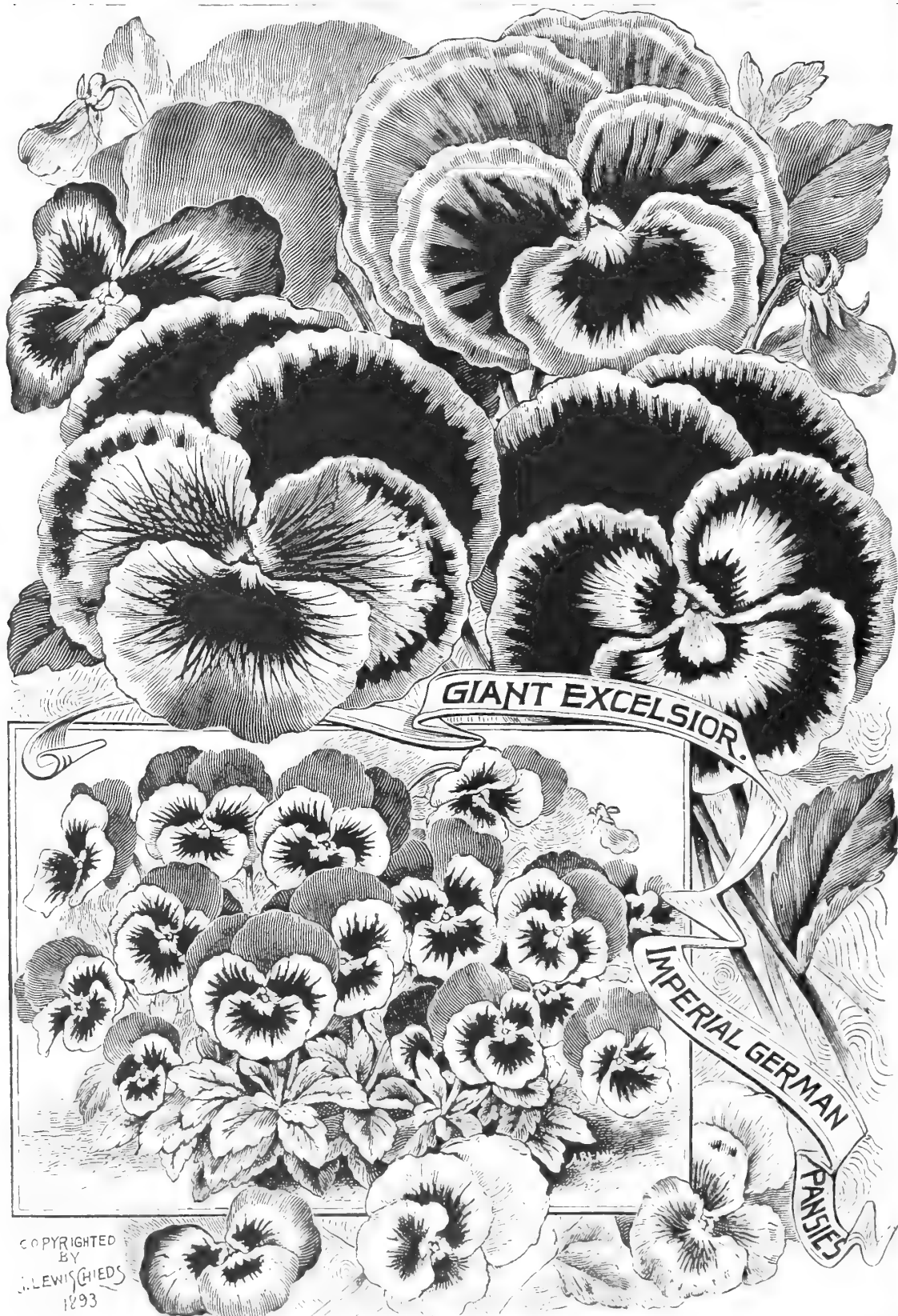
Giant Flowered Double, Mixed Colors. This strain of giant-flowered Petunias originated in California, and it is one of the most valuable new flowers that has ever come from that state. They are the largest and finest colored Petunias ever yet seen. Their size and beauty will be a revelation to all who see them. A larger per cent. comes double from seed than from any other strain we know..... 25

Double White. A very fine pure white flower, and very double. 30 per cent. will come true from seed..... 30

Giant Flowered Single, Mixed Colors. Enormous single flowers of a great variety of superb colors and fancy markings. Exceedingly beautiful..... 20

Mrs. Gould, Ventura, Cal., writes: The strain of California Double Petunia, which you introduced last year, is the finest that has ever been offered. I have tested it in every way side by side with the most costly strains from Europe. The coloring is wonderful and form perfect.

Mr. E. B. Brown, of Maine, says: I grew your Giant Flowered Petunias last year for the first, and must say that they surpass all others I have ever seen, and I grow a good many, as the Petunia is a favorite flower with me. The Doubles are, of course, fine, but I am more than pleased with the Singles. Their size and coloring is wonderful.



GIANT EXCELSIOR

IMPERIAL GERMAN PANIES

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Pansy.

A universal favorite with young and old. Every child sees the face in the Pansy, and, aside from its great beauty, we all treasure it as the symbol of modest worth and true affection. The smallest yard must have its Pansies. Not poor, forlorn plants, struggling unaided with heat and drouth and hard baked ground, though even there yielding us handfuls of cheery bloom; but, rather, strong, vigorous plants, riotous in the cool, deep, mellow beds they love, made rich with fertilizers, kept free from weeds and shaded from the hot afternoon sun. In such a bed one may gather great velvety Pansies by the handfuls, flowers so radiantly beautiful that they scarcely seem of the earth. Although the Pansy loves coolness, and gives its largest, finest blooms in early spring and late autumn, they are so easy to grow that those living in the South can grow superb ones by giving rich bed, sheltered location and abundant water. Sow seed either in house or open ground. In the open ground sow seed very early in spring while the ground is yet cool and moist, for late summer and fall bloom, or in August or September for spring and early summer bloom. For fall sown seed have the bed moist and kept shaded by boards or papers until the plants appear. These will make vigorous plants that will endure the winter if protected by a few evergreen boughs, or other light covering. Do not let the plants seed if you wish to keep them in bloom. Poor Pansy seed is dear at any price. Ours is saved with great care and is the best.

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| | Per pkt. |
| Extra Choice, Large Flowering. Mixed; very good..... | 5 |
| Extra Select Large Belgian. Large, showy flowers..... | 10 |
| Snow Queen. Very large and of snowy whiteness..... | 10 |
| Yellow Bird. A selection of the Giant Trimardeau type with very large flowers of a clear, deep, glossy yellow..... | 15 |
| Cassier's Giant Odier. Seed saved only from selected flowers of the very largest size and most beautiful blotchings. A very distinct strain..... | 15 |
| Bugnot's Superb Mixed. Needs no praise, for it is already famous as the best selection of a noted Pansy fancier. Flowers extraordinary in size and coloring..... | 15 |
| Peacock. A Pansy of superb and varied color, most of them showing that glorious and luminous bronze blue seen only in peacock feathers. It is a finely colored strain and cannot be too highly praised..... | 15 |
| Ne Plus Ultra. A strain of peculiarly rich coloring..... | 10 |
| Trimardeau Giant. A distinct strain, with very large flowers and wide range of coloring..... | 10 |
| Fire King. Fiery yellow and reddish purple, rich and unique coloring..... | 10 |
| Silver Edged. Dark, rich, velvety-purple, with distinct white edge. Lovely for cutting and for funeral work..... | 10 |
| Black Giant-Flowered. A new black Pansy of the largest size; a rich coal black; very fine and striking..... | 20 |
| Childs Superfine, Mixed Colors. See colored plate..... | 50 |
| Giant Excelsior. 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..... | 20 |
| <i>One packet, each of above four-teen sorts for \$1.25.</i> | |

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 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.
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| Gloriosa Perfecta. An indescribably lovely flower, a 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. Fine..... | 10 |
| Thunder Cloud. Another grand Pansy of most unusual markings; large coal-black flowers, each with red and white rim. Extra fine..... | 15 |
| 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 |
| Odier or Five-Spotted, Mixed. Beautifully spotted flowers. A popular variety..... | 10 |
| Large Spotted, Mixed. On white, yellow and reddish grounds; very fine..... | 10 |

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| 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. Unlike any other Pansy, and extra fine for cutting..... | 10 |
| Marbled. Beautifully 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 |
| <i>One packet each of above 15 Imperial Germans for \$1.00.</i> | |



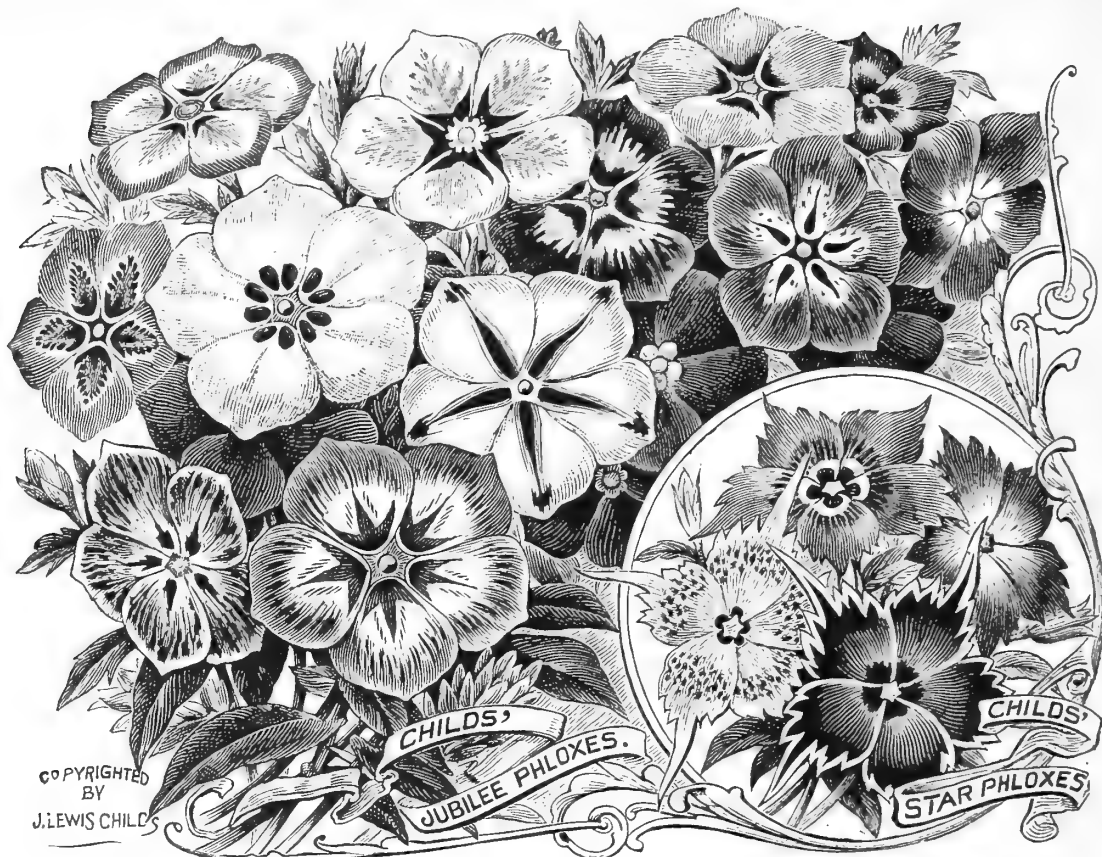
Peas, Trailing.

These are of a trailing and not of a climbing habit, and are dwarf and bushy, differing greatly from the ordinary Sweet Peas. Their flowers are the largest and most beautiful in form and color of all flowering Peas, and will greatly delight all who plant them. They also commence blooming about three weeks earlier than Sweet Peas and continue all summer. Pick off the flowers as fast as they fade.

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| Lord Anson Blue. Clear sky blue, lovely shade..... | 10 |
| Lord Anson White. Pure white..... | 10 |
| <i>One packet of each for 15c.</i> | |

Phacelia Campanulata.

- An easily grown annual that will commence to bloom a month from the time seed is sown in open ground. Erect, cup-shaped flowers of a lovely blue. Flowers profusely and a long time. Its shade of color is one of the rarest and loveliest seen among blues. It is a superb pot plant.
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| Campanularia..... | 5 |
| Congesta. Fine, blue, Myosotis-like blossoms. This is a great honey producer, and should be used largely by those who keep bees. For this purpose we offer it by the ounce. Per oz., 20c..... | 5 |



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Phlox Drummondii.

One of the very best of all bedding annuals is the Phlox Drummondii, surpassing almost every thing else in dazzling brilliancy. We may well be proud of this distinctively American flower, for it is extremely beautiful, neat in growth and an extraordinary bloomer. The newer sorts of Phlox are so far ahead of the older varieties, that we have discarded all the later, and offer none but those beautiful new ones of recent introduction. The Phlox make beautiful ribbon beds when different colors are sown side by side, and are also grand for masses of solid color.

	Per pkt.
Mixed. 30 different colors. Fine for large beds and masses. Per oz., \$1.00.....	10
Coccinea. A rich, velvety scarlet.....	5
Fancy Striped. Very novel and beautiful. Many distinct colors but all striped with white.....	5
Grover Cleveland. A grand bedding sort, large, pure white flowers, with radiant crimson centers. Very fine and effective.....	5
Rosea Alba Oculata. A clear deep rose, with large, pure white eye. A charming color.....	5
Violet Alba Oculata. A rich shade of violet, with large white center.....	5
Yellow. Good for contrast, not as brilliant in color as the scarlet and crimson varieties.....	5
Alba. Large pure white, without markings of any kind. Fine for cutting.....	5
Stellata. Of the most dazzling, deepest scarlet, with a contrasting eye of the snowiest white. This is a wonderfully brilliant bedder, giving a blaze of color that can be seen a long way. Every one should try this sort.....	10
Double White. This Phlox was introduced some years ago, but so small a per cent. of the plants produced double flowers that we have never before offered it. The strain here offered is most excellent and a large per cent. of the plants will produce fine double flowers in great clusters and as white as snow.....	15
Nana Compacta. Small growing, very compact varieties in many brilliant colors. They attain a height of only 6 inches and make a very brilliant carpet of color all summer.....	10

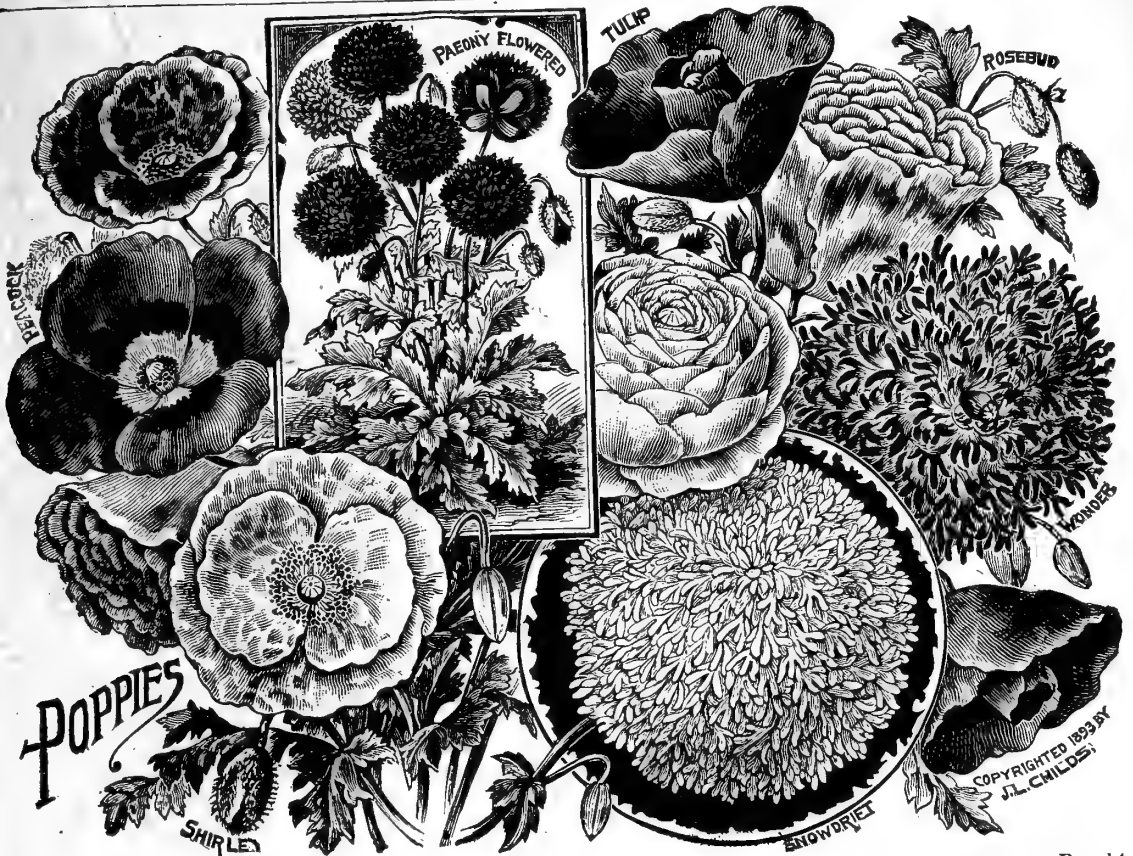
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Childs' Star. Nothing else in the Phlox line has ever created such a sensation as the unique German strains of Fimbriata, Cuspidata, and Star of Queblinburg, when introduced a few years ago. Their large size, and their curiously pointed, fringed, and toothed blooms—utterly unlike anything else—took the floral world by storm. Unfortunately these flowers were muddy and indistinct in coloring. This we undertook to remedy by hybridization between the new incised sorts and the old brilliant sorts of regular form, and we are more than satisfied with our success. We have succeeded in retaining the much admired forms of the German strains, while the colors of our improved hybrids are of every conceivable shade, more than a hundred distinct tints, shades, colors and combinations having been counted among them. Scarcely two plants can be found of the same shape and color. If you want something odd, new and striking, try Childs' Star Phlox..... 10

Childs' Jubilee. This strain of Phlox is as superior to other Phlox of regular outline, as our new Star Phlox are to the ordinary strains of Fimbriata Phlox. The flowers of Childs' Jubilee Phlox are of great substance, beautiful form and uncommon size, while the colors are extraordinarily rich and varied, glowing crim-on, dazzling scarlet, deep rose, soft pink, pale blush, maroon black, lavender purple, and numberless other rare shades, many with contrasting eyes, stripes, or featherings. In habit these new Phloxes are erect, rather than procumbent, and bear their velvety blossoms in great profusion, making them unrivaled for bedding. They are of dwarf stout branching habit, always standing erect, and the individual flowers the size of a twenty dollar gold coin. The grandest of all Phloxes..... 15

SPECIAL OFFER. For only 75c, we will send one packet each of these thirteen finest Phloxes.

For several years one of the chief attractions at Floral Park, and one which pleased visitors greatly has been the acre patch of Childs' Jubilee Phloxes, which we annually grow. Such large flowers, such varied colors, and such a great mass of dazzling brightness cannot be found elsewhere in this country.



Poppies.

Universal garden favorites from the days of our grandmothers. There is nothing more graceful than the silky blooms of single Poppies, nodding at the apex of their long wiry stalks like so many tropical butterflies that a passing zephyr might waft from their airy perch. There is nothing more gorgeous than the double Poppies, bursting with fullness, glowing with color, and like great Peonies or snowballs in size. There are few flowers easier to grow, if the precaution is taken to sow early, and cover lightly, and none more useful to light up dark masses of shrubbery, mixed borders, or dull bits of landscape. Do not wait for warm weather to sow your seed, but sow very early in the spring, or even in the late autumn before, that the plants may have their growth made, ready to bloom at the coming of warm weather. We grow an acre or more of Poppies every year, and no finer seed than we offer can be procured anywhere.

Per pkt.

Wonder. A gloriously beautiful parti-colored Poppy, as double and full as a Peony, each petal part snowy white, part brilliant scarlet, and finely fringed. One of the most novel Poppies ever seen, and one of the most striking. Peonies cannot surpass it in size, majesty or exceeding beauty of coloring. Compact habit, with rank foliage..... 5

Shirley. A lovely single Poppy with petals that seem stamped out of the most lustrous silk, and of the softest, most delicate colors, or of the most brilliant hues, each flower widely margined with some other shade. No one can help admiring these beauties..... 10

Giant Carnation Flowered. Flowers of the very largest size, extremely double, and of very brilliant colors. Many colors mixed..... 5

Childs' Great Peony-Flowered. A strain selected after years of high cultivation and careful selection. Plants attain a height of three feet or more, and bear many flowers of most brilliant colors..... 10

Peacock (PAPAUA UMBROSA). Dazzlingly beautiful. Fiery scarlet flowers with vivid black centers, and borne on long wiry stems. One of the showiest of all..... 5

Japanese Pompon. An early and profuse blooming Poppy, with small flowers, round as a ball, and double to the center. They are in every color—pink, crimson, rose, scarlet, bluish, etc..... 10

Angel of Midnight. Black. A most unusual color and an odd and interesting one. It contrasts finely with the brighter colored sorts, its dull sombre color being very conspicuous..... 10

Childs' Rosette. A sport from Snowdrift, that originated at Floral Park. The plant is a taller grower than the Snowdrift, with flowers even larger, but of the same beautiful shape, while the color is an exquisitely soft delicate pink, and the petals elegantly fringed. About one-half the plants will come true to color while the others will vary, showing different shades and tints, but all beautiful..... 10

Snowdrift. This grand variety was introduced by us, and there is no finer Poppy grown. Flowers as pure as the driven snow, large, double and full, yet soft and loose like a great ball of snow. A mass of it in bloom is a grand sight. Its habit of growth is stout and compact, not attaining the height of most other large Poppies, which makes its enormous blossoms show to better advantage..... 10

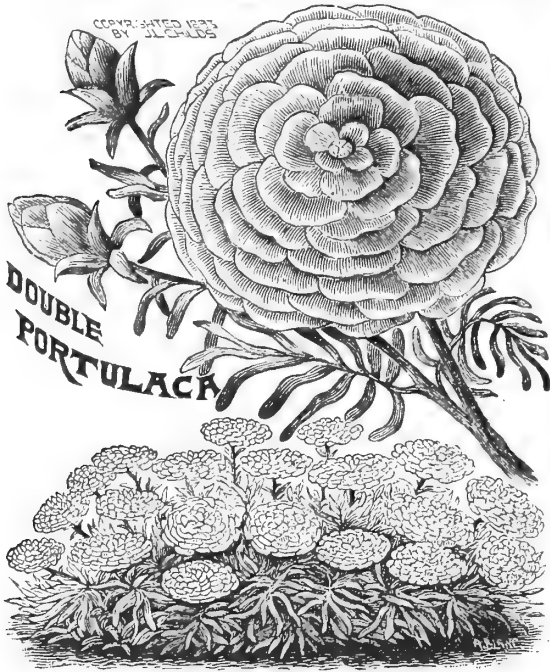
Rosebud. Some of our customers think these Poppies the prettiest of all. Dainty little flowers, like silken rosettes, cupped like Roses. Some of these are exquisitely mottled and shaded, while others are solid colors, or margined with other shades. The coloring of these Rosebud Poppies is something wonderful, and must be seen to be appreciated. Intense scarlet crimson, pink rose, white bluish, mottled, fringed, etc..... 10

Nudicaule or Iceland Poppies. Perennials, but bloom first year. Very handsome and graceful, and particularly desirable because they furnish us with a color hitherto lacking in these flowers. The yellow and orange shades are particularly fine, and the white is very pure..... 10

Tulip Flowered. A new Poppy of great brilliancy and beauty, having a flower which in shape and color resembles a great flaming Tulip. Its color is most intense scarlet, and it blooms at least two weeks earlier than any other Poppy. One of the most valuable novelties last year..... 10

Blushing Bride. Superb new sort. For full description see Novelties..... 20

SPECIAL OFFER. For only 60 cents we will send one packet each of these thirteen Poppies.



Portulaca.

The Portulaca will stand more abuse than almost any other flower. They do not like deep shade, or wet, damp soil, but in any other situation they only ask the sowing, they will take care of themselves afterwards. The dryer the weather and the hotter the sun, the more they flourish, carpeting the ground with their mat of succulent foliage, that during the fore part of the day is almost hidden by clouds of gay blossoms, in every color of the rainbow. Fine for bordering walks, rock work and bedding. Beautiful in ribbon beds, and as they can be transplanted even in full bloom it is easy enough to remove any single or off-colored ones, and replace them with others as they bloom. 6 inches high. Per pkt.

- Grandiflora, Mixed Colors.** White, crimson, rose, scarlet, yellow, striped, etc. Very brilliant..... 5
- Double Rose-Flowered, Mixed Colors.** Large blossoms, as double as Roses, and of the greatest variety of colors and variegations. Our seed is extra choice and will produce large double flowers..... 15
- Double Yellow.** Fine brilliant color..... 15
- Scarlet.** Clear and bright..... 15
- White.** Pure and beautiful..... 15

One paper each of above five sorts, 50c.



Solanum.

Easily grown plants with ornamental fruit. Especially fine for pots and last a long time in beauty. The fruit takes on different shapes and colors and are also different in growth and habit of bearing.

- Mixed Sorts.** Various sizes, shapes and colors; all highly ornamental..... 5
- Racemigerum.** A highly ornamental sort, bearing a profusion of 'currant-like' fruit..... 10

Schizanthus.

The "Butterfly Flower." An easily grown plant, bearing quantities of gay, butterfly-like blooms, beautifully marked and spotted. The plants are such profuse bloomers that each branch looks like an immense panicle of lovely bloom.

- Mixed Colors.** Improved large flowering. Lovely..... 5
- White Butterfly.** Pure white, like lovely butterflies. New and lovely..... 10
- Papilionaceous.** Lovely butterfly-like blossoms of gay colors, being a rich dark violet with yellow and crimson markings..... 10

Silene—(Catchfly.)

An old and very popular garden flower, the double varieties of which have recently been greatly improved and many fine new ones added of various colors, white, pink, crimson. The blossoms are double and perfect like roses. A fine garden flower.

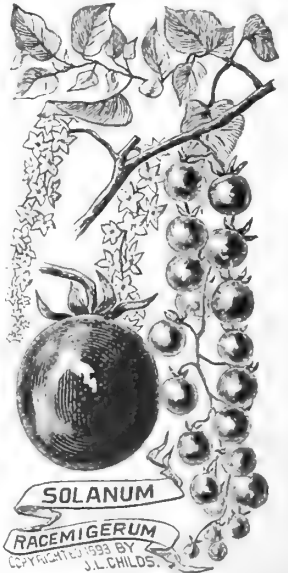
- Double Mixed.** Extra fine..... 5
- Snow King.** Large, globular; pure snow white and very double..... 10

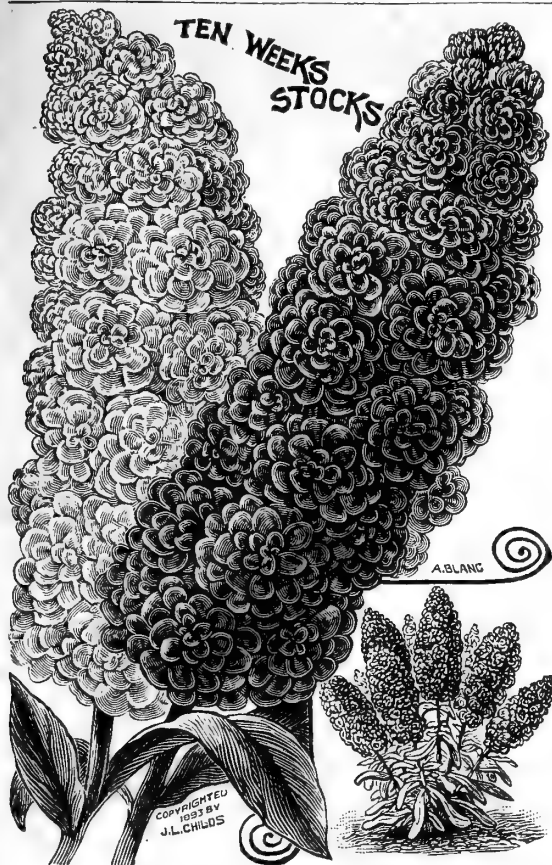


Scabiosa.

This is one of the very best bouquet flowers of our entire list, and is also fine for masses or clumps in the flower garden. Each plant bears a profusion of beautiful flowers, rich, velvety, glowing, and unlike any other flower, while the long, wiry stems fit them for use in bouquets and vases. Sow seed early in open ground, and they are almost sure to succeed. They are very hardy, and plants frequently endure the winter, and do even better the second season than the first. While all colors of Scabiosa are fine, the rich, coal black and velvety royal purples find most admirers.

- Mixed Colors (MOURNING BRIDE)**..... Per pkt. 5
- Double, Mixed Colors.** Dwarf habit; fine colors..... 5
- Snow Ball.** The plant is a strong grower, and the flowers are very large, perfectly double, and as white as snow. They are produced very freely, and are attractive..... 10
- Golden Dwarf.** A dwarf sort with yellow foliage, and doubly coal black blossoms. It makes a unique plant..... 10
- Royal Velvet.** Each head of this variety when in full bloom may well be named a ready-made nosegay, composed as it is of 20 or 30 distinct florets of a velvety purple color on which the white stamens contrast finely..... 10





Ten-Weeks Stocks.

To our mind we do not catalogue a finer flower than the Ten-weeks Stock. It has every merit of a perfect flower—a compact habit, many and long spikes of closely-set, large double flowers, each as double as a rose, waxy of texture, exceedingly sweet, and varying in color from snow white to dark maroon brown, and through all intermediate shades of red, blue and yellow. It is a grand bedder, and a fine pot plant, blooming the winter through. It develops in its greatest perfection in the cold atmosphere of our Northern States. In the South and West a cool situation should be chosen, sheltered from the midday sun. This plant requires rich, mellow soil, and must never be allowed to suffer for water. Poor care will result in poor flowers. It is worse than useless to plant inferior seed of this flower, that has been brought to its present high standard by careful breeding and high cultivation. Our seed is of the very best, and will please all who try it.

	Per pkt.
Early Ten Weeks. 12 of the finest colors mixed.....	10
“ “ “ Pure white, very sweet.....	10
“ “ “ Rich crimson.....	10
“ “ “ Clear blue.....	10
“ “ “ Yellow, new and fine.....	10

Dwarf German. Mixed colors. An extra fine strain of large flowered stocks..... 10

New Largest Flowering Globe Pyramidal. One of the finest of all. Immense spikes of grand flowers, in almost rainbow colors. We have counted twenty-three different shades in a single bed of these flowers, in bloom at one time..... 15

Giant Perfection. One of the finest for the open ground, growing to the height of 2½ feet, flowers also of immense size. Many beautiful colors mixed..... 15

Snowflake. A superb variety. Flowers as perfect as though cut out of wax. Much grown as a pot flower for cool rooms..... 15

Victoria Blood Red. A fine companion to the Snowflake, and grand for cutting. Deep and rich in color, and very fragrant..... 10

Celestial Blue. A beautiful color, and contrasts admirably with the two sorts above..... 10

Tree. Mixed colors; a gigantic branching sort..... 10

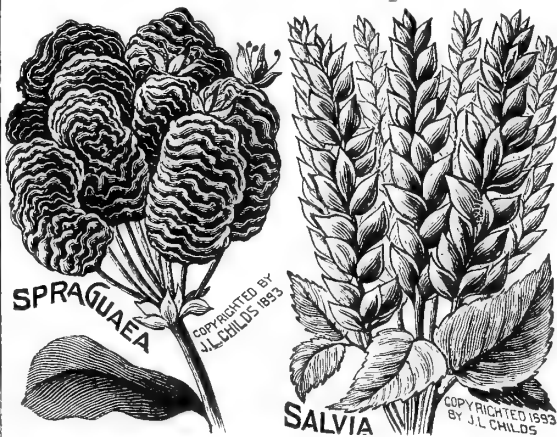
One packet each of the twelve sorts for \$1.00.



Salpiglossis.

An exceedingly beautiful flower, and an extra fine and brilliant bedder. Large, lovely, funnel-shaped blossoms of velvety texture, and with deeply sunken veins, penciled and shaded with the richest tracings on a groundwork of the most pleasing colors. It stands the sun well, and some of the showiest beds we have ever seen have been of this beautiful and easily grown annual. Per pkt.

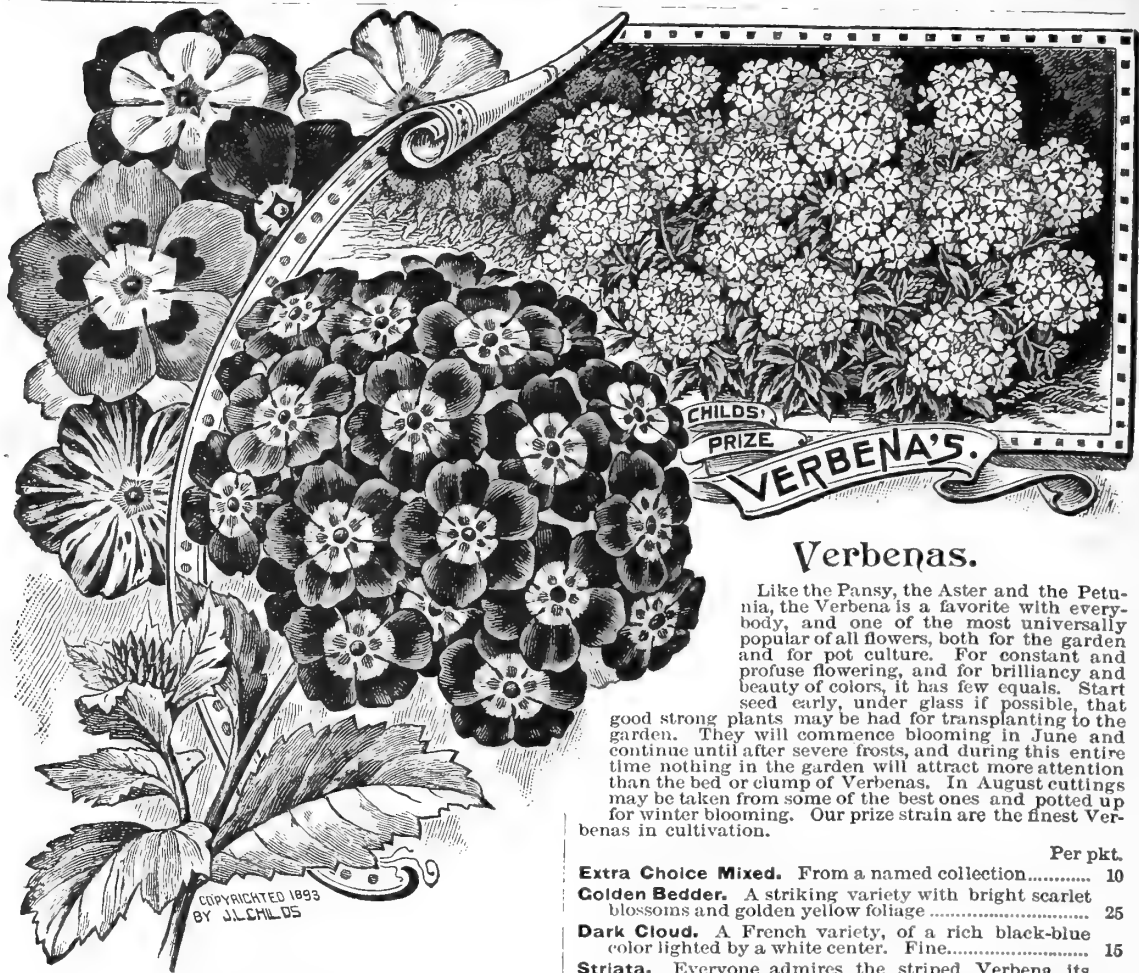
Mixed Colors. Many beautiful shades..... 5
Grandiflora, Mixed Colors. A grand new strain with enormous blossoms, possessing the most varied, brilliant and fantastic markings imaginable. The staining, penciling and blending of the colors is wonderfully fine..... 10



Salvia.

The Salvia is now a standard bedding plant, and well does it deserve its honor. It stands heat and drouth remarkably well, and its colors are very showy and intense. Seed is best started under glass, though self-sown seed frequently comes up in great numbers where a bed of these plants has been the year previous. Cuttings are easily rooted in August and September, and make fine winter blooming plants for sunny windows.

Splendens. Large, scarlet; exceedingly showy and useful for cutting and for ornamental beds.....	10
Patens. A most lovely shade of blue.....	25
Carduacua. Light blue.....	5
Splendens Compacta. Fine dwarf form of the old variety; very brilliant and free flowering; fine for pots...	15



Verbenas.

Like the Pansy, the Aster and the Petunia, the Verbena is a favorite with everybody, and one of the most universally popular of all flowers, both for the garden and for pot culture. For constant and profuse flowering, and for brilliancy and beauty of colors, it has few equals. Start seed early, under glass if possible, that

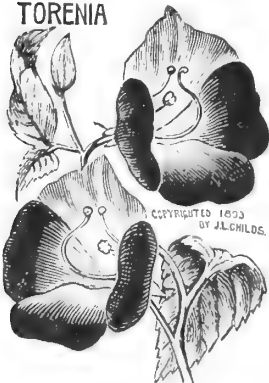
good strong plants may be had for transplanting to the garden. They will commence blooming in June and continue until after severe frosts, and during this entire time nothing in the garden will attract more attention than the bed or clump of Verbenas. In August cuttings may be taken from some of the best ones and potted up for winter blooming. Our prize strain are the finest Verbenas in cultivation.

Spraguaea.

A singular plant in both leaf and flower. The woolly pink and crimson flowers are borne in umbels above the foliage. The flowers remain perfect a long time, and are often dried and used for winter bouquets. The leaves are of a dark bronzy color, odd and attractive.

Umbellata. Very curious and unknown, which will attract much attention. 10

Torenia



Torenia.

A class of beautiful trailing plants bearing at all times a profusion of very handsome flowers. They are alike valuable for pots or for the garden.

Fournieri Compacti. Neat, compact habit and abundance of flowers. Color lavender blue with large indigo blotches. 10

White Wings. Lovely snow white blossoms and pretty foliage. A superb little plant. 10

Vinea.

Lovely garden or pot plants, producing a profusion of bright blossoms at all times.

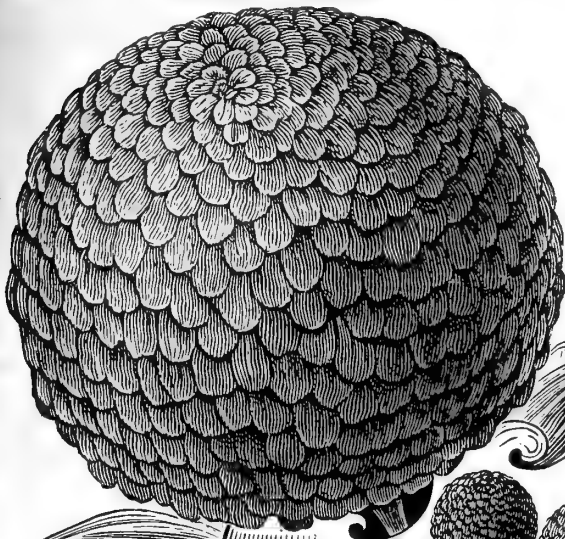
Mixed Colors. White, pink, etc 5

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| Extra Choice Mixed. From a named collection..... | 10 |
| Golden Bedder. A striking variety with bright scarlet blossoms and golden yellow foliage | 25 |
| Dark Cloud. A French variety, of a rich black-blue color lighted by a white center. Fine..... | 15 |
| Striata. Everyone admires the striped Verbena, its colors are so clear and vividly contrasted. This is a particularly selected strain..... | 10 |
| Primrose. A great advance toward the coveted yellow Verbena. A soft, pale yellow, or primrose, very pleasing and constant..... | 20 |
| Odorata. A peculiar Verbena, entirely distinct from any other sort. A very hardy, quick grower, blooming in spikes instead of flat clusters, and holding its white blossoms erect. It is sweet-scented and a profuse bloomer, and plants are compact and dwarf. May be sown early in open ground..... | 10 |

Childs' Prize. Famous as the finest strain of Verbena known. We grow four acres of these superb flowers, and we know what we are talking about when we say they are the finest of all Verbenas. The plants are vigorous and short jointed, and perfect sheets of bloom. The trusses are very large, the flowers of mammoth size, perfect form, and embrace the richest and most velvety colors. They are also delicately sweet scented. The range of color is great and shades are mostly very delicate and dainty. In coloring they are, in fact, perfectly exquisite, there being very little of the common old blue and purple colors among them. In their place, we have delicate blushes, lavender, pinks, velvety indigos, intense scarlets, whites, mottled, striped, variegated, etc., in fact, a thousand different colors and combinations.

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| Childs' Prize Mixed Colors. Hundreds of delicate shades. Finest Verbenas grown | 20 |
| Childs' Prize Pure White. Comes absolutely true from seed. Great trusses of snowy blossoms of exquisite fragrance. | 20 |
| Childs' Prize Scarlet. Like the above, except in color, which is a very intense scarlet..... | 20 |

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| | Per pkt. |
| Improved Striped. A good strain, representing all the leading colors, but all striped..... | 10 |
| Fire Ball. Dwarf habit, large double blossoms of intense scarlet, as round and perfect as a ball. It makes a fine border or mass, its bright color and perfect habit showing to great advantage..... | 10 |
| Snow Ball. Exactly like Fire Ball except color, which is snow white, and makes a charming contrast..... | 10 |
| Lilliput, Mixed Colors. This strain is the acme of beauty and perfection in Zinnias. Plants small and of bushy growth, each one bearing scores of beautiful little blossoms of the most perfect shape and brilliant colors. These charming little Zinnias are gems indeed, and should be in every garden..... | 10 |

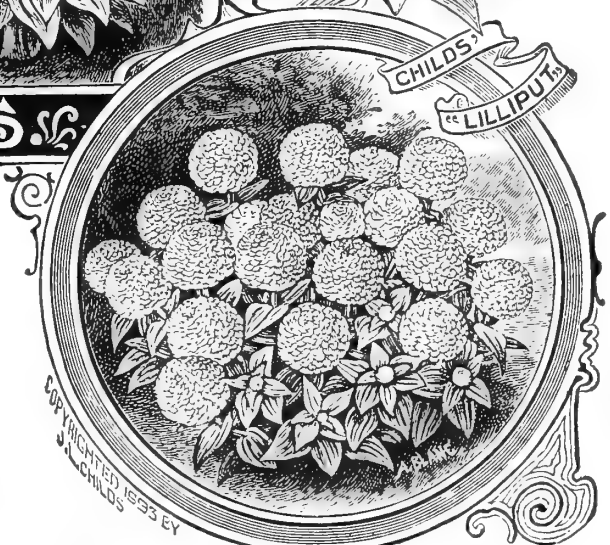


ZINNIAS

Zinnia.

From earliest childhood the Zinnia has been a special favorite with us, and the strain which we cultivated in our first little garden we still grow and sell as our improved. We have selected the stock seed every year for twenty-five years. This careful attention has brought it to wonderful perfection. The Zinnia is a robust free grower, furnishing an abundance of large double blossoms, which are of varied and brilliant colors, during the entire summer and fall. Each flower keeps perfect for six weeks before fading, and each plant is a great mass of bloom all the time, making a show which is peculiar. Nothing else can fill their place. Seed should be started inside or sown in the garden about corn-planting time.

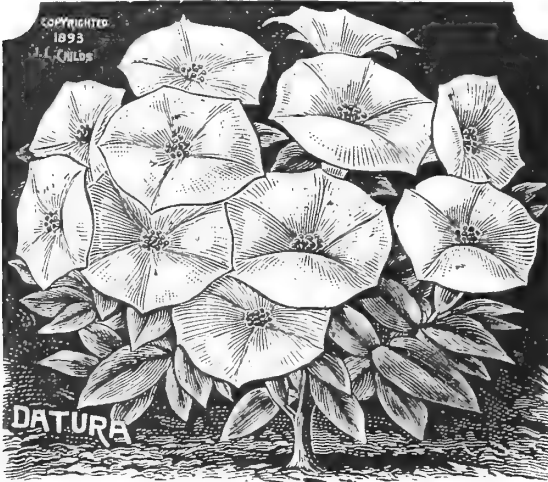
Childs' Improved, Mixed Colors. Saved only from select flowers, perfect in shape and color. The finest strain of Zinnia in cultivation. Every plant will produce immense double blossoms of various colors, from white to deep crimson, maroon, pink, yellow, orange, scarlet, violet, primrose, buff, striped, etc. Every plant will give fine double flowers. Single and poor flowers long ago disappeared from this strain..... 10



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| Double Yellow. Blossoms large and bright golden yellow..... | 10 |
| <i>One packet each of the six sorts for 50c.</i> | |

EVENING BLOOMERS.

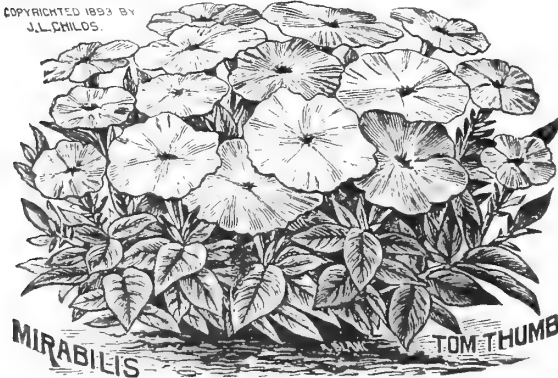
There are a few flowers which are in bloom only from four o'clock in the afternoon until about ten o'clock next morning, but they are as fascinating as is the song of the whippoorwill which, during our still summer evenings, is poured forth in all its sadness and sweetness—truly a fit companion for the unsurpassed loveliness and sweetness of Evening Bloomers. Plant a bed of these fascinating flowers by all means and visit them during evening twilight and while the dew is fresh upon them in the morning. It will surely be a rest for the weary and a feast for the soul. The following are the best, and every one a gem which can not be omitted.



Datura.—("Sweet Nightingale.")

One of the finest garden flowers. Plants rapid and bushy growers, crowned with great, lily-like blooms a foot in length, like an enormous trumpet, white as snow and deliciously scented. It is a fine plant for the center of a bed of evening bloomers or to use at the base of a rockery. One plant in bloom will scent up a whole garden or lawn with the most delicious fragrance. Per pkt., 10c.

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Mirabilis.

Much used in the now popular "evening" beds, and also for summer hedges, low screens, etc., for which their uniform, bushy growth well adapt them. Plants are crowded for months with innumerable silk-like flowers of the most ravishing colors, and exhaling a delicious perfume. Indeed, the celebrated "Jockey Club" perfume is made from Longiflora. These flowers owe their common name of "Four-o'clock" to the regularity with which their beautiful flowers open at that hour each afternoon, remaining expanded until 10 o'clock the next forenoon.

- Improved Mixed Colors. White, scarlet, yellow, etc. 5
- Tom Thumb. Mixed colors. A new dwarf strain of great beauty. Grows only 12 inches high, and each plant is a compact mass of lovely yellowish leaves, which in evening are hidden by hundreds of gay blossoms of all colors and variegations..... 10
- Longiflora. Mixed colors. Lovely fragrant blossoms. 5



Nicotiana.

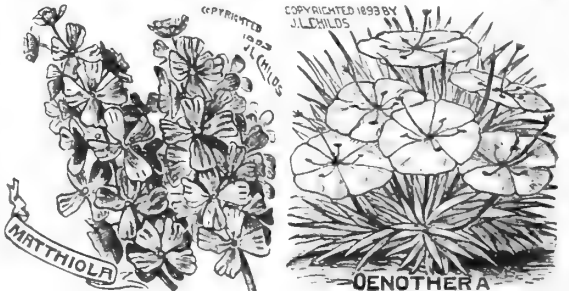
Fine for separate clumps or masses, or for the center of beds of evening bloomers. One of the easiest of all plants to grow, and equally fine for out-door culture or for winter blooming in pots. Its long, tubular, star-pointed flowers are pure white, exceedingly fragrant and very profusely borne. It is one of the few plants that will flower well without a single ray of direct sunshine, and for shaded grounds or north windows is invaluable.

- Affinis. Three feet high, with hundreds of fragrant blossoms borne for months without intermission..... 5
- Decurrens. A dwarfier and more branching variety than Affinis, equally as beautiful and even more profuse..... 10

Oenothera—(Evening Primrose.)

Large, saucer-shaped blooms of the purest white, or softest, richest shades of yellow, and deliciously fragrant. The swollen buds expand at dusk with a sudden "snap" that always delights the children and interests the adults. Seed can be sown in the open ground, and plants will soon be in bloom.

- Mixed Colors. Very showy..... 10



Matthiola.

Allied to the Ten-Weeks Stocks. Produces at evening graceful spikes of pink flowers, which are elegant for their lovely fragrance.

- Bicolorius. Lovely evening flower..... 5

ORNAMENTAL CLIMBERS.

Every garden, every cottage, every fence, wall, stump, or old tree is beautified by the graceful and profuse flowering vines here offered. Vines are nature's draperies and are essential to any and every attempt to beautify one's home surroundings. Beautiful, beautiful vines, many an unsightly object do they cover, many a lovely screen or fence or trellis do they make, masses of beautiful blossoms and grateful shade do they furnish. The following selection is all that can be desired among annual climbers. Our Sweet Peas, Morning Glories and Nasturtiums are particularly fine. In the Nursery Department of this Catalogue will be found hardy perennial vines of great beauty and usefulness.



Canary Bird Flower.

A dainty vine, with beautiful cut-leaves and pretty, delicate flowers of a clear canary yellow. From the color of its blossoms and also from a fancied resemblance of their shape to a bird with wings expanded, the plant obtains its common name. A pretty vine for the window or for a sheltered location out of doors.

Per pkt.

Triæolum Canariensis, or Canary Bird Flower..... 10

Cypress Vine.

One of the prettiest vines imaginable; slender vines, thickly clothed with dark green feathery foliage of great beauty, and dotted with intensely bright, velvety, little flowers that shine like little stars against their glossy background of green. - Fine for training to small trellises or to run up poles or strings.

Mixed Colors. White, pink, scarlet..... 5

Cobæa.

One of the finest of all climbers, equally good for out of door or for house culture. Pretty foliage, and large, beautiful bell-shaped flowers that open a clear green, but turn to a lovely purplish blue. Plant seed edgewise in moist, but not wet soil; cover to prevent evaporation, and do not water again unless soil becomes very dry. When seedlings appear, water with great moderation until out of the seed-leaf.

Scandens. Fine bluish purple..... 10

Alba. Fine pure white..... 20

Gourds.

Well-known climbers with the most fantastic and grotesque fruits imaginable. Fine for covering sheds, training over fences or brush piles, and always sure to attract the attention of the children, who love to play with the pretty striped and oddly crooked fruits. Many of these fruits keep perfect for years, being hard shelled.

Per pkt.

Mixed Sorts. All sizes, shapes and color..... 10

Fragrant. Oval round fruits 2 to 3 inches long, and nearly as thick through. Pretty striped or mottled shells, the inside filled with musk melon-like flesh and seeds. Children carry the cunning little fruits around as playthings, and housekeepers place them on mantels and brackets as ornaments. One fruit will perfume a room with the most delicious odor, and will last for weeks without rotting..... 10

Maurandya.

This vine is not grown half as much as it deserves to be. It has an exceedingly graceful habit, very handsome, dense foliage, pretty foxglove-like blossoms borne in great profusion, and keeps green until after severe frosts. A beautiful vine for hanging baskets, with its dainty white, maroon, and rose-colored blossoms.

Mixed Colors. White, pink, purple, etc..... 5

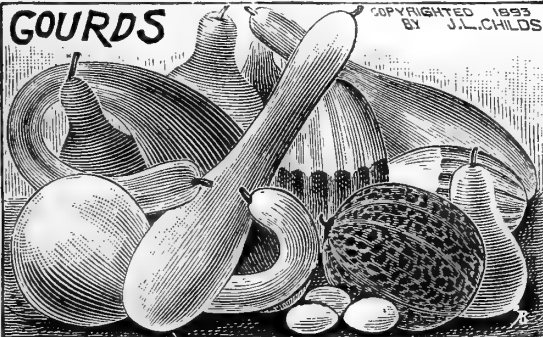
Momordica.

(Balsam Apple.)

A slender vine of moderate growth, with pretty pale yellow flowers, and showy, curious fruits of a dull orange and green color, that when ripe burst open, displaying a bright carmine center. It is very ornamental, even more so than a Gourd.

Charantina, or Balsam Pear, very fine indeed and a novel variety which is hardly ever seen in any garden.....10

Mixed Sorts. Several Varieties..... 5



SWEET PEAS

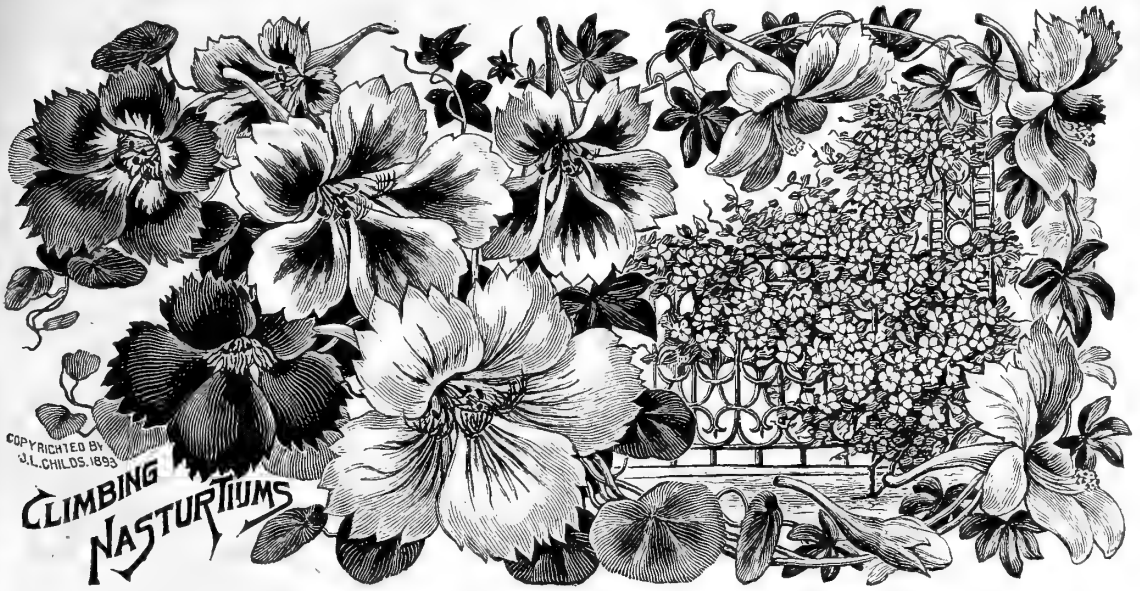


Sweet Peas.

One of the dear old flowers that will never go out of fashion. Everyone who has a yard ought to grow quantities of this sweetest of all flowers, that is not only a beautiful low-growing vine for garden and decoration, but one of the most useful of all in furnishing material for vases, bouquets and all cut flower work. Plant quantities of these lovely flowers and cut them with a lavish hand. Their presence will bring pleasure in the sick room, adorn your friends' otherwise empty vases, and make happy the flower-hungry children, with no pretty yards and flowers of their own; for every flower you pick, two will come to fill its place. Easy to grow anywhere if sown early, very early. For the largest and finest blossoms, dig a trench six inches deep, put in two inches of rotted manure, a little earth, and sow the seeds over this three inches apart in the row, covering an inch and a half deep. Do this as early as the ground can possibly be worked in the spring, and as the plants grow, fill up the trench around them with rich earth. This gives the roots the cool, deep setting they most appreciate, and if not allowed to suffer from lack of moisture, such planting will produce enormous quantities of flowers of the very largest size. Among the following are Eckford's finest new varieties.

	Pkt.	oz.
Scarlet Invincible. The well-known deep scarlet.....	5	20
Pure White. Very fine for cutting.....	5	20
Adonis. A fine shade of carmine rose.....	5	20

	Pkt.	oz.
Black. Dark purplish black.....	5	20
Butterfly. Pure white laced with blue. Lovely.....	5	20
Crown Princess. Delicate, bright blush.....	10	40
Dark Red. A rich shade.....	5	20
Fairy Queen. Beautiful white and rose.....	10	40
Grand Blue. A very pleasing bright color.....	10	40
Indigo King. A deep, rich blue. New.....	15	50
Princess of Wales. White, striped with blue.....	15	50
Empress of India. Clear, soft rose. Grand.....	10	40
Monarch. Bronzy crimson, with rich deep-blue wings.....	10	40
Mrs. Gladstone. Delicate pink and blush. Lovely.....	10	40
Mrs. Sankey. Extra large, snow white; three on a stem.....	15	50
The Senator. Chocolate shaded and striped.....	15	50
The Queen. Soft pink with Mauve wings.....	10	40
Lottie Eckford. Large wings, white edged with delicate blue.....	10	40
Bovilton. Deep maroon, large and stout.....	10	40
Orange Prince. Bright orange pink, flushed scarlet wings, deep rose-veined pink.....	10	40
Isa Eckford. Creamy white, mottled pink.....	10	40
Splendor. Large purplish rose. Very fine.....	10	40
Queen of England. Splendid pure white.....	10	40
Princess Louise. Rich rosy pink with blue wings.....	10	40
Cardinal. Fine rich cardinal red.....	10	40
Primrose. Fine primrose yellow. New and fine.....	10	40
Queen of the Isles. Scarlet mottled with white.....	20	75
Painted Lady. Pink and white. A lovely flower.....	5	20



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**CLIMBING
NASTURTIUMS**

Sweet Peas—(Continued.)

Violet Queen. A beautiful shade of violet.....	Pkt. oz.	5	20
Vesuvius. An especial favorite. Unlike any other Sweet Pea in its coloring. Rosy upper petals with distinct markings, shading into purple at the throat. Lower petals a velvety violet, shading into lilac.....	10	40	
Bianche Ferry. The prettiest pink-and-white variety of all. Vine unusually bushy and compact, so that it can be grown without support, if necessary, and very profuse in bloom, the flowers being of the very largest size and of the finest coloring. Very pretty in masses.....	10	30	
Mixed Colors. Extra fine, per lb., \$1; ¼ lb., 30c.....	5	10	
Eckford's Grand Mixture. All the grandest new large flowering sorts, per lb., \$2.....	10	20	

Tropaeolum—(Nasturtium.)

This is the climbing Nasturtium, and can be used as a bedder by pegging the long shoots to the ground, as a low-climber for window or screen, or used as a house climber in winter. It is never molested by insects, and is a quick, clean grower that soon covers itself with flowers of the brightest, richest colors. Everyone likes it who tries it. It withstands heat and drouth well, and if not allowed to seed too freely, will bloom for many months.

Lobblanum or Oriole. Mixed colors; many shades, and all with fine fimbriated petals. Colors intense and very striking. Elegant window climbers.....	20
Mixed Colors. Per oz., 20c.....	10

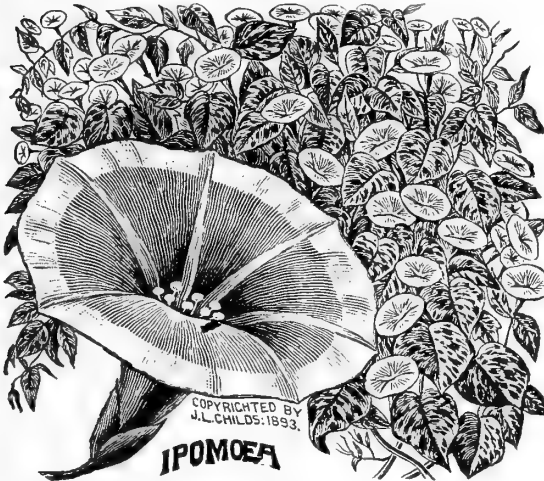
Convolvulus Major.

(Morning Glory.)

The old-fashioned Morning Glory, as easy to grow as any weed. Brilliant beautiful flowers of every shade of white, blue, pink, scarlet and variegated. The standard vine of every flower grower.

Pure White	5
Dark Red	5
Dark Blue	5
Striped, Red and white	5
Black. See Novelties.....	10
Mixed Colors. Per oz. 15c.....	5

One packet each of above five sorts, 20c.

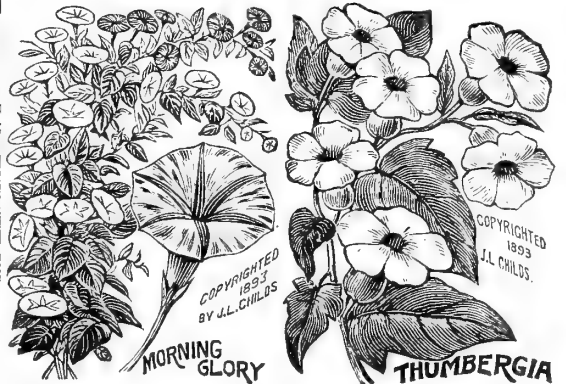


IPOMOEA

Ipomoea.

Closely allied to the Morning Glories, but larger, and the colors, if possible, more beautiful. Rapid growers, mostly with handsome foliage, and exceedingly lovely flowers.

Mixed Colors. Very fine, all colors.....	5
Beauty of Floral Park. Has beautiful foliage, light green leaves marbled with white, while its large flowers are a deep magenta red, bordered with a wide band of white; very fine.....	10
Cracillis. A graceful vine of rapid growth, well fitted for screens or large trellises. The flowers are of a light scarlet color and very profusely borne.....	10



MORNING GLORY

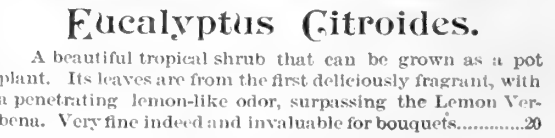
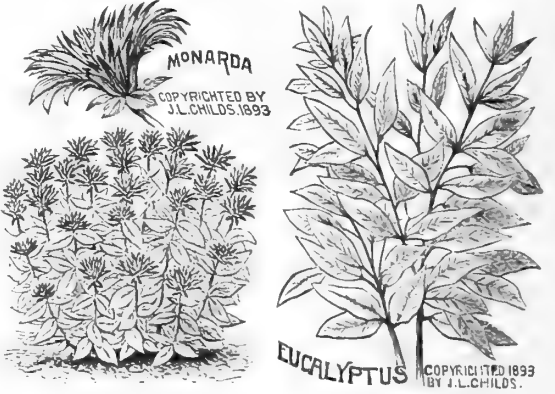
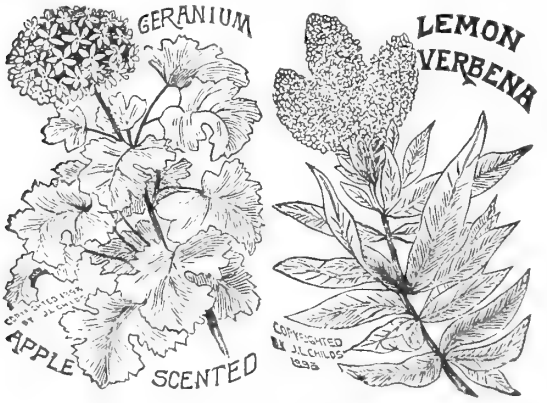
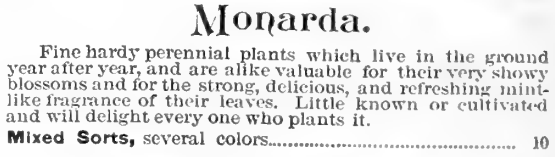
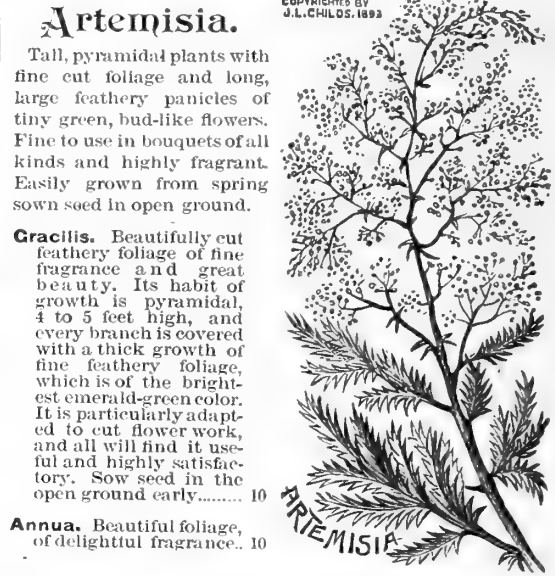
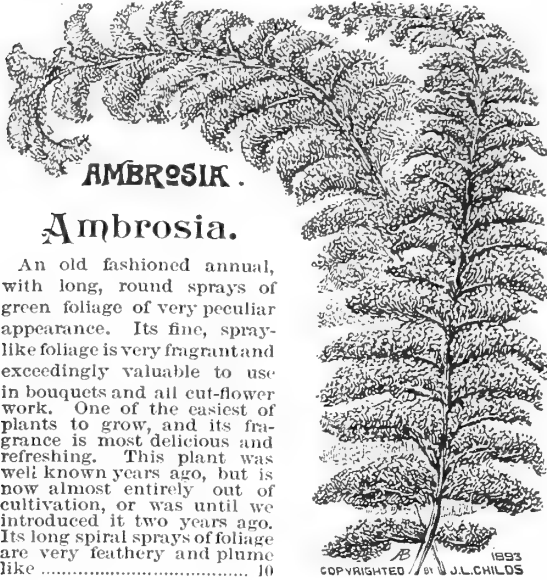
THUNBERGIA

Thunbergia.

Beautiful trailing plants for beds, low screens or hanging baskets. Slow to start from seed, but grow well and can be rooted easily from cuttings. Blossoms yellow, orange, buff and white, with various colored eyes. Sometimes called "Black-eyed Susan." All colors, mixed.....

PLANTS WITH FRAGRANT FOLIAGE.

This is a charming collection of lovely scented foliage plants which are really indispensable for bouquet making and for the arrangement of cut flowers in any manner. A certain amount of bright, clear, green foliage is necessary and if that foliage can be delightfully fragrant all the better. These six sorts are all just splendid—bright, refreshing and graceful with a fragrance which is delicious. They all grow easily and rapidly from seed, and all who plant them will be greatly delighted.



Musk Plants.

Mimulus Moschatus. A fine plant, with foliage highly musk-scented. Makes a splendid pot plant..... 5

Malva Moschata. The old perennial musk plant which used to be in every garden, but now seldom seen. Perfectly hardy, and produces quantities of large Petunia-like flowers, pink or white. A grand old plant..... 10

Chamomile.

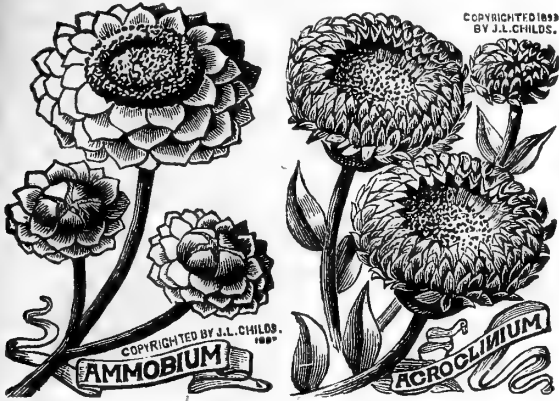
An old and favorite plant, of fine fragrance.

Matricaria Chamomilla..... 10

SPECIAL OFFER. One packet each of these ten finest scented foliage plants for only 50c.

EVERLASTING FLOWERS.

Flowers of eternal beauty—those which never fade—are offered on this page. They are unsurpassed for winter decoration and may be made up into bouquets, baskets, vases, etc. They last for years by being cut and dried when in bud and blossom. The following are all exceedingly beautiful and easily grown.



Ammobium, Alatum.

A very useful everlasting. Plant robust, and great bloomer. Flowers pure white, and very double. Dry as recommended for Acroclinium, and be sure to cut plenty of buds, as they dry beautifully, and are useful to contrast with the full blown flowers..... 5

Acroclinium.

Probably the most beautiful everlasting known. Flowers pure pearly white, or an exquisite soft clear shade of pink, with bright golden center. Cut the first day they open, or the center becomes discolored. Hang the bunches, heads downward, in the shade to dry, and the flowers will appear as perfect as when gathered. 1 foot high.

Mixed Colors. Very fine..... 5
New Double Mixed Colors. Larger and fuller than the above..... 10



Gomphrena.

Remove cottony covering from seeds, and start in heat if possible. Good for garden, and make neat pot plants. Plants bear great quantities of clover-like blooms, altogether different in appearance from any other everlasting, and very attractive buds as well as full blown flowers, extra fine for winter bouquets.

All Colors Mixed. White, crimson, orange, etc..... 5

Rhodanthe.

A fine everlasting, good for the garden, and a pretty pot plant. The most delicate and graceful of this useful class. Try it by all means and cut blooms early for drying.

Manglesi. Bright clear pink..... 5
Alba. Pure white..... 5



Helichrysum.

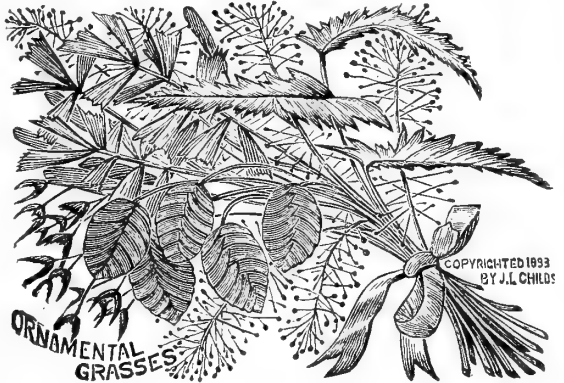
One of the most useful of all everlastings. Plants grow two feet high, and are very hardy, blooming until late autumn. An easy plant to grow, and flowers are very bright. The white and light colored varieties color easily, and are often dyed in shades not otherwise obtainable in everlastings, and used in wreaths, crosses, and winter bouquets. Flowers should be picked before fully expanded, especially for dyeing.

Monstrosum. Mixed colors, very large..... 5
Dwarf. Mixed colors, compact and free flowering..... 5
Fire Ball. Deep fiery red, large and double; new..... 10
Golden Ball. Golden yellow; new..... 10
Snow Ball. Pure white..... 10

Xeranthemum.

An easily grown everlasting, and furnishes the only shades of blue and purple to be found in this class.

Mixed Colors..... 5
Superbissima. Double blue..... 10



Ornamental Grasses.

The everlastings would be quite useless without their setting of soft, pretty grasses in winter bouquets. Grow a good quantity of these elegant grasses. There are many of them quite ornamental in the garden, and are all useful for cutting for summer bouquets, as well as for drying for winter, or for dyeing.

All the Best Sorts Mixed. Per oz., 25c..... 5
SPECIAL OFFER. One packet each of all these Everlastings and Grasses for only 50c.

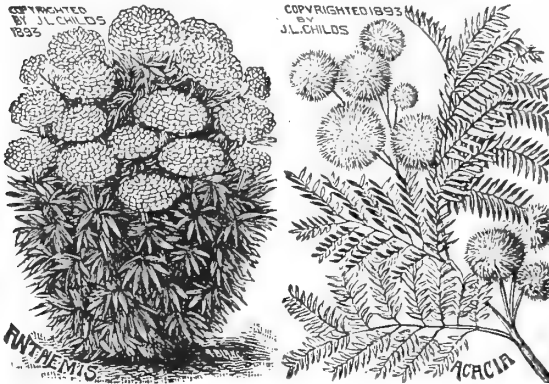
Seeds for Window or Greenhouse Culture.

The satisfaction derived from the cultivation of house plants is not alone in seeing them bloom. There is joy in seeing them grow and develop day by day, and the one who starts a plant from seed and rears it up to bloom gets all the pleasure there is in the plant culture. Geraniums, Carnations, Chrysanthemums, Gloxinias, Begonias, Heliotropes, etc., are easily grown from seed, and it is really fascinating to raise them in this way, watching each plant as it unfolds its first bloom, noting its form, color and other Characteristics, and when occasionally we discover an immensely fine one—much superior to any we have ever before seen or heard of—the highest pleasure and satisfaction possible to get from plants and flowers is ours. It is from seed that all fine new varieties of house plants are produced, and it is not uncommon for a seedling Chrysanthemum or Carnation to be worth more than a thousand dollars. Our strains of all these seeds are much finer than are usually sold. They are the choicest which can be grown.

Abutilon.

As indispensable for the window or greenhouse as the Petunia is for the flower garden. Will stand more abuse and neglect than almost any other house plant. Grows rapidly from seed, and is soon in bloom. Leaves are very ornamental, and are often beautifully variegated. Lovely bell-shaped flowers, borne the year around, in all colors—white, pink, yellow, orange, red, etc.

Per pkt.
Choicest Hybrids Mixed. All colors. Blooms soon after planting..... 20



Anthemis.

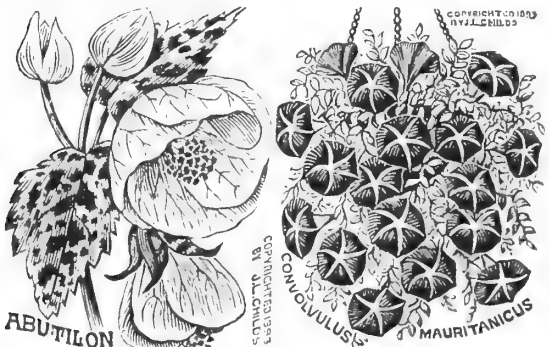
A grand plant for summer bedding or winter blooming. Fine cut foliage, and large masses of large showy flowers, as double as little Roses. Always in bloom.

Arabica. Fine golden yellow..... 10
Purpurea. Brownish red..... 10

Acacia.

Shrubby plants with fine fern-like foliage, and pretty, fragrant tassel-like flowers. Profuse bloomer, and exceedingly graceful. Hardy in the southern States. A fine plant for pots.

Choicest Sorts Mixed..... 15



Agapanthus Umbellatus.

The noble blue African Lily or Lily of the Palace, always a choice plant with amateurs and easily grown from seed.. 10



Begonia.

One of the most beautiful of all window plants, handsome in foliage, and bearing great quantities of lovely flowers of wax-like texture, and exquisitely soft, delicate shades. Seeds are very fine and need care in sowing, but the flowers repay all care given. Seedlings bloom in from five to eight months' time.

Per pkt.
Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids. Largely grown for bedding purposes, or for summer conservatory decoration. Blossoms very large and showy..... 25
Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids, Double. Very fine..... 50
Mixed Seed. Many kinds. Grand for window culture. 25
Vernon. A grand new perpetual blooming sort..... 20



Cacti.

At once one of the most curious and popular class of plants grown. Many fine varieties can be grown from seed, with a little care and patience. Sow seed in shallow pans or saucers filled with clear, coarse sand, with good drainage. Cover with glass, keep moderately moist, but not wet. Pot seedlings into very small pots.

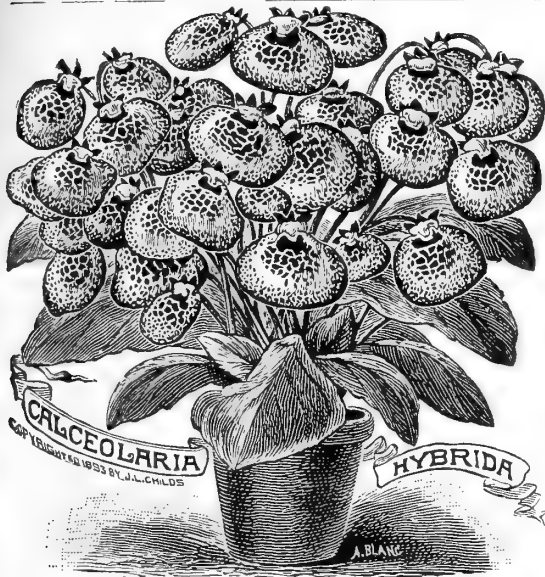
Mixed Sorts. 30 to 50 kinds..... 20

Convolvulus Mauritanicus.

Acknowledged to be one of the finest basket plants in existence. Beautiful trailing plant, completely covered with large, wide open, morning-glory-like flowers of a lovely shade of blue. Very healthy and vigorous, and grows readily from either seeds or cuttings. Blooms all the year..... 10

Chrysanthemum.

Mixed seed of all large double sorts; will produce many fine new varieties. Blooms first season. See colored plate... 25



Calceolaria.

Not one in ten of our customers have ever seen a Calceolaria in bloom, yet it is one of the handsomest and most striking pot plants we know of. Seeds fine, and must be sown with care, but after they are fairly up they grow finely, and will bloom the next winter. Each plant bears hundreds of pocket-like flowers, spotted and marked in the most curious manner.

- Dwarf Hybrids.** Large flowering mixed colors..... 25
- Rugosa, Mixed.** Fine bedding plants..... 15

Agaves, Aloes and Gasterias.

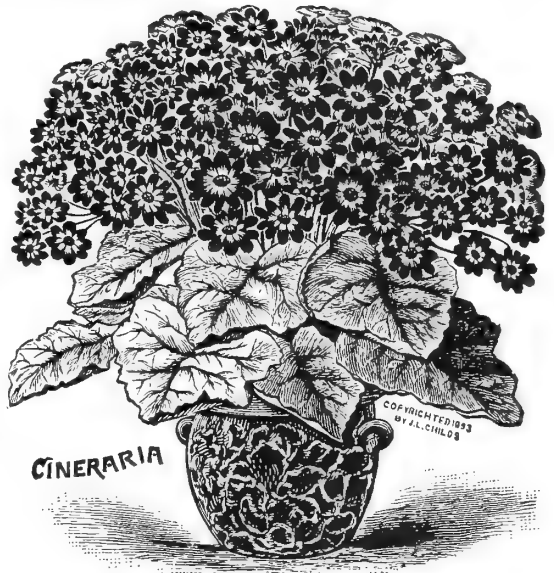
Any housewife is glad to possess a fine specimen of any of these rare and beautiful succulents. As they all require the same treatment, we have mixed them together, and assure our customers they cannot do better than to try a packet of these seeds. Sow in saucers of sandy soil, as recommended for all fine seeds..... 20



Coleus.

The most popular foliage plant grown. Seeds germinate well, and will produce plants with finely variegated foliage. Our seed is saved from the best named varieties and will please all who try it.

- Extra Choice Mixed.** Many new sorts..... 25



Cineraria.

A wondrously beautiful greenhouse plant, and not at all hard to grow. Seeds germinate quickly and easily, and young plants grow off without any trouble. Keep in a shady place over summer, and remove to house in fall. Use insecticides to keep free from aphids, and as flower buds show give good light. A beautiful plant, the large luxuriant leaves surmounted in late winter and spring by immense quantities of large aster-like flowers of the most brilliant colors. Nothing could be more effective in the window.

- Dwarf Hybrids.** Large flowering, mixed colors..... 25
- Double Extra Choice Mixed**..... 50



Cyclamen.

One of the very best window plants in cultivation. Very easily grown from seed, and every one who grows house plants should try a packet. Every seed will grow, but will take from three to six weeks to germinate. Seed should therefore be started early in hot bed or house, to give plants a long period of growth that they may be ready for winter blooming. There are few handsomer plants than the Cyclamen. The heart-shaped foliage is beautifully shaded and marked, and the charming flowers borne on long footstalks above the crown of foliage, show exquisite shades of white, crimson, blush and pink, most flowers showing two colors. A good specimen will have from twenty-five to fifty flowers in full bloom at one time, and the plants remain in bloom for months together.

- Persicum.** Extra fine strain, all colors mixed..... 20
- Giganteum.** Grand large flowering form, mixed colors.. 40

Garnation.

A favorite with every one. Fragrant double flowers, of elegant form and exquisite markings. Seeds and plants grow as freely as the old garden pink. Spring sown seeds make fine winter blooming plants. Keep cool in winter, and close to the glass.

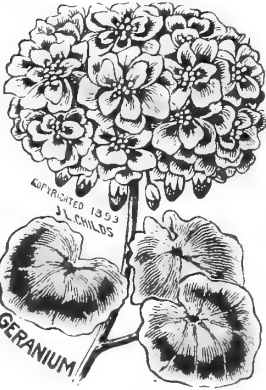
	Per pkt.
Good Mixed	10
Fancy Extra Choice Mixed. Variegated colors.....	25
Monthly, or Perpetual Tree. Mixed greenhouse varieties.....	25
Hardy Hybrids. Hardy free bloomers. Extra fine for the garden or for pots. Many fine colors mixed.....	20
Margaret (<i>See novelties.</i>) Fine early bloomers.....	15



Ferns.

Ferns are exquisite for table or drawing room decoration, warden cases, hanging baskets or rockeries. Spores are very fine, and should be surface sown on sifted soil, and covered with glass. If sown in ordinary pot saucers, necessary moisture can be supplied by placing a saucer of soil inside of a larger saucer that has been filled with tepid water. The water will filter through, and will not wash the soil over the spores as surface watering is apt to do.

Mixed Sorts. All the finest varieties.....	25
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Geranium.

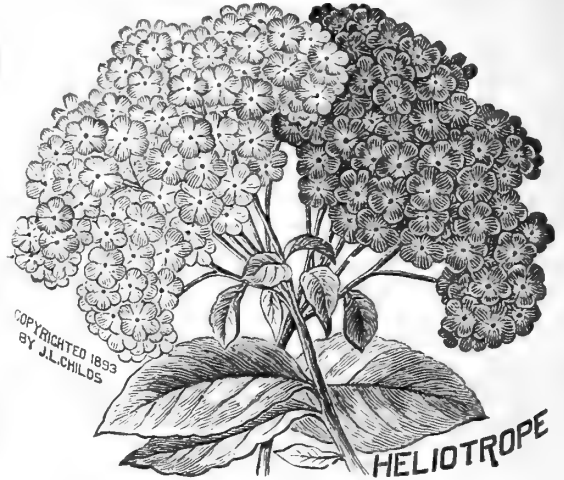
Very easily grown from seeds and if started early will bloom the next summer and fall. Seedling plants are always healthy.

Zonale. Choice mixed, from fine sorts.....	10
Zonale. Extra choice, mixed, from finest new varieties.....	20
Apple Scented. Very delightfully scented leaves.....	15
Double Mixed. Saved especially for us from the finest new sorts, and will produce some of the best double varieties in existence.....	30
Bronze and Silver Tri-Color. Fine foliage sorts.....	30
Pelargonium, or Lady Washington. Fine mixed.....	30
Ivy. Fine double flowered; ivy leaved; grand.....	30

Wintana.

A little slow to germinate, but seedlings grow rapidly and soon make thrifty plants. An extra fine bedding plant, with very brilliant, verbenalike flowers. We offer a very fine strain. Flowers in all shades of vermilion, orange, lemon, white and pink.

Mixed Colors. A fine collection.....	10
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Heliotrope.

A deliciously fragrant flower, too well known to need description. Fine for either pots or for summer bedding. Not difficult to grow from seed, and seedling plants are more vigorous than those grown from cuttings.

	Per pkt.
Rio Des Noirs. Large panicles of black-blue flowers.....	15
White Lady. Superb; pure white.....	15
Queen of Violets. Beautiful violet.....	10
Mixed Sorts. All the best.....	10

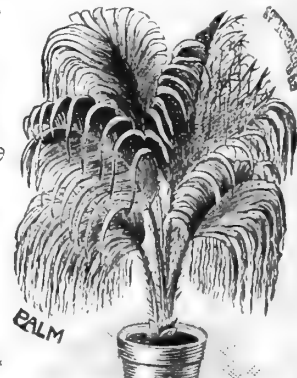
Fuchsia.

Lovely pot plants, which bloom profusely at all times. Grows readily from seed, and many fine new sorts will appear. **Mixed, Double.** Finest seed from best named sorts..... 25

Gloxinia.

The most beautiful of all summer bulbs. Large, erect, open-throated flowers of thick satiny texture and most profusely borne. A superb pot plant. Seeds are very fine and must be sown with care. Seedlings grow off well, and if given good care, will bloom in five months from the time of sowing seed.

All Colors Mixed. Tigated, Spotted, Crassifolia, etc.	25
A superb collection.....	25



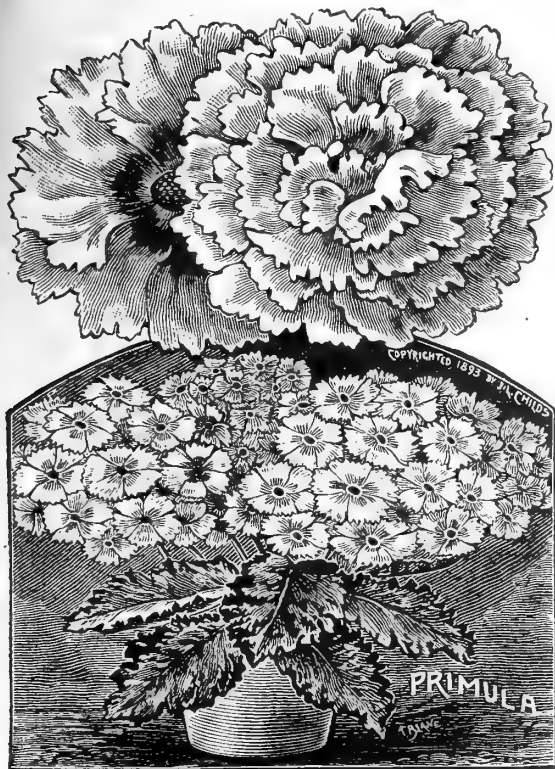
Musa Ensette.

Fine single specimens of this are grand beyond description, and give a massive, tropical effect that nothing else can equal. It grows several feet high the first season, with huge, wide-spreading leaves that dwarfs everything near it. Give sun, rich soil and abundance of water..... 20

Palms.

Grand decorative plants for the house or piazza and increases in value each year. Easily grown from seeds, which are slow, but quite sure to germinate.

Mixed Sorts. Many varieties.....	20
Filifera, or Weeping. Very fine and easily grown.....	10



Primula Sinensis.

