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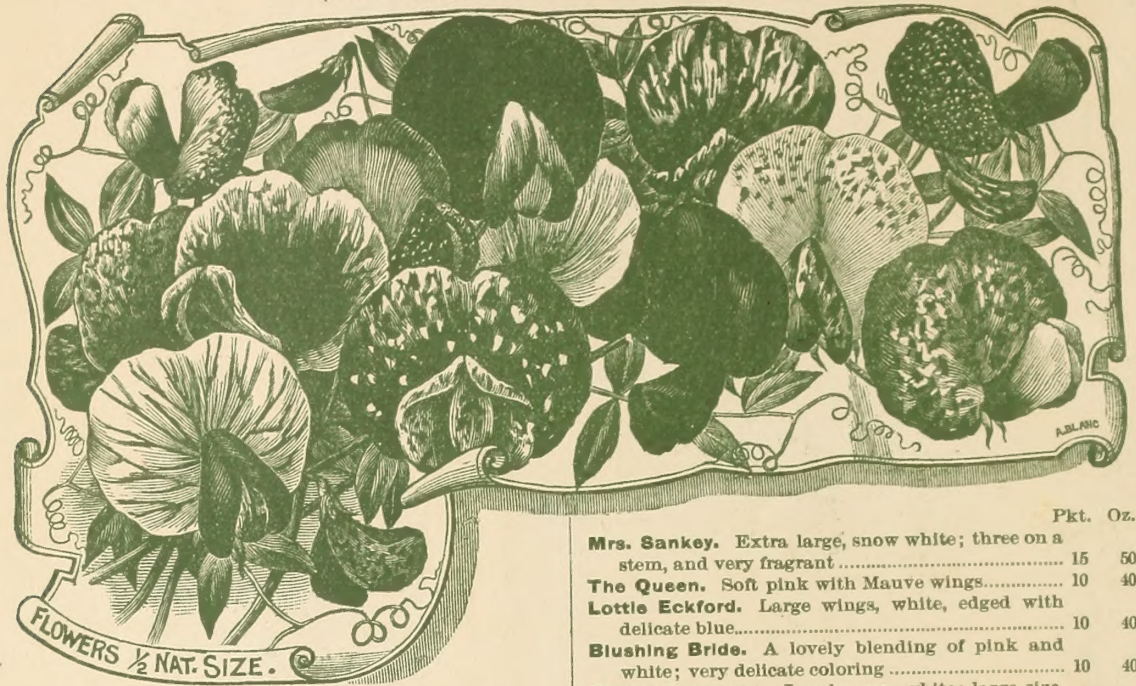
RARE FLOWERS
VEGETABLES
AND
FRUITS
for 1895.

CHILD'S
SUPERIOR SWEET PEAS.

JOHN LEWIS CHILD'S
FLORAL PARK
N.Y.

Childs' Superior Sweet Peas.

(SEE COLORED SPECIMENS ON COVER.)



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	15
White " Fine pure white.....	5	15
Blue " Elegant deep blue.....	5	15
Adonis. A fine shade of carmine-rose.....	5	20
Black. Dark purplish black.....	5	20
Butterfly. Pure white laced with blue. Lovely.....	5	20
Crown Princess. Delicate light blush.....	10	40
Dark Red. A rich shade.....	5	20
Fairy Queen. Beautiful white and rose.....	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; very beautiful.....	10	40
Mrs. Gladstone. Delicate pink and blush. Lovely	10	40
The Senator. Chocolate shaded and striped.....	15	50

	Pkt.	Oz.
Mrs. Sankey. Extra large, snow white; three on a stem, and very fragrant.....	15	50
The Queen. Soft pink with Mauve wings.....	10	40
Lottie Eckford. Large wings, white, edged with delicate blue.....	10	40
Blushing Bride. A lovely blending of pink and white; very delicate coloring.....	10	40
Emily Henderson. Lovely pure white; large size, dwarf habit.....	20	75
Her Majesty. One of the newest and grandest sorts	15	60
Boreatton. 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
Purple Prince. Fine rich purple. A splendid sort.	10	40
Lemon Gem. Lovely light lemon. Very delicate shade and exceedingly sweet.....	15	60
Violet Queen. A beautiful shade of violet.....	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
Blanche 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 SWEET PEAS.

Mixed Colors. Extra fine, per lb., \$1; ¼ lb., 30c.....	5	10
Eckford's Grand Mixture. All the grandest new sorts of large flowering and beautifully colored strains. The finest Sweet Pea mixture ever offered. Per lb., \$2; ¼ lb. 60c.....	10	20

SPECIAL OFFER.

For only \$1.50 we will send one packet each of the 36 varieties of Sweet Pea here offered. It is a grand collection, and embraces all the Newest and finest sorts.

SALUTATION.

Lovers of Flowers and Gardening all over the world recognize our Catalogue as the leading one of its kind published, and yearly look for its new features, its special prices and special attractions and its new introductions of Seeds, Bulbs, Plants and Fruits.

The features of our Catalogue for 1895 are its many fine colored plates, the special reduction in prices, the strong manner in which sterling articles are presented and offered at prices which makes it easy for everyone who receives it to add some rare and valuable things to their garden or window, despite the hard times. We hope by these special attractions, reductions in prices, sterling novelties and unusual inducements to receive an order from each one who receives this Catalogue. The fact that our house has for years stood at the head in our line of business is sufficient recommendation and a guarantee that from us those who have orders to send may expect not only the finest quality of stock to be had, but also the greatest value for the money they invest. It has always been our aim to deal with our customers in a manner that will insure their continued patronage, and that of their friends. We are determined to please our patrons, and our doing so is what has given us more customers than any other two houses combined.