Ask any florist you will for a list of good house plants and one of the very first plants he mentions will be the Primula. Everyone counts them as one of the "must have" of winter bloomers, and with good reason. Easy to grow, pretty in leaf, handsome in flower and continuously in bloom for months at a time. These merits alone would earn it a place in every window, but when we add that it is one of the few plants never attracted by insects and that it will blossom in a sunless window, where a Geranium or Heliotrope would never show a bud, it is clear that the smallest collection would not be complete without it. Young, vigorous plants are always the best, and are easily grown if the seed is sown on light, porous soil, underlaid with charcoal, and kept moist, but not wet, until the seeds germinate, which will be in about two weeks. Give the young plant plenty of air and plunge pots in the summer in cool, shady places. In potting see that the soil at rim of pot is lower than in the center, as water standing on the crowns rots them. In the house they will stand plenty of light, but not hot sun. Our seed is saved from the choicest strains and can be relied upon to produce the largest flowers and finest colors.

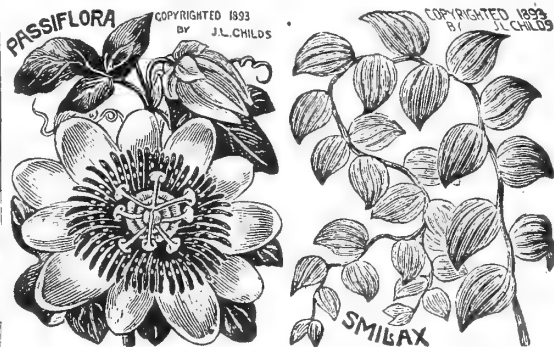
- Per pkt.
- Mixed. Very good; from a fine collection..... 10
- Fimbriata. Extra fine; large flowering; mixed..... 20
- Fimbriata Filicifolia. Mixed; (fern-leaved) beautiful cut leaved foliage..... 20
- Fimbriata Flora Plena Alba. Double white..... 50
- Fimbriata Rosea. Beautiful rose color..... 50
- Fimbriata Mixed. The double Primulas are very large and are the admiration of all who see them..... 40
- Fimbriata Globosa. Mixed colors. This is a new strain of Fimbriata, with 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..... 30
- 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, tinged with pale lilac. Quite unlike other Primulas, being a distinct species..... 20
- Japonica. A perennial sort; hardy with protection. Flowers arranged in whorls along an upright stem, and very beautiful; mixed colors; seed slow to grow.. 10

- Per pkt.
- Auricula. Hardy garden perennials and one of the very first flowers to bloom in spring, the buds showing when less than an inch high; bloom a long time..... 10
- Cortusoides. Another fine hardy species, though the better for a little protection; blooms early and has flowers of a pretty, deep rose..... 10

Primula Fimbriata Cristata.

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.

Hybrids, Mixed Colors 20



Passiflora.

The seeds of Passifloras are large and easily grown. Some varieties are grown for their elegant foliage, others for their beautiful and curious cornet-like blooms. A fine vine for an arch or window, or for planting out in summer.

- Mixed Sorts..... 10
- Scarlet. Rare and fine..... 20

Smilax.

This elegant vine is easily grown from seed, which, though slow to germinate, is sure to grow. Not only a fine window vine, but exceedingly fine for outdoor planting wherever a small growing vine is wanted. In the open ground it grows luxuriantly, furnishing great quantities of its dainty, glossy-green sprays that are so exquisite to use in all cut flower work, and remains fresh and green until after early frosts. In the house it requires good light and freedom from dust. Its feathery little blooms are delicately fragrant, but its chief merit is its exquisitely beautiful and glossy foliage. It is largely used by florists, because its foliage keeps perfect for days after cutting.

- Smilax. Extra good seed..... 10

Rose.

Our flower lovers are just beginning to find out that the everblooming Roses can be grown to bloom the first season from seed, and that among these seedling Roses there will be many fine ones, with but an occasional single or poor one, that can be weeded out if necessary. This will prove a great boon to those who have had trouble to keep this class of Roses alive over winter, as they can now treat them as annuals with success. Seeds a little slow, but quite sure to start, and seedlings bloom when but a few inches high.

- Mixed Sorts. Tea, Polyanthus, Hybrid Tea, etc..... 25



Linaria.

(Kenilworth Ivy.)

A lovely and well-known trailing vine, splendid for baskets or hanging pots or for matting over the soil of large pots or tubs in which are growing large plants.

- Cymbalaria. Fine foliage, white flowers..... 5

Violet.

A fine collection of many fine varieties and colors,—blue, lavender, white. Many of the finest scented varieties are included.

- Mixed Sorts..... 15

ORNAMENTAL FOLIAGE PLANTS.

Every garden must have its plants of odd, luxurious and ornamental foliage as well as those cultivated only for their blossoms. They are necessary, for they lend to the garden an air of tropical grandeur which they alone can supply. In some plants, like the Beta and Amaranthus Rainbow, the foliage is as handsome and as finely colored as blossoms. In others, like the Ricinus, it is gigantic, noble and palm-like. The following sorts are selected as the most ornamental as well as the most hardy and easily grown of all foliage plants, which are produced from seed.

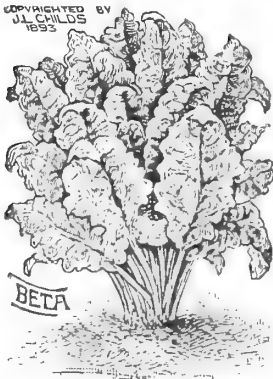


AMARANTHUS RAINBOW. A beautiful foliage plant of most unique coloring. Inner foliage is a blackish bronze, while the outer foliage is glowing crimson, flamed with gold, bronze and green. A fine thing when well grown, and highly colored in July, August and September. The foliage of this plant shows all colors of the rainbow, hence its name. Per pkt. 10

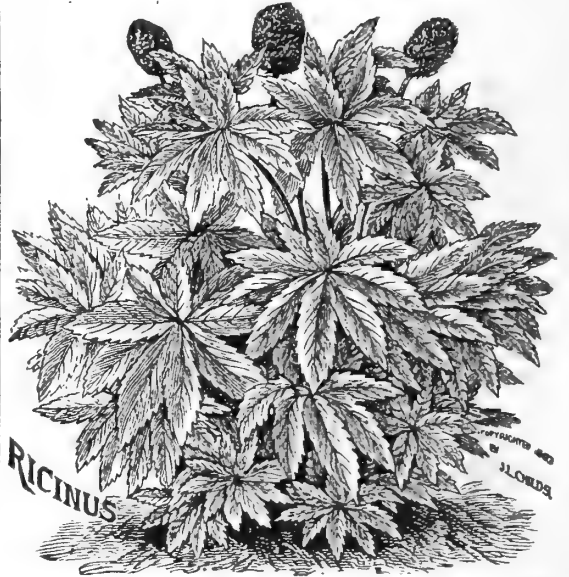
BETA. (Ornamental Beet.) These are among the most effective bedding plants, producing immense leaves, often two feet long and eight or nine inches broad and beautifully colored and crinkled. Planted in a bed together, one foot apart each way, they are grand. One great feature of these ornamental Beets is the fact that frost does not kill them, but only colors their leaves all the brighter (like a fancy Caladium), and until they are covered with snow, they are objects of great beauty. Much used in Europe for ornamental bedding, being equal to some of the finest Crotons. 10

Mixed Sorts. 10
PERILLA. A rapid growing plant of odd and beautiful appearance, resembling closely some of the finer varieties of Coleus. The leaves are large and broad, and are of a purplish black color, and the compact habit of the plant makes it a striking object in any place. 10

Dwarf Compact. Very handsome. 5
Lanceolata. New cut leaved; very ornamental. 10



CENTAUREA CLEMENTEI. A beautiful foliage plant, much used for the center of vases, or to contrast with high colored foliage plants. Compact habit with deeply fringed silvery leaves of great grace and beauty. It is quite hardy in the open ground. 10



RICINUS. Grand sub-tropical foliage plants, unjustly neglected because they are cheap. The new varieties are very fine and not out of place in the finest grounds. Per pkt. 10

Gibsoni Dwarf. Beautiful dwarf; compact form. Extra 10

Cambodgensis. Highly ornamental, the leaves and stems, being nearly coal black; fine, graceful grower, with highly ornamental seed pods. 10

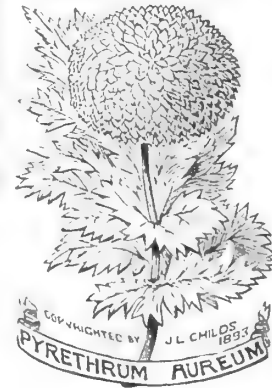
Arborens. Immense grower, attaining a height of 15 feet; very effective. 10

Mixed Varieties. Many sorts. 5

PYRETHRUM. This is the well-known "Golden Feather," that forms a mass of tufted golden foliage that is the last thing to succumb to the frost. Flowers double, white, borne the second season, or the first when started early. Fine as an edge to tall growing dark foliage plants. Perfectly hardy. 5

Golden Cem. Elegant double, white flowers. 5

Fern Leaved. Beautifully cut foliage, which is exceedingly handsome. 10



KALE (Ornamental). A very ornamental plant, with long, wide leaves, curiously cut, curled and crisped, of a clear deep green throughout the summer. At the first touch of frost the leaves, which are very hardy, turn to various rare and rich colors; delicate pink, deep red olive-green, or flushed with various shades and for weeks remain in full beauty, while everything else is desolate and bare. Very ornamental for fall bedding. 10

Mixed Sorts. 10

RARE AQUATIC SEEDS.

The most charming novelty in gardening, which has come into practice of late years, is the growing of rare Aquatic Plants, either in tubs, tanks or pools, on the lawn or in near-by ponds or streams. We can safely say that nothing adds a greater charm to a lawn or garden than the superb Water Lilies and Lotus here offered, and as they may be easily grown from seed, any one can well afford to try them. Elsewhere in this Catalogue will be found offers of Aquatic Plants and Roots.



Nymphaea.

Lovely pond Lilies of which everyone is so fond. Many of the new foreign varieties grow and bloom from seed the first year, and among them there are a great variety of colors, white, yellow, blue, purple, etc. Seed should be sown in a pan or saucer of mud, just covered with water. In a warm temperature they will germinate quickly and grow rapidly. These Lilies have a fragrance rich and peculiar; considered by many to be superior to any other flower.

Zanzibarensis. The grand day-blooming African Water Lily, with enormous incurved flowers of the most exquisite coloring, and so profuse blooming that a tub of them is never without flowers from early summer until frost. They grow so rapidly that they will bloom in ten weeks from seed, and are so little trouble anyone can succeed with them. Give them a very rich soil, full sun, and shallow water to start in. The larger the vessel that contains them the ranker they grow, and the larger their flowers, but they will bloom in a common bucket even. Seed should be sown on the surface of cups of soil, covered with tepid water. Per pkt.

Zanzibarensis Azurea. Exquisite soft blue with golden stamens. Flowers often a foot across, and borne every day all summer. The finest of all Water Lilies for tubs and small pools. 25

Zanzibarensis Rosea. Fine rosy purple. 25

Dentata. (Night-blooming Star Lily.) There is nothing among water plants finer than this. Opens about eight o'clock in the evening, and closes at noon the next day. It has flat, star-like blossoms of a lovely pearly-white, and is very fragrant. Flowers from 6 to 12 inches across, and blooms freely from seed the first season. 25

Coerulea. A lovely pond Lily, four inches across, and of a beautiful lavender blue color. It has a remarkable fragrance, differing from all others. 15

Alba. A lovely pure white Water Lily of great beauty and fragrance. 15



Nelumbium.

The famous Egyptian Lotus and the grandest of all flowering aquatics. Grows easily from seed, which, if started early, will bloom the first summer. Seed large and hard shelled. A small hole should be filed through the shell before planting so that moisture can penetrate and cause germination. Roots will be found offered elsewhere in this Catalogue. Per pkt.

Speciosum. The Egyptian or Sacred Lotus, one of the grandest of all water plants, thriving in rich mud and shallow water, throwing up great clumps that stand three to six feet above the water. Enormous round, slightly dish'd leaves, one to two feet across, while above these are borne the gigantic double pink flowers, each one ten to twelve inches across. Reaches the largest size in leaf and bloom in still ponds, but do well in tubs or tanks. Blooms from July until frost, and is perfectly hardy if the roots reach below ground. Tub plants can be wintered in cellar; exceedingly lovely. 40

Luteum. Much like Speciosum, with great bowl-like blooms of a rich creamy or sulphur yellow. It is easily grown from seed, is perfectly hardy and robust in any location, and is easily established in any pond or stream of water. Easily grown in tubs or tanks. This superb plant should be naturalized in all our ponds. 20

Cyperus Alternifolius.

A stately water plant, sending up long, straight stems, which are crowned with a luxuriant growth of foliage. Plant anywhere in shallow water or very wet ground, and it will flourish wonderfully. It is of tropical appearance and truly magnificent. 20

SPECIAL OFFER. For only \$1.00 we will send one packet each of all the varieties offered on this page

HARDY PERENNIALS.

These are all hardy plants which live in the garden year after year, blooming every spring or summer, with little or no care. They are exceedingly beautiful while many of them are among the brightest gems of the floral kingdom. As a rule they bloom early in the spring when the garden is almost destitute of flowers. What garden is complete without the Sweet William, Digitalis, Delphinium, Aquilegia, Hollyhock, etc? Do not fail to sow seed of a good collection of these beautiful hardy plants this season; they will be a joy for the rest of your life-time. Sow seed in the open ground any time from May 1st to July 1st, or even later.



Aquilegia.

One of the best of the early summer perennials. Curious flowers, extremely graceful and beautiful, and borne in great quantities high above the foliage, which itself is very beautiful and attractive. Extra fine for cutting.

Prize Mixture. This strain embraces more than one hundred varieties, double and single, and of all shapes and colors..... 10

Chrysantha. Large golden yellow..... 10

Stuarti. A grand novelty. Flowers 4 inches across, corolla blue, sepals white, very early and free bloomer; grand..... 25

Vernæana. Beautiful variegated foliage and charming flowers..... 10

Adonis Vernalis.

A very fine, early, spring perennial, growing one foot high, and bearing profuse quantities of bright yellow flowers. Fine for permanent edging or borders. Per pkt., 5c.



Candytuft—(Iberis.)

One of the very best early perennials, and extra fine for cemetery use, as the plants are a solid mass of white at just the time when flowers are most scarce, and as the plants are perfectly hardy they need no fussing with. Those who have never grown the Iberis have missed a floral treat.

Pruiti. Dwarf, extra early and fine..... 10

Sempervirens. Large flowering, pure white..... 5

Honeysuckle.

Every one knows the Honeysuckle with its delicious fragrance, but every one does not know that it is quite easily grown from seed, blooming the second season with ordinary care. We often find thrifty young plants coming up under our vines that have grown from self-sown seed.

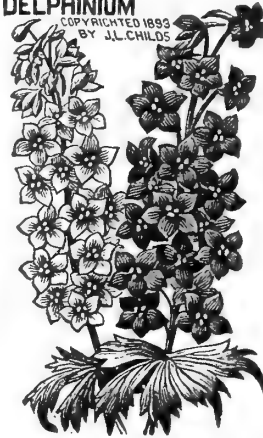
Mixed Sorts...... 10

Pure White. Fine-sweet scented..... 10

Deep Scarlet...... 10

DELPHINIUM

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Campanula.

Beautiful plants for house or border culture. Large bell-shaped flowers, very cheerful and attractive. Sow seed early in open ground, cover lightly, and thin plant to stand twelve inches apart.

Double Mixed Colors. A fine strain..... 5

Delphinium.

One of the choicest perennials known, and increases in beauty each year. Tall, stately growing, with immense spikes of the most brilliant flowers in all shades of lavender, mauve, pale, medium and deep, dark blues. Sow seeds in autumn or very early in spring, and plants will bloom the first summer. Very hardy. Give half shade.

Mixed Colors. All sorts..... 10

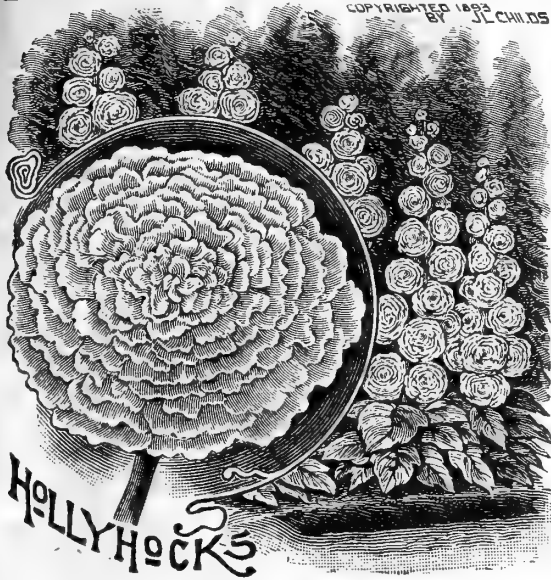
Digitalis.



One of our special favorites. This, with the double Hollyhock and Delphinium, form a stately trio of tall growing plants than which nothing finer can be chosen for backgrounds, center of wide borders, interspersing with shrubbery, etc. If plants are not allowed to seed, they are crowned for months by long pyramidal spikes of lovely pendent thimble-shaped bells, snow white, rosy bush, or exquisitely shaded and spotted. The blooms are nearly or quite two inches in length, and lap each other with the utmost regularity. For the center of large bouquets they are almost equal to spikes of Gladiolus. Biennial, but once started perpetuate themselves, blooming each season. Divide seeds and make successive sowing, as they are very fine and liable to be washed away by heavy rains, etc. Or seeds can be started in house, and young plants transplanted to garden.

Mixed Colors. Fine strain..... 5

Cloxinoides Grandiflora. A strain with large, beautiful, Gloxinia-like blossoms. Extra..... 10



Hollyhock.

One of the finest of all perennials, and unsurpassed as a stately, imposing plant for backgrounds, screens, center of wide borders, etc. Plants grow from four to six feet high, and bear pyramidal spikes of large rosette-like flowers of every shade and color from pure white to almost black. The yellow, magenta, rose and black are intensely pure and deep, while the pure white, pale lemon, soft pink and lavender shades are exquisitely soft and delicate. The pearly blooms of the pure white Hollyhocks are as fine for all floral work as the most double Rose or Camellia. If seeds are started very early, plants often bloom the next September. Per pkt.

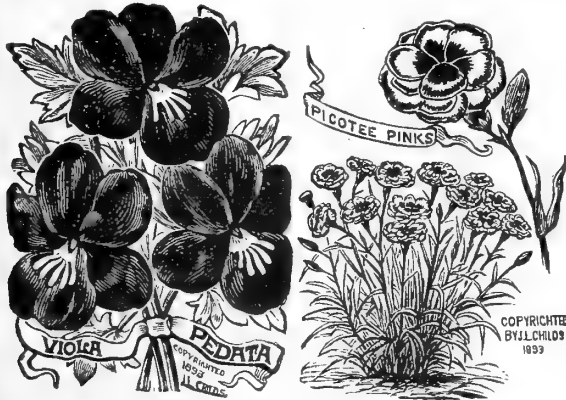
Double White. Pure and true.....	10
Double Magenta. Fine bright color.....	10
Double Lemon. Pure, bright lemon color.....	10
Double Pink. Very delicate and pretty.....	10
Night. Double black.....	10
Double, Mixed Colors. Very choice, embracing over twenty different shades.....	10
Gem of Yellow. This is a new sort, very dwarf and very double, and of the finest brilliant yellow color. The flowers set so close on the stalks that it is one gigantic spike of bloom. It is the finest of all Hollyhocks.....	10

One paper each of above seven sorts, 50c.

Iris.

Too well known to need description. These superb flowering plants are easily grown from seed.

Kæmpferi. Mixed double and single.....	10
Germanica. Fine mixed.....	10
Siberica. Mixed colors.....	5



Picotee Pinks.

These are really hardy Carnations, with flowers more delicate than other Pinks, and pleasantly fragrant. Though hardy they are stronger for a little protection over winter.

Mixed Colors. Large flowering.....	15
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Sweet William.

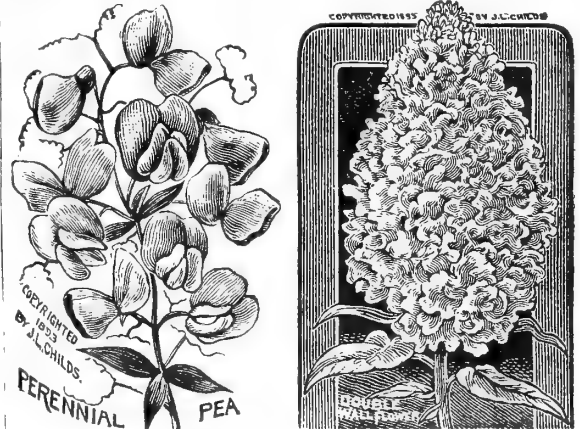
The favorite flower of our grandmothers. One of the best edging plants for the border, bearing in early summer large heads of the richest and most varied colors. Very fragrant and a favorite with everyone for vases and bouquets.

Improved Mixed Colors. Perfect in form, large in size, brilliant and varied in colors.....	10
Double White. Very fine.....	10
Double Mixed Colors. Fine double blossoms.....	10

Perennial Pea.

No praise can be too high for this lovely iron-clad vine, that blooms constantly from early summer until late autumn, minding neither heat or cold, rain nor drought. Plants small and feeble the first season, but ever after a picture of vigor and healthfulness, bearing a profusion of long-stalked clustered flowers, white, pink and deep rose in color, each flower an inch or more across. It is strange that they are so rarely seen, for they are easily grown, perfectly hardy and so beautiful that we have never yet seen a person who did not admire their cheerful flowers and clear green foliage. 4 to 6 feet in height.

Mixed, All Colors	5
Pure White. Superb.....	10



Wallflower.

A favorite English flower, somewhat like Ten-week-stocks. A half-hardy perennial; very fragrant and fine for cutting, or for pots. Where winters are not very severe the Wallflower will live with protection and will bloom very early in spring.

Double Mixed Colors	10
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Violet.

Seeds slow to germinate, but not at all hard to grow. Every garden should have a good bed of these fragrant favorites.

Garden Sorts Mixed	10
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Yucca Filamentosa.

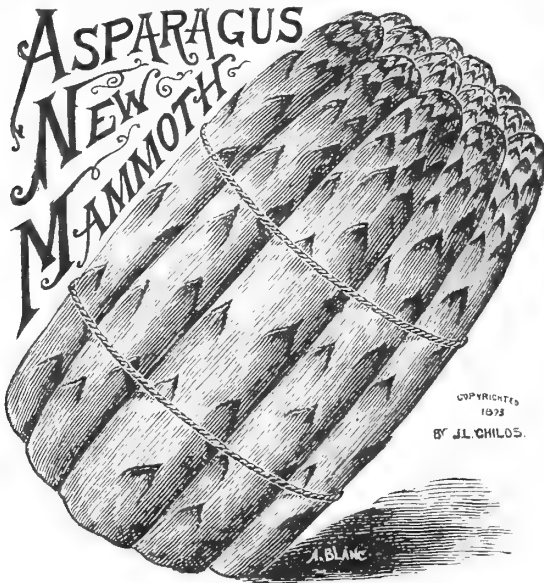
One of the most ornamental plants grown. Equally striking and beautiful in foliage and flower. Long, bayonet-pointed evergreen foliage, surrounded in July by tall staff-like flowerstalks, bearing hundreds of rich, creamy-white bell-shaped blossoms.....

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VEGETABLE SEEDS.

What we say about our Flower seeds on page 25 may be said about our Vegetable seeds. We grow and offer but a limited number of varieties—only those which possess the greatest value for the home garden and for the markets. These varieties are also special stocks, cultivated, selected and improved until they have reached the highest mark of perfection which it is possible to attain.

Beets and Turnips, round, smooth, uniform, tender; Cabbages, large, solid, crisp, sure-heading and long-keeping; Tomatoes, large, smooth, uniform, perfect in color, shape and quality; Lettuce, crisp, beautiful and delicious; Corn, rich, sugary, tender and perfect; Melons, of high flavor, quick and robust growth, perfect and luscious; Onions, uniform in size, perfect in shape, delicate in taste; Squashes, early and late, of high quality; Radishes, crisp, mild, perfect in shape and color and of quick growth. These are all points which we have brought to perfection in our prize strains of garden Vegetables. Our thousands of customers in every nook and corner of the country know this and to them we refer those who have never used our seeds. They can be found everywhere, for we supply nearly half a million planters direct, which is more than the combined output of any other two houses in the world, and is in itself the best possible endorsement of the high quality of our seeds.



Asparagus.

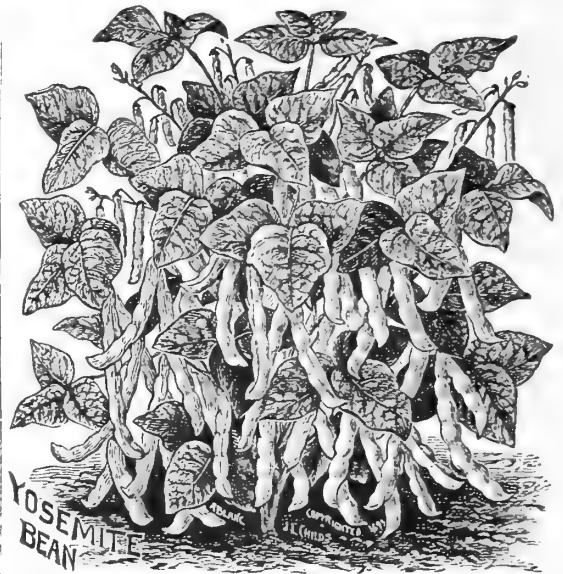
The earliest vegetable of spring, with a delicious flavor as of green peas. Every family should have a large bed full. Seed grows very readily. Sow in rows one foot apart, and keep free from weeds. Transplant the second year into permanent beds, setting plants two feet apart. Have the ground very rich and mellow and give the soil an annual top dressing of rotten manure. Nothing more delicious than Asparagus tips stewed until tender, then season with butter, pepper and salt.

New Mammoth. The tender shoots used for cutting are freely produced, and are of enormous size, very tender, rich and delicate. It starts very early in spring and lasts in cutting condition eight weeks. The largest and first sort grown. Seed, 10c. per pkt.; 20c. per oz.; \$1.50 per lb. Fine two-year old roots, 80c. per dozen; \$3.00 per 100.

Artichoke.—

(Globe.)

This is cultivated for its unopened flower-buds, which are cooked like Asparagus. On established plants, these buds are borne constantly from September until frost, when tender succulent vegetables are getting scarce. Hardy perennial, easily grown in any good garden soil, and lasts for many years. Sow seed in drills and transplant the next spring into permanent beds. Protect by light litter the first winter. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.



Beans.—(Bush.)

Henderson's Bush Limas. This is a bush variety of the small Lima, a very rich, luscious Bean that has the advantage of not requiring poles to run on, while it comes earlier into bearing. The Bush Limas are now very popular. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 45c.

New Early Golden-eyed Wax. Ten days earlier than any other golden wax, and, moreover, is absolutely rust proof. An immense bearer, and pods tender and crisp. A superb market sort because of its beautiful color and uniformity. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Extra Early Refugee. The earliest strain of Refugee by ten days. One of the most profitable Beans ever grown. Loaded with pods in any season, and of fine quality. Grown by all market gardeners, who are always quick to pick up a good thing and to stick to it after they once see it. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Date Wax. A German sort of much merit, with tender, fleshy pods of a deep golden yellow, and entirely stringless. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Early Six Weeks. A standard variety of proven merit. Very reliable. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Perfection Wax. Golden yellow pods of fine quality and handsome appearance. Very prolific. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Mexican Prolific Tree. A good field variety that produces 40 to 60 bushels per acre. Each bush a mass of pods. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Yosemite Monster Wax. Mammoth pods 8 to 10 inches long, as thick as one's finger, and very fleshy and thick-meat. Color a rich golden yellow, very clear and wax-like. Bush an enormous bearer, and sure to attract attention anywhere from the size of its great pods. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 35c.; quart, 60c.

Burpee's Bush Lima. See Novelties.



Beans.—(Pole.)

A standard vegetable, fine either for "snap" or "shell," green or dry Beans. Easily grown. Do not plant until ground begins to get warm, and never hoe while the leaves are wet, as it tends to rust. Give pole sorts support early.

Golden Wax Flageolet. Deservedly a popular variety. Robust vines crowded with clusters of wax-like, golden-yellow pods, full, fleshy and stringless, and quality of the very best. A handsome light color when cooked. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 35c.; quart, 60c.

Childs' Horticultural. The old Horticultural, with the exception of the Limas, enjoyed the distinction of being the finest-flavored shell Bean known, and was also considered very fine as a snap Bean. Unfortunately it was a poor bearer, but we have come in possession of a strain where this defect has been bred out. This new strain will be found to be as prolific and many-seeded to the pod as any other first-class sort, while still retaining its rich flavor. Beans, thick, large and round, white speckled and blotched with bright scarlet. A fine dry Bean for baking or for stewing and serving with butter or cream. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 35c.; quart, 60c.

Lazy Wife's. The old standby. A good cornfield Bean, and unsurpassed as a general garden sort. Never fails to produce loads of round, thick-fleshed pods, fine for snaps, and last long in perfect condition. Fine as a shell Bean, also, and of superior quality. Pkt., 10c. pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.

Yard Long or Cuban Asparagus. This is a real curiosity. We have measured pods over three feet long, though two feet is a more common length. Quality very good, and pods freely borne. Pkt., 15c.; pint, 50c.

Early Golden Cluster. This bears a profusion of handsome golden pods, six to eight inches long, and continues in bearing a long time. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 50c.

Mammoth Poddad Lima (KING OF THE GARDEN). The Limas have a distinct, rich, buttery flavor, very different from all other sorts, and are much liked by most people, either to use green or dry. Used as shell Bean only. We consider this variety the finest of all, with enormous pods containing four to six immense Beans in each. Give a hot, sunny location. Boil until tender, pour off the water and season with butter, salt and a little cream. Limas cook much quicker than any other Beans and are incomparably richer. Pkt., 15c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 55c.

Willow Leaf Lima. See Novelties.

Childs' Horticultural Lima. See Novelties.



Carrot.

Popular both for table and stock. A heavy cropper. Roots can be kept for winter like beets or turnips.

Danvers (Private Stock). The true strain. No better to be found anywhere. All gardeners know the importance of securing the best seed, to grow really fine crops. This can be relied upon as the best seed to be obtained at any price. This will yield 25 to 30 tons per acre. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Improved Long Orange. A very popular variety for stock feeding. Heavy cropper and very nutritious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.

Oxheart. An early table sort, small and short, but fine grained and tender. Can be forced or sown in the garden for early use. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.



Pkt., 10c.; oz., 35c.

Cress—(Peppergrass).

Extra Curled. An appetizing relish, of fresh, piquant taste, often added to lettuce and other fresh salads for variety. Splendid for canaries, who are very partial to it, and keep healthier for its use. Very easy to grow, and can be sown in any little nook or vacant spot. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Water Cress. Grown in moist, wet places, or at the edge of running streams. Increases rapidly, is very hardy, and as it is of an evergreen nature can be used all winter. A salad bowl heaped full of this Cress, with its thick clusters of pretty dark-green leaves, is a pretty sight in January.



Beet.

The sweet, tender roots of this are very fine for summer, fall and winter use, while the tops are very useful for greens. Vinegar in which Beets have been pickled is often used to pickle hard-boiled eggs, as it gives them a beautiful color and pleasant flavor. When young and tender Beets are most delicious if boiled or steamed until tender, then sliced or chopped into small pieces and seasoned with butter and pepper.

Edmand's Blood Turnip. This is winning golden opinions everywhere. Smooth, round shape, exceedingly sweet and tender, and never coarse, tough or stringy. Very early, but remains in good condition for a long time. An extra fine market sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Eclipse. A very early Beet, of beautiful, dark rich color, and smooth round shape. Quality of the very best. Our strain is pure. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Improved Early Blood Turnip. Very fine quality, and an old, popular sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Early Egyptian Dark Turnip. Another fine standard sort, very early, high flavored, sweet and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Improved Long Smooth Red. Long, handsome roots, of fine quality. A great cropper and good keeper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Bastian's Blood Turnip. An early, quick-growing sort, highly esteemed by all market gardeners, as it is large, deep red in color, and very tender and rich when cooked, never losing its fine color. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 55c.

Black Queen. A fine new sort of extra fine appearance and quality. Flesh of a rich, black-red color, and leaves and stalks partaking of the same ruddy color. Root pear-shaped, smooth, well buried in the ground. A very distinct variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

Dracena Leaved. Brought out as an ornamental leaved plant, which indeed it is, but the table quality of its roots is so very fine, it is now classed among table Beets. Roots dark red and very sweet and tender. Foliage long and narrow and of a deep metallic red. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

Lane's White Sugar. This is the well-known "Sugar Beet" so largely planted for sugar. Sweetest of all. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

One packet each of above nine sorts, 50c.

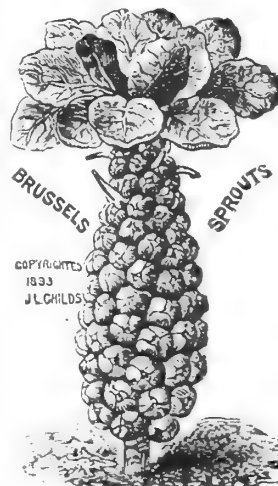
MANGEL WURZEL BEETS.

These giant Beets are grown mainly for stock feeding and they produce enormous crops. The two following sorts are the best:

Mammoth Long Red. For stock. This grows to weigh 20 to 30 pounds, and is calculated to produce upwards of 50,000 pounds of roots to the acre. Animals are very fond of it, and the roots are very nutritious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Golden Tankard. A new golden yellow sort, very sweet and tender. Large oval roots, much easier to pull than the long mangels. A heavy cropper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

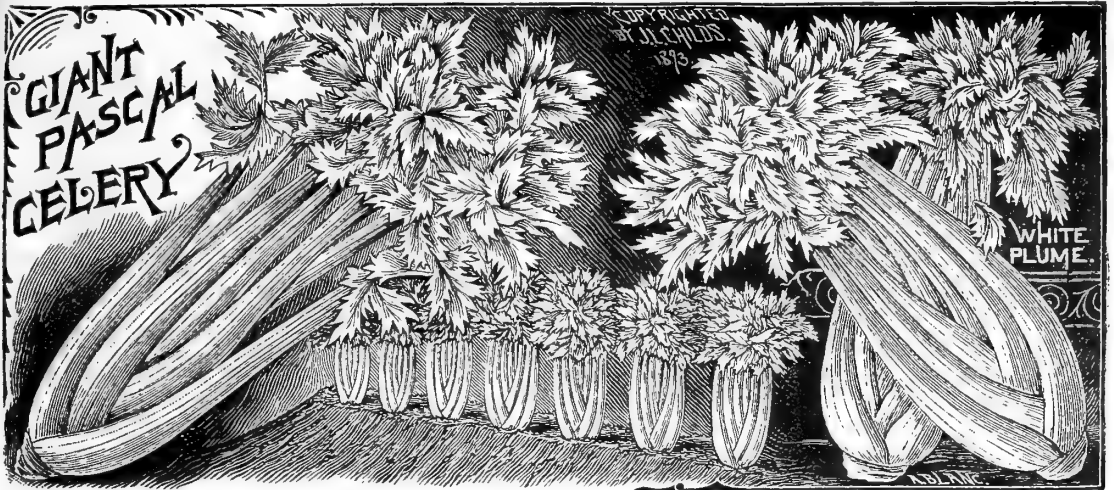
Brussels Sprouts.



Hallock's Defiance.

A finely-bred, large and tender strain of this delicious vegetable. Stem tall, and covered with tender little heads or "sprouts" from top to bottom. Quality very fine when cooked and served like cabbage. This splendid vegetable should be more generally grown. All who have tried it prefer it to cabbage. It is easily grown and those who once try it always grow it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

Matchless. A variety of vigorous growth and fine solid sprouts of the very best quality. An extra fine sort, which is highly prized in Europe. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.



Celery.

A vegetable at once healthy, toothsome and beautiful. Said by physicians to be of great benefit in all diseases of the nerves or kidney. Deliciously fresh, crisp and nutty to the taste, and with the broad stalks ivory-white, waxy-yellow or rosy-red, tipped with finely compound leaflets of pale, glaucous green, are ornaments to the finest table. Sow early in house or hot-bed, and transplant or sow out doors when the ground becomes warm, making the soil very smooth. When plants are four or five inches high, transplant, giving six inches between plants in the row. Have the soil very fine and rich, plant in trenches, and as the plants grow, draw the earth closely around them to blanch the stems. Never do this in wet weather, or the stems will rust. South of the Ohio, Celery can remain in the ground all winter, with a little protection. In the North, plants should be taken up and stacked closely together with soil firmed around the roots, and kept in cellar or pit for use.

Giant Pascal. A sport from the Golden Self-Blanching, of immense size, broad, thick, stringless stalks, remarkably crisp and nutty, easy to blanch, and the very best keeper of any Celery. The huge stalks of this kind will "snap" almost like glass, they are so tender, and they never are watery or strong. Fine market or shipping sort, and one of the very best for the home garden. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.; lb., \$3.00.

White Plume. One of the most beautiful of all, and the earliest. Brittle, fine-grained, and the easiest known sort to blanch. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.

Golden Self-Blanching. Fine to follow White Plume. An exceedingly fine-flavored sort, blanches easily to a beautiful golden yellow, and is very brittle and crisp. No garden complete without this sort. Pkt., 15c.; oz., 35c.

New Rose. A fine rose-colored Celery of high flavor, crisp and nutty. Much liked. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Fern-Leaved. The quality of this Celery is very fine, while the leaves are finely cut and fringed, almost like a fern. Fine for decoration of table, being as beautiful as parsley. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Giant Turnip-Rooted, or Celeriac. Stalks hollow, watery and worthless. Bulb like a small turnip, with a pronounced celery flavor, excellent sliced and cooked for stews, salad, soups, etc. Should be more generally cultivated. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

One packet each of the six sorts, 50c.

Cauliflower.

The most luscious of all the Cabbage family. Requires high cultivation and rich soil. Cook by steaming until tender, then dress with drawn butter and serve hot. It is one of the most delicious of garden vegetables.

Early Paris. A standard early sort, of compact habit, and fair-sized heads of good quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., \$1.00.

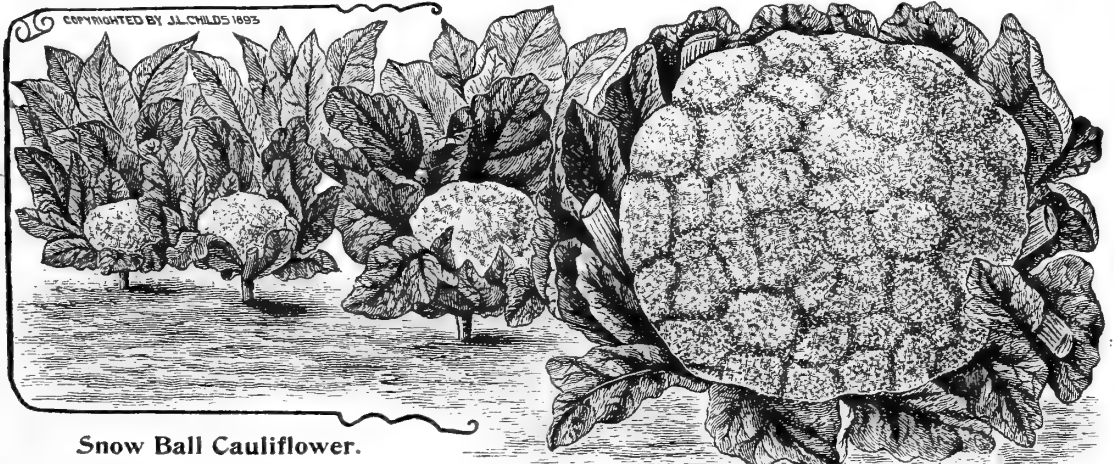
Large White French. Large, white heads of finest quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 75c.

Snow Ball. One of the very best varieties for general culture. Dwarf, compact grower, with large heads of snowy whiteness and delicious flavor. This is a sure header, very early, but valuable for late as well as for early Cauliflower. Pkt., 15c.; oz., \$2.50; lb., \$30.

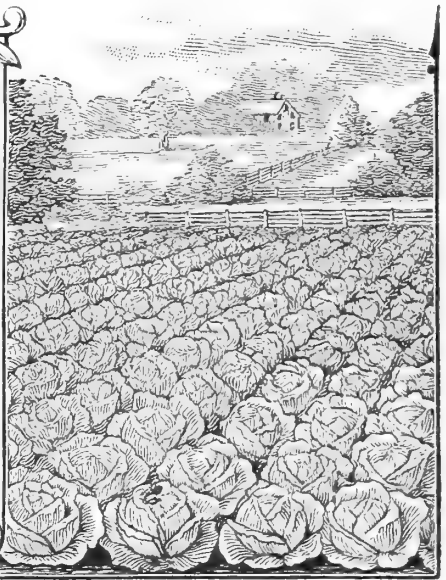
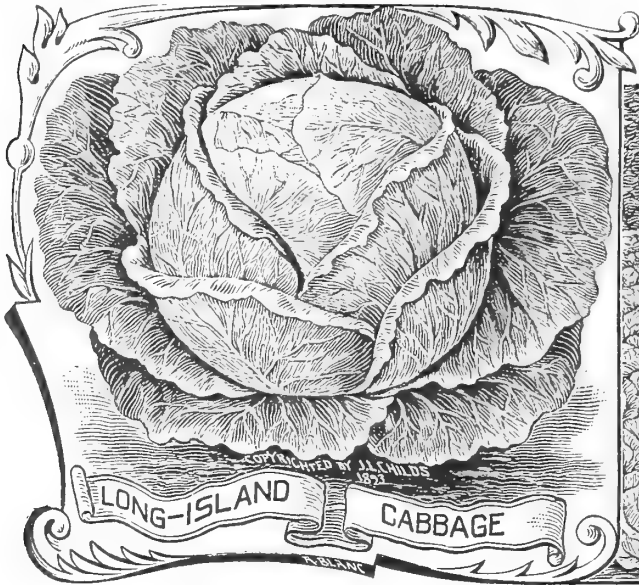
Earliest Dwarf Erfurt. Valuable for garden culture, and an extra fine forcing sort. Our strain of this is the finest to be had in Germany, and it is considered to be the perfection of all Cauliflowers. Pkt., 25c.; 1/8 oz., \$1.00; 1/2 oz., \$3.00; oz., \$5.00.

American Beauty. A fine hardy Cauliflower, especially adapted to American soil and climate as it is an American strain, and American grown seed. Heads early, size large, quality the very best. Pkt., 10c.; oz., \$1.00.

Giant Purple. See Novelties.



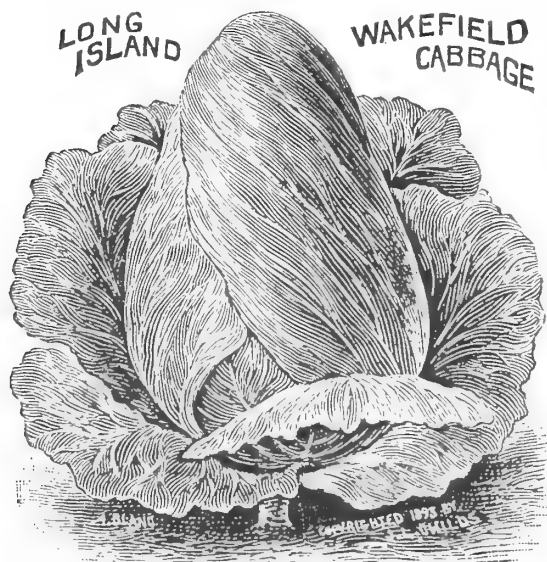
Snow Ball Cauliflower.



Cabbage.

There is no garden vegetable grown that success or failure so plainly depends upon the quality of seeds sown. Poor seed of Cabbage is dear at any price. Our seed is all raised on Long Island, where the finest Cabbages in the world are grown. We could buy common Cabbage seed for very much less, but we know our customers would rather pay a little more and get seed they can rely upon. Three things are necessary to raise fine Cabbages: Extra good seed, rich, mellow soil, and thorough cultivation.

Long Island. A new early sort of great value and one which can be grown for early, medium or late crops either at the North or South. It is very early, of large size, uniform and a sure header; it does not burn or blister, but retains its lustrous, fresh green color, even after being shipped to distant markets, hence its great selling qualities. By those who have grown it, it is said to be the most valuable Cabbage in cultivation, and from our experience we can say that it really is the finest and most profitable sort to grow either North or South. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.



Early Long Island Wakefield. A standard variety, early, and of fine quality. Our strain is perfect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.50.

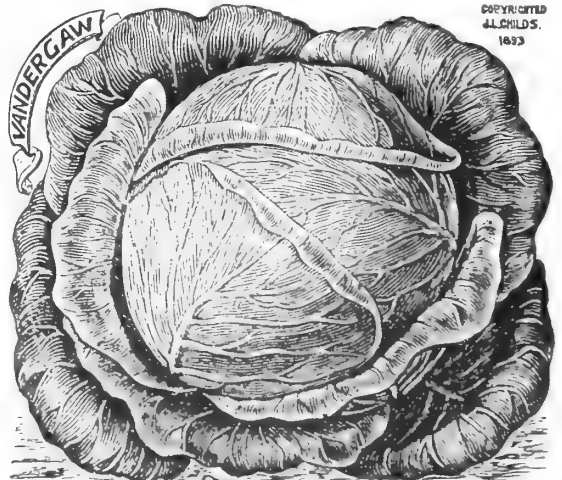
Newark Early Flat Dutch. An early, large Cabbage of excellent quality of the flat-head type. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.

Excelsior Large Flat Dutch. This is a fine strain of Flat Dutch, always a standard sort, particularly in the South and Southwest, as it heads well in hot weather. Quality good, and size large. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

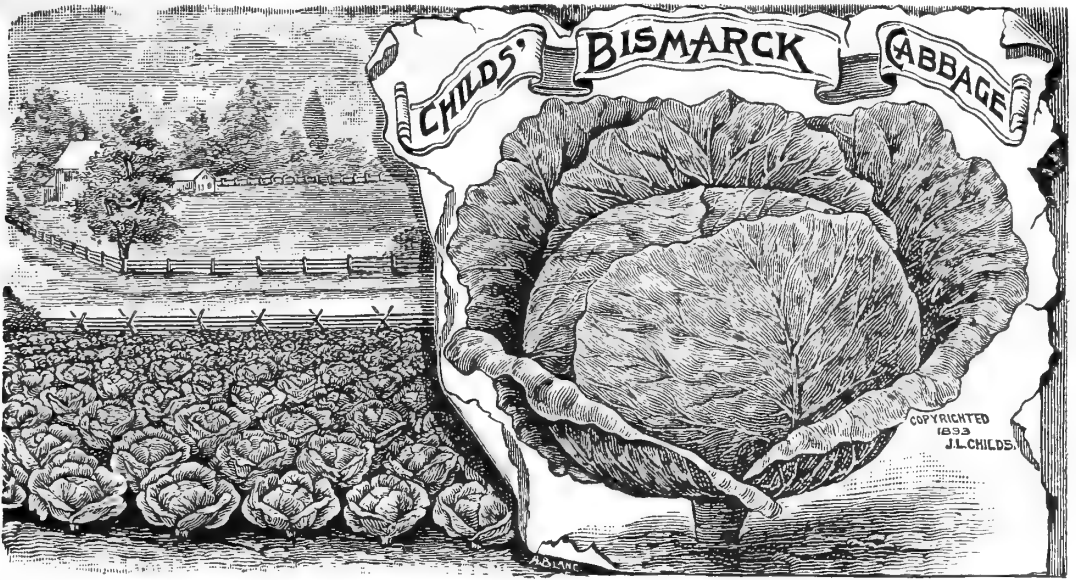
True Surehead. This is also of the Flat Dutch type, and therefore very certain to head, however hot and dry the weather. The heads are large, round, and flat, and very hard and firm of texture, fine grained, and of most excellent quality. It is also a remarkably good shipper and keeper, and is bound to become a universal favorite. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

Winningstadt. This is a German variety, very distinct, with large, pointed heads, solid and closely packed. Very fine quality and exceedingly popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

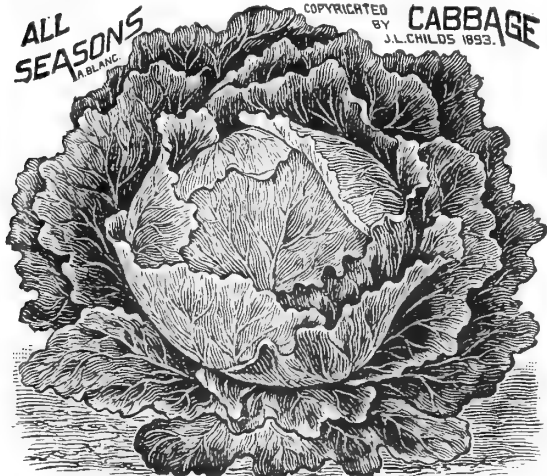
Red Dutch. The most popular pickling Cabbage. Large, deep red. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$2.00.



Vandergaw. The introducer of this is one of the most noted Cabbage-growers in the United States, and for years sold seed of this variety to his neighbors for \$10.00 per pound. A highly bred Cabbage that could hardly be improved in any respect. Compact, short-stemmed, sure to head, with heads very uniform and hard, few outer leaves, and quality of the very best; crisp, fine grained, and delicate and delicious flavor. Can be used as second early, main crop, or as a late Cabbage, by sowing seed in succession. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.



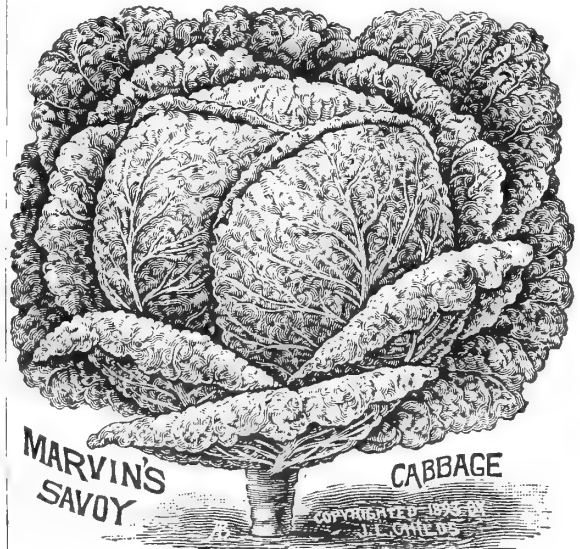
Childs' Bismarck. This wonderful Cabbage introduced by us three years ago, was produced by cross-fertilizing extra fine strains of Drumhead, Flat Dutch and Large Drumhead Savoy; then by careful selection and saving for several years, a type was established entirely distinct, and, we believe, superior to any other Cabbage. It shows the Savoy blood by dark green color and slightly wavy leaves, though not crinkled. It possesses the largest size ever attained in Drumhead or Flat Dutch, and the superb quality of the Savoy. It has a short and very small stem, consequently little waste from stem inside—much the least of any large Cabbages. It has but a few surplus or scraggy leaves, neither is it necessary to waste half the head by peeling off a large quantity of leaves, before reaching those of eatable quality. It is remarkable in this respect, for after removing those immediately outside and exposed, you come to ivory-white, crisp, tender and delicious leaves, as in the best Savoys. It is very solid and heavy, and of quick growth and sure to head. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.; lb., \$4.00.



Allseasons. As the name would indicate, good for all seasons, early, medium, or late. A sure header, and long keeper, quality very fine. It is a remarkably good new sort. Head large and solid, round with flat top, finest quality, and ready for marketing almost as early as the standard early sorts. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

Succession. A second early sort, of uniformly very large size, very full and handsome. A fine selling variety, which always brings a good price. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$3.00.

Perfection Drumhead Savoy. The Savoy Cabbages are not nearly as much grown as they ought to be. Easily distinguished by their crisped, wrinkled leaves, and their distinct, marrow-like flavor when cooked, approaching the taste of Cauliflower more nearly than any other Cabbage. This is one of the best Savoys. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.



Marvin's Savoy. An extra fine Savoy. A sure header, with large, wrinkled heads, that are delightfully tender and crisp. A fall and winter Cabbage, keeping well and not losing its fine flavor. The best of all Savoys, which have the most delicate flavor and are more crisp and tender than other Cabbages. A superb sort for the home garden. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.

World-Beater. A new Cabbage, as large or larger than Marblehead Mammoth, yet uniform in size and true to type and a very solid header. No doubt it is the very best Mammoth Cabbage to be had. Originated here on Long Island by Mr. Brill, a noted Cabbage grower. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.25.

SPECIAL OFFER. For only 75c. we will send one packet each of these fourteen finest Cabbages. It gives one a chance to ascertain the best sorts for their locality.



Cucumber.

Do not try to grow Cucumbers in poorly prepared ground. Make low, flat hills from four to six feet apart, each hill two or three feet across, and thoroughly pulverized sixteen to eighteen inches deep. Mix a large shovelful of rotted manure in the soil of each hill, and plant from six to eight seeds in each, as some are apt to fall. If bugs appear dust with slug shot or with lime and soot. Allow no fruit to ripen on vines. For pickles and late Cucumbers, seed can be sown as late as July.

Childs' Ivory Monarch. The king of all Cucumbers, growing nearly two feet in length and weighing five or six pounds. Six times larger than any other sort. It is really a monster, and when half grown exceedingly fine in quality. Its enormous size, great beauty and oddity make it one of the finest vegetables for exhibiting at fairs, and it never fails to capture first prize. Its flesh is thick and solid, with a very small seed cavity, and notwithstanding its great size it has fewer seeds than any other Cucumber we ever saw. Pkt., 15c.; 8 pkts., 80c.



Improved Early Russian. The earliest Cucumber of all, and one of the most valuable, especially in the South. It is so very dwarf, hills need be only three feet apart, yet it is one of the most prolific varieties of all, bearing its short, plump fruits in clusters, and if not allowed to ripen seed will bear from June until October, and that in hot dry weather that crisps almost every other variety root and branch. It needs deep, rich hills to do this, but is certain then to succeed. We believe there is no variety superior to this. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$1.50.

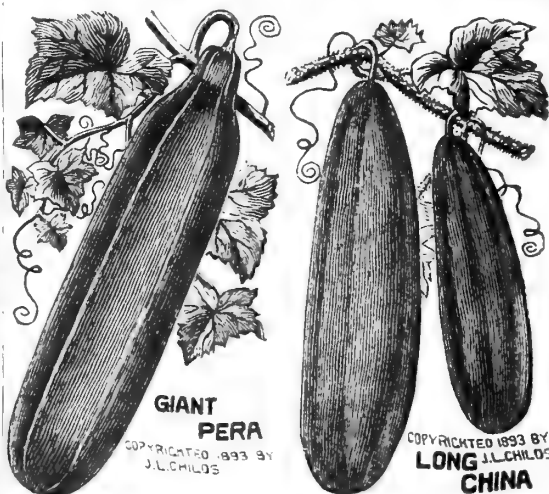
EVERBEARING CUCUMBER



Giant Pera. A very popular Turkish variety, altogether distinct from any other Cucumber. It needs more cultivation and is then very fine. A profuse bearer of smooth round fruits from twelve to twenty inches long, flesh white, crisp and brittle, with very few seeds, and quite free from all unpleasant "green" taste. The vine is a strong, rank grower and bears until frost. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

Bennett's White Spine. (PRIVATE STOCK.) Our seed of this is saved from one of the finest stocks on Long Island, and Long Island leads the world on choice garden vegetables. These Cucumbers grow seven to ten inches long, uniformly plump and full to the very ends, a glossy dark green in color. A superior variety in every respect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.25.

Early Green Cluster. A prolific variety with crisp, brittle fruit. A fine pickling variety. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.



Long China. A very solid Cucumber with few seeds, and growing eighteen to twenty inches long. A fine and prolific variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$1.25.

Thorburn's Everbearing. Claimed to even excel the Early Russian in its everbearing character, producing fruit in immense quantities, whether fruit is allowed to ripen on the vines or not. Fine for table or for pickles. Cucumbers short and thick. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.

Gherkin. Classed with Cucumbers although really not a Cucumber at all. Small, thick, oval fruits, very prickly, crisp and tender. Used only for pickling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.

Green Prolific Pickling. A standard pickling variety, with slender, dark-green fruit, very crisp. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Emerald. A new sort, of beautiful shape and fine green color. Flesh tender and crisp and fine flavored, and of beautiful appearance. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

New Climbing Cucumber. See Novelties.

One packet each of above eleven sorts, 75c.



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Sweet Corn.

Every family garden ought to have a selection of Sweet Corn, from the earliest to the latest varieties. Fine for drying, as well as for summer table use.

Cory Extra Early. One of the most valuable early corns grown. One to two weeks earlier than any other sort, except Childs' Honey Dew, while the ears are plump and of good size, and quality sweet, tender and delicious. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.

Improved Ruby. This is not the mixed strain that was first introduced, but a choice selection free from all culls or poorly colored specimens. The Improved Ruby is an extremely novel, beautiful and fine flavored variety. The stalks and husks are of a beautiful claret red color, contrasting beautifully with the pearly white ears within. Quality extra good, kernels being very sweet and tender. Best table variety. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

Amber Cream. A medium early variety of robust growth. Ears ten to fourteen inches long, with very rich, sugary flavor. Very fine. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Evergreen. A grand late sort, that remains in bearing a long time. Sweet and good. An old standard favorite. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.

Mammoth. Immense ears, of superb quality, very late. Can scarcely be omitted from a first class garden. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Golden Hybrid. This is a cross between Field and Sweet Corn, giving it a peculiar flavor, much liked by many, while as rich and tender as the best Sweet. A beautiful Corn of a clear golden yellow when cooked, fine to dish up with ears of pure white and deep red varieties. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Burbank's Early Maine. Claimed to be as early as the Cory. A fine table sort, with creamy-white kernels, very sweet and juicy. This strain has been developed by very careful selection, and will please all who try it. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Shoe Peg, No Plus Ultra, or Quaker Sweet. One of the very best eating varieties grown. An old sort, but none the less valuable on that account. Very deep kernels, of the sweetest and most appetizing flavor, and one of the best of all for drying or canning. A prolific and thoroughly reliable Corn. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

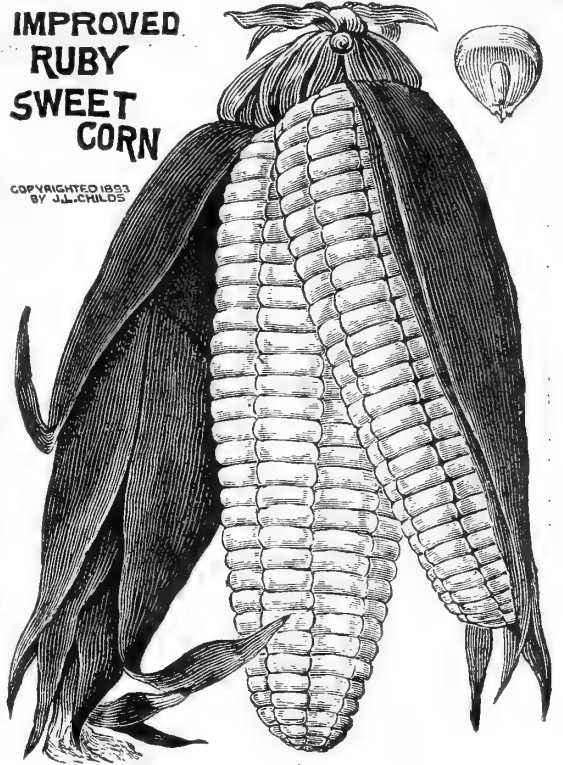
Red Evergreen. A sport from the common Evergreen, and like it, very large and sweet. Each ear has from 12 to 14 rows of long ruby red kernels, very striking in contrast with white. Pkt., 15c.

Childs' Honey Dew. See Novelties.
Childs' California. See Novelties.

One packet each of above eleven sorts, 90c.

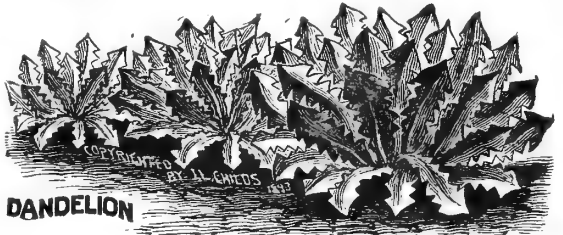
IMPROVED RUBY SWEET CORN

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Endive.

Green Curled. Well known in fashionable restaurants under the name of Chicoree, and particularly fine served with Lettuce with French dressing. Sow seed from middle of June to end of August. When wanted for use blanch the inside leaves by tying the outer leaves together over the heart, and the plants will be ready for use in about one week after. Never tie up when the leaves are wet, as it induces decay. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.



DANZELION

Dandelion.

Improved Large Leaved. The old "greens" of our grandmothers, now improved into large turfy plants, with wide, long leaves of superior quality. These make a very healthful, nutritious and pleasant food that can be used very early in the season. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.



WHITE SPINE CUCUMBER

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Pop Corn.

Here's something for the boys and girls! Did you ever see a youngster that did not enjoy popping corn, and a watching the hard little kernels burst suddenly out into balls of white, light as a feather, and deliciously crisp and toothsome? Give every boy and girl a row of Pop Corn for his or her own. The sweet little misses like the pretty sorts, the boys like those that bear the most. Then with nuts and apples, games to play and corn to pop, our little folks will pass away the long winter evenings with mirth and happiness at home, rather than on the streets. The following sorts are mostly new and of greatly improved quality.

California Golden. Beautiful little golden ears but two or three inches long, and crowded with little pointed grains that pop out large, light and snowy-white. Often used for Christmas decoration, both the little golden ears and the white popped corn strung on long strings for festooning. The plant is very dwarf and productive. Pkt., 10c.

Mapledale Prolific. This is the Pop Corn for profit. The stalks bear the almost incredible number of 10 to 20 ears to each stalk, while

the quality is very fine. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

Golden Tom Thumb. This Pop Corn only grows 18 inches high, and the dainty little ears are only two inches long, with smooth, golden-yellow kernels in regular rows. This little toy corn is not only very pretty, but it pops beautifully white and large, and is very crisp and tender. Its compact growth fit it for city or village lots, where land is reckoned by the foot, not by the acre. Golden Tom Thumb grows quickly and ripens its crop by the first of August, allowing the same ground to be used for celery, turnips, etc. Pkt., 10c.

Queen's Golden. A splendid new Pop Corn, with beautiful bright golden ears; a heavy yielder and a sturdy grower. Kernels pop out as white as snow, and are very tender and finely flavored. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.

New Striped. A fancy variety, very showy, while its quality is of the very best. Rather large ears, filled out with clear, transparent white kernels, beautifully striped with bright crimson. An early and productive variety, and one of great beauty. Fine for selling in the markets. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

Improved Red Rice. A good old sort, with good-sized ears and dark-red kernels that pop as white as snow. Indispensable on account of the great beauty of its rich ruby-colored ears. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 25c.

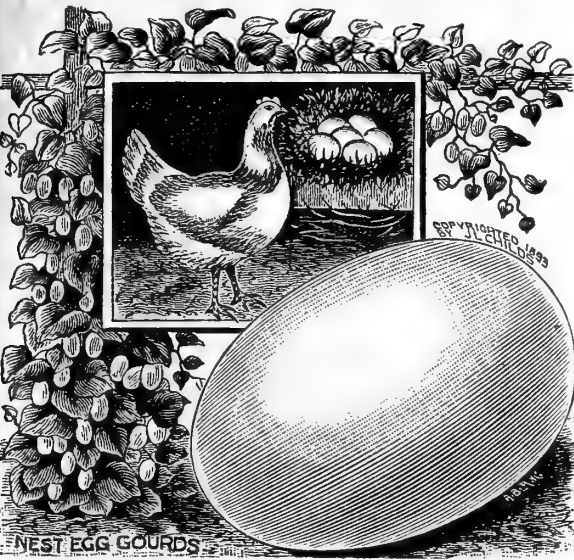
Snowflake. Flinty white kernels set thickly on the cob. Pops out large and white, and is very sweet and tender. Ear large and thickly set with very heavy kernels. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 75c.

Tattooed Yankee. A new and exceedingly odd variety from Maine. It is of the rice type, color golden yellow, the ear being blotched, spotted and marked in various places with tattoo black kernels. It is of fine appearance, very early, an abundant yielder, and an extra fine sort for popping. This always attracts great attention at fairs. Pkt., 10c.

SPECIAL OFFER. For only 50 cents we will send one packet each of the above eight odd and superb sorts of Pop Corn.

\$30.00 in Cash Prizes.

For several years we have offered three cash prizes for the best set of eight ears of our pop corn, one ear of each kind. These prizes have invariably been won by boys and girls. We are pleased to continue these offers this year. First prize of \$15.00 will be paid for the best set of eight ears. Second prize of \$10.00, and third prize, \$5.00. Send the ears by mail during October, and the prizes will be awarded November 1st. Do not neglect to put your name and address on the package, that we may know who it is from. To those who send in samples and do not secure any of the three prizes, we will send some sort of a little present to show our appreciation of their efforts. All who compete will be notified of the awards.

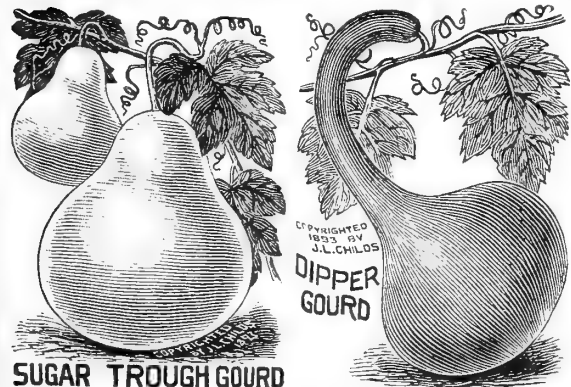


Gourds.

Nest Egg, Improved. A striking vine when hanging full of its pretty, curious fruit, that so closely resemble smooth, well-shaped hen's eggs that a hen might well be excused for claiming them as her own production. As the shells become very tough and hard they do not crack or burst open in freezing weather, and are thus very useful for nest eggs. Very ornamental as well as useful. This strain always comes true from seed. Pkt., 10c.

Dipper. Another useful Gourd that, as its fruit is light and strong and does not rust or rot or heat easily, is just right to use in dipping hot liquids, soap, etc., besides being useful for birds' nests, fancy hanging baskets, etc. They hold from one pint to a quart and a half each. Pkt., 10c.

Dish Cloth. Ornamental enough for a house vine and fruit very useful. Vines grow large and robust, with large, luxuriant dark-green leaves and really handsome, large, crimped flowers of a rich golden yellow. Fruit enormous, two feet in length, and borne in great profusion. The lining of mature fruit, when washed and bleached in sun, is porous, tough, elastic, sponge-like, making the nicest, cleanest substitute for dish-cloths and bath-sponges imaginable, besides being very useful for various articles of fancy work. Start early, and plant out in hills made very rich and mellow, as it requires a long season of growth to fruit. Pkt., 10c.



Sugar Trough. Enormous hard-shelled fruit, holding from three to ten gallons each, and as they never rust or rot, and are very light and strong, are just right to use as receptacles for lard, salt, seed corn, soap, etc., or to use as nesting boxes, buckets, etc. They last for years. Pkt., 10c.

Hercules Club. Enormous, long club-shaped fruit, very curious and at the same, time exceedingly useful to use in storing various articles, as the fruit is hard-shelled and last for years in perfect condition. Pkt., 10c.

One packet each of the five sorts, 30c.



Egg Plant.

NEW YORK IMPROVED. (Hallock's.)

Very popular in all the city markets. This is the earliest, finest and largest variety grown, and a fine sort for either market or private garden. Start seed in hot-bed and transplant into warm, rich, mellow soil. The fruit is very handsome, large, smooth and round and of a rich, shining purple-black color, and is borne until frost. Cook by cutting into half or quarter-inch slices, and after paring dip them into salted water for an hour, then dip in beaten egg and cracker crumbs and fry in hot fat until golden brown. It has a meaty flavor much liked by everybody. This is absolutely the very finest strain of Egg Plant in cultivation. Pkt., 15c.; oz., 75c.; lb., \$3.00.

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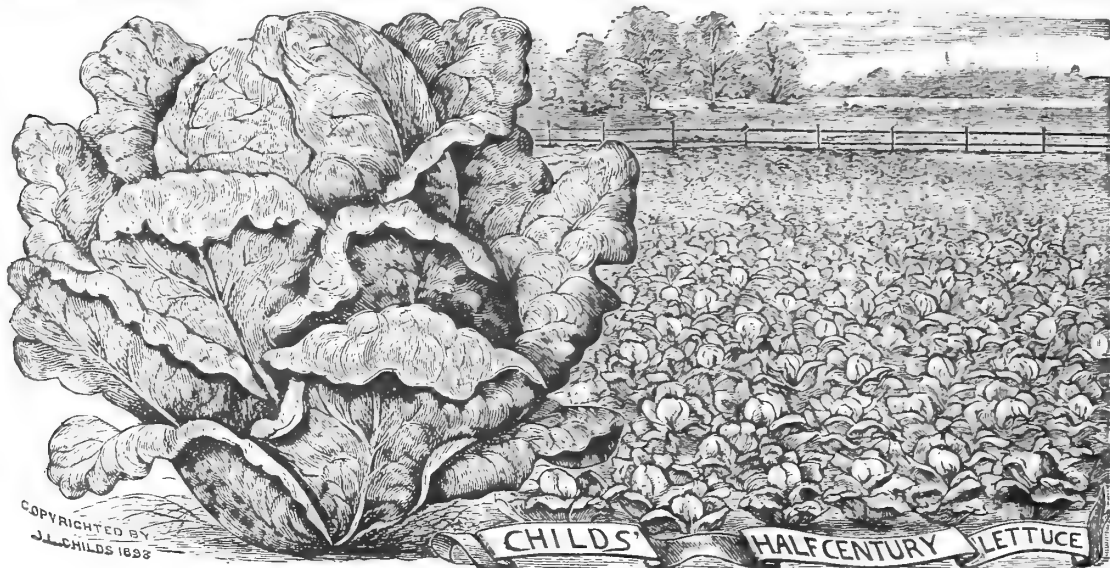
Leek.—(New Giant Italian.)

The Leek is a very hardy, easily-grown vegetable, of mild, agreeable flavor, and is much used for soups, stews, etc., as its flavor is more delicate than that of an Onion. This is a new and very large variety, the best for general cultivation. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.00.

Kohl Rabi.

Extra Early Vienna. A curious vegetable, in appearance half way between a Turnip and a Cabbage, with a turnip-like swelling of the stem above ground which, while young and tender, has a delicious cauliflower-like flavor, very appetizing and pleasant. Transplant from seed bed into rich, mellow ground. Very easily grown. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

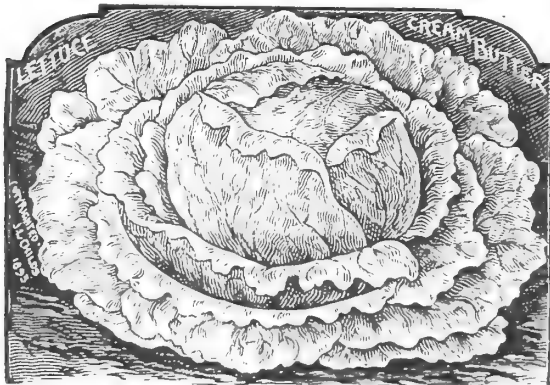
Late Giant. An extraordinary sort on account of its enormous size; grows to weigh 20 pounds and is very tender and fine. A splendid show variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$3.00.



Lettuce.

An indispensable vegetable, certainly the finest salad plant known, very useful to keep caged birds in health and song, and many varieties very useful for garnishing. Easily grown, either in hot-bed or garden, and can be sown very early. South of Mason and Dixon's line can be sown in open ground in fall, and needs only a slight protection of straw or loose litter to be perfectly hardy.

Childs' Half Century. We all know how much careful selection year after year has to do with the quality of our vegetables, but there are few things can claim a half-century's descent from only the choicest and best specimens of one type. This Lettuce can do so, however, and we are not surprised therefore at its superior qualities. Its leaves fold together, forming a long, loose head, remarkable for tenderness and delicious flavor. It may seem a good deal to say, but it is, nevertheless, a fact, that for tenderness, brittleness and delicious quality, this Lettuce grown in the open ground surpasses any other sort grown under glass. Nothing can approach it in quality. It is so brittle and tender that its leaves break to pieces in handling, if care is not used. Fifty years is a long time to cultivate, select and improve any vegetable; but it has surely accomplished much in this Lettuce. It is a quick grower and attains its full size in forty to fifty days, and remains in fine condition for a very long time. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.



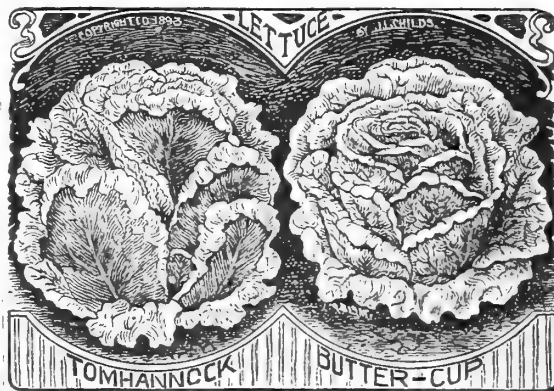
Cream Butter. A crisp, tender, richly-flavored variety, forming large heads of a beautiful creamy color. Medium early, and stands summer heat remarkably well. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.25.

New Hard Head. Almost as solid as a Cabbage. Although it forms a head quickly it stands a long time before seeding. Quality of the very best, and entirely free from bitterness. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.00.

Curled Simpson. A fine old sort, still able to hold its own against all new comers. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

New Hanson. Our Southern customers say this is the finest Lettuce they can grow. Plants large and uniform, perfect heads, quality superlatively fine, and stands heat extraordinarily well. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Buttercup. A beautiful golden sort, almost as ornamental as Coleus. Large heads, and fine quality; beautiful golden yellow. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.



Tomhannock. Just the Lettuce we have all been looking for; one that will stand the hot dry weather of midsummer without growing bitter, tough, or running to seed. It makes a beautiful bunch a foot high, and even more across, and the leaves are delightfully crisp and tender. Color light green, well bronzed. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.00.

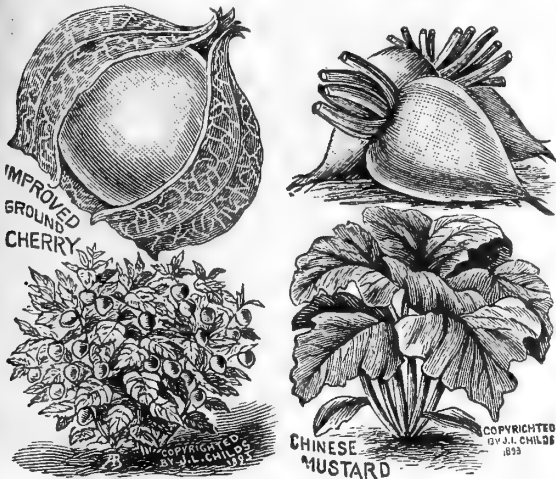
Golden Heart. A very handsome, large-growing variety of rich, golden-yellow color. Good quality; grows quickly, and is ready to use soon after sowing. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

White Paris Cos. This is a popular European sort, and is good for forcing, early or summer sowing. Well grown heads weigh from 5 to 7 pounds. The leaves must be tied closely together when grown, to blanch them. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.35.

Tennisball. A very firm head Lettuce, and one of the very best of all for forcing. Largely grown for the critical Boston market. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Boston Fine Curled. An early, beautiful sort, with beautifully curled green leaves, and very crisp and tender. This is a splendid sort for forcing in greenhouses or frames. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.

One packet each of the eleven sorts for 60c.



Ground Cherry.

Something like the old Husk Tomato. Easily grown on any light soil, and very prolific bearers of tender little fruit, each enclosed in a husk. For pies, sauce and preserves they are much liked, and if left in the husks will keep a long time in a cool, dry room. Pkt., 5c.

Mustard.

White London. Much relished for early greens. Broad, tender leaves, and quick grower. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 90c.

Chinese. A rank grower, several feet in height, and such a rapid grower that leaves may be gathered six weeks after sowing. The broad, large leaves remain in condition to use until frost, and are best boiled like Spinach. A very agreeable flavor, and a welcome addition to our small list of really good salad plants. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 90c.

Okra, White Velvet.

The Okra or "Gumbo" is very popular for making soups, stews, etc. This new sort is undeniably the best variety grown. Its large thick pods are round and smooth and of an ivory-white color. It is a very profuse bearer, and is ornamental as well as useful. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.



Martynia.

A strong growing annual, sometimes grown in flower gardens for its beautiful Gloxinia-like blossoms. It has large, curious, claw-like seed pods, which while young and

tender, make delicious pickles. Sow seed in hot-bed and transplant, or sow in open ground later in the season. Plant them two or three feet apart in the row. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.

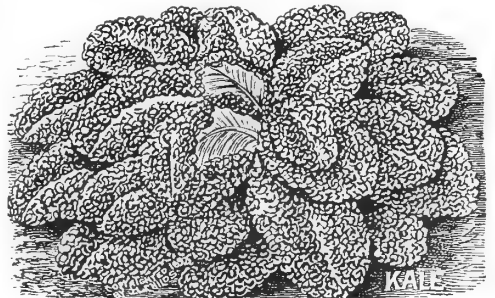


Herbs, Pot or Sweet.

Indispensable to the cook, useful in the sick room, and many kinds fine for perfuming clothing, etc.

	Pkt.	oz.
Anise. For flavoring.....	5	10
Balm. Very fragrant leaves; medicinal.....	5	10
Caraway. Seed extensively used for flavoring.....	5	10
Coriander. Used for flavoring cakes, etc.....	5	10
Borage	5	10
Dill. Much used to impart a pleasant flavor to pickles.....	5	20
Hoarhound. Very useful for curing coughs and colds.....	5	10
Lavender. The fragrant leaves used to scent clothing.....	5	40
Sage. The most useful of all, and needed in every garden.....	5	20
Sweet Fennel.	5	15
Sweet Marjoram. Pot herb.....	5	15
Tansy. For medicinal use.....	5	30
Thyme	5	40
Savory, Summer. Fine for flavoring, dressing, etc.....	5	15
Rosemary. Aromatic and medicinal. Very fragrant; also a moth preventive.....	10	50
Wormwood. A splendid plant for poultry. Should be planted in all poultry yards.....	5	25

One packet of the sixteen fine sorts, 50c.



Kale, Dwarf German.

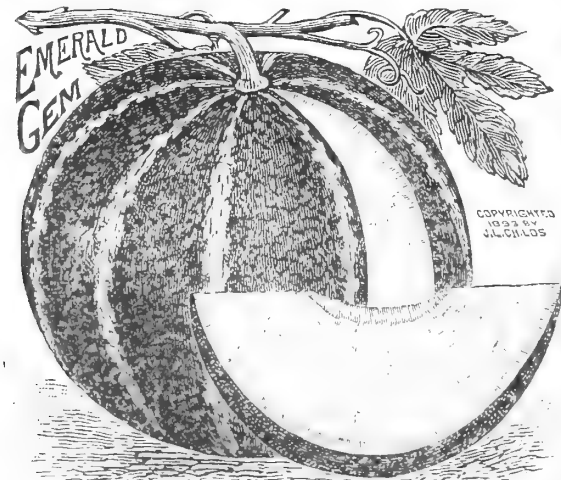
Almost ornamental enough for the flower garden, with long, large, procumbent leaves, finely crisped and curled. These are very easily grown and are much hardier than any Cabbage, standing the winters well if protected by a little light litter or straw. The action of frost improves their flavor wonderfully, and they are particularly fine for winter and early spring greens. Sow seed in May or June and transplant as for Cabbage. For spring use they may be sown as late as September. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 85c.



Muskmelon.

This fine fruit is much more delicious when eaten fresh from the vines, than when allowed to stand for days in the heat of the market. Grow them like cucumbers.

Childs' Great Combination. An appropriate name for this fine melon that combines large size, extra quality, rich perfume, late ripening, and long keeping. Each melon is very large, often from 20 to 30 pounds weight, twice the size of others, thick-meat, very luscious and rich. If carefully picked and put away in a cool, dry place, will keep a month or longer. Average size twice as large as any other. Pkt., 10c.; oz. 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

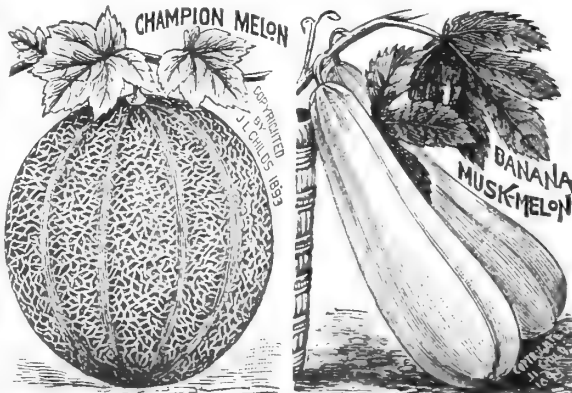


Emerald Gem. In quality this leads all, and every home garden should include it. Medium sized, round, with salmon flesh so rich, sweet and juicy that it needs to be eaten with a spoon. No other Muskmelon can compare with it in eating qualities, and it is the sort of all others for the home garden. It is rather soft and perishable for marketing, except near home. Where known in our villages and cities, the Emerald Gem easily brings double the price of any other sort, and for gardeners who deliver the melons to customers, or to the market direct, this is the most profitable where it is known. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Montreal Green Nutmeg. While not as large as the Great Combination, this is an uncommonly large melon and a great cropper. Flesh green, very firm and delicious, and unlike most varieties, does not lose flavor during wet or cloudy weather. A very popular sort with Northern market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.

Princess. A new and superior variety for either market or home garden. Melons nearly round, deeply ribbed, very thick flesh of a rich salmon color, and very sweet and pleasant. Melons medium sized, and quite early, and very handsome in appearance. Pkt., 10c., oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.00.

Bay View. A very profitable sort to grow, as they will yield 3,000 to 4,000 melons to the acre, and these large, handsome ones, of sweet, delicious flavor, popular with both buyer and seller. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 85c.



Champion. A very handsome, large round melon, of delicious flavor and rich quality. A great cropper and a favorite market sort. A fine standard sort which will give great satisfaction in any locality. For shipping it is without doubt the very best of all Muskmelons. It keeps well, comes well, is of fine appearance and high quality. None better for market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.25.

Banana. A curious sort that is quite popular. Melons very slender, largest at the blossom end, and two or three feet long. A very fragrant variety, and if not picked until thoroughly ripe, of very good quality and flavor. Its flesh and flavor, as well as its shape, remind one of a great luscious Banana. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

One packet each of the above seven sorts, 40c.



Watermelon.

Never plant Watermelons on hard, poor soil. Plant in large, deep, mellow hills, made very rich with well-rotted manure, and you will have great crops of this delicious vegetable, which to be had at its best must be picked from one's own garden.

Childs' Ruby Gold. A variety introduced by us. The most beautiful table Melon grown. Fine for table decorations, cut crosswise and alternated with slices of deep-red Melons. In shape the Melons are a long oval, two feet or more in length, and will weigh 40 to 60 pounds each. The flesh is a rich, solid golden-yellow with star-like center of carmine or ruby red, almost too beautiful to think of eating, yet its quality is as superior as its appearance. There is absolutely no core or hard spots in it, but the flesh is juicy, sweet, luscious, melting in the mouth almost like ice-cream. Lasts long in perfect condition without getting "stringy" or "mealy." Medium early, and a sure cropper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Dixie. A great Watermelon for the South, for growing to ship to Northern markets early. It possesses the finest quality, combined with large size, handsome appearance, earliness, long keeping and excellent shipping qualities. It is so much earlier than Kolb's Gem that it gets into market in time to catch the highest prices. It is a great melon for marketing. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Hungarian Honey. One of the most delicious varieties known, of an almost honey-like sweetness. Round, dark green melons that will average about ten pounds each; flesh rich and melting, without a trace of stringiness. Extra early and fine for the Northern States. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

White Gem. A very distinct variety brought from China. Round, medium-sized Melons of an ivory whiteness, faintly marked with pale-green stripes. Pink flesh of most delicious flavor, sweet and crisp. Pkt., 10c.

Climbing. New early sort. See Novelties.

Phinney. An early, oval variety, prolific, sweet and crisp. One of the best. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Mountain Sweet. A fine old sort, so deliciously sweet and tender that it will almost melt in one's mouth. The best variety for the extreme North, where few Watermelons succeed. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Seminole. An extra early large Melon, of superior quality and a profuse bearer. Melons either gray or light green in color. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

Kolb's Gem. The celebrated Southern shipping variety. Will keep thirty days after pulling, and, as shell is very hard, rarely bursts in shipping. Large and prolific; juicy and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

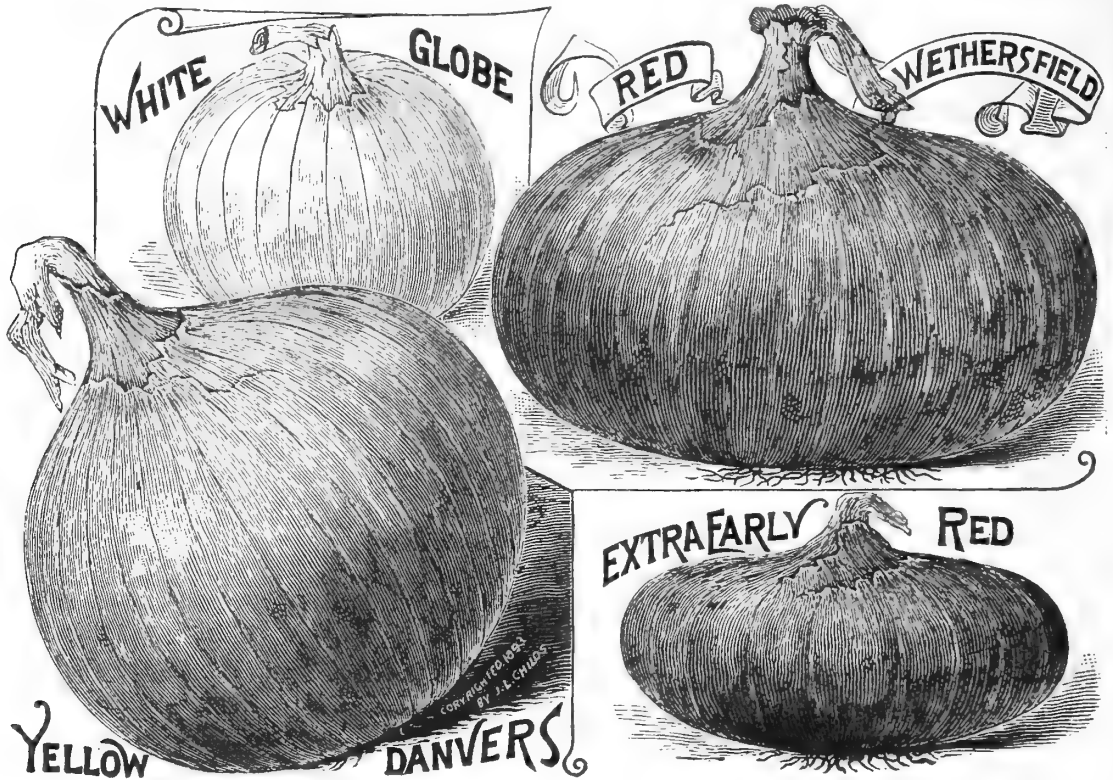
Mammoth Iron Clad. Enormous Melons, sometimes weighing from 50 to 75 pounds. Do not plant on heavy soil or they will come into bearing late. A superb Melon. Flesh rich and sweet, shell hard and firm, and Melons will keep well for weeks after pulling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.



Cuban Queen. A very juicy, sweet variety of the largest size, a special favorite with those who like their Melons nearly all core. A splendid seller in the market, a good keeper, and enormously productive. Pkt. 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Chinese Preserving. We introduced this from China several years ago. It is a success in every locality, easily grown, and very prolific. Melons large, nearly round, dark-green in color, and very solid and white. Makes superior preserves, sauce and sweet pickles. Keeps well till after Christmas. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.25.

One packet each of the eleven sorts, 75c.



Onion.

One of the most wholesome foods known, and much relished by most people. Most physicians agree that the free use of Onions as food is a healthful and beneficial stimulant to the system. In cases of colds, coughs and lung troubles they are often better than medicine. Certain it is that they are the best remedy for that new disease "La Grippe," and their free use is one of the best preventives from taking it. The Onion is one of those vegetables with which success or failure depend largely upon the quality of seed sown. The best Onion seed is always the cheapest. We are certain that ours is as good as can be found anywhere. Have the ground made very fine, deep and rich for Onions, and keep free from weeds. We also offer here two kinds of Onion Sets, which are very valuable indeed.

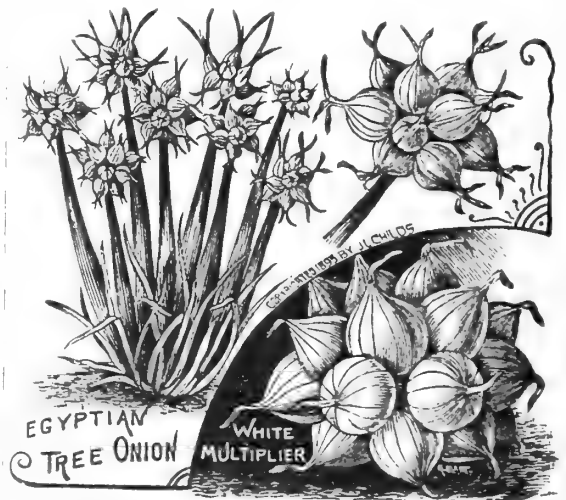
Large Red Wethersfield. A favorite red-skinned sort, of large size and handsome appearance. Onions somewhat flattened, flesh purplish-white, high flavored, and keeps well without rotting. A standard sort, and a great favorite with market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.30.

Yellow Globe Danvers. Another popular Onion, widely grown for market. Plump, handsome, yellow-skinned bulbs, very uniform, round and perfect. We have an extra fine strain of this. More seed of this Onion is annually sown than any other variety. It does well everywhere, in all soils and in all climates, and is a popular market sort all over the country. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.30.

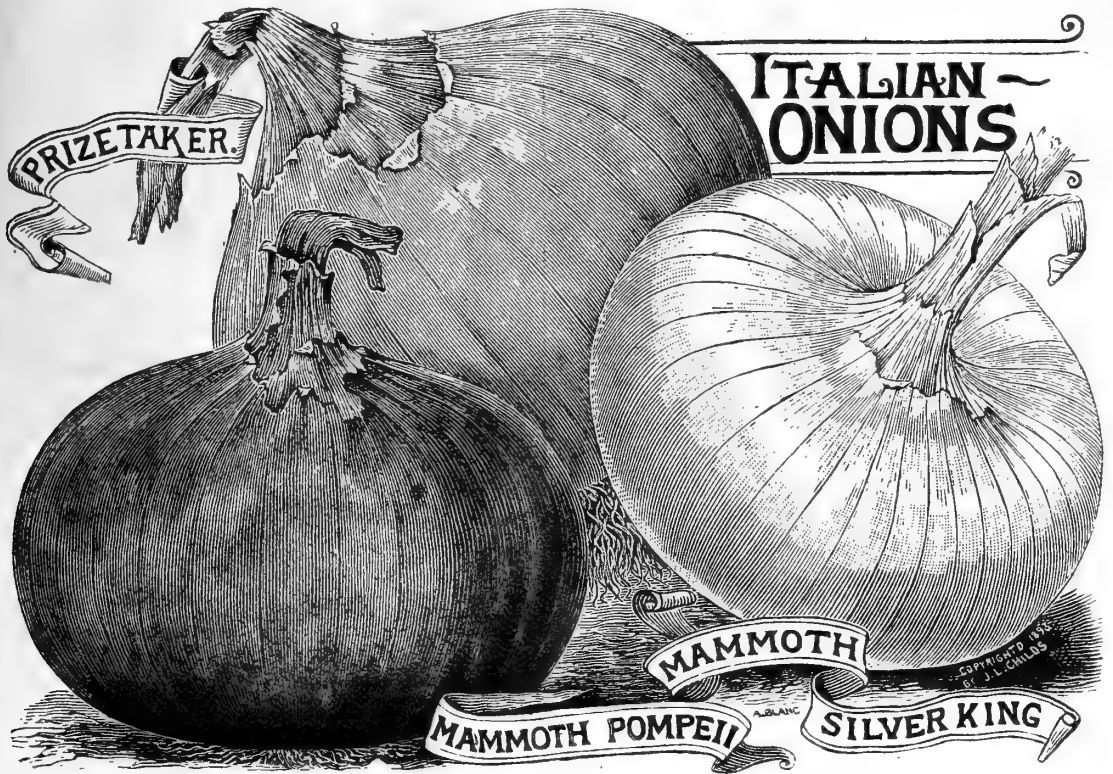
Extra Early Red. A quick growing variety, much liked in the North, as it grows well in cold, mucky soils where other sorts fail. Flavor very pleasant. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

Southport White Globe. A globular, mild-flavored Onion of fine appearance and superior quality. A great favorite in most localities and probably the most popular White Globe variety. Keeps well. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

Egyptian or Perennial Tree Onion. In this we have an entirely new variety of Onion. It differs from those raised from seeds or sets, from the top Onion, potato Onion, in the fact that when once set out, without the slightest protection, it will come up year after year as soon as the frosts break ground, and grow so rapidly that it is ready for market or home use two or three weeks before any of them. It is usually ready for the table early in May. Is unsurpassed for sweetness and tenderness. It is perfectly hardy in all sections of the North. Differs widely from all other forms of top or Potato Onion, and should have a place in every home garden. Pint, 30c.; quart, 50c., postpaid; peck, by express, \$2.00.



White Multiplier Onion Sets. This is the best form of a Potato Onion, being very early and enormously prolific, of good size, clear white color, and mild, sweet flavor. It should be in every garden. Pint, 25c.; quart, 40c., postpaid; peck, by express, \$2.50.



Italian Onions.

During the past few years Italian Onions have come into favor with astonishing rapidity. Where a few years ago they were grown only as fancy garden crops, they are now planted extensively for market, and they are, too, a profitable crop. They are of rapid growth and attain a very large size in a wonderfully short time. They are not only large, but very uniform, perfect in shape, and exceedingly handsome in appearance. In quality they are acknowledged on all sides to be the best, having an exceedingly mild, delicate and pleasant flavor. For eating raw they are of course greatly superior to other Onions, owing to the mildness of their flavor. These Onions do best on a rich, light or sandy soil, in a warm, and if possible, sheltered situation, if one desires to see them at their best. No garden complete without a good supply of Italian Onions.

Mammoth Silver King. A superb Onion, that sometimes grows to weigh 3 or 4 pounds. Silver-skinned, white-fleshed, very mild and tender. So mild, sweet and tender that it can be eaten raw like an apple. It has an average diameter of five to seven inches, making a circumference of fifteen to twenty inches. It is probably the most popular Italian Onion known to cultivation. A grand seller in all markets. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

Prize Taker. A very large yellow globe Onion, very handsome, fine flavor, and grand sort for market. Immensely productive, producing 700 bushels to the acre, and is claimed by the introducer to be the largest, handsomest, finest flavored yellow globe Onion ever introduced. It is a good keeper, remaining hard and firm until Spring. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.

Giant White Tripoli. An enormous Italian sort, of very mild and pleasant flavor. One of the oldest sorts and a fine one. Very large and handsome and a quick and vigorous grower. Very popular. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

Mammoth Pompeii. A most remarkable Onion on account of its enormous size and fine quality. They often grow to the weight of 4 or 5 lbs., with a very thin and delicate skin, which is of a handsome reddish, or reddish brown color. Notwithstanding its great size it is exceedingly mild and fine grained. An extra fine sort, of easy culture and a good keeper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

Yellow Giant, or Zittau. An enormous yellow Onion, which cannot be too highly recommended. Notwithstanding its great size it is fine grained and of splendid quality. In keeping qualities it surpasses most other Italian varieties. Will surely, when known, be a great favorite. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.

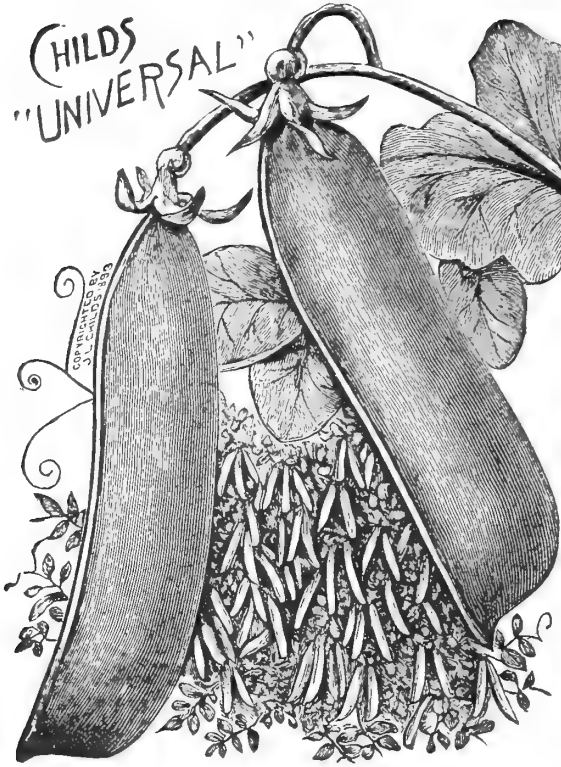


Early Radish or Barletta. The prettiest button-like little Onion imaginable. Small, flat and silver-skinned, so mild in flavor that they can be eaten raw like a stalk of Celery, and for pickling are far ahead of any other Onion. Leaves almost no odor on the breath, and is liked by all. Three weeks earlier than any other Onion, and grows very readily from seed. Is used largely for eating raw like a Radish, yet when cooked it has the most delicate flavor of any Onion. Introduced by us several years ago as Early Radish, about the time it was introduced into France as Barletta. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.15.

SPECIAL OFFER.

That all may have a chance to test the various kinds of Onions, to ascertain which ones do best in their locality, we will send one packet each of the 10 sorts offered on these two pages for only 50c. One ounce of each for \$1.50.

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"UNIVERSAL"



Peas.

This delicious vegetable is so much finer when freshly gathered, than when allowed to shrivel for days in the market, that every family if possible should grow their own Peas. For early crop plant as soon as the ground can possibly be worked in the spring, and plant every two weeks thereafter for succession until summer.

Childs' Universal. A new and most valuable sort, almost the perfection of a Pea. This is no chance variety, but one developed by long years of careful selection and high cultivation. The plant is a branching half dwarf, giving room for an immense crop, yet needing no staking. The plants are covered with pods, well filled with medium sized wrinkled Peas, of very rich flavor. Medium early, and is bound to supersede the older main crop varieties. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.



AMERICAN WONDER PEAS.

American Wonder. An early wrinkled Pea of exquisite flavor, ready for the table in thirty to forty days after planting. Grows only a few inches high. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

McLean's Little Gem. An old standard Tom Thumb variety, still among the very best for a first crop Pea. Very hardy. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.



ALASKA PEAS.

Alaska. The best of all early round varieties, ripening ahead of all others except Child's Morning Star, and bearing great quantities of fine Peas, richly flavored. A fine market Pea, as the whole crop matures at almost one time. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 40c.

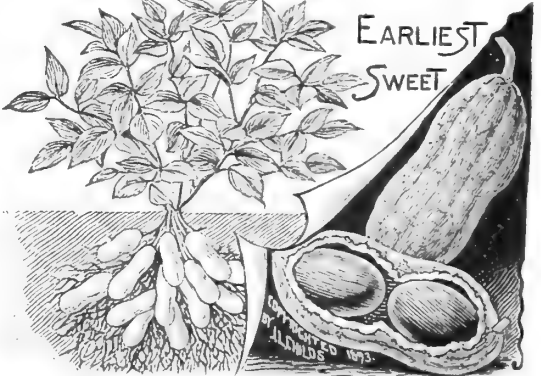
Long Island Mammoth. A favorite with Long Island market gardeners, who grow it for the New York market. Bears heavy crops of well filled pods; peas of very good quality. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 40c.

Champion of England. Still holds its own among all new comers as a Pea of superlatively fine quality. Late, and a heavy cropper. Unsurpassed quality. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.

Stratagem. The largest, showiest Pea of all. So distinct even in growth as to attract the attention of every visitor. Luxuriant, large-leaved foliage, with enormous great pods holding from 7 to 9 large, square Peas, dark green in color, and of surpassingly rich flavor. Is not an early variety, but does not turn "mealy" in the South, while still green, like the majority of late Peas. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 55c.

Everbearing. A fine sort for the home garden, as it does not ripen its pods at one crop, but continues in bearing a long time. Fine flavor. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Pride of the Market. A fine green-seeded Pea, one week earlier than the Stratagem, but resembling it somewhat. Plants grow 18 inches high, bearing long pods of very large, fine-flavored Peas. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.



EARLIEST SWEET

Peanut (Early Sweet).

Grow some Peanuts for the children. Not at all hard to grow, and stands heat and drouth like a salamander. This sort is so early that it ripens in all the Northern States and in Canada, while its quality is of the very best, the nuts being exceedingly sweet and rich when roasted. Any light, sandy, or loose soil suits them. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 30c.



Pepper.

Our ancestors used to hold that none but hot-tempered people could grow Pepper successfully. We know better than that now, and have learned that the heat needs to be in the seed-bed or hot-bed, rather than in the temper, to bring the Pepper above ground. No trouble whatever to grow, when once up. Useful for culinary purposes, ornamental as pot plants, and quite necessary to the health of all game birds, and poultry. Every garden ought to have a good bed of them.

Childs' Celestial, Improved. A fine, sharp-flavored Pepper of transcendent beauty, setting its fruit early and continuing until cut down by frost. A well-grown plant will show peppers in every stage of growth, and in three or four different colors, according to the stage of ripeness—creamy white, pink, and vivid scarlet, all on the bush together, a most novel and wonderful sight. Beautiful pot plants; in fact, few pot plants make such an attractive show as does this Pepper when in full bearing. It is perfectly charming, showing such quantities of fruit of so many distinct colors. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.

Large Bell. A fine old standard sort, large, bell-shaped. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

Ruby King. A king of beauty, indeed. Enormous fruits of a fiery, glowing, ruby red, but mild and pleasant in flavor. Pkt., 5c., oz., 25c.



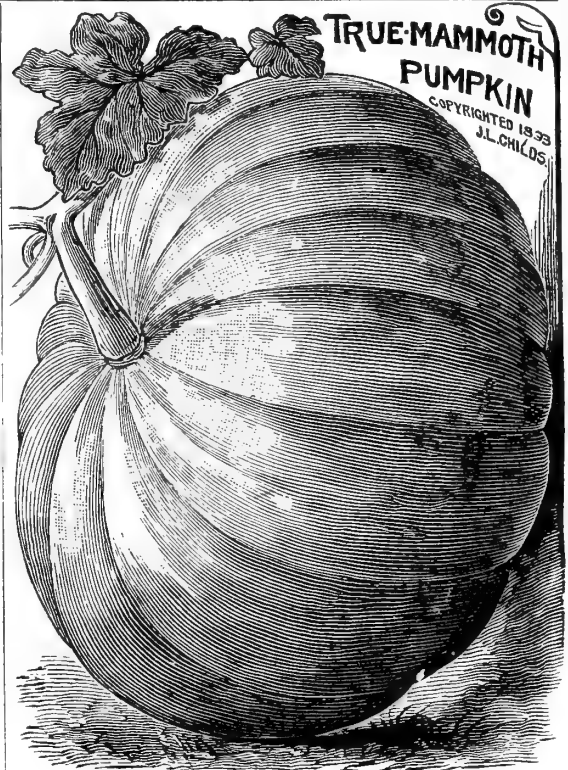
Red Cluster. A dwarf sort, loaded with beautiful glossy scarlet fruits, which are particularly valued for pickling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.50.

Black Nubian. A most novel sort. Long, tapering, sharp-pointed fruit, six inches long, and of a deep, glossy black color until fully ripe, when they change to a dark orange red. Fruit is very fiery, and is superior for flavoring for piccalilly, chow-chow, etc. Also a handsome and unique pot plant. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.

Childs' Kaleidoscope. See Novelties.

Childs' Ivory Tusk. See Novelties.

One packet each of above seven beautiful Peppers for only 35c.

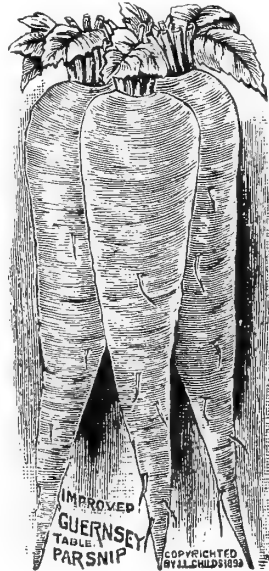


Pumpkin.

Large Cheese. An old, standard sort, and a grand variety for large field crop. Pkt., 5c.; oz. 10c.; lb. 50c.

Quaker Pie. What would Thanksgiving be without Pumpkin pie? This Pumpkin furnishes fine-grained and rich flavored fruit, just what is wanted for a really good pie. Ripens early and keeps late. A prolific sort, of a light yellow shade, very popular. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.

Genuine Mammoth or True Portion. This is the giant Pumpkin that always takes the premium at the county fair for size. Grows so large two men can scarcely lift one of the fruits, which have been grown to weigh nearly or quite 200 pounds in weight. Flesh bright yellow and of very fair quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz. 25c.; lb., \$2.00.

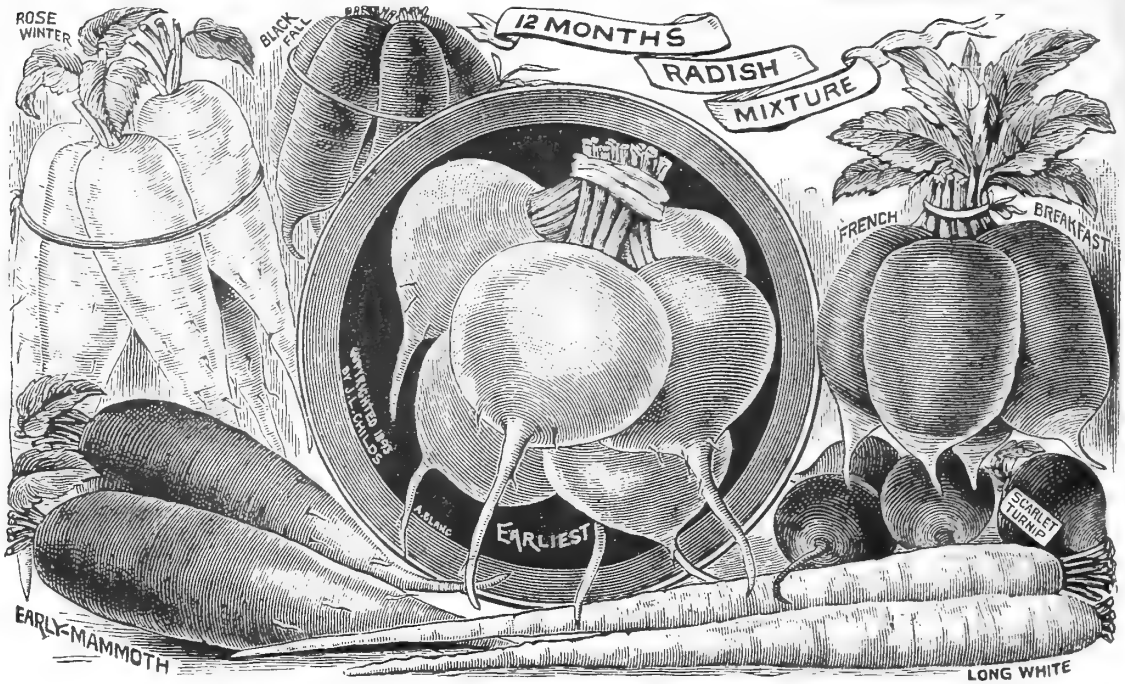


Parsnip.

One of the few winter vegetables. The roots are perfectly hardy, and are improved in flavor by the action of frost. Roots can be dug during thaws in winter, or very early in spring, when a change of food is most relished. They are perfectly delicious when boiled whole, then sliced thin and fried brown with slices of salt pork.

Improved Guernsey. This is not the coarse Stock Guernsey, but the table variety of that name, the sweetest, finest grained Parsnip grown, and a heavy cropper. Smooth, thick roots, about 12 inches long. Very fine stewed, fried, etc. Pkt. 10c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Improved Long Smooth Hollow Crown. An old standard variety, of fine quality, with very long roots. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.



Radish.

The warm, pungent flavor of the Radish, and its crisp, brittle texture has always made it a favorite vegetable. Can be sown at intervals so as to keep up a succession from early spring until frost.

Earliest Forcing. Earlier than any other sort, by a week. bright scarlet turnip Radish, very smooth and round, with small tops, allowing it to be grown closely together in hot-bed or forcing bench. Fine also for out of door sowing. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.

Early Mammoth. Known also as "Shepherd" and "Charter." This variety sometimes reaches the enormous length of two or three feet and is sometimes eight inches through at the top. A very quick growing variety, crisp, juicy and tender and mild in flavor. Its color is a fresh pink and white, and for market has no superior among summer Radishes. It remains tender and good for several weeks after it is ready for use and is a splendid all-around Radish. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

French Breakfast. A very attractive pink and white Radish, olive shaped, and with delicately flavored flesh, free from coarseness or any biting quality. A grand little table sort, and very ornamental. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

White Vienna. Finest of all long white Radishes. Skin and flesh pure white, beautiful shape and fine flavor. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

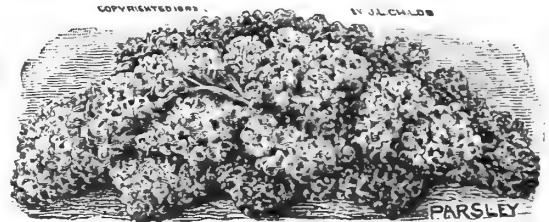
Early Scarlet Turnip. A fine, quick-growing, early little Radish, of very fine eating qualities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Black Fall, or Spanish. Sow when you do turnips; large size and good keeper; crisp, coarse, pungent flesh, much relished in winter. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Chinese Rose Winter. A handsome and superior mid-summer, fall and winter sort, of a lovely scarlet-rose color and large size. Flesh meaty, crisp and tender. Keep roots in soil in cellar for winter use. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 90c.

Twelve Months Radish Mixture. A superb mixture of all kinds of Radishes, early, medium, fall, winter, Chinese, etc. Sow a row of it and it will furnish you delicious Radishes throughout the year. The early and medium ones as they mature and are pulled make room for the larger growth of the fall and winter varieties. This mixture is made up of twenty-five best varieties, and with it, it is necessary to make but one sowing for the entire year. Try it once and you will ever after use it. This novel mixture was introduced by us two years ago, and our customers like it so well that last season we sold tons of it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; ½ lb., 50c.; lb., 80c.

One packet each of above eight sorts, 40c.

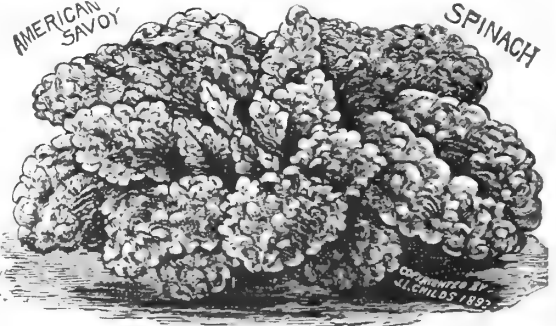


Parsley.

Hardy, and easily grown. Very fine for garnishing, as well as useful in flavoring soups, etc.

Extra Double Curled. Mossy, curled, and crisped leaves, very beautiful and of good quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 85c.

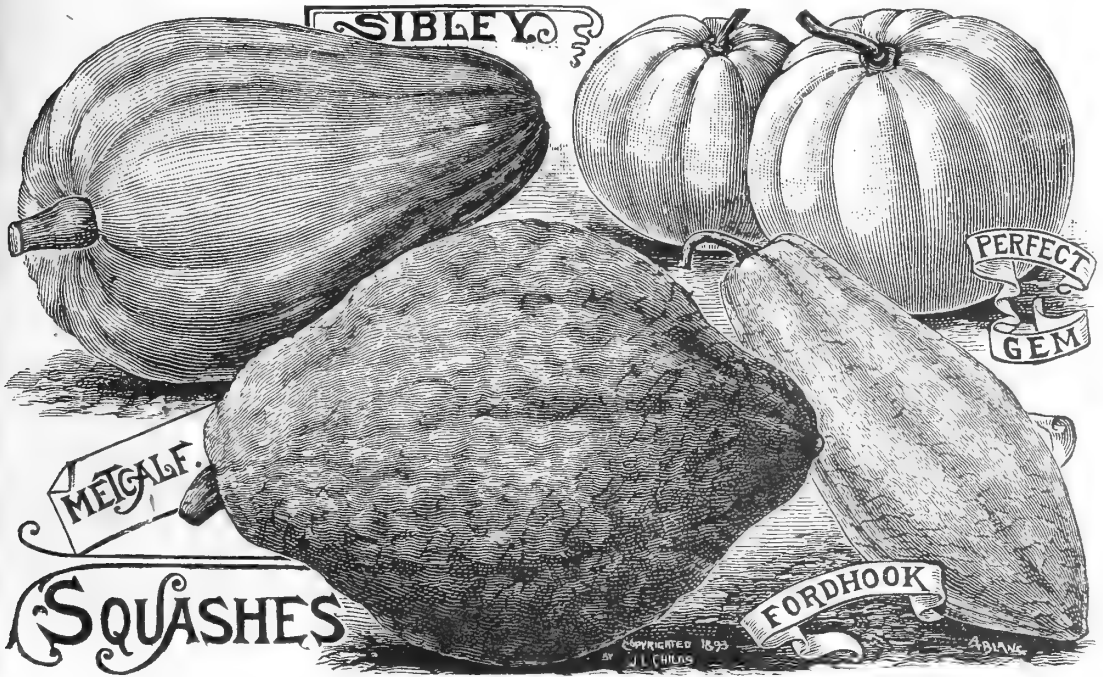
Beauty of the Parterre. One of the finest sorts for garnishing or low edgings. Very fine quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.



Spinach.

American Savoy. A heavy cropper, of fine quality and very hardy; succulent leaves, curled and crinkled like a Savoy cabbage. Hardest and most productive sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.

Viroflay. A popular market variety for either spring or fall sowing. Produces great quantities of large, thick, roundish leaves. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 35c.



Squash.

A delicious table vegetable, and when cooked like pumpkins, makes very superior pies.

Ford Hook. A long, golden yellow Squash, with very dry and fine-grained flesh. This is one of the best winter Squashes, and an extra fine keeper, and the plants are so robust that failure is very rare. Resists the attacks of the Squash borer better than most kinds; matures early and is everywhere a sure cropper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Sibley. Another fine winter Squash that keeps well nearly all winter. Shell hard and flinty; pale-green in color. Flesh a brilliant orange-red; very dry, and rich in flavor. A fine baking variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 75c.

Metcalf. A Maine variety, of extra fine quality, fine grained and dry. No better eating Squash can be found anywhere. A long winter-keeper, good until spring. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.25.

Early Scallop. An early summer sort. Very fine and popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

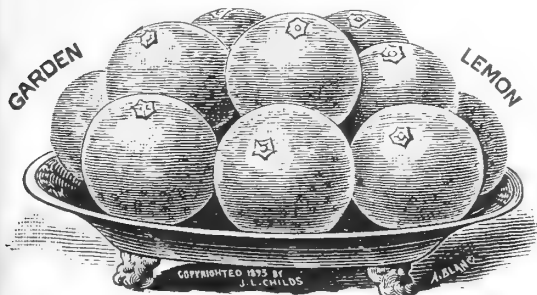
Perfect Gem. This sort is good both for summer and winter use. Thin-skinned, fine-grained and of very pleasant flavor. Will keep almost any length of time. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

Mammoth Chili. Specimens of this have been grown to reach 300 pounds in weight. Notwithstanding its enormous size, this Squash is of very fair quality and keeps well. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

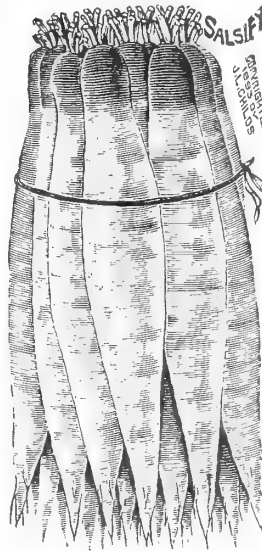
Improved Hubbard. (PRIVATE STOCK.) No more popular Squash than the Hubbard has ever been grown. Of late years it has largely lost favor because stocks have become badly mixed with inferior strains. Our stock is quite limited, but it is absolutely pure, and will produce the old-fashioned, deliciously-sweet Squash we all remember. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

Mammoth Whale. See Novelties.

One packet each of above eight sorts, 50c.



Salsify, or Vegetable Oyster.



One of the most delicious of all root vegetables. So hardy that it can be left in the ground all winter and dug as needed whenever the ground thaws. Stew until tender, then cook exactly like oysters, with pepper, cream and butter. Try a large bed of them this year. They are delightful.

Large White. A quick grower, very fine flavor. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Sandwich Island Mammoth. Like the above, but twice the size. Cannot be praised too highly. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.40.

Vine Fruit.

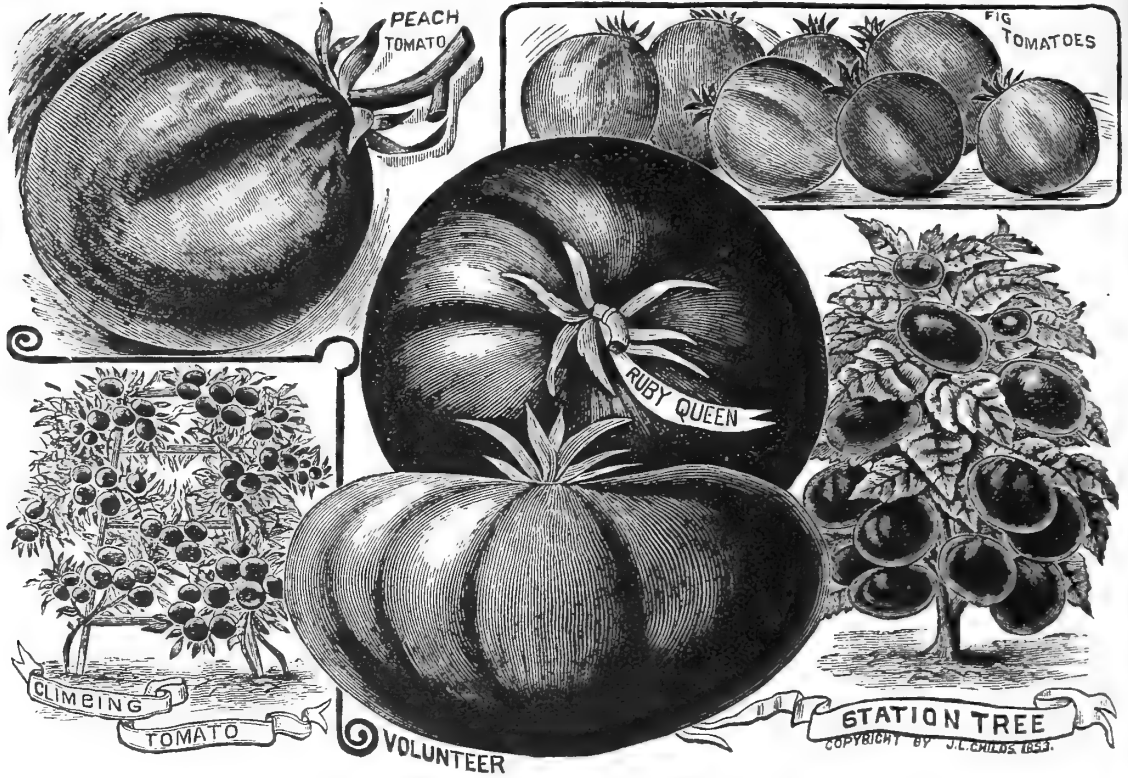
Garden Lemon. This new vegetable is a great boon to all those sections of the country where fruit is scarce, as its fruits make delicious preserves, sauce, etc., and are more easily prepared. This is something like the Vine Peach, but needs no lemon in putting up, as it is much more acid. Cultivate like the muskmelon. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$1.40.

Vine Peach. This sort has fruits the size of a large peach, and of a bright orange color. Flesh firm, and when cooked with lemon to give it a slight acidity, makes fine pies, sauce, sweet pickles, or preserves. Easily grown, and a good keeper. When stored in a cool dry place they keep fresh and good for several months. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.

Strawberry.

We have all heard of the great size and luscious sweetness of the French Strawberries. They are certainly a great way ahead of the American varieties. We have secured seed of the finest large-fruited kinds, which we have every reason to believe will produce varieties far superior to those in cultivation in this country. Strawberries are easily grown from seed, and it is interesting to note the different shapes, sizes and quality of the seedlings when they begin to fruit.

Large-Fruited Varieties. Mixed. Pkt., 10c.



Tomatoes

An indispensable vegetable. City dwellers with almost no room can train their Tomatoes to their back wall and raise quantities of fine, fresh fruit for their own use. Start early in house or hot-bed; transplant just after a gentle rain, and tie plants to stake or trellis. They stand drought remarkably well. Just before frost pick all the well-developed fruits, spread them singly in a light, frost-proof place, and they will continue ripening for two months or more.

Childs' Ruby Queen. Tomato of enormous size and as smooth as an apple. Its color is the deepest and darkest crimson-red, very rich and beautiful. It is very solid, with few seeds, and of the very finest quality. It has very thin skin, and its flesh throughout is most tender. It has not a particle of coarseness or toughness. It is just the sort you would choose for your own table above all others. It is much like the Golden Jubilee, except in color, and is perhaps rounder and smoother in shape. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Childs' Golden Jubilee. A fit companion to the Ruby Queen, and, like it, of enormous size, specimens having been grown that weighed over two pounds each. The fruits are round and solid, with very few seeds; flesh meaty and, like all yellow varieties, very sweet and mild in flavor. A beautiful table sort, especially when arranged with the deep rich slices of Ruby Queen in the same dish. The skin of this sort parts readily from the fruit without scalding, which feature is sure to please the cooks. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Turner Hybrid. A grand new Tomato, with large smooth fruit and curious foliage. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.

Ignotum. Esteemed as the perfection of a Tomato. Extremely early and a great cropper. Fruits large, smooth, without green spots or cores, and almost entirely free from cracks or rotten spots. Delicious flavor, very meaty and but few seeds. Fine for slicing, cooking or canning. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

Station Tree. This variety originated by crossing the French Tree with Alpha, the result being a very distinct variety, with thick, curly, almost black-green foliage and great numbers of handsome, solid fruit, with the fewest seeds of any known variety. Tomatoes are of very fine quality, and this sort is especially recommended for forcing, as it does extra well in pots, the earliest of all, and being of fine upright growth it requires but little room. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Childs' Picture Rock. The finest Tomato in cultivation. See Novelties for description and illustration.

Burbank's Dwarf Plum. See Novelties.

Golden Fig. A beautiful sort for preserving, the golden varieties being favorites with all housewives because of

their beautifully clear golden color when cooked in sugar. These fruits are small, beautifully smooth and almost incredibly productive. The flesh is solid, thick-meated, very sweet and pleasant, and are just right for preserves or sweet pickles, or for drying in sugar like figs. Carefully picked and well spread out in a frost-proof place, we have known ripe Tomatoes of this variety to stay sound and plump for four months, enabling one to have fresh Tomatoes nearly all winter. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Peach. A distinct, medium-sized Tomato, of very peculiar but pleasant flavor. The fruit of this Tomato is about the size and shape of a peach, and is of a soft peachy-red color with a distinct down or bloom that heightens the resemblance. This is an extra fine variety for eating out of hand, and is also fine for cooking or pickling. It has a fine fruit flavor not found in other sorts. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

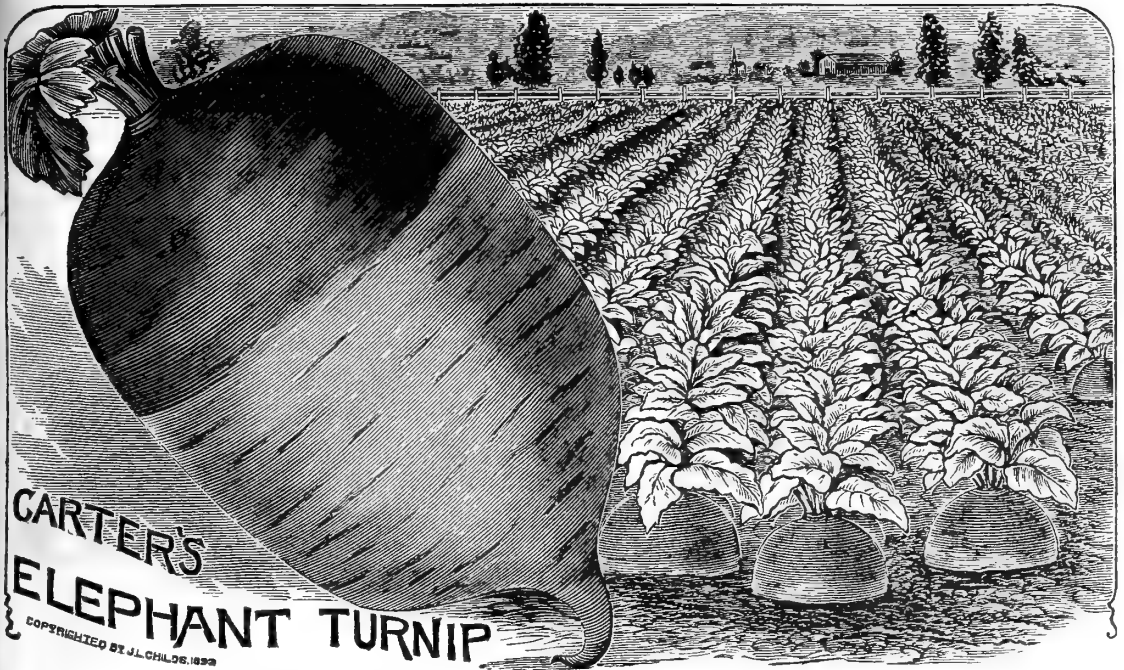
German Raisin. A dainty, ornamental sort, bearing great grape-like clusters of brilliant red fruits, very small and smooth. Fine for drying in sugar, or for preserves, or for table decoration. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 40c.

Volunteer. Everybody praises the Volunteer, and what everybody says must be true. Heavy continuous bearer of smooth, plump, solid fruits of surpassingly fine flavor. Extra fine for either home or market garden. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$2.50.

Climbing Tomato. A novel Tomato of a climbing habit, that, if supported, climbs to a considerable height. A very unique ornament to the kitchen doorway or window, when hanging full of its many large red fruits. Fruit smooth, solid and of fine flavor. Pkt., 10c.

Mixed Hybrids. An enthusiastic gardener in California has for years been crossing and re-crossing all sorts of the Tomato, both large and small, yellow, white and red, early and late. Every known variety has been used—large smooth, pear-shaped, plum-shaped, currant, fig, peach, etc. The result is a most interesting mixture of all shapes, colors and sizes, from the very largest to the very smallest. This mixture is not only novel but valuable, and the most interesting and satisfactory to plant for the home garden. Everybody will be delighted with the variety and quality of fruit produced, and in such a variety everyone's taste can be well satisfied. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

One packet each of the thirteen above offered for 75c.



Turnips.

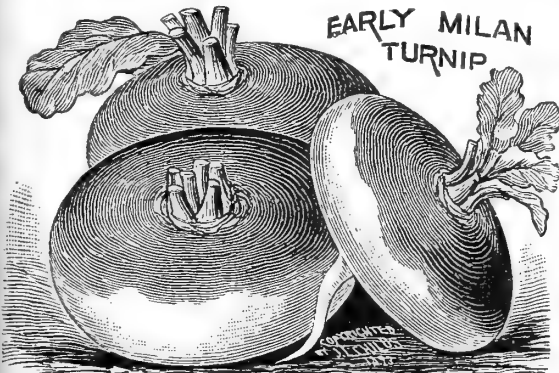
A valuable garden and farm crop. Good Turnips are almost as desirable for table use as Potatoes. Seed may be sown at any time, from April 1st to August 1st. For winter use sow last of July or first of August. Turnips may be sown late in ground that has been cropped with Pea or Beans early in the season.

Early Ivory. A sort of peculiar value, owing to its extreme earliness. It grows almost as quickly as a radish, and to a great extent resembles a large white winter radish. It is very sweet and in every respect of first-class quality. It is sure to become an indispensable variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

Early Flat Dutch. Clear white skin, and juicy, crisp flesh. A fine sort for either market or home garden. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 45c.

Purple Top White Globe. A large Turnip of fine keeping qualities, and of very fine quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Large Yellow Globe. A large, round Turnip, with deep yellow flesh and fine, firm grain; very sweet and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.



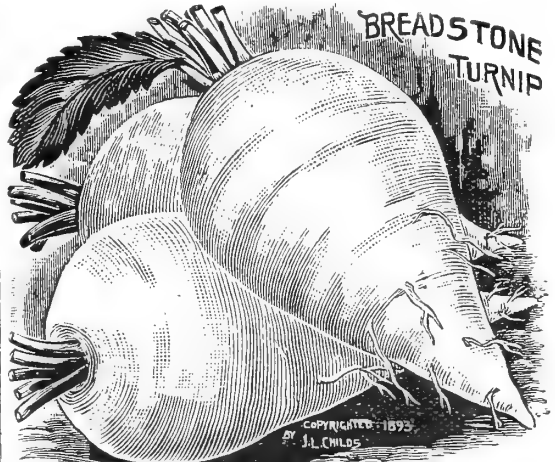
Extra Early Milan. The earliest strap-leaved variety. A smooth, medium-sized variety, with a bright purple top. Fine quality and good keeper. Very delicious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

White Egg. Beautiful white egg shaped sort of rapid growth. Flesh firm and solid, fine grained, sweet and of very mild flavor. Fine either for early or late variety. Grows to a good size. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Ruta-baga or Swede.

These are grown largely for stock feeding as well as for table use. For either purpose they are valuable, and always a profitable crop.

Cartess Elephant. A new Turnip of great size and a wonderful cropper. In shape it is beautiful and perfect, and remarkably uniform, of quick growth and excellent quality. Owing to its very large size it will probably turn out 50 per cent. more bushels to the acre than any other, and is therefore the most profitable variety for large crops, especially for growing for stock feeding. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.



Breadstone. A beautiful white ruta-baga, so remarkably tender that it will cook in fifteen minutes, while the flavor is uncommonly sweet and delicate. It is also a wonderful keeper, not growing pithy and dry like the ordinary Turnips when kept in the cellar over winter. Flesh perfectly white, fine grained, tender and sweet, without the strong taste so common among Ruta-Bagas. The finest of all table varieties. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.

Improved American Ruta-baga. Large, smooth and handsome, quick in growth, tender, and fine in quality. A superb standard sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

SPECIAL OFFER. One packet each of the eight Turnips here offered for only 40c.

MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS.

Among these various seeds will be found some that are exceedingly valuable. Everyone who has a home has use for good Lawn Grass seed. Ours here offered is the very best. Teosinte is the finest of all fodder plants. Golden Superb is a new field corn which eclipses all others. Alfalfa is the greatest hay producer and land enricher among clovers or grasses. The grains are new sorts of great value, and those who sow the tree seeds here offered will soon possess a fine lot of ornamental trees for street planting, groves, etc.



FLORAL PARK QUICK-GROWING LAWN GRASS

LAWN VIEW AT FLORAL PARK.

Floral Park Lawn Grass,

QUICK GROWING.

Not even fine trees and beautiful flowers add as much beauty to the home surroundings as does a fine velvety lawn. To secure a fine, close, even sward, it is absolutely necessary to use proper grasses. Good lawn grasses must be quick growing, fine bladed, of deep, rich color and turfy, compact habit, stooling out well from the bottom, and they must be able to stand the sun as well, and a considerable amount of drought without injury. We have a mixture of grasses that answer all these requirements. We use it at Floral Park, where it has been much admired. We have sold it in every state and territory of the United States, and it has always given entire satisfaction in every location. It grows quickly, making a fine green sward in a few weeks. A whole season's drought will not kill out this grass. It may dry and burn as brown as possible, yet the first good rain will immediately bring it up green and velvety. 40c. per quart, \$2.50 per peck, postpaid; by express, per peck, \$1.50, per bushel, \$5.00



Grains.

Wheat, Pride of America. This is the finest winter wheat known to us. Fully illustrated and described in our recent fall and spring catalogue. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 40c.; 3 lbs., \$1.00, postpaid; peck, \$2.00; bushel, \$6.00, by express.

Rye, Challenge. Finest winter sort, long heads and immensely prolific. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 40c.; 3 lbs., \$1.00, postpaid; peck, \$1.50; bushel, \$5.00, by express.

Oat, Winter Turf. A new winter oat of great value. Sow in August or September, like wheat or rye. Makes the winter pasture, and ripens its crop before dry weather can injure it in summer. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 30c.; 3 lbs., 75c., postpaid; peck, \$1.50; bushel, \$4.00, by express or freight.

SPECIAL OFFER. One pound each of these three new grains, for trial, post paid, for only 80c.

Tree Seeds.

	Per pkt.
Russian Mulberry. See Nursery Catalogue.....	15
Tulip Tree.....	15
Paulownia Imperialis.....	15
Catalpa Japanese Hybrid.....	10
Catalpa Koempferi. Very rapid grower; blows second year.....	10

Teosinte.



As a forage or fodder plant this is the greatest thing of the age, especially for the South. In appearance it resembles corn, but the leaves are much longer and broader, and sweeter. It grows 12 feet high, producing a great number of shoots, which are thickly covered with heavy foliage. Eighty-five stalks have been grown from one seed, and it produces 40 tons to the acre. At the rate which hay and other stock feed costs, Teosinte will yield \$200 worth of fodder or ensilage to the acre. Plant it as you would corn. Mr. W. J. Pitts, of Stockbridge, Ga., writes: "I cut two 2-horse-loads of forage from one ounce of seed." It may be cut two or three times during the season. It never suffers in drought or rain. Three pounds of seed enough for an acre. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.

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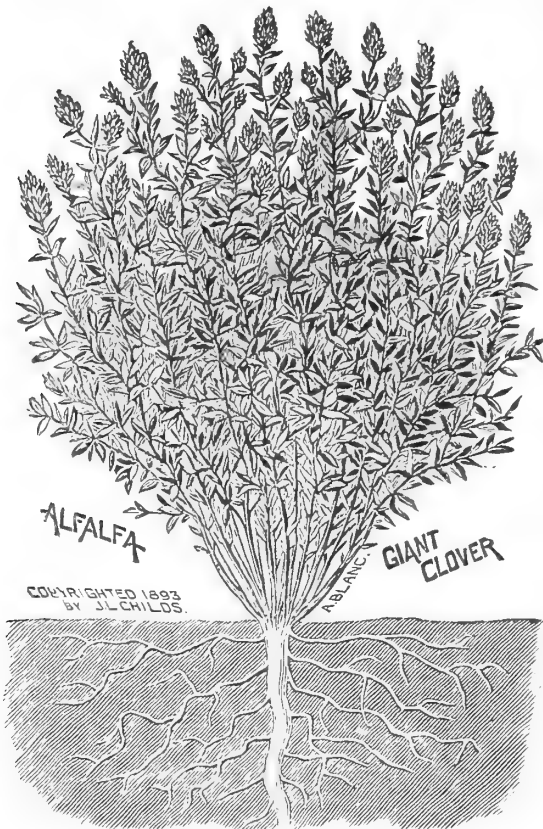


A GREAT NOVELTY.

New Field Corn, GOLDEN SUPERB.

An enormous golden dent variety, so early that it can be grown in the Northern States, and outyields any other sort. It originated in Connecticut. It is the finest field Corn we have ever seen. Ears very large and handsome, 24 rows of deep kernels. It is enormously prolific, producing over 200 bushels to the acre in very dry seasons, in hills four feet apart each way, and with ordinary cultivation. Its great vigor enables it to stand dry weather remarkably and give a good crop when other sorts fail from drouth. Two or three ears are borne on each stalk, and they run as uniform as though they were all made in the same mold, and they are as perfect and handsome as though they were made of wax. No other variety of Corn can approach this, and it is found, when known, to be more extensively grown than all other kinds put together. Owing to its extreme earliness it may be harvested earlier than any other dent Corn, even when planted much later. It is the earliest by several weeks of all dent varieties. It is seldom one sees anything bred up to such perfection as is this new Corn. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 35c.; 3 lbs. for \$1.00, postpaid. By express or freight, peck, \$1.50; bushel, \$4.00; 2 bushels, \$7.00.





Alfalfa, or Lucerne.

GIANT CLOVER.

Beyond all question the most valuable forage plant known, especially in hot or dry climates, and one of the most valuable of all fertilizers when turned under green, for the improvement of dry, thin, sandy, gravelly, or worn-out soils. A good stand once secured, it lasts in fine condition from six to a dozen years, giving a fair crop of nutritious hay the first season, and three or four immense crops each season afterwards, easily yielding six to eight tons per acre. In spite of this immense crop, the land steadily improves, as the long roots go straight down fifteen to twenty feet to perpetual moisture, and they possess the power of seizing upon every bit of available plant-food, no matter how great the depth, and bringing it to the surface to the support of the many fine surface roots and thick, turfy tops. With such roots a year's drouth has no effect upon a plant's vitality. It is not recommended for wet, boggy land, but for dry. On very poor, sandy, or gravelly land it is just the thing. It will grow well where no other grass will survive, and is invaluable for covering barren or waste land. It is the greatest land fertilizer, and greatest hay producer known. Cut when in full bloom. Sow fifteen to twenty pounds to the acre. If ground is very poor, sow with care, and keep big weeds cut or pulled the first summer. Price, per trial pkt., 10c.; lb., 50c.; 5 lbs., \$2.00, post-paid. By express, 10 lbs. \$2.50; 100 lbs., \$20.00.

Corn, Hickory King.

A mammoth Corn, growing 15 feet high, and producing the largest kernel and the smallest cob of any corn. As every stalk bears a couple of ears or more, its yield is enormous, and there is very little waste in feeding it, as there must be in large-cobbed, small-grained sorts. The kernels are white and handsome, making it just the corn for meal or for home-made hominy. The stalks are very strong, standing strong winds without serious lodging. Altogether it is an A No. 1 variety for general culture. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 35c.; 3 lbs., \$1.00, by mail post-paid. By express, \$1.00 per peck; \$3.00 per bushel.



Tobacco, Persian Muscatelle.

We do not advocate the use of Tobacco, except for the destruction of insects and as an ornamental plant; but if it must be used, we recommend this new sort, which is the best of all, an exceedingly ornamental plant and so early it can be grown in any State. It is from the garden of the King of Persia. The grower says of it: "It is one of the earliest varieties we have, of remarkable strong and vigorous growth attaining the height of five to seven feet. The stalks are strong, thickly set with leaves, many of them measuring 3/2 to 4 1/2 feet in length with proportionate width. The leaves are unusually small ribbed, very elastic, of finest possible texture, and when properly cured of a light-brown color and of mild flavor. Cannot help bringing the highest price in the market." Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$5.00.

Millet, Canary Bird.



CANARY-BIRD MILLET

This is valuable as an ornamental grass, the long heads of rich yellow grain (20 inches long) being exceedingly graceful and beautiful for large bouquets or vases of dried everlasting flowers, autumn leaves or grasses for winter decoration. The seed is also valuable food for canaries or other birds, and is cheaply raised, a packet of it will produce many pounds. Further, it is a most valuable grain to raise for stock or fowls, out-yielding oats two to one, and is greatly relished by all animals. It is also a valuable fodder plant for feeding green or making hay. The plants grow about three feet high, its long, graceful heads of grain being very ornamental for clumps or masses. Sown in May it ripens in August. This plant should be largely grown all over the country. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Brown Dhoura Corn.

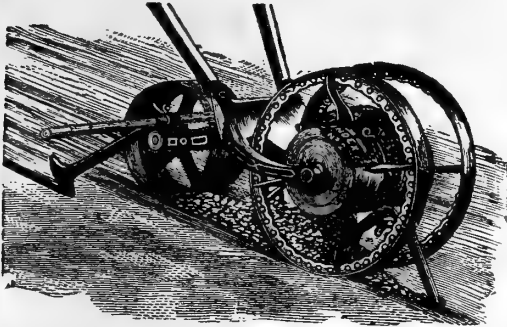
This is one of the heaviest of all croppers, having yielded 200 bushels to the acre. Will grow well even on poor, dry soil. The grain is much liked by stock, and for fowls it is very superior. The green blades, when cured, make admirable fodder, and as it stands drouth so well, will prove valuable in drouthy countries for fodder alone. The grain when ground, can be used as corn meal. Plant as for corn if grain is wanted, but if for fodder alone, in drills. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 40c., postpaid.

Sugar Cane, Early Amber.

Grows only ten feet high, and is so early that it will mature in any Northern State. It is highly ornamental, fine for stock feeding, and seed is highly relished by fowls. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 30c.

The "PLANET JR." Farm and Garden Tools.

THESE goods are known the world over and are beyond question the best and most popular garden tools made. They are strong, light, easy-running and reliable. Every purchaser will be delighted with them.



The "Planet Jr." No. 2 Drill. This machine holds two and one-half quarts, and will sow any garden seed accurately at any desired thickness or depth. It opens the furrow, drops the seed, covers it and marks the next row, all at one operation. It works automatically, there is nothing to get out of order, and it is without doubt the best drill on the market. It is especially adapted to sowing onion seed, and all onion growers should provide themselves with it, and also with the "Planet Jr." Double Wheel Hoe, described below. The list price of this drill is \$9.00. I offer it complete, boxed, for \$7.50.

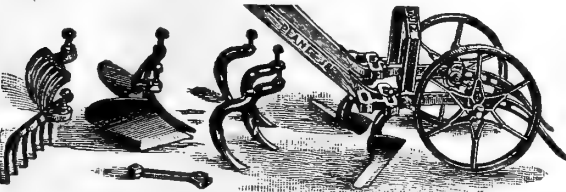
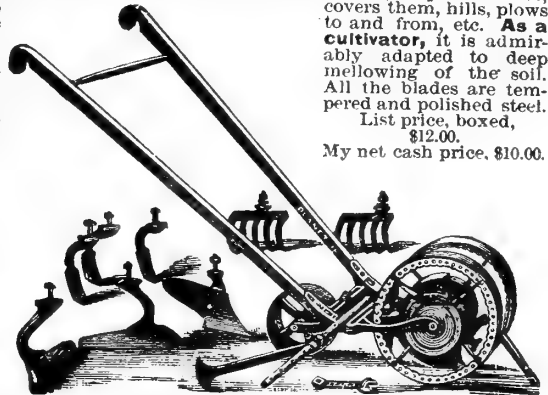
The "Planet Jr." Combined Drill, Wheel Hoe, Cultivator, Rake and Plow.

This tool is unrivaled in beauty of design, perfection of finish, convenience and capacity for work. It is suitable for either the farm or the garden. As a seed drill it is the same as the No. 2 (see description above), except in size. It holds one quart. For after-care of the crop it is supplied with a pair of rakes, a pair of long hoes, three reversible cultivator teeth, and a large garden plow.

As a rake, it is invaluable in preparing the garden for planting, and also for delicate after-cultivation of the crop and for covering seeds, etc., etc. As a hoe, it works safely and closely both sides of the row at once when plants are small; between rows when plants are large, working all rows up to sixteen inches wide at one passage.

The "Planet Jr." Double Wheel Hoe, Cultivator, Rake and Plow Combined. This machine has the invaluable feature of tending both sides of the row at once, and is the best onion cultivator made. It has all the attachments shown in the cut, is strong, capable of every adjustment required, and will enable one man to do as much work as six with ordinary hand hoes, and with less fatigue. It will straddle rows of plants until they get to be 18 inches high, and after that can be used between the rows, as the wheels can be set 4, 7 or 10 inches apart. Nothing can exceed the perfection and variety of work which this tool does. My price, \$7.00; list price, \$8.00.

As a plow, it opens furrows, covers them, hills, plows to and from, etc. As a cultivator, it is admirably adapted to deep mellowing of the soil. All the blades are tempered and polished steel. List price, boxed, \$12.00. My net cash price, \$10.00.



"Planet Jr." Plain Double Wheel Hoe. The same machine supplied with only one pair of hoes, is a very cheap and excellent tool for parties who want a hoe only. Price, \$4.00; list price, \$4.50.

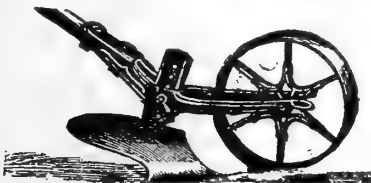
The "Planet Jr." Single Wheel Hoe, Etc.

This tool is pronounced by practical men without an equal in design and finish, ease of operation, variety of adjustment and perfection at work; and in this improved form it is unquestionably the lightest running, the most convenient and practical single wheel hoe known. All rows from 6 to 18 inches apart can be perfectly hoed at one passage. The frame allows every desirable adjustment; the wheel can be attached centrally or at one side of the machine, giving the operator the important advantage of hoeing both sides of the row at one passage when desired. Price, \$6.00. My net cash price, \$5.50.



The "Fire Fly" Single Wheel Hoe, Cultivator and Plow Combined.

This convenient tool has rapidly convinced gardeners of its high merits. It combines lightness and strength with great adjustability, while its highly polished and tempered steel tools make gardening comparatively a pleasure. The tools are all made after the most perfect models, and are: First, a pair of admirable hoes, which can be set to work to and from the row, and to any desired depth. Next, a set of three reversible cultivator teeth, to be used together or singly, or in conjunction with the hoes. Third, a large excellent garden plow. The whole tool is light and strong, attractive in appearance and capable of standing hard usage for years, while the price is its final recommendation. List price, \$5.00, boxed. My net cash price, \$4.50.



THE "FIRE FLY" PLOW.

To be appreciated this little labor saver must be seen in actual work. Its cost is soon saved in a family vegetable garden, even if but twenty feet square. Price, \$2.50.

VEGETABLE PLANTS.

We are fortunate this year in having to offer a good supply of that valuable old member of the Onion family, the "Chive." This should be in every garden, and we feel sure our customers will avail themselves of this offer. Other scarce and valuable Vegetable Plants are the Mammoth Sage and Tarragon.

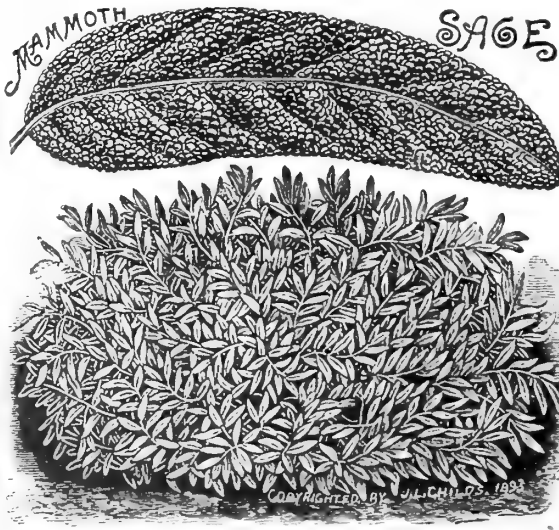
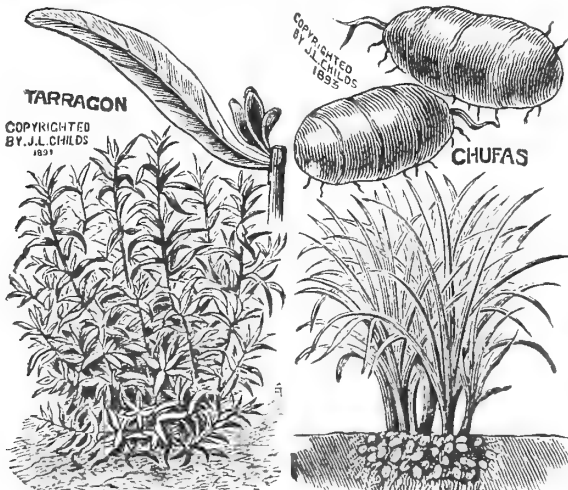


Chives.

An old favorite golden plant, which is now rarely seen, yet it is one of the most desirable and delicious of the Onion family. The tender succulent tops are ready to cut as soon as the snow goes off, and may be cut frequently like Asparagus all the spring and used for salads, flavoring soups, dressing or for eating raw. It is most healthful and appetizing, and no garden is complete without it. Per bunch of roots 20c., 3 bunches for 50c., 7 for \$1.00, 12 for \$2.00. Each bunch can be divided into several plants.

Chufas, or Earth Almonds.

The nuts are very sweet and nutritious, and grow underground, very near the surface. Easily and cheaply grown, abundant in yield, greedily eaten by hogs, which take on firm fat from them. They mature in September, and lie in the soil till wanted. They are delicious and superior to peanuts. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 35c.



Asparagus.

Asparagus. Mammoth, fine 2 year roots. (See page 62.) 80c. per dozen, \$3.00 per 100.

Tarragon.

An herb of a remarkable aromatic flavor; pungent, but very pleasant, stimulating to the appetite, and indispensable when once used. This is largely used by the French in salads, soups and sauces. Tarragon vinegar, used when the fresh leaves are out of season, is made by placing the leaves in a jar and covering with vinegar. 15c. each, \$1.50 per doz.

Mammoth Sage.

A plant of this new Sage will yield more than a dozen of the common sort. The leaves are of enormous size and superior quality, and the plant a compact, rank grower, covering a space of more than three feet in diameter, rarely flowers and never runs to seed, and can be picked all the season. It is perfectly hardy in the coldest climate. Every person who has use for Sage should plant this variety. Fine plants, 15c.; 3 for 30c.; 6 for 50c.



Double
IRIS
KAEMPFERI.

New Double Kaempferi Iris.

A colored plate of this size can not properly show these new Iris, therefore we have prepared a magnificent stipple lithograph in 18 colors, size 16 x 33 inches, eight times larger than this plate, and showing flowers in natural size and colors. It is a magnificent picture, and we will supply it in rollers by mail, free of charge, if 10c. is sent to pay cost of packing and postage. Write for it at once and get your friends to do the same. When seen, everybody will want it.

These new Iris from Japan rival the lily in stateliness, the pæony 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, blush, 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 life-time 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.

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 20 of the finest varieties at a price which we hope will tempt all to plant them.

Blue Danube, deep luminous peacock blue with yellow center, medium height. Flowers very large and extra fine.

Beth Hallock, dwarf habit, magnificent large flower. Delicate lavender freely suffused with white. Beautiful wavy petals.

Chameleon, dwarf habit, flowers very large and beautiful; grayish white freely mottled with purplish crimson. Bright yellow center, extra fine.

Crystal, crimson violet, shaded blue and veined white.

Frate, silver grey, freely and distinctly veined with blue. Bright yellow center.

Gold Bound, tall and showy with flowers of enormous size, probably the most beautiful of all. Pure snow-white with large gold-banded center.

Hyde Park, large flower, purplish blue and white freely mottled, variegated, intermixed.

Hannibal, light blue, freely veined with deep blue. Yellow centre.

Norina, large beautiful flowers, reddish blue, freely marked and veined with white.

Oriole, deep rich crimson amaranth with yellow center. Large flower and dwarf habit.

Orion, tall and strikingly handsome; pure white, each petal having a wide border of lilac red; very distinct.

Othello, deep rich purplish blue, light yellow center. Medium height and very fine form.

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 centre. Fine large flower.

Robert Craig, tall and very large; French white, shaded with violet toward center; extra fine.

St. Ogg, dwarf habit, purplish blue shaded indigo, with yellow markings.

Saturn, deep violet, freely veined and marked with white.

Templeton, light violet, shaded and mottled with reddish pink and white. Late bloomer.

T. S. Ware, violet red, veined white, and with a white center.

Victor, medium height, large flower; ash gray freely and distinctly veined with azure-blue. Orange center.

PRICE, fine plants, 15c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for \$1.10; the whole 20 for \$2.00. Any one variety by the dozen, at \$1 per dozen.

MIXTURES.—Fine Mixed Double Iris Kaempferi, more than 100 varieties, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c.; 15 for \$1.

Our Mixtures are not worthless seedlings as are usually sold, but all made up from the finest named sorts.

BULBS AND PLANTS.

SUPERB NOVELTIES.

Gladiolus Childsi, Cannas, Mexican Primroses,
Lilium Childsi, Dahlias, Little Gem Calla,
Columbian Carnations, Russelea,
Trailing Hollyhocks, &c.

The Greatest Collection of Gladioli in the World.

Amaryllis, Tuberoses, Begonias, Zephyranthes, Crinums, and other Flowering Bulbs.

HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS.

A wonderful
collection,

Including the finest Perennial Phloxes,

Iris, Lilies, Pæonies, Pinks, Poppies, Hibiscus,

Calystegia, Day Lilies, Grasses, Etc.

ROSES.

The finest varieties at 10 cents each. Also the famous MARY WASHINGTON, and CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

WINDOW AND GREENHOUSE PLANTS.

A SELECT ASSORTMENT

The best Begonias, Chrysanthemums, Fuchsias, Coleus, Heliotrope, Cacti, Geraniums, Bouvardias, Moonflowers. Also the charming Manettia Vine, Solanum, and that most valuable decorative plant Sanseveria Zelanica.

POT SHRUBBERY---AQUATICS.

Finest collection ever offered, including the lovely Otaheite Orange and Brugmansia. Also the best Aquatic Plants, Water Hyacinth, Water Poppy, Red, Yellow and Blue Pond Lilies, Parrots Feather, Etc.

SPECIALTIES AND NOVELTIES.

The choicest and best Bulbs and Plants of recent introduction are offered here. They are worthy of special attention and our friends will do well to add many of them to their collection of floral treasures. During the last ten years we have led the world in the introduction of valuable Plant and Bulb Novelties: The Storm King Fuchsia, Champion of the World and Mary Washington Roses, Rainbow Cactus, Manettia Vine, Otaheite Orange, Filifera Palm, Solanum, Pleroma, etc., are all well-known plants of superior beauty, and are offered in the Plant Department of this Catalogue. Among our latest and best Novelties are the Jewel Rose, Columbian Carnations, Gladiolus Childsi, Mexican Primroses, Fuchsia, Trailing Queen; and others too numerous to mention, offered under this heading. When one sees these beautiful new plants one can appreciate the progress that is being made in floriculture.



Begonia Vernon.
TWO NEW VARIETIES.

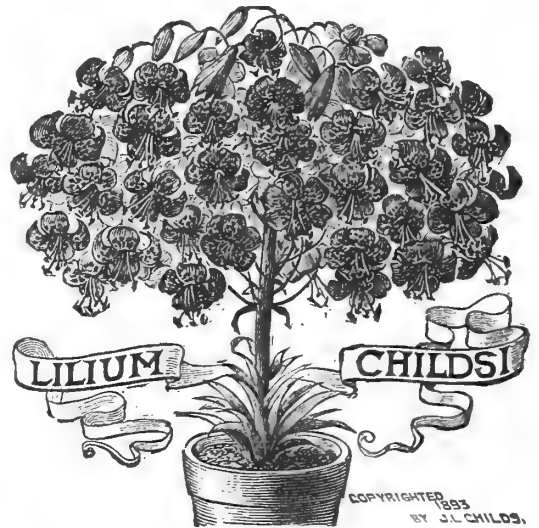
If there is a more satisfactory flowering plant than Begonia Vernon we are unfortunate enough not to know it. The two new ones here offered are a great addition to the list of choice pot plants. They are full of bloom every day in the year.

Vernon. For full description see general list of Begonias on page 134. 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. 20c. each.; 3 for 50c.

Vernon White. Splendid large blossoms of delicate white, blush and pink shades. In other respects exactly like the above, and a plant of perpetual beauty. 25c. each.

Vernon 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 their exquisite beauty added to the superb color of the leaves makes a plant not only beautiful beyond description, but exceptionally odd and striking, and it must be placed at once on the list of the extraordinarily choice and desirable pot plants. Probably the greatest plant novelty this year. 50c. each.

Seed. We can supply seed of the above varieties, mixed, at 15c. per pkt.



Liliium Childsi.

A seedling raised from L. Pardalinum and a most unique novelty. The plant grows only 10 inches high, a pyramid of luxuriant foliage, crowned with a cluster of 30 to 50 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 Lillies. As a pot plant it is a perfect gem, and for the garden even more valuable. It is as hardy and robust as an Iris and sure to succeed in any situation. \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00.



Lantana, Fire Fly.

A new Lantana of unusual beauty, being of dwarf, compact growth, and a profuse and perpetual bloomer. Its flowers, which appear at all times of the year in great numbers, when they first open are golden yellow, changing the next day to deep, fiery scarlet. This unique habit causes each cluster of flowers to show to most beautiful advantage, as the center flowers, which recently opened, are yellow, and those which surround the center deep scarlet. Valuable alike for pots, for blooming at all times of the year, or for bedding out in the garden during summer. Fine plants, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.



COLUMBIAN CARNATION

New Columbian Carnations.

During the past few years great strides have been made towards improving the Carnation, the florist's skill in this direction being well shown in the following varieties which we introduced last year. Their superiority is shown in many points, but more especially in

ENORMOUS SIZE. Often four inches across.

PERFECTION OF COLORS. Intensely brilliant and showing the most exquisite delicacy of tint.

GREAT FRAGRANCE. We have esteemed the "clove-like breath" of the Carnation as well worth working for as greater size or increased brilliancy.

COMPACT GROWTH. Giving a stronger and better bloom and fitting them better for pot culture.

FREEDOM OF BLOOM. The freest and most continuous bloomers of any.

UNUSUAL VIGOR. Many Carnations are feeble and short-lived. These varieties are all sturdy and stocky and will thrive where others die. In all these and many other points they are surpassingly fine, and we know that our customers will be more than delighted with them.

Fire Fly. Deep, intense scarlet. The most brilliant color yet seen among Carnations.

Sea Gull. Raised by E. G. Hill, and awarded a prize by the New York Horticultural Society as being the very best seedling Carnation. Flower enormous in size, and pure snow-white in color.

Hoosier. Large flower, like Sea Gull, but of a beautiful magenta-red color. A most magnificent sort in every respect. Many consider it the finest Carnation that ever bloomed.

Norma Dee. Fine deep, rosy pink. A color of exquisite beauty, and a flower of great fragrance. It is also extra large, and the freest bloomer of all Carnations.

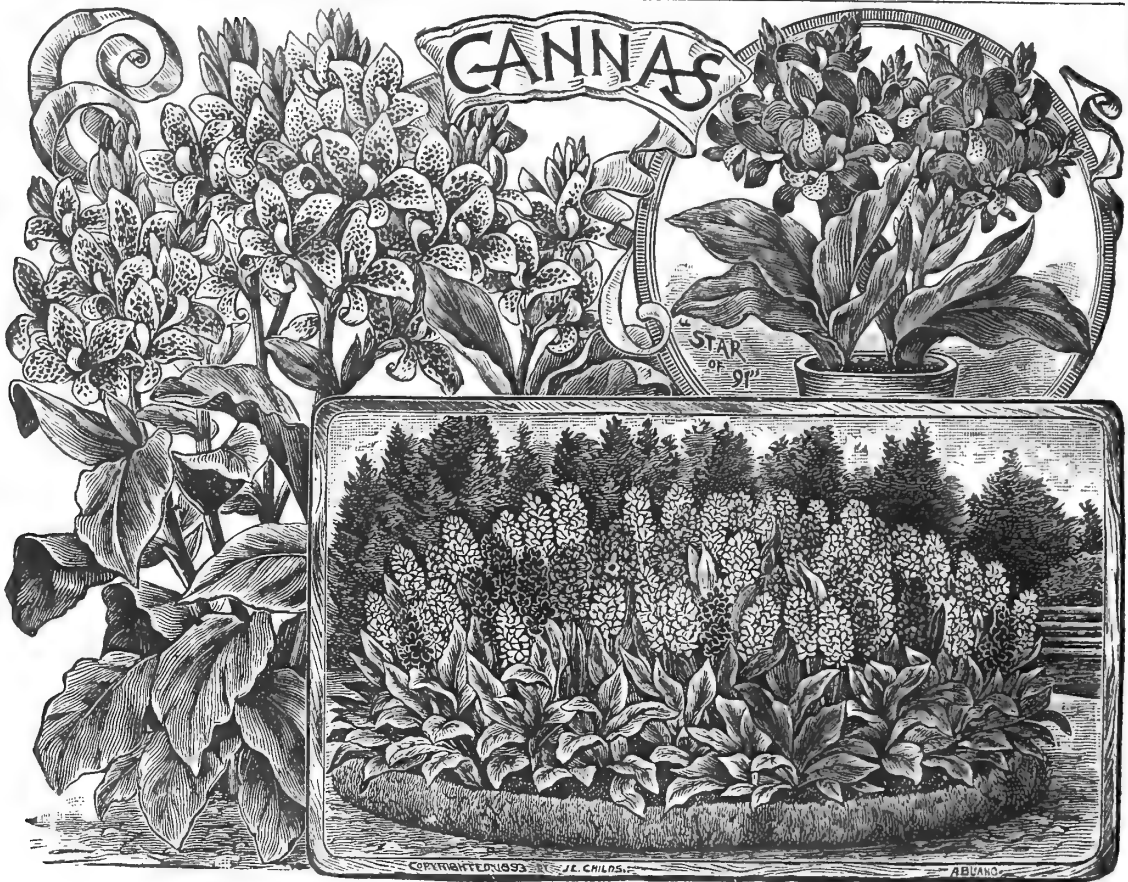
Davie. Fine orange-yellow, beautifully speckled, mottled and marked with rose and scarlet.

Baby Ruth. A most delicate and lovely color, being a soft, light satin pink, delicate and beautiful beyond description.

American Banner. This was introduced two or three years ago, and is an extra fine sort. We offer it in this collection on account of its novel and beautiful color, being pure white and bright scarlet, beautifully striped and variegated.

Price. We have grown these fine Carnations in great quantity and are able to make the following very low prices: 20c. each; three for 50c.; the seven for \$1.00

Seed. We can supply seed of this class of Carnations at 25c. per packet.



Cannas.

These are now the most popular, and most magnificent of all summer-blooming plants for brilliant bedding and massing. Many also, like Star of 1891 and '92 are among the very finest of all pot plants, either for summer or winter blooming. The following are the very best of the many sorts now before the public.

Star of 1891. Introduced by us three years ago, and is still the finest of all dwarf-flowering Cannas, especially for pot culture. 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, flowering as it does the year through without intermission, and as a garden flower nothing can surpass it. Fine plants, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Star of 1892. A seedling from Star of '91, raised by Mr. Wm. Falconer. It is exactly like Star of '91, except in color, which is a deep blood scarlet, darker and richer than the parent. A great acquisition, no collection complete without it. 75c. each.

Alphonse Bouvier. Grows 3½ feet high, with rich luxuriant foliage and enormous panicles of great wide-petaled flowers, which are of the darkest, and richest blood vermilion color. One of the very finest, both for pots and the garden. 50c. each.

Custave Sennholtz. 3½ feet high, fine healthy grower, flowers very large and borne in large panicles. Color very peculiar, being sort of a salmon shaded red. No other color like it among Cannas. A superb sort. 50c. each.

Capt. P. DeSazzari. A superb sort, 3½ feet high, with enormous blossoms which are of the finest canary yellow, freely spotted scarlet. Petals exceedingly wide and of great substance. There is no Canna more beautiful than this, especially for the open ground. It is simply grand. 60c. each.

Mad. Crozy. As beautiful as Star of '91, but a taller, ranker grower. Flowers large, very bright scarlet, with a wide margin of gold around each petal. A truly superb sort; none better, particularly for the garden. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Ornament De Grand Rouge. Grown for its fine foliage. A tall rank grower with wide leaves which are of a dark reddish-brown color. Very ornamental as a foliage plant. 20c. each; 3 for 50c; 7 for \$1.00.

Childs. (THE TIGER CANNA.) We are justly proud of this plant, raised by us from Crozy's Prize Seed. It has long, light-green foliage, quite superior to many of the Dwarf Cannas, and is very robust and thrifty. It is one of the grandest bloomers of all, with large spikes borne well above the foliage, each individual flower of which is very large and intensely bright. Color a rich glossy yellow, profusely dotted with lively red, a coloring that is at once unique, striking and beautiful. It blooms very freely in pots, and is fine for the house in winter and for bedding in the summer. Some of our customers say they prefer Canna Childs to even Star of '91. Certainly it is more distinct in coloring, and much more robust. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Ehemanni. (FUCHSIA-FLOWERED CANNA.) It seems as though every merit that can belong to a plant is justly claimed for this grand Canna. In our opinion it is far ahead of any other Canna in its sub-tropical effect. Its wide Banana-like leaves are grand beyond description; its stately sweeping habit perfection itself. To crown it all its great drooping spikes of trumpet shaped, Fuchsia-like flowers are very striking above the rich, clear green of the undulating foliage, and they stand the hottest sun without withering. Color lovely rose scarlet, very fine, indeed. 20c. each; 3 for 50c; 7 for \$1.00.

Noutoni. (GIANT CARDINAL FLOWERED.) A tall-growing, robust sort with immense spikes of brilliant cardinal flowers, very striking and showy. The finest blooming of the tall-growing sorts. 20c. each; 3 for 50c; 7 for \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER. One each of these ten finest Cannas for only \$3.00.

CANNA SEED.

Fine sorts are grown from seed, and such plants bloom early the first season. For offers of Seed, see page 80.



Callas.

Several important new Callas are here offered. The Little Gem is a perfect wonder, and everybody should have it.

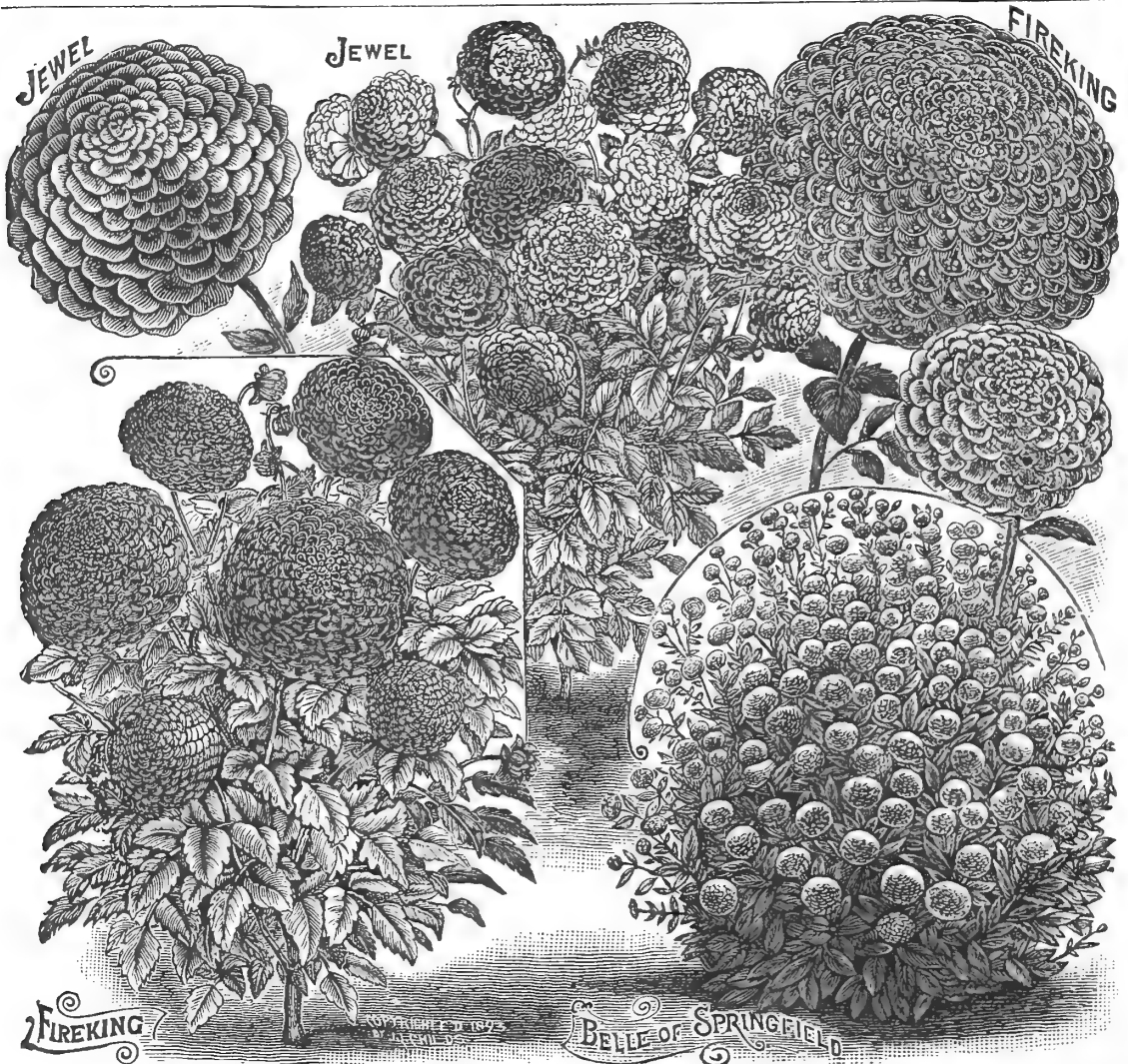
Little Gem. All that need be said about this sterling novelty is that it is a perfect miniature Calla, growing 8 or 12 inches high and producing perpetually very large snow-white blossoms. It begins to bloom when only a few inches high in a three or four-inch pot, and a well-established plant in a large 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. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Childs' Dwarf Ever-Blooming. Habit dwarf and compact, with handsome glossy foliage, and large snow-white flowers. The old Calla, as every one knows, is a shy bloomer. This new sort is always in bloom, summer or winter, blooming for years without once ceasing. It can be grown in the open ground in summer, and lifted again in the fall, or it may be kept growing in pots all of the time. A great improvement as a pot plant over the old Calla, requiring less room, and producing much larger and finer flowers and five times as many of them. Stock very scarce. 75c. each.

Common Calla. Fine, strong plants. 25c. each.

Spotted Calla. Leaves finely spotted white. Fine bulbs. 20c. each.

Yellow Calla. Same nature as the Spotted Calla, but with large golden yellow blossoms, with a black center. Very rare. \$1.50 each.



Five Superb Dahlias.

These five Dahlias, of recent introduction, are in our estimation, the finest in cultivation.

Belle of Springfield. This is a real gem. It is exceedingly dwarf, branching freely and forming a very compact, bushy plant, not over two feet in height, though it blooms from the time it is six inches high. 500 blossoms have been counted at one time on a fair sized plant, while 100 blossoms is the usual number which a plant shows at all times. The flowers are 1½ inches across, bright scarlet in color, perfectly double and imbricated to the very center. It is the most lovely flowering plant imaginable, and equally valuable for growing in the garden or in pots. It blooms profusely all summer and long into winter, if potted. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



Floral Park Jewel. The most beautiful Dahlia in cultivation. Flowers of many colors, from deep maroon to bluish white, including beautiful spotted in variegated forms, are borne in great profusion on the same plant at the same time. In fact, a plant will hardly ever produce two flowers alike. Blush-white, crimson-maroon, white suffused with maroon, maroon suffused with white, crimson-red, purple spotted, marked or marbled with white, spotted, marbled and striped with maroon, pink or crimson, or several colors suffused in an odd and irregular way. Often one-half of the flower will be white, and the other half maroon, or the center white while the outer half will be deep crimson maroon. The exceeding beauty of a plant loaded with flowers, and each one of a different color, can be better imagined than described. The blossoms are perfectly double, large and of perfect shape and borne by the hundred. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



White Dove. Very distinct, unlike any other white Dahlia whatever. Plant, a robust grower, with the long stemmed flowers poised high above it and around it like snow white birds just ready to alight. Flowers, of alabaster whiteness, with long toothed and quilled petals, their shape perfection. It is easily the very finest white Dahlia in cultivation. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Livonia. Much like White Dove, except the flower stems are not quite so long, and the color of the large perfect blossoms is a soft, sweet, sea-shell pink; a color as rare as it is beautiful. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Black Prince. The King of Dahlias. Flower of gigantic size, petals wide, shape perfect, double to the very center, and a great bloomer. Color is a fine coal black, odd and beautiful beyond conception. This new Dahlia is one of the sensations of the day. 40c. each.