New Dwarf Marguerite Carnation.

A New Strain of Dwarf, Perpetual-Blooming Marguerite Carnations which flower in three or four months from

Seed. This new strain of Marguerite Carnations produces plants of dwarf, compact and pretty habit, branching closely above the ground, with vigorous stalks which need not be supported by sticks. It flowers abundantly in a great variety of colors throughout the year, and the calyx never bursts. But what renders this variety far superior to any other is that the flowers appear in about three months after sowing the seed. Moreover, it produces at least 80 per cent. of double flowers, which are large and perfect. The plants grow easily everywhere, both in sandy soil or heavy loam, and will give the greatest satisfaction. Indeed, they signify an improvement on all other Carnations, which nobody ever thought of. Think of getting Carnations in flower from seed in about four months, which lasts throughout the winter, and of various colors, white, pink, scarlet, purple, red, striped, mottled, flaked, variegated, etc. We say without hesitation, that it is the most important flower-seed novelty in many years. They are alike valuable for pot culture or for the garden, and in either case they are exquisite.

MIXED, ALL COLORS—White, pink, scarlet, striped, blotched, violet, purple, rose, variegated, etc., scarcely any two alike; **per packet, 20 cents; three packets for 50 cents.** Or, we will give a packet of these new Dwarf Carnations **Free** to any one who orders anything from this Catalogue if the following Check is enclosed.

(CUT ON THIS LINE.)

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

CHECK--- Good for a Packet of "New Dwarf Marguerite Carnations,"
free with any order from this Catalogue during 1895.

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.



NEW
MARGARET
CARNATIONS

THIS CHECK ENCLOSED WITH ANY ORDER IS GOOD FOR A PACKET OF THESE CARNATIONS 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 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 any of its contents injured on the way, we will send again. We also guarantee everything true to name.

We Pack all plants carefully in strong wooden boxes, which insures their safe transit through the mails to the remotest parts of the country, or abroad.

We Fill all orders as soon as received, if the stock is ready. Customers who wish their order, or any part of it, booked for shipping at a later date, should state the fact.

To Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, most of the countries of South and Central America, and the West India Islands, we can send goods in large parcels by mail, post-paid. We can ship to other foreign countries by mail only in 8 or 12-ounce packages.

England, Ireland and Scotland.—We have so many customers in Great Britain that we, at frequent intervals, fill their orders and ship the parcels in bulk to our agent in Liverpool, 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 agent 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			
" 2.00	"	"	2.25
" 4.00	"	"	4.60
" 5.00	"	"	5.75
" 6.00	"	"	7.00
" 10.00	"	"	12.00
" 25.00	"	"	30.00
" 50.00	"	"	62.00
" 100.00	"	"	125.00

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 page 3.

WHAT BUYERS SHOULD DO.

Forward Money with the order, and at our risk, when sent by post-office money order on Floral Park; greenbacks, or gold or silver coin, by registered letter; bank draft or express company's money order.

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.

Please Write your order plainly and distinctly by itself, and not mix it 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 despatch, 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 despatch. *No inquiries will receive attention which do not contain duplicate, etc., as here mentioned.*

A SIGNIFICANT FACT.

The claim that our house does the largest business of its kind in the world is not an idle boast. The magnitude of our business is best indicated by the Floral Park post-office. Floral Park is a little settlement built up by our business, and the post-office was established to accommodate our mails. According to the population of Floral Park the post-office would naturally do a business of \$200 or \$300 per year. As a matter of fact, it is an office of the first class, ranking with New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. In short, the business which we do through the mails is sufficient to make an office of size and importance great enough to rank with the large cities. At the Post-Office Department in Washington, they say that there was never in the United States a parallel case with the Floral Park post-office.

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MAYFLOWER PREMIUM, 5 GREATEST FLORAL NOVELTIES. See next page.

MAYFLOWER PREMIUMS FOR 1895.

Five Greatest Floral Novelties Given Absolutely Free to Each One Who Subscribes.

The Most Charming Horticultural Magazine of the World, with Several Elegant Colored Plates in Every Issue, at Only 50 Cents Per Year for Single Subscriptions; 40 Cents Per Year in Clubs of Five or More; 35 Cents in Clubs of 25 or More; 30 Cents in Clubs of 50 or More; 25 Cents Per Year in Clubs of 100 or More, With Premium.

THE PREMIUM.

FIVE GREATEST FLORAL NOVELTIES.

Everyone who subscribes for THE MAYFLOWER will receive immediately and absolutely free of all cost, by mail, postpaid, the following five extraordinary floral novelties, one packet of each. These are novelties of the highest order, and would cost, were one to purchase them, two or three times the price of a year's subscription. They are as follows:

New Early-Blooming Heliotrope.—A strain of Heliotrope which grows readily and rapidly from seed, blooming in a short time, and is as easily raised as Pansies, Balsams or Zinnias. They bloom abundantly in the garden all summer, or all the year round in pots. The panicles of bloom are often six inches across, while the colors range from indigo-black through all shades of blue to almost pure white. In fragrance they seem to surpass the ordinary Heliotrope. A packet of this seed will furnish a bed of flowers for your garden or lawn next summer which would cost several dollars were one to purchase the plants, and is alone well worth more than the subscription price.

Malmalson Carnation.—We have all heard of the wonderful Malmalson Carnation, so cherished in England but never seen in America for the reason that it is so hard to propagate. An enterprising florist in Europe has succeeded in raising a quantity of the seed of this renowned Carnation, which we have secured. Plants will bloom in three or four months from the time of sowing the seed. The flowers are simply enormous in size, as large as a large Rose, perfectly double, of a delicate blush color and strong clove fragrance. Growth very stout with large, luxuriant foliage. No other Carnation in the world can compare with this variety. The packet which we give contains ten seeds, but if only one plant of Malmalson is raised it is a prize well worth a dollar.