One each of these five Dahlias for \$1.50.

Three elegant Dwarf Dahlias

These are of very dwarf, stout growth, requiring but little room and no staking, yet producing the very largest and most perfect flowers. Price, 30c. each; the 3 for 75c.

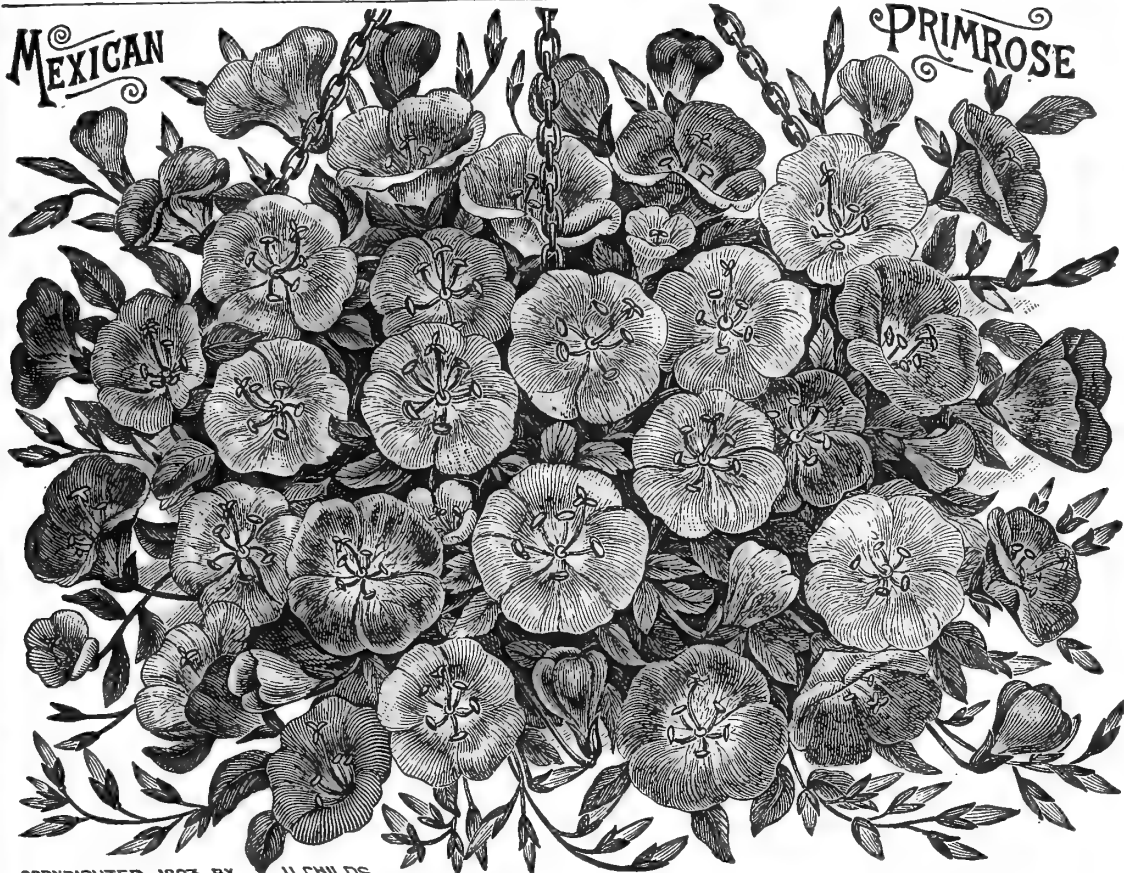
Fire King. Superb, immense flowers of the deepest scarlet, glowing like fire. An early bloomer, and every flower is perfection itself.

M. Bruant. Like the above, but pure white. A grand bedder.

Triumf de Solferno. An enormous flower of perfect form, and of the most intense solferino color.

MEXICAN

PRIMROSE



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The Mexican Primrose.

Of all the rare plants we ever introduced, this seems to deserve first place as a plant for EVERYBODY, and one which will thrive in rich or poor, wet or dry soil, or in sun or shade, and bloom profusely the year round in pots, or all the spring, summer and fall in the garden. It is strictly a perpetual bloomer, as it is in flower at all times of the year, a good specimen showing most of the time from ten to thirty large saucer-shaped blossoms, about three inches across. The superb colors, combined with airy grace and beautiful form, goes to make a flower which is perfection itself. The plant seldom grows over ten inches in height, but inclines to a trailing habit, spreading its branches out over the ground, or drooping over the sides of the pot, holding its large, silky flowers erect, so that their unsurpassed beauty is seen to best advantage. As a plant for hanging pot or basket it is unexcelled. Each blossom keeps perfect many days before fading, and when it drops others are out to take its place, and this succession of beauty is continued from one year's end to another. The plant is a free grower, succeeding in any soil or situation, and commencing to bloom almost as soon as the cuttings are potted. As a window plant it combines great hardiness and ease of culture with unsurpassed beauty and delicate loveliness, and profusion of bloom. In the open ground it grows freely and blooms profusely all summer, and, in fact, until winter is upon it, as early frosts do not injure it.

Charming. Bright deep pink, veined with scarlet, and with a light center. A superb color.

Snowflake. Pure snow-white, enormous size, often four inches across.

Apple Blossom. White, tinted blush, and bordered with satin pink. An extremely delicate color.

Hermosa Tinted. A lovely shade of light soft rose; very delicate.

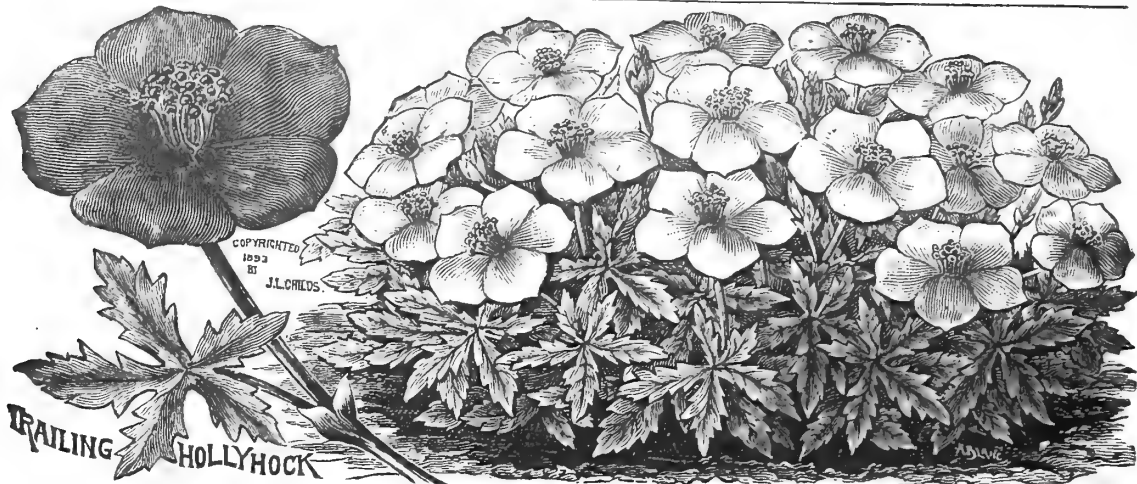
Rosa Oculata. Fine deep rose with yellow center.
Price, 20c. each; three for 50c; the five for 85c.

Dierama Pulcherrima.

This rare bulb belongs to the Sparaxis family, although it is a summer bloomer and should be treated like a Gladiolus. The flowers are borne in great pendulous panicles on tall, slender stems which often reach a height of six feet. The blooms appear during July and August and are of a beautiful soft, rosy-purple color. It is truly a most graceful plant,

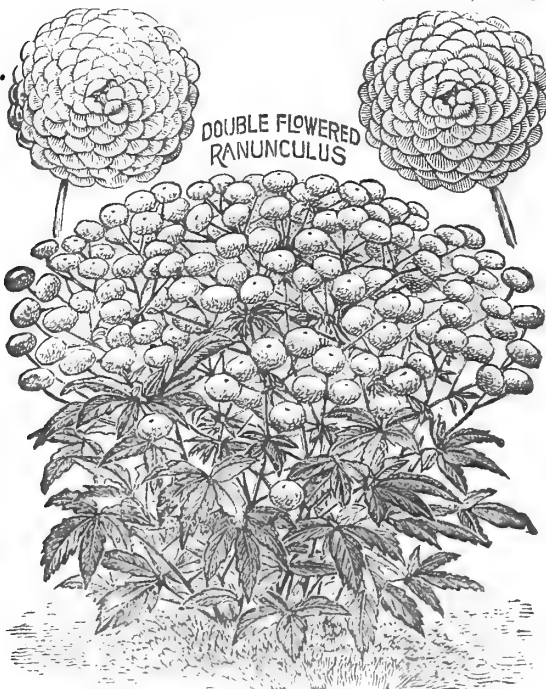
the tall spikes bending and swaying in the breeze have a charming effect. It is one of the rarest and most beautiful of all flowering bulbs, and we are able to offer a limited stock of it this year for the first time. Fine flowering bulbs, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.





Trailing Hollyhock.

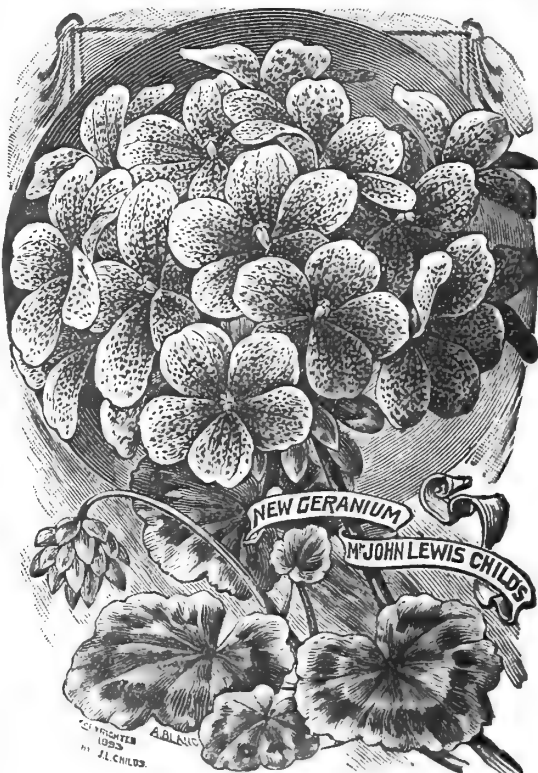
We believe this valuable trailing plant has never before been offered to the public. We have had it in our trial grounds for several years and have tested it in a variety of ways and find it to be an exceedingly beautiful and useful plant. It is a hardy perennial, sending out vines which trail over the ground in a beautiful manner. It is really a beautiful miniature Trailing Hollyhock, the leaves and flowers being similar to that glorious old plant, and it has the double advantage of being a constant bloomer from early spring until late fall. The flowers are bright crimson in color and produced freely, as are also its vines and foliage. We have nothing more beautiful, especially for rock work, mounds, or nooks and corners where a trailing plant is desirable. It is exceedingly graceful, and its beautiful green foliage and bright blossoms make it very attractive during the whole season. Perfectly hardy in any situation. Fine roots for immediate blooming, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.



Ranunculus Aconitifolius.

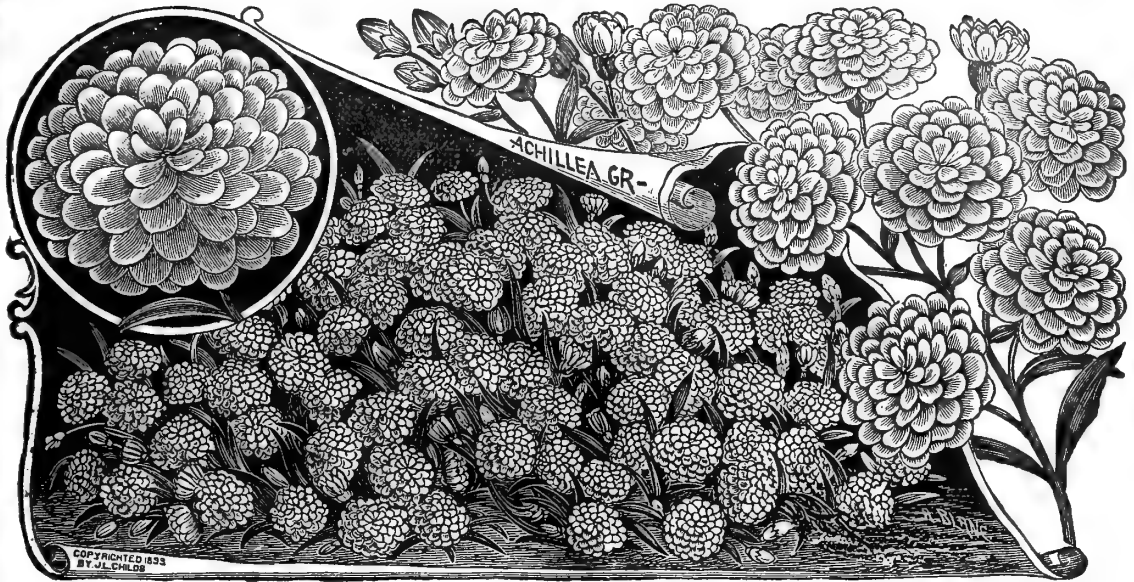
This is the grand old hardy perennial plant which is so much cherished in Europe and known as the "Fair Maid of France." The individual flowers, in many respects, resemble our old-fashioned double Buttercup, except they are larger and pure white instead of yellow in color. It is a

hardy and robust plant, succeeding in any situation and blooms profusely during a greater part of the season. The flowers are pure white and exceedingly double, not unlike a small Camelia. It forms a branching bush, two feet in height, producing flowers in the wildest profusion which are very useful for bouquets and all sorts of floral work. It is a great wonder that this plant has never been generally introduced in this country, for it is really one of the most beautiful and useful of all hardy perennials. The cut is a true representation of a plant in bloom. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.



Geranium, John Lewis Childs

This new and unique Geranium is unlike any other variety in cultivation. Was originated and named by Mr. E. G. Hill, and is a seedling from Spotted Gem. Its color is a pale pearly-pink, heavily mottled and spotted with crimson. The background is a good light color and the spots bright and brilliant. It is the only good spotted variety yet known to cultivation. It is a free grower, producing very large single blossoms in large trusses. Price, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

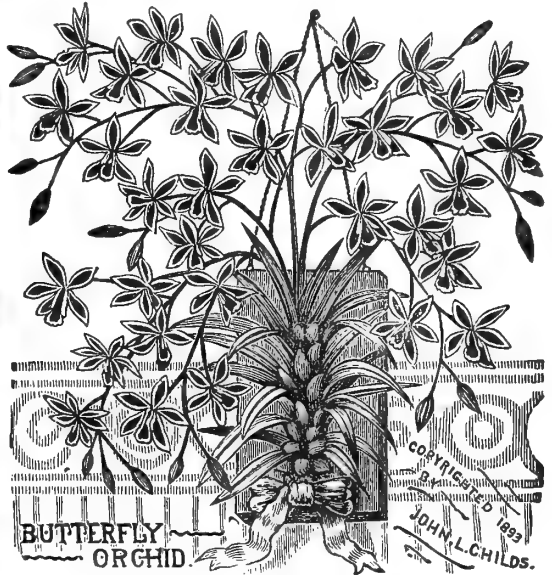


Achillea Grandiflora.

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 a plant at one time. Flowers pure white, perfectly double and produced 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. For clumps or masses in the garden it is extra fine. The plants we send out will bloom profusely this summer. 15c. each; 2 for 25c; 5 for 50c.

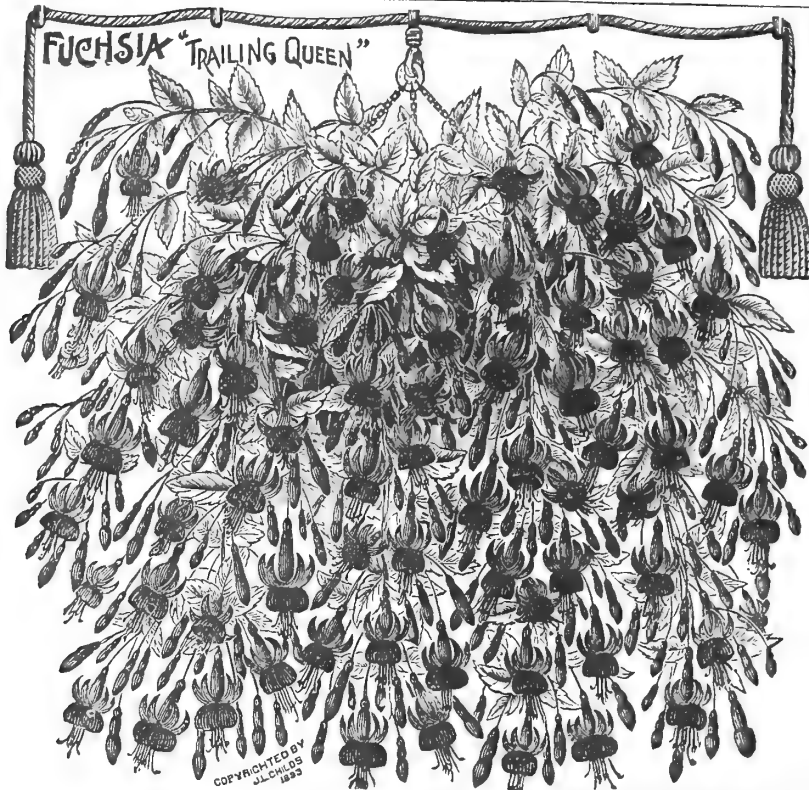
New Hardy Spider Lily.

This is a grand new bulbous plant, much resembling the fine, summer-flowering Spider Lily described on page 116 but has the advantage of being perfectly hardy, and when left undisturbed a few years forms large imposing clumps that are a mass of clustered heads of pure white, fragrant flowers. The flowers have a peculiar and striking beauty which must be seen to be appreciated. The flowers are borne in large clusters, are of waxy whiteness and unsurpassed fragrance. More beautiful than most of the high-priced Lillies. An extra choice garden flower which we cannot too strongly recommend. Fine flowering bulbs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Butterfly Orchid.

Here is an oddity; an air plant that grows without soil or pot, obtaining its sustenance from the air alone. This particular air plant will succeed in any ordinary window, if secured to a piece of board, or bark, with a little moss bunched around the roots where they are wired to their support. Suspend in the window or hang from ceiling, where it can have good light but not strong sunshine. Keep the moss wet and the leaves free from dust, and your plant will grow and bloom. The odd but beautiful flowers are delicate and butterfly-like, borne in graceful sprays. 25c. each; 6 for \$1.00.



Fuchsia Trailing Queen.

Good plants for hanging pots or baskets are rare—as rare as they are beautiful. Nothing is so pretty as a pot suspended in a window filled with luxuriant foliage and bright blossoms. This new Fuchsia never grows erect, but always trails down over the side of the pot, and is the most beautiful of all plants for suspension.

Luxuriant without being weedy, procumbent without being sprawling, clothed with handsome foliage, and loaded with hundreds of gracefully drooping flowers, nothing more could be asked for as a basket plant. A well grown plant of this Fuchsia is a weeping fountain of waxen scarlet and violet-purple bells, and it remains in this condition for months at a time. Very robust and easy to grow, the branches reaching a length of four and five feet, blooming and growing nearly the whole year. The leaves are dark green, ribbed and rayed with red or crimson, which makes them luminous and handsome. Flowers and buds long and graceful, and borne in large clusters at the ends of the vines. When expanded the flowers are very large in size, tube and sepals bright rosy scarlet, while the corolla at opening is a rich violet purple, changing the second day to a fine shade of crimson, the two colors in the same cluster

contrasting beautifully. A good specimen will show hundreds of flowers at once, and the effect when suspended in a window is truly glorious. It grows and blooms nearly the whole year. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

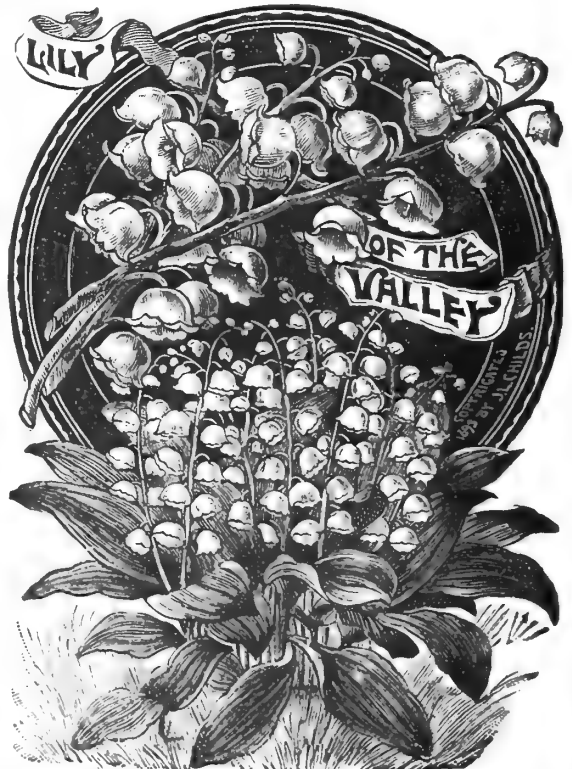
Sweet Mary.

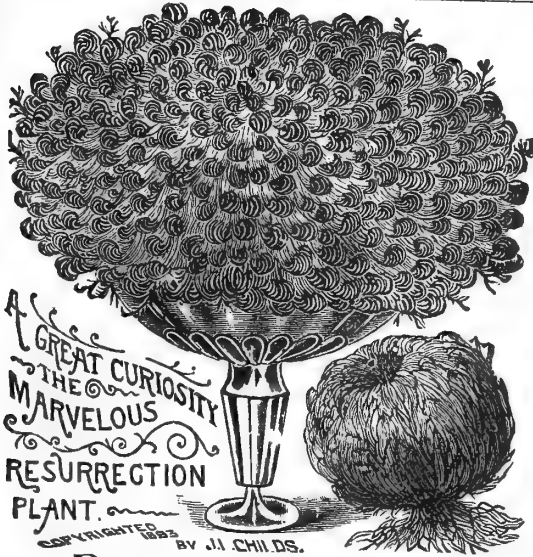


Many of us will remember seeing in old-fashioned gardens tufts of a low-growing plant which produces beautiful oblong foliage which possesses a strong, peculiar and fascinating fragrance. This plant was known in olden times only as Sweet Mary, a hardy perennial, when once planted producing an abundance of its 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. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Lily of the Valley.

The sweet Lily of the Valley is not only fine for spring blooming in the yard, and as a winter pot plant, but is now exceedingly popular as an Easter flower. We offer our friends strong imported pips that can be ordered as late as March, yet had in full bloom by the Eastertide. Place them out of doors and give them a good freeze, then bring them in, pack in sphagnum moss or decayed leaves, six pips to a four-inch pot, and then keep bringing them gradually to the warmth and light, give them plenty of water and in three or four weeks buds will appear. They can also be grown in soil, but will be a little slower to bloom. Their blooms are much finer in the house than in the garden, and with strong pips not one will fall. Finest imported pips, large and strong, selected especially for winter blooming, 6 for 30c.; 12 for 50c.; 30 for \$1.00. These pips are also extra fine for planting permanently in the garden.





Resurrection Plants.

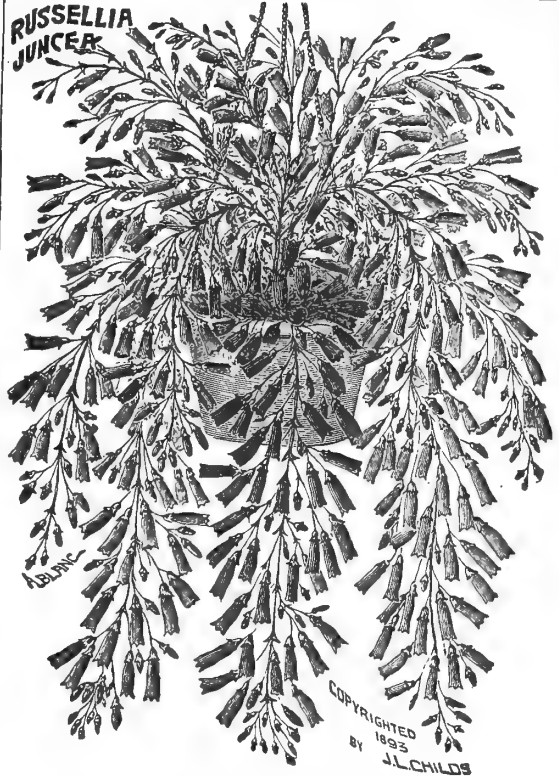
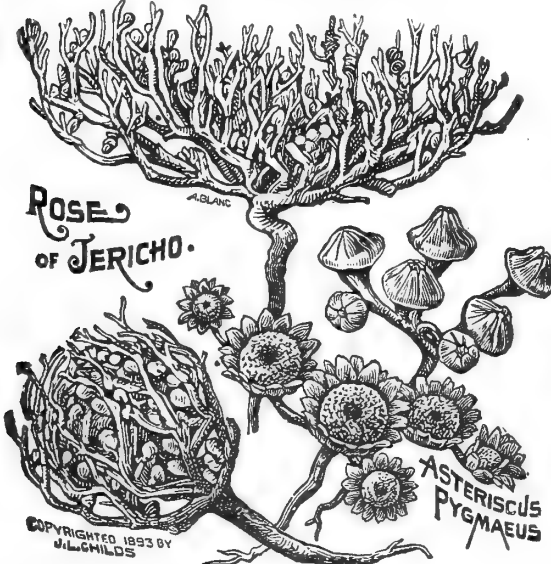
Among the curious and interesting things belonging to the vegetable kingdom nothing is more interesting than these wonderful Resurrection Plants.

Mexican. This is something that always interests the children and the older folks alike. There it is, a shrunken rounded ball of tightly-folded leaflets, dry and dead. We drop it in a bowl of tepid water, and soon one frond-like tip curls slowly outward, then another, and another, until in a short time there is floating in the dish a beautiful metallic-green plant; a great, loose, expanded rosette of fine fern-like leaves, both odd and beautiful. This experiment can be repeated many times, the plant curling tightly together when dry, and expanding when soaked in water. 10c. each; 6 for 50c.

Rose of Jericho. This we import from the Valley of the River Jordan, and is the Resurrection Plant mentioned in the Bible. The plant is a bunch of leafless and lifeless sticks or branches clustered together tightly. When placed in a glass of water, however, the branches expand, seed buds unfold, and after a while green foliage starts out and the plant really grows. 15c. each; 3 for 50c.

Asteriscus Pygmaeus. This is well represented in the cut below, and is the most interesting of all. The plants have each several dried flower buds, really dead, yet when placed in water they unfold, exhibiting a curious rosette blossom, perfect in every respect. Cut shows the open flower and closed bud. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

One each of the three sorts for only 30c.



Russelia Juncea.

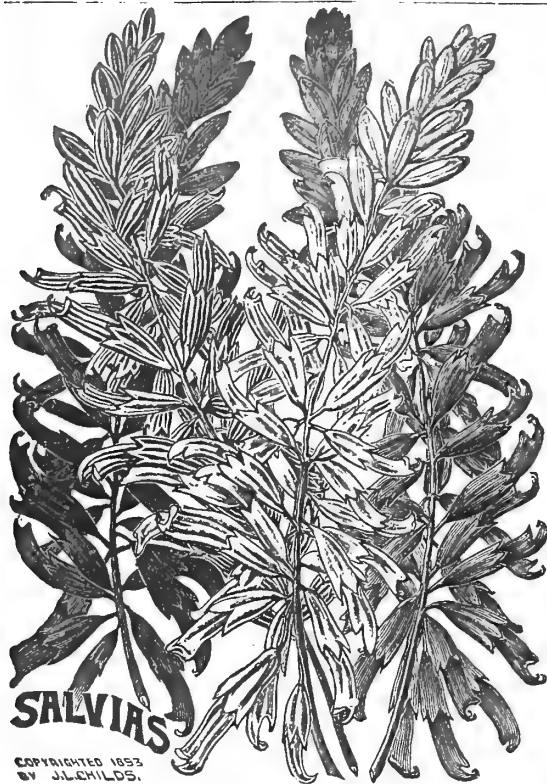
This plant has long, wiry, leafless stems which grow in graceful, drooping masses, flowing like hair. On these bare stems are borne quantities of long, tubular flowers of the most vivid scarlet color, something like a Manettia bloom, but more numerous. It is a novel and beautiful plant, suitable either for beds in summer or for pot culture. In pots it blooms the entire year, especially during the winter and early spring months. The great drooping masses of bloom is like a fountain of coral, scarlet and green. In the South it is perfectly hardy and a superb garden flower. In any climate it is one of the very easiest of all plants to grow, and certainly one of the most brilliant and persistent bloomers. It is a valuable addition to our standard list of best plants. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Primula Forbesi.



A most valuable new species, which deserves the widest attention. It is truly a perpetual bloomer, the original plant having been in bloom since March, 1890, without once ceasing. The plant is exceedingly graceful and ornamental, with tiny flower stalks rising above the light green leaves and bearing three or four dainty rose-colored flowers, with yellow center. New flower stems are constantly appearing as fast as the old ones fade, and the same plant may be seen to bear, at the same time, buds, full-open flowers, and ripe seed. The foliage grows in a tuft, compact mass, near the ground, while the graceful flower stems reach high above it. Very hardy and easily grown, and for window gardens and apartments.

this beautiful plant will hardly find a rival Fine plants, 25c each; 5 for \$1.00.



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Salvias.

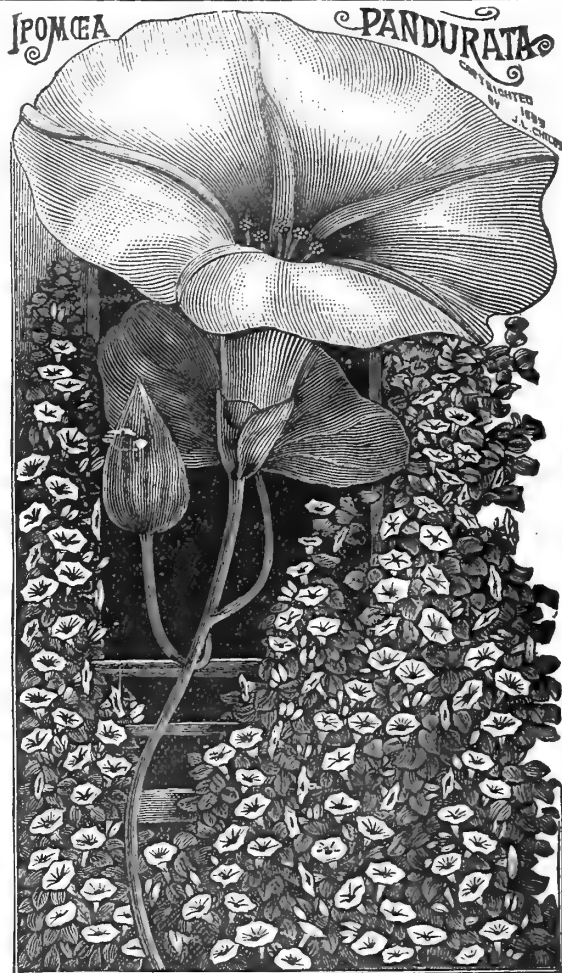
The varieties of *Salvia* are plants which are not cultivated to the extent they deserve. This is especially the case with *S. Splendens* and its varieties. The old form is probably very well known, but the new dwarf, compact variety and the newer varieties of different colors are quite unknown. They bloom perpetually, and are desirable alike for bedding in the open ground or for growing in pots for a continuous display during the year. The colors are exceedingly brilliant and striking, and they are free growers and bloomers in any situation where they can get plenty of sunlight. The great beds of these *Salvias* of different colors at Floral Park have been the admiration of all visitors. The praise which has been bestowed upon them has induced us to offer them as specialties, for we know they are deserving of more than ordinary notice.

- **Compacti.** 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. Nothing makes a more striking show than this brilliant *Salvia*.
- **Alba.** Like the above, except in color, which is a pearly white. Contrasts beautifully with the other colors.
- **Striata.** The bloom of this variety is freely striped and mottled white and scarlet. Very effective.
- **Purpurea.** Flowers in large spike and of rich royal purple color. Exceedingly fine.
- **Pitcheri.** Fine graceful spikes of beautiful blue flowers.

Price of the above splendid *Salvias* 20c. each; three for 50c.; the five for 75c.

Aponogeton Distachyon.

A new perpetual-blooming aquatic plant of peculiar beauty and delicious fragrance. It is a near relative to the ordinary Pond Lily, but its flowers are entirely different, and we can compare them to nothing more appropriate than an alligator's head with open mouth. They are pure white, toothed inside and spotted with black. They have a strong, delicious, pond-lily fragrance. The leaves are long and narrow, and float upon the water, while the flowers are raised slightly above it. This is a plant which can be conveniently grown in a small tub or vessel of any kind, and it is a perpetual bloomer, being never without flowers, when in a growing condition, both summer and winter. It is exceedingly rare, and we believe has not before been offered to the general public. Fine plants, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



Ipomœa Pandurata.

Hardy Tuberous-rooted Moonflower.

This *Ipomœa* will stand a year's drouth without a murmur. An immense subterranean root, weighing sometimes a hundred pounds, sustains the vine through any vicissitude of weather, until frost kills the vine to the ground. Each year it springs up stronger than before, until it becomes a large, luxuriant vine, clothed with a luxuriant growth of pretty cordate leaves, and bearing great quantities, yes, thousands of large, thick-textured, waxy flowers of a rich creamy-white, with a throat of violet purple. It will grow in any soil, no matter how poor, and its blossoms remain open all day, unlike other *Ipomœas*. It is perfectly hardy in any climate, and a vine which will cover an enormous amount of space. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.



Genista.

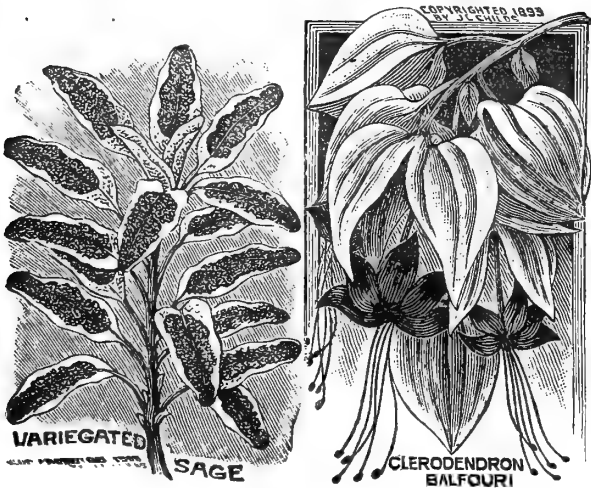
"SHOWER OF GOLD."

Not altogether a new plant, but one of winter's rare beauties which has been sadly overlooked. As a plant for late winter and early spring blooming (especially for Easter), it is almost without an equal. It is of a shrubby nature, like a Lantana. Its foliage is very ornamental, and of a glaucous green color. Flower golden yellow, very fragrant and borne in long 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. Some idea of its beauty and profusion of bloom may be had by closely observing the cut here shown. It is an accurate production from a photograph of a plant which bloomed in our greenhouse last winter. But neither picture nor words can do justice to its majestic beauty. Fine plants for blooming at once, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



Clerodendron, Balfouri.

A shrubby hardwooded climbing plant with the most beautiful flowers imaginable. The bright scarlet flowers are enclosed in a bag-like calyx of snowy white, making an odd but very bright and graceful flower. These clusters are freely borne in spring, summer and winter, even on small plants less than a foot in height. Perhaps the easiest way to manage it is to train it to a round trellis. 25c. each, 3 for 60c.



Variegated Sage.

This is a variety of our common Sage, which grows in a beautiful compact mass with leaves beautifully variegated with white and pink. Its exceeding beauty of foliage makes it a charming ornamental plant for the garden or for pots, and we are sure all our customers will be delighted with it, and, as it can be used for all the purposes to which the common Sage can be put, it is useful as well as ornamental. 15c. each.



Abutilon—(Infanta Eulalia.)

It would be difficult to find a more unique flowering plant than this. Unlike the ordinary Abutilon of scraggy growth, it is very compact and short jointed, making a very 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 pale satin-pink color imaginable. It produces its flowers by the score both summer and winter. It is safe to say that this plant will produce five times as many flowers as any other Abutilon under the same condition. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



Rare Tropical Fruits.—For Pot Culture.

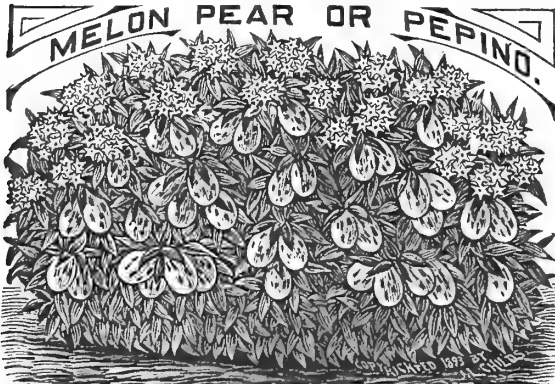
These make the most novel and interesting pot or tub plants, and are the easiest of all plants to grow. Many are handsome in foliage, in blossom, and all showy, interesting and luscious in fruit. The most of them fruit the greater part of the year. Growing these beautiful and rare fruits in pots open up a new field in plant culture which is rich in interest and pleasure. Our friends will be delighted with them.



Figs. A popular and easily kept tub plant, that will beautify the lawn or veranda all summer; and winter safely in the cellar. Good growers, with a luxuriant growth of large, wide leaves, and bearing at a year old an abundance of sweet, pulpy fruit, unsurpassed for eating fresh. They are also very fine for preserving or pickling, or to dry. South of the middle States can be grown in the open ground. Here on Long Island they are hardy out-doors if protected during winter. Nothing is more luscious than Figs fresh from the trees, specially when eaten with cream, like Strawberries. They make novel plants as well as interesting ones. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



Banana Cavendish. This is a superb plant both in foliage and fruit. Cavendish is the finest Banana for pot culture, as it is dwarf and does not grow over five or six feet high and fruits splendidly. The leaves are borne in a palm-like crown or cluster, each leaf three to five feet long, and two feet broad; of a clear, shining green, mottled and spattered with blood red in the most pleasing manner. This is even finer than *Musa Ensete* as a decorative plant. The most beautiful foliage plant that can be grown outside of a hothouse. Grand for bedding out in summer, or for conservatory or warm window decoration. Can be kept unwatered in a warm cellar over winter, if there is no room for it in the window. 75c. each.



Melon Pear, or Pepino. A rapid-growing, dark-leaved plant, blooming when quite small. The fruit is the size and shape of a goose egg, and very handsome; in color a pale lemon, mottled with waves of bright violet. Inside the fruit resembles a pear, and tastes something like a banana, but is much sweeter and juicier. Very ornamental when in flower and fruit. An elegant pot plant; also fine for the garden. 25c. each.

Cuava Cattleyi. Grows dwarf and compact, and fruits the year around. Fruit the size of small Crab Apples. Some red, and some yellow, decidedly pretty, and as it is a heavy cropper, one can make their own Guava jelly, that is so delicious and nourishing in cases of sickness. The bush can be wintered in the cellar if desired. A fine pot plant, and fruits when only 12 inches high. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Pine Apple. A picturesque plant. Always a center of attraction in conservatory or window. Fruits when but a year old, and the handsome conical fruit is very delicate, and finely flavored and highly fragrant. Not at all hard to grow, if kept in a warm place. It will be a success if grown in a window where ordinary plants do well. 50c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER. For only \$7.75 we will send one each of the five rare fruits here offered.

GLADIOLUS CHILDSI.

[See cut on next page.]



A Cut or Colored Plate cannot properly show the magnificence of this wonderful new strain of Gladiolus. We have, therefore, prepared a magnificent stipple lithograph in 18 colors, size 16x33 inches, showing spikes in bloom, natural size and colors. It is a magnificent picture, and we will supply it in rollers by mail, free of charge, if 10c. is sent to pay cost of packing and postage. Write for it at once, and get your friends to do the same. When seen, everybody will want it.

No novelty in Floriculture has been introduced during the past ten years which equals in importance, magnificence or value, this distinct new strain of Gladiolus, first introduced by us last year. They far outrank all other Gladiolus in size of spike, size of bloom, vigor, varied and magnificent coloring and freedom of bloom. They were produced by Max Leichttin, of Germany, the most noted horticulturist in the world, and are the result of a careful cross between the finer varieties of *Gandevensis*, and that lovely species, *Saunderci*. They were for some years owned exclusively by Mons. G. Le Beuf, of France, who sold them to Mr. Hallock, and he brought them all to America. They came into our possession a few years later at the purchase price of \$20,000. In our hands they have been still further hybridized and improved by careful selection. The stock consists of over 400 distinct varieties grown separately, and thousands of selected mixtures and seedlings.

DESCRIPTION.—It is difficult to describe flowers of such varied and peculiar beauty as these Gladiolus. They are much stronger and more vigorous than others, the growth being exceedingly rank, and the foliage dark, healthy green. They are very tall and erect, often standing four or five feet high, with spikes of bloom over two feet in length. They branch freely, in most cases each stem producing three or four spikes of bloom, and bloom much earlier than ordinary varieties. The flowers are of great substance and of gigantic size, frequently seven to nine inches across. This colored plate is not large enough to show the flower's natural size. The form of both the flower and spike is perfection itself, and they last in bloom a long time before fading, owing to their great substance and vigor, but the most remarkable feature is their coloring. Orchids can not surpass them in varied and delicate shades, markings and blendings. Every color known among Gladiolus is represented, and many never before seen, particularly blues, smoky-grays and purple-blacks, all having beautifully mottled and spotted throats, made up of white, crimson, pink, yellow, etc., and in this peculiar net-work of charming spots and colors lies one of its special points of unsurpassed beauty. The flowers are more beautifully colored than Lemoine's Hybrids, and much larger than *Gandevensis*. Even the beautiful flowers of the weak-growing *Nanceianus* cannot compare with the regal beauty, size or colors of this class. Since we introduced them last year they have gone all over the world, and from every quarter comes words of the warmest praise for their unexcelled magnificence. We offer a splendid mixture of all colors, and 13 named varieties, as follows:

Dr. Sewell. Large spike and very large flower of great substance. Deep rich rosy crimson, slightly penciled darker. Center of petals rayed with white. Throat pure white, mottled and spotted with violet crimson. A strong, robust grower, and one of the very finest Gladioli that ever bloomed.

Wm. Falconer. Spike of great length and flowers of enormous size. Light pink and blush, two delicate shades, freely mottled and intermixed. Throat spotted with crimson and white.

Columbia. Light orange-scarlet, freely blotched and penciled with bluish-purple. Base of petals rayed with pure white. Throat freely marked, spotted and mottled with white and violet.

Henry Gillman. Deep salmon-scarlet with pure white bands through each petal; the throat showing the peculiar spotting and mottling of this class.

Mrs. Beecher. Beautiful deep rosy crimson. Large, well-opened flower with pure white throat, freely marked and spotted with bright carmine.

Ben Hur. Large compact spike, enormous flower of a peculiar and almost indescribable color. Light, salmon-rose, tinged, flaked and mottled with blue. Throat beautifully mottled and spotted, white and bright carmine. A grand sort.

Price of above sorts of 1893 introduction, 50c. each; the six for \$2.50.

Torch-Light. Very fine spike of large, light, flaming scarlet flowers. Throat mottled and spotted white and violet; a most brilliant and striking color.

Mrs. La Mance. White overspread with a slight lilac shadow, the mottling in the throat being purplish-crimson. Very fine.

Oddity. Deep amaranth-red freely suffused with purple-blue. Large distinct white marks and red and white mottling in the throat. Very odd color.

Aurea Superba. This is peculiar and unlike any other variety, inasmuch as the foliage is of a distinct yellow color, though healthy and robust. Flowers and spikes large and of peculiar beauty. Color soft orange scarlet with distinct white blotches and mottling, with white and vermilion in the throat.

Splendor. A splendid large flower of the softest, sweetest rose color. Large magenta stains with purple and white mottlings in the throat.

Tuxedo. Fine rose marbled with crimson; throat showing large white stripes and beautiful magenta and white mottlings.

Ruby. Very dark deep ruby red with bright violet and white mottling in throat; an exceedingly rich color.

Price of above seven new sorts of this year, \$1.00 each, the seven for \$5.00.

Fine Mixed Gladiolus Childsi, all colors, large flowering bulbs, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; 12 for \$2.50.

Seed. Fine seed of G. Childsi, all colors mixed, will bloom second year, 20c. per pkt; 3 pkts. for 50c.



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SUMMER-FLOWERING BULBS.

The word *bulb* sends a thrill to the heart of every lover of flowers whenever it is heard. No other word in horticulture seems to indicate so much or raise in one's mind such vivid pictures of grace, brilliancy and delicate beauty. In our mind we see long spikes of *Gladiolus* of brilliant, fascinating and varied colors; great flaming *Amaryllis* of indescribable beauty; *Gloxinias* spotted, marked and colored most exquisitely; great spikes of waxy *Tuberose*s of wonderful purity and fragrance; lovely, graceful, charming *Zephyranthes* and *Mexican Gems*; exquisite *Dahlias* and fantastic *Tigridias*. A good clean bulb is in itself beautiful and fascinating, and why should it not be when wrapped up in its form there is so much beauty, joy and satisfaction to the one who plants it?

Bulbs are favorites with all and they are planted by many who will not grow any other class of flowers. They are so easily grown and so satisfactory to everyone that they are invaluable. Summer-flowering bulbs require no skill and very little attention to grow them to perfection. Plant them in the garden in Spring after severe freezing is passed and they will soon be up and will flourish and bloom all Summer. In Autumn, after early freezing, the bulbs should be lifted, dried and stored in a cellar or some other position away from frost, for planting again the following Spring—just as one would dig, store and plant Potatoes.

We are headquarters for Summer-flowering Bulbs and grow and sell more of them than any other two houses in the world. Of *Gladiolus*, alone, we grow over one hundred acres, the choicest and finest collection ever known, and supply most of the bulbs which the world uses.



The Gladiolus.

The *Gladiolus* is our leading specialty, and our collection is the largest and finest in the world—in fact, we supply most of the bulbs which the world uses. We shall this year grow over 150 acres of them, and probably 15,000,000 flowering bulbs.

The *Gladiolus* is the most satisfactory, the most desirable and the most popular of all garden bulbs. Nothing else of the kind costs so little, and nothing else grows and blooms so readily for anybody and everybody in any soil or climate. It is, in short, the most satisfactory garden flower, thriving and blooming, as it does, with the least care and attention, and making a display, which for brilliancy and beauty of coloring, few bulbs can equal and none surpass. The *Gladiolus* is to the flower garden what bread is to man, "the staff of life." Our collection is so large that many of the finest and highest-priced sorts of European Catalogues can be supplied by us by the ten thousands, and we offer them

at very low prices. As an illustration see page 109 of fifteen finest varieties. Not only do we grow the finest varieties of *Gandevensis* by the million, but also Lemoine's New Hardy Hybrids. Of these we have an immense stock and more than one hundred named sorts. But the finest of all *Gladiolus* is the new strain, *Childs*, which we introduced last year, and which we offer among our Novelties on pages 103 and 104. This novelty is of such sterling worth that it deserves more than special attention. See our big colored picture of it, which will be sent for 10c. to pay postage and packing.

CULTURE.—*Gladiolus* are of the simplest culture. Plant at any time from April to July in any fairly good soil, well spaded. Set in rows three inches apart, or in masses six inches apart each way. Plant in full sun, if possible, and keep down the weeds. They bloom from July to October. After fall frost, lift the bulbs and after removing the tops let them dry for two or three weeks in any airy position under cover. Then, after removing the roots, store them in a cellar, or any cool, dry place away from frost, for planting again the following spring. We have issued a little book of 32 pages which tells all about *Gladiolus* and their culture. All the different species are fully described. Price, 10c.

Named Gladiolus.

A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL THE BEST VARIETIES.

Varieties in large type are especially recommended.

Ababa —Cerule, shaded maroon, white center.....	EACH.	Conquete —Large and fine flower of bright cherry-red, with a conspicuous pure white blotch; upper petals striped with delicate rose.....	20
Abalus —White with violet stripe.....	15	Constance —Very vigorous, producing regularly compact and well-furnished spikes of amaranth-red flowers, with a small creamy-white blotch.....	25
Abricote —Large rounded petals of a very fresh apricot-rose, tinged lilac.....	15	Coralle —White, tinted with rose and yellow; flamed with bright rose; yellow blotch.....	25
Achille —Beautiful currant-red, white stripe in each petal.....	60	Corinne —Tall spike of large rosy-carmine, shading off to cherry-streaked pure white, and penciled carmine at the edges; blotch creamy-white striped violet.....	25
Adanson —Rose, tinged lilac; large blotch on white ground, tinged yellow; edged with carmine, flushed lilac.....	60	Corsaire —Compact spike, large flowers, of a very intense dark and fiery-scarlet, and tinted with brown at the edge.....	75
Admiral Courbet —Tall spike of carmine-violet flowers, white blotch streaked with cherry-rose.....	30	Countess —Crimson-flaked carmine.....	25
Agathis —Rose, suffused with lake, flamed carmine-amaranth; clear yellow spots.....	15	Crepuscle —Large and well-expanded; flowers of lilac-rose, slightly flushed with carmine and violet on the edges of petals.....	30
Agrius —Bright salmon, slightly feathered at the outer edge with vermilion; blotch cream color.....	15	Crocus —Large flower; yellow; shaded darker towards the center; flamed carmine at edges, and feathered amaranth-red.....	15
AJAX —Beautiful striped.....	5	CRYSTAL PALACE —Shining carmine; veined rose-color.....	15
Alexander —Intense crimson scarlet.....	20	Cybele —Handsome spike; white; flamed bright carmine.....	15
ALI —Tall and compact spike with numerous and perfectly arranged flowers. The lower ground, of the upper petals is of a very pale creamy-rose, striped and penciled cherry-red; lower petals yellow, with a rose sheen, and finely rayed or striped purplish-red.....	50	Dalla —Bright rose flowers, streaked and flamed with carmine, very large, pure-white blotch.....	20
Ambrose Vereschaffelt —Rosy carmine flamed with garnet; large rose blotch.....	15	Daubenton —Large, well-opened flower, of a bright rosy-lilac, towards the edges passing to bright-rose-flamed carmine; white bands in the center of each petal.....	30
Amitie —Large spike of large fleshy, rose-colored flowers, shaded with straw color on the lower petals, streaked with purple; the edge flamed with bright rose.....	25	Dellacote —White, suffused with soft carmine-lilac; the pure-white lower petals edged lilac.....	15
Audouise —Rose-colored flowers shading off towards the center; large white blotch suffused with amaranth.....	1 50	Diamant —Fleshy-white, of a remarkable freshness, throat ivory-white; blotched and streaked carmine.....	20
Andre Leroy —Deep cherry-red, flamed and striped with a darker shade, white blotch and white stripe in center of each petal.....	10	Dieter —Large flowers, with the inner surface of the sepals are conspicuously flushed with carmine-red, on a pale lilac ground.....	25
ANGELE —White, showy and effective.....	10	Didon —White, suffused pale lilac; lower petals pure white.....	20
ANGELIQUE —Superb spike with numerous large flowers; white, tinted slightly flesh; blotch ivory-white.....	1 50	Doctor Fontan —Close spikes of well-opened flowers, rosy-lilac; blotched bright carmine.....	20
Anna —Cherry, tinged bright orange; lower petals striped dark carmine on white ground.....	15	Doctor Hoeg —Lilac, suffused with rose; center pure white.....	20
Anthony Waterer —Scarlet, with streaks down the centers of the lower divisions.....	15	Doctor Woodford —Salmon, flaked with carmine, with a yellow spot on the lower petal; a splendid flower.....	20
Antigon —Delicate rose flamed with carmine.....	15	Drap D'Or —Long spike of middle-sized, numerous, well-arranged flowers of a clear yellow, slightly tinged and flamed with rose, the bright yellow lower petals have a large carmine blotch.....	1 00
Antiope —Light orange cherry; dark carmine blotch.....	15	Due de Malakoff —White ground, feathered blotch of deep orange.....	15
Antonius —Scarlet-cherry, slightly tinged with orange, flamed carmine; pure white center.....	15	Dumont D'Urville —Very long spike, a bright cherry, flaked and striped rich carmine, distinct pure-white blotch; white stripe in the center of each petal.....	15
Apollon —Rosy-lilac, with a large light-rose blotch, striped white in the center.....	10	Eclair —Bright orange; flamed with blotch pure white, with broad white bands in the middle of each petal.....	20
Araba Pacha —Scarlet flower of a very bright shade; large, ivory-white blotch, golden at the edges.....	25	Eglantine —Tall spike, with perfectly-shaped flowers of pure white, tinged with delicate rose, and profusely flamed and edged with carmine-red.....	15
ARABIA —Large, bright scarlet.....	25	Eldorado —Clear yellow; the lower petals streaked with red.....	15
Argus —Dazzling fiery-red; center and lower petals pure white.....	15	Elizabeth —Light orange, tinged with brilliant orange; large white blotch.....	15
Arliane —White ground, slightly tinged with rosy-lilac, bordered and flamed carmine-rose; the lower petals pure white.....	15	Elizabeth —Dark rose; flamed bright carmine-purple; large purple carmine blotch, with white stripes.....	15
Arlequin —Lilac-rose, very richly streaked and flamed with bright carmine; large carmine blotch on golden yellow ground.....	15	Elvire —Pure white, flamed carmine; very delicate.....	15
Astree —Pure white, with distinct violet-carmine blotch; throat suffused with pale lilac.....	15	Emma Thury —White ground; carmine stripes through petals; light orange blotch.....	10
Atlas —White, slightly tinged with lilac and striped bright violet.....	25	Emeralda —Fine large flowers, well expanded, of a bright and striking color, ground ivory-white, striped and flaked carmine-red; lemon-colored blotch.....	15
Aurora de Feu —Handsome spike, bright rose passing to scarlet, golden-yellow, with the freshest and most brilliant shade.....	75	ESTHER —Fine Striped.....	10
Ball of Fire —Scarlet crimson; maroon blotch with blue center.....	50	Etendard —White, slightly suffused with carmine.....	10
BARONESS BURDET-COUTTS —Delicate lilac tinged with rose, flamed rosy-purple; spike very long, flowers unusually large.....	30	Eugene Rame —Flowers large, purplish-amaranth, with a sheen of ivory-lilac; edges slightly mottled with slate.....	10
Bayard —Large, carmine-red flowers, slightly tinged with lilac, and delicately banded with white in the center of the petals.....	40	Eugene Seribe —Flowers very large and wide; perfect, tender rose, blazed carmine-red; extra fine.....	5
Beatrice —Pure white ground, delicately flushed with carmine-lilac.....	40	EUGENE-SOUCHET —Bright rose color, relieved by a large white blotch and striking carmine on the intense color at edge of petals.....	25
Belladonna —White, tinted with light lilac; lower petals have bright carmine stripes.....	50	Eva —White, slightly tinged with rose and pale lilac.....	25
Benvenuto —Brilliant orange-red; white blotch.....	10	Felicien David —Cherry, light carmine, feathered white blotch.....	15
Bernard de Jussieu —Violet, shaded cherry and purple.....	15	Figaro —Light orange-red, flamed red, large pure white blotch.....	10
Bernard Peche —Light cherry-red, flamed and striped carmine-rose; white blotch.....	15	Fillees Champs —Dense spike, flowers rather small, of a pretty cherry rose color, dark and slightly striped at the edges; the three lower petals pure white except a narrow margin of the rose color same as in the upper petals.....	40
BICOLORE —Large flowers of bright rosy salmon, except lower petals which are ivory-white suffused with rose at edges.....	25	FLAMBOYANT —Large flowers of fiery scarlet.....	20
Big Medieus —Bluish-white marked violet.....	25	Flamingo —Fiery-red, blotch of rich purple; large spike of well-arranged flowers.....	30
Blooming —Large compact spike of large, straw-colored flowers, slightly streaked at the edges with yellow; very delicate shade.....	50	Flax —Bright cherry-rose.....	10
Bremontier —Bright rose profusely tinted carmine, blotch and bands pure white, streaked violet.....	20	Fleur de Lys —Fine compact spike of large, pure-white flowers, slightly blotched violet at the bottom of the throat.....	1 00
BRENCHULEYENSIS —Vermilion-scarlet; fine old variety.....	5	Flora —Large flower, white ground, shaded with rosy-lilac, very large and distinct strain of rose color; very long spike.....	25
Brennus —Crimson-maroon, white center tinged with blue, violet stripe on lower petals.....	20	Fru —Large flowers, with the inner surface of the sepals, flushed violet-red at the edges of the sepals, large, pale yellow blotch.....	30
Brunette —Beautiful shade of carmine; blotch cream color striped with purple, white line on each petal.....	15	Fulton —Velvety vermilion.....	30
Buteo —Rose, with a pure white center.....	20	Galathea —Bluish-white, with carmine blotch.....	10
CALYPSO —Flesh-colored rose, streaked rose and blotched carmine.....	10	Gallia —Very long spike of large and handsome rosy-white flowers, flushed bright carmine at the edges.....	40
CAMELEON —Compact truss of large, slaty-lilac flowers, flamed orange, white blotch and white stripe in the middle of each petal; large, creamy-white blotch, streaked violet.....	15	Ganymede —Compact and tall spikes of rosy-carmine flowers, with amaranth sheen.....	20
Canova —White, mottled rosy-lake.....	15	Gen. Phil. Sheridan —Fire-red, white line running through each petal, and a large pure white blotch on the lower division.....	10
Caprice —Long spike of very large, well-expanded flowers, upper petals bright rose, tinted lilac, with broad pure white bands.....	25	Gen. Sherman —Large, fine scarlet.....	15
Carnation —Large white profusely tinged at the edges with the richest carmine; lower petals blotched purplish-carmine.....	20	Ginevra —Bright orange-red; light carmine; center line of petals pure white; small, purplish-carmine blotch.....	15
Cervantes —Very large, of bright rose color, slightly tinged lilac and profusely streaked with carmine and pure white.....	20	Glorie de Fontainebleau —Large flowers of bright rosy-carmine, striped red at the edges; white band in middle of sepal.....	20
Celine —Light orange red, flamed brilliant red.....	15	Glory of Brightwood —Scarlet, with lemon throat.....	25
CERISE —Pure white, spotted with purplish rose.....	15	Golden Scepter —Extra tall yellow.....	10
Chamout —Lilac-rose, with pale lilac, very delicate shade.....	15	Gordon Faxon —Long spike of well-shaped flowers of rosy carmine, dappled bright carmine; lower petals of the same color, with a small blotch of dark rose, edge white, banded and streaked white.....	15
Champs de Mars —Salinino, distinct white blotch, bordered carmine.....	25	Grand Liliac —Large and perfectly arranged flowers of a beautiful delicate lilac, shaded darker towards edges.....	30
Chloris —White ground, profusely mottled with carmine, flamed with purplish-carmine.....	25	Greze —Light white spot, with a violet stripe on the lower division; a brilliant flower of great substance.....	15
Chrysolara —Golden-yellow, pure and distinct. The finest yellow variety.....	1 50	Gulliver —Large, bright-carmine flowers, with conspicuous white bands in the middle of each petal; pale yellow blotch slightly streaked violet.....	15
CICERON —Fine lilac.....	10	Hecla —Fiery orange-scarlet, center is pure white, feathered carmine; middle-sized flowers.....	20
Clitrus —Upper petals light yellow; lower petals darker.....	15	Heronette —White ground, well covered with delicate lilac and carmine stripes, large white blotch, slightly streaked violet.....	40
Clemence —Delicate satin-rose, shaded dark rose, feathered bright carmine.....	15	HORACE VERNET —Large, purple-red, with white blotch.....	25
Cleopatra —Soft lilac; lower petals of a darker hue, suffused violet.....	10	Homage —Light amaranth, flamed with bright purple.....	25
Colbert —Cherry-red, slightly tinted orange, with a white stripe down each petal.....	15	Imperatrice Eugene —White ground flamed with violet rose; reflex petals.....	15
Colorado —Very brilliant orange, with large white blotch.....	25	ISAAC BUCHANAN —Very fine yellow. Per doz. 50c.....	5
Columbine —Cream, blazed with lilac, purple; purple stain on yellow ground.....	15	Isabella —Pure white, with large, dark carmine-violet blotch.....	15
Comte de Morin —Dark yellow, with white, streaked lake.....	15	James Carter —Light orange-red, large pure white blotch.....	10
Comte —Light orange red; white blotch, feathered carmine.....	15	James Kelway —Crimson, edged with maroon, with a white line on each petal, white spot and a violet stripe on the lower division; a brilliant flower of great substance.....	25
Conquerant —Handsome spike of very large carmine, with a pure white blotch, and a well-defined white band down each petal.....	30	Jeanette —Large, bright-rose flowers richly striped and blotched with rosy-carmine.....	15

Jocunda—Cherry-rose, fringed cerise, streaked white; clear throat. 15
Light BULL—White, slightly tinged with sulphur. 10
Julia—Light ground, flamed with carmine. 15
Jupiter—Light red, shading off to a dark crimson. 15
LA CANDEUR—White, lightly striped with carmine-violet. 15
Lady Carrington—Pale lilac, streaked carmine; pure white center. 15
Lady Bridport—Blush, flaked carmine. 15
La Favorite—Rose, flamed carmine; lower petals yellow. 15
La France—Pure white; small, bluish-violet blotch. 30
La France—Pure white flowers; are slightly flamed with carmine towards the edges. Large amaranth blotch passing to pure white. 15
LAMARCK (DE)—Cherry, slightly tinted with orange, blazed with red; center is very well lighted; very large, pure white stain in throat. 15
Larrea—Large flowers, admirably arranged; pure lilac, blotched with violet-carmine on the lower petals. 20
LA PHASE—Brilliant fiery-red. 5
Lassia—Scarlet crimson, with a violet stripe on the lower divisions; noble spike; magnificent; perfection. 10
Latané—Tall and very compact spike; flat, wire of a delicate rose, rich creamy-white blotch and stripes. 10
Laura—Light orange-red, tinged with carmine; pure white blotch. 10
LEANDER—Large flower of lilac color, beautifully shading off to carmine; distinct white band in each petal, and conspicuous white blotch. 10
LePoussin—Light red; white blotch. 15
Lesseps (de)—Clear white ground; profusely striped and bordered carmine; fine spike, large, well-expanded flowers, presenting a very striking contrast of colors. 10
Lettinger—Cherry-red; flamed with carmine; carmine blotch on a yellow-lime ground. 10
LE TITIEU—Brilliant rosy-scarlet. 5
Le Veau—Intense fiery-red; very rich. 25
Leviathan—Very tall spike of enormously large flowers, of a delicate bright rose color; flamed and edged with carmine; amaranth blotch. 10
Lilac Queen—Large flowers, very beautiful. 10
Little Charlie—Deep rosy-crimson, with large white blotches; fine form; rare beauty. 20
Lord Burleigh—Watermelon-red; light throat. 10
Lord Byron—Brilliant scarlet; blotched pure white. 10
Lord Bright—Bright rosy-red; lower petals edged with orange-white; and slightly shaded with slate color at the edges of the petals. 20
Lull—Light cherry, tinged orange; lower petals streaked carmine. 25
Lydia—White ground; striped and flaked carmine; rich carmine blotch on golden-yellow ground. 20
MADAME AUBER—Compact spike of extra large and well-shaped flowers of a very pale rosy-lilac; blotch creamy-white; dappled light on some of the lower flowers, speckled with orange-white. 10
MADAME DE VATRY—French white; purplish carmine blotch. 10
 " **Furtado**—Fine rose, shading off to rosy-white; flamed ruby. 15
 " **Lesebé**—Pure white; large purplish-rose blotch. 10
MONNERET—Delicate rose. 5
Rabour—Rose; flamed carmine; that white line in the center of each petal. 25
Madame Vilmorin—Rose; white in the center; shaded darker on the edges; white blotch feathered carmine. 25
Magnificus—Tall variety, with handsome spike of large flowers; round carmine; white blotch; edged with orange-white. 10
Maria Dumortier—White, slightly streaked rose; violet-purple blotch. 5
Marie Berger—Rosy-lilac; blotched and striped with red, shading into yellowish-rose towards the center; dense spike well-opened flowers. 50
Maria—Beautiful scarlet. 5
Maria—Long, slender, fine white blotch edged with violet. 10
Matha Washington—Light yellow, of large size, in a well-arranged spike; lower petals tinged with rose. 15
Mary Stuart—White, very slightly tinged with rose, and flamed bright carmine-cherry. 50
Mascarel—Large, very regular spike of large flowers, very open and well shaped, of a beautiful salmon-rose color. 75
Matador—Fine spike, with spiculed flowers of brilliant carmine-red; striped and blotched pure white. 15
Mazeppe—Orange; light blotch. 10
Mebus—Currant-red; striped and flamed white. 30
Mercutio—White ground; slightly tinged with violet; edged and flamed with dark carmine. 10
Meteor—Brilliant dark red; large pure white blotch. 15
MEYERISBERK—Brilliant scarlet, flamed with vermilion; amaranth-red blotch. 20
Mica—Long, slender, fine white blotch edged with violet; rosy-rose flowers profusely flushed and blotched with cherry-red. 10
MLLE. MARIE MIES—Delicate rose, flamed with carmine; slight blotch of rosy-purple; dense spike. 50
Montaigne—Intensely growing scarlet. 15
Mont Blanc—Long, slender, fine white blotch edged with violet; very large flowers, creamy white at first, soon becoming snowy-white, with the exception of a small violet blotch. 200
Mount Etna—Long spike, of well-arranged flowers of the most brilliant velvety-scarlet, slightly streaked with deeper scarlet at the edges; white band in the center of the upper petals. 35
Multiflora—White, tinged lilac and flamed rosy-carmine; a novelty. 15
Murillo—Fine cherry-rose, on a light ground, white blotch, with a white stripe down each petal. 15
M. Lebrun d'Albane—Brilliant red; white blotch. 10
M. Legouve—White; white line down the middle of the upper petals; pure white blotch. 10
MR. BAINS—A wonderful distinct color, a clear light red, self color. 10
Mr. Krelage—Terra cotta red; flamed with smoke-color; white blotch with carmine lining. 10
Mr. Thornton—Light red; white blotch, with carmine, and veins. 10
Mrs. H. Kellogg—Fiery red; white blotch, with carmine, and veins. 10
NAPOLEON III—Bright scarlet; white line in each petal. 5
Nelge et Feu—Dwarf; long and dense spike of middle-sized flowers, bright cherry-red, slightly flushed with violet; veined white the lower petals with a very large ivory-white, well-defined blotch, the contrast being very striking. 50
NEREIDE—Long and compact spike of large flowers of mother-of-pearl-rose, suffused with lilac; blotched bright violet. A grand good flower. 75
Newton—Dark crimson on white ground; a new shade. 25
Nobe—Pale glossy rose, flamed profusely with rosy carmine. 15
Nocera—Light rosy-lilac. 10
NORMA—Pale lilac. 10
Nymphé de Fontainebeau—Pure white; basis of throat white, slightly suffused with amaranth. 15
Ondine—White, tinted with lilac; small, dark violet blotch, slightly flamed with carmine. 35
Opal—Large flowers, extremely delicate rose. 20
Ophir—Dark yellow, purple blotch. 15
Orpheus—Rosy cherry, flamed carmine; purple blotch. 15
Oriflamme—Erect, dense spike of very numerous, large, rosy-orange flowers, a little paler in the center; lower petals very slightly tinged with yellow. 50
Oscar—Cherry red. 10

Ovide—Splendid spike of carmine-red flowers with a lilac sheen flamed toward the edges with garnet-red; pure white blotch. 15
Pactole—Beautiful yellow, slightly tinged with rose at the edges; blotch of darker shade. 15
Panorama—Large spike of well-arranged flowers; beautiful lilac shaded and mottled with brilliant carmine; throat creamy-white; center of each petal band white. 15
Papillon—A compact, well-formed spike with flowers of a yellow ground, conspicuously flaked and bordered with carmine. 15
Parmentier—Clear amaranth-colored flowers, flamed carmine and tinged with lilac; pure white bands, carmine feather. 20
Peacock—Blush white; lower petals tinted yellow streaked carmine. 10
Pesento—Brilliant scarlet, shaded fiery-red and striped lilac-white; edges of petals suffused with slate color. 20
Phebus—Brilliant red; large, pure white blotch. 20
Phedra—Large white, flamed with cherry-rose. 10
Pheroon—Large, cherry-red flowers, streaked and edged with violet; center band of petals white, expanding to a blotch at the basis. 35
Phidias—Very brilliant purple ground, slightly tinted with violet; large, pure white blotch, feathered with carmine-cherry. 10
Phicola—Fine satin-rose pink, flamed with bright carmine; large, pure white blotch. 20
Pilimensis—Rosy pink, with light throat. 15
Pline—Rose, self color. 15
Pomone—Dwarf habit, early flowering, fine dense spike; flowers largely blotched and striped amaranth-red. 35
Prince of Wales—Very bright red; violet-feathered white blotch. 50
Priscilla—Blush white; lower petals tinted yellow streaked carmine. 20
Princess Frederick William—Strake's flesh color. 20
Princess Mary of Cambridge—White; very light carmine blotch. 30
Princess of Wales—White, flamed with carmine-rose; deep carmine blotch. 10
Prudence—Rosy-red; white throat. 15
Pygmalion—Cherry-red, slightly flamed with a darker shade; pure white blotch, feathered violet; each petal has a white band in the middle. 15
Pyramide—Perfect spike, broader at the lower part than at the top; large, well-expanded orange-rose. 20
Rayon d'Or—Fine spike of delicate creamy-yellow flowers, striped and blotched with rosy-red; rich purple passing to orange. 20
Regina—White, very slightly suffused with pale lilac. 25
Reine Victoria—Pure white, carmine-violet blotch. 10
Reine Blanche—Pure white, dark carmine blotch. 15
Reverend Berkeley—Light rose and tinged with violet-carmine; feathers with carmine. 15
Richard Cœur-de-Lion—Fine spike of large flowers of a bright crimson red color flamed and edged with garnet; lower petals spotted and blotched golden yellow. 30
Robert Fortune—Orange-lake, shading off to purple-crimson; veined white. 10
Rol—Topical—Bluish-rose, slightly suffused with orange and shaded deep currant-red; white blotch. 10
Romulus—Very brilliant dark red; large, pure white blotch; large white lines on the lower petals. 10
Rosa Bonheur—Lilac, slightly tinged with lilac and flamed with carmine-violet blotch. 25
Rosa Perfecta—Fine rose, tinged violet, center very light; white veins on all petals. 10
Rosta—Delicate satiny carmine-rose, blotched and marbled cherry-carmine. 15
Rosetta—Dark amaranth-red; striped and blotched white. 25
Scêtre de Flore—Spike very erect, compact and long, often accompanied by two lateral spikes; flowers large, with white throat, having in the center a carmine-red star; the shade of the petals brightens to the richest rose color at the circumference of the petals, spotted with carmine; lower petals slightly blotched with carmine and a pure white blotch. 50
Seller—Sulphur, with large amaranth blotch. 15
Seduction—Rosy-salmon; very bright and open, throat very clear, with large white blotch, and is feathered carmine. 15
Semiramis—Carmine-rose, on white ground; flamed with bright carmine. 15
Sir William—Delicate rosy-tinted orange, flamed red. 15
Sir William Hooker—Light cherry, rosy-carmine blotch. 15
SNOW WHITE—All that need be said about this grand novelty is, that it is absolutely pure snow-white, the only pure white Gladiolus in existence. It also has large, well-open flowers, and an enormous spike of the most beautiful and beautiful shape. 30
Stanley—Handsome spike of well-shaped flowers, very open, large, rosy-salmon, flamed all over with the deepest rose color; small, rosy-violet blotch. 25
Stella—White, tinted yellow-rose, flamed carmine. 55
Stella—Bright satiny carmine-rose, flamed with bright carmine blotch. 15
Sylvie—White, slightly edged with delicate cherry-rose, throat very clear, perfectly-shaped flowers. 15
Tallman—Fine violet, with a large margin of bright carmine-cherry, veined pure white. 40
Talma—Rosy-carmine flowers, flamed with bright carmine, and striped scarlet and pale violet, blotch amaranth-red. 25
Tanger—Large flowers, with a large white blotch, and is feathered suffused with slate color at the edges, the under petals dark-carmine yellow. 40
Teresita—Upper petals of pure white, suffused with rose and striped carmine at the edges; lower petals pale rose, largely blotched and striped with bright carmine. 15
Thalia—White, flamed and streaked with carmine. 10
The Odalque—Rosy-pink, flamed with carmine, white throat. 25
Therese de Vilmorin—Tall spike; flowers of a creamy-white, passing into pure white, with a few purplish-rose stripes in center. 40
Thule—Medium tall spike, with rosy center, light transparent, shading off to carmine violet. 15
Titania—Beautiful tall spike; extra large flowers of creamy-salmon; flamed cherry. 15
Topaze—Very large flower; pale yellow, slightly flamed with carmine-rose. 50
Tour du Monde—Flowers cherry-red darker towards the edges; white blotches, edged rosy-lilac. 15
Trojan—Mauve, white center, rose markings. 25
Ulyssee—Satin-rose; beautiful shade. 25
Unscarlet—White center, white line. 25
Van Dyck—Crimson amaranth striped with white. 15
Van Spandok—Fiery-red; splendid. 15
Variabilis—White, flamed lilac. 25
Venus—Pure white, flamed with light carmine-rose. 15
VICTOR GARDNER—This compact spike of bright orange flowers profusely flamed with scarlet ground violet, blotch bright violet, streaked and speckled pure white. 20
Virgil—Bright glowing crimson; very handsome. 15
Virginalls—Pure white, bordered and flamed with carmine. 15
Zampa—Fine open flower, which are often double; beautiful throat of a mottled a-edged with carmine and purplish-carmine feather. 15
Zenobia—Rose, slightly tinted with violet, flamed dark carmine. 15

Our New Gladiolus.

During the past ten years we have grown more than a million seedling Gladiolus, among which have appeared some extra fine ones, which have been named and a stock grown, so that now we can offer them for sale. They are in every respect extra fine, novel colors, large spikes, etc.

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| U. S. Grant. This superb new variety is the largest flowering Gladiolus yet sent out; the enormous spikes run two feet and upwards in length, and are of firm, lasting substance; the color is quite distinct, ivory-white beautifully veined with purplish-blue..... | Each. | |
| Transformation. Light, transparent scarlet with large transparent yellow stains; the most striking color among Gladiolus..... | \$1 | 50 |
| Grace Newton. Light rose marked darker; superb spike and flower..... | 2 | 00 |
| Cyrus. Large flower, white, marked and variegated with light violet..... | 1 | 00 |
| Sunset. Beautiful spike, good-sized, cup-shaped flower, rosy-crimson blotched darker. Fine satiny blush inside..... | 30 | |
| Canary Bird. Superb canary yellow..... | 50 | |
| Harvard. Brilliant sofferino, white throat bordered with a deep color..... | 1 | 00 |
| Red Cloud. Salmon-pink flamed with carmine, lighter center, outer portions of petals have a frosted look..... | 1 | 00 |
| Sultan. White, strikingly flamed with carmine; very distinct violet blotch, large flower; extra..... | 1 | 00 |
| Augusta. Pure white with blue anthers..... | 25 | |
| La Crosse. Fine spike; flower orange scarlet, flaked maroon..... | 1 | 00 |
| Navajo Chief. Fine spike and flower, clear rose with carmine throat..... | 75 | |
| Sunrise. Very peculiar and striking flower, rosy pink flamed with carmine, white stripe through each petal; very large distinct carmine blotch; stamens are unusually large and prominent..... | 2 | 00 |
| Crover Cleveland. Very tall spike, good-sized flower, which varies in color from bright orange-red to bluish-gray, marked and blotched with amaranth and smoky-red..... | 1 | 50 |
| Fairmont. Blush-white, blotched carmine; long spike..... | 30 | |
| Madhi. Deep ruby shaded black; extra..... | 50 | |
| Queen of Fairies. Lovely light sulphur-yellow, shaded darker, very delicate and handsome; large fine spike..... | 75 | |

One bulb each of the seventeen grand sorts for \$12.00.

Mixed Gladiolus.

Our mixed Gladiolus are not the poor dull colors, old discarded red sorts and worthless seedlings usually sent out as Mixtures. On the contrary, they are made up from splendid named sorts, brightest and most varied colors, white, yellow, pink, rose, blush, intense scarlet, carmine, violet, striped, blotched, variegated, etc. All old common and poor sorts have been discarded, and this Mixture is of the highest grade to be found in this or any other country.

- Mixed All Colors, First Size.** Extra large flowering bulbs, per dozen, 30c.; per 100, \$2.25; per 1,000, \$20.00, by mail.
- Mixed All Colors, Second Size.** These are all fine blooming, young, vigorous bulbs. Per dozen, 15c.; per 100, \$1.00; per 1,000, \$8.00, by mail.
- Mixed All Colors, Third Size.** Small bulbs, but will bloom nicely this summer. Per dozen, 10c.; per 100, 60c.; per 1,000, \$5.00, by mail.

Mixed Gladiolus Under Color.

These are splendid for masses of solid color and contrast magnificently.

	Per doz.	Per 100
White and Light varieties, mixed; superb...	\$ 30	\$2 00
Scarlet and Red. Extra fine scarlet and red.....	25	1 75
Pink. Fine pink and rose shades.....	25	1 75
Yellow and Orange. Best yellow colors.....	50	3 00
Striped and Variegated. Extra fine.....	50	2 00

Large Gladiolus Bulbs at Extra Low Prices by Express.

No flower so adorns the garden or lawn as does the Gladiolus, and none are more easily grown or so fine for decorating churches, rooms, dining tables, halls, stores, offices, etc. That our customers may afford to plant them extensively for big show beds, or for cutting, we make the following remarkable offer:

Large Flowering Bulbs Mixed. Choicest varieties and finest colors, by express, as follows: 100 for \$1.50; 300 for \$4.00; 500 for \$5.50; 1,000 for \$10.00; 3,000 for \$25.00.

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Five Beautiful Named Gladiolus for 10 Cents; 60 for 60c.

For only 10 cents we will send by mail, post-paid, one fine flowering bulb each of the following five splendid sorts, embracing the five finest colors, white, pink, scarlet, yellow and blotched. Everyone who sees this catalogue should surely send 10 cents for these bulbs.

- Ceres.** Pure white, spotted; one of the very best whites.
- Brenchleyensis.** Brightest and most intense scarlet.
- Mad. Monneret.** Lovely soft pink; exquisite.
- Marie Lemoine.** Beautiful lemon and yellow shades.
- Napoleon III.** Scarlet, blotched white; very striking.

Or we will send twelve each of these five sorts, sixty bulbs in all, for only 60c.

Our Superb Seedling Gladiolus.

Every year we raise a million or more Seedling Gladiolus. Among these there is the greatest possible range of colors, beautiful forms and massive spikes. Some are equal to the highest priced named sorts. Should you plant a thousand of these bulbs, you would see 1,000 different sorts—absolutely no two alike.

Five Flowering Bulbs. 40c. per dozen; \$2.50 per 100; \$20.00 per 1,000, by mail.



Rare Hardy Gladiolus.

The following species are very beautiful and are quite hardy in the open ground over winter, yet they may be lifted and kept dry in the cellar if desired.

- Dracocephalus.** An odd, fantastic and pleasing color. Sometimes a bronzy yellowish green, at other times a reddish bronze shaded green. It is curious and beautiful. 5c. each; 50c. per dozen.
- Saundersl.** Beautiful wide-open flower of large size. Fine rosy scarlet, thickly spotted white on lower petals. From this variety the magnificent Childsi Gladiolus originated. 10c. each; \$1.00 per dozen.
- Colvilli "The Bride."** 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. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

Gladiolus Seed.

It is very interesting to raise Gladiolus from seed. The range of colors and beauty of bloom in seedlings is very great. One never sees two seedlings alike. Sow seed in light sandy soil in the open ground, about corn planting time, and shade until they germinate. Might be started earlier in hot-beds if desired. Seedlings generally bloom the second summer.

- Hybrids Mixed All Colors.** Very fine. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.
- Lemolnel Hybrids Mixed.** Sometimes blooms the first summer, and always the second. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.
- Childsi, Mixed Colors.** Finest of all. Very frequently blooms first summer, especially if started early. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts. for 50c.

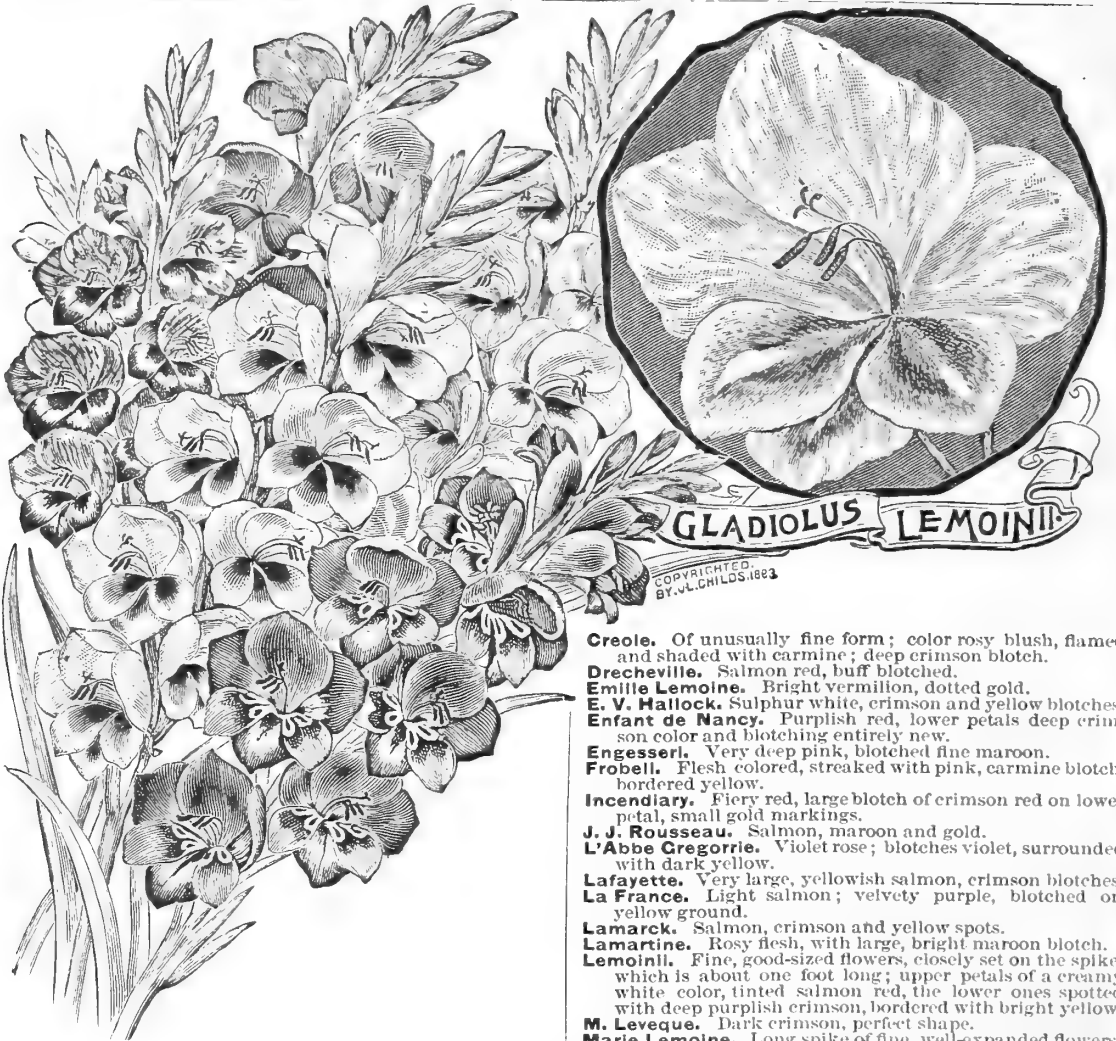


THE 15 FINEST GLADIOLUS.

We consider the 15 following Gladiolus the very finest varieties in cultivation, excepting, of course, the new Childsis. We have for several years been working up a large stock of these varieties with a view to offering them to our customers at a very low price so that all can afford to have the very finest varieties. Our stock is now such that we can make the long-desired offer, and we earnestly advise each and every one of our customers to plant this collection. The beauty of these grand varieties will be a revelation to you. They are offered in Foreign Catalogues at from 50c. to \$2.00 each, yet we will supply the whole 15, fine, large, flowering bulbs, for \$1.00. They include the finest and most varied colors, dark crimson, scarlet, yellow, pure white, pink, rose, variegated, etc. It will be impossible to improve this collection in any respect.

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| Addison. Large, dark amaranth, with white stripe..... | 20 | Grand Rouge. Enormous spike and flower of perfect form, and of the most brilliant and dazzling scarlet; the finest scarlet variety..... | 20 |
| African. Darkest crimson-black, with pure white blotch in the throat; enormous spike of perfect form. The darkest and one of the very finest of all | 25 | Hesperide. Pure white ground, profusely blotched and flaked with bright rosy salmon; extra fine..... | 20 |
| Amathee. Pure white, with large violet-red blotch, lower part slightly tinged violet..... | 25 | Pepita. Bright golden-yellow, slightly striped carmine at the edges of petals; a grand yellow variety..... | 25 |
| Aurore. Bright salmon-rose, striped orange, carmine and lilac, blotched with cherry-rose and violet..... | 20 | Shakespeare. White, suffused with carmine-rose, large, rosy blotches, perfect form..... | 15 |
| Augusta. Large, pure white, with blue anthers; new and extra fine..... | 25 | Octoroon. Lovely salmon pink, very beautiful..... | 25 |
| Duchess of Edinburgh. Enormous spike, attaining a height of six feet; flower of fine form and great substance. Purplish-rose with carmine stripe in the lower division. A grand new variety..... | 25 | Sylphide. White, flamed with carmine, very large purple-crimson blotch; extra..... | 25 |
| Fatma. Very large flower of ivory-white ground, profusely striped and suffused with bright rosy salmon.. | 25 | Snow White. Large flower and spike of perfect form, and pure snow-white; the finest white variety..... | 25 |
| Feu Follet. Large, well-opened pink flower, with ivory-white throat richly tinged and striped with carmine at the edges of the petals..... | 25 | | |

These 15 finest of all named Gladiolus will be sent by mail, post-paid, for \$1.00; large, flowering bulbs. Four collections for \$3.00.



Lemoine's New Hardy Hybrid Gladiolus.

The odd and fantastic markings of these Gladiolus, and their beautiful shape, resemble the fascinating beauty of the Orchid. Yellow, crimson, white, brown, green, pink, etc., are blended together, producing an effect seen in no other flower. They are of recent introduction, therefore new and quite unknown. It is useless to attempt to describe their regal beauty, for it cannot be done. They must be seen. Besides their gay colors and odd markings, they have two very important points of superiority over other sorts. First, they bloom two or three weeks earlier and are in full perfection before others appear; and secondly, they are hardy, and may be left in the ground over winter, from year to year, without lifting in autumn; yet we do not advise this plan, as we think it better to lift them in the fall and store them in the cellar, that they may be planted out in fresh mellow soil in spring. They do well either way.

- Aleace.** Pale sulphur yellow, spotted claret.
Andre Chevre. Pink, spotted black and yellow.
Atlas. Clear violet, large velvety maroon blotch.
Admiral Pierre. Large flowers, round, very open; dark carmine red, lower divisions clouded with purplish maroon, surrounded with light yellow.
Bassengault. Rose, blotched fine purple.
Bassuet. Large, brilliant vermilion.
Cleopatra. Red, carmine blotches, tipped with yellow.
Chas. Martel. Rosy blush, intense large carmine blotch.
C. Columbus. Orange salmon, blotched dark purple, the extremities of these blotches spotted with gold.
C. Hieneman. English red, lower petals bright crimson, edges velvety and gold colored.

- Creole.** Of unusually fine form; color rosy blush, flamed and shaded with carmine; deep crimson blotch.
Drecheville. Salmon red, buff blotched.
Emille Lemoine. Bright vermilion, dotted gold.
E. V. Hallock. Sulphur white, crimson and yellow blotches.
Enfant de Nancy. Purplish red, lower petals deep crimson color and blotching entirely new.
Engesseri. Very deep pink, blotched fine maroon.
Frobell. Flesh colored, streaked with pink, carmine blotch, bordered yellow.
Incendiary. Fiery red, large blotch of crimson red on lower petal, small gold markings.
J. J. Rousseau. Salmon, maroon and gold.
L'Abbe Gregorrie. Violet rose; blotches violet, surrounded with dark yellow.
Lafayette. Very large, yellowish salmon, crimson blotches.
La France. Light salmon; velvety purple, blotched on yellow ground.
Lamarck. Salmon, crimson and yellow spots.
Lamartine. Rosy flesh, with large, bright maroon blotch.
Lemoinii. Fine, good-sized flowers, closely set on the spike, which is about one foot long; upper petals of a creamy white color, tinted salmon red, the lower ones spotted with deep purplish crimson, bordered with bright yellow.
M. Leveque. Dark crimson, perfect shape.
Marie Lemoine. Long spike of fine, well-expanded flowers; upper divisions of a pale creamy color, flushed salmon lilac, the lower divisions spotted purplish violet, bordered deep yellow.
Masque de Fer. Bronzy red, blotched black, yellow.
Mme. Lemoine. White, tinged with salmon; large violet and maroon blotches.
Obelisk. Rich solferino, deep crimson blotch, tipped with yellow.
Oriflamme. Crimson, blotched darker.
Pactole. Sulphur yellow, spotted black.
Rochambeau. Large, salmon, blotched purple.
Talma. Pale lilac, violet blotches.
Turcune. Red, maroon and yellow.
Vashti. Creamy white, blotched carmine.
W. E. Cumbleton. Flowers very large and open; purplish rose, streaked with rich carmine; spots velvety, surrounded with yellow.

Price of above sorts, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c.; 15 for \$1.00; the 37 for \$2.00.

Magnificent Seedlings and Mixture.

Our mixture of named sorts and seedlings of Lemoine's Hybrid Gladiolus are particularly fine. All the stock has been carefully selected, and the range of color and beauty of bloom will be quite as fine as the named sorts. If you want a great and grand show at small cost, plant this mixture.

Finest named sorts and seedlings, mixed, a great range of color, no two alike, 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.; 25 for 60c.; 100 for \$2.00.

SEEDS. We can furnish fine mixed seed of Lemoine's Hybrid Gladioli at 10c. per pkt. It blooms second year.



Amaryllis.

A royal family of bulbs, with large umbels of magnificent lily-like flowers of largest size and richest coloring. Besides the pure white, pale flesh and soft pink shades, are many intense and brilliant shades of crimson, scarlet, orange and vermilion, either self color or boldly striped with white, green or red. Can be kept in pots the year round, or planted out in open ground during summer. Alternate rest and growth is the secret of big Amaryllis blossoms, and lots of them. While growing give them all the sun and moisture possible; but while at rest give very little water, or none at all. The finer varieties increase so slowly as to be always high in price; but if our customers were to compare our prices with the leading European firms, who ask eight, ten, fifteen and twenty dollars per bulb, for what we ask from fifty cents to seven dollars for, they would think our prices extremely low for such rare and fine varieties. Each.

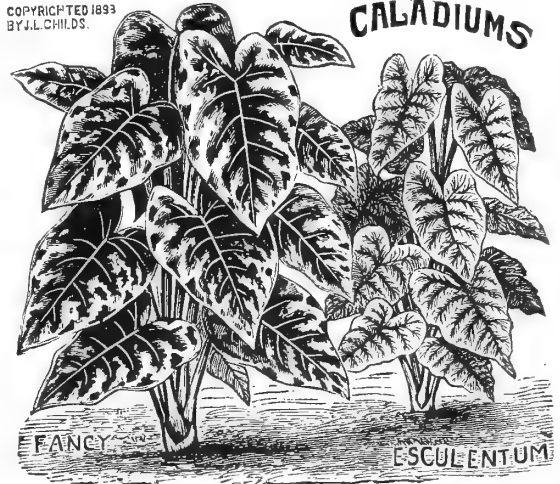
- Aulica Platipetala.** Large, vigorous grower. Bulbs and flowers of enormous size; color, deep blood crimson, shaded black. A grand variety.....\$1 50
- Artemisia.** Pure white with large vermilion stripes. Flower of great size and beauty 3 00
- Clovis.** Fine transparent red, with large pure white stripes. Enormous well-open flower; grand..... 3 00
- Empress of India.** A famous European variety which usually sells at \$10 each. Color, deep scarlet, banded orange shaded to white. Enormous size 2 00
- Etolle.** Transparent yellow, on white ground, slightly striped purple. Very large size and a rare beauty..... 3 00
- Hamilton Hybrids.** Extra fine hybrids which bloom at all times of the year. Flowers large and well formed and of two colors. Scarlet and white, variegated..... 2 00
- J. L. Childs.** Outside petals grayish white, inside bright pink, striped and suffused with pure white. Flowers very large and produces freely at all times of year. One of the most exquisitely beautiful flowers that ever bloomed..... 2 00
- Johnsonii.** A grand old sort, always popular. Flowers large and very beautiful, deep red, striped white, and freely produced 60
- Oriflamme.** Pure white with large salmon-red bands. A fine large well-open flower of great beauty..... 2 50
- Psittacinum.** Broad, well-open flowers of great substance. Red, with white and green stripes; perfect form and peculiar beauty. Very rare..... 2 00
- Regina.** An extra fine winter bloomer and extensively sold for that purpose. Flowers of good size, beautiful, wide-open shape, and a bright orange-scarlet..... 25
- Mixed Hybrids.** Fine large flowering seedlings of beautiful colors. Many are nearly as fine as above named sorts. Will give great satisfaction. 3 for \$1.00..... 40



Alocasia, Illustris.

This rare foliage plant belongs to the same family as the Caladium, and is very striking either as a pot plant or as a specimen plant in the garden. The large handsome leaves are deep green, freely blotched and marbled with black. Very handsome indeed. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

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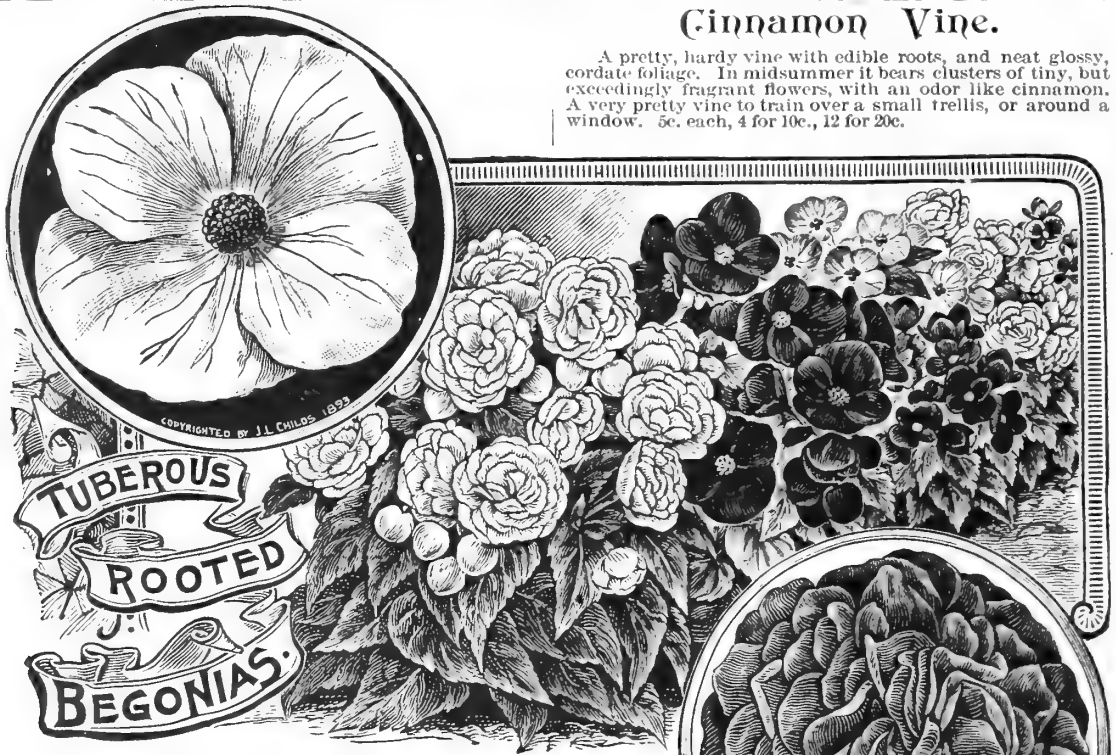


Caladiums.

- Grand tropical foliage plants for bedding and for pots.**
- Esculentum.** A grand subtropical foliage plant, growing four feet high, and bearing immense shield-shaped leaves, of the smoothest, richest green. Extra fine for groups or single specimens upon the lawn, or as borders to tropical beds, or to plant at the margins of ornamental pools, etc. Give plenty of water. 20c. each, \$2.00 per dozen.
- Fancy.** There is a general impression that the Fancy Caladiums are very difficult to manage. The only trouble we find with them is to keep them sufficiently warm in winter. We find them very easy to grow in summer, either in beds or pots. For piazza or summer conservatory decoration they are unrivaled. Their beautifully shaped and glossy foliage is elegantly variegated in the most telling manner. One, perhaps, is regularly dotted with round raised spots of white; another is ribbed and veined with pink, or scarlet, or yellow, while still another is splashed and marbled with white or shaded almost black. In fact the immense leaves are so marked with delicate and vivid colors, as to make them as showy as great and peculiar flowers. Our collection is superb. 40c. each, 3 for \$1.00, 7 for \$2.00.

Cinnamon Vine.

A pretty, hardy vine with edible roots, and neat glossy, cordate foliage. In midsummer it bears clusters of tiny, but exceedingly fragrant flowers, with an odor like cinnamon. A very pretty vine to train over a small trellis, or around a window. 5c. each, 4 for 10c., 12 for 20c.



Tuberous Begonias.

The fashionable plant of the day, and richly does it deserve its honors, for in addition to very handsome foliage they bear a never-ending profusion of the most ravishingly beautiful flowers the whole summer, and then, with the coming of cold weather, very obligingly take a nap until spring, asking no further care through the winter than to be packed in soil away from frost. This trait of theirs will be appreciated by the many people who have no spare windows to carry over tender bedding plants yet dislike to be at the expense of buying a new lot each spring. This grand plant is a rival to the Gloxinia as a summer-window or conservatory plant, and as strong a rival to the Geranium and Verbena as an outdoor bedding plant. The enormous size and intense brilliancy of the flowers astonish those who have never seen any but the ordinary house Begonia. The bulbs can be started from March to June, and will soon be in full bloom. Give them partial shade out of doors and protect from severe winds if possible. Our strain of both double and single is a very superior one, many of the flowers measuring 4 to 6 inches across. We offer them at low prices, and hope our customers will plant a good lot of them.

Single Mixed. All colors. Extra fine, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00.

Double Mixed. All colors. A glorious strain of finest large flowered double sorts. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Single White. Fine pure color; large flower. 20c. each.

Single Yellow. Extra fine. 20c. each.

Single Scarlet. Fine bright shade. 20c. each.

Single Pink. Beautiful soft shade. 20c. each.

Single Dark Crimson. 20c. each.

For only 60c. we will send one each of the above five fine sorts.

Double White. Extra fine. 35c.

Double Scarlet. Fine large flower. 35c.

Double Yellow. Very beautiful. 35c.

The three double varieties for 5c.

Seed. Double Mixed, 30c. per pkt.; Single Mixed, 20c. per pkt. Seedlings make blooming plants in about six months from the time of sowing.

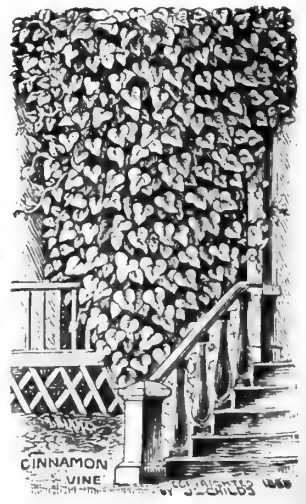
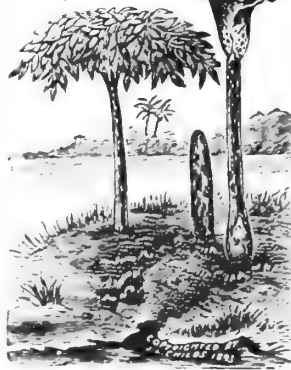
Amorphophallus.

A great oddity in bulb, leaf and flower. An enormous bulb, giving either a gigantic single Palm-like leaf, or an immense Calla-like flower that dwarfs everything else in the flower garden.

Rivieri. A great curiosity, with smooth, spotted, snake-like leaf stalks, huge decomposed leaves, and blossoms a yard in length, the spadix a dark reddish black and the enveloping spathe a rose tinted black. A grand pot plant. Fine bulbs, 50c. each.

Simlense. The spathe of this Calla-shaped flower is drawn out one to two feet, to a long tapering point, and is of very large size. Color, green on outside, inside yellow spotted with purple. Foliage very large, luxuriant and Palm-like. A rare and curious plant which will create a genuine sensation. Plant out in open ground quite early, or by corn-planting time. \$1.00 each.

AMORPHOPHALLUS RIVIERI





CACTUS DAHLIA.

Dahlias.

It is impossible for a flower to be more perfect in form, more wax-like in texture, or more exquisite in color, than a really good Dahlia. They divide the honors of autumn with the Chrysanthemums, growing larger and richer each day until frost cuts them down. The following are the best among eighty varieties which we previously grew. Every one is a beauty, and we supply fine pot-grown tubers.

- Alice Pere.** Beautiful amber, tinted purple.
- Beatrix.** (POMPON.) Delicate bluish-white, tipped lilac. Very double and perfect. Fine for cutting.
- Camelliaflora.** One of the finest whites. Very large and profuse.
- Chris Ridley.** Rich crimson, shaded black. Large and glowing.
- Golden Bedder.** Bright golden-yellow flowers, profusely borne. Very handsome and perfect.
- Glowworm.** (POMPON.) A little beauty. Elegant golden-yellow.
- Germania Nora.** Exquisite pink. A grand flower.
- Lady Marshall.** (CACTUS FLOWERED.) A superlatively fine Dahlia. Soft broad petals like a Cactus. Flowers very large, and extra good for cutting, as they are not top-heavy. Color, salmon-crimson, tinged bluish. An early bloomer.

- Little Prince.** (POMPON.) Bright scarlet, tipped white lovely.
- Mary Mallock.** A beautifully quilled and perfect flower. Color, a fine golden-yellow.
- Mrs. Hawkins.** (CACTUS FLOWERED.) Soft, loose, reflexed blossoms, sometimes four inches across. Color, the most exquisite, broadly margined with the most lovely rose. The finest Dahlia for cutting or bouquet making, and certainly one of the most beautiful Dahlias in existence.
- Mrs. Staucomb.** Lovely creamy white, edged purple.

Price of above twelve fine Dahlias, 25c. each; five for \$1.00; twelve for \$2.00.



Crinum

These are members of the beautiful Amaryllis family, and are most magnificent flowering bulbs, suitable alike for garden or pot culture.

- Ornatum.** This is the king of the Amaryllis tribe; it produces a large round bulb, which grows to weigh as much as ten pounds. It can be treated as a pot plant, or grown in the garden as a summer flowering bulb. It is of the easiest culture and sure to succeed with everyone. Its flowers are large, and, like a most beautiful Lily, borne in enormous clusters at the top of the stout scapes. Color soft, delicate blush, with a scarlet bar through the center of each petal, and very sweet scented. Whoever possesses Crinum Ornatum has a treasure. Fine flowering bulbs, 75c. each.
- Moorei.** Much like the above, except its flowers are more beautifully formed and of a clear pearly-white color with a beautiful pink stripe through each petal. It is most grand and beautiful in appearance and of exquisite fragrance. Fine flowering bulbs, \$1.00 each.
- Fimbriatum.** (MILK AND WINE LILY.) Flowers in large umbels, on strong scapes, long and trumpet shaped. Colors delicate and pretty, white and pink, striped and blended. Fine large flowering bulbs, 30c. each.
- Americanum.** A beautiful species, especially for pot culture, as the foliage is evergreen. Flowers very fine, indeed, and form in large clusters. Color pure snow white, and highly scented. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

SPECIAL OFFER. For only \$2.00 we will send one each of these four fine Crinums.



Gloxinia.

The grandest of all summer-blooming bulbs for decoration of the window, veranda or conservatory in summer. Everyone is spellbound at their regal beauty. We have seen people pay \$2.50 for a small plant with four or five blooms on it, when they could have bought the bulb two months before for 25 cents and potted it themselves. They are no trouble at all to grow, and bloom constantly until autumn, when they should be allowed to die down, and the pots kept dry in some warm place until next spring, when the bulbs can be started into growth again. Our new Gloxinias are great improvements over the older sorts, with large, luxuriant leaves that recurve in such a manner as to conceal the pot they grow in, and erect, large-throated, wide-lobed flowers, borne above the

foliage like a floral crown. These flowers are very large and satin-like and of the most exquisite coloring, soft, clear, or brilliant, sometimes self-colored but more often tigred, spotted or edged with contrasting colors, but always rich and beautiful. The bulbs we offer are extra fine.

Defiance. Pure scarlet. An exceptionally rich flower. 50c. each.

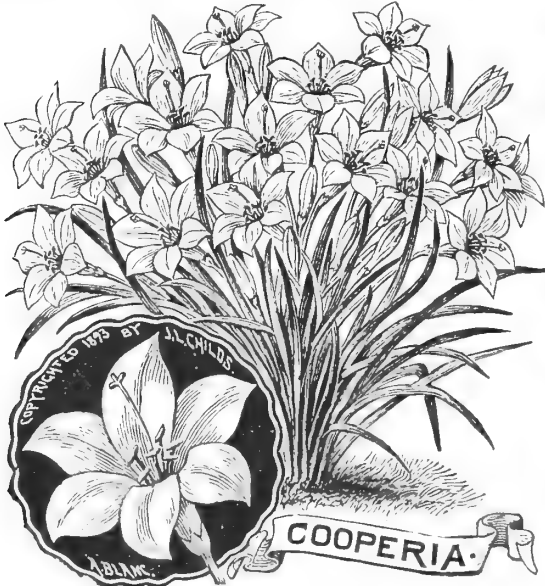
Grandiflora Alba. Pure white. The most heaven-like of earthy flowers. 50c. each.

Erecta Violeccala. A grand velvety blue. 50c. each.

Emperor Frederick. Very large flowers; deep scarlet with pure white throat. Very striking. 50c. each.

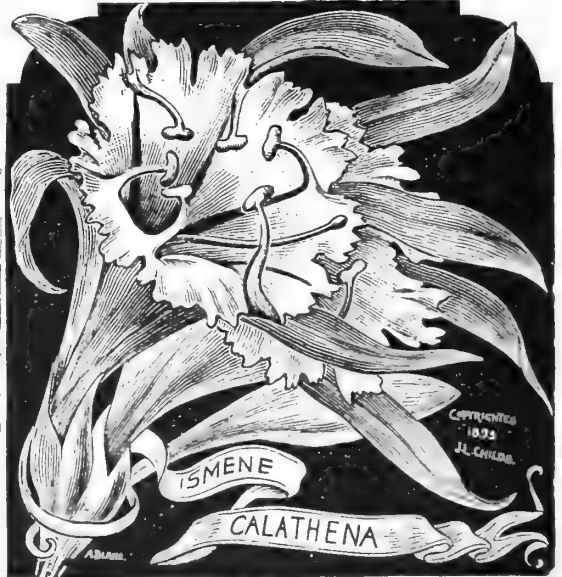
Mixed, All Colors. Grand spotted and tigred varieties, as well as self colors in every color. A magnificent collection. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; 12 for \$1.50.

Seed. Finest mixed all colors. Blooms in six to eight months from time of sowing. 25c. per pkt.



Cooperia Drummondii.

This bulb belongs to the Amaryllis family, and can either be grown in pots or open ground. The beautiful Lily-like flowers are borne on stems 10 to 15 inches high, and are profusely borne. They have a saying in Texas that the Cooperia blooms after every rainstorm. Certainly its flowers spring up as by magic repeatedly through the season. Color pure white. Bulbs large and strong. 10c. each, 3 for 20c., 8 for 50c.



Ismene Galathena.

Those who are familiar with the true Ismene, cannot say enough in praise of its beauty and purity. The flowers are of very large size, novel form, and of a snowy whiteness, and are also exceedingly fragrant. It is really one of the most lovely of all the great Amaryllis tribe, having a peculiar grandeur and beauty which one can appreciate at sight, but cannot describe. It is one of the most strikingly beautiful of all garden flowers. 50c. each.



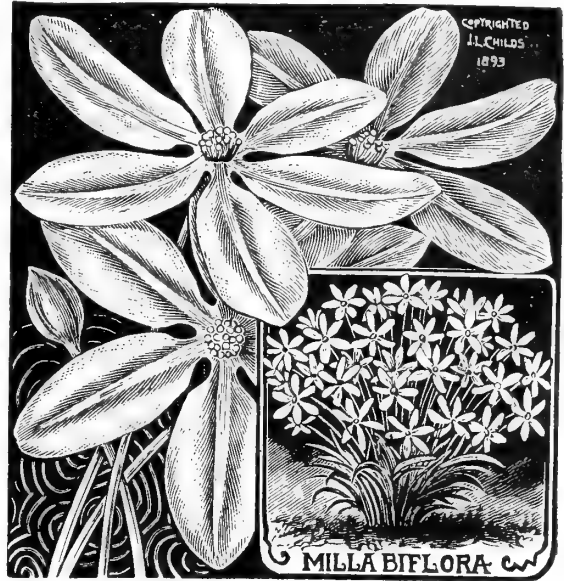
Hyacinthus Candicans.

A species of Hyacinth which blooms during August and September, grows three to five feet high, with spikes of pure white flowers two feet in length. The bulbs are large, round and solid, and throw up strong flower stems, which are a gigantic spike of thimble-shaped white blossoms. Planted in the spring they bloom in August, September and October, strong bulbs producing two, three and even four flower stems. They are perfectly hardy and can be left in the ground over winter, or if preferred, they can be lifted in the fall, and like Gladiolus, kept dry until spring. A bed of a dozen or more bulbs produces a grand effect. A few planted in the center of a bed of Verbenas, Petunias or other flowers, make a beautiful display. They contrast elegantly with Gladiolus. Planted anywhere, singly or in clumps, they are magnificent. For a cemetery nothing can be more beautiful or appropriate, and nothing thrives better in any situation. Strong bulbs, sure to bloom, 10c. each, 3 for 20c., 12 for 75c.



Mexican Gems.

Though entirely distinct from each other, we class these three fine bulbs together, as their habit is somewhat alike, and they have been introduced together. They can all be grown either as pot plants, allowing two or three bulbs to a six-inch pot, or can be grown in the open ground. They are much more effective when grown in clumps or masses and are very profuse and long blooming. Exceedingly fine for cutting. For real grace and refined beauty they are unrivalled. Our bulbs are all home grown, and very large and strong.



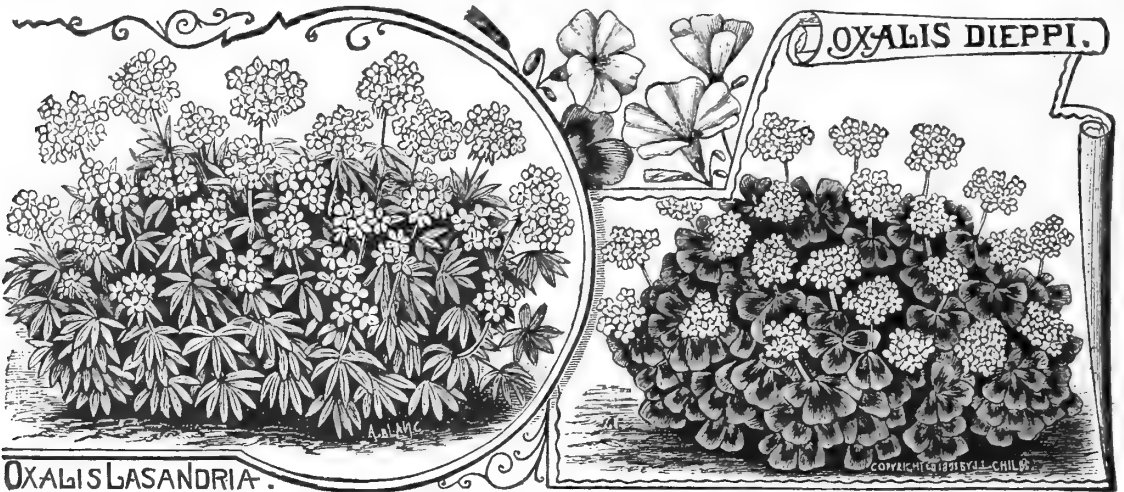
Cyclobothra Flava. Narrow, grassy foliage, and a constant bloomer. Pretty bell-shaped flowers, yellow dotted with brown. Very graceful and charming. 10c. each, 3 for 25c., 12 for 70c.

Milla Biflora. The flowers are pure waxy-white, two inches in diameter, star-shaped, and borne usually in pairs on long, slender stems. It is beautiful, especially for cutting, as it lasts a long time in water. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon this lovely flower. It pleases everyone, and should be grown very largely. When grown in connection with Bessera and Cyclobothra, the effect is most beautiful. This charming flower is exceedingly popular for cutting for florists' use, and the demand for the blossoms is great. The blossoms frequently last two weeks when cut and placed in vases of water. It is a perfect gem in every way. Fine bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 70c.



Bessera Elegans. Rush-like foliage, flower stems from one to two feet high, bearing loose umbels of beautiful, drooping scarlet and white flowers. A charming bouquet flower. The long beds of this bulb, seen on our grounds the past few years, have attracted much attention. Few flowers present such a graceful beauty, while growing in a natural state, or when cut, as does Bessera Elegans. 10c. each, 3 for 25c., 12 for 70c.

For 20 cents we will send one fine bulb each of the three. For 50 cents we will send three fine bulbs each of the three sorts.



OXALIS LASANDRIA.

Summer-Flowering Oxalis.

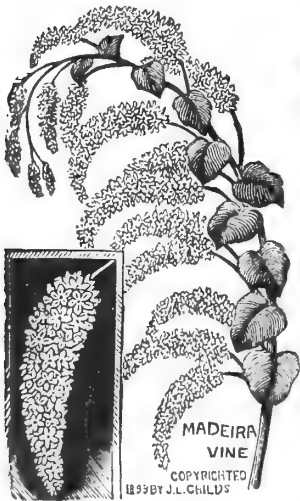
No bulbs are so valuable for edging the borders of walks or flower beds as the beautiful flowering Oxalis. When planted three inches apart they produce an unbroken row of elegant foliage and pretty flowers; and as they bloom very quickly after planting they furnish a neat and attractive border the whole season. They are also splendid when planted in a mass, and make a very showy bed. The bulbs, which are the size of peas, or larger, can be planted the first of May, or perhaps earlier, and will be in bloom by the first of June. No flower is easier grown than this, as they are sure to succeed in all soils and situations. They are also charming when grown in pots, and make a very attractive mass of fine foliage and gay flowers. They can be planted in this way at any time during the winter or spring, and will commence blooming at once. Every bulb will grow and flower beautifully. Price of fine bulbs, 10c. per dozen; 25 for 15c.; 50 for 25c.; 100 for 40c.; 500 for \$1.50; 1,000 for \$2.50.

Lasandria. Fine rosy-pink, beautiful cut foliage. This is the tallest, and when planted in a bed with Dieppi should occupy the center.

Dieppi. Pure white; very fine.

Shamrock. Lovely clover-like foliage and light pink blossoms.

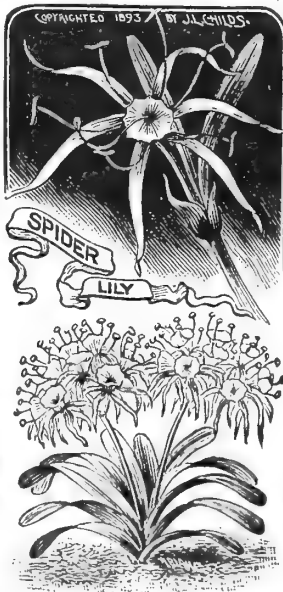
Mixed Sorts. Several colors.



MADEIRA VINE
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Madeira Vine.

A rapid growing vine, covering a large space in a short time. Fleshy, heart-shaped leaves of a light green, and late summer numerous racemes of feathery flowers, of powerful and delicious fragrance. A very beautiful and popular vine, which succeeds admirably in any situation. 5c. each, 3 for 10c., 12 for 30c.



SPIDER LILY

Montbretia.

One of the brightest and most winsome flowers we know of. Should always be grown in masses or groups, and are then remarkably showy and brilliant. Small bulbs, with narrow leaves, and growing eighteen inches high. From July to October they are one mass of flowers, spike after spike of the flame-like little beauties appearing. Extra fine for cutting, their dash of color lighting up a heavy mass of flowers with rare grace. One of the most lovable flowers we know of, so graceful and bright and cheery. Plant in the sun, in very rich soil. Perfectly hardy south of the Ohio; farther north, lift in fall, and keep over winter in dry soil.

Crocsmiaeflora. Intense orange scarlet; very effective, bearing its flowers in great masses. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

Elegans. Bright yellow, shaded scarlet outside; very beautiful. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 90c.

Sulphurea. Reddish yellow. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 90c.

SPECIAL OFFER. For 20 cents we will send one of each; three of each for 50 cents.



Spider Lily.

This easily-grown bulb bears large umbels of curious but exceedingly beautiful, large, white flowers, which are very fragrant. The flower is a cup-shaped disc, surmounted by long narrow petals and long stamens, which gives it its name. It is not only exceedingly beautiful but extremely odd and curious, and always a great attraction. They can be planted out in summer in rich, warm soil and lifted in fall, or kept growing in pots all the year. Treat like an Amaryllis, to which family it belongs. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.



Tigridias.

One of the most showy of all summer bulbs, and blooms from midsummer until frost, growing three feet high, with large, wide-open triangular blooms, four to six inches across. The colors and markings are very brilliant, and peculiarly odd and attractive, and clumps of them in the border have a most gorgeous effect. It is difficult to name a flower of such unique and exquisite beauty as a Tigridia, the superb spotting being so self-like and handsome. They are easily grown and always more than satisfactory. The following varieties are great improvements in size and color over the older varieties.

- Conchiflora.** Fine yellow, bright crimson, center variegated with yellow. 5c. each, 3 for 10c., 12 for 30c.
- Grandiflora.** Very large, bright crimson, center variegated with yellow. 5c. each, 3 for 10c., 12 for 30c.
- Grandiflora Alba.** Flowers very large, of pure ivory whiteness, spotted with crimson. Few flowers on our grounds have been so greatly admired. 10c. each, 3 for 20c., 12 for 60c.
- Lilacea.** New; fine large violet flowers, spotted. 20c. each.
- Mixed.** All sorts. 3 for 10c., 12 for 30c.

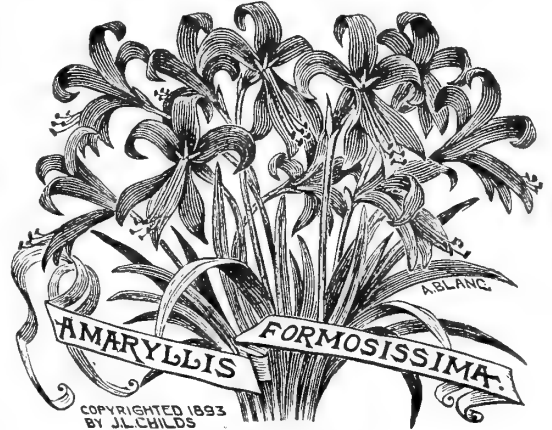
True Fairy Lily.

Beautiful, large, lily-like blossoms, pure snow-white, of charming beauty and fragrance. They generally commence blooming within a few weeks after planting and nearly every bulb produces from two to five flowers. For pot culture bulbs can be planted at any time during the winter or spring, and will soon bloom. Five to six may be planted in a five-inch pot. In the open ground they are not at all particular as to soil or situation, but are quite sure to thrive anywhere. Pot a few for immediate blooming in the house; they are charming. Large, select bulbs, 5c. each; 6 for 25c., 12 for 40c.



Tritoma Grandiflora.

One of the few flowers that prolong Flora's reign to the verge of winter. A plant of tropical luxuriance, though entirely hardy south of the Ohio, and with good protection much farther north. The safest plan is to lift the plants and keep in box of soil in cellar over winter. A large specimen is very beautiful with its many long, narrow, recurved leaves, which are crowned in midsummer and autumn with long, crowded spikes of fiery, tubular flowers, borne high above the foliage on stiff, ramrod-like stalks. At a little distance the close heads of flaming orange and red flowers are very striking and have earned the plant its common name of "Red Hot Poker." We have seen them bloom well into November and December. It always blooms until the ground freezes up. Frost does not kill foliage or bloom. Indispensable, and must be in every garden on account of its brilliancy and late blooming. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.



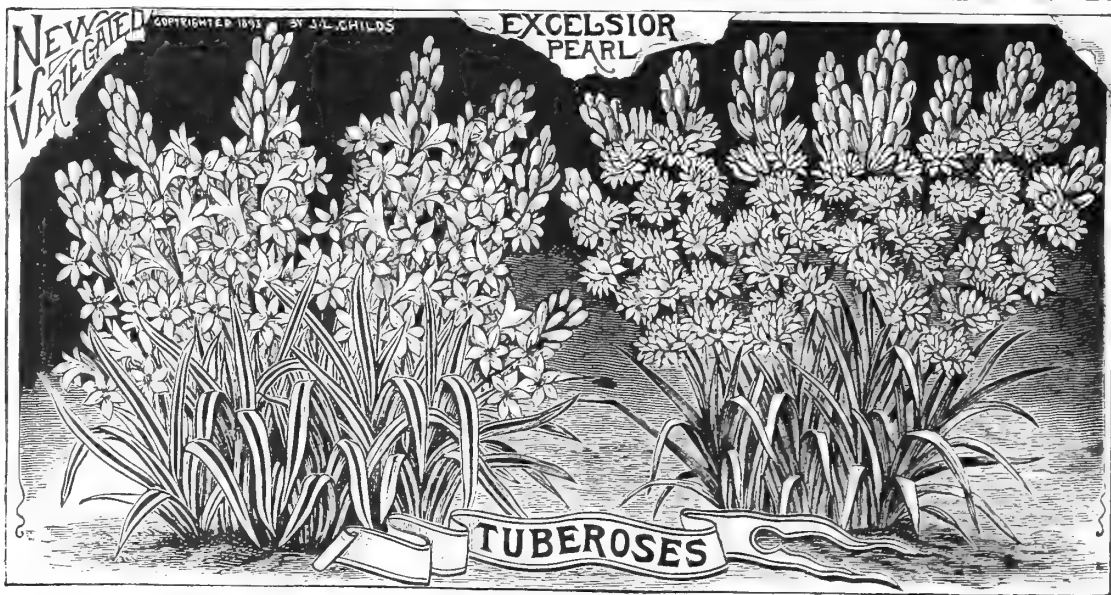
Sprekelia,

or **Amaryllis Formosissima.**

There is hardly a flower which has such a deep, rich, velvety, crimson color, a color so intensely brilliant as this. It is a free bloomer, and succeeds well either in pots or the open ground, and blooms very soon after planting, often before its leaves start. We have a large stock of this magnificent bulb and offer it very low. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Phaedranass Gloriosa.

A curious but pretty flower, belonging to the Amaryllis family. The flowers are borne in pendulous clusters and an odd mingling of colors, green, orange, scarlet, etc. Always admired and cherished by those who know it. Really a rare and beautiful flower, unlike anything else. 25c. each.



Tuberose.

The one flower the richest must have, and the poor cannot do without. We all love its massive spikes, thick, waxy blooms of rich, creamy whiteness, and its deep, delicious fragrance. How often has this sweet flower, that might have bloomed in Paradise, been placed upon the cold forms of those whose spirit has gone to fairer fields. We have made our prices very low, that every flower lover may enjoy their peerless beauty. For open ground, culture plant about the middle of May. Give them rich soil, in full sun, and keep free from weeds, and they will bloom finely.

Excelsior Pearl. Introduced by us twelve years ago. It is the finest bloomer of all Tuberoses, habit dwarf, flower stalks short, spikes and blossoms enormous in size, and very double and fragrant. The finest for pots as well as for 20c., 12 for 40c., 100 for \$3.00.

Tall Double. The old popular variety. Splendid for open ground. 5c. each, 5 for 20c., 12 for 40c.

Single Orange Scented. Beautiful large orange-like blossoms of great beauty and fragrance. 10c. each, \$1 doz.

New Variegated. The leaves of this variety are bordered with creamy white; flowers single, but very large and of exquisite fragrance. It blooms several weeks earlier than the other sorts. 10c. each, 3 for 20c., 12 for 75c.

One bulb each of the four sorts 25c.

Zephyranthes.

The Zephyranthes or Zephyr flowers are becoming very popular. Their growth is low and neat, their flowers abundant and pretty, and the plants themselves will stand a good deal of abuse without sulking or dying after the manner of so many plants. They increase rapidly, and make neat borders to other bulb beds, and can also be grown in pots if wished for window blooming. South of the Ohio are hardy, and need not be lifted in fall. Zephyranthes are gems of great beauty, their large Lily-like blossoms being always attractive, and exquisitely beautiful.

Rosea. Large, Lily-like flowers of a lovely rose pink. A free bloomer. Exceedingly pretty. 5c. each, 3 for 10c.

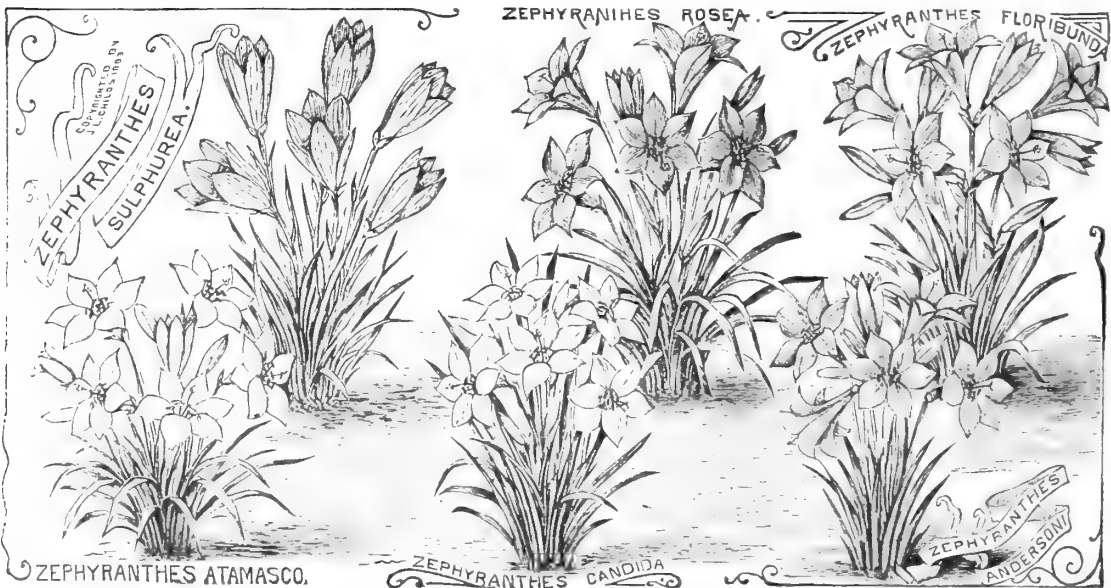
Sulphurea. This rare variety grows taller than the others, and has large, beautiful flowers of a clear, brilliant sulphur yellow. It is very fine indeed. 50c. each.

Atamasco. Exactly like Rosea, except that it is pure white in color. Fine for cutting. 5c. each, 3 for 10c., 12 for 30c.

Floribunda. A new sort, bearing its pretty and fragrant golden yellow blossoms in pairs, instead of singly, as do other Zephyr flowers. New and rare, 50c. each.

Andersoni. A free blooming little beauty, with fine orange-yellow, tulip-shaped flowers. 10c. each, 3 for 20c., 12 for 60c.

Candida. Rush-leaved. Small white flowers, but very profuse. An extra good sort for edgings. Quite hardy. 5c. each, 3 for 10c., 12 for 25c.



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.



Hardy 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. 15c. each, the two for 25c.

- Chapmani.** Large beautiful lavender.
- Nova Anglica.** Rich deep purple blue.

Apios Tuberosa.

(The Tuberos-Rooted Wisteria.)

This resembles the Wisteria in foliage and in the shape of its large clusters of pea-shaped flowers, which, however, are a deep rich purple black and deliciously fragrant. The plant is able to take care of itself when once planted, increasing very fast and growing rapidly. Very profuse in bloom. Fine for rockeries, or to train over a small tree or stump. Two or three bulbs planted together give a quicker mass of foliage and bloom. Usual height five to eight feet. Three fine bulbs for 10c., 12 for 30c.

Candytuft, Hardy.

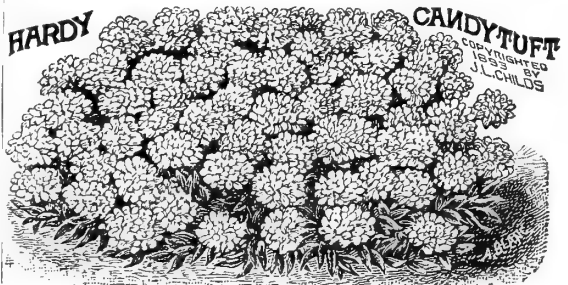
A plant of exquisite beauty, being of low, compact, spreading growth and producing its profusion of bloom in May or June when pure white flowers are particularly scarce. Its profusion of bloom is so great that a bed of it looks at a little distance like a mass of fleecy snow just fallen. Few hardy plants will give so 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. Attractive every day in the year. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00.

Blackberry Lily.—(Pardanthus.)

A peculiar Iris-like plant which blooms in June and July. The flowers are curiously spotted and colored, and are followed by fruit which in size, shape and color is identical with a large ripe blackberry. This fruit remains upon the plants until late fall and is very ornamental. A hardy and robust grower, which will prove an attraction in every garden. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Calliopsis Lanceolata.

Now that single flowers are popular this Calliopsis comes to the front as one of our very best perennials for bedding or cutting or to plant for a mass of bright color. 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. A grand thing for masses of color. Fine plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00. Seed, 10c. per pkt.





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. Spreads pretty badly in rich, mellow soil, but is 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 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. Also blooms well in the house. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Day Lilies, (Funkias)

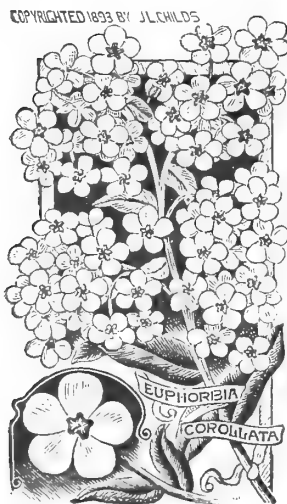
Large White. Pure in color as the driven snow, as smooth in texture as though cut from sheeted wax, all its snowy trumpets exhaling sweet fragrance, no sweeter, lovelier or more perfect flower can be grown. Perfectly hardy, and easy to grow. Blooms continuously from August until frost, producing scores and even hundreds of its large Lilies. Handsome light green foliage. Every yard in America ought to have a clump of this growing in it. 30c. each.

Large Blue. Lovely blue flowers on tall spikes. 15c. each, 3 for 30c.; 7 for 60c.

Variogated 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. 20c. each, 3 for 50c., 12 for \$1.50.

Euphorbia Corollata.

Very useful for bouquets and other cut flower work, as it is in bloom a long time during summer. Flowers white, small and star-like in lovely sprays. When made up with colored flowers they add a peculiar charm to a bouquet or vase, setting it off as does rich lace a beautiful dress. Should be in every garden. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00.



Eulalia.

A tropical appearing grass with graceful fountain-like foliage, prettily striped and barred with golden yellow. Ornamental on the lawn as a single specimen, or as the center of a large bed. Grows five to ten feet high. Their large heads of feathery bloom recurve like a plumed egret, and after serving as garden ornaments until late fall can be cut for winter ornaments for vases, etc. There is nothing else like them, and they always attract much attention.

Zebrina. Beautiful, long wavy leaves; dark green, spotted crosswise with straw yellow.

Japonica. Long green foliage, variegated with white.

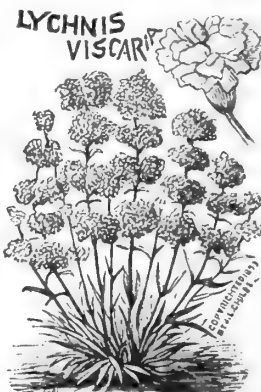
Cracillima. Narrow, wavy foliage. Very graceful and ornamental.

These three beautiful grasses make, when planted together, one of the most ornamental foliage beds it is possible to have. Try them by all means.

15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen; one each of the three, 35c.

Dicentra Spectabilis.

The old Bleeding Heart, the flower of our childhood, which is as lovely to-day as then, though not so common. Bears in early spring long graceful chains of pendulous bloom of exquisite beauty. Fine for winter blooming in pots, 15c. each; 3 for 35c.



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. Superior to the Ten Weeks Stocks, which its spikes of bloom closely resemble. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Pampas Grass.

A lovely grass, bearing great ostrich-like heads of soft, silky plumes. Needs protection over winter at the North. 30c. each.



Hibiscus.

Childs' New Hardy Hybrids.

A fast-growing perennial that in one season attains the height and dimensions of a shrub. Exceedingly fine for clumps or an ornamental hedge or screen, as they last always, never winter-kill, and in mid-summer, when shrubby flowers are scarce, they bear for weeks enormous flowers as large as tea-saucers, white, blush, pale and deep pink, rose, etc., the most of them with deeper-hued eye. Plants from spring-sown seed will bloom in September of the same year. So perfectly hardy are these Hibiscus we believe they would survive at the North Pole. So large and showy are its blooms that it has been termed the giant flower. Height, four to six feet. Fine roots, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00. Seed, 10c. per pkt.



Hemerocallis Flava—(Lemon Lily).

If everyone does not know the Lemon Lily, they ought to, for it comprises in one plant entire hardiness, profusion and beautiful and fragrant bloom. Last summer we counted 888 buds and full-blown blooms on a medium-sized specimen at one time. The clear yellow, lily-like flowers are borne on long, stiff stalks, making them superior flowers for large vases or for pulpit bouquets. There is no yellow Lily so beautiful as this. Very vigorous and easily grown. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Hardy Pinks.

Magnificent early-blooming garden flowers, which are always greatly admired, both for their delicate beauty and perfume. 15c. each; the two for 25c.; \$1.00 per dozen.

Snow. A fine edging plant, in early summer a mass of pure white flowers. Very fine, and perfectly hardy.

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

Hardy Marguarites.

A popular daisy-like flower, largely grown now for cutting and wearing. Graceful and modest, and very profuse, blooming a long time each season. 15c. each; the two for 25c.; \$1.00 per dozen.

White (PYRETHRUM ULIGENOSUM). 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.

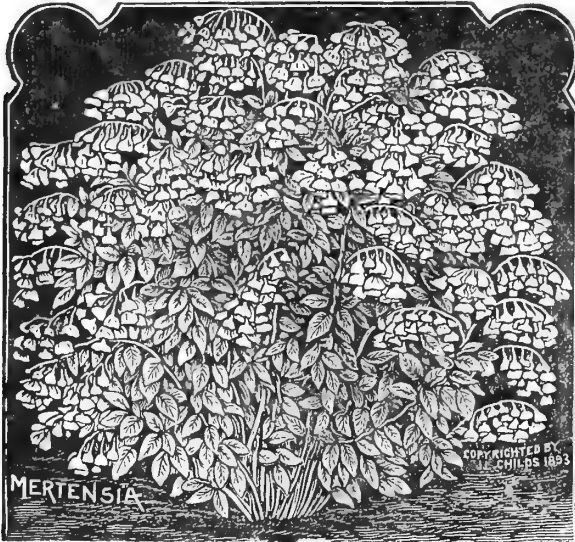


Hop, Golden Cluster.

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, medicinally. A special favorite to train around kitchen doors and windows and over unsightly outbuildings. The Hops are of good quality, also. To bear well, two or more vines should be planted close together. 15c. each; 2 for 25c.; 12 for \$1.00.

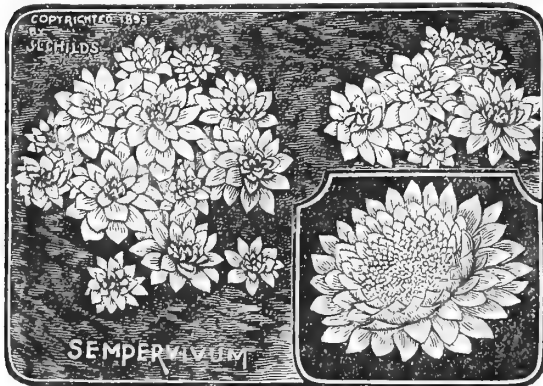
Helianthus, Multiflora Plena.

A grand perennial, growing three to five feet tall, and very bushy and robust. From July to October it is full of double, deep golden-yellow flowers that resemble Dahlias very much. Should be in every mixed border. Fine also to light up shrubbery and belts of sombre Evergreens. In the far North protect well in winter. Fine plants which will bloom freely at once, 15c. each; 3 for 35c.



Mertensia Virginia.

This lovely early spring blooming flower has been in our sample grounds for several years, but it is only this year that we have been able to get a stock of it to offer. It has not yet been generally introduced, yet its beauty rivals that of the lovely old Bleeding Heart. It blooms with the Dicentra, or a little earlier, the flower being large and bell-shaped, and borne in great drooping panicles on stems a foot or more in height. The blooms in the panicle do not all open at the same time; are pink at first, changing in a few days to a lovely blue, so that the panicle shows these two most lovely and delicate colors. The effect is most charming and makes this one of the very choicest hardy perennials of our collection. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



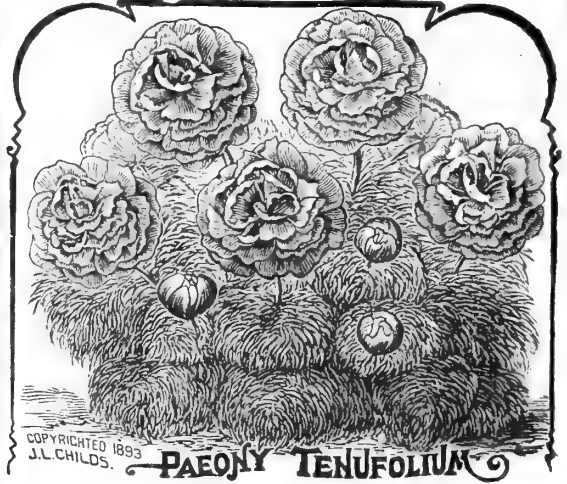
Hardy Sempervivum.

A most useful and beautiful plant for permanent borders around walks or beds. It increases rapidly and may be divided and re-set every spring, if desired, but when left undisturbed for a year forms a solid miniature wall-like border. Blooms in June, and is very pretty. A dozen planted this year will, next spring, give enough for many feet of border. A splendid plant for sample bunches or masses. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 6 for 30c.; 12 for 50c.; 30 for \$1.00; 100 for \$3.00.

Mosquito Catcher Plant.

(*Vincetoxicum acuminatum.*)

This pretty plant is one of the Milkweed family, and comes from Japan. It grows one to two feet high, and blooms 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 sometimes capture a dozen mosquitoes. The children especially take a great interest in this living insect trap, and ought to have a plant of it as their very own. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.



Paeony Tenuifolium
Paeonies.

The favorite of to-day, as it was fifty years ago. Luxurious foliaged plants, with magnificent double, incurved flowers of enormous size and rich coloring. 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.

- Mixed, all Shades.** A very fine collection. 25c. each; \$2.50 per dozen.
- Fragrans.** Fine rich pink with an exquisite perfume. Large and double 30c. each.
- Double White.** Pure and fragrant. Enormous size and very double. 30c. each.
- Giant Paeony.** This is a Paeony which grows four to six feet high, and bears flowers nearly as large as a man's hat which resemble a perfect rose. In fact, the flower is the same shape, fragrance and exquisite satin-like pink color as Baroness Rothschild Rose. It is beautiful beyond description. One of the most beautiful flowers that ever bloomed. Fine roots, \$1.00 each.
- Old Scarlet.** The true, old, large, double, scarlet Paeony of our grandmothers' gardens. A grand flower which we all love. 50c. each.
- Tenuifolium.** Fine-cut, fern-like foliage of exquisite beauty, and blooms in May. Color, rich fiery scarlet, and as double and perfect as a rose. An extremely rare plant of fascinating beauty. Fine roots, ready to bloom, 60c. each.

Mountain Fleece.

Polygonum Oxyphyllum.

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 with their fleecy grace are in great demand for all sorts of floral work. This plant deserves a place in every garden. 15c. each.

Arundo Donax Variegata.

An ornamental grass, growing ten feet high, with beautiful wide foliage of deep emerald green, distinctly bordered and variegated with white. Its plumes are large and feathery. 25c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Viola

Pedata.

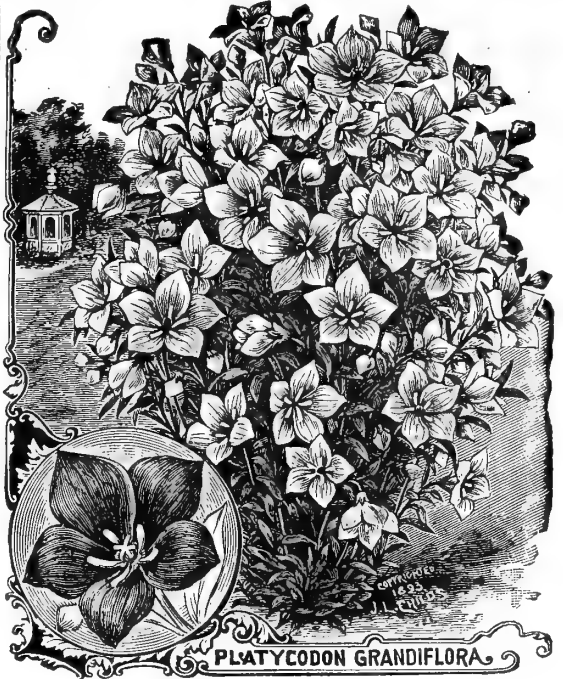
This Violet produces flowers by the hundred in early spring, and they are the largest in size of all violets. Color clear sky blue, a dainty shade. The leaves are beautifully lanceolated. It is perfectly hardy in any situation, and when once planted one has it for all time. It is one of nature's choicest gems which should be in every garden. Large plants 10c. each, 3 for 25c., 7 for 50c., 15 for \$1.00.





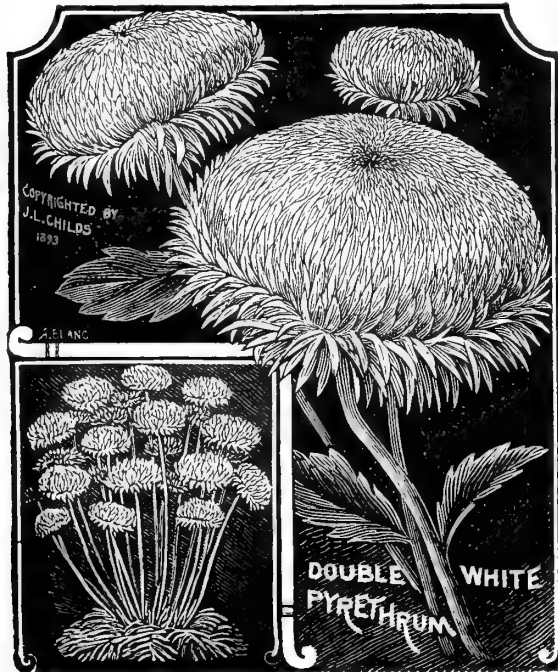
Perennial Poppy.—(*Papaver.*)

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 spell-bound 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 deeply-veined and handsome foliage. Many consider it the most showy flower that blooms. A grand plant to light up dark corners and dull shrubbery. Do not disturb them after planting as they dislike removal. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Platycodon, Grandiflora.

We are proud to claim this as one of our own introductions. A companionable flower that is attractive in the border, pretty in balcony boxes, and very fine for vases and cut flower work. Blooms first year from seed, but flowers not full size until second year. The pretty star-like flowers are nearly or quite three inches across, and the colors are very clear. It is a most beautiful and satisfactory plant which blooms freely all the season, one plant often having a hundred or more of its large fine blossoms at one time. Colors blue and white. Fine roots, 15c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 50c. Seed, 10c. per pkt.



DOUBLE WHITE PYRETHRUM



Phlox Subulata.

One of the finest of low, turf-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 have in mind an old cemetery, overgrown in places with this pretty Phlox, and in the springtime it seems as though a pink snow has fallen, so thickly is the ground covered with rosy blooms. We do not understand why this is not more widely grown, for it is perfectly hardy, and once planted will take care of itself. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.

Hardy 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 fern-like, lying in a beautiful tuft upon the ground. The flower 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 or 4 inches across, and beautiful beyond expression. It blooms most profusely in June, when such rare and beautiful gems are particularly scarce. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



New Perpetual Perennial Phlox.

Those who remember the thin-petaled white and the dull-nued 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 variety 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 freely.

Athels. Beautiful rosy-scarlet tinged with salmon. Very bright and showy.

Snow Cloud. White, suffused with purple. Extra fine.

Charlotte Saïsson. White, suffused with pink, deepening towards the center to bright vermilion.

Lasollel. 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.

The following four sorts are known as Early-flowering Phloxes, as they begin to bloom very early, continuing all summer. They are of dwarf, slender habit, the panicles of bloom being very large, freely produced and exceedingly delicate in coloring.

Master Morty Hulse. Beautiful rose-lilac marbled with white. Flowers large and of beautiful form.

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.

Price of all above Phloxes, 15 cents each; four for 50 cents; the ten for \$1.00.

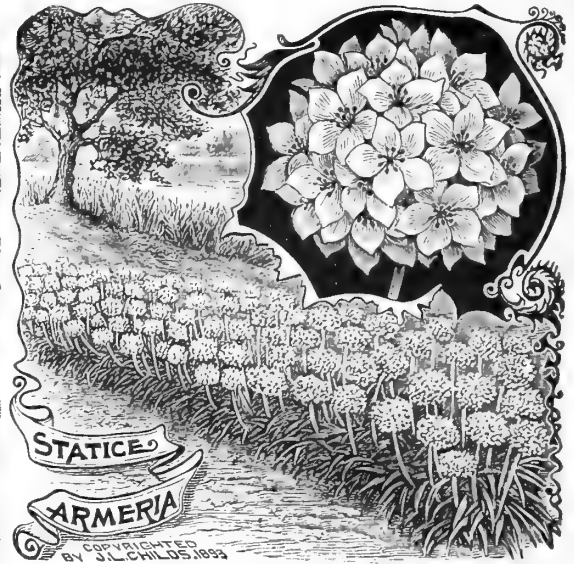
Spireas.

Herbaceous Spireas are as yet little known, but they are certainly among the best of our border plants, and quite indispensable where many cut flowers are used, their soft, feathery sprays giving the same finish to a bouquet that filmy lace does to an elegant dress. These plants form large clumps, and are very pretty and profuse in bloom, succeeding anywhere. 15c. each; the 3 for 30c. \$1.00 per dozen.

Palmata. Grows two feet high with large feathery plumes of the most charming rosy-scarlet blossoms.

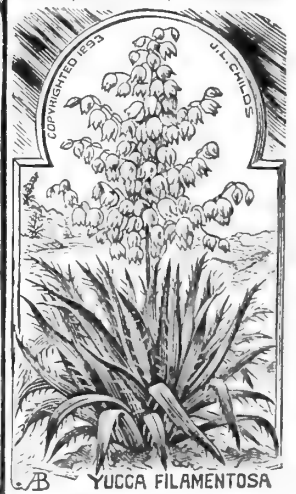
Elegans. Pure white, in large, compact spirals.

Aurea Reticulata. Fine yellow variegated foliage, and elegant flower. A showy plant.



Statice Armeria (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. The beautiful beds of Hardy Perennials, at Floral Park, are all bordered with this charming plant, and attract much attention. It increases rapidly by division. Plant a good lot of it for borders. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$5.00.



Yucca Filamentosa.

The grandest evergreen plant we have for the lawn. The stately clumps of stiff, bayonet-like leaves, bristling out from the center in every direction, are extremely ornamental, but in mid-summer they take on an added glory. Thick, woody flower stalks are thrown up, growing 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. A single panicle will contain 300 or more florets, and will be two feet in length. A grand plant for landscape gardening, and easily grown. 15c. each; 3 for 30c. Seed 10c. per pkt.



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Beautiful German Iris.

Lilies.

Another good old flower, as handsome as an Orchid, now to be found in many new colors. A striking flower of crepe-like texture and most exquisite coloring, the gauzy veining reminding one of the delicate tracing of the butterfly's wing. We grow acres of Iris, and know you can find no finer list of varieties than the one here presented. They bloom in May and June when there is a dearth of really fine flowers, and are out of bloom before Iris Kaempferis commence.

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 very hardiest, handsomest, and in every respect the best. Our book, "Popular Bulbs and Their Culture," describes some 200 varieties of Lilies, and gives full cultural directions. Price, 10 cents. Each.

- Alveirea.** Upright petals light blue; falls rich brilliant purplish blue flaked and feathered.
- Candicans.** Uprights fine light blue; falls feathered light and dark blue.
- Cubero.** Uprights bright golden yellow; falls finely veined.
- Fulda.** Uprights light lavender; falls light and dark blue veined and feathered.
- Honorable.** Uprights bright deep golden yellow; falls finely feathered and veined yellow and maroon.
- Mad. Cheral.** Uprights pearly white, deeply feathered at edges of petals with sky blue; falls white, delicately fimbriated blue; tall and very early. A grand variety.
- Parisensis.** Uprights fine blue, falls deep blue; large flower and very early bloomer.
- Queen of the Gypsies.** Uprights smoky lavender bronze; falls feathered and veined with rich plum, white, buff, etc.
- Stenophylla.** Beautiful self-color, light blue, shaded darker.
- Stella.** Fine creamy white.
- Souvenir.** Uprights brilliant yellow; falls freely veined network of yellow, buff and purple.
- Velveteen.** Light yellow; falls deep velvety purple-black. Price of above grandest sorts, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; the whole 12 for only \$1.00. Plant them by all means.
- Fine Mixed Sorts.** A lovely collection of all colors. Will all bloom finely the first summer. 6 for 40c.; 12 for 75c.

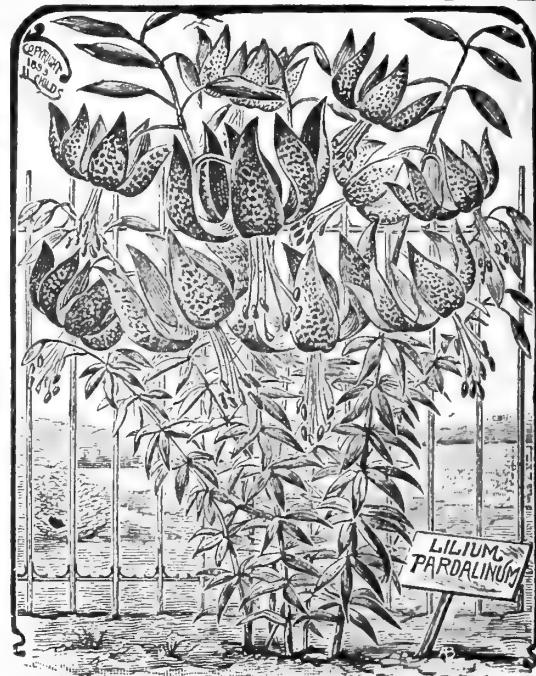
- Auratum.** This Lily has long been termed the Queen of all Lilies. In Japan, its native home, there has long been noticed many variations from the normal type. We have been fortunate enough to secure a good stock of two of the finest and grandest of these variations, that are much larger and more beautiful than the common Auratum. It is impossible to picture them, or describe their full beauty. They must be seen to be appreciated.
- Auratum Common (THE GOLDEN BANDED LILY OF JAPAN).** We offer fine large bulbs of these at prices so low everybody can plant them freely. Try them. They are just as beautiful and perfect now, as when they sold at \$5.00 a bulb. 25
- Auratum Macranthum.** A very robust form of Auratum, with large and broad-petaled flowers of a smooth ivory whiteness, a broad golden band through each petal, and numerous golden spots. A regal beauty, whose loveliness can but faintly be imagined from this description. \$1 00
- Auratum Rubro Vittatum.** A very distinct flower of enormous size, of frosted whiteness, with a deep blood-red band through the center of each petal, and the whole flower thickly dotted with crimson spots. The contrast of colors in this Lily, together with its great size and matchless form, make it marvelously beautiful. 1 00
- 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. 60
- Bermuda Easter Lily.** The best of all Lilies for the house; sure to bloom. Snow white waxen trumpets of large size and superb beauty. Very fragrant. 15
- Chalcedonicum.** Nodding recurved blooms in large clusters. Intense scarlet. Very showy. 75
- Coridion.** Very peculiar shape. Star-like flowers of a clear, rich yellow. Fine. 15
- Concolor.** Like above, but bright scarlet instead of yellow. 15

Iris, Various Sorts.

- Florentine.** A superb Iris of the Germanica type, but much larger and blooms a great deal earlier. Its color is made up of light and dark shades of blue, and it is deliciously fragrant, possessing the delicate sweetness peculiar to the Iris to a greater extent than any other. 25c. each.
- Siberica.** An Iris of small, slender growth, producing in May or June a profusion of beautiful blossoms. It is very hardy and a free grower and bloomer in every location. There are three distinct colors of this, viz: white, blue and golden yellow. Price 10c. each; the 3 for 25c.
- Pumila.** A lovely sort, blooming by the first of May. It grows only a few inches in height, but forms a dense clump, which is a solid mass of bloom. Color deep purple-blue. One of the loveliest of all perennial Iris and the first to bloom. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for 60c.



Candidum. The sweet old Garden Lily. Nothing sweeter or more beautiful. Always popular. Per dozen, \$1.00..... 15



Excelsum. One of the finest Lilies. A tall grower, with large, handsome, nodding flowers of pinkish apricot. Flowers wax-like, and very distinct in appearance. Admired by everyone..... 60

Giganteum. The giant Lily, growing several feet high, with immense heads of bloom..... 1 00

Humboldtii. Large orange yellow blossoms of peculiar beauty..... 30

Longiflorum. Long trumpets of the purest white. Flower large, but plant quite low in growth. Very fragrant. As fine as Harissi for garden..... 15

Krameri. 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. 85

Dalmaticum (BLACK LILY). A very rare and beautiful Lily, hardy and robust, bearing 30 to 50 flowers in a cluster at the top of its tall, graceful flower stem. Color very dark, almost jet black. Extra..... 60

Leichtlinii. The most popular yellow Lily, though very scarce. Flowers large, lemon yellow with few black spots. Stately and grand..... 1 00

Martagon. A graceful and handsome Lily, which bears an enormous amount of bloom early in the season, before any other. Colors mostly of brown or chocolate shades; fine home-grown bulbs... 15

Pomponium. Grows two or three feet high, bearing large nodding clusters of small and brilliant scarlet Lilies..... 85

Pardalinum. (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..... 15

Pyrenealceum. A stately, pyramidal Lily with great quantities of handsome drooping flowers which are deeply recurved. Clear yellow spotted with black..... 85

Szovitzianum. One of the very finest as well as the rarest of all Lilies. It is impossible to describe its wonderful beauty. Color, clear lemon-yellow with small black dots in throat. The petals are thick and heavy, looking as though they were molded from pure wax. Easily grown; blooms early and abundantly..... 75

Superbum. Three to six feet high. From five to forty beautiful nodding flowers. With its brilliant orange-red flowers, this native variety makes one of the finest displays of any Lily..... 15

Parryi. 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 Harrisii, and of a golden yellow color, very deep and glossy. Exceedingly fragrant and blooms early in the season..... 1 00



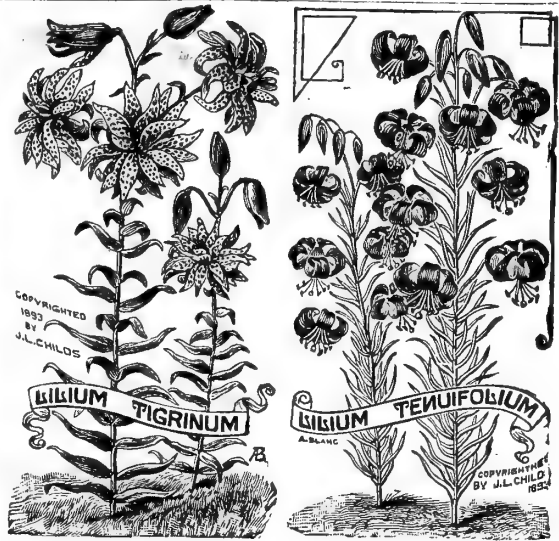
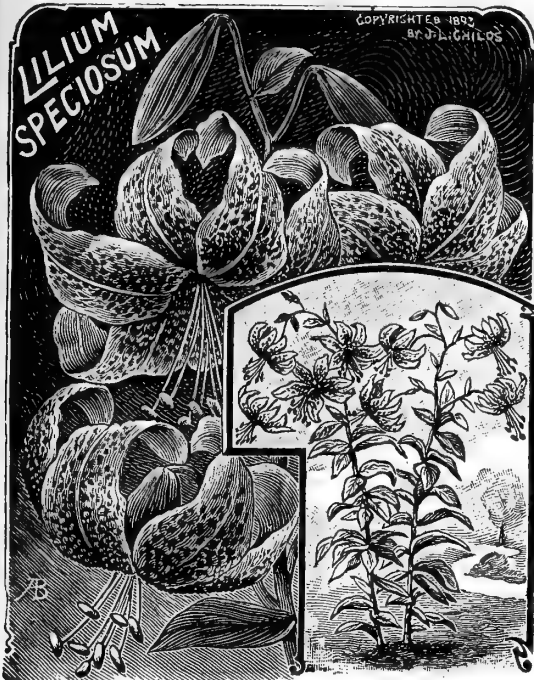
Elegans. Grand, large tulip-shaped blossoms of many shades and colors. The umbels of upright, cup-like flowers are very pleasing. Among the earliest of all Lilies to bloom. The mixed ones we offer are very fine, and will give a wide range of color. Mixed, many fine colors. \$1.00 per dozen..... 10

E. Aureum Maculatum. A dainty sort, growing only one foot high, but with the most lovely flowers, of soft, apricot yellow spotted with black. Very beautiful..... 15

E. Aurora. A perfectly lovely flower. Cup a deep, rich orange, suffused at tips with deep crimson. Height 2 to 4 feet..... 50

E. Flore Pleno. A fine double Lily. Beautiful fringed petals blotched white in center of the flower..... 40

E. Bicolor. A very showy early Lily. Large flowers of a bright red flushed with orange. Striking and handsome..... 10



Tenuifolium. (THE CORAL LILY OF SIBERIA.) A little beauty. The brightest of all Lilies. Grows twenty inches high, with finely-cut foliage, slender stems and beautifully-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. 20

Tigrinum, fl. pl. (DOUBLE TIGER LILY.) A duplicate of the old Tiger Lily, but with very double flowers of brilliant orange red spotted with black. A superb sort. 10

Tigrinum Splendens. (IMPROVED TIGER LILY.) Bright orange, thickly spotted black. As hardy as an Oak. 10

Speciosum. (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. No garden complete without some of them. 30

Album. Pure ivory white. Very beautiful. 30

Monstrosum Album. A variety of the above, with broad flat stems and immense heads of flowers, often fifty flowers in a cluster. 20

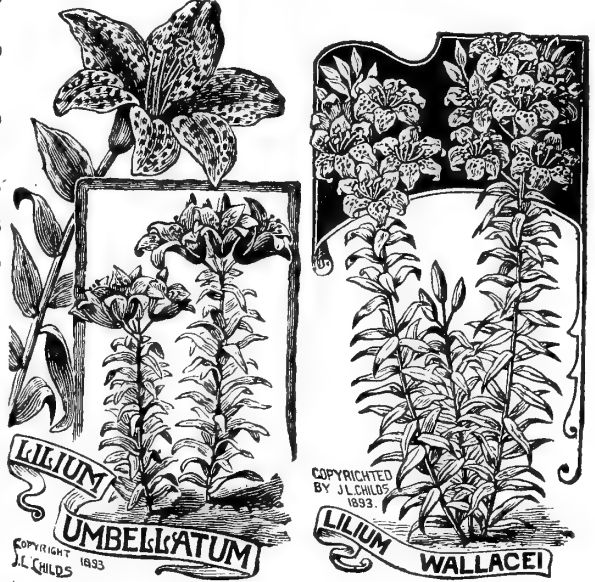
Melpomene. Words cannot describe the beauty of this variety. Frosted white, spotted, clouded and bearded with pinkish crimson. Petals deeply recurved and widely bordered. Exceedingly fine. 50

Praecox. Large, perfect and beautiful. Frosted white, with a tinge of blush at the tip of petals. The plush-like fringe in the center of each petal adds also to its rare beauty. 40

Kratzeri. Beautifully tinted white, with chocolate anthers. 25

Rubrum. Lovely rose and white, spotted crimson. Grand old variety. 20

Opal. We had thought that no specimen 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 a 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 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, improving in beauty each year. 1 50



Umbellatum. Twenty-five finest sorts mixed. Cup-shaped flowers, resembling Elegans. Robust growers, and great bloomers. They range through buff, apricot, rose, crimson, yellow, etc., to almost black, many sorts being finely spotted. Per dozen, \$1.00. 15

Wallacei. Very floriferous, hardy and showy: bright-apricot blossoms, large, erect and beautiful. Each bulb sends up many stems which bears several of the lovely blossoms in an umbel. 15

Washingtonianum. The rare Pacific Slope Lily. Grows several feet high and has superb bloom. White, tinted purple and spotted black. Need good drain age and to be planted a foot or fifteen inches deep. 80



Pulchellum. A perfect little gem of a Lily. Hardy and robust as a tiger. Blooms in May and June. Flowers of beautiful shape and bright scarlet in color. Petals thick and heavy, having the appearance of wax. No garden complete without it. 20

Roses at 10 Cents Each.

To meet competition in cheap Roses we have reduced the price of our superior high grade stock to 10c. each. Of course, small, weak plants can be grown at a profit at 10c.; but our strong, healthy, well-rooted stock is worth more; but in offering our plants at that price we have the consolation of knowing that our loss will be our customers' gain; so plant them freely.



The Rose is the emblem of beauty and true worth; the Rose-bud of innocence and purity. At all times, and in all places, the Rose has ever been the acknowledged queen of flowers. The maiden of two thousand years ago adorned herself with chaplets and garlands of Roses as does the maiden of to-day. The use of Roses is now more universal than ever. We cannot get along without Roses for pillars and hedges and bedding. They are indispensable for vases or for fine cut-flower work, while no other flower is as popular for wearing or table decoration. Every family ought to grow them in abundance, for never in the history of the world have Roses been as low in price as now, and never as beautiful. The Rose has been brought to such a state of perfection as regards size, shape and color of flower, that it seems impossible for further improvement.

The secret of having good Roses is to begin with good, healthy plants, and not weak sickly things, or those with stunted growth. The growth of many Roses is stunted before they are sent out, by leaving them too long in the cutting bed or in small pots, hence the weak growth and poor blossoms which follow. We furnish strong, vigorous, well rooted Roses, ready to grow and bloom at once, and it is for this reason more than any other that our plants produce such an unusual large amount of the finest flowers. We have revised our list of varieties over and over again, until we know that these here offered are the very cream of more than a thousand known kinds. We do not believe that the list could possibly be improved. It embraces many recent novelties, as well as all the fine old standard sorts of tried and true merit.

Our complete system of mailing Roses and other plants in strong wooden boxes, insures their carrying to the remotest parts of the Union in perfect order.

Tea, or Everblooming Roses.

10 cents each.

The most popular for bedding. Blooms when very small, and if well cared for, flowers continuously the whole season. Tea Roses are of great substance, with remarkably long handsome buds, and shell petaled flowers of the most exquisite soft shades, and distinct tea-like fragrance. Largely grown in pots for winter blooming. Give winter protection by banking with earth, or covering with evergreen boughs after the leaves fall.

Catherine Mermet. The florist's choice whenever a fine pink Rose is ordered. The perfection of form, while the color is an exquisite bright pink, with shadings of paler pink and cream.

Duchesse de Brabant. Exceedingly robust and fragrant, and one of the freest of all in bloom. The color is a delicate and peculiar shade of rose, richly shaded.

Bridesmaid. A lovely new Rose of large size and perfect form. Exquisite soft sea-shell pink with a satin lustre.

Ellse Heymann. Light yellow shaded nanken. Center soft rosy peach; very free and exceedingly beautiful.

Ernest Metz. Flowers of great size, buds long and pointed, on long stems. Color soft carmine rose.

Etoile de Lyon. One of the best outdoor Roses grown, and the hardest of all the yellow varieties. A free bloomer, flower large, of a rich, creamy yellow, and finely cupped.

Francisca Kruger. An extra fine Rose for outdoor culture. Splendid deep copper-yellow flowers, not as pale as most yellow Roses when grown in the open air.

Hermosa. Long a favorite and will be a hundred years from now. Unusually hardy, and bears great quantities of medium sized shell-like flowers, of the loveliest pink.

Luciole. A beautiful Rose, noted for its exquisite shading. Extra large cupped flowers of great substance, of a rich, cherry-red, with golden center, elegantly veined.

Mad. Martha Dubourg. Large, perfectly double and of rounded form. Creamy white, touched with carmine or pale heliotrope at the edges. Extra fine.

La Princess Vera. Large and lovely buds, opening into a full double flower. Beautiful salmon rose, shaded with carmine. Extra.

Madame Hoste. Extra good either for pots or out of door. Pure golden yellow at center, shading to a light canary at the outer petals. Sometimes a creamy white in the open air. Very large flowers, elegantly shaped, and finely perfumed.

Mad. Joseph Schwartz. A grand cluster blooming Rose, and a fine bedder, quite hardy. Flowers cup-shaped, in color a pure white flushed with pink or deep blush.

Madame de Watteville. Often called the Tulip Rose. One of the best fancy Roses, an indescribable blending of cream and carmine, each shell-like petal outlined with bright pink. Its distinct fragrance is very pleasing.

Mad. Elie Lambert. Large double flower, beautifully cup-shaped. Outer petals white, while the center is a lovely rosy flesh, changing to carmine. Remarkably beautiful.

Madame Welch. A very perfect flower of a rich and peculiar shade of yellow. Fine for bedding. Extra large.

Marie Guillot. One of the finest outdoor White Roses. Very free, perfect, and beautiful. All should possess it. Snowy white, tinted yellow.

Marie Van Houtte. Light canary yellow, sometimes almost white. Very large and perfect. A fine bedder.

Marshal Nell. The finest known yellow Rose, but a rank grower and requires lots of room. Fine for greenhouses.

May Rivers. Creamy white, with shaded pink markings, and reddish salmon center. Very beautiful and double.

Mrs. DeCraw. A new Rose, very robust and quite hardy, fragrant and free blooming. Color a clear self pink of loveliest shade. Cannot fail to please.

Niphotos. Rather too delicate for the open ground, but the grandest of all white indoor Roses, particularly free blooming during the winter. Long, pointed, snowy-white buds that no other Rose can equal.

Papa Contier. Fine for either garden or house. Large flowers of great substance, and very fragrant. Color, a rich, dark carmine. A glorious Rose.

Perte des Jardins. Almost an exact counterpart of the famous Marshal Neil Rose, but very robust, and of dwarf growth. Fine either for pots or open ground.

Queen's Scarlet. An extra good Rose. Always in bloom, and the color an unusual one among ever-bloomers, being a dark, rich, satiny crimson. No better dark rose.

Souvenir d'un Ami. Fine old sort, large and full, in color a delicate rose, shaded salmon. Buds exquisitely beautiful.

Snowflake. A new white Rose, with lovely waxen blooms in the greatest abundance. Fine for out of door, and extra fine for pots.

The Queen. This superb Rose is a sport from the grand old Souvenir d'un Ami, and has the same beautiful pointed buds and distinct fragrance, but is pure snowy white in color instead of pink. Extra fine.

The Bride. An exquisitely lovely Rose, and very popular. Beautiful foliage, and perfect, double flowers of the very largest size, and of the most snowy whiteness. Should be in every collection.

Waban. A sport from Mermet. Long-stemmed flowers of the largest size, and finest shape. The outer petals are of a carmine pink, deepening and brightening to the very tips. The inner petals also show this rich shading.



HYBRID
TEA
ROSE

Hybrid Teas.

10 Cents Each.

These combine the best qualities of both the Teas and Hybrid Perpetuals, of which they are a cross, giving us the fine coloring and large size of the Hybrid Perpetuals with the everblooming character of the Teas. This section is also much harder than the average Tea, and while of a fine, erect habit, are much dwarfer than the Hybrid Perpetuals, making them extra fine for specimen plants upon the lawn, or as center plants for beds of Tea Roses. Splendid for pots.

Madame Schwallier. A cluster bloomer, of a fresh salmon Rose, edged with deep carmine. Highly perfumed and in every way a first class Rose.

Antoine Verdier. Always in bloom. Silvery Rose with deeper shadings. One of the best.

Meteor. Shows the peculiar velvety richness of the best dark Hybrid Perpetuals, and blooms as freely as any Tea. Very double and perfect, a rich, glowing crimson, never tinged with magenta or dull purple in hot weather, as are some dark Roses. A grand bedding Rose.

Triumph de Pernet Pere. Long, lovely buds, and beautiful full blown Roses, of a rich, bright red. A continuous and profuse bloomer.

Viscountess Folkstone. Lovely snow white, tinged salmon pink. Elegantly cupped and delightfully fragrant.

Hybrid Perpetual.

10 Cents Each.

Hybrid Perpetuals ought to be very extensively grown by all. The flowers are of great size and beauty, produced in great profusion in spring and to a considerable extent all summer. Their tall, erect habit fit them for ornamental hedges, center of large Rose beds, or clumps of shrubbery. They furnish us with deep, rich, glowing colors, to be found in no other section of the family, and their flowers are also very much larger, while beautifully cupped and imbricated. They are the finest of all Roses for vases. Perfectly hardy in the open ground, in all localities.

Anna de Diesbach. A superb flower of immense size. Rich, dazzling crimson.

Alfred Colomb. Large, full, round flowers, of a bright cherry red, turning to a beautiful crimson.

Coquette des Blancches. Not large, but very double and perfect, blooming in large clusters at intervals throughout the season. Snowy white.

Coquette des Alps. Fine snow white, large and full.

General Jacqueminot. Large velvety flowers, of the most intense maroon-scarlet; each set in a cluster of rich green leaves. Blooms repeatedly through the summer and fall, and is the most popular Rose grown without exception.

Magna Charta. For perfection of form, extraordinary size, and exquisite coloring, this Rose has no equal. Under high culture we have actually grown them as large as tea saucers. Rich, clear, lovely pink.