New Dwarf-Flowering Cannas.—A superb strain of Crozy's new Dwarf-Flowering Cannas, unsurpassed as pot plants or for bedding. Immense panicles of bloom; dwarf habit, perpetual flowering and vivid colors characterize this strain. Packets will contain several seeds, but one plant raised from this strain is worth more than the subscription price of THE MAYFLOWER.

Centrosema Grandiflora.—A new hardy perennial vine which blooms freely the first summer from seed. Lovely Sweet Pea-like flowers of enormous size and charming colors. One of the grandest novelties introduced in several years.

Verbena, Giant White-Scented.—A new pure white Verbena of gigantic size and delicious fragrance. Habit, dwarf and compact. Superb for pots, as it blooms freely the year round. In the garden, during summer, it is one mass of bloom all the time. A sterling novelty, and always comes absolutely true from seed.

Subscribers to THE MAYFLOWER will find in this premium of Five Greatest Novelties a rare treat of choice floral beauties. Just think of it: These five Novelties and the charming MAYFLOWER a whole year for only 50c., or less in clubs.

AN ADDITIONAL PREMIUM.

In addition to the above we will give any subscriber 100 CHOICEST MIXED GLADIOLUS BULBS, and send them by mail, postpaid, if 25 cents is sent to pay postage and packing. These one hundred bulbs will make a glorious bed of bloom, such as is seldom seen. They represent all colors, shades and variegations. Remember, that the 100 Bulbs will only be sent to those who send 25 cents for postage.

GET UP A CLUB—ELEGANT CLUB PREMIUMS.

We will give you a beautiful present for every four subscribers you send us, and by showing this offer to your friends and neighbors you will find that they will nearly all be glad to subscribe. Each subscriber will get the above premium of five Floral Novelties, and for every four names in the club the club-raiser may select one of the following offers, which will be forwarded free, by mail:

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| 1 Crinum Ornatum, | 1 Sanseveria, |
| 1 Night Blooming Cereus, | 1 Abutilon Infanta Eulalia, |
| 2 Gladiolus Childsi, | 1 Japan Giant Chestnut, |
| 50 Mixed Seedling Gladiolus, | 1 Calla Little Gem, |
| 1 Champion Rose, | 1 Begonia Vernon, |
| 1 Otahete Orange, | 3 Iris Kaempferi, |
| 1 Lillium Auratum, | 1 Rose Crimson Rambler, |
| 1 Fuchsia Trailing Queen, | 2 Wineberry. |
| 1 Clematis, | 2 Tree Blackberry, |
| 10 Pkts. New Vegetable Seeds, | 10 Pkts. Choice Flower Seeds, |
- The above articles are described in this Catalogue.

SPECIAL CLUB PREMIUMS.

In addition to the above club premiums we offer some valuable Special Club Premiums for clubs of 25 or 50 names. Among them are a set of decorated dishes, watch, Chambers Encyclopedia, Webster Dictionary, etc. For full particulars, see December number of MAYFLOWER, which will be sent free on application.

THE MAYFLOWER.

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Editor.

The Leading Horticultural Magazine of the World.—Elegantly Illustrated—2, 3 or 4 Colored Plates in Every Issue—More than 100 Correspondents All Over the World.

THE MAYFLOWER is acknowledged to be the leading Horticultural publication of the world. Its success has been phenomenal, having reached a subscription list of over 500,000 names, and it goes monthly to every civilized country of the globe. It contains 32 pages (often more), bound in beautiful covers. Each issue also contains several Colored Plates of New Flowers, Wild Flowers, Plants or Fruits, and many elegant illustrations. It is devoted to the cultivation of Flowers and Plants, Fruits, Vegetables, and to Gardening and Home Adornment in general. Each issue contains about sixty interesting and instructive articles from our staff of contributors, representing every State in the Union and nearly every country in the world.

As may be supposed, the articles on Flowers and Gardening, which come from all parts of the world, are intensely interesting and useful. Every number is well worth a year's subscription price. This is the verdict of our readers. Each issue is a mine of information and interesting literature, and a cabinet of beauty.

EXQUISITE JAPANESE COLORED PLATES.

We have received from Japan several elegant floral paintings of new Lilies, Chrysanthemums, Camellias, etc., from which we shall have colored plates made for some of our issues for 1895. These plates will be not only novel but perfectly exquisite, and will be a charming feature of THE MAYFLOWER.

COLORED PLATES OF WILD FLOWERS.

With January, 1895, we shall commence issuing a series of colored plates of Wild Flowers, two subjects on a double colored plate in each issue, with full descriptions of the plants, their habits, nativity, botanical and common names, etc. It will be a most beautiful and interesting series and of great botanical value. This feature alone is worth more than a year's subscription to THE MAYFLOWER.

SPECIAL SERIAL ARTICLES.

MARTIN BENSON, of Central America, will continue his very interesting "Central American Letters" through 1895.

Mrs. MARY REYNOLDS, of New Zealand, will contribute a series of articles during the entire year, entitled "The Wild Flowers of New Zealand."

WALTER N. PIKE will contribute a series of articles on "Rare Florida Flowers."

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS will write a series of articles covering nearly the whole year entitled "New Plants and Flowers." These will be notes and comments on the Novelties in Floriculture which come to him from all over the world.

It is expected that Mr. HENRY NEHRING will write a series of several articles on our Native Birds. These articles will be a rare treat.

HOME INTERESTS,

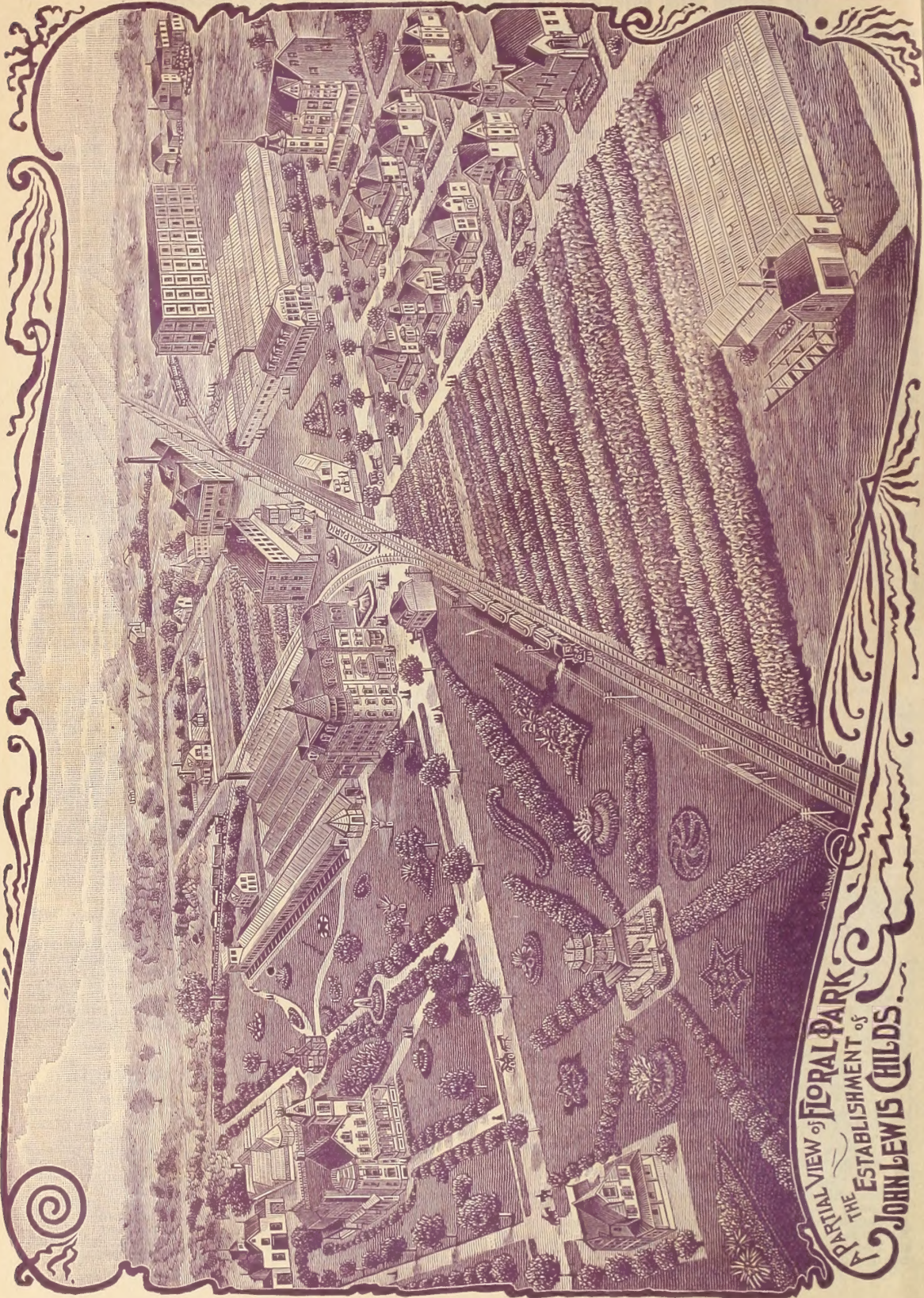
EDITED BY MRS. HENRY WARD BEECHER & MRS. M. C. CHILDS
IS A GREAT SUCCESS.

This department, covering two or three pages each issue, was started last September, and its editors, Mrs. Beecher and Mrs. Childs, have made it so interesting and useful that our readers declare that it has enhanced the value of THE MAYFLOWER one hundred per cent. A little diversion from the great wealth of Horticultural and Floricultural literature which appears in each issue was thought to be a good thing, and it has proved to be such.

PERMANENT AGENTS WANTED.

—We want one or more permanent agents in every city, town and village to take subscriptions and receive renewals. We will make anyone who sends us a club of ten or more subscribers a permanent agent, if they so desire.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.—The subscription price of THE MAYFLOWER, including premium, and with all its new attractions, is only 50 cents per year for single subscription; 40 cents per year in clubs of five or more; 35 cents per year in clubs of twenty-five or more; 30 cents per year in clubs of fifty or more; 25 cents per year in clubs of 100 or more. Subscription price, without premium, 40 cents per year. Foreign subscribers, from all foreign countries, except Canada, must send one shilling (24 cents) extra to pay foreign postage.



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



GLADIOLUS. See special offers on other side.

GLADIOLUS—Special Offers.

This page is gotten up with a view to inducing everyone who sees it to order a quantity of our super-fine Gladiolus. Nowhere in the world can such fine ones be had as from us, and we sell at less than one-half the usual prices. The Gladiolus is our leading Specialty, and we grow over 100 acres of them—more than all the rest of the world combined. Our greatest offer for this year, the one which we hope everyone who sees this Catalogue will accept, is 10 fine named Gladiolus for 15c. This collection is worth a dollar. Nothing like it was ever before offered. We also offer 5 named Lemoinei Hybrids for 10c., and 12 fine Mixed Bulbs for 10c., 100 for 60c. Make up a good order for Gladiolus from this page. You can plant nothing that will give you so great a return for the money invested.