Perfection des Blancches. Pure white. Not large, but very perfect, profuse and sweet, and a constant bloomer.

Paul Neyron. Immense double flowers, of a shining, carmine-pink. The largest Rose known; perfectly grand.

Dinsmore. We cannot praise this enough. Always in bloom, with large, finely imbricated flowers of a rich, bright crimson. Rather bushy and compact growth. Extra fine as specimen Rose upon the lawn.

Francois Levet. A large, full Rose, of a rich, shining pink.



HYBRID
PERPETUAL



CLIMBING
ROSE

Earl of Duffeln. Strong grower and fine autumn bloomer. Deep velvety crimson, large and fine.

Prince Camille de Rohan. Plenty of name, and plenty of Rose. Flowers crimson-black, very large and velvety.

Mad. Masson. Large double crimson red. Extra fine.

Mad. Alfred de Rougemont. A vigorous grower and constant bloomer, with large clusters of snow-white flowers, suffused with a soft rosy blush. Extremely beautiful.

Mrs. John Laing. A constant bloomer from spring until after hard frosts, and its flowers are simply faultless in shape and outline. Every petal is like a perfect shell, while the color is the most exquisite shade of silvery pink, like the tint that bathes the lip of a seashell.

Climbing Roses.

10 Cents Each.

Their beautiful foliage and profusion of bloom make them invaluable for large trellises, old walls, arbors, sides of buildings, trees, etc. Perfectly hardy anywhere, and rank, thrifty growers, reaching twenty feet or more.

Baltimore Belle. Literally a sheet of fragrant, pale blush bloom in early summer. Over 4,000 buds and blossoms have been counted on a single vine at one time.

Tennessee Belle. Large, full flowers of rosy blush.

Seven Sisters. Large clusters of Roses, shaded from white to crimson, no two alike in cluster. Very odd and fine.

Queen of the Prairie. A distinct Rose with deeply sunken center, making a cup-shaped Rose of much beauty.

Reine, Marie Henriette. Less hardy than the others, but a perpetual bloomer, with rich, glowing crimson flowers.

Polyanthus Roses.

10 Cents Each.

These are the "Baby" or "Fairy" Roses, wee little rosettes of bloom, sometimes less than an inch across, but borne in large panicles at the end of every shoot. We have counted 120 flowers in one cluster of Mignonette, and other varieties not far behind. Fine for pot culture. Compact, bushy, always in bloom. Hardy in open ground, and blooms from May to December.

Mignonette. Tiny, pale pink flowers. Very pretty and borne in immense clusters.

Parquette. Large clusters of wee, white blossoms, which are perfectly lovely.

George Pernet. Very robust. Flowers an inch and a half across, peachblow pink, with silvery shadings.

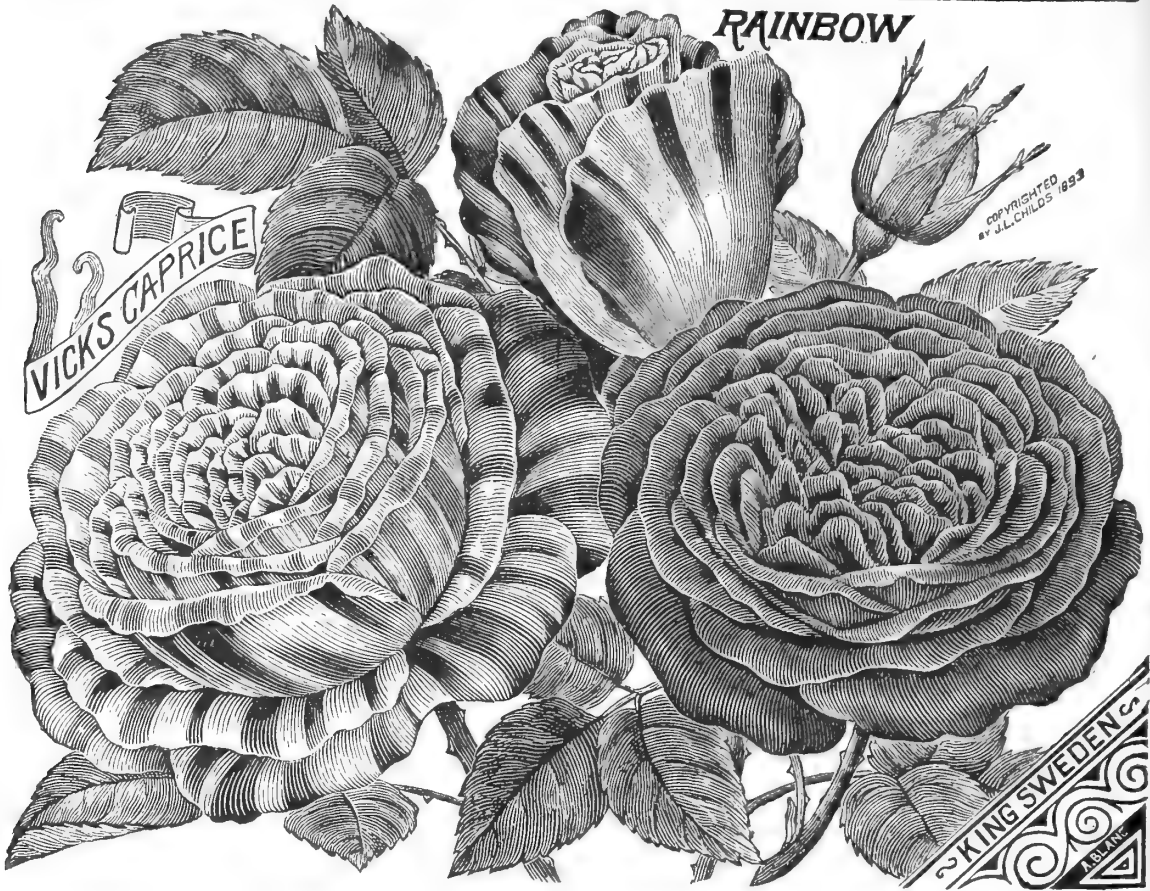
Glorie de Polyanthus. One of the largest of this class of a fine citron rose, shaded with carmine. Elegant.

Mad. Cecil Brunner. Salmon on yellow ground, dwarf habit, but vigorous

Clothilde Souper. As large as an ordinary Tea Rose, and exceedingly lovely. Fine for out-door, and by many florists considered the very finest pot-Rose. Flowers borne in large panicles, each floret double and rosette-like. Color, a pearly white, with exquisite center of a soft salmon peach.



POLYANTHUS ROSE



The Black Rose.

King of Sweden (the Black Rose). This magnificent Hybrid Perpetual Rose was raised in France, and first offered by us two years ago. It is an extra strong, vigorous grower, flowers large and double, and of the darkest, velvety, crimson-black color yet seen in any Rose. It is very sweet scented and perfect shape, and the richest colored sort yet introduced. Blooms when plants are very small. Fine plants 20c. each, 3 for 50c.

The Striped Rose.

Vick's Caprice (the Striped Rose). This is the best, and in fact the only Striped Rose of value. It is a Hybrid Perpetual, commencing to bloom when very small, and producing flowers of great size, which are perfectly double to the center, and of perfect form. It is very fragrant and its color is a deep satiny pink, with numerous wide stripes of white, making one of the most odd and unique Roses in cultivation. Strong plants 20c. each, 3 for 50c.

The Rainbow Rose.

An elegant new Rose, of a fine shade of floral pink, mottled, striped and shaded in a beautiful manner with deep crimson, amber and gold. Flowers very large, buds exquisitely beautiful and very sweet. Free bloomer, and in every way a most charming novelty. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.

American Beauty Rose.

A grand, everblooming, Hybrid Tea, of enormous size and unsurpassed beauty, the cut blossoms of which often bring over a dollar each in winter. It is as free in bloom as a Tea, as large as a Hybrid Perpetual and has the superb fragrance of the Moss Rose. It is a rare combination, and a queen among Roses. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.

Moss Roses.

25 Cents each ths five for \$1.00.



The Moss Rose is the acknowledged queen of all Roses. The moss covered stems and buds show off the delicate loveliness of the blossoms to great advantage. They are perfectly hardy in any location, and should be found in every garden.

- Blanche Moreau.** Called perpetual, as it blooms more or less all the season. Pure white.
- Princess Adelaide.** Lovely bright pink.
- Countess de Murinais.** Large, pure white.
- Henry Martin.** Fine clear rose.
- Crimson Glow.** New, bright crimson scarlet.

Other Roses.

- Wichreviava** (Trailing Rose). A lovely hardy Rose of perfectly prostrate growth, trailing along the ground, over stones or stumps, to a distance of 10 feet in a season. Flowers in clusters. Splendid for covering banks, mounds, etc. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
- Madame Plantier.** The lovely old white rose, which is so double and fragrant, and blooms so profusely in June. Finest hardy white variety. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
- Sweet Briar.** A lovely rose with large, single bluish-white blossoms and highly fragrant foliage. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
- Persian Yellow.** A fine hardy rose, golden-yellow in color, and very rare. 50c. each.
- Rugosa.** Pine. See shrubs. 25c. each.



Superb La France Roses.

The La France Roses are celebrated for their great size, charming colors, profuse blooming, exquisite form and hardiness. They are Hybrid Teas, as hardy as Hybrid Perpetuals in the open ground, and as free to bloom as Teas. The blossoms are very large and of the most perfect shape, and double; the great shell-like petals having a distinct and peculiar beauty possessed by no other Rose. They are probably the most popular of all Roses for cut flowers. Plant them freely, both for garden and pot culture.

- Pink La France.** Pale peach with silvery sheen; grand.
 - Red La France.** A sport from the above pink sort, having the same satiny lustre, but deeper in color.
 - White La France.** Pure snow white. A glorious flower.
 - Striped La France.** A new sort, with finely striped and marked blossoms. It is superb.
- Price of above grand La France Roses, 20c. each; the 4 for 50c.

Glorious Malmaison Roses.

The blush variety is well-known, and now that the red and yellow varieties have been added to it, it makes a trio which cannot be surpassed. They are ever-bloomers, the blossoms being of great size, as large as a Hybrid Perpetual, and double and perfect to the very center. The full open flower is as handsome as the half open bud. Their fragrance is unexcelled and they are hardy enough to stand the winter, and bloom profusely all the summer and fall. Do not miss these grand Roses for they are truly unsurpassed. Plant all three of them and see them in their full glory.

- Blush Malmaison.** Soft, light satin pink or blush.
- Red Malmaison.** Fine, large, deep red.
- Yellow Malmaison.** Fine apricot yellow, delicate and lovely. Price 15c. each, the 3 for 40c.



Mary Washington.

This Rose was raised by George Washington over one hundred years ago in his garden at Mt. Vernon, and named after his mother. We introduced it three years ago, our stock plants coming direct from Mt. Vernon from the original vines. Aside from the fact that this Rose was raised and named by George Washington, it is one of the most valuable sorts that has been introduced for many years. A hardy, perpetual blooming climber has long been needed. Its flowers are pure white, perfectly double to the center; sweet, and borne in endless numbers all summer. It is a vigorous and rapid grower, and a most valuable Rose for out-door culture. Its buds are as beautiful as the finest Tea Roses, borne on large stems and usually in large clusters. One plant of the Mary Washington will produce more flowers than a dozen Tea Roses. Its fragrance is tinged with the old-fashioned musky flavor so much admired in olden times. It will commence blooming immediately after planting, and the smallest plant will produce hundreds, and even thousands of flowers the first summer. Our stock is genuine. Beware of spurious stock.

Fine plants, for blooming this summer, 15c. each, 3 for 40c., 10 for \$1.00.

FIVE GRAND NEW ROSES FOR 80 CENTS.

AS FOLLOWS:

- One Childs' Jewel.** See Cover.
- One Champion of the World.** See page 132.
- One Rainbow.** See page 130.
- One Vick's Caprice.** See page 130.
- One Mary Washington.**

All fine plants, by mail, 80 cents. This is more good Roses for 80 cents than was ever offered before.

15 ROSES FOR ONE DOLLAR.

AFTER May first we will send FIFTEEN ROSES FOR ONE DOLLAR, all named, but our selection from such kinds as we have in surplus, including Ever-bloomers, Climbers, Hybrid Perpetuals, Hybrid Teas, Polyanthus, etc. This collection cannot be sent out before May first, but orders for it can be booked at any time. It is the greatest Rose offer ever made. Every plant will be large, strong and healthy, and every variety superb. Do not compare this collection with the ordinary cheap Rose offers. It is vastly superior to any of them.



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CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

New Rose, "Champion of the World."

This is the grandest of all new Roses and should be grown by everybody. It is the

CHAMPION BLOOMER.

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. Plants which have bloomed all summer in the garden may be potted in the autumn and they will immediately start new growth and bloom profusely all winter in any window. Returned to the garden in the spring, they will again bloom all summer, without intermission. It is truly a perpetual bloomer, never without flowers.

CHAMPION IN HARDINESS.

Though a perpetual bloomer, it is as hardy and robust as an oak, standing the severe winters of Vermont, where it originated, in the open ground, without the slightest protection, and commencing its season of bloom earlier than any other sort. For a hardy garden Rose it is as valuable as it is for pots.

CHAMPION IN VICOR.

It is the most healthy and vigorous Rose in cultivation, for its handsome rank foliage has never been known to mildew under any condition, indoors or out. It is ABSOLUTELY MILDEW PROOF under any and all conditions.

CHAMPION IN FRAGRANCE.

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.

CHAMPION IN FORM AND COLOR.

Its blossoms are perfectly double to the center, and of the most perfect shape, both in bud and blossom, 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.

IN GENERAL.

This remarkable Rose, a cross between Hermosa and Magna Charta, originated several years ago in Vermont. Mr. Geo. W. Woodhouse, the originator, says: "I have tested nearly every rose in cultivation, and claim to know them all, and I stake my reputation as a judge in such matters, by stating that there is not a Rose grown that will produce, after the usual June bloom, even a respectable percentage of the blooms that the Rose 'Champion of the World' will; and no Rose of any name or kind that will stand the winter in the open ground better than the above. It is a perpetual bloomer, and I could not select a time that I could say that I thought was any better than another for a display of blossoms."

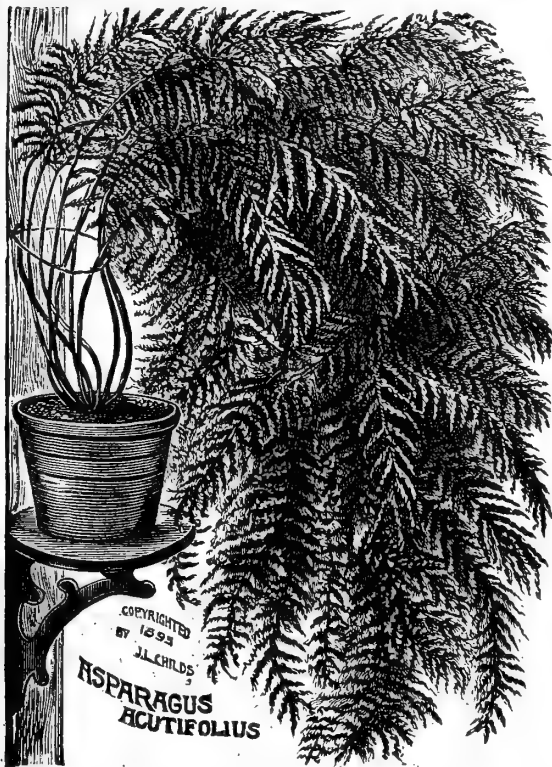
Price. Strong, well-rooted plants, 20c. each; three for 50c.; seven for \$1.00; fifteen for \$2.00.

WINDOW OR GREENHOUSE PLANTS.

One may have a home grandly constructed, elegantly fitted and furnished in every particular, wanting nothing which money can purchase, yet if it does not contain a window of bright blooming plants it lacks some essential feature and is, in fact, almost desolate, and its inmates must be regarded as lacking in some degree refinement and taste. On the other hand, the humblest cottage is made a home, indeed, by the brightness and fragrance of its well-filled windows of plants, and when we see it we know that good taste, refinement and a whole-souled people dwell within.

Plants are our natural home companions; they are bright, refreshing, cheery; Winter may rage without, but inside they make Spring perpetual. A refined and generous nature craves plants and flowers. Nothing else can take their place, especially to the care-worn woman, whose elevated taste and love for refinement goes largely unsatisfied, plants and flowers are one of God's richest blessings.

The plant department of our business is most extensive. We have acres of greenhouses and annually produce and send out over two million plants. Our system of packing is such that our plants carry successfully through the mails to nearly all parts of the world. We are careful to send out only well-rooted, healthy stock, and to offer only such varieties as are sure to give satisfaction—the very best of their kinds. The enormous quantities which we grow enable us to offer the finest plants of the choicest varieties at a price so low that they are within the reach of all. These facts have made ours the greatest plant distributing establishment in the world.



Climbing Asparagus.

Two very pretty and valuable species of Asparagus, which make highly ornamental pot plants.

Tenuissima. A short climber with lovely spreading fronds of feathery foliage. Exceedingly beautiful and unsurpassed for bouquets and cut flower work of all sorts; even better than Smilax. 15c. each.

Acutifolius. A new plant and one which will take the place of Smilax to a great extent. It is a hardy vigorous grower, climbing or trailing, and producing great masses of spray-like foliage. As a show plant for a window, or for cutting to use with flowers, it is unsurpassed. A fine decorative plant in every sense. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.

Alyssum, Double White.

A plant of dwarf compact growth, showing at all times hundreds of clusters of double white, delightfully scented blossoms. It is never without flowers and is a superb pot or bedding plant. 15c. each, 3 for 35c.



Begonia, Rex.

Enormous, triangular leaves of satin-like texture, and metallic lustre, richly belted and zoned with the most striking colors. No finer decorative plant anywhere.

Bertha McGregor. Leaves very large, beautifully lobed. Fine silver-white variegated with deep blackish-green. Extra fine.

Robert George. Large disk of silver, bordered with deep green and with green center.

Louise Clason. Leaf dull red underneath, almost black outside, variegated with large pink blotches having a peculiar metallic lustre. Very odd and beautiful.

Grandis. Deep silvery-gray festooned with spotted green; peculiarly marked and handsome.

Enfant de Nancy. Large beautifully ribbed; deep green disk thickly spotted. Large silvery zone and spotted green edge. Very fine.

Price, 25c. each; the five for \$1.00.

Agapanthus Umbellatus.

This stately old plant is seldom seen now-a-days, yet it is as beautiful as it used to be when it was the pride of our grandmothers, and known as Lily of the Palace. It is a plant of true grandeur, throwing up large flower stems to the height of three feet, on the top of which is borne an immense umbel of lovely blue Lily-like blossoms. Easily wintered in a cellar and makes one of the grandest plants for lawn or veranda decoration in the summer, when grown in large pots or tubs. 25c. each, 5 for \$1.00.

Sedum Aureum.

GOLDEN STONECROP.

A particularly dainty little plant, with round, fleshy leaves, and stems of a bright amber or gold color. Fine for baskets or for summer edging. 15c. each.



Begonias.

The old standby for greenhouse or window decoration. Easy to grow, free to flower, very beautiful both in leaf and blossom, and almost never troubled by insects; it is easy to see the cause of its popularity. Few plants stand the dry heat of the sitting-room as well as the flowering Begonia. The Rex varieties are among the finest foliage plants in the world, but need more care than the flowering varieties.

- Thurstoni.** This appears to be a cross between Rubia and Metallica. Large, beautiful leaves, glossy, bronze-green above, and deep, blood-red beneath. Flowers light pink. A grand sort. 30c. each, 4 for \$1.00.
- Metallica.** A robust grower, with large plush-like leaves with deeply sunken ribs between which the body of the leaf is thrown up in fluted puffs. Color, metallic green above and bronze-red beneath. A well grown specimen is simply grand, and there is nothing else in cultivation like it. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.
- Rubra.** With Metallica, one of the best of all Begonias for house culture. Indeed we believe Begonia Rubra to be the most popular house plant. They will commence to bloom when but six inches high, and will continue to bloom without ever missing a day, for five or six years at a time. In time the plant makes a grand tall specimen, with large light-green, waxen leaves, and immense panicles of lovely coral-red blooms. Extra fine. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.
- Saundersonia.** Intense scarlet, always in bloom. Dwarf and compact. 15c. each, 3 for 30c.
- Snowflake.** A constant bloomer, with dainty white flowers. 15c. each.
- Argentea Cuttata.** Fine purple-bronze leaves, oblong and thickly spotted with pure white metallic silver. Flowers white. A highly ornamental sort. 15c. each.
- Diadem.** Large ricinus-like leaves, rich olive-green, spotted with white. A magnificent specimen plant. 20c. each.
- President Carnot.** Upright habit strong grower, large handsome leaves twice the size of Rubra; upper side deep green spotted silver, under side metallic-red. Flowers fine coral-red in large panicles. A grand new sort which is sure to do well under all circumstances. 25c. each.
- Paul Bruant.** One of the grandest new flowering sorts. Flowers produced freely on long graceful stems and are a delicate rose changing to white. Leaves of heavy texture, large and handsome. Extra fine winter bloomer. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.
- Vernon.** New and freest bloomer of all Begonias. Deep blood crimson, always loaded with flowers. 20c. each.
- White Vernon.** Fine white with a delicate pink or blush shading. Exquisite. 30c. each.

One each of the eleven sorts for \$1.50.



Coleus.

Sold by the tens of thousands each year for carpet bedding and foliage beds. Velvet-like leaves of wonderful richness, and the most surprising markings. Fine for cutting, to mix with flowers, etc., in baskets and vases. Good pot plants for sunny, warm rooms.

Mayflower. A superb new sort, with large leaves twice the size of other Coleus; mottled yellow, crimson, black and green. Robust grower, and one of the very best for single specimens. 25c. each, 3 for 60c.

Queen Victoria. A fine hardy sort, having a velvety texture, brick-red with a distinct border of yellow.

Golden Verschelti. A new sort of fine golden-yellow foliage.

Progress. Beautiful green leaves thickly spotted with black, and variegated yellow and crimson.

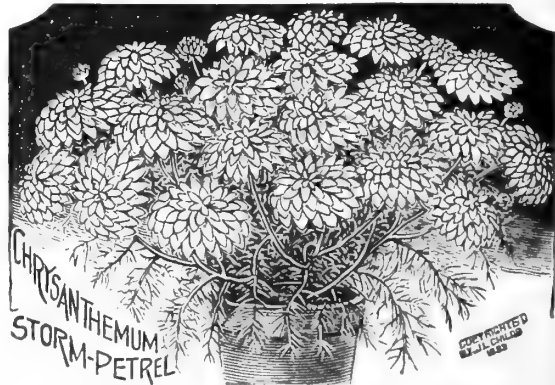
Negro. A large, rank sort, with enormous black leaves.

Firebrand. Dark leaves, rayed and flashed with fire-red.

Dawn. New; beautiful; the center of the leaf being bright rosy scarlet, bordered with black, which color is again bordered with green.

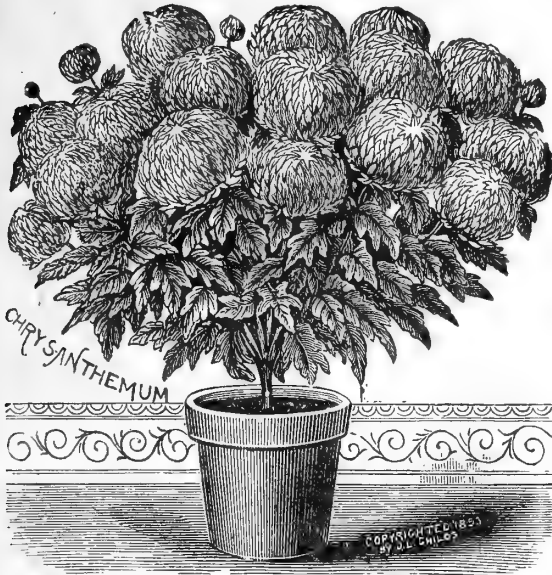
Oddity. New; leaves light greenish yellow outside, while underneath they are a fine reddish-purple.

Price, 15c. each; \$1.00 per dozen; \$6.00 per 100. One plant each of the eight fine sorts, 75c.



Chrysanthemum Storm Petrel.

This is a hardy perennial, with finely cut, thread-like foliage, and dwarf trailing growth. It blooms at all times of the year if kept in pots, and out of doors until after hard frosts have killed almost everything else. It is a very profuse bloomer, and the pretty, rosette-like flowers are of a pure white, very large and double. Our plants are strong, and will soon be in bloom. Everyone ought to grow it because of its great hardiness, and its simple, graceful beauty. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.



Chrysanthemums.

Not a word needs to be written descriptive of the Queen of Autumn Flowers. The interest taken each autumn in the Chrysanthemum shows of every city show the hold this flower has on the hearts of the people. Beautiful, profuse, easily grown, and a superb pot plant for room decoration. No other flower need hope to compete with it in the season of its glory.

Some dealers offer confusing lists of hundreds of varieties, but we have reduced our list to the cream of all sorts, any one of which might grace a queen's palace. Our advice is to give them rich food and plenty of water, and if the large blooms of the Exhibition are coveted, keep them in pots always, shifting them as they require, pinching back until robust and bushy, then to disbud, leaving but one blossom out of each cluster to develop, feeding the plant, of course, on liquid manure from the time the buds show.

Price of all the following Chrysanthemums, 15c. each; two for 25c.; three or more at 10c. each; the twenty-five sorts for \$2.

Ada Spaulding (I). The winner of many prizes. Large and perfect, the lower half of the flower a deep rich pink, melting into the purest pearl white at the tips of the petals. Exquisite.

Aconius. A bright canary yellow. Anemone-flowered Pompon. A great bloomer.

Black Douglas (P). A curious and beautiful Pompon. The color so deep as to be almost black, while the tip of each petal shows a glint of gold, making the whole blossom appear as though sprinkled with gold dust.

Bertha Flight. Beautiful large, bluish white. Very delicate and handsome.

Cardinal Sunshade. The graceful single Chrysanthemums find many admirers, and no collection is complete without one or more of them. This variety is the very largest Chrysanthemum grown, sometimes a foot across, with half quilled petals, of a deep, dark cardinal color. Single.

Cullingfordii. Still the standard of what a fine dark Chrysanthemum should be. Very rich, dark crimson, distinct and handsome.

Edouard Audigier (I). Unlike any other sort. Rich, velvety, violet-purple, with silvery reverse of petal. Very large.

H. E. Widener. One of the most famous of the newer Chrysanthemums. Flowers a perfect ball of bright lemon yellow; very large, and upheld by long, stiff flower-stalks. A superb variety, and a grand exhibition sort.

Harry May (I). A massive, spherical flower of rich old-gold, touched with reddish veins. Spoon-shaped petals, broad and thick. Luxuriant foliage, and one of the finest exhibition sorts.

Ivory. A grand variety. A smooth-textured, ivory-white flower, of large size, and perfect globular form. Very striking.

Improved Leopard. Most beautiful and distinct. The color is a peculiar but beautiful carmine purple, thickly dotted with white. A great improvement on the old Leopard, as it does not show a ragged center.

Klota (I). One of the most popular yellows, of a rich golden color, and as round as a ball. Very fine.

Koko (A). A distinct sort of very large size. Broad, flat; outer petals of a rosy lilac. Short tubular center petals of a creamy white.

Lilian B. Bird (J). A very large, full flower, with high center, and spreading needle-shaped petals, of a pale shrimp pink. Nothing else like it. Very popular.

L. Canning (J). Much grown for specimens, and for cutting. Pure white, petals very long and broad. Extra fine.

Mrs. Fottler (J). A lovely incurved variety with long pointed petals. The soft pink flowers are very feathery and beautiful.

Mrs. L. C. Maderla. This is very fine and distinct. Large, double, globular flowers, with large quilled petals that last long in perfection. The color is a distinct orange yellow. A splendid grower, with stout stems. Fine exhibition sort.

Mrs. Langtry (J). A very large and beautiful late-blooming Chrysanthemum of snowy whiteness. Finely incurved.

Princess Meletia (P). Beautiful for cutting or wearing. A lovely, long-stemmed, fringed flower, of perfect Pompon shape, a delicate bluish white. Will please everyone.

Roslyn. A superb Mermet-Rose pink. Thick, heavy petals, flowers somewhat cup shaped. Immense size, 10 and 11 inches across. Very robust and strong, and one of the best as an exhibition plant.

Rose Queen (J). A lovely rose amaranth, with quilled, flattened petals. Flowers broadly cup-shaped, and very beautiful.

Val d'Or (P). The finest of all yellow flowered Pompons. Blooms in clusters. Beautiful round shape, and rich glowing color.

Wm. R. Smith (J). Color, a fine daybreak crimson, large and beautifully shaped, changing from incurved form to reflexed and Japanese.

W. N. Rudd. A pale lavender pink, rare shade of great beauty. Petals long, drooping and curiously notched. Very double.

Whirlwind. An enormous, pure white anemone flowered, of great beauty.



Double Bouvardias.

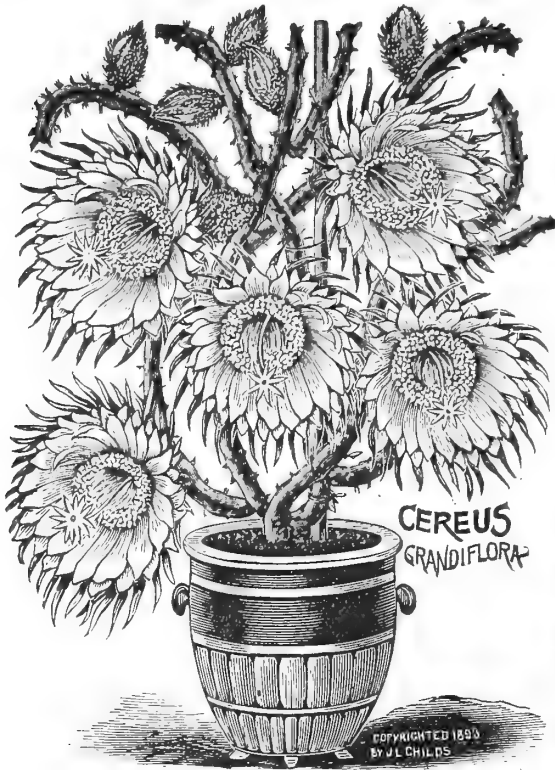
These are of quite recent introduction, and are plants for winter blooming which none should be without. The flowers are produced in great profusion during the entire winter, the great clusters of double florets of soft, delicate colors resembling nothing else in cultivation. They also bloom well during summer, commencing early in July. The double Bouvardias is one of the very choicest florists' flowers.

A. Neuner. Fine double white, in large panicles. Vigorous grower.

Pres. Garfield. A sport from above, and is of a lovely pink color.

Pres. Cleveland. Fine double scarlet. Very bright and effective.

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



Cacti.

The most curious and interesting of all plants. Succulent, thick-stemmed plants of grotesque form, and, with the exception of one section of the family, entirely leafless, but generally furnished with spines and stickers. If they never bloom, their oddity, and ease of growth would make them favorites, but they bear beautiful and curious flowers also, some of them reckoned among the finest in the world.

Do not give them over much pot room. Make the soil half and half rich loam and sand, and give each pot deep and heavy drainage of charcoal or broken pots. In winter give water very sparingly, only just enough to keep the stems from shriveling. In spring and summer while growing rapidly, give plenty of sun, and copious supplies of water. Most sorts can be bedded out in summer. Fine for rocky, or elevated beds where water cannot stand on the roots and rot them. The following sorts are all magnificent bloomers, really among the most glorious flowers which the world ever saw. The plants we offer are all pot grown, strong, vigorous, well rooted, and in most cases, ready to bloom very soon.

Cereus Grandiflora. (The true NIGHT-BLOOMING CEREUS.) The most beautiful flower in the world. Its flowers are a foot across, of a pure satiny white, with outside petals faintly tinged with reddish-brown. It is also deliciously fragrant. No description can do justice to its wonderful beauty, or portray the magnificence of its pure cup, filled with thousands of silky stamens. Truly a flower of the gods, and one which seems not of earth, as its beauty is unfolded only in midnight's darkness. Nothing can compare with the soul-stirring beauty of this flower. Would that all could once see it before they die. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

C. McDonaldi. (YELLOW NIGHT-BLOOMING CEREUS.) Like above, but with larger blooms, and a fine straw color tint. Very fine. 25c. each.

C. Rostratus. (RED NIGHT-BLOOMING CEREUS.) A slender climber, with magnificent flowers in the style of Cereus Grandiflora, but of a rich wine-red outside, and a lighter shade inside. Grand to contrast with the lighter sorts. 25c. each.

One each of above three sorts, 60c.

Cereus Colubrinus. An extra fine sort that in time becomes an imposing specimen, of stately columnar growth several feet in height. It bears very large and handsome pure white flowers, followed by showy fruits almost the size and color of oranges. 25c. each.

Cereus Triangularis. Always popular, though a poorer bloomer than most Cereus. Usually blooms about August. Blooms a foot or more wide, pure white, and as handsome as Grandiflora, and followed by bright scarlet, edible fruit the size of goose eggs. 30c. each.

Cereus Speciosissima. (KING CACTUS.) One of the best of the fine Cereus family. Flowers very large, and remain perfect for days. Color a rich combination of scarlet and crimson-purple, with contrasting golden stamens. The best bloomer of all, one good-sized specimen sometimes showing a hundred huge flowers open at one time. 50c. each.

Echinocereus Caespitosus. A beautiful, compact, clustered little plant, enduring almost any hardship, and blossoms nearly all the time, and sometimes when but an inch high. Pretty double flowers, magenta purple in color, and two or three inches across. 25c. each.

Echinopsis. Several varieties, but much alike. Singular globular heads or stems, largely grown in small pots for window decoration. Lovely pink and white funnel-like flowers, eight to ten inches long, produced from the side of the stem. Give almost no water in winter. A lovely sort. 40c. each.

Epiphyllum Truncatum. (LOBSTER CACTUS.) Almost the only winter-blooming Cactus, and one of the few kinds suitable to grow in baskets. Branches composed of drooping, joint-like segments, in themselves unlike any other plant, and from November to February covered with a cloud of curious and superbly beautiful flowers of the richest rose crimson. Even the smallest plants are full of bloom. Easy to grow, but must not be overwatered. 15c. each.



Phyllocactus. Like the Cereus Grandiflora, these are all climbing Cacti, but easily confined to a pot trellis. These all have flat stems, resembling leaves, and magnificent blossoms very freely borne. Flowers nearly as large and fine as the Night-Blooming Cereus, and more freely produced.

Phyllocactus Ackermani. Like Jenkensoni, described below, but is scarlet instead of crimson, a rich and glowing color. Extra fine. 20c. each.

Phyllocactus Hookeri. Much like Latifrons, but a more moderate grower. Quite dwarf and compact. 20c. each.

Phyllocactus Jenkensoni. Easy to grow, and exceedingly beautiful, blooming in one year from a cutting. A few people profess to dislike Cacti, but no one could look at a flower of Jenkensoni and pronounce it anything but gloriously beautiful. Large, silky flowers of the deepest, richest blood-red, as large and deep as a good-sized tea cup, while from the center of the flower hangs a pendulous golden tassel of innumerable white stamens. These flowers are open day and night for about a week, and are borne not by ones or twos, but by the scores, a good specimen showing a hundred cup-like blooms at once. 20c. each.

Phyllocactus Latifrons. (QUEEN CACTUS.) Often called Night-Blooming Cereus. It divides the honors with Cereus Grandiflora as to being the most beautiful of all Cacti. The plant is a strong, large, rapid grower, that will succeed in any warm window, and is covered each spring with bloom. And such bloom! Words fail to describe it. "As big as a dinner plate," says one; "Absolutely flawless," says another. Smooth, satiny-white flowers delicately flushed with pink on the outer petals, the expanded flowers a foot across. Everyone should have it. 20c. each.

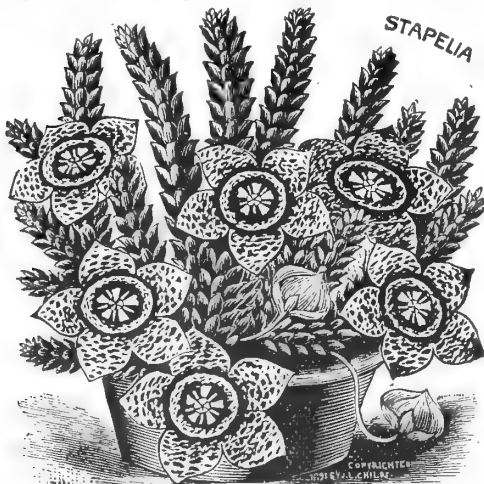
Phyllocactus Speciosa. Much like above, but flowers are not quite as large, and are a soft pink in color. A lovely sort.

One each of the five sorts for 80c.

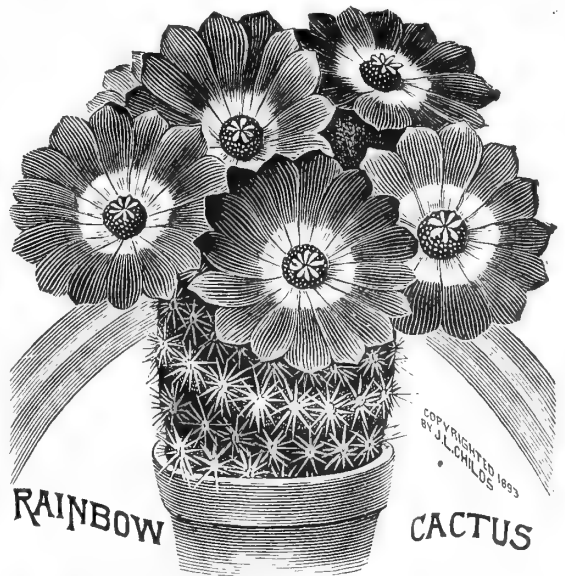


Mamillaria Childsi. A grand new Cactus from the mountains of Arizona. It is quite hardy, being found at a latitude where snow and ice is plentiful. One of the loveliest plants known to cultivation. Growth short and globular, with numerous spines which have a peculiar and beautiful luminous blue color, making it at all times a lovely object and a fine companion to the Rainbow Cactus. Its flowers are freely borne, large, white, tinted pink and with a deep pink bar through the center. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

Mamillaria Declipens. A small Cactus that can hardly be killed with neglect. Covered with spiny tubercles, and bears a quantity of showy yellow bloom that last several days without fading. 15c. each.



Stapelia Variegata. Not strictly a Cactus, but resembles one in habit and appearance. Thick, succulent stems, and star-shaped, spotted maroon, brown and yellow blossoms, very odd and striking. Flowers throughout the year. The flowers are thick and leathery, resembling the skin of a reptile. It is exceedingly attractive, and the oddest looking flower we know. 10c. each.



Rainbow Cactus. (*E. CANDICANS.*) The plant is covered with a net-work of spines which appear in rings of different colors, ranging from creamy white to deep crimson, hence its name "Rainbow." It is a most beautiful plant at all times, but when in bloom its grandeur is unsurpassed, having flowers four inches across, bright crimson with a white center. It blooms profusely and is of the easiest culture in pots. The great beauty of the plant itself, combined with the enormous size and beauty of the flowers, make what we consider to be the most charming Cacti in cultivation, and one of the most rare and lovely of all plants to possess. Sold a few years ago at \$5.00 each. Fine large plants, 30c. each; larger, 50c. each.

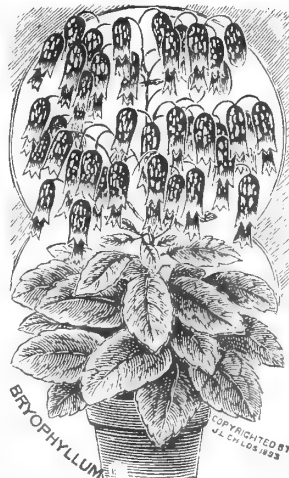
Mamillaria Pusilla. A dainty little plant with bright, silvery, radiating spines. It grows freely, and soon forms fine little clusters. Yellowish-white flowers, striped with white down each petal. 15c. each.

Rhipsalis Mesembryanthemoides. A rare Cactus, with numerous small, slender stems, which are dotted with tufts of white hair. When in bloom it is covered with hundreds of pretty white flowers. 20c. each.

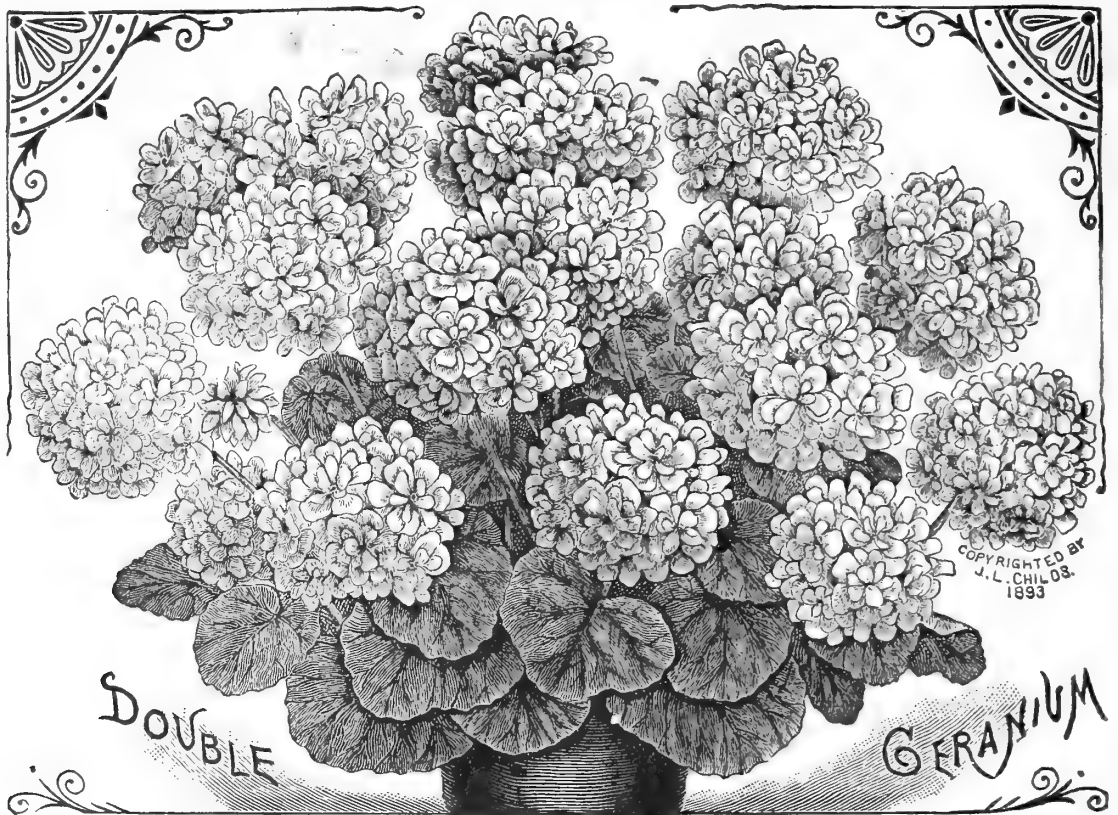
Rhipsalis Pachyptera. Dark flattened leaves and small *Cereus* shaped flowers, produced by the hundred all along the edges of the leaves or stems. These pretty flowers are pure white and last several days before fading. A fine and rare plant. 20c. each.

CACTI SEED. Mixtures of many fine sorts. Sow on sandy soil, under glass. 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts for 50c.

Bryophyllum Calycinum.



A most curious and beautiful succulent plant, with thick, heavy leaves which, if cut and laid on moist soil or sand, little plants will grow from the notches all around them. When in bloom it presents successively two distinct aspects, first, when the calyx develops itself—membranous, inflated, smooth as silk, cylindrical, round at either end, of a pea-green color streaked with red, increasing in size until it becomes two inches in length; and afterwards, when the corolla-tube, which is five-cleft and of a dull-red color, breaks through and protrudes an inch beyond the calyx. The flowers, borne upon slight pedicels, droop directly downwards, and are swayed by every breath of air like so many suspended Chinese lanterns. In panicles, 300 or more of these form a singular display. 15c. each.



Geraniums.

The most popular of all pot or bedding plants, combining fine habit, handsome foliage, and great quantities of showy flowers. More than this, they are the easiest of all plants to grow, and are never troubled with insects. Fine also for cutting and wearing, as they do not wilt readily. The varieties that we offer, all have very large trusses of the most perfect flowers and of the most distinct colors. We could have made our list four times as large, but we chose rather to offer a few only, but these extra choice ones.

Price 15c. each; three for 40c.; eight for \$1.00.

BEST DOUBLE SORTS.

- B. K. Bliss.** Large trusses of the most flaming scarlet. Extra fine.
- M. Louis Fages.** A compact grower with very large truss. Flowers large, fine shaped, and in color a clear orange scarlet.
- Bruant.** Extra large floret, immense trusses. A splendid bedder.
- Hoff Beach.** Very dark. A deep amaranth shaded purple.
- Jupiter.** A grand flower of the very largest size, and of a glowing dark vermilion. Extra fine.
- S. A. Nutt.** A massive truss of large double florets; close, compact habit; rich dark crimson black.
- La Favorite.** The best white bedding Geranium, as it does not turn pink in the sun. A fine pot sort, also. Very robust; a strong bloomer, and with flowers of snowy whiteness. Extra good.
- Mars.** Immense trusses of very large flowers, of fiery scarlet, rayed with violet, scarlet, and touch of orange-yellow center.
- Reumberta.** Not a yellow, that is yet in the future, but the nearest approach to a yellow to be found in the Geranium. The color is a light yellowish orange-scarlet, very distinct and noticeable.
- White Swan.** Very floriferous. An extra fine pot Geranium, covered with large trusses of snow-white flowers that are very double and perfect. Habit of plant, short, jointed and bushy.
- William Pflitzer.** Clear orange-salmon, finely edged white. A fine compact grower; free bloomer. A distinct and showy sort.

BEST SINGLE SORTS.

- Madonna.** Very large trusses of lovely pale-pink flowers. One of the most pleasing varieties.

Mar. de Layres. A grand pure white sort with enormous flowers and truss. Finest of all single whites, being like a huge snowball.

M. Emile Cinot. Dark crimson, veined fine violet. A superb flower.

Queen of the West. Light orange-scarlet. A fine free bloomer of great brilliancy.

Venus. An enormous flower, of perfect shape and light scarlet in color. Perhaps the finest of all single sorts.

Admiration. Dwarf free grower; enormous truss; pure white shaded rose salmon. Extra fine.

Souvenir de Mirande. Another fancy Geranium with exquisitely beautiful flowers. A wonderfully free bloomer, with thick, round petaled flowers. Each floret has a large creamy-white center. The groundwork of the upper petals is also white edged with soft rose. Lower petals a soft but bright salmon rose with lighter shadings. A remarkable Geranium in every respect.



Beautiful Foliage Geraniums.

Tricolor. As beautiful in leaf as most Geraniums are in bloom. The finest of all tri-color Geraniums, much better than the good old Mrs. Pollock. Its large thick leaves are rayed and zoned with scarlet, gold, pink, green, etc., in a superb manner. Keep it in the sun if you would see it at its best. Robust and healthy and easy to grow. 50c. each.

Mad. Sallerol. The finest Geranium in the world for edgings. Grows only six inches high, perfect mats of beautiful round fragrant foliage, of a pretty olive green and white, many of the leaves almost entirely white. Stands the sun perfectly, and is a treasure indeed. 15c. each.



Cape Hybrid Geraniums.

Hybrids between scented Geraniums and Pelargoniums, with flowers much like the latter and somewhat the fragrance of the former. Foliage very handsome and of a downy white color and texture. Flowers in large clusters, various colors, and distinctly marked. New and very rare. 25c. each.

Double-Flowered Ivy Geranium.

A very popular class of Geraniums, of robust trailing habit, thickly clothed with dark green ivy-pointed leaves of smooth, glossy, wax-like texture, worth growing for the beauty of foliage alone. When in bloom they are doubly beautiful, with large trusses of beautiful flowers borne well above the foliage. These flowers are much larger than the ordinary Geranium, and in shape or flower and exquisite markings resemble the superb Lady Washington Geraniums or Pelargoniums. All the Ivy Geraniums are fine low bedders, and should be allowed to trail in their own graceful fashion. In such a situation they always bloom profusely and are much admired. Very fine also for baskets, or as bracket plants in a sunny window. Do not overwater.

Jeanne d'Arc. Pure white; very double and fine.

La Rosaire. Fine rose.

Souv. Chas. Turner. One of the handsomest Ivy Geraniums ever introduced. Flowers are 2½ inches, in trusses six inches across. The color is a deep bright pink, approaching scarlet in color; the upper petals feathered maroon.

Le Printemps. Extra fine rosy pink. 20c each, three for 50c.

Sweet Scented Geraniums.

Not only free growers and ornamental as foliage plants, but indispensable to mix with flowers in all bouquets and cut work. Very easy to grow, and their beautiful foliage refreshingly fragrant.

Fern Leaved. Singular but handsome foliage; very fragrant.

Lemon Scented. Very fine; one of the best for bouquets.

Nutmeg Scented. Pleasant, pungent odor; very pretty.

Rose Scented. The best variety, with thick, large leaves. 15c. each.

The Sword Fern.

A grand center plant for large baskets, pots or vases. The long, narrow, pinnate fronds arch gracefully in every direction, growing from 3 to 6 feet long. Perfectly hardy, and fine for rock work, or the garden also. No Fern endures the heat and dust of living rooms so well as this, hence its great value for window decoration. A charming ornament. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Pelargoniums.

The most beautiful of the German tribe. Magnificent flowers of regal richness, imposing size, and striking beauty. Their pencillings and blotching seem as though touched by an artist's brush, they are so fresh and vivid. Bloom generally in late spring and summer. Quite easy to grow, and often called Lady Washington Geranium. Six best sorts, of different colors, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Mrs. Robert Sandford. This grand double white variety is one of the finest novelties of the year. The flower is of large size, well doubled, beautifully ruffled along the edges of the petals, and of glistening, snow white color. Its lasting qualities when cut are wonderful, and for a pot plant for Easter it is unsurpassed. 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00.

Marion. Another grand novelty now offered for the first time. The same plant bears flowers of different colors. One cluster of bloom will be white marked with crimson, while another will be fine rose marked purple. Flowers large and very beautiful. And, as may well be supposed, it makes a plant of remarkable beauty 75c. each.

Eucharis Amazonica.

Always one of the rarest and most admired of bulbous plants. Succeeds well in a warm window. Pretty, broad leaves and tall flower scapes bearing pure white star-shaped flowers of great loveliness. A flower whose possessor is always proud of. 40c. each.

Lemon Verbena.

An old but always popular plant, prized for its fragrant foliage. Sprays of its leaves are always fine to use with flowers in bouquets. Very easily grown, and can be wintered in cellar if need be. 15c. each, 4 for 50c. Seed 10c. per packet.



Variegated Ivies.

These are beautiful blotched varieties of the well-known English Ivy, and like it, extra fine for windows, baskets, etc. Are particularly handsome trained over light wire trellises that bring every leaf into prominence.

Yellow Blotched. Beautiful golden markings, and blotched on the leaves.

White Blotched. Silver variegations on a dark ground. Beautiful.

25c. each; the two for 40c.



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Heliotrope.

The fragrant Heliotrope is always sure of finding friends wherever it may go. Fine for the house in winter, and one of the very best of bedders, growing very luxuriantly in the open ground, with handsome, crinkled foliage, and quite smothered with blooms. With the coming of cooler nights, these outdoor Heliotropes take on splendid shades of purple and indigo, never seen in a house grown plant, and are then superbly beautiful.

Albert Delaux. A superb sort, having splendid yellowish leaves and large clusters of violet colored blossoms. Fine for garden or pots.

Mme. Ad. Dubouche. Foliage very dark green; habit compact and shrubby; trusses enormous, soft and mossy. Color, velvety-violet. One of the most beautiful Heliotropes ever introduced. Odor exquisite.

Queen of the Violets. Of the deepest violet-purple, with large, almost pure white eye, and very fragrant.

Fleur D' Ete. A new pure white variety of strong robust growth, with large trusses of very fragrant flowers.

2oc. each; the 4 for 6oc.

Fuchsias.

The wonderful beauty and surpassing grace of the Fuchsia need no description. It is justly a favorite pot plant, and one particularly fitted for house culture because of its liking for the petting and coddling so many insist on giving their plants. Though it grows well without, this spoiled beauty never grows so fast or blooms as freely as when constantly showered, fed with fertilizers, re-potted often, etc., etc. So treated it will grow to the top of the window, and for months at a time will be hanging full of great, waxy, pendulous flowers, that charm every eye. The foliage also of a good specimen is very attractive, it is so healthy, large, and green. Fuchsias are one of our specialties, and we know how to grow healthy stock, that will delight you from the first with its thrift and beauty. Elegant for conservatory or window decoration, and beautiful for summer bedding, for which purpose the pots can be sunken in the ground where they can have partial or entire shade. Here they will bloom all summer, and can be lifted in the fall and brought to the window.

Gracilis. Slender, graceful growth, with numerous scarlet blossoms borne in fine drooping sprays,

Molesworth. A gigantic double-flowered sort with deep red sepals and pure white corolla.

Mrs. E. G. Hill. One of the very finest of all Fuchsias. Flowers very large, sepals shining red, and very double white corolla.

Phenomenal. The largest of all Fuchsias, and also very distinct in its rich, dark colorings. Enormous double flowers, sepals scarlet, corolla a bright violet-purple. No collection complete without it.



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FUCHSIA

Pres. Carnot. Another fine dark variety with wine-colored sepals, and double violet corolla. Large and fine.

Speciosa. The best winter-blooming Fuchsia known, and very handsome. Long, graceful, single flowers, colored pale flesh and bright carmine.

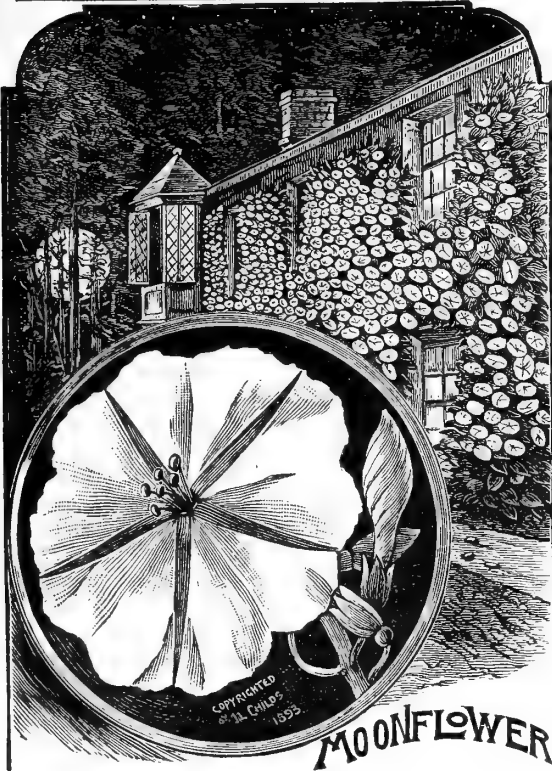
Storm King. The double White, Perpetual Blooming, Weeping Fuchsia. As the sponsors for this floral child we take great pleasure in enumerating its good points. Its graceful, weeping habit, and its superlatively beautiful flowers, more freely borne than those of any other sort, make it the most valuable of Fuchsias. It is always in bloom, often as many as 200 buds and blossoms on a plant at once. The branches droop most gracefully, and the blossoms are frequently as large as tea cups. The buds, for two weeks before they expand, are balls of glowing scarlet-crimson. When expanded the enormous double flowers are almost pure white, capped by a calyx of glowing scarlet; and when a plant is loaded with buds and blossoms it presents a sight which for true grandeur and beauty no flower can surpass. They are of the easiest culture and will grow and bloom freely with ordinary care in any window or garden.

Procumbens. (TRAILING.) This is not a variety, but a distinct species of Fuchsia, and is certainly one of the prettiest trailing plants in existence. It is a hardy perennial in most parts of the country, and is extremely valuable to cover mounds, low beds, etc., bearing a mass of waxy vines with pretty leaves and bright flowers, that are followed by novel fruits as big as a robin's egg, and of the most intense crimson-red, hanging on the vines all fall and winter. In-doors, it is an ideal basket plant, always covered with fruit and flowers. The flowers are small, but bright, and are freely borne. Very easily cared for.

Price, 2oc. each; 3 for 3oc.; the eight for \$1.00.

Eletteria Gardamomum.

An enthusiastic correspondent always ends 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. 25c. each.



Moonflowers.

The most popular quick growing vine in cultivation. Its rapid, luxuriant growth, its thick, overlapping, glossy foliage, and its nightly scores of immense, silky blooms of rare fragrance, are merits that cannot be over estimated. By actual count, a strong vine will bear from one to three thousand of its superb blooms in a season. Very fine for piazzas, arbors, etc.

Ipomœa Noctiphiton. Grand foliage and magnificent snow-white blooms, four or five inches across. Stands drouth like a Salamander. Give it rich soil if possible. Fine plants 15c. each, 4 for 50c. Seed 10c. per packet. Blooms well first summer from seed if started early.

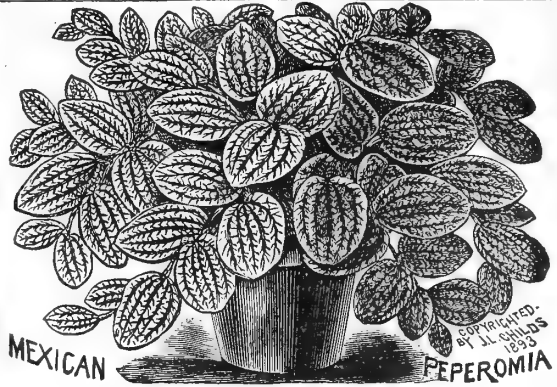
Ipomœa Learel. A large vine, but not quite so rank growing. Flowers of a lovely azure blue, with faint crimson bars. Texture almost as delicate as the spider's web. Lovely beyond description. 20c. each, 3 for 50c. Seed 15c. per packet.

Ipomœa Mexicana. In a sheltered location, the blossoms of this remain open all day. Almost as large as *Ipomœa Noctiphiton*. It has a large tuberous root, that can be preserved over winter like the Dahlia, and this gives the plant a strong and early start each spring. Very handsome and graceful airy foliage, deeply incised or palmated. The blossoms are of an indescribable rosy crimson with a shade of violet or blue, and are very beautiful, resembling rich satin. 25c. each, 3 for 60c.

SPECIAL OFFER.—For 50c. we will send one plant each of the 3 fine Moonflowers.

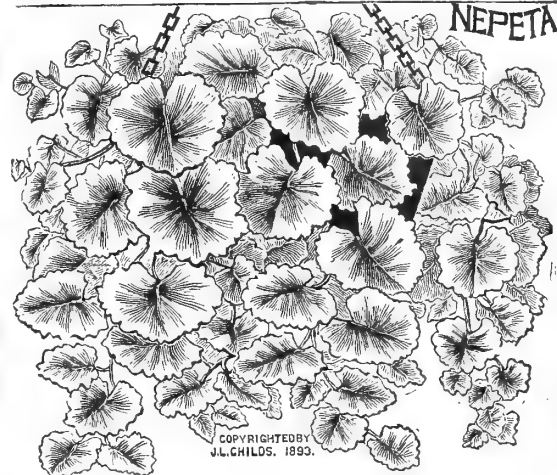
Gasteria Maculata.

One of the oddest and most attractive of the ever popular succulents. Keel-ridged leaves thick, heavy and dark, beautifully marked with white. The bright scarlet flowers are in racemes a foot long, and are produced in winter. It makes a very pretty specimen. 50c. each.



Mexican Peperomia.

A beautiful basket plant, with small, oval, fleshy leaves of a very dark green, freely veined and marked with silver. Both pretty and odd, and it is very easy to grow, and trails in a pretty graceful manner, it will soon be very popular as a bracket pot plant, or to train over the sides of a basket, or for specimens in pots. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.



Nepeta Glechoma.

This new *Nepeta* is hardy, fragrant and pretty, its small round leaves finely marked with white. Very fine for hanging baskets, 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 net-work 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.

Pine Apple Air Plant.

Always a curiosity, but not at all hard to grow in a common window. Wrap a little moss around the roots, and wire them to a piece of bark, twig, or bit of board, and suspend in the window. Keep the moss damp, and shower the plant often to keep it clean, and it will grow and bloom with no further care whatever. Long, slender, grayish-green leaves, that droop and curve in the most graceful manner. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

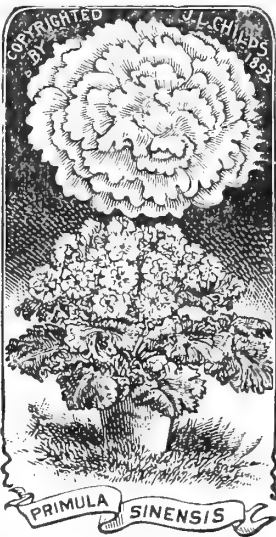
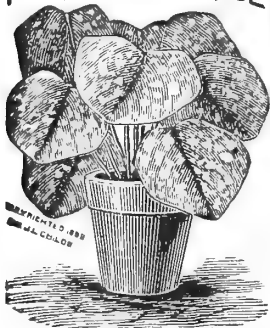




Farfugium Grande (Leopard Plant).

A grand decorative plant and extra fine for shaded rooms where few variegated plants will retain their color or markings. This is as easy to grow as a Geranium. Round, thick, leathery leaves with large yellow spots, contrasting beautifully with the dark green groundwork. 30c. each.

FARFUGIUM GRANDE



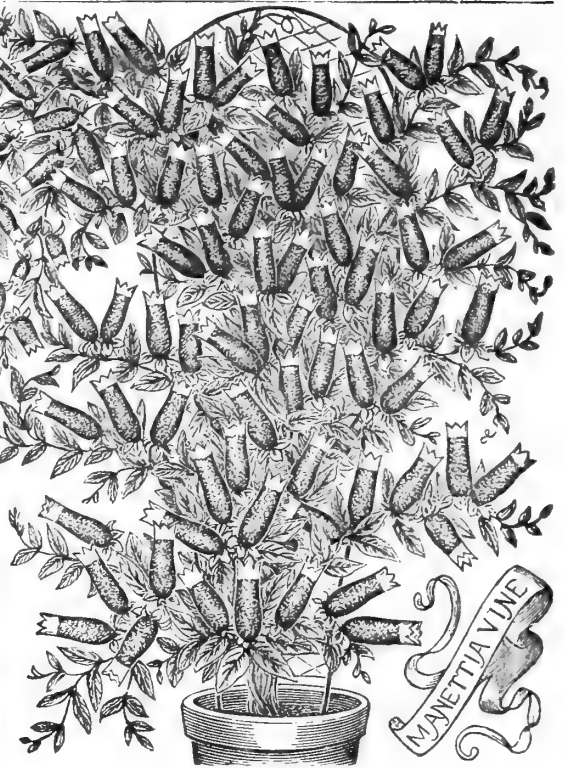
PRIMULA SINENSIS

Primula, Double White.

The double white Chinese Primrose is a rare and valuable plant which is highly prized by all who know it. It does not differ from the ordinary Chinese Primroses, except its flowers are very double, large and freely produced. 30c. each.



DOUBLE FRINGED PETUNIA



MANETTIA VINE

Manettia Vines.

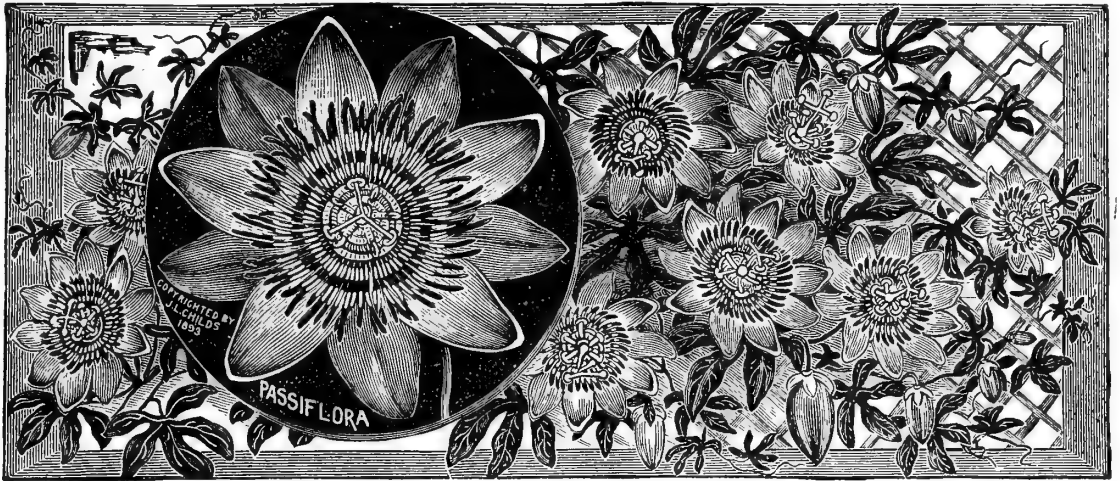
Manettia Bicolor. A poor vine is little but an eye-sore, but a thrifty Manettia is lovely beyond all question. It can be grown either in the house or garden, and is full of bloom every day in the year. In the house it can be trained all around a window, and it will be a solid wreath of bloom both summer and winter. In the open ground during summer it will grow ten feet, branching freely and covering a large space of trellis, arbor or wall, showing at all times thousands of its bright blossoms. The flowers are 1 1/2 to 2 inches long, and of the most intense fiery scarlet shading off into a bright yellow tip. They are also covered with a scarlet moss or hairy substance, which adds much to their beauty, and each flower keeps perfect for weeks before falling. No plant is easier to grow, and it commences to bloom at once from the smallest cuttings and continues to bloom most profusely at all times. There is not a day during its life that it is without flowers if it has any sort of decent care. It being quite unknown and of such striking beauty, either for screens, baskets, vases, windows, trellises, stumps, etc., that it attracts the admiration of every eye. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

Manettia Cordifolia. This grows finely, but does not bloom well in the house, but for the open ground we do not believe there is a superior small vine. It dies down to the ground each winter, but if planted in a sheltered situation it is hardy as far north as Baltimore. It grows rapidly, and has very beautiful, small, glossy foliage. In July or August it commences to bloom, and from then until after severe frosts it is one sheet of long, slender trumpet-shaped flowers of the deepest crimson. We repeat, that we know of no other small vine as rich and beautiful as this, in its season of glory. We especially urge our Southern customers to try it, as it stands the sun admirably and is not easily affected by dry weather. This is so different from Manettia Bicolor that it would scarcely be recognized as a close relative. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Double Petunia.

A grand flower for pots, garden vases or for summer bedding. Their splendid large double flowers are fine in any situation and are very freely produced. The two following sorts are the best. 20c. each; the two for 30c.

Lucy Longstreet. Fine crimson, fringed and variegated with white; large and double and splendidly frimbriated.
Snowdrift. Large double frimbriated flower of purest snowy whiteness. Extra good.

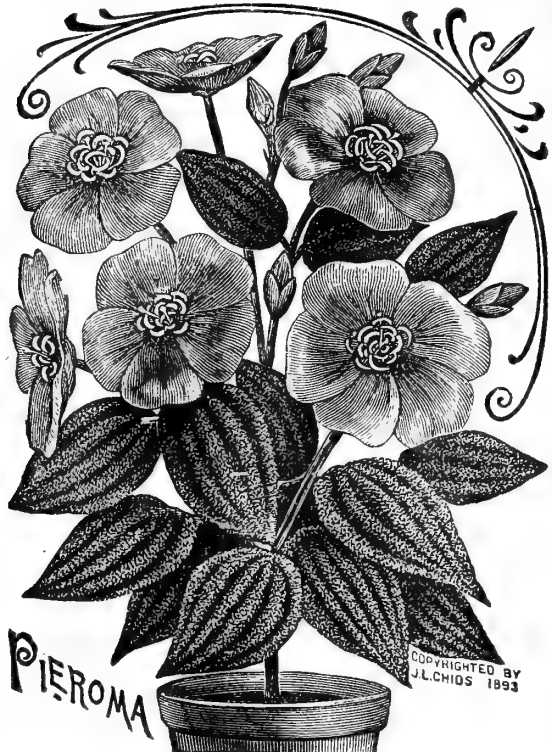


Passifloras.

Fine foliage, and graceful climbing habit. Very peculiar corona-like flowers, but very beautiful, and unlike any other flower. Easy to grow either in window or open ground. Hardy south of the Middle States.

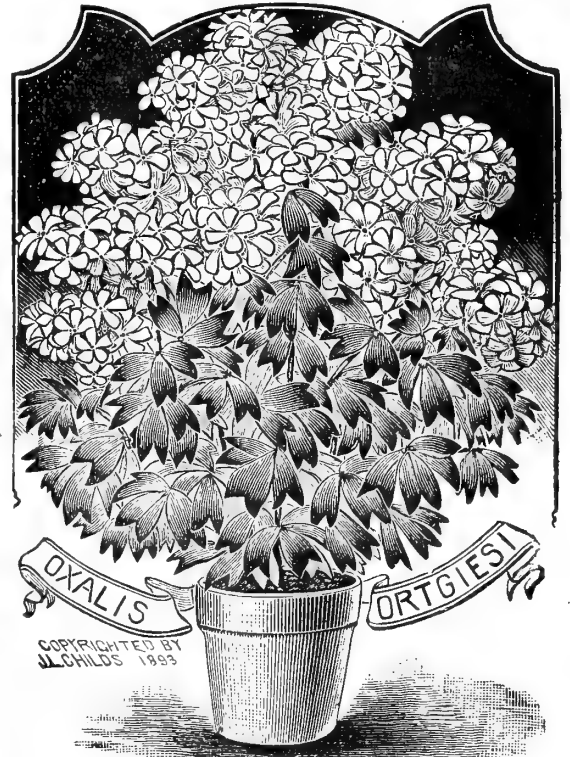
Pfordti. The best for pot culture as it blooms when but a foot high. Large, handsome fringed flowers, exhibiting a mingling of white, pink, brown and blue in its coloring, making a flower of the most fascinating beauty. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.

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 fringing the slender stems, and festoon-supporting pillar or trellis, until after the snows of winter begin to fall. We know of no other deciduous plant that retains its foliage as late in the season. Flowers pure white; very beautiful. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.



Pteroma Splendens.

At present this is a rare flower. Not only is it a free grower and bloomer the year around, 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. 25c. each, 3 for 60c.



Oxalis Ortgiesi.

One of the few pot plants that will bloom every day in the year. A rootst 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. A most unique and beautiful pot plant. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.

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PALM
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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 thread-like 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. All Palms of the fan-leaved sorts have, when young, leaves of a long, narrow shape, developing the round, fan-shaped ones as they grow older. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

Seed. The seed of this magnificent Palm is sure to germinate, and make rapid growing plants. Per paper, 10c.

Sweet Violets.

The flower of sentiment and song, and ever the symbol of modest worth. Its delicious fragrance alone make it friends everywhere, but this is only one of many merits. In the inclement weather of early spring and late autumn, the Violet greets us with its pretty, sturdy, fragrant blooms, that have no fear of frosts or sleet, but bloom in sweetness to the very verge of winter. If given protection in pit or cold frame, or unheated halls or chambers, these Violets may be had in bloom all winter, but they will stand little fire heat. Out of doors, give them the protection of a wall, or of evergreen boughs over winter.

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, snowy, 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 and perfume a whole room.

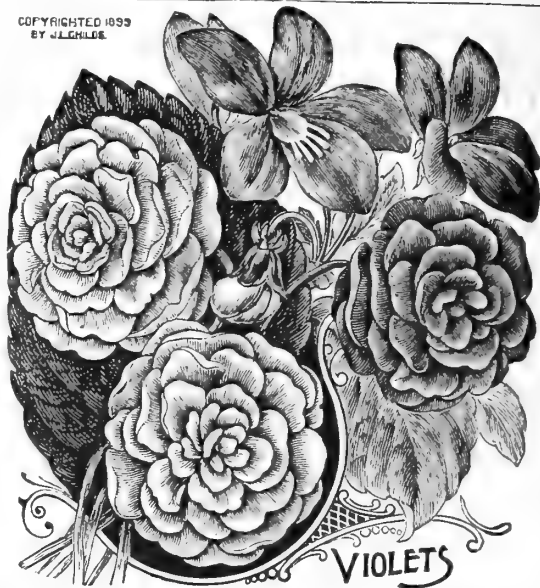
Maria Louise. A beautiful large double blossom of deep indigo blue and great fragrance.

Mad. Millet. Fine violet color, shaded red. Nearest approach to a red color.

Comte Brazza. A new double white variety, flowers large and fragrant.

Duchess of Edinburgh. Delicate lavender mauve, tinted azure blue, with pure white centers.

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VIOLETS

Alaska. A grand new sort, very hardy and 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.

Queen Victoria. Single dark purple flowers, very large, measuring 1 1/4 inches across; exceedingly fragrant. A very fine and valuable sort.

Price, 15c. each; \$1.25 per dozen. One each of the above six sorts for 75c.

Smilax.

The dainty, yet luxuriant masses of the glossy Smilax are as handsome in the window as any 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. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.



SMILAX

TRADESCANTIA

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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. Indeed the Wandering Jew will stand more abuse, and look cheerful under it, than any other plant we know of. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.



SOLANUM GRANDIFLORA. COPYRIGHTED BY J.L. CHILDS. 1893

Solanum.

Jasminoides Grandiflora. 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, and the blossoms constantly grow larger and finer as the plant becomes older and more established, until it becomes a perfect cloud of soft, starry blooms, that attract every eye. It is never without flowers. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

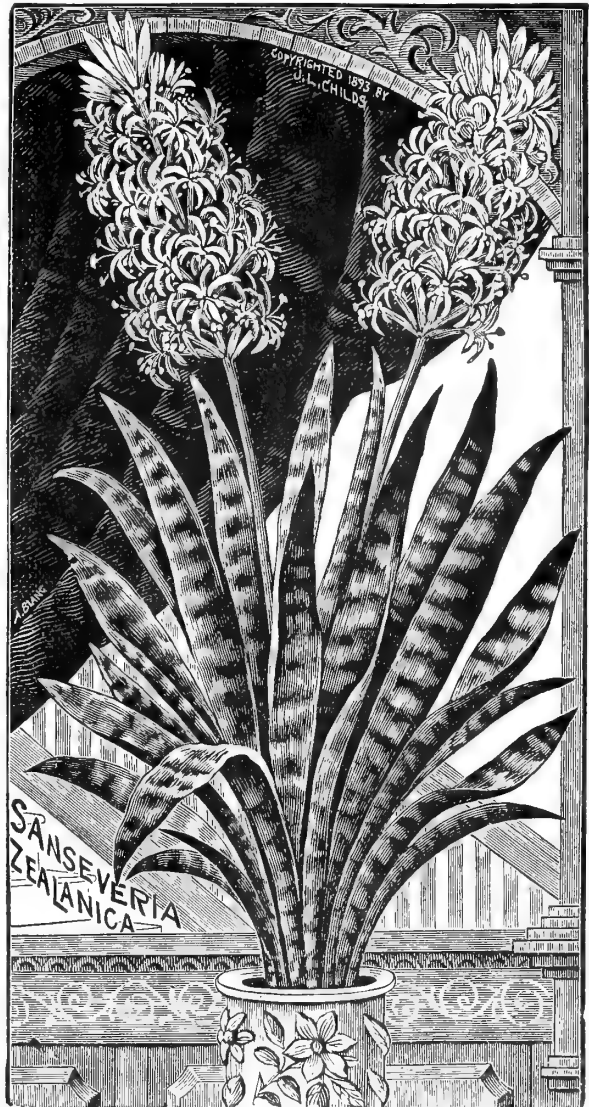
Azureum. This vine bears large bunches of delicate azure-blue flowers, followed by handsome berries. A splendid companion to Solanum Jasminoides Grandiflora, as an outdoor window or veranda vine in summer, or for pots in the house, where it blooms the year around. Blooms when very small. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



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Zamia.

We have all heard of the wonderful beauty of the rare *Cycus Revoluta*, a good specimen of which is worth from \$5 to \$50. Here we have a close relative, of little cost, quick growing, and almost, if not quite, as decorative a plant for windows, hallways, etc. The *Zamia* grows freely, and will thrive if need be with no sunlight at all. No *Palin* is more beautiful than this, with its numerous long fronds of vivid green, and of such majestic beauty that all stop in admiration before it. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



SANSEVERIA ZEALANICA. COPYRIGHTED 1893 BY J.L. CHILDS.

Sanseveria Zealanica.

A New Decorative Plant of Great Value.

There is scarcely a decorative plant listed that is more striking in foliage and habit than this, and certainly none other that will stand as much downright neglect and hardship as will this. Nothing but frost, or a continual drenching with water, has terrors for it. It will grow in a dark hall, a cool bedroom, or stand on the mantel in the heated sitting-room. It will stand gas and dust, and will go for months without a drop of water, yet remain as thrifty as ever. 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 this plant, together with its distinctive marbling, make it a superb plant for jardinières, center of vases, etc. It will also grow splendidly out of doors in summer. Just the plant for sunless windows or halls, where nothing else will grow. It is new and little known to cultivation, but a plant which all will delight to possess. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

POT SHRUBBERY.

Hard wooded shrubbery plants the showiest class of all from their imposing size and greater profusion of bloom. They have an advantage over other pot plants, also, in that they can be wintered in the cellar without injury, if window room is scarce, as it often is. All the care they need is a little pinching now and then to keep them bushy and compact, an occasional top-dressing of rich compost or rotted manure and water given in abundance to soak the entire ball of their roots through. So treated each plant will be a solid bouquet of bloom, many sorts remaining in bloom the whole year. Grand for conservatory or window, hall or drawing room, or for piazza or yard decoration. We are doing our friends a kindness in urging them to grow plenty of tub plants that will last a life-time and improve in beauty each year.



Abutilon.

Easy to grow, free from disease or insects, always in bloom, and beautiful both in flower and foliage. The Abutilon is always a favorite window plant, blooming both summer and winter. They are also very fine for garden planting, hanging full of their large pendulous bells all summer and fall.

Snowstorm. Will actually produce its pure snow-white blooms while growing in a two-inch pot. Very pure and lovely.

Gigantea Multiflora. A robust grower with extraordinary large orange-yellow flowers.

Grandiflora. Fine deep yellow. Flowers extra large and borne profusely.

New Double. (THOMPSON PLENA.) Handsome maple-pointed leaves, checkered and mottled yellow and green. Flowers like miniature double Hollyhock, orange, flamed deeper. Give good sunshine.

Good Gracious. Odd and pretty. Blossoms in pairs at the axil of the leaves, one of a beautiful orange red while its twin is a deep crimson. Free bloomer, and as may well be supposed an extremely odd and beautiful variety. Unlike any other sort, and very attractive. Originated with us about five years ago. Should be in every collection.

Leopard Eclipse. A graceful procumbent or trailing variety very fine for baskets, or to edge beds of other Abutilons. Beautiful pointed leaves, of a clear light green, thickly spotted with golden yellow. While the flowers are smaller and less bell-shaped than other Abutilons, they are just as bright and even more profusely borne. Our plants are the fine ones, and will grow into beautiful specimens in a short time. 20c. each; any 3 for 50c.; the 7 for \$1.



Azalea Indica.

Elegant pot plants, much used for Easter decorations. Though attaining a good size, commence to bloom when very small. The flowers are large and very beautiful, always much admired, and range from white to deep crimson in color, with all intermediate shades and markings. Easily grown in any window, but must not be planted in limy soil, or watered with hard water. Our plants are fine ones, of blooming size. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



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 a most novel and attractive one. New and little known. Will create a sensation anywhere. 50c. each.



Brugmansia Arborea.

Called also Angel's Trumpets and Wedding Bells. One of the grandest hard-wooded plants we know of, and easy to grow. It grows several feet high, and is quite bushy. The foliage is large and tropical, and its blooms,—how shall we describe what words cannot picture? Imagine a little bush three feet high with twenty or thirty pendulous blooms open at once; great creamy-white blooms, eleven, twelve or thirteen inches long and eight inches wide, of a texture resembling thick, fluted satin. Imagine these creamy trumpets pouring fragrance forth till the air is heavy with sweetness. Imagine all this, then remember the blossoms last for days in perfection, and that new buds are constantly coming on, and you will see why we value it so highly. It can be wintered unwatered, in a cellar or pit. Grand for Easter or Christmas decoration, or for yard decoration in summer. 30c. each; 3 for 75c. Extra large, \$1.00 to \$3.00 each.

Double Flowered. Curious indeed. Very beautiful and fragrant. 50c. each.

Seed.—These grow quickly, and bloom in a year. 25c. per pkt.

Acacia.

Farnesiana. A lovely shrubby plant with fine pinnate fern-like leaves, which are very beautiful, and abundant tassel or ball-like golden-yellow blossoms of the richest, sweetest perfume. Flowers are borne by the thousand, festooning every branch. 20c. each.

Albizzia. Much like the above, but dwarfer, and with pure white blossoms. Leaves and blossoms very large and fascinatingly beautiful. 30c. each.



Acalpha Macraefana.

As yet a rare plant, but one of great beauty. It has large, fine foliage, colored like the leaves of autumn, in mingled brown, red, olive green and brilliant scarlet. Highly ornamental. Give it all the sun and heat possible. As a brilliant foliage plant it has no equal. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



Grevillea Robusta.

AUSTRALIAN SILK TREE.

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. each; 3 for 50c. Seed, 15c. per pkt.



Chinese Hibiscus.

Where can we find a more striking plant than this, with its glossy leaves and huge flaming flowers of satin-like texture? Summer or winter it is always budding and blooming, and if it becomes too large for the window, can be wintered in the cellar. Pots of Hibiscus are extra fine for piazza or balcony display, and for bedding out in summer.

- Cigantea.** A graceful single flowered variety, with wide opened flowers eight and ten inches across, and of the most vivid crimson scarlet. Indescribably rich and striking as a flaming torch, sure to please those who like a bright flower and plenty of it.
- Colteri.** Buff yellow, with scarlet center. Very fine.
- Cooperi.** Crimson flowers, and superb foliage marbled in three colors, white, rose, and green. One of the best of all variegated foliage plants.
- Auriantica.** Very large flowers of a rich orange color. Double and fine. Quite early and profuse.
- Minneatus.** As gorgeous and fine as the best Pæony, and fully as large. Bush blooms when but a foot high. Blossoms a burning crimson, very double, the silky petals beautifully waved and fluted. Extra.
- Sub-Violacea.** The largest flower of all. Violet-crimson.
- Versicolor.** A large flower, striped crimson, rose and white.
- Zebrina.** Large, double flowers, striped yellow and white.

20c. each, 3 for 50c., the 8 for \$1.00.

Hibiscus Chrysantha.

(HIBISCUS ABUTILON.)

This is said to be a cross between an Abutilon and a Hibiscus, certainly it seems to show characteristics of both. It blooms as perpetually as the Abutilon, and with large flowers like the Hibiscus, five and six inches in diameter. Flowers flat and saucer-like, of a clear, bright canary yellow, with black eye or center. Its beauty is so peculiar, that it quickly attracts everyone's attention. We believe it is destined to become one of the most highly prized of all plants. It is certainly a glorious flower. 20c. each.



Eucalyptus Citroides.

This beautiful pot shrub is grown for the remarkable fragrance of its leaves which surpass anything else of the sort. As a pot plant, or shrub, for fragrant foliage, which may be cut freely for bouquets, etc., it is exceedingly valuable. In fact, we believe it will become a necessity when known. The fragrance of its leaves is powerful and delicious. See cut on page 52. Plants, 25c. each. Seed, 20c. per pkt.



The Strawberry Guava

A beautiful pot plant, with shining evergreen foliage that resembles Camellia leaves, and handsome fruits nearly the size of a walnut, and of a fine strawberry-like flavor. The fruit makes the finest and most nutritious jelly that there is, and blooms and fruits continuously the year around, it must be considered as useful as ornamental. A very heavy bearer, and the fruit is very handsome. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Grape Myrtle.

Very popular where known, but scarce. Plants produce an abundance of curious flowers which look as though they were cut out of crape or silk, fluted, ruffled and crinkled. A very desirable plant on account of its rarity and beauty. Pink. Fine clear color. **Crimson.** New and fine. 20c. each; the two for 30c.



Ponciana.

A plant producing flowers of the most dazzling brilliancy and with beautiful finely pinnated acacia-like leaves. Completely covered all summer with flowers of blazing colors. Blooms when very small and make fine pot plants.

- Pulcherrima.** Intense orange scarlet blossoms with long curving stamens. A curious flower of great beauty and brilliancy.
- Flava.** Like the above, but fine yellow in color, 20c. each; the two for 30c.



Otaheite Orange.

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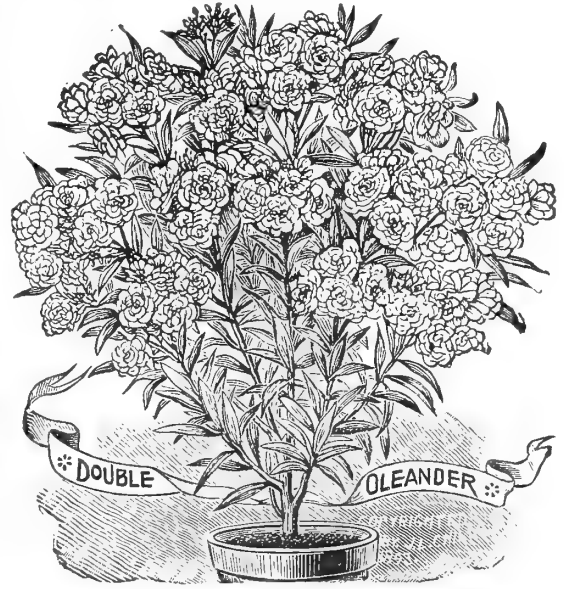
An extra fine pot plant, with glossy evergreen leaves, the true fragrant Orange blooms and abundant little bright oranges that will hang on the little bush like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two-inch pot; and we have seen a plant in a common window, that was but 15 inches high, and had 23 oranges on it. With 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, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



Olea fragrans.—(Fragrant Olive.)