10 Beautiful Named Gladiolus for 15 Cents.

For only 15c. we will send 10 fine named Gladiolus, each bulb correctly labeled, all neatly boxed, by mail, post-paid. This collection will include very fine varieties (of our selection), covering the widest range of fine colors, white, pink, yellow, scarlet, blush, blotched, striped, variegated, etc., fair sized flowering bulbs, and is well worth a dollar. Every one of our customers should take this collection.

5 Lemoinei Hybrids for 10c.

For only 10c. we will send by mail, post-paid, 5 fine named varieties (our selection) of Lemoinei Hybrid Gladiolus. These are the lovely Orchid Gladiolus which are so beautifully blotched and colored. Do not miss this special offer.

Large Gladiolus Bulbs, Extra Low Price 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.

This offer should induce everyone to plant a big lot of them.

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.

Lemoinei Hybrids. Mixed all colors. Per dozen, 30c.; per 100, \$2.00, by mail.

Childs. Mixed all colors. Each, 20c.; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

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.....	\$0 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.....	40	2 00

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.

Fine Flowering Bulbs. 30c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000, by mail.

THE 15 FINEST GLADIOLUS.

We consider the 15 following Gladiolus the very finest varieties in cultivation, excepting, of course, the new Childs. 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.

Addison. Large, dark amaranth, with white stripe.....	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
Aurore. Bright salmon-rose, striped orange, carmine and lilac, blotched with cherry-rose and violet.....	20
Augusta. Large, pure white, with blue anthers; new and extra fine.....	25
Bicolore. Bright rosy-salmon, with large pure white blotches. A most beautiful sort.....	25
Duchess of Edinburgh. Enormous spike, attaining a height of six feet; flowers of fine form and great substance. Purplish-rose with carmine stripe in the lower division. A grand new variety.....	25
Fatma. Very large flower of ivory-white ground, profusely striped and suffused with bright rosy salmon.....	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
Grand Rouge. Enormous spike and flower of perfect form, and of the most brilliant and dazzling scarlet; the finest scarlet variety.....	20
Hesperide. Pure white ground, profusely blotched and flaked with bright rosy salmon; extra fine.....	20
Peppita. Bright golden-yellow, slightly striped carmine at the edges of petals; a grand yellow variety.....	25
Shakespeare. White, suffused with carmine-rose, large, rosy blotches, perfect form.....	15

Octoroon. Lovely salmon pink, very beautiful.....	25
Sylphide. White, flamed with carmine, very large purple-crimson blotch; extra.....	25
Snow White. Large flower and spike of perfect form, and pure snow-white; the finest white variety.....	25

These fifteen finest of all named Gladiolus will be sent by mail, post-paid, for \$1.00; large flowering bulbs. Four collections for \$3.00.

Gladiolus Seed.

It is very interesting to raise Gladiolus from seed. The range of color 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.

Lemoinei Hybrids Mixed. Sometimes blooms the first summer, and always the second. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

Childs, Mixed Colors. Finest of all. Very frequently blooms first summer, especially if started early. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts. for 50c.

GREETINGS TO OUR CUSTOMERS.

We herewith present you our annual Catalogue for 1895. We have tried to make it the most meritorious work of the kind ever issued, and invite your critical inspection of it. You will see that our study has been to offer the most desirable Seeds, Bulbs, Plants and new Fruits at moderate prices. We have also tried to protect our customers by offering none but the very best varieties in every instance. Sorts of doubtful merit, or those which possess inferior qualities, have been rigidly discarded; and those who make selections for their gardens from our Catalogues may be sure that they are getting the most approved kinds to date.

When we commenced our business we did it from pure love of flowers and gardening, and had no thought of building up so great an enterprise as now surrounds us. Our ambition was to gratify our love for the beautiful by making it a means of livelihood, and to surround ourselves with the refining influences of flowers, and bring ourselves in contact with people who loved them as we did. The desire to have our customers succeed in the cultivation of their flowers and gardens has been our greatest aim. Between people who love and cultivate flowers and gardens there is a bond of friendship and sympathy. They are never strangers, and are ever ready to assist each other, rejoicing in each other's successes and deploring each other's failures. Buying and selling between ourselves and our customers has never seemed to be merely a matter of dollars and cents. Unlike cold business principles, we aim to give as *much* as possible for a dollar instead of as *little* as possible. We try to see how *much* we can please purchasers and how *much* we can help them towards attaining the greatest possible success in their efforts to make home and the world brighter, happier and better. It is not a matter of value for value when we offer THE MAYFLOWER for one year and its premium for only fifty cents, or less in clubs. THE MAYFLOWER was established to help people care for their plants and gardens, and we wish all to avail themselves of its aid, hence its very low price and valuable premium offers. In filling orders we always try to do a little better than can be expected of us. It is such a little thing to give a few beautiful extras here and there, yet how it gladdens and encourages our patrons to know that we feel an interest in them and their success beyond the narrow limits of business. Again, how it encourages and helps us to know that our customers feel a warm personal interest in our welfare, and help to extend our business as much as possible. It is a matter of the greatest pride to us to have the esteem and kind regard of the people of our land who love and cultivate flowers and gardens. As a class they are the truest, kindest-hearted, most refined and intelligent,—in short, the very cream of society. We hope that not one of our customers will allow their name to drop from our roll, but will send us some sort of an order each year, that they may continue to receive our annual Catalogues, which we send with our best wishes to each and everyone for a most happy and prosperous New Year.

THE MAYFLOWER.—Any person who loves or cultivates flowers, or owns a garden, farm or home, cannot afford to be without this unique publication, which is the favorite and foremost horticultural journal of the world. For full particulars, see pages 2 and 3. At the small cost of 50 cents, or less in clubs, one may secure this beautiful publication for a year, and with it, free of all charge, five of the most important floral novelties. We cannot do our customers a greater kindness than to urge them to accept this offer. It is worth ten times its cost to every one of you, and you will all say so after you are familiar with it.

FLORAL PARK—OUR ESTABLISHMENT.

On the opposite page will be seen a bird's eye view of that portion of Floral Park which lies in the immediate vicinity of our seed stores, greenhouses, bulb-house, printing establishment, etc. Of course, only a very small part of our 200 acres of flowers is represented in this picture. Floral Park is situated on Long Island, about twelve miles from the cities of Brooklyn and New York, on the line of the Long Island Railroad, which runs directly through our premises,—our grounds bordering upon it for a distance of more than a mile, and presenting a floral display which is unequalled on the continent. Though we cultivate 200 acres of ground here, it is not a tenth part of the acreage required to produce our entire crops, and Floral Park is really more of a trial garden than a seed farm.

Our greenhouses are in four sets, or blocks; are of large size—ranging from 100 to 200 feet in length and 12 to 20 feet in width—and cover several acres. 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 cannot 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. The printing house is a large brick building, separated from all others. In this is located a powerful steam engine and an electric-light dynamo. The finest presses known are used for turning out the large edition of THE MAYFLOWER and our job printing, all of which we do excepting this Catalogue.

This is the most extensive Catalogue issued in the world, the edition being over 500,000 copies, which required last year 270 tons of paper, costing, when printed and mailed, over \$100,000. It required over \$30,000 for postage to mail it. The entire contents of this Catalogue, (type matter and cuts,) is copyrighted, all being original with us. We publish and sell, at 10 cents per copy, an album of Floral Park views, showing 25 half-tone photographic views of our establishment, grounds, buildings, etc.

We also have a registered trade-mark, which is here shown. Through our Catalogues we attach this trade-mark to varieties of seeds, bulbs or plants which were named and introduced by us, and wherever it is seen one may feel sure that it designates a variety of great merit.



Press Comments on Floral Park.

During the past year there has come to our notice several thousand articles which have appeared in various papers throughout the country, commenting upon Floral Park and our business, of which the following are extracts. Space does not allow us to publish any of these articles in full (many of which are from one to three columns in length), or extracts from the tenth part of them. But the following selection covers the entire country, including every State and Territory, all parts of Canada and other foreign countries.

From the *Union and Advertiser*, Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 1st, 1894 (Extract from London Letter): "In passing Mr. Childs' headquarters in London I am reminded that nowhere on the continent of Europe or in the British Isles, or, I may say, in the world, is there such a floral establishment as the one he owns at Floral Park, N. Y. Nowhere else can such a bewildering profusion of flowers be seen, or such a well laid out, perfectly appointed and neatly kept business place in his line. Two hundred acres of flowers, four large sets of greenhouses, two mammoth seed stores, an enormous bulb house, a great printing establishment and nearly a score of other buildings of various sizes and kinds go to make up this establishment. One would think that this great business was enough for one young man to care for, yet Mr. Childs is one of the thirty-two senators who make the laws and govern the affairs of the great Empire State of New York, an office in importance, influence and responsibility greater than that of congressman."

From the *Sentinel*, Amherst, N. S., Canada, March 29th: "The largest seed establishment in the world is said to be that of John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, N. Y."

From the *Empire of Finance and Trade*, New York City, March 24th: "That Mr. Childs is one of the most practicable and extensive of seedsmen and horticulturalists in the world is amply proven by a visit in the spring and summer to Floral Park, where large greenhouses meet the eye with Tulips, Gladioli flowers and shrubs spreading themselves in all directions."

From the *Fairfax Herald*, Vienna, Va., March 23d: "John Lewis Childs has the finest grounds, buildings and greenhouses in America, and employs hundreds of workmen and women filling and shipping orders which come to him from all countries of the world."

From the *Daily Record*, St. John, N. B., Can., March 3: "In the absence of a more plain and yet expressive word, 'superb' must be the confession of all in receipt of the 1894 Floral, Vegetable and Fruit Catalogue issued by John Lewis Childs."

From the *Paxton Record*, Paxton, Ill., February 1st:

"Ye, who would to your neighbor say,

"This year, I don't raise weeds,"

Had better, this year, send to Childs,

To get your garden seeds."

From the *Weekly Tonguelet*, San Antonio, Tex., March 17th: "The catalogue and *The Mayflower* only need to be seen to be appreciated, for they carry out Mr. Childs' idea, which is to produce the latest and best of its kind, at the lowest price possible, in the way of vegetables, fruits and flowers, as these publications are the best, most handsome and complete in all the range of literature on the subject of horticulture."

From the *Times and Democrat*, Orangeburg, S. C., April 18: "Do you like beautiful, rare, choice flowers, etc? If so, send to John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, Queens Co., N. Y., for his elegant Spring Catalogue. It is the most extensive issued, and his establishment is the largest of its kind in the world."

From the *Moody County Enterprise*, Flandreau, S. Dak., April 12th: "The grounds of Floral Park present to the eye one of the most exquisitely magnificent scenes to be found in the world, a perfect sea of gorgeous flowers. In every direction some new surprise"

From the *Cape Cod Bee*, Barnstable, Mass., February 13th "I had rather stand to-day on the eminence John Lewis Childs has attained than to be President of the United States, for the President is chosen by the people and not always a wise choice. John Lewis Childs has gained the pinnacle of fame by his honesty and industry and indomitable will."