What is it? you may ask. Well, in the first place, it is the sweetest flower that blooms; and, in the second place, it

belongs to the Olive family, and is a perpetual bloomer, never without flowers, either summer or winter, though the plant may not be a foot in height. The flowers are small, creamy white, and borne in dense clusters. Each individual blossom, though no larger than the head of a shawl-pin, has more sweetness than the largest and most fragrant Lily. Its fragrance is also delicate and charming, really the finest of all flowers, and you cannot pass a plant without noticing it. It succeeds well in any window, and is a plant which all should possess. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



Oleander.

What home is complete without its tub of Oleander? A very tractable plant that can be grown in almost any soil or situation, kept growing all the year, or rested in the cellar. Its dark, green, willow-like foliage is in itself neat and pleasing, but when in bloom it is beautiful beyond expression, with its many large, delicate, satin-like flowers at the extremity of every branch.

- Double Pink.** Superb, large, double blossoms of fine rosy pink color and satiny texture.
- Double White.** Magnificent large snow-white blossoms.
- Double Crimson.** Fine, deep crimson red. Extra.
- Yellow.** Semi-double, large and very beautiful.

Price, 35c. each; the four for \$1.00.

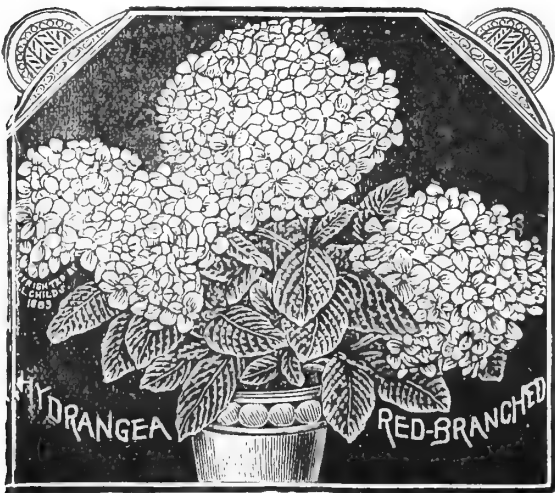


Jasmine.

The idol of the poets, who style it "The sweetest flower that blows." Graceful, pretty foliage, waxy flowers, and powerful fragrance. Easily grown, and a gem wherever it may be.

- Grandiflorum.** In a warm room, bloom all fall, winter and spring steadily. Very beautiful and fragrant. White, star-like flowers. 15c. each.
- Grand Duke.** Beautiful glossy foliage, and large, double, creamy-white flowers. Very fine. 25c. each.
- Cardenia Florida.** (Cape Jasmine.) Large, double flowers, pure white, wax-like and fragrant. Extra fine. 25c. each.
- Night Scented.** One of the sweetest of all perfumes. Graceful, star-like blossoms of delicious fragrance. 15c. each.

One plant each of the 4 sorts for 60 cents.



Pittisporum Variegatum.

A lovely evergreen plant with fine glossy green leaves which are beautifully and distinctly variegated with white. The flowers are produced in winter, creamy white, in delicate clusters and of the most charming fragrance. An entirely new plant of great merit. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.



Plumbago.

Ought to be in every home in the land. Easy to grow, and if pinched a little occasionally is always in bloom, with lovely clusters of soft phlox-like flowers. Exceedingly delicate and handsome.

- Larpetae.** Hardy. A most beautiful shade of rich blue, Extra.
- Capensis Blue.** Scarcely another flower has its color; a clear, soft, baby-blue, or palest azure. A superb pot plant, and grand for cutting.
- Capensis Alba.** Like the above, but white.

20c. each; the three for 50c.

Hydrangea.

Superb and easily managed tub plants, blooming when very small, and growing larger and finer each year. Their immense close panicles of bloom are wonderfully showy, and they last in perfection for months. Largely grown for Easter and early summer decoration, and are perhaps the most beautiful plants there are for piazzas, or to place either side of a flight of steps.

- Ramnius Picta.** Grand pinkish blue flowers in enormous panicles. A splendid sort, and as yet very scarce.
- Rosea.** Beautiful rose colored bloom, that later turn to blue. A profuse bloomer, bearing very large panicles.
- Thos. Hogg.** Much like above, but pure white.
- Red Branched.** This new variety with heads of bloom as large as a water pail, is of unusual value, commencing to bear its enormous trusses of deep rose-pink bloom while yet very small, and increasing constantly in size and profusion of bloom. The stems and branches are dark purplish red, which with the fresh green leaves, set off the clouds of rosy blossoms admirably. This Hydrangea retains its splendor for months at a time, and we know of no more appropriate plant to grow on piazzas or steps.

20c. each; the 4 for 75c.

Double Pomegranates.

Handsome plant, with attractive foliage and large double blossoms as large as Camellia. The blossoms are very wax-like, and the colors remarkably clear and vivid. When in bloom, which is all summer, it is one of the most attractive of all flowering plants, its great double rosette blossoms showing to great advantage.

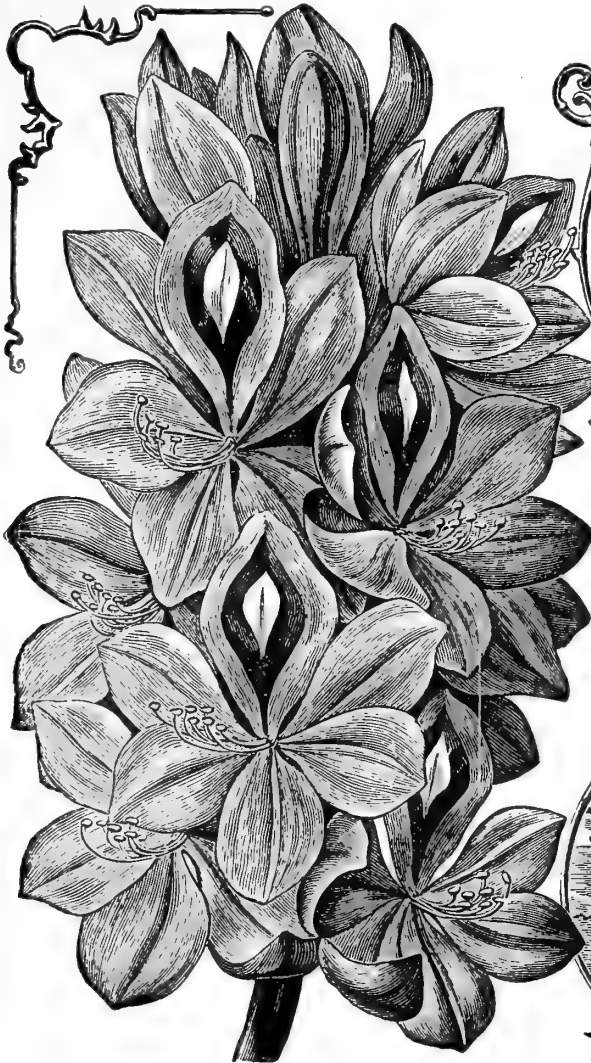


- Double White.** Very clear, pure color.
- Double Scarlet.** Very bright.
- Double Variegated.** Finely mottled and striped, red and white.

25c. each; the three for 60c.

RARE WATER PLANTS.

If you have never done so before, do not fail to have a tub or two of water plants this summer. It will be a source of enjoyment to yourself and your friends all the season. All the following sorts are easily grown in tubs, tanks, pools or still streams. Most people must, for lack of other facilities, grow them in tubs sunk to the earth's surface on the lawn or in the garden. In this way they are a perfect success. Fill the tubs two-thirds full of rich soil, then fill with water to the top, which should be replenished as it evaporates. Such plants as the Water Hyacinth, Water Poppy, and Parrots Feather, may, of course, be grown in small pans in the window or on a veranda with the other plants.



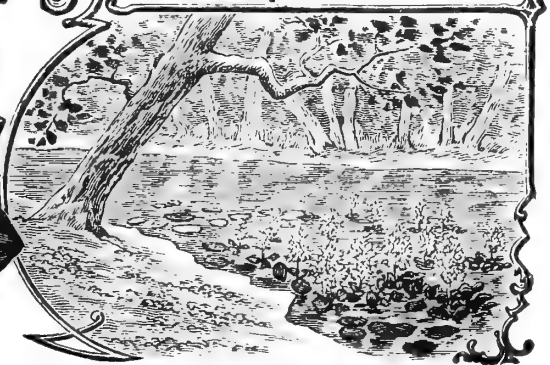
Water Hyacinth.

PONTEDERIA CRASSIPES.

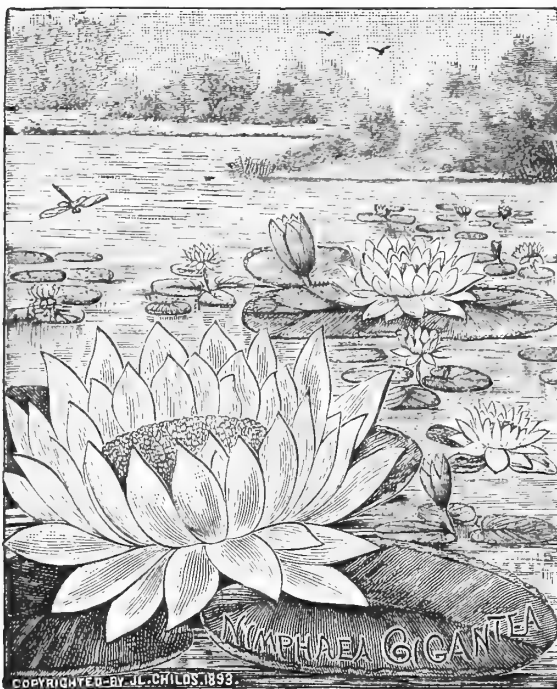
The translucent delicacy of the Water Hyacinth's tints, and its sparkling, frost-like crystallization and texture, can not be caught by the artist's brush or pictured to the reader's imagination by cold type. In every sense it is a peculiar and beautiful plant. Each plant is a rosette-like cluster of smooth round green leaves, to each of which is attached a singular, puffed, bladder-like petiole or leaf-stalk that enables the plant to float like a boat, until the mass of feathery, indigo-blue roots—themselves a notable feature in this plant—and mooring to their notion and send anchoring roots into



THE WATER HYACINTH



the soil below. When the long full spikes of superlatively beautiful flowers appear, no praise can be too high for them. Each flower in the spike is the size of a silver dollar, a blending of lilac-rose and azure-blue tints, with the upper and slightly hooded petal blotched a deep metallic blue, with golden spot in the center, and sparkling in the sun as though sprinkled with diamond dust. The soil in the tubs should be one-third rotted manure. After once started the plants enjoy the hottest sun. If growth becomes too matted, thin out or they will not bloom well. Grows well in small vessels in the window, or in tubs or pools out of doors. Blooms best in full sun, no matter how hot it may be. It is an odd, curious, and wonderfully beautiful plant, and all lovers of rare flowers should have it. Fine plants for blooming soon, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.



Nymphaea.

The finest of all the Water Lily tribe. We offer many beautiful colors.

Odorata Gigantea. We do not offer the Common Pond Lily *Nymphaea Odorata*, as this new form has all of its exquisite beauty and fragrance, together with double its size and more deeply cupped flowers. The lovely center of quivering golden stamens, so much admired in the old Pond Lily, is more than twice as large in this variety, giving it a very distinct and charming appearance. So anxious are we to have all our customers try this, that we have put our prices as low as any dealer offers the far inferior common Pond Lily. As this new Giant Pond Lily is perfectly hardy, every one owning a pond or stream should plant plenty of them. Fine also for water tubs or tanks, its waxen, white flowers six to eight inches across, being indescribably pure and lovely. It blooms from early till late, much more freely than the common sort. Fine plants, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 5 for \$1.00; 12 for \$2.00.

Minor. A perfect little gem of a Pond Lily. Leaves and blossoms are not half the size of the common Pond Lily. Elegant for small tubs; blooms all the time. A little beauty. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

Zanzibarensis Azurea. Great blue African Water Lily. See cut and description on page 59. Fine plants, 75c. each.

Zanzibarensis Rosea. Like the above, except purpled rose in color. 75c. each.

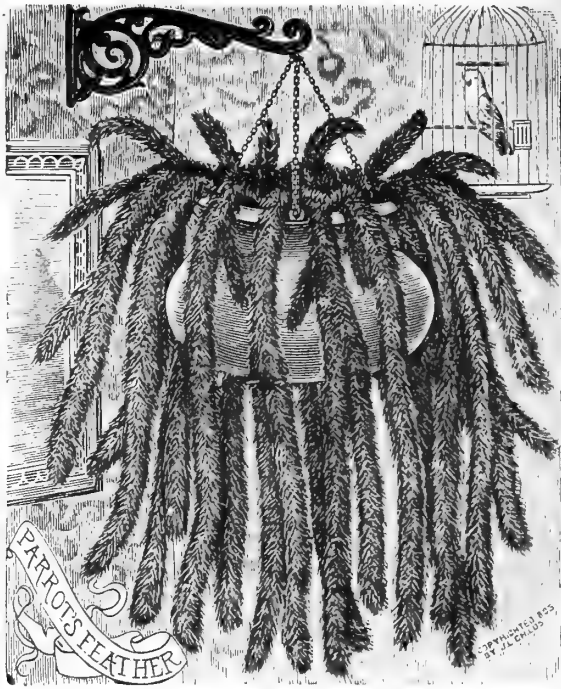
Mariacea Chromatella. In our opinion this is the most lovely of all Water Lilies. It will commence blooming in May and show flowers every day until October. It will thrive in a pond, stream, pool, or even a water pail and bloom well. Perfectly hardy. Flowers large and double, and of the most lovely chrome yellow shade ever seen; it has a delicacy and beauty unequalled by any other sort. Leaves large and very handsome, deep emerald green. Fine plants for blooming at once. \$1.00 each.

Mexicana (GOLDEN WATER LILY.) A lovely golden yellow Pond Lily, much like *Odorata* except in color. The leaves also show a brown variegation over the ground work of green. Very fragrant and profuse, blooming all summer. Said to be the best of the *Nymphaeas* for tub culture. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Dentata. The glorious night blooming Star Lily. See cut and description on page 59. Fine plants, 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00.

Water Poppy.

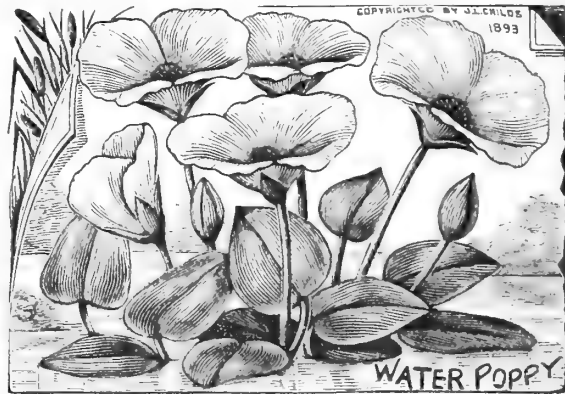
A thrifty plant, with pretty, cheerful blossoms of a bright lemon color, large size, and produced freely all summer. Can be grown in tub, bucket or pond with the greatest of ease. It is exceedingly showy, owing to its size, pretty color and great masses of bloom. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Parrot's Feather.

MYRIOPHYLLUM PROSERPINACOIDES.

A lovely mossy water plant, with long trailing stems covered with plummy, feathery foliage, of the freshest, loveliest green imaginable. Fine for aquariums, where few plants do well, and make the water much more healthful for the fish, who never look so beautiful as when floating lazily through some plant's green meshes. Grows nicely also in water tubs or ornamental pools, and is much admired when grown in hanging pots or baskets of soil. It grows as well in soil as in water if it is kept well watered. It is one of the most charming trailing and drooping plants, and furnishes an abundance of the most lovely foliage for bouquets. It grows so rapidly that it can be cut with the greatest freedom. A really valuable new plant. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.



Nelumbium—(Egyptian Lotus.)

For full description and illustration of this King of Water Plants, see page 59. The finest roots of *Nelumbium* are too large to be sent by mail, and we advise our customers to order them sent by express if possible. Ready to send out about the last of April.

Speciosum. Beautiful large pink; large roots. \$2.00 each.

Luteum. Fine yellow, large roots; \$1.00 each.

Album. Large pure white, the grandest of all; fine roots \$4.00 each.

One root each of the three, for \$6.00.

NURSERY DEPARTMENT.



Lovely Flowering Shrubs.

All the best old and new sorts, including the superb TREE HOLLYHOCK and lovely SWEET PEA shrub.



Hardy Evergreen Shrubs.

RHODODENDRONS, AZALEAS, RETINOSPORA, PRIVETS, ETC.



Rapid Growing, Flowering Trees.

The most beautiful rapid growing and desirable sorts. New DOUBLE FLOWERING and RED LEAVED PEACHES. Very ornamental.



Hardy Vines and Climbers.

CLEMATIS, HONEYSUCKLES, WISTERIAS, ETC. Also the elegant BUSH CLEMATIS, DAVIDIANA.

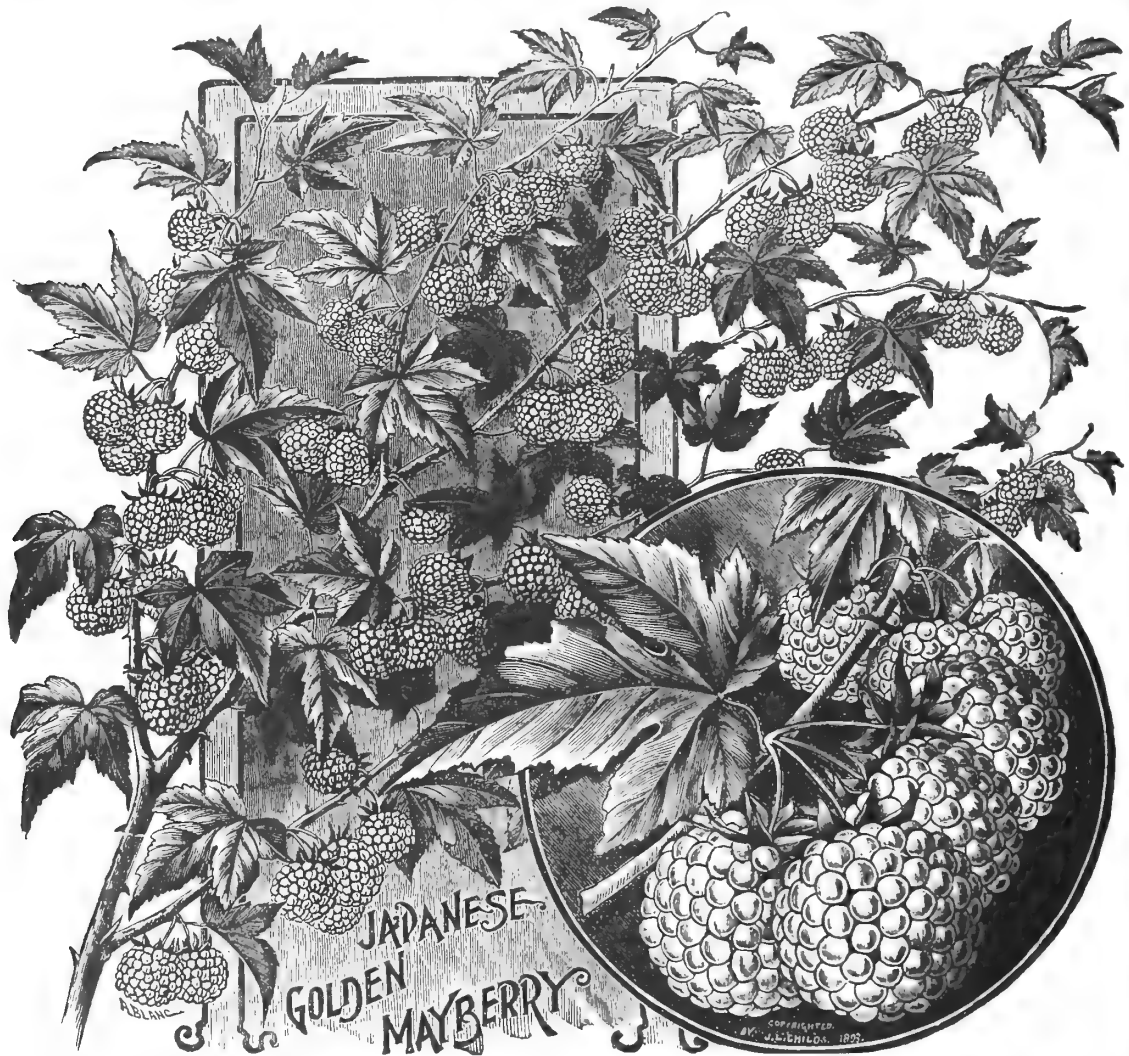


CHOICE AND RARE FRUITS.

A wonderful collection of valuable sorts. CHILDS' GREAT JAPANESE WINEBERRY and MAYBERRY, NEW SHUCKLESS STRAWBERRY, EARLIEST GRAPE, SUPERB CURRANTS, PLUMS, CHERRIES, PEACHES, PEARS, ETC. The wonderful TWO-FACED APPLE, half sweet and half sour, TREE BLACKBERRY, LUSCIOUS JUNE BERRY, DEWBERRIES, ETC. ALSO A DELICIOUS NEW PLUM, OFFERED FOR THE FIRST TIME, "JUICY."

NOVELTIES IN NURSERY STOCK.

We offer under this head only a few articles—those which are of special importance—for the reason that our entire list of Fruits is largely varieties of recent introduction, and also to a considerable extent our Shrubs, Vines and Trees are recent Novelties of special merit. The Golden Mayberry, Shuckless Strawberry, Two-faced Apple, Early Ohio Grape, etc., which we now offer for the first time, are novelties of more than ordinary merit—they are wonderful.



Childs' Golden Japanese Mayberry.

It is now conceded that the Wineberry is the most valuable berry ever introduced, and the most remarkable of the many fine fruits which have come from Japan. It is now eclipsed, however, by this Golden Japanese Mayberry, which is here offered for the first time. This is the most remarkable of all fruit novelties ever introduced, and, like the Wineberry, belongs to the Rasperry 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, and increase in size, vigor and bearing qualities for four or five years after planting before they reach the zenith of their luxuriance and productiveness. We purchased this berry when there was only about a dozen plants of it, and it cost a small fortune. The stock is yet limited; but we have concluded to offer it this year, but necessarily at a price which may seem high, yet when compared to its real value it is extremely cheap. Those who purchase now and propagate it for sales, a year or two hence, will reap a rich harvest.

Price of strong, two-year-old plants, from the open ground, \$5.00 each; 6 for \$25.00. Green plants, ready for shipping in May, \$2.50 each; 3 for \$6.00; 7 for \$12.00.

DOUBLE LILAC.



Double Lilacs.

Among important novelties in Horticulture these new double flowering Lilacs must rank among the very best. Their great beauty is creating a genuine sensation all over Europe.

Madame Lemoine. This fine new double-flowering Lilac is of the purest snow-white color. The flowers which are double and perfect are borne in enormous panicles, much larger than other Lilacs. A grand novelty. Perfectly hardy and robust and a free bloomer. Fine bushes, \$1.50 each.

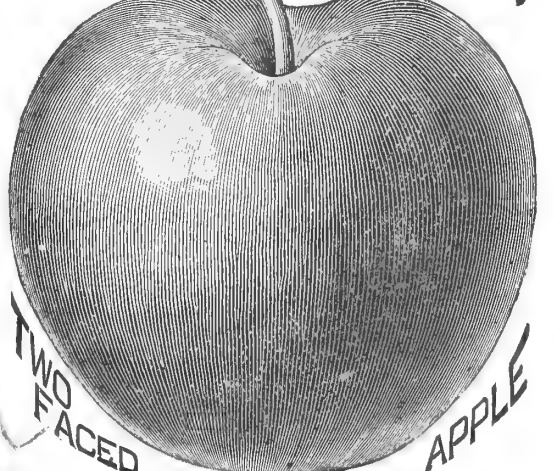
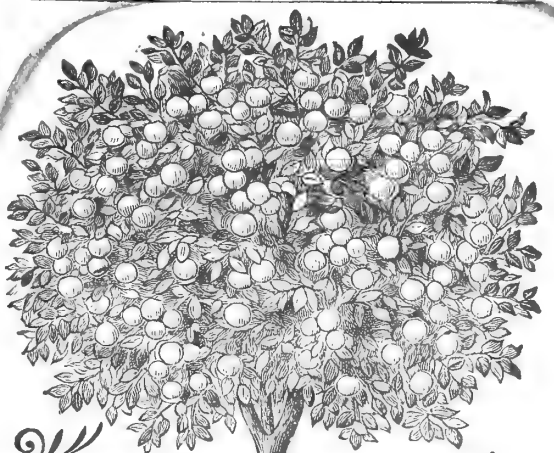
Le Canlois. Large double flowers of a fine crimson color. Elegant to contrast with the white. \$1.00 each.

Lemoinei Flore Pleno. Beautiful light lilac. Panicles large and borne freely. Flower double and perfect. \$1.00 each.

One each of the three sorts for \$2.75.



PAW-PAW
OR
CUSTARD APPLE



TWO FACED APPLE

The Two Faced Apple.

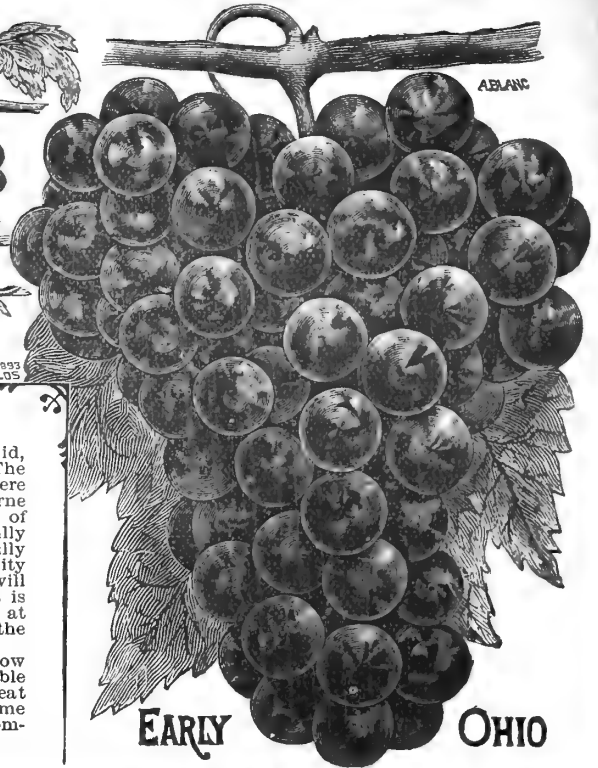
We never brought out a more unique novelty than this. It originated in Cayuga County, N. Y., and the original tree has been known for many years, but this is the first time it has ever been propagated and put upon the market. The tree bears an apple which is in size and shape similar to the Tallman Sweet; 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, and we advise our customers to plant one or two trees, if only for the purpose of raising some grafts. 75c. each.

Paw Paw, or Custard Apple.

A small low-growing tree, with large, luxuriant foliage, and of fine tropical appearance. Hardy as far north as New York, but can be grown in New England or Canada if well protected, or it may be grown in a tub or large pot and wintered in the cellar. It fruits when small, bearing a profusion of yellowish, banana-like fruit, four inches long, which, when ripe, is most delicious. Every one who loves rare and odd fruits will be delighted with this. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.



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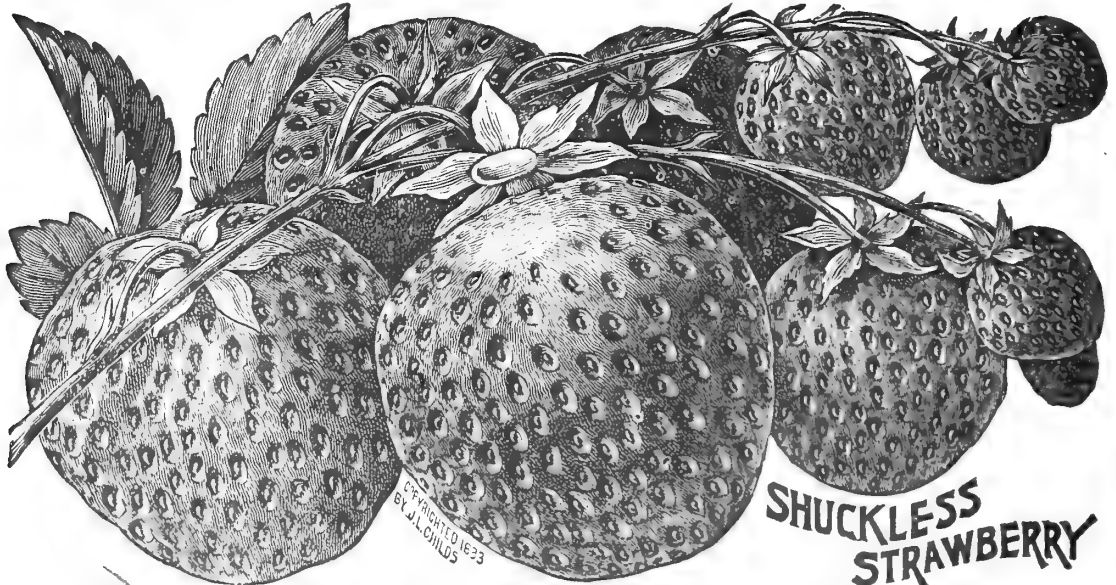
OHIO

Grape, 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 that 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 where heretofore it has been impossible to ripen them on account of frost. It will prove a great acquisition in good grape-growing localities, as its extreme earliness makes it desirable and valuable both to the commercial and amateur grower.

Price of fine, healthy vines, \$1 each; \$10.00 per dozen.



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SHUCKLESS STRAWBERRY

The Shuckless Strawberry.

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 stem. 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. Every one who loves and cultivates Strawberries must, of course, have this variety, if only a few plants to grow a stock from. Therefore, we have endeavored to offer it at a low price. Price, 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 12 for \$1.25; 25 for \$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 or 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 they are really part of our home-life; certainly lovingly companions, greeting us when we return, and bringing to our every day 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.



Hardy Azaleas.

Among the rarest and choicest of all garden flowers. Great flaming masses of bloom are produced by these new Hardy Azaleas, making a show, the glory of which one cannot describe. Suffice it to say that the blossoms are often larger than the hot-house Azaleas, and more brilliant and fiery in color.

Calendulaeae. (THE GREAT FLAME-COLORED AZALEA.)

A fine tall shrub, perfectly hardy, bearing great clusters of magnificent golden yellow flowers blazed with crimson. Rarely beautiful, and when in bloom is one solid mass of flowers. 20c. each.

Nudiflora. A grand shrub that in early spring is covered with great masses of lovely pink, Weigelia-like blooms. Reaches a height of eight to ten feet, but blooms when but a foot high. Succeeds anywhere except in limestone soils. 20c. each.

Arborea. A grand shrub, growing four to ten feet high. Flowers deliciously fragrant, rose tinted white, set off by scarlet stamens. Foliage dark and glossy. 20c. each.

Mollis. The large flamy Azaleas of Europe. Blossoms of great size, borne in large clusters and of the most brilliant colors, scarlet, red, orange, yellow, pink, &c., often flamed and variegated in a lovely manner. Mixed colors, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Andromeda Mariana.

One of the prettiest of all shrubs, and from its sma'l size suitable for small yards where large shrubs would be out of place. It covers itself with lovely white flowers, that from their drooping racemes of bells, have given this shrub the poetical name of Lily-of-the-Valley shrub. Very easy to grow. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

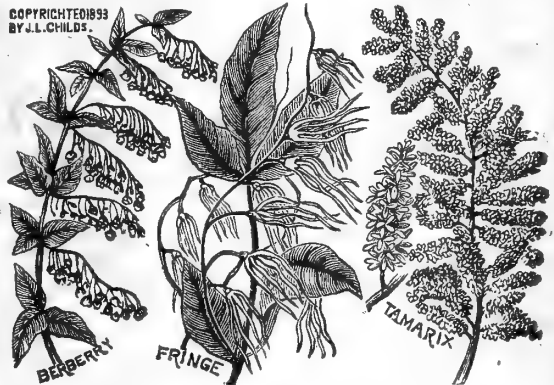
Berberry.

Elegant shrubs, with fine flowers and berries and highly ornamental foliage.

Purple Leaved. Beautiful foliage of blackish purple, remaining constant in hue all season. Elegant to contrast with Golden Spirea, or variegated Weigelia. Grows compact and symmetrical, and has pretty, fragrant, yellow flowers in spring, and ornamental berries in autumn and winter. A splendid foliage shrub. 15c. each; 3 for 50c.

Thunbergia. A compact shrub with beautiful foliage, and strings of crimson berries that quite cover the bush and that hang on all winter. Fine for Christmas decorations. This shrub is elegant in foliage, elegant in bloom, and elegant in ornamental fruit—a rare combination. No collection complete without it. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

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Fringe.—(Smoke Tree.)

Purple. A round-headed large shrub or small tree, with pretty foliage and curious misty clusters of feathery bloom that seem to wrap the whole bush in a purple cloud or smoke. The curling sprays mix well with flowers in bouquets. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

White. Slow-growing but beautifully-shaped shrub, covered with a profusion of white fringe-like blossoms. Extra fine and very rare. 20c. each.

Flowering Currants.

Beautiful early blooming shrubs; prized for the delicate beauty and fragrance of its lovely flowers.

Red. Long racemes of large red flowers. 15c. each.

Yellow. Lovely golden yellow. Exceedingly fragrant. 15c. each.

Callicorpa Purpurea.

One of the most rare and eagerly sought of all shrubs, on account of its highly ornamental berries, which are borne profusely in clusters and are of a fine, blue color, contrasting elegantly with the red berries of the Berberis and Rosa Rugosa, Bush Honeysuckle, &c. The branches are robed with its clusters of bloom and berries from top to bottom. 25c. each.



Althea, or Tree Hollyhock.

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 mid-summer 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.

Rubra. Fine double red, large and brilliant.

Meehanii. Enormous double white flowers having a fine red center. Magnificent.

Double White. Great snowy blossoms of exquisite loveliness.

Gigantea. Large double white, with full red center. Extra fine.

Price of above, 30c. each; the four for \$1.00.

Double Mixed. Extra fine; all colors and variegations. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.



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. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Exochordia Grandiflora.

A recent introduction from Japan, and a shrub of great value and beauty. It is of rather dwarf, compact growth, with fine foliage, and in May it robes itself in a cloud of large snow-white blossoms, so dense as to make it at once the most conspicuous and beautiful shrub in bloom at that time. For cutting, the sprays and branches of bloom are unsurpassed. A new, rare and elegant shrub. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Clethra Alnifolia.

Also known as "Sweet Pepper Bush." One of our best. A small shrub with pale-green foliage and dense spikes of feathery flowers from July to October. So fragrant that they perfume the air all around them. A great honey plant, and very valuable for cutting. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Cydonia Japonica.

A lovely flowering Quince from Japan. Grows five feet high, blooming profusely from the time it is a foot high. Flowers very large, deep-blood crimson, and borne in great abundance. 15c. each.

Deutzia.

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

Crenata, fl., pl. Four feet high. In June is covered with double white blossoms, like tiny roses, in lovely panicles. Exceedingly pretty. 15c. each.

Rosea, fl., pl. Exactly like above, but of a lovely rose color. Very fine. 25c. each.

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. 15c. each.

The three for 45c.

Jasmines.

Lovely early blooming shrubs of wonderful fragrance and beauty.

Nudiflorum. The first of all shrubs to bloom, the fragrant yellow flowers wreathing the naked branches the first warm days in spring. It often blooms in February or March while there is yet snow upon the ground. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Officinale. A low trailing or weeping shrub, which produces all summer long large quantities of star-like waxy white blossoms, of the most powerful and delicious Jasmine fragrance. Unsurpassed for cutting, button-hole bouquets, &c. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

Carolina. (GELSEMIUM OR YELLOW JASMINE OF THE SOUTH.) A climbing shrub of rare beauty, but not hardy as far north as New York without protection. Its blossoms are large, trumpet shaped, golden yellow and delicately fragrant. Nothing surpasses it. 15c. each.

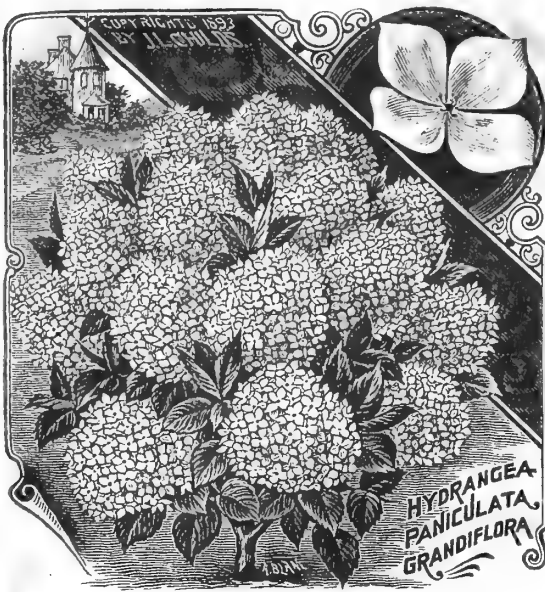
Hamamelis Virginica.

The only shrub which blooms in very late fall or winter. Yellow-ribboned flowers appear after the leaves have fallen in late fall or early winter when there is not another flower to be found outside. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Flowering Almond.

Lovely low growing shrubs which in early spring are from base to tips of its branches wreathed in a profusion of double rose-like pink and white blossoms, of the most delicate beauty. No shrub can surpass it during its season of bloom. Old and always popular, though exceedingly scarce now. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.



Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora.

Generally considered the most valuable and ornamental shrub in existence. Bushy and robust, every branch tipped in mid-summer 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 toward 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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Elder, Golden Leaved.

Grown for its lovely golden-yellow leaves and large clusters of white flowers. Always much admired for its brightness and beauty. Grand to group with the Purple-leaved Berberry, or shrubs with light-colored foliage. The leaves hold their rich yellow color all season, and lights up a lawn wonderfully. Very conspicuous and highly ornamental. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Forsythia or Golden Bell.

Very early in the spring, while yet leafless, the Golden Bell hangs out its rows upon rows of drooping, bright golden bells. The leaves that come later are of a dark, almost myrtle green, turning early in fall to a rich bronzy purple, and remaining long on the bush in that condition. The bush grows rapidly, and forms a weeping fountain four to six feet high. One of our best shrubs. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Odd Roses.

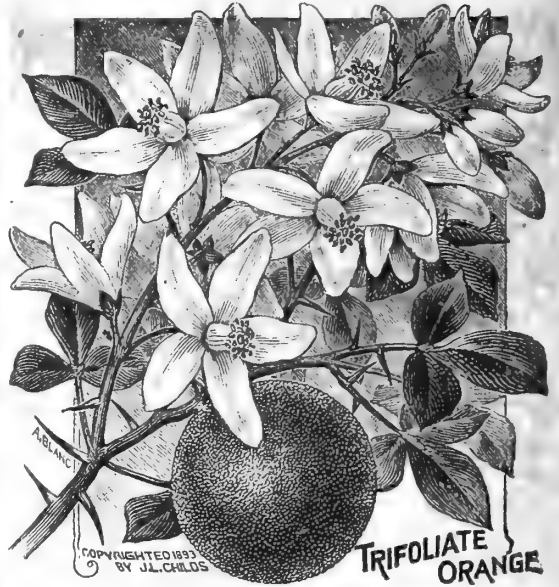
The few Roses offered here are odd, rare, and very fine for special purposes. All are shrubby and perfectly hardy.

Persian Yellow. Golden yellow, free bloomer, and fine bushy grower. A very rare sort, and the brightest yellow of all Roses. 50c. each.

Madame Plantier. The old White Rose which produces such a great profusion of large double snow white fragrant blossoms in June. A most lovely shrub. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Sweet Briar. A lovely single Rose with large saucer-shaped bluish-colored blossoms of remarkable aesthetic beauty. Its leaves are very highly and deliciously scented. A favorite everywhere. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

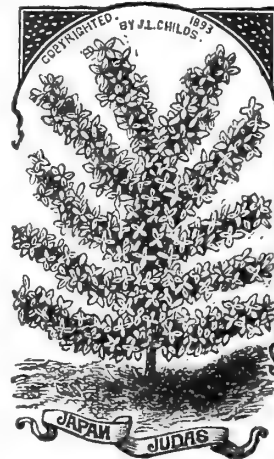
Wichuriana. (TRAILING ROSE). A new and very distinct Rose, of very rapid and perfectly prostrate or trailing habit of growth. The foliage is of a deep glossy green color and very dense. The flowers produced in clusters in great profusion, from the beginning of July right through the summer. Pure white, about two inches across, the anthers are a perfect golden yellow. It is also intensely fragrant. The great features of this Rose is its hardiness and strong growth for planting on mounds, ledges, embankment, or for covering masses of rock it certainly has no equal, and its rapid and strong growth, glossy foliage, and beautiful white flowers, soon produce a lovely effect. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



The Trifoliate Orange.

CITRUS 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 a low symmetrical growth, with beautiful trifoliate, 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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Japan Judas.

This shrub blooms very early in spring, before its leaves start, the flowers appearing in tufts up and down the branches. They are fine pink in color, and shaped exactly like a Sweet Pea, and appear in such quantities as to completely cover the branches, making them ropes of solid bloom. It is one of the rarest and very finest shrubs in cultivation. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Lilac White.

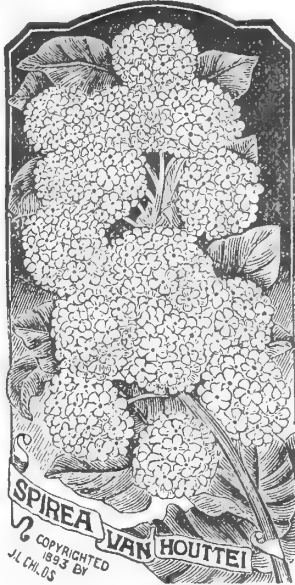
Blooms while but a bush, but grows into a handsome small tree, covered each spring with clouds of dainty white sprays of Lilac. Extra fine for cutting, and much used for weddings and funerals. Fine to contrast with the purple variety. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.





Rosa Rugosa.

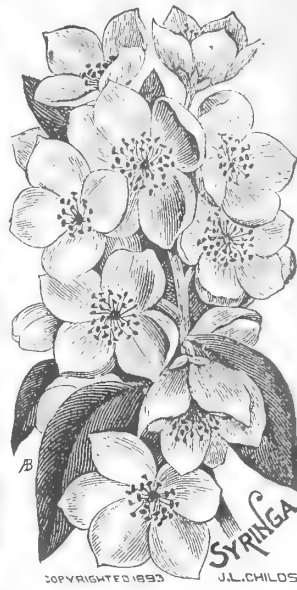
This fine Rose is very distinct in foliage, flower, and fruit. It has beautiful, deep-green, wrinkled leaves, which last well into the winter before falling, and large wide-open single flowers, each with a cushion of golden stamens in the center, contrasting beautifully with the brilliant crimson petals. These graceful Roses are exceedingly fine for cutting, and are borne nearly all season. They are followed by bright scarlet fruits of extraordinary size, and these pretty hips remain on the bush all fall and winter, making it a most attractive object the year round. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.



Spirea, New Japanese.

These new Spireas 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 full beauty of a bouquet. Very easy to grow, and entirely hardy.

- Bumalda.** So dwarf and compact it can be grown where larger shrubs would be out of place. A cloud of lovely rose-pink flowers for months. Very fine. 20c. each.
 - Fortunei Rosea.** A medium sized shrub, and a great bloomer. Panicles of delicate pink flowers of wonderful beauty. 20c. each.
 - Fortunei Alba.** Like the above but pure white. 20c. each.
 - Spirea Van Houttei.** 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. 15c. each.
 - Thunbergii.** 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. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.
 - Aurea.** A grand shrub to group with the Purple-leaved Berberry. Leaves larger than other Spireas; tri-lobed, and shading from a light golden-green to a rich orange yellow; flowers white. Truly superb. 20c. each.
- One each of these six Spireas for 80c.



Syringa.—(Philadelphus.)

- Mock Orange.** This much resembles the Orange in bloom, but the flowers are larger, and more deeply fragrant. When in bloom, their delicious orange odor is wafted by the breeze a long way. Fine for cutting, as the lovely sprays of bloom work up elegantly in bouquets, baskets, vases, etc. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.
- Double Pink.** A grand and beautiful novelty. 30c. each.
- Golden Leaved.** This shrub is clothed with the most exquisite golden foliage, the tips of the branches penciled and shaded deeper, while the pretty flowers are like the Mock Orange. It is as rich in color as most ornamental foliage plants. 25c. each.

Bush Honeysuckle.

The climbing Honeysuckles are well known and common. Not so, however, with this lovely bush variety, which grows in the form of a shrub. There are two colors—red and white; both are exceedingly handsome and fragrant. It is a rare and exceedingly fine shrub. 20c. each; 2 for 30c.

Rubus Odoratus.

A charming shrub, with masses of large luxuriant foliage which is fresh and green from one end of the season to the other. Mingled with the foliage is a constant display of large saucer-shaped red blossoms and masses of moss-covered buds. The effect is charming. The luxuriance of growth and freedom of bloom all summer make this a most attractive shrub from May to October. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.



Snowball.

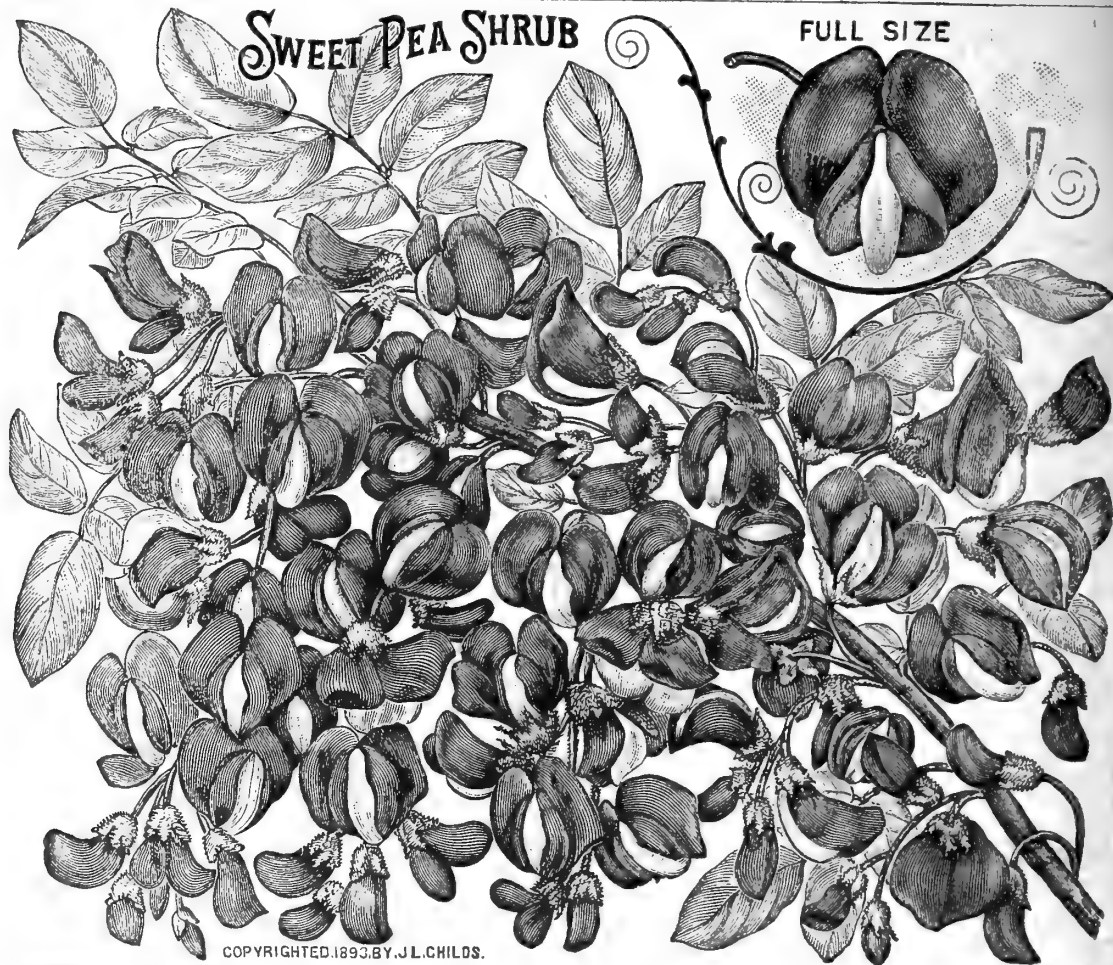


New Double White. The grand old Snowball will never go out of fashion. One of the most ornamental of all shrubs when heaped with its mimic snow. This new variety is a marked improvement on the old Snowball, both in foliage and flower. Its immense balls or rosette-like blooms are grand. 30c. each.

Common. This is the old fashioned variety seen in many old gardens. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Tamarix, African.

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 lovely pink. 15c. each.



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Sweet Pea Shrub.

(ROBINIA HISPIDA.)

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 back-ground. 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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



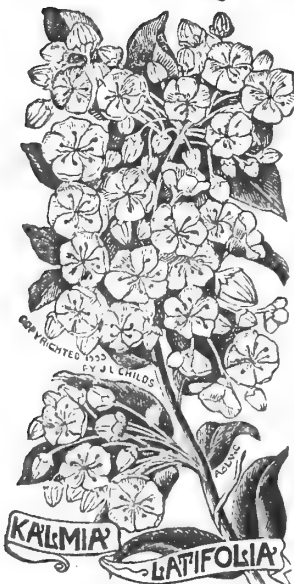
Weigelia.

Give this shrub good care and it surpasses most things on our list for beauty. 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. A sheet of bloom in June, but gives a few straggling clusters all season. Give a top dressing of manure late each fall.

Rosea. Fine large bell-shaped pink blossoms. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

Candida. Pure snow white. A glorious bloomer. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Variegata. There is no more desirable shrub than this. Leaves are finely variegated, white and green, and the flowers are borne in immense masses, bending the branches to the ground. Color, blush-pink. Superb. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

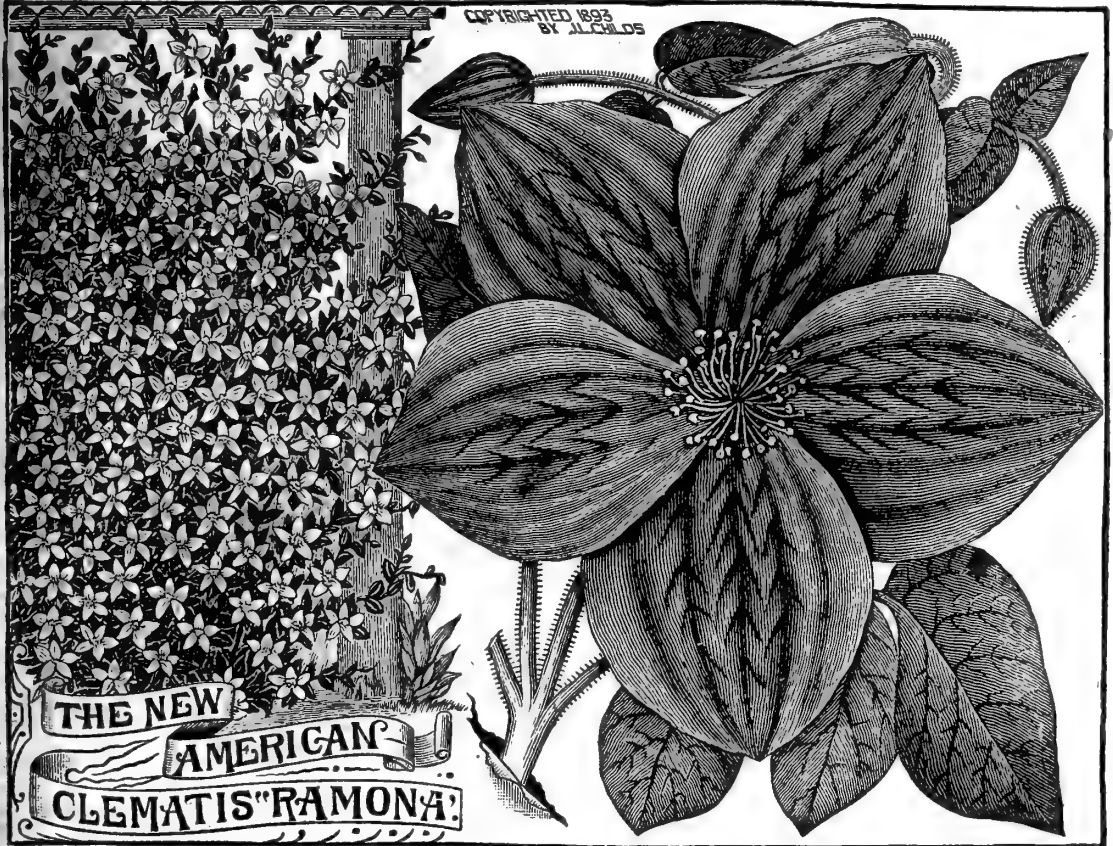


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SPECIAL OFFER.—For only one dollar we will send by mail, post paid, 10 of the finest shrubs in our collection (our selection of kinds). We advise our friends to improve this opportunity to get a good collection at little cost.

HARDY FLOWERING CLIMBERS.

Nothing else among our planting gives us the picturesque effect of fine climbers that embower our buildings, festoon our windows and verandas, and drape every unsightly object with a mantle of living green. There is one caution to be observed, choose your vines to suit their location. Do not plant the long-armed Wisteria as a pillar vine, or the small-growing Clematis to cover a second-story veranda.



THE NEW
AMERICAN
CLEMATIS "RAMONA"

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. We have many fine varieties, and will be pleased to make a selection for our customers, if they wish it. All of these are perfectly hardy. Give a good top-dressing of manure every year, as they are rank feeders. The following are the seven finest varieties.

Ramona. A strong, rampant grower, fully three times as strong as Jackmanni, often growing 10 feet the first season. It is a perpetual bloomer, flowers appearing both in the old and 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. each.

Cern. A new and valuable perpetual-blooming variety. The flowers are of a deep lavender blue, large and fine, and an enormous bloomer from June to October. 50c. each.

Henry. This is the finest of all white Clematis, and should find a place in every collection. It is not only a vigorous grower, it is a remarkably free and continuous bloomer, beginning with the earliest and holding on with the latest. Flowers large, of a beautiful creamy white, consisting generally of from six to eight spreading sepals. 60c. each.

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 successional bloomer, producing flowers until frozen up. The flowers are large, of an intense violet purple, remarkable for its velvety richness. 60c.

Star of India. Very showy and free-flowering sort, with large flowers, first a reddish plum color, changing to a violet purple with red bars. A distinct variety of great merit which blooms from July to October. 60c. each.

Duchess of Edinburg. A grand, large double white variety of great beauty. Flowers of fine shape, deep, perfect and exquisitely lovely. 60c. each.

Countess Lovelace. A fine companion to the above, being a large double lilac-blue. These two doubled sorts are superb. 60c. each.

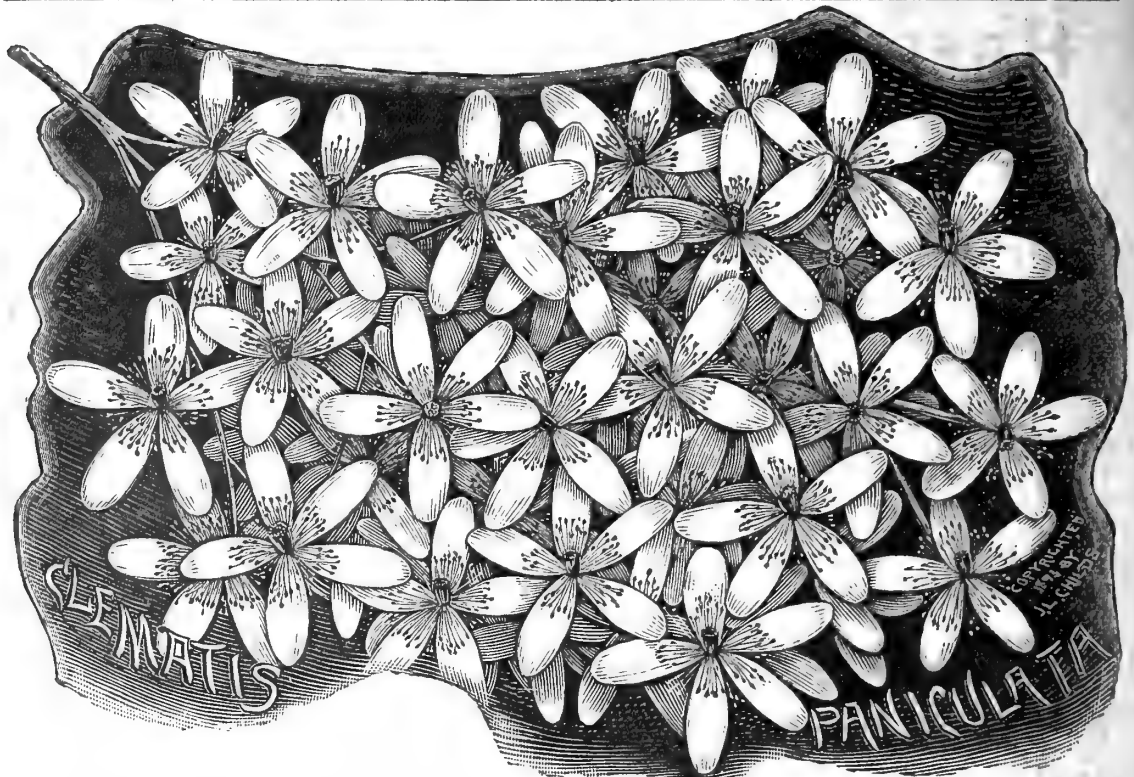
SPECIAL OFFER. One fine vine each of above seven best Clematis for only \$3.00.

Bell-Flowered Clematis.

Beautiful vine of rare grace and loveliness. Very popular wherever they have been seen. The vines grow ten feet in a season, and are profusely covered with their elegant blossoms all the time. They die down to the ground every winter, starting afresh in the spring.

Coccinea. A graceful festooning vine of elegant appearance. Bears a profusion of shining coral-scarlet buds and flowers all summer. Blossoms small and bell-shaped, but very bright and beautiful. Fine for decorating. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Crispa. (BLUE BELLS.) Something like Coccinea, but more broadly bell-shaped, and the color a fine blue tipped with white. Very neat foliage. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Clematis 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, with the exception of Clematis Jackmani, 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. This Clematis is perfectly hardy, grows rapidly, and blooms while still very small. Our price is low, as we wish to induce each of our thousands of customers to try one or more of them. Fine vines, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Clematis Davidiana.

(Bush Clematis.)

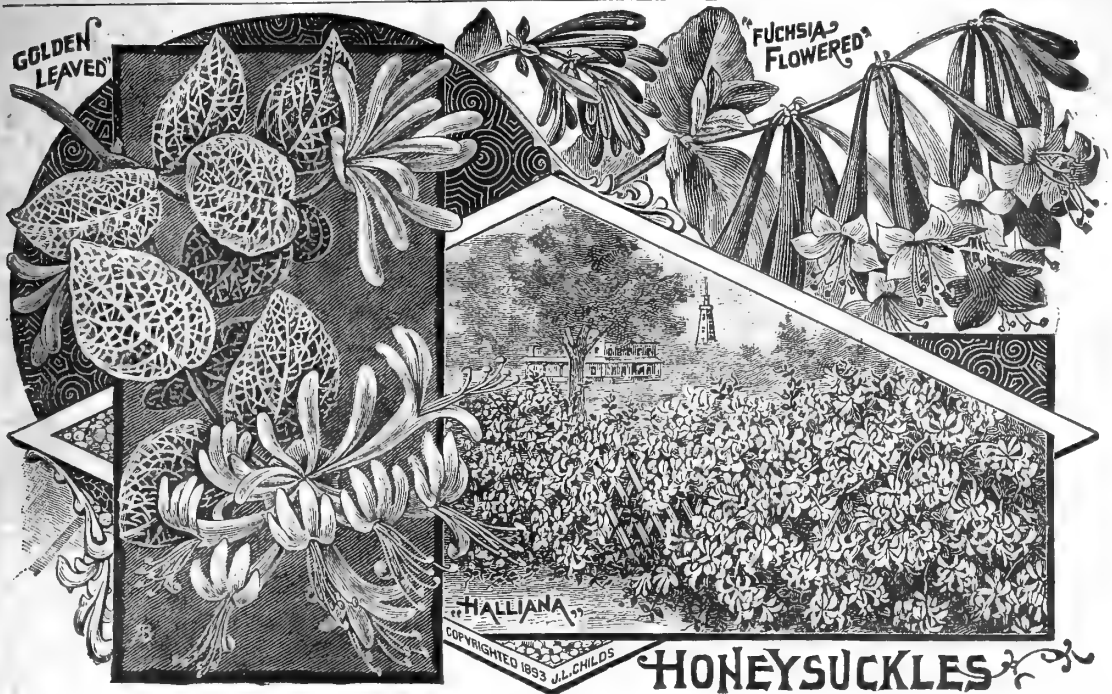
This is a lovely species of Clematis, growing in bush form three or four feet high, and yielding through the summer great panicles of lovely blue flowers, which are exceedingly handsome and very fragrant. The foliage is large and luxuriant, and the plant is, all in all, one of exceptional beauty. It is perfectly hardy in any locality, and blooms profusely when only a foot high. This lovely Bush Clematis will be a rare attraction in any garden or border, and we have such a very large stock of strong healthy plants that we can offer it at the extremely low price of 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

4 Fine Clematis for 75 Cents.

We will send the following four fine, new and odd Clematis for only 75c.: Davidiana, Paniculata, Coccinea and Crispa.

Clematis Paniculata is the very finest of all new vines. For fall blooming it is without a rival among climbers.





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 stand-by. Flowers exceedingly beautiful and very fragrant. Rapid grower and free bloomer.

Fuchsia Flowered. A fine weeping Honeysuckle, always in bloom. Large clusters of long, trumpet-shaped flowers, that droop like a Fuchsia, and are of a brilliant coral red. Very fine. A strong grower. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Golden Leaved. Give this full sun and it is 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 thing we know of. A strong grower, with white blossoms. A unique vine, unlike anything else. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

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 to late fall. A fine vine for a large trellis, or to train at the end of a veranda, or over tall screens. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

Japanese Purple. A new sort, with dark purplish leaves that are retained nearly all winter. Beautiful large sweet flowers, white and yellow. Very fine. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.30.

Trumpet Creeper.

(BIGNONIA RADICANS.)

A tall-growing climber, with exceedingly beautiful pin-nate foliage, dark green and glossy, and large clusters of trumpet-shaped flowers in mid-summer. Each flower is three inches long, and is of a flaming orange-red. A fine wall vine, suitable for tall growth, and fine for filling old trees. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Gelastus Scandens.

A fine hardy, robust vine, with beautiful foliage and clusters of pretty flowers produced in June. The blossoms are followed by large, bright scarlet berries which remain upon the vine all winter, and are very conspicuous and beautiful. Valuable mainly for its winter ornament. 15c. each.

Akebia Quinata.

A rapid growing vine with very handsome foliage. It blooms in May, the blossoms appearing in clusters, very odd and pretty, being a dull black color, followed by great ornamental, gourd-like fruit, which ripen in autumn. 20c.

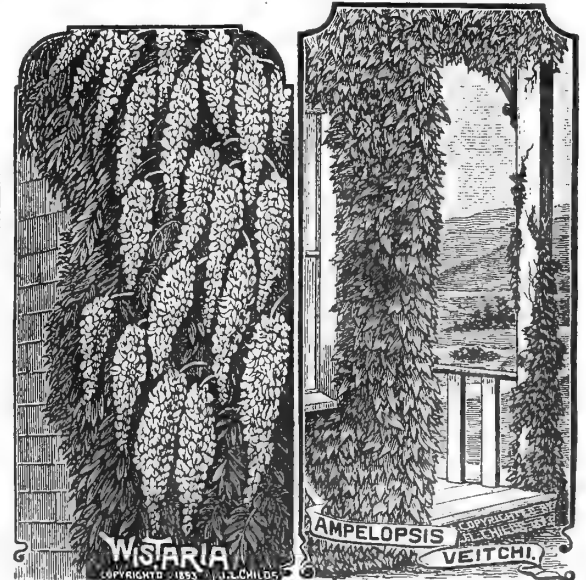
HONEYSUCKLES

Wisteria.

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 in early spring, often before the leaves start. A truly royal vine. 20c. each.



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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

SHRUBS WITH EVERGREEN FOLIAGE.

After a good deal of experimenting we are able to present a very desirable list of Evergreen Foliage Shrubs. Not only are they beautiful in summer, but during fall, winter and spring, when other vegetation is lifeless they are fresh and green, and beautiful as in summer. For this reason they are indispensable. Every garden or lawn should have a few at least. In addition to their winter attraction many of these shrubs, like Rhododendrons, Kalmias, etc., are the finest and choicest flowering shrubs known.



Buxus.—(Box.)

This is the beautiful little evergreen shrub which is used in famous gardens for bordering beds, walks, etc. Planted closely, and kept trimmed to eight or twelve inches in height, it forms a solid little wall of living green, the finest of all edgings. It will grow several feet in height, if allowed, and may be trimmed into various fantastic forms and made to resemble statuary, settees, gate posts, animals, etc. As specimens on the lawn it is very fine, the density of its dark-green foliage making it a conspicuous object, both summer and winter. 15c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 80c.; 50 for \$2.50; 100 for \$4.00.



Ritenosporas.

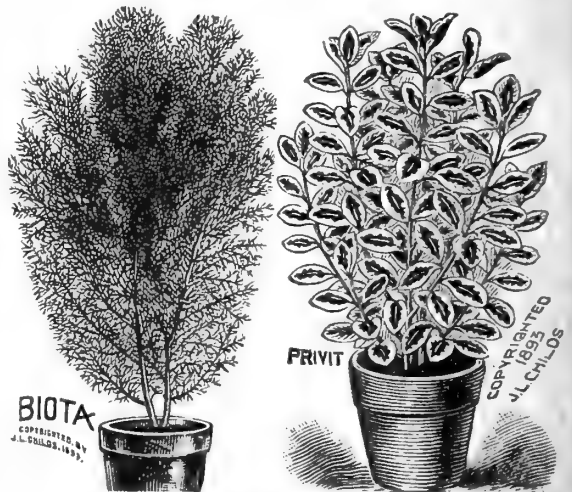
These are rare Japanese Evergreens, of dwarf compact growth, forming the most beautiful little foliage shrubs ever seen. They are very rare and as yet little known or cultivated but so exceedingly beautiful that when once seen they are always wanted. Not only are they elegant for the open ground, but as pot plants for window, veranda, or conservatory decoration they are extra fine. Unlike anything else.

Plumosa. More beautiful than palm or fern, with masses of plume-like, feathery foliage, deep green outside, silvery underneath. A perfect gem either for pots or the open ground. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Plumosa Aurea. Like the above, except the foliage is tipped and tinged with golden yellow. Lovely beyond description, and as rare as it is beautiful. 25c. each. 3 for 60c.

Biota Orientalis Aurea.

Like the Ritenosporas, this is a rare little evergreen from Japan, so beautiful that it is useless to attempt a description. Each plant is a tuft of the most elegant golden tinged, cedar-like foliage, of delicate texture and beauty. A gem as a pot plant, and a jewel as a garden shrub. Very rare and until now exceedingly costly. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Privits.

Valuable evergreen shrubs, desirable for ornamental clumps or hedges.

Golden. A rare new sort of great beauty, as its foliage is mostly golden yellow. A very valuable shrub, as it is the only golden evergreen of any account. It makes a magnificent specimen bush, its bright golden color making it very conspicuous, both summer and winter. It lights up a lawn wonderfully. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

California. A vigorous, hardy shrub, of dense growth and pyramidal habit. It blooms finely in June, and its deep glossy green foliage is highly ornamental the year round. A splendid hedge plant, or for background, the foliage being so abundant as to produce a wall of living green. It is a rapid grower and thrives in any situation, no matter how poor the soil may be. Nothing so fine as this for hedges, and we offer it very low that it may be planted freely for this purpose. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00; 30 for \$2.00; 100 for \$5.00.



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Mahonia Aquifolia.

This is noted for the beauty of its evergreen foliage, having large, shining spiny leaves, resembling the famous English Holly. Its flowers appear in May, and are light-yellow in color. In fall and winter the leaves change from green to bright and varied tints, like the handsomest autumn foliage—brown, olive, scarlet, pink, blood-red, etc. These beautiful colors are carried all winter, making the shrub one of peculiar beauty. Perfectly hardy and an attractive object in any situation. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Magnolia.

The Magnolia is the queen of all large growing shrubs or small trees. Nothing surpasses it in luxuriance of foliage, magnificence of bloom, or delicacy of fragrance

Grandiflora. The glorious queen of the southern forest. Hardy as far north as New York. Grows to an immense size, with magnificent wax-like, shining green leaves, and enormous creamy blossoms a foot across. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Glauca. (SWEET BAY.) A fine hardy Magnolia of stately growth and elegant foliage. Its blossoms are creamy white, set in a tuft of beautiful leaves, and with a fragrance the lushness of which it is impossible to describe. All should grow this queenly shrub. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



Euonymus Japonica.

Delightful shrubs with highly ornamental foliage, suitable either for the open ground or for pots. Used in either way they are highly desirable, and few ornamental foliage shrubs can compare with them. Do not omit them by any means.

Variegata. Dark shining green foliage of a thick leathery texture. Each leaf has a distinct white margin, which is always constant in its coloring.

Aurea. Each leaf is dark, waxy green, with broad markings of golden yellow. Also often ribbed and veined with gold. Each branch is densely clothed with this charming foliage, and it is, all in all, a shrub of rare beauty.

Price. 20c. each; the two for 30c.



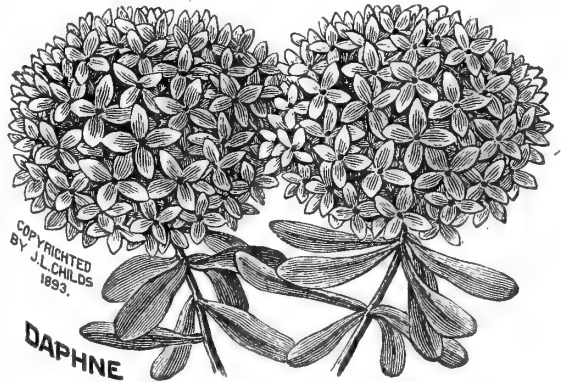
Rhododendrons.

The King of Shrubs, noted the world over, and always the most important shrub in every noted park or pleasure ground. Perfectly hardy.

Maximum. The noblest of all American shrubs. Of imposing size, broad, thick, shining foliage of great beauty all the year, crowned in early summer with large nosegay-like clusters of superbly beautiful pink and white flowers. Perfectly hardy, and succeeds everywhere but in limestone regions. There ought to be hundreds of thousands of this grand shrub planted, for there is nothing finer. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Catawbiensis. This is the great purple variety which is planted the world over for the grand effect of its flowers and foliage. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Ponticam Hybrids. Fine seedlings, mixed, 20c. each 3 for 50c.
Named Sorts. Fine European named varieties of various colors; grafted. We can supply, by express only, large plants with buds for blooming at once, at \$1.50 each; 3 or more at \$1.00 each.



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Daphne Genkwa.

A small low-growing shrub, almost of a creeping habit, 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. A lovely little gem of a shrub. 25c. each.

Kalmia Latifolia.

Known as Mountain Laurel. One of the loveliest of our many fine native shrubs. It is a perfectly hardy evergreen, with handsome glossy foliage, and great numbers of delicate pink and white flowers of unusual beauty. This shrub has a peculiar loveliness which nothing else of the kind can approach. See cut on page 162. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

RAPID GROWING ORNAMENTAL AND FLOWERING TREES.

Trees are indispensable for ornament and shade. From their lofty size and massive outlines they are at once the most conspicuous and picturesque of all our planting. Why then should we plant dull-foliaged, ill-shaped trees of no merit, merely because they are close at hand, when Uncle Sam's mail-bag will bring to our door thrifty, well-rooted trees of the choicest sorts that once planted will rapidly grow into large size and light up our lawn with magnificent bloom and luxuriant foliage? The following are the most rapid growing and finest blooming trees known.

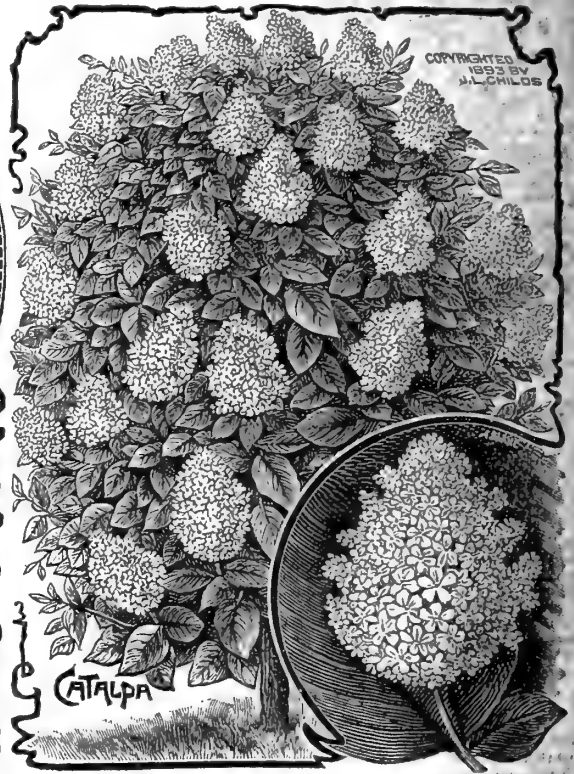


Paulownia Imperialis.

This is from Japan, and is the handsomest foliage and flowering tree in cultivation, producing heart-shaped leaves two feet across, and making a specimen for the lawn or yard which nothing of the sort can equal. Its flowers appear in early spring before the leaves start, and are borne in great panicles of thirty to forty large, purplish-blue, Gloxinia-like blooms. These great panicles of bloom appear on every branch, robbing the tree completely, and it presents the appearance of being in itself one huge bouquet. After the flowers, large round seed pods appear, the size and shape of walnuts, which remain on the tree until it blooms again the next year. Not hardy north of New York, but is every where a grand thing to grow as a foliage shrub, which is done by cutting it to the ground each spring. Giant shoots are at once sent up from the strong roots below, which bear enormous leaves, eighteen inches to two feet across. Nothing could well be more striking. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00. Seed 20c. per packet.

Catalpa, Japanese Hybrid.

As an ornamental tree, this is of great value, being one of the most rapid growers of all hardy trees, and one of the most beautiful. From the smallest sprouts it will grow in four or five years to a large size. The foliage is dense, large, and luxuriant, deep glowing green. It is a most profuse bloomer, being literally loaded with flowers, and remaining in bloom several weeks. The flowers are white, with small purple dots and a touch of yellow around the throat. They are borne in enormous panicles two feet in length, and each bloom is the shape, and nearly the size of a Gloxinia, with beautifully marked throat. They have a very pleasant and delicate fragrance, and a tree in bloom not only presents a magnificent spectacle to the eye, but also fills the air for quite a distance with its agreeable odor. Massive in all its proportions, it looks like a production of the tropical zone, with immense



leaves and followed by immense panicles of flowers; it may be truly called a regal tree. I think it is the fastest growing tree I know, and it blooms when very small. Trees from seed grow to a blooming size in two years. It makes a beautiful object on a lawn, and should be in every one's door-yard. Fine young trees, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 30 for \$2.00; 100 for \$5.00. Seed, 10c. per packet.

Mountain Ash.

A very ornamental small tree, with symmetrical, rounded top, long, picturesque, gracefully pinnate leaves, and showy panicles of bloom, followed by intensely bright clusters of scarlet berries, that last a long time in perfection. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Poplar, Golden-Leaved.

A quick-growing, golden leaved tree, of much beauty. The leaves are attached to their twigs by long leaf stalks that ever gives them a tremulous motion that brings their glints of golden light in ever advancing and receding waves to the eye. A splendid companion to the Purple Beech, or other high colored foliage trees. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.





Russian Mulberry.

FINE FOR FRUIT AND ORNAMENT.

It is the fashion in some quarters to decry the Russian Mulberry, but we only speak what we know when we say it is one of the most valuable trees the fruit grower can raise. In the first place it is decidedly ornamental, and in the next place it bears for at least ten weeks each season a never-ending succession of sweet, black fruits, much resembling a blackberry, but a trifle smaller. We know no other tree that bears such enormous loads of fruit as does this. A tree ten feet high will have bushels of berries on it. The fruit is very sweet and juicy, fine for eating out of hand, or by the addition of a little acid, fine for pies, or as sauce. But its chief value is as a vineyard and orchard protector. No danger of grapes, late cherries, or other fruits being molested while there are plenty of Russian Mulberries near, for all birds and fowl prize its honeyed sweetness far above more acid fruits. Be sure and plant plenty of these trees for your poultry and bird friends. Price of thrifty young trees, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 30 for \$2.00; 100 for \$5.00, either by mail or express. Larger ones can be sent by express than by mail.

Seed. We can supply seed of the Russian Mulberry at 15c. per paper. From seed, trees grow several feet the first year, and fruit in three or four years. They make a fine grove.

Rhus Glabra Laciniata.

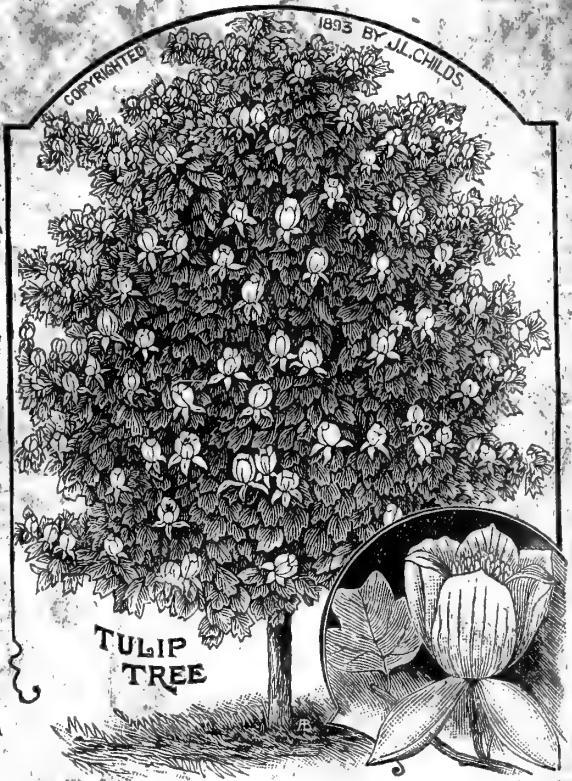
THE "FERN LEAF TREE."

A low shrubby tree with the most beautiful lacinated foliage imaginable, resembling long, finely cut fern fronds. The stems are dark ebony-red, while the leaves are of a rich, dark green, which in autumn turn to a flaming red. Its spikes of dusky red berries resemble a beaded ornament, and are very striking. A tree that must prove a favorite with all who admire beautiful foliage. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



Balm of Gilead.

A fine rapid growing tree, with luxuriant glossy foliage, which when growing in spring emits a delicious and refreshing fragrance which permeates the air for a long distance, and is a great delight to all. It is also valuable medicinally, its swelling buds being picked and put in alcohol and used as a healing wash for bruises, burns, humors, &c. Fine trees 50c. each; 3 for 80c.; 12 for \$1.00.



TULIP TREE

Tulip Tree.

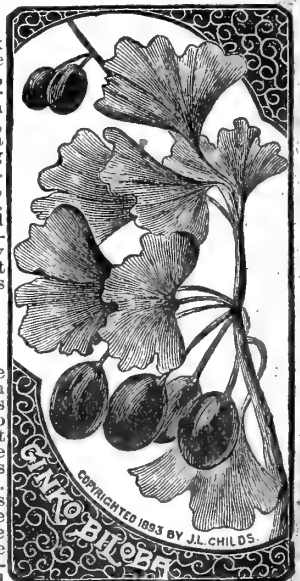
A large and rapid growing tree, exceptionally fine for lawn or avenue planting. Symmetrical top, luxuriantly clothed with large, shining, light-green leaves, curiously truncated, or square cut across the end of the leaves. Smooth ash grey bark. In May and June the tree is covered with handsome large Tulip-like flowers of a pretty yellowish white. A perfectly grand tree. 25c. each; 3 for 50c.

Purple Beech.

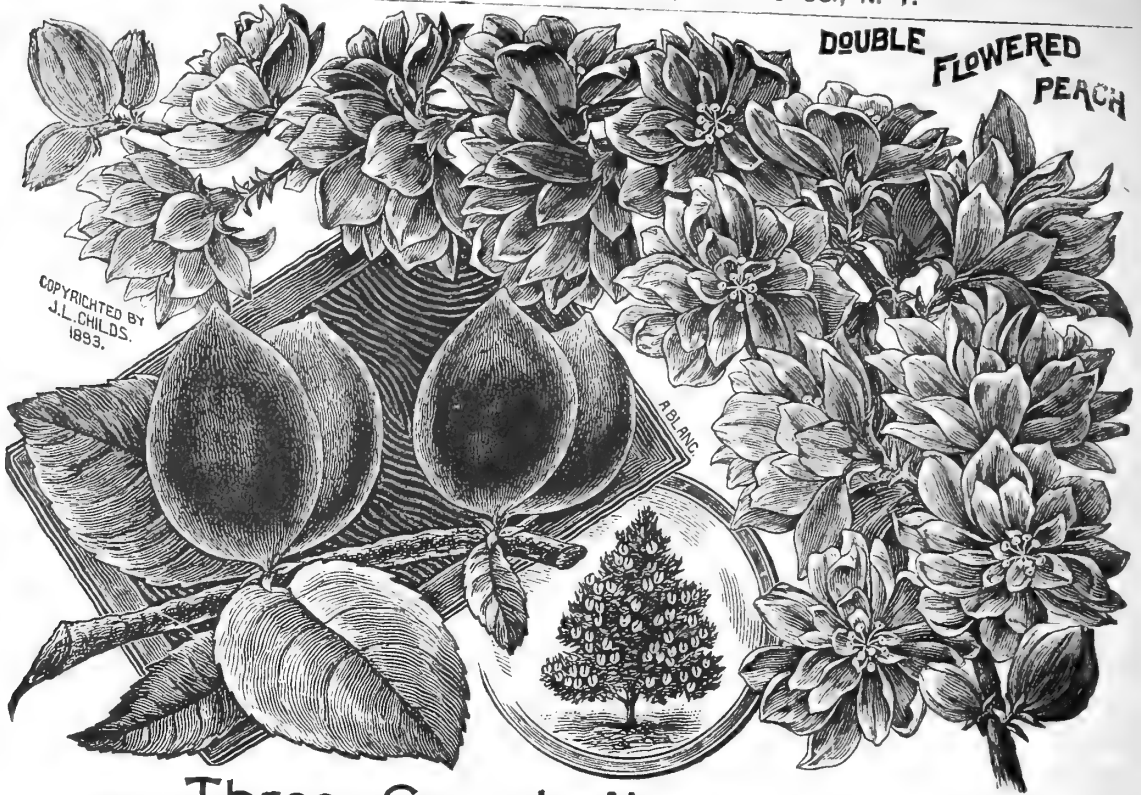
The finest of dark foliaged trees. This has the well known stately habit, noble beauty, and fine foliage of the ordinary beech supplemented by a distinct, rich coloring of its own, a dark purplish-black shading sometimes to almost black. A unique object in any yard, attracting much attention. We especially recommend our mailing size of the Purple Beech, as it is a very difficult tree to transplant successfully after it attains much size. 25c. each.

Ginkgo Biloba.

Known, also, as the "Maiden-hair Tree," from the resemblance of its glabrous green foliage to the beautiful Fern of that name. This is a cone bearing tree with deciduous instead of evergreen foliage. Foliage in tufts or clusters along the stem, in shape unlike any other tree foliage whatever, the color quite peculiar also. A very valuable ornamental tree, and one that increases in beauty each year. 20c. each.



DOUBLE FLOWERED PEACH



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Three Grand New Trees.

The following three trees are particularly fine for ornament, to say nothing of their fruiting qualities. The Double Peach is one of the most magnificent of all flowering trees, while the Red-Leaf Peach and Prunus Pissardi are grand for foliage effect.

Double-Flowering Peach.

This tree has been in our trial grounds for several years and we can most truly say that it is one of the most glorious flowering trees we have ever seen. It begins to bloom when but two or three feet high and when full grown seldom exceeds ten feet. It has the general appearance of an ordinary peach tree. It blooms early in the spring, putting out thousands of large, bright, rosy-crimson blossoms as large as an ordinary Tea Rose and much more double and perfect. These lovely blossoms are borne so profusely that every branch is a long, weeping spiral of these delicate silken flowers, so bright as to dazzle one's eye and so strikingly radiant that it catches everyone's attention at a great distance, standing out a solid pyramid of brilliancy. The blossoms are followed by fruit of fair quality which ripens in September. Each fruit is a twin peach—two peaches grown together at the base, a most curious freak. The tree is hardy and robust, growing well in any soil or situation, and is probably the most beautiful small tree when in bloom known to cultivation. Fine trees which will bloom next year, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.



Red-Leaved Peach.

Here is a real novelty, though we do not attempt to illustrate it, as a wood-cut cannot show its regal beauty. A colored plate of it will however, appear in THE MAYFLOWER in January or February. The tree is not of large size, but a rank, luxuriant grower and its beauty and oddity can well be imagined when we say that its leaves are in color a rich, dark red instead of green. It is, therefore, an object of wonderful beauty from spring until fall, lighting up the lawn with its bright colors and contrasting with the green or purple foliage of other trees wonderfully. Its fruit is of fair size and quality; perfectly hardy. A wonderfully unique and beautiful tree. This is a fine companion to the above Double-Flowering Peach, and together they make a pair of small ornamental trees, or large shrubs. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.



Prunus Pissardi.