From the *Commercial*, Mattoon, Ill., February 22d: "The 200 acres at Floral Park is not a fancy part of the acreage required to produce their crops. It is here that all manner of tests and trials are carried on among flowers, vegetables and fruits."

From the *Daily Palladium*, Richmond, Ind., March 21st: "I have the finest Lilies, Gladioli, and my Tulip beds are really a wonder. For five years past I have bought my bulbs, as well as all my flower seeds, from Senator Childs."

From the *Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., March 14th: "After trying many of the popular seedsmen and florists, I find that John Lewis Childs gives the best collection for the money and most reliable; always get just what you send for and always the latest varieties."

From the *Washingtonian*, Leesburg, Va., February 24th: "Great as Mr. Childs' business now is there is no telling to what dimensions it may grow, for with the Golden Rule for the secret of it, he is daily proving that 'nothing succeeds like success.'"

From the *Lady*, London, England, February 1st: "First to hand came Mr. Childs' book from Floral Park, N. Y. I have tested this firm thoroughly, and can speak confidently of the liberal quantities of seed in each packet, and the excellent condition in which the plants arrive, carriage-paid, at one's house, however remote."

From the *Star*, Mauston, Wis., February 15th: "Mr. Childs is one of the most reliable and prominent seedsmen of the United States. The superior excellence of his goods, his generous premiums, reasonable prices, fair dealings and honesty, place his house ahead."

From the *Herald*, Webster, N. C., April 26th: "Of the multitude of catalogues sent out, representing dealers in seeds, bulbs, etc., there are none that reaches so high a standard of excellence as that issued by John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, N. Y., of which an edition of 600,000 was printed for '94."

From the *Advocate*, Plenton Town, N. S., Canada, April 13th: "To visit Floral Park must be something not easily forgotten."

From the *Metropolis*, Jacksonville, Fla., March 23d: "Not only is the selection large, but the prices are proportionately small. The plants and seeds from Childs are entirely trustworthy."

From the *Sun*, Arlington, S. Dak., March 28th: "If you use seeds and have not Childs' Catalogue, send for it and you will see the most perfect lists of seeds, plants and nursery stocks published."

From the *Morning Journal*, Lafayette, Ind., April 9th: "The grounds of John Lewis Childs, at Floral Park, N. Y., present the most magnificent display of this kind in America, or the world."

From the *Orleans Republican*, Albion, N. Y., April 11th: "At J. L. Childs' establishment may be seen, in their season, not yards of Roses or Pansies, or other rare and beautiful flowers, but actually miles of the rarest blooms which the skill and industry of man has ever brought together from the ends of the earth."

From the *Register*, Wilbur, Wash., March 30th: "This establishment is owned and managed by John Lewis Childs. The business is the largest of its kind in the world. No two houses combined have a larger number of customers than they alone."

From the *Emmet County Republican*, Estherville, Iowa, February 1st: "John Lewis Childs sells more fruit trees and bulbs than any other seedsman in the world."

From the *Herald and Presbyterian*, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 11th: "The Mayflower of the Puritans brought to America liberty and hope for the world—the *Mayflower* of Floral Park, N. Y., brings to the world a message of joy and plenty by means of beautiful flowers, delicious fruits and vegetables."

From the *Daily Wave*, Enid, Oklahoma, April 7th: "The most conspicuous and praiseworthy broadcast sowing of seed ever known in the world is annually performed by John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park. He scatters seed throughout the world through international postal service, and it may be said poetically that he weaves a wreath of flowers around the world."

From the *Herald-Statesman*, Union Center, Wis., April 19th: "The grounds of this great establishment present the most magnificent floral display in America."

From the *Pioneer Press*, Lynden, Wash., April 26th: "We said once to one of our citizens (whose garden was teeming with fine vegetables, and whose front yard was a mass of lovely flowers), 'who has the best seed house you know of?' He responded with emphasis, 'John Lewis Childs.'"

From the *Record*, Waterville, Mich., January 19th: "From every quarter of the globe Mr. Childs receives seeds, bulbs or plants, and on his two hundred or more acres of land at Floral Park everything that can be successfully grown in the garden, on the lawn, in the greenhouses or dwelling is tested and again sent out to beautify the homes and benefit the people of all countries and climes."

From the *Granite State News*, Wolfboro, N. H., April 2d: "Great is Allah, and Mohamet is his prophet, says the plous Mussulman. Great are the wonders of Floral Park, say we."

From the *Kentuckian*, Hopkinsville, Ky., April 6th: "The secret of John Lewis Childs and the lofty position he occupies to-day, at the head of the race, without a peer, lies wholly in his own methods of fair dealing, and the purity and vitality of his seeds."

From the *Morning Courier*, Du Bois, Pa., January 30th: "The largest retail vegetable, flower and fruit business in the world is conducted by John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, Queens county, N. Y."

From the *Republican*, Cadiz, Ohio, April 26th: "The experience of people in dealing with this firm may be summed up as follows: More extras, largest packets, orders most promptly filled, and complete satisfaction at the end of the season in having purchased your seeds of Childs."

From the *Mercury*, Marton, New Zealand, March 10th: "Among the flood of catalogues that inundate every civilized centre in this busy age of keen competition, the one issued in 1894 by John Lewis Childs will be allowed by all who carefully peruse its pages to beat the record."

From the *Commercial Review*, Portland, Oregon, April 20th: "I take pleasure in inviting the attention of the public to the firm of John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, N. Y. Having dealt with that firm for many years, and knowing their stock of bulbs and plants to be extra fine, I can heartily recommend them to all."

From the *Evening Tribune*, New Albany, Ind., April 26th: "One can order from this house with safety, knowing that what they order will be sent, not something else as a substitute."

From the *News*, Boulder, Colo., April 19th: "Such a firm I can recommend, one that I have tried and can say without a doubt I believe to be the very best in the world."

From the *Daily Patriot*, Charlottetown, P. E. I., Canada, April 17th: "We have no hesitation in saying that the business carried on by this firm is the largest of its kind in the world."

From the *Mail*, Waterville, Me., April 20th: "Those who have dealt with Mr. Childs know of the honesty and generosity which characterize his dealings, and they can safely recommend his seeds, bulbs and plants to all whose names are not among his customers."

From the *Times*, Coalville, Utah, April 13th: "Of all the renowned seedsmen and florists' business, probably that of John Lewis Childs is the largest and most noted."

From the *Daily Tribune*, Westerly, R. I., Feb. 5th: "His catalogue is probably the most extensive in the world, and comprises a total of 600,000 copies for this year. Two hundred and seventy tons of paper were used in printing the same."

From the *Farmers' Democrat*, Macon, Miss., Feb. 15th: "Beautiful and rare flowers, fruits, vegetables, plants and seeds. Have you seen John Lewis Childs' newly revised catalogue for 1894? If not, you have missed a wonderful treat."

From the *Democrat*, Binghamton, N. Y., April 18th: "This business is the largest of its kind in the world, as Mr. Childs' seeds, bulbs and plants are sent to all habitable parts of the globe."

From the *Telegraph*, Painesville, Ohio, April 18th: "The magnitude of Mr. Childs' present business is a mark of the confidence which the public places in him."

From the *Transcript*, Queen City, Mo., April 20th: "Their Catalogue, and Magazine, *The Mayflower*, are necessities to the flower, vegetable and fruit culturist, and the farmer will find all improved varieties of farm seeds at reasonable rates."

From the *Webster Signal*, Minden, La., April 18th: "You will get from Childs the best grade of goods possible, the greatest novelties, and your orders will be filled correctly and promptly, and packed in the best manner for shipping. I speak from experience."

From the *Evening Telegram*, Superior, Wis., April 16th: "John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park, N. Y., has, perhaps, more than any other man, brought the art of cultivating flowers to perfection."

From the *Herald*, Peytona, W. Va., March 1st: "Mr. Childs sells only the best varieties of seeds, bulbs and plants, and he sells at wonderfully low prices."

From the *Gazette*, Cedar Falls, Iowa, April 13th: "We have dealt with Mr. Childs for many years and have always found his goods better than represented."

From the *Times-Democrat*, Lima, Ohio, April 17th: "No one can appreciate the progress that is being made in gardening and floriculture without seeing some of the beautiful new plants, the triumph of the florist's skill. During the last ten years Childs has led the world in the introduction of valuable plant and bulb novelties."

From the *Baptist and Reflector*, Nashville, Tenn., April 12th: "The most beautiful flowers, the most luscious fruits and the finest vegetables this side of the tropics are grown from seeds bought of John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, N. Y. It is surely no matter of wonder that millions scattered over the new world and the old call John Lewis Childs 'The Prince of Seed and Flower Dealers.'"

From the *Silent Hooster*, Indianapolis, Ind., March 8th: "Nowhere is there to be found better opportunities for the study of what this grand trinity is able to accomplish in the vegetable kingdom than in the life of the great seedsman and florist, John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park, N. Y. He has the largest experiment station in the world, having two hundred acres under cultivation for the production of seeds, bulbs and plants, and there every possible test and trial is made, the result of which might improve."

From the *Tribune*, Olathe, Kans., April 27th: "In this, the acknowledged age of wonders, the marvelous growth of the business and fame of the well-known seedsman and florist, John Lewis Childs commands the attention of the entire world. Combining, as Mr. Childs does the perseverance, honesty and business integrity of a long line of ancestors, whose motto has ever been '*Imitare Quam Invidere*'—imitate rather than envy—the prestige of his name has become all-powerful and is the synonym of success."

From the *Journal*, Albion, Ill., March 15th: "This is an age of wonders, and not least of these is Floral Park, the creation of Childs."

From the *Pemagogue Messenger*, Brattleboro, Vt., April 26th: "Floral Park greenhouses are in four blocks, ranging from 100 to 200 feet in length, by 10 to 20 feet in width, covering several acres. In greenhouse plants we find the new rose, Champion of the World, which originated in Vermont."

From the *Times*, Lowville, N. Y., April 12th: "Indeed, the establishment at Floral Park is an immense experiment station, Mr. Childs requiring ten times the two hundred acres cultivated there to produce his crops. The results of the tests show the quality of the shrubs, plants, bulbs and seeds to be the best."

From the *Register*, Randolph, Mass., March 24th: "As a boy it was a pastime with Mr. Childs to care for and cultivate flowers, and early in life he decided that it should be his business. When still less than 21 years of age he selected the present site of his business for the seat of his life-work, and in the short space of 14 years he has reached the pinnacle of success."

From the *Putnam County Republican*, Carmel, N. Y., March 24th: "John Lewis Childs' genius and love of beauty have created and fostered this wonderful and beautiful floral manor, and whose skill has brought it to such a degree of perfection, and to whose efforts and enterprise the maintenance of this great business is due."

From the *Mirror*, Parish, N. Y., April 18th: "Although they cultivate at Floral