This tree was introduced some years ago and we have had it on our grounds for eight or ten years and can pronounce it at once the most desirable and satisfactory purple-leaved tree in cultivation. It is of beautiful pyramidal growth, about the size of a peach, and its leaves are from spring until fall a dark, rich purple-black color, surpassing even the lovely purple Beech. It is also exceedingly attractive when in bloom early in spring. The flowers appear before the foliage and are snow-white in color and most profusely borne. The fruit is of medium size, plum-shaped, rich purple in color and of fine quality. One of the most satisfactory lawn trees it is possible to have. Price, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER. For 75c. we will send one fine, healthy tree each of these three most beautiful new lawn trees.

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 evergreen. In early summer its enormous flowers are produced, creamy-white, fully a foot across, and wonderfully fragrant. The tree is as 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. Fine young trees, 25c. each; 8 for 60c.

MAGNOLIA

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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. Junoberries, 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. To accommodate our customers who wish a few fruits we have carefully prepared a limited list of varieties which is likely to suit any person in any part of the country, and which can be sent by mail, postpaid, at prices named. If any one can receive them by express, however, larger ones can be sent that way at the same price. 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, Cherries, Plums, etc.; Strawberries, Raspberries, Dewberries, Grapes, etc., are of course as well sent by mail as 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.



Raspberries.

A profitable small fruit that succeeds in any situation and when once planted yields year after year quantities of toothsome berries which everyone is fond of. Every garden should have a variety of them, they are so easily grown, prolific, and desirable as food. The following varieties are the best, and include four beautiful and different colors—red, yellow, black and purple, which make a charming contrast when dished up together. All these varieties are perfectly hardy in every climate.

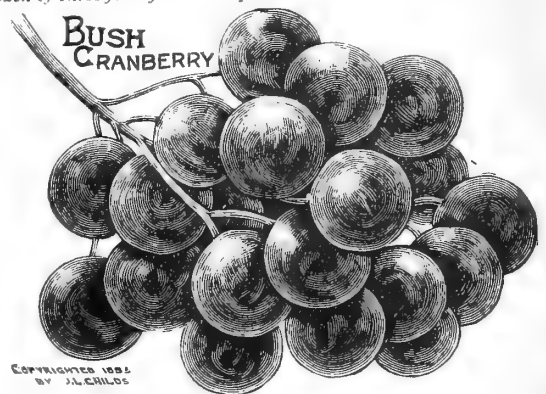
Cuthbert. A very large red variety of superb quality. It is always of large size and an enormous yielder and grows freely in any situation. It will adapt itself to any wild or out-of-the-way place and make a splendid wild berry, if one has not the time to give it garden culture. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$2.50.

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, juicy and delicate to the taste. No garden should be without it on account of its beautiful color and high flavor. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$2.50.

Earhart. After several years of cultivating and experimenting we have made up our mind that there is no better black cap than this. The fruit is of large size and produced in enormous quantities, fine jet-black color and superior in flavor to most black varieties. We find it to be an ever-bearer in the truest sense of the word, as when it once begins to fruit in July it yields abundantly until killed by frost in late fall. In September and October, especially, it bears very freely from the new canes. It is so prolific that the ends of the branches are really immense panicles of fruit. It is a berry which we can highly recommend. Price, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$4.00.

Muskingum. This is an improvement on the old Schaeffer's Colossal and a berry of great merit. It is a cap variety, though purplish red in color, while its juice is a rich sparkling ruby. It is valuable, mainly, 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. It has more flesh to the quantity of seed than any other Raspberry we know. Perfectly hardy and a strong, robust grower. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER. For \$1.50 we will send six plants each of these four finest Raspberries.



Bush Cranberry.

This is both a useful and highly ornamental shrub, bearing, as it does, great quantities of juicy acid fruit of the brightest scarlet color. The berries hang to the bush until well into the winter, and are very effective. They are used as one would use the common cranberry, and make fine sauce, tarts, pies, etc. The bush attains the size of a lilac, or larger, and has luxuriant foliage. The berries are borne in large clusters. It is a fruit of iron-clad hardness, and succeeds in any location. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



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:

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 except Childs. 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, 75c. per dozen; \$3.00 per 100; \$20.00 per 1,000.

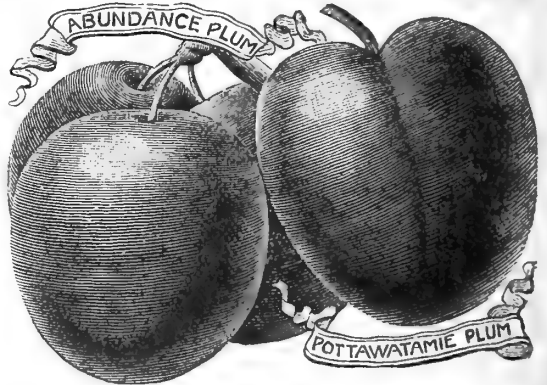
Childs'. Introduced by us two or three years ago and has become famous for its great size and beauty. It is really the largest and handsomest sort grown, the berries being perfect in shape, of the deepest rich ruby color with a sparkling lustre like glass. Ripens perfectly to the core and is exceedingly sweet and of a most luscious quality. A berry which should be grown for its great size, beauty and extra quality. Fine plants, 75c. per dozen; \$3.00 per 100; \$20.00 per 1,000.

First Season. This is not only the latest variety but it has another important advantage. It will bear a fair crop of fruit the first season it is planted, especially if the plants are set quite early in the spring on good soil. It is one of the very best croppers among all Strawberries, fruit being very large and handsome, produced in large quantity and of sweet fine flavor. Being extremely late in ripening it greatly prolongs the Strawberry season, especially if one has Lovett's Early to commence with, and Mineola for intermediate. Fine vigorous plants, 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000.

Lovett's Early. One of the first, if not the very first, of all Strawberries to ripen. Though unlike most early berries

it is of oblong shape, large size and rich deep ruby color firm, handsome, very fine flavored, and an enormous yielder. It does well on all soils and in all climates, and is undoubtedly the most satisfactory early variety in cultivation. 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000.

SPECIAL OFFER. We will send twelve plants each of these four finest Strawberries for \$2.00.



Two Curculio-Proof Plums.

These two valuable Plums have proved in most localities to be nearly or quite curculio proof, therefore, they should be gladly welcomed and universally planted. But this, however, is not their only good qualities. They are large, beautiful, luscious, and bear well the second year after planting.

Abundance. The fruit is of a splendid amber, turning to bright cherry-scarlet, with a delicate white bloom, and highly perfumed. Flesh light yellow, juicy and of delicious sweetness. It is enormously prolific, ripens early in August and is claimed to be entirely curculio-proof. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Pottawatamie. An immense annual bearer, fruiting enormously when the trees are very small. The fruit is most beautiful, being fine yellow, overspread with pink; flesh golden-yellow, sweet and luscious. Ripens in July. 25c. each.



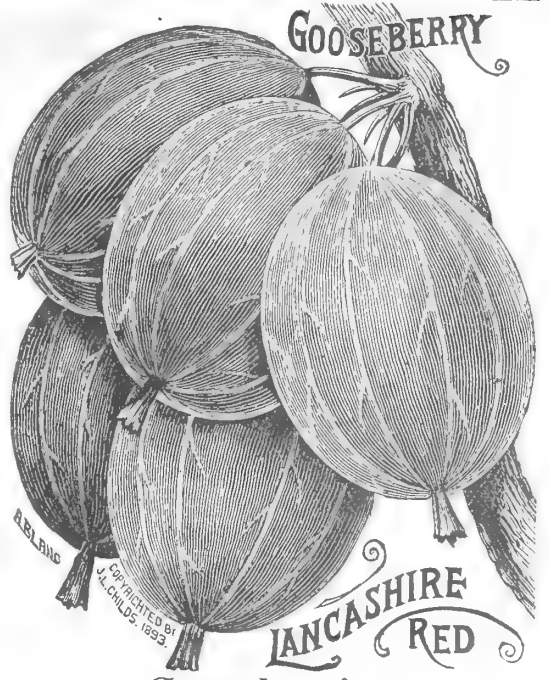
Two Fine Blackberries.

Erie. Although this sort is comparatively new, it has come rapidly into favor and is now more largely grown than any other market variety. It is in every sense a superb berry, being enormously prolific, the fruit being large in size, perfect in shape, sweet and luscious in quality. It has very small seeds, and is soft and melting to the taste, being rich and sugary to the very core. It may almost be called perfect in every respect, certainly twice as good as Lawton, Kittatinny, Wilson, or any of the older varieties. Perfectly hardy and robust. 15c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 30 for \$2.00.

Early Harvest. Undoubtedly the earliest Blackberry grown, and in every way a grand good sort. We have seen bushes of it standing eight feet high and a perfect mass of fruit from top to bottom, at least a bushel being borne on one hill. We have even seen a half bushel of fruit picked from one cane. Berries are of good size and ripen with the Raspberry, far ahead of other Blackberries, and are very sweet. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00; 30 for \$2.00.



Compare this with Plate XIII



This is a berry which in England holds first place, and is more extensively grown than any other small fruit, excepting only the Strawberry. It is not grown in this country to the extent it ought to be, mainly owing, we judge, to the poor quality of the varieties in general cultivation. The two following varieties will be found to be greatly superior to other Gooseberries.

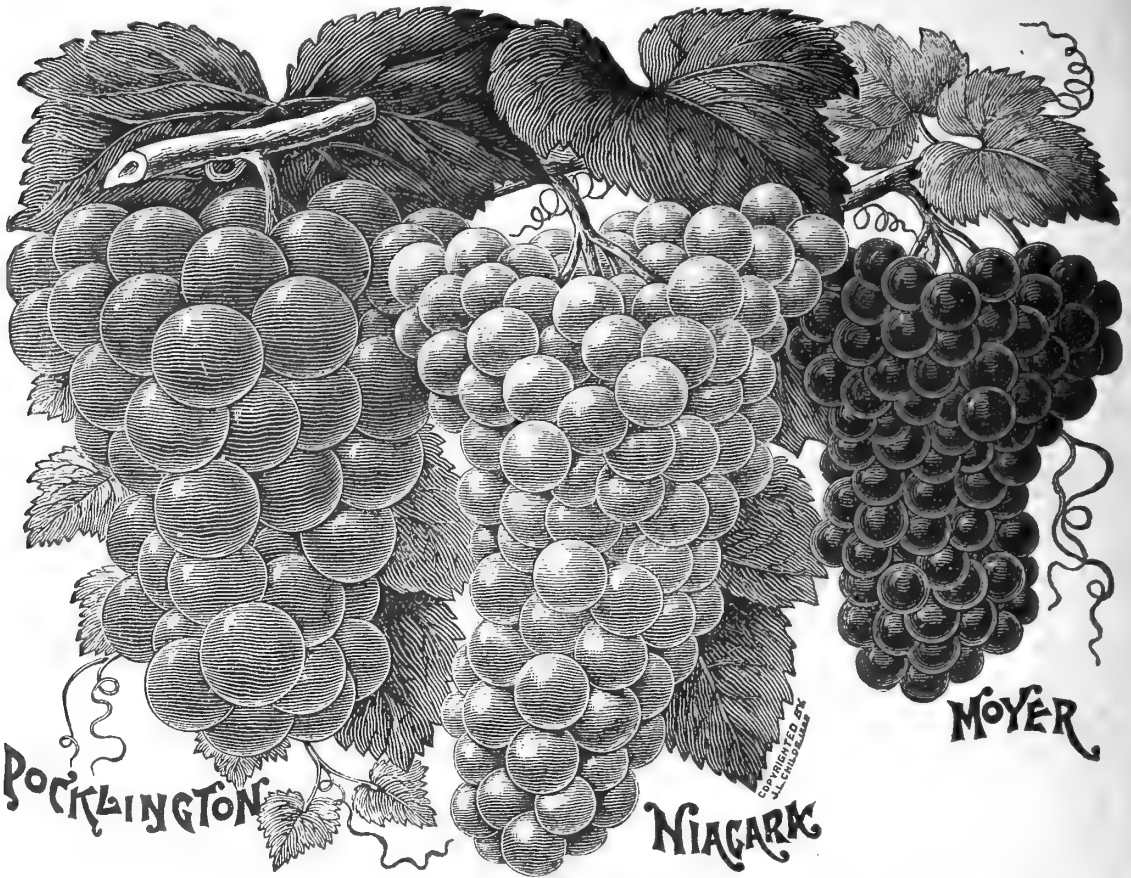
Lancashire Red. A new Scotch variety which we offered for the first time last year. In size the berries are the largest known, almost rivaling plums. Color, a rich plum-red, while the quality is exceedingly sweet and delicious. The plant is entirely free from mildew, being an exceedingly strong and healthy grower and a prodigious bearer, and the fruit is almost entirely free from that stiff hairy growth which is so common on most of our best Gooseberries. Those who plant this variety can rest assured that they have got the finest Gooseberry known to cultivation. Price, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; 10 for \$2.00.

Industry. A Gooseberry of recent introduction, and a great favorite on account of its strong, vigorous growth, freedom from mildew or other diseases, and its large, handsome fruit of delicious quality. The berries are dark cherry in color, and when ripe are rich and sugary in flavor. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$2.00.

The Buffalo Berry.

This is perhaps more ornamental than useful, although in sections where fruit is scarce it is highly prized. We believe, however, it is mainly valuable as a winter fruit, as the berries remain upon the bushes until nearly spring, and can be picked at any time all winter. Before severe freezing the fruit is exceedingly sour, but after frost the flavor is much richer and sweeter. The bushes begin to bear when only a few feet high, but eventually grow to the height of ten or twelve feet, and are perfect pyramids of fruit, so profusely are the berries borne. Color is bright scarlet and size somewhat larger than a large Currant. It is particularly fine for jellies, and is excellent for sauce or pies, used as one would use Cranberries. It being the only fruit for winter gathering it should have a place in every collection. As some bushes produce pistillate and other staminate flowers, one bush alone will never fruit. At least three should be planted together, about six feet apart. Therefore, we do not offer a less number than three. Price of three fine bushes, 75c.; 7 for \$1.50.

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Grapes.

Every one that has a bare fence, wall or out-building, 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 them 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 in all respects:

Brighton. A very early sort and also a very beautiful one, as it is of a bright red color, and most sweet and delicious in quality. Vine hardy and vigorous. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Concord. The old standard variety. It is of fine flavor and iron-clad hardiness, and there is no locality where it will not succeed. 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.

Moore's Early. A seedling from Concord and as rugged, robust and hardy in every respect. The berry is much larger, but a less number are borne in a bunch. It ripens fully two weeks earlier than Concord and is one of the most valuable early varieties. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

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, and 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 past few years, and we may say none have 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.

Worden. A splendid large Grape of the Concord type, but earlier and larger in bunch and berry, and usually of much better quality. Vine healthy, hardy and robust; a really magnificent variety. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Wyoming Red. Color of berry similar to Delaware, but possibly a brighter red, and in size it equals the Concord. Vine healthy and robust, with thick, leathery foliage, withstands mildew and diseases, and is a sure cropper in every locality. Flesh tender, juicy, sweet, with a strong native aroma; ripens medium early. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

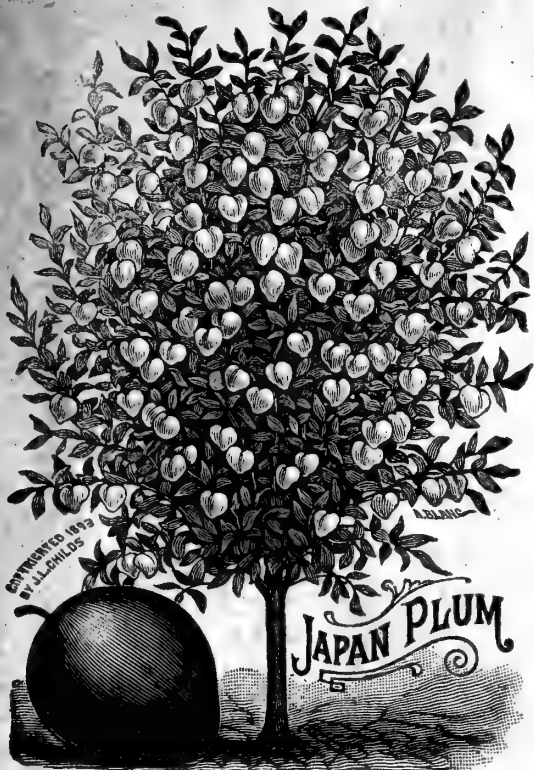
Vergennes. Berries light amber, rich and delicious in quality; large, and hold firmly to the stem. Originated in Vermont, and is a vine of iron-clad hardiness. It is in every way a very choice variety. 15c. each; \$1.25 per dozen.

SPECIAL OFFER. For only \$1.00 we will send one fine vine each of these ten best Grapes.

Grape, Early Ohio.

Briefly, the great merits of this new Grape are extreme earliness, hardness, productiveness and superior quality. It is the earliest grape grown. It originated in Ohio, is of rank, sturdy growth, hardy and free from mildew. The berry is black, a little smaller than Concord, firm in texture, of a spicy, pleasant flavor, and hangs to the stem with a persistency that makes its shipping qualities the very best. It is one week to ten days earlier than Moore's Early, two weeks earlier than Worden, and three weeks earlier than Concord, and is in quality superior to any other early variety. It is a novelty of more than ordinary importance. (See cut on page 156.) Fine, thrifty vines, \$1.00 each; 4 for \$3.00.

One each of the eleven Grapes here offered, \$1.00.



New Japan Plums.

Since these fine new Plums were first introduced from Japan they have grown in favor so rapidly that they are now sought for and planted more extensively than any others, and there is, indeed, good reason for this. The trees are of small growth and bear profusely when very young, in fact, when only a few feet in height. The fruit is exceedingly large in size, with small pit, very handsome and attractive, while the quality is the finest to be found among Plums. Wherever they go they create a sensation.

Kelsey. Rich yellow overspread with crimson; very large and fine; an enormous bearer. The latest one of the lot to ripen.

Botan. Large, rich purple, very fine quality, sweet and juicy, and medium early. A plum of enormous size, and sweet, melting flavor. Trees bear profusely when only three or four feet high. A great acquisition.

Ogon. Very early; large golden yellow, exceedingly sweet, and an enormous bearer.

Satsuma or Blood. A large, dark purplish red with blue bloom; globular and sharp pointed; flesh dark red or plum color, juicy, firm and highly flavored, pit small. Ripens three weeks before Kelsey.

Burbank—Extra fine hybrid variety of large size and splendid quality.

Price, 25c. each; the five for \$1.00.

Floral Park Plums.

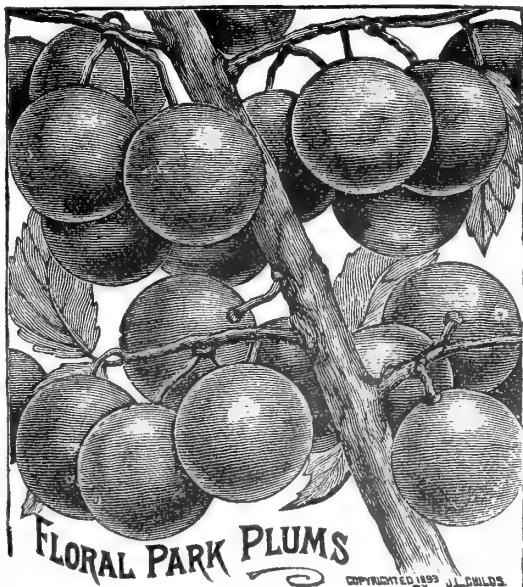
These Plums are seedlings of *Prunus Maritima*; dwarf low growing bushes, hardy and robust, and succeeds in any waste or barren place where no other fruit will grow at all.

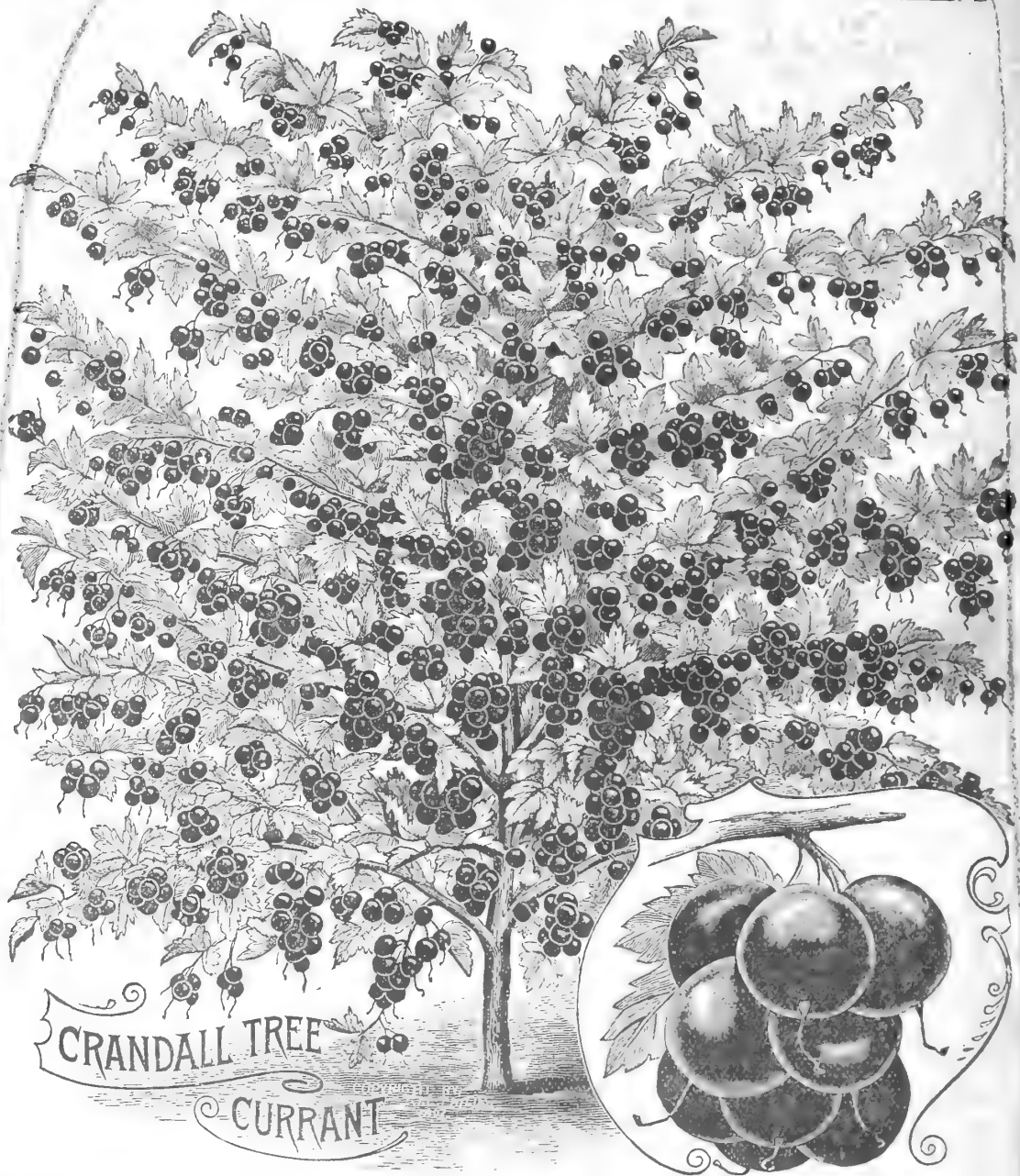
Fruit is round, rather larger than a large grape, with a small cherry-like pit. Color, deep purplish-red, and borne in the greatest abundance. The bushes are literally loaded to the ground with their weight of berries. These berries are never wormy, and when fully ripe are fine to eat raw, and are also splendid for cooking in any form, especially for making jellies and preserves. It makes the finest jelly of any fruit, while its yield is enormous, a few bushes giving bushels of fruit. It is well worth growing as an ornamental shrub, for when in bloom in early spring the bushes are simply covered with a cloud of downy white flowers, being more beautiful and conspicuous than most of the high-priced flowering shrubs. Blooms and fruits when only two feet in height, and rarely grows over ten feet. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.



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 unexcelled 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, and from the enormous demand which we are having for it we believe it is to be universally popular. Price, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.





Crاندall Tree Currant.

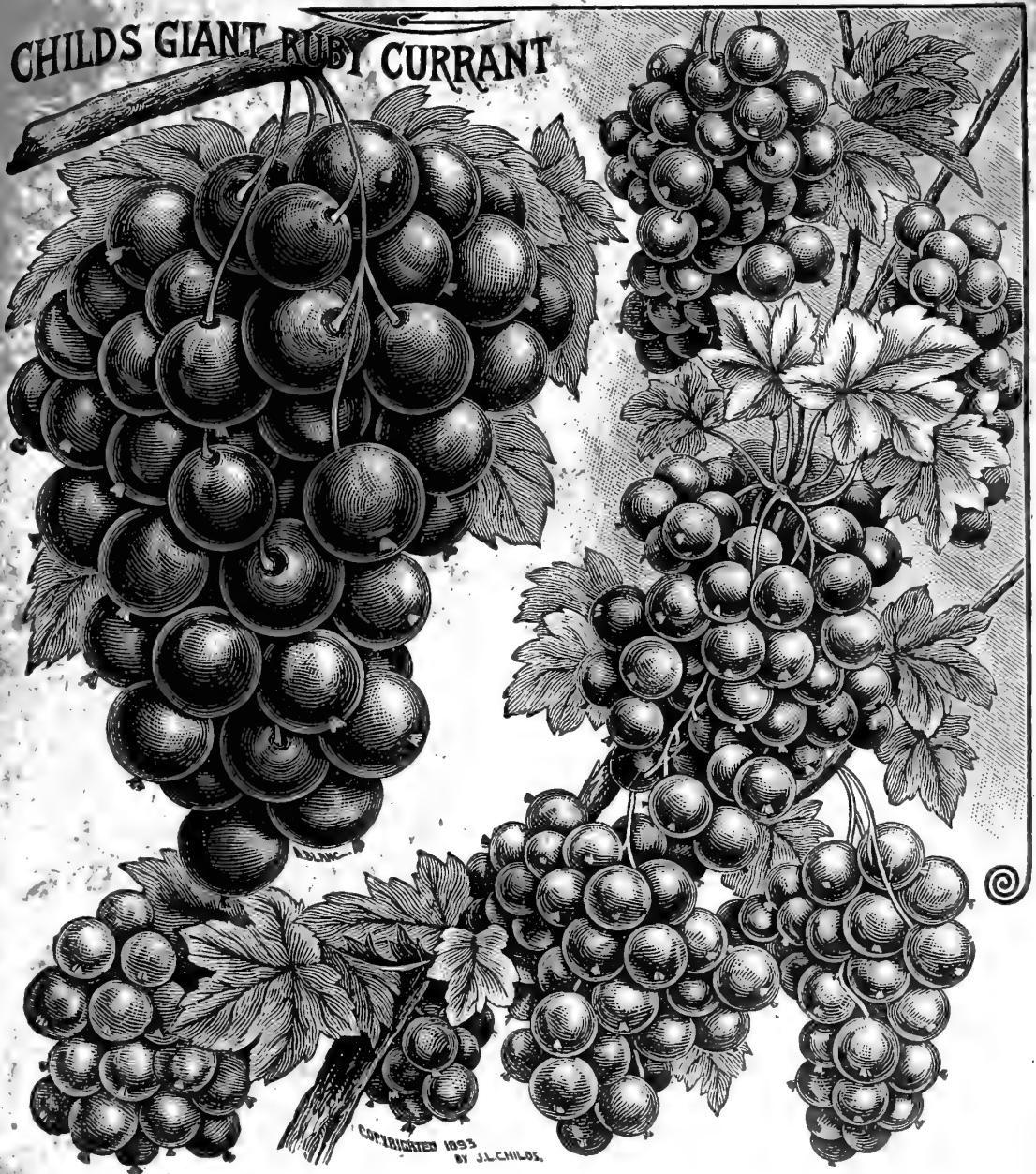
We were the first to call general attention to this most excellent fruit, and for the last four years it has had with us a tremendous sale, and as far as we have heard has in every instance proved greatly satisfactory. It is a strong and rapid grower, attaining a height of seven to nine feet and branching freely into a fine symmetrical tree form; single shoots often grow four or 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 clinging to the tree a long time after they are ripe before dropping. The currant worm does not infest this sort and it is, in fact, entirely exempt from all insect ravages, either on foliage or fruit. It is of iron-clad hardness and will stand the most severe climate without a particle of injury in any respect.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has taken a great interest in this new Currant and the Agricultural Report of 1889 contains a fine colored plate of it, and among other things the report says: "It is an enormous bearer, the fruit being large, fully one-half inch in diameter. In quality, raw, it is superior to any of the European Black Currants, having no strong odor or unpleasant taste. It is well adapted for sauces, pies, jellies, etc. It is never attacked by currant worms or other insects, and is perfectly hardy." This is a strong endorsement and is as true as gospel. The Crاندall Tree Currant should certainly have a position in every garden. Price of strong, healthy plants, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; 10 for \$2.00.

Compare with Plate III - Report of Pom. '89

CHILDS GIANT RUBY CURRANT



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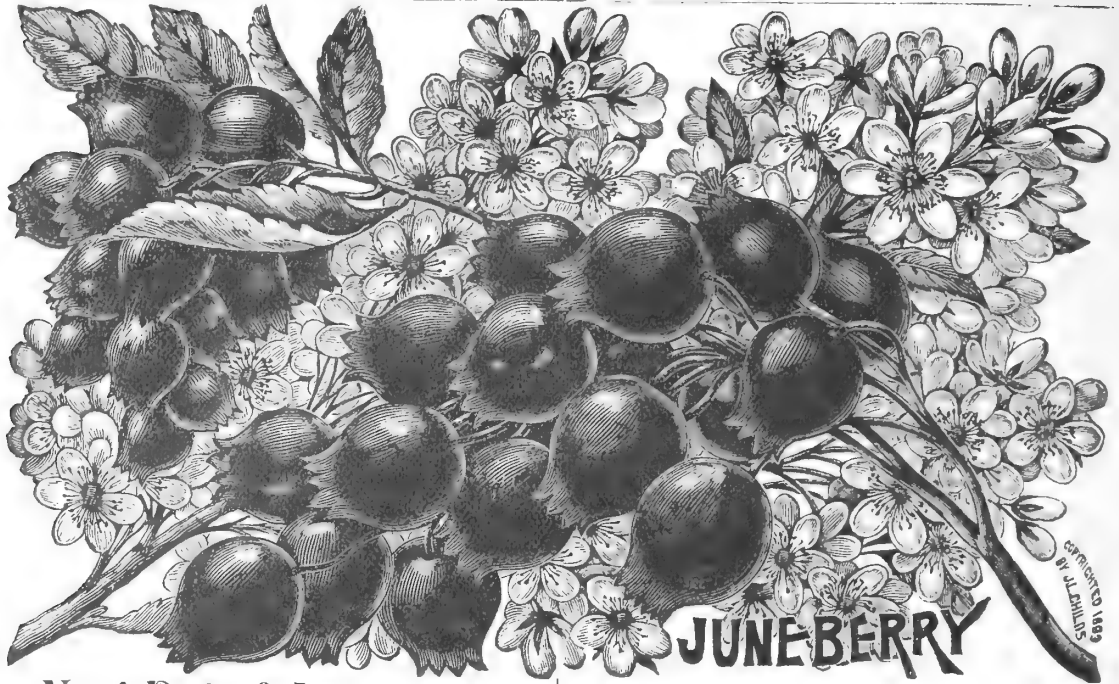
Currants.

A favorite old garden fruit which of late years has been wonderfully improved, and the two varieties here offered can bear little or no comparison to the old garden sorts.

Childs' Giant Ruby. This is the finest of all Currants. It originated in Ulster county, N. Y., and was introduced by us last year. It is of remarkably strong growth, the leaves being large but less leathery than Fay's or Cherry. In the size and quantity of the fruit this variety 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 Currant grown. 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, a Long Island fruit grower, says: "I have grown the Giant Ruby Currant for four years. Bushes three years set yielded the past season 5 pounds of fine fruit, where Fay's Prolific in 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." This Currant is so greatly superior to any other variety that we feel we cannot say enough in its praise. It is splendidly represented by a colored plate in THE MAYFLOWER of January, last year. No one can realize the mass of fruit which a section or branch of this variety will bear until they see it. Price, fine thrifty bushes, 35c. each; 2 for 60c.; 5 for \$1.25; 12 for \$2.50.

Fay's Prolific. A superb Currant of recent introduction and one which has been largely advertised and sold. It being reported that the introducer made \$30,000 from his first few years' sales. This may or may not be true, but it is certainly a very popular Currant which has had an enormous sale, and which held first place until the introduction of Childs' Giant Ruby. Price, 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.



JUNE BERRY

New Dwarf Juneberry.

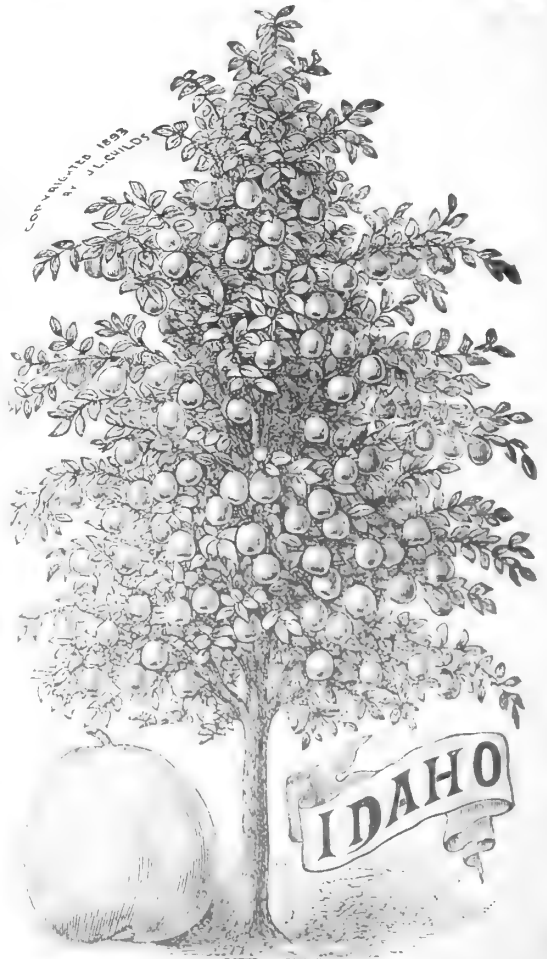
We were first to call attention to this excellent fruit, three years ago, and can claim the largest share of credit for having brought before the public this most superb new berry. It is a native of Alaska, and, therefore, of the most iron-clad hardness. It is a quick grower, forming dense clumps of bushes which seldom grow higher than a man's head, though they bloom and bear heavily when only one or two feet in height. The berries are the size of ordinary cherries, being green in an unripe state, then changing to bright scarlet, and, when fully ripe, to a dark purple blue; and as the three colors hang in clusters upon a bush they present a most charming and appetizing sight. After the berry is fully ripe it will keep on the bush in perfect condition for two or three weeks without decaying or dropping. It is exceedingly sweet and has a peculiarly rich and luscious flavor. We do not hesitate to pronounce it the most charming fruit to eat raw from the hand we have ever tasted. Aside from its value as a fruit it is one of the most showy flowering shrubs, as it blooms very early in the spring—before leaves start—and every stem and branch of the bush is a solid wreath of delicate feathery whiteness, so numerous are the flowers. No garden is complete without this magnificent fruit. Price, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

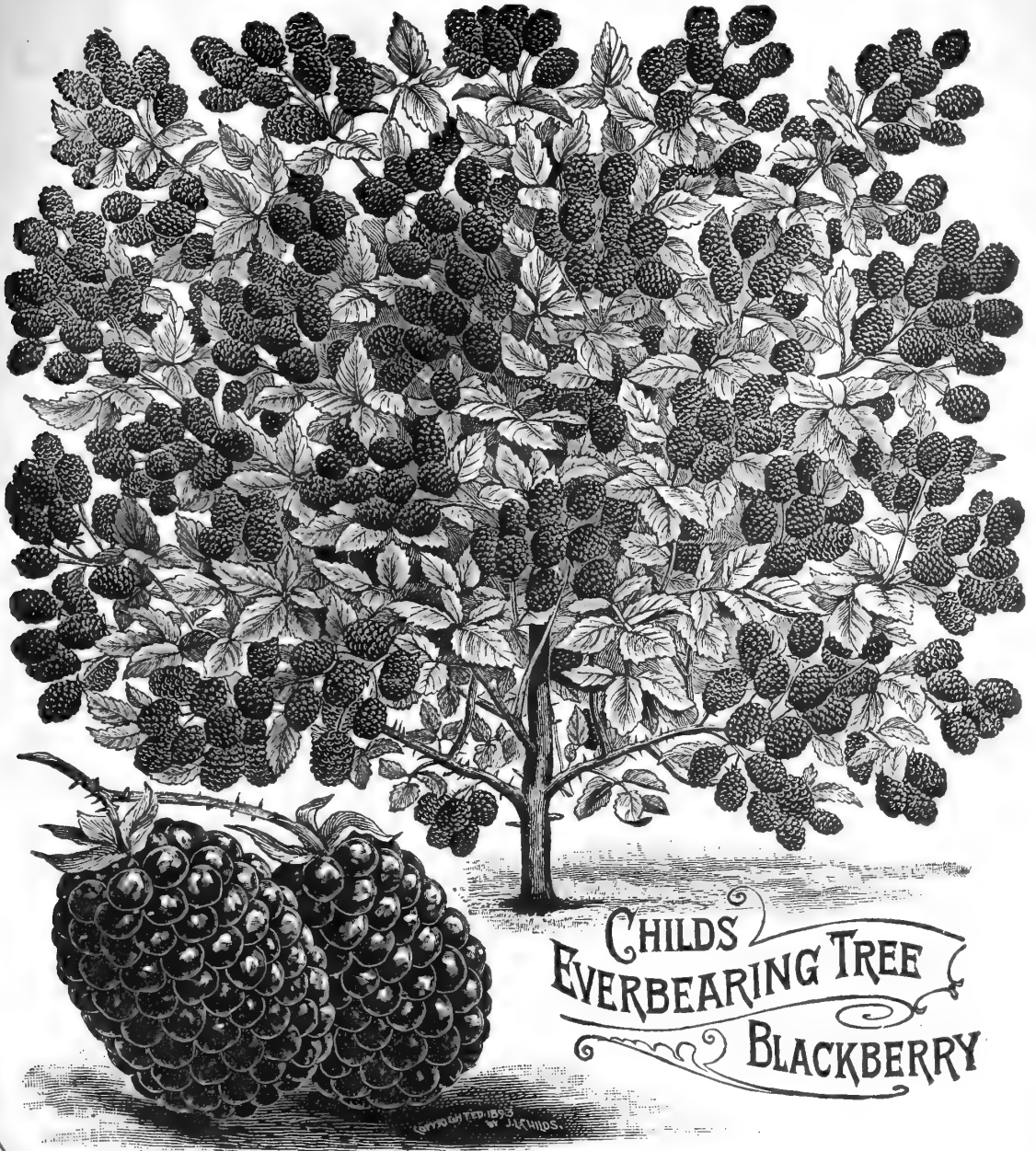
Pears.

We offer below what we consider to be the two most valuable new Pears which have been introduced of late years. They are certainly superb in every respect.

Idaho. This is the greatest wonder among new fruits, and is certainly the king of Pears. The fruit grows to an enormous size, often weighing a pound and a half, and entirely coreless and seedless. It is yellowish in color, outside, while the flesh is nearly snow-white and of the very richest quality found among Pears. It is a seedling, raised in Idaho, which fruited the fourth year. Its wonderful size, luscious quality, phenomenal bearing qualities, even when trees are very young, and the fact that the fruit is entirely coreless, brought it at once into great prominence, and a stock company was formed, known as the Idaho Pear Co., which for several years controlled the entire stock. Everything claimed for it has been more than realized, and the Idaho is the Pear to plant above any other. It is hardy and vigorous, flourishing alike in hot and cold climates. If you have room for only one tree, let it be an Idaho Pear. Price of fine, vigorous young trees of genuine stock, 50c. each; 3 for \$1.25.

Vermont Beauty. This lovely Pear was color-plated in THE MAYFLOWER last year, and is without doubt the finest early variety in cultivation. It originated in Vermont, and is, therefore, of iron-clad hardness. It is an abundant and annual bearer, the fruit ripening a little later than the Seckel, and greatly superior to that variety in size and beauty, and equals it in luscious quality. In form it is of full medium size, bright yellow, covered on the sunny side with fiery carmine-red, making it one of the most beautiful highly-colored fruits. Flesh rich, juicy, aromatic and luscious. It should stand at the head of fall Pears. 50c. each; 3 for \$1.25.





CHILDS' EVERBEARING TREE BLACKBERRY

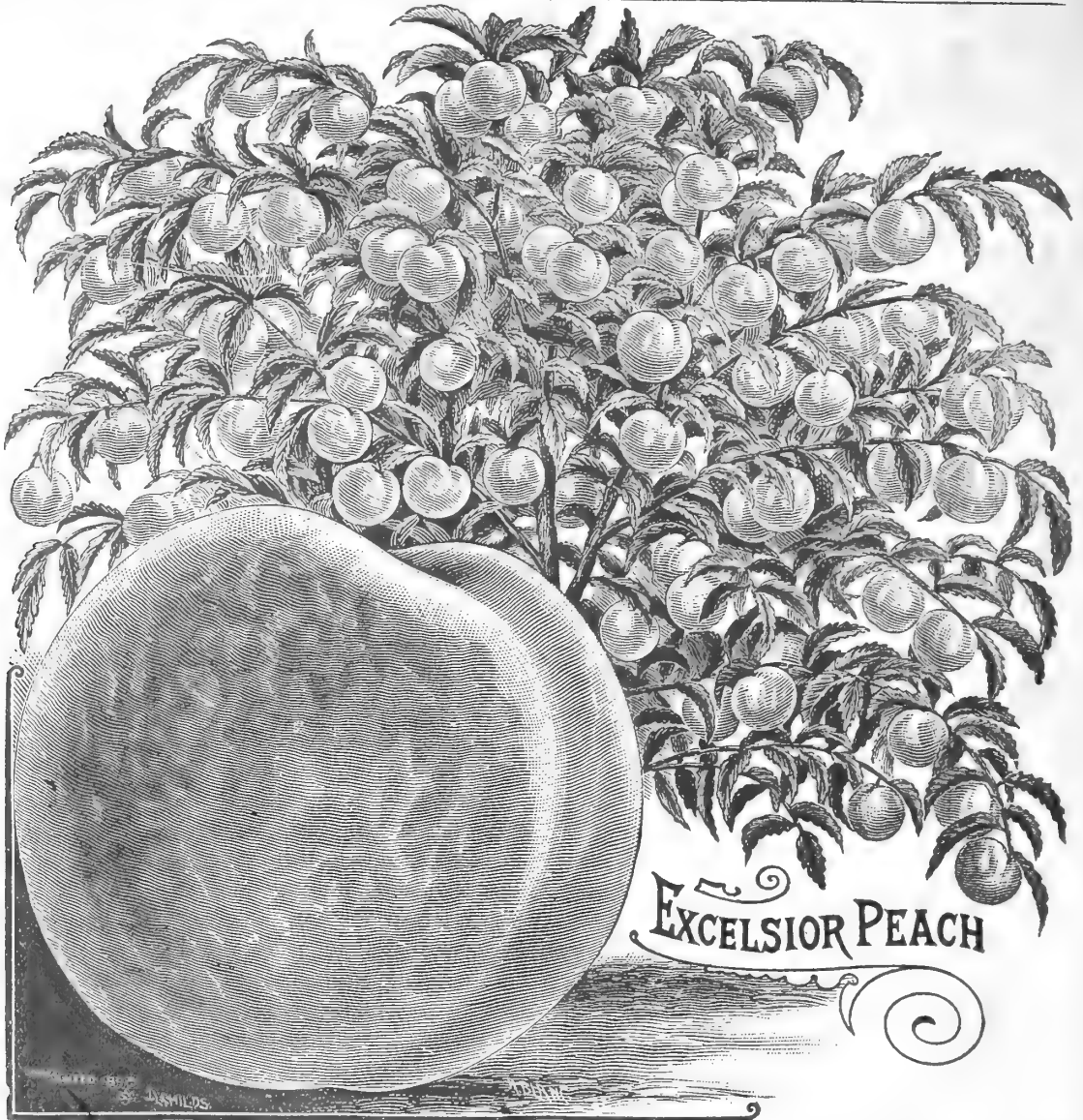
Childs' Ever-Bearing Tree Blackberry.

With the exception of our great Japanese Wineberry no fruit novelty has ever had the tremendous sale which this wonderful Tree Blackberry has had during the past five years. It is of distinct habit, growing five or six feet high and branching freely into a fine symmetrical tree form, always straight and erect and of such stout growth that it never requires staking. The berries are of very large size, and in quality much the finest of any Blackberry in cultivation; very pulpy, juicy, exceedingly sweet and fine-flavored, even to the very core. The seeds are small and the fruit seems to melt away in one's mouth like snow. The berries are of uniform size and very handsome, borne in great clusters, and commence to ripen early in July and continue until long into September, making its fruiting period two months or more. The finest blackberries we ever saw were picked about September first from some of these trees which had been ripening



their fruit since July 8th. Its delicate flavor, great productiveness, enormous size, long season of bearing and perfect hardness make it one of the most valuable and desirable of all berries for home use. We believe it to be one of the most desirable novelties we ever brought out, and what we say about it is from personal knowledge as we have grown it for six or seven years. It often fruits considerably the first season and is sure to fruit abundantly the second season. We have the most flattering reports on it from all parts of the country. Price, first quality, large and strong, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 5 for \$1.00; 12 for \$2.00.

Mr. E. S. Black, Monmouth Co., N. J., says: "I am not surprised to hear of the enormous sale your Tree Blackberry is having. When it was growing here on the place of which I am foreman, visitors who saw it have offered me \$5.00 each for one or more plants of it. Its straight, stout and symmetrical growth and loads of large and most luscious berries borne for so long a period, place it at the head of all blackberries for family use."



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. We have made extensive experiments to ascertain which varieties are really the best and submit the following as our selection. They are all extremely hardy, some of them being able to stand the climate of Maine or Canada. They are all of large size and of the finest quality, and great croppers. All that can be desired among Peaches.

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 free-stone. 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. It will grow in less space than any other Peach and can be planted in nooks and corners which would not be large enough for the large-growing varieties. We earnestly recommend all our customers to plant it.

Champion. A sort of recent introduction and one of great merit. 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. The great feature of this Peach, however, is its certainty to produce a good crop every year, even when other sorts fail, being so hardy and robust and its fruit-buds are so well protected; a perfect free-stone and very productive.

Ellison. This tree is exempt from all Peach diseases and is wonderfully prolific, bearing a good crop every year like the Champion. It is as hardy as an oak and probably the strongest-growing Peach known. Fruit very large, handsome and of fine flavor, being rich and juicy.

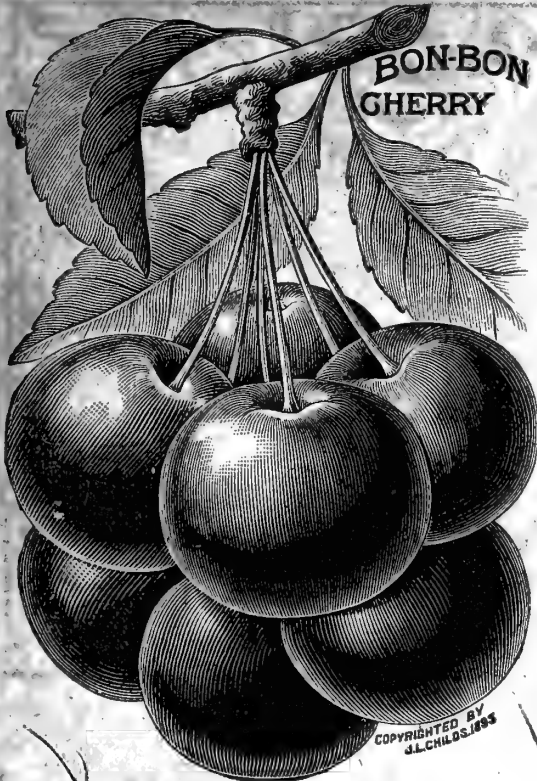
Lemon Free. A fine distinct variety, fruit being oblong or lemon-shaped, pointed at the apex; color, pale lemon when ripe. It is of large size, fine specimens measuring over thirteen inches in circumference; medium early, and is of the finest quality, and immensely productive.

Good. A splendid peach of large size and almost pearly whiteness; flesh juicy, sweet and melting and most delicious in flavor. It is a reliable and choice sort, being extremely hardy and yielding splendid crops every year.

Price of above five new Peaches, 20 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen; the five for 75 cents.

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Sigsbee & Co. N.Y.



Bon Bon Cherry.

Undoubtedly the most valuable Cherry in cultivation, owing to its enormous size, rich, dark red color, early ripening, luscious quality, and freedom from the cherry worm. It is a sure cropper every year, the owner of the original tree never having known it to fail to produce a good crop each year, and the tree is now over thirty years old. It is of extraordinary fine flavor, rich, juicy and luscious; a splendid shipper and always brings the highest price in the market. It is a fact that this Cherry is never wormy, although no one knows how to account for it. This makes it at once twice as valuable as any other, on this account alone. Add to this its extreme earliness, great size, beauty, fine quality, and its certainty of producing a good crop every year, and we have in the Bon Bon a Cherry of wonderful value. The Cherry being the first fruit of the season to ripen every one who owns a home should plant a few trees, and the best variety of all to plant is the Bon Bon. Fine young trees, 75c. each; 3 for \$2.00.



Prunus Simoni.

This fruit was first introduced into France from northern China and is as hardy as the leading varieties of apple, having stood without injury in Iowa, 40 degrees below zero. It forms a small tree with fair size, long, oval leaves of a dark shining green. Its flowers are pure white and are borne very early in the spring. Fruit large, nearly round, and exceedingly handsome, being of a dark cinnabar color. Flesh fine apricot yellow, firm and has a peculiar aromatic flavor not found in Plums we cultivate, and equaled only by the Nectarine. So strong is its aroma that one fruit will scent a large room with its delicious perfume. With us it fruits splendidly and we believe it will be a success in every part of the country. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

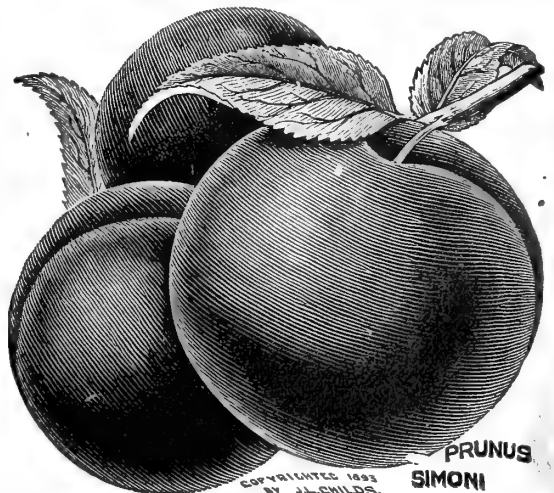
Nectarine.—(Early Newington.)

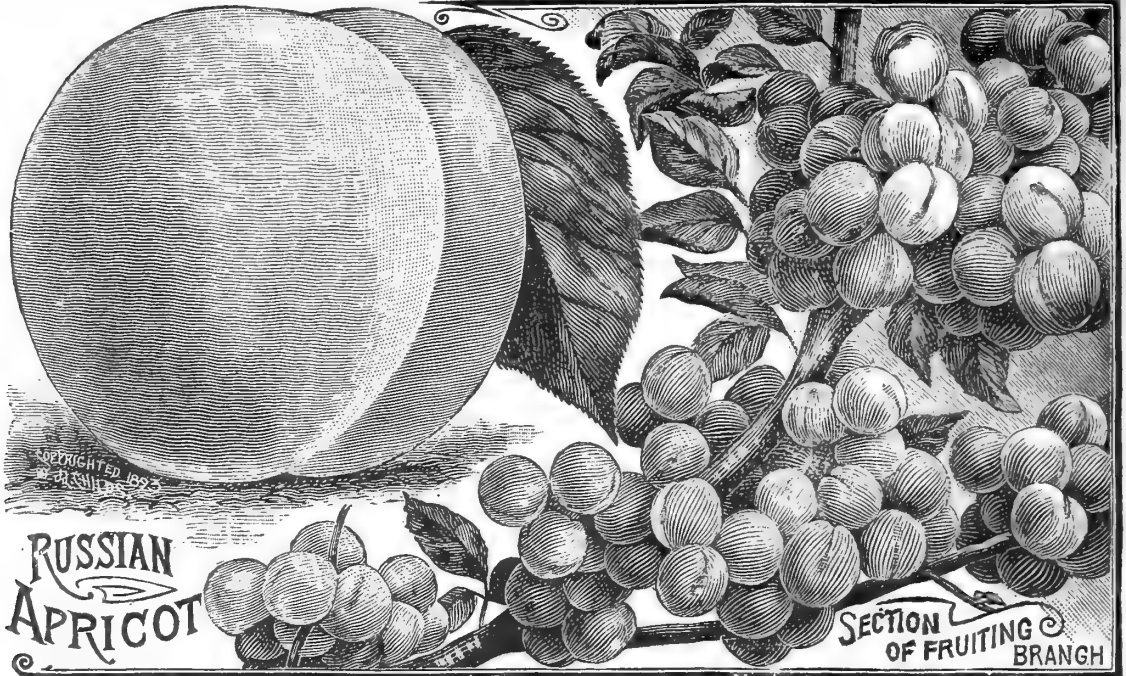
The Nectarine is one of the most delicious fruits grown, greatly superior to the Peach, though it is to all appearance nothing more nor less than a smooth-skinned Peach. This is probably the finest variety, being early, of high flavor, productive and hardy. Trees bear when very young. 25c. each 5 for \$1.00.



The Dwarf Rocky 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 jet black and of a size somewhat larger than the English Morello. 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 this year. Price, 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00.





New Russian Apricots.

These are exceedingly hardy and vigorous, flourishing as far north as Siberia and enduring a temperature of 40 degrees below zero without injury, and they are therefore a fine substitute for the peach in cold climates. The trees are hardy and vigorous, exempt from disease and insect ravages and adapt themselves to all soils. They commence to bear when only two or three years old and yield large crops annually. Fruit large, golden yellow, very handsome, sweet and of fine quality, selling readily in the markets at high prices. Foliage healthy and luxuriant, deep emerald green, very vigorous. The various varieties ripen from June to September. We cannot speak too highly of this fruit.

Cibb. Very early, ripening the last of June; good size, yellow, sub-acid, rich and juicy.

Alexander. Ripens middle of July; large size, yellow with red cheek; slightly acid; rich and luscious.

J. L. Budd. Ripens about August 1st. White with red cheek, extra fine; sweet and juicy; the best late variety.

New Chinese or Shense. This was raised from a pit which came from Northern China and always reproduces itself true from seed. Tree a vigorous grower, exceedingly hardy and productive, bearing when very young. Very large, yellow with red cheek; a free-stone and of excellent quality.

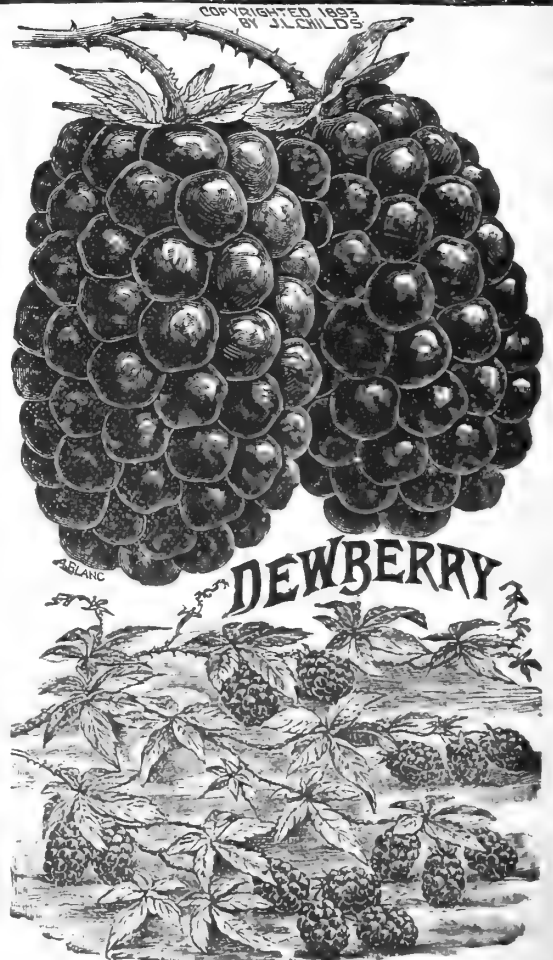
Price of the above four Apricots, 25c. each; 2 for 60c.; 4 for \$1.

Dewberries.

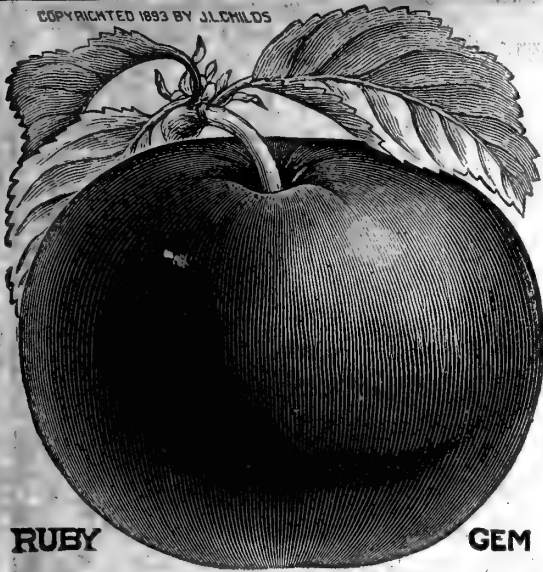
Since we first introduced this valuable fruit, several years ago, it has become very popular, and is now largely grown in all sections of the country. It is, as is generally known, a climbing Blackberry, the vine growing very long and may be allowed to trail over the ground or may be trained up to trellises, like Grapes. It is hardy and robust and a sure annual bearer, the berries being larger, sweeter, and superior in every respect to Blackberries. The fruit is borne in great quantities and is of a soft, pulpy nature, sugary and delicate, and seems to melt in one's mouth like Ice Cream. The berries are very large, often more than two inches in length and a glossy, sparkling black color. It is perfectly hardy and does not succor from the roots but is increased from the tips like Black Cap Raspberries. When in bloom in the spring it is very ornamental, indeed, the flowers appearing in large quantity and are of great size and snowy whiteness. Many wild and worthless plants of the Dewberry have been sold and no doubt many people have been disappointed in them, but those who plant the genuine *Lucretia* will be delighted with it and prize it as one of the very choicest fruits.

Lucretia. (TRUE.) We find this to be superior in every particular to any other variety which has been offered. The fruit is borne in great clusters, is of mammoth size and the most luscious flavor. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.

Crystal White. This is a new sort, the berries of which are crystal white in color, though not so large as *Lucretia*, but exceedingly juicy, rich and sweet in flavor. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



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New Apples.

It was our good fortune a few years ago to come into control of two or 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 trees of them if only to get grafts.

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, as its attractive appearance causes it to sell at a high price. Strong one-year trees, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Glowing Coal—In this new apple we have combined large size, great beauty and superb quality. 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 distance, glowing almost like a 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. Strong one-year trees, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

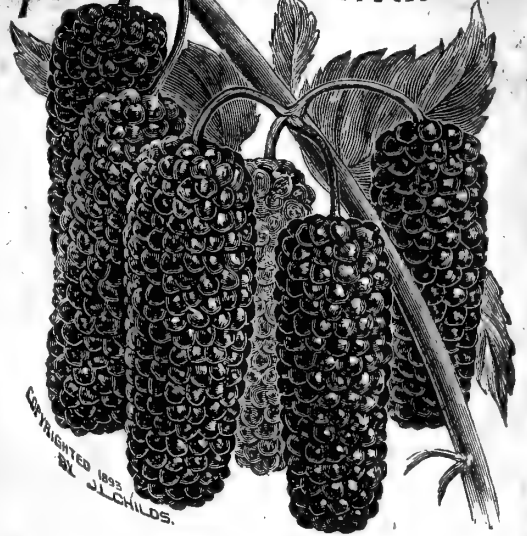
Martha Crab—Crab Apples are now being extensively planted as ornamental trees for the lawn or door-yard, and are for this purpose as valuable as they are for fruit. This is the best variety we know. It produces in early spring a great abundance of large, showy blossoms which make the tree while in bloom an object of great beauty. The fruit soon attain their size and are a bright, glossy yellow shaded with light, bright red, very handsome, indeed. The quality is a mild, clear tart, surpassing all other crabs we have ever grown for all culinary purposes, and fair to eat from hand. Tree is a vigorous grower and bears profusely when very small. Its ornamental and useful qualities combine to make a tree which all should possess. Fine one-year trees, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER.—For 75c. we will send one each of these three splendid trees.

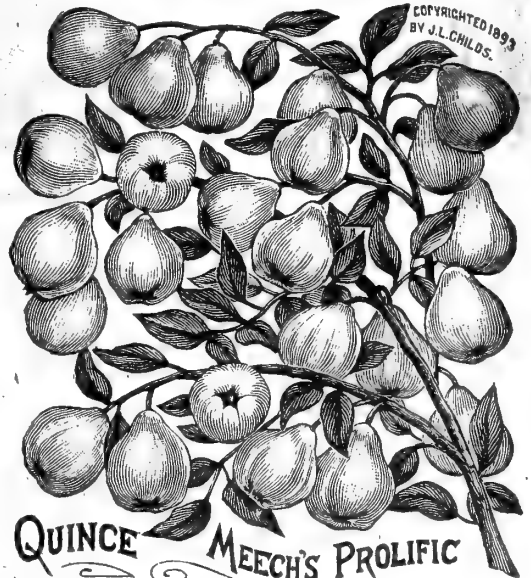
Downing's Everbearing Mulberry.

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 can not wonder at this remark when one sees this splendid fruit growing and tastes its luscious flavor. The tree attains a large size, but 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

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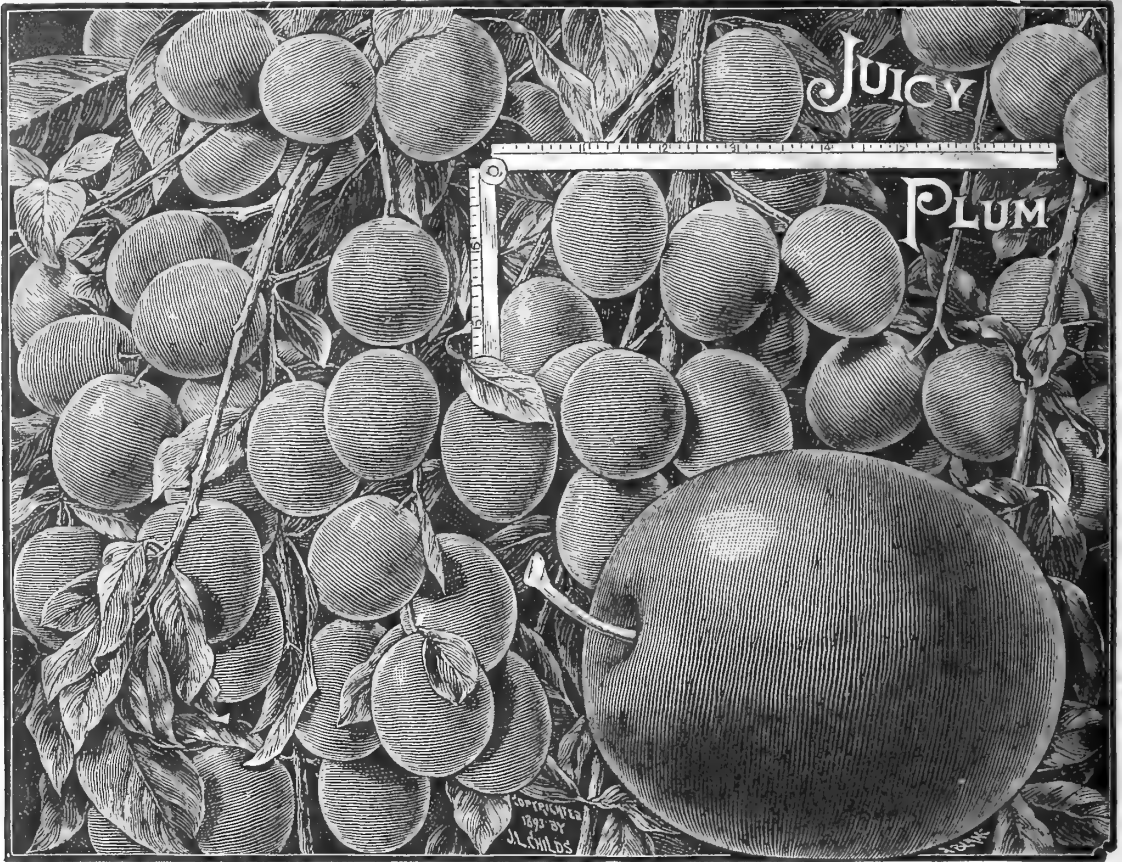
rich in flavor. Like the Russian Mulberry, the fruit begins to ripen in July and continues for two months or longer. As a lawn or street tree this Mulberry is a real beauty and should be grown for this purpose, even if its fruit were not eatable. Its foliage is large, dense and luxuriant, and remains bright and green the whole summer. We consider this one of the finest new fruits. 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00.



QUINCE MEECH'S PROLIFIC

Quince, Meech's Prolific.

This Quince is remarkable for its early bearing, as small trees standing in nursery row will often produce a large crop. They are wonderfully productive and sure to bear every season. The fruit is also remarkable for its rare combination of beauty of form and color, great size and fragrance. Its size is large, and shaped like a handsome Pear; skin smooth and of a bright orange-yellow. Under good culture the fruits average 12 to 15 ounces each. Flesh, delightfully fragrant and most delicious in flavor. One or two fruits, when fully ripe, will fill a large room with its delicious aroma. For cooking it is as tender as a peach and quite free from hard lumps, so objectionable in most varieties. The tree is really very ornamental as well as useful. In the first place, its flowers are large and showy and its foliage is abundant and luxuriant and holds its attractive green color until late in autumn, and when loaded with fruit it is, indeed, a splendid sight, and looks much like an Orange tree in bearing. Price, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



The Luscious New Plum

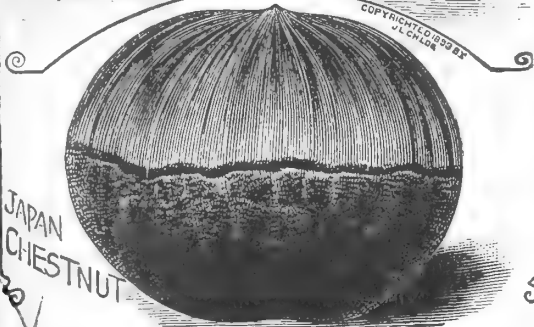
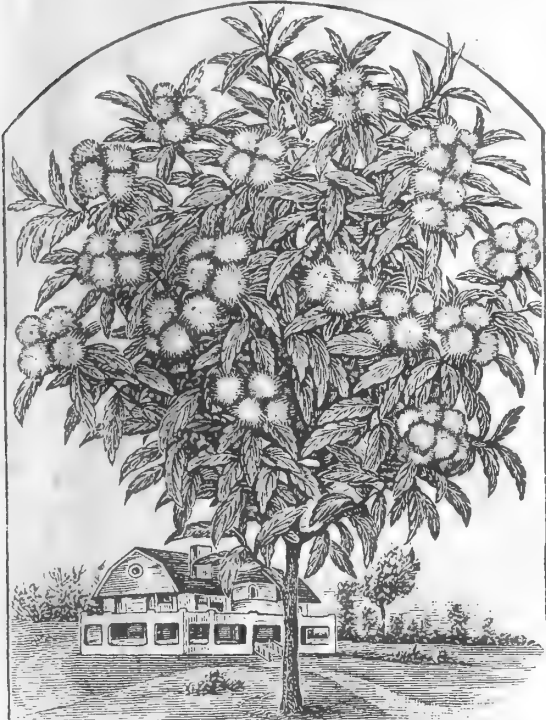
—“JUICY.”—

Burbank's Greatest Production--The Grandest Plum in Existence--Most Beautiful, Most Luscious, and Best Bearer and Best Keeper.

This glorious new plum is a production of the renowned horticulturist, Luther Burbank, of California, and 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 begins to bear when very small, trees scarcely three feet high often producing large crops. When of fair size it is an enormous yielder, and the fruit ripens early. The fruit keeps a long time after ripening, often fifteen to twenty days in hot weather before decaying. We have received them from Northern California in the finest possible condition, notwithstanding the week's journey in close packing. Trees perfectly hardy, and we feel sure this plum will supersede all others. It is so much superior in every respect to any other kind that it must become the standard, both for home use and for growing for the markets. Price of strong, vigorous, one-year trees, \$1.00 each; 4 for \$3.00.

CHOICE NUTS.

To plant a few nut trees is now the correct and popular thing to do. Not only are they popular to grow for one's own use, but they pay better than apples or peaches to grow for marketing. These trees give great satisfaction. The great Japanese Chestnut bears freely when only three or four feet high.

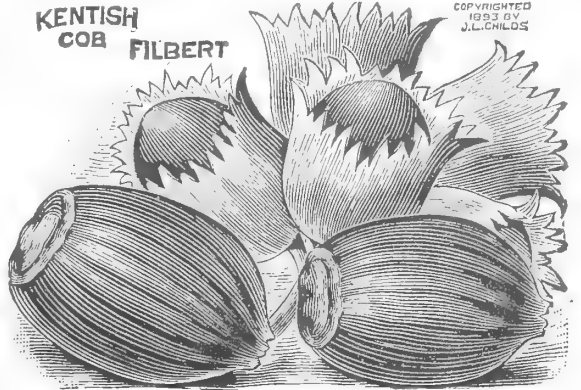


Chestnut, Japan Giant. Introduced recently from Japan, and a chestnut of enormous size, the nuts averaging four to six times larger than our American variety, and it is not unusual for burrs to contain four to seven of these large perfect nuts. They are almost sure to commence bearing the second year 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. 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00.

Bush Chestnut. (CHINQUEPIN.) A unique little Chestnut growing in bush form, and only a few feet in height, but bearing, even when very small, a great abundance of little nuts, one-half the size of ordinary Chestnuts, but of the sweetest and most delicious flavor. Can be grown in any place, perfectly hardy, and a few bushes will yield a fine supply of this, the finest flavored of all Chestnuts. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

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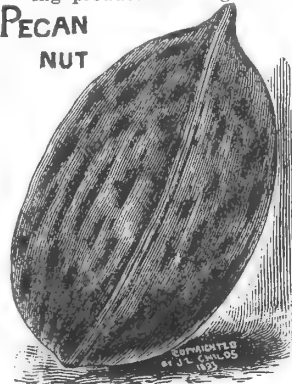
Filbert, Kentish Cob. This is a most desirable nut and the largest and finest of all filberts. The bushes are of somewhat low growth and occupy little room and may be planted in any out-of-the-way place. They produce annually large crops of the choicest nuts. This is one of the choicest, scarcest and highest priced nuts you can find in the market. Plant a few by all means, they will be sure to do well. 30c. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

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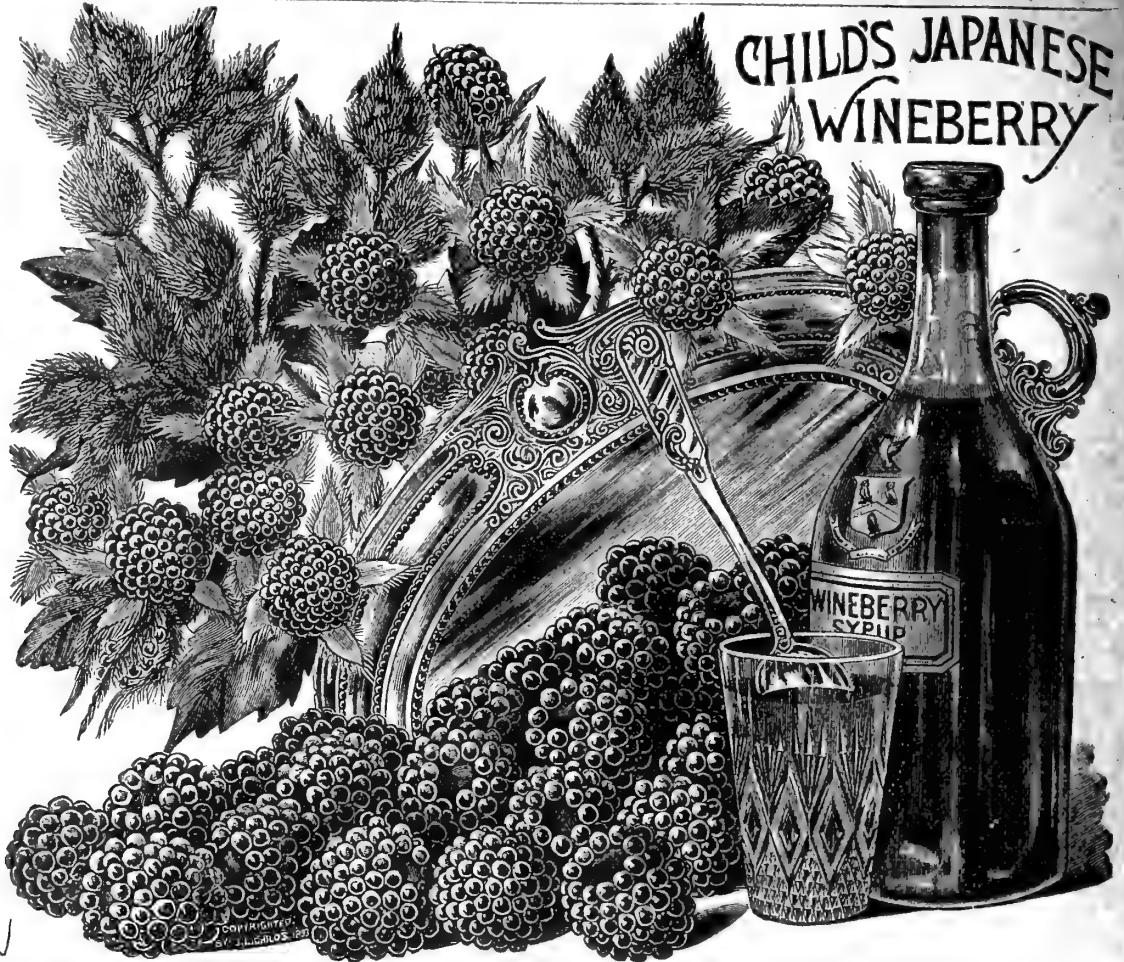


Japan Walnut. This valuable new nut from Japan is just coming into market. Like the Japan Chestnut, the trees bear when very small and bear abundantly, the nuts being produced in large clusters of 15 or 20. The shell is much thinner than the black walnut and the meat sweeter and more delicious, with a flavor like butternut, but less oily and much superior. The tree is a vigorous, rapid grower and highly ornamental. 50c. each.

**PECAN
NUT**



Pecan, Hardy Prolific. This nut is well known and highly prized. The tree is of a sturdy, lofty growth and very prolific, and as hardy in the north as an apple. Shell exceedingly thin, kernel very sweet and delicious; cannot be too highly recommended. Small trees, 20c. each; 6 for \$1.00.



Childs' Great Japanese Wineberry.

The most wonderful and valuable of Japanese fruits. 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. The seeds are very small and no more objectionable or noticeable than the seeds in strawberries, which gives this berry another point of great superiority over raspberries or blackberries.

Free from Worms and Bugs. It is absolutely free from all insect ravages. Worms cannot crawl up the stem and branches, owing to the silky moss or hair with which they are covered. Owing also to this or some other reason the plant is shunned by all the destructive tribes of insect pests. It is a pleasure to eat a dish of these berries, knowing that there are no worms or bugs mixed with them.

For Table. As a table fruit there is nothing finer than the Wineberry. Its delicious, sprightly flavor is most toothsome and refreshing, served with sugar.

For Canning and Preserving. 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 ever tasted. For invalids, and in cases of sickness, it is superior to any other wine or tonic, creating strength and a relish for food, where all else fails. We predict that it will soon become the leading wine producing fruit, especially medicinal wines of high quality.

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 prolific 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. It is propagated from the tips like Cap Raspberries and dewberries.

Price. First-class, vigorous plants for fruiting first year, by mail post paid, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; 15 for \$2.00; 25 for \$2.50; 50 for \$4.50; 100 for \$8.00

We can also supply 2-year-old plants from open ground at 10c. each; 3 for \$1.00; 7 for \$2.00.

Seed. The Wineberry grows freely from seed, and produces strong, vigorous plants, which fruit abundantly the second year. You can get a fine lot of plants very cheaply in this way. Seed will germinate best if it can be allowed to freeze after sowing. Or it may be soaked well in warm water before sowing. Fresh seed, per pkt., 15c.; 4 pkts. for 50c.

A Review of This Catalogue.

The edition of this catalogue will reach 600,000 copies. It is gotten up on a different plan from any of our previous issues, having been reconstructed in every detail, and is here presented in the form of three distinct catalogues bound together.

The first eight pages is a general introduction and offers of miscellaneous articles. These pages should be carefully read. The first is devoted to general instructions, and to a special prize offer of \$500 in cash. The second is editorial, and a review of our establishment. The third is a bird's-eye view of Floral Park. On the fourth and fifth are offered our books and paintings. These should not be overlooked as they are so cheap and valuable. On the sixth page is offered our famous Surprise Collection, and on the seventh attention is called to our Fall Catalogue and fall business in hardy bulbs and plants for fall planting and winter blooming; while the eighth page contains a variety of special offers.

The four Colored Plates, which this catalogue contains, are probably as fine as anything of the kind ever made. The first one is devoted to our Superfine Pansies, of which we give away a packet of seed to every customer. The next is devoted to THE MAYFLOWER, showing a portion of its premium, and giving all the useful information regarding this most valuable of all horticultural publications. Every one who loves or cultivates flowers, plants or gardens, should not be without this charming magazine. The other two plates are devoted to new varieties of Japan Iris, and our valuable seedling Chrysanthemums.

THE SEED DEPARTMENT of this catalogue commences on page 9, and the following 16 pages are devoted to novelties in flower and vegetable seeds. Here is presented an array of valuable new things which we feel sure will be appreciated by our friends and patrons. We have never before offered a list of novelties which can approach this one in number and value of kinds. Among flower seeds which deserve more than special notice are Annual Wallflower, Bellis Maxima, Lobelia Goldense, Amaranthus Bicolor, Cleome Alba, different varieties of Margaret Carnation, Blushing Bride, Nankeen Yellow and Double Shirley Poppies, etc. Among vegetable seeds our Morning Star Pea must be recognized as the most important vegetable seed novelty this year, and is fully as valuable as the wonderful Picture Rock Tomato and Honey Dew Sweet Corn which we introduced last year. All novelties which we offer have been carefully tested and their merits proven. Many of them we have grown for several years and know that they can be strongly recommended. The reason why our novelties always take so well is because we never offer any but good ones.

GENERAL LIST OF FLOWER SEEDS. These follow the novelties, and among them will be found everything that is desirable in the way of Flower Seeds,—Annuals, Evening Bloomers, Ornamental Climbers, Fragrant Foliage Plants, Everlasting Flowers, Seed for window and greenhouse culture, Foliage Plants, Aquatics and Hardy Perennials. Among these are offered our special strains of all the important varieties, strains which, in many cases, have been in our possession for ten or fifteen years, and which have been improved yearly by careful and judicious cultivation and selection. We can beat the world on Asters, Balsams, Dianthus, Mignonette, Nasturtiums, Petunias, Pansies, Phloxes, Poppies, Verbenas, Zinnias, Sweet Peas, etc. Study the list carefully. You will find we do not offer a great variety, only the very choicest and best known to cultivation.

VEGETABLE SEEDS. These follow, commencing on page 62. For many years we have exercised the greatest care in our Vegetable Seed Department. We have been determined to get, grow, keep and sell not only the most satisfactory kinds, but strains which will surpass all the leading commercial grades. In this we have been wonderfully successful. Our vegetable seeds are known the world over for their high quality, and are purchased by the most successful gardeners from one end of our land to the other.

Those who desire a particularly fine lawn will be interested in our Lawn Grass Seed offered on page 84, and farmers who desire the finest and most profitable Field Corn will purchase our Golden Superb offered on page 85.

THE BULB AND PLANT CATALOGUE commences on page 89, the following 16 pages being devoted to a list of novelties in this line. The most important novelty which the world has seen for many years is Gladiolus Childsi, offered on pages 103 and 104. Other important novelties in the line of plants and bulbs, are our wonderful Columbian Carnations, new Cannas, Little Gem Calla, New Dahlias, Mexican Primroses, Fuchsia Trailing Queen, the Trailing

Hollyhock, new Spotted Geranium John Lewis Childs, etc. Among these specialties and novelties is offered a page of rare Tropical Fruits, suitable for pot culture. These are especially interesting, and we hope our friends will not overlook them. In this department our customers will find much which will be intensely interesting, for they, like ourselves, are enthusiastic lovers of rare plants and bulbs.

GENERAL LIST OF SUMMER-FLOWERING BULBS commences on page 105. Several pages of Gladiolus head this list. Our stock of this magnificent flower is the largest and finest in the world, as we devote more than one hundred acres to the cultivation of this brilliant flowering bulb. Notice the special low prices for collections, etc., on page 108, and grand collection of 15 finest Gladiolus, on page 109.

Following the general list of Summer-flowering Bulbs is a choice collection of hardy Perennial Plants. These commence on page 109 and occupy 9 pages, including a rare collection of Lilies and German Iris. Do not by any means overlook these beautiful hardy Perennial Plants, they cost very little, and are so satisfactory.

Following these are several pages of Roses, the general list of varieties being offered at 10 cents each, a remarkable low price for strong, vigorous, well-rooted plants, ready to commence growth and bloom at once. The most valuable of all perpetual-blooming roses is our Champion of the World, offered on page 132.

OUR GENERAL LIST OF WINDOW AND BEDDING PLANTS commences on page 133. Among these are offered the finest Begonias, Coleus, Chrysanthemums, Cacti, Geraniums, Heliotropes, Fuchsias, Moon-flowers, Passion Flowers, Violets, etc., including the valuable and beautiful Manettia Vine, Pteronia and Sansevieria. Following these are five pages of Pot Shrubbery, a magnificent collection of Abutilons, Brugmansias, Hibiscus, Oleanders, Hydrangeas, Plumbago, Jasmines, and the ever-charming Otaheite Orange and Olea Fragrans. Our friends will find this beautiful pot shrubbery extremely satisfactory. This department closes with two pages of beautiful Aquatic Plants, the lovely Water Hyacinth, new Giant Pond Lily, Parrot's Feather, etc.

THE NURSERY DEPARTMENT. This commences on page 153, and while the greater half of everything offered in this department is new and very rare, there are but three pages devoted to Novelties. These demand, however, special attention. With the exception of our great Japanese Wineberry there was never anything introduced which is so valuable as our Golden Japanese Mayberry. This is a fruit with qualities which may truly be called startling. The first 14 pages in this department are devoted to a rare collection of Hardy Flowering Shrubs, beautiful Flowering Climbers, Evergreen Shrubs, rapid-growing Ornamental Trees, etc. Among these there are some of the rarest and brightest gems in the floral kingdom. Do not overlook the grand Tree Hollyhock, the lovely Sweet Pea Shrub, our superb Clematis, and rapid-growing Flowering Trees, including the Double-flowered and Red-leaved Peach. Flowering Shrubs, Vines and Trees are essential to the proper make-up of every home surrounding, and one will find in this list everything that can be desired. All ordinary and worthless varieties have been discarded, and only superb kinds are offered.

OUR LIST OF CHOICE AND RARE FRUITS commences on page 171 and continues to the end of the catalogue. This is undoubtedly the choicest collection of rare fruits ever gotten together. Many of the varieties are of our own introduction and cannot be purchased elsewhere. They are all select sorts, of special value, and many of them new and very rare. All lovers of choice fruits will find this list particularly fascinating, and those who plant them will find that everything we offer is just exactly what we recommend it to be. Do not overlook the Choice Nuts, the new, juicy Plum, or our great Japanese Wineberry.

WHY OURS IS THE LARGEST BUSINESS OF ITS KIND. The sequel to the great success of our house may be summed up as follows: 1st—We strive to supply the very best grade of goods possible, in freshness, vigor, purity, and highly perfected qualities in every respect. 2d—To introduce the most novelties of sterling merit. 3d—To fill all orders promptly, correctly, and to pack in the best manner for journeys to any part of the world. 4th—To give entire satisfaction in every respect to every one who sends us an order, that we may merit a continuance of their patronage, and recommendations to their friends and neighbors, for this is the only way it can be secured. It is our strict adherence to the above rules that has placed our house ahead of all others.

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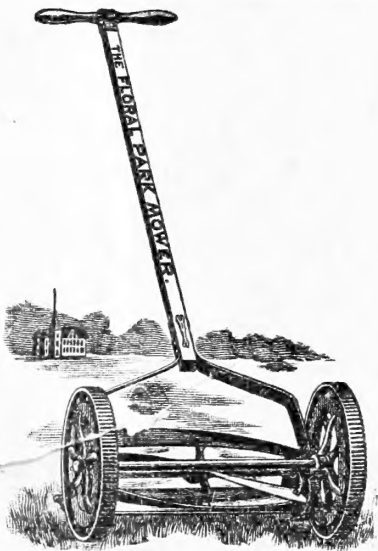
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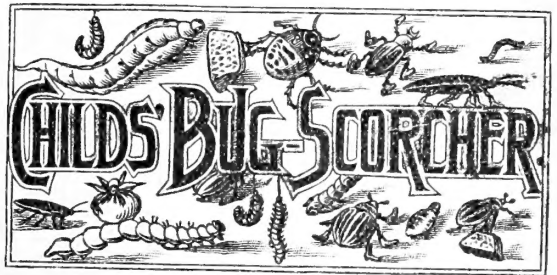
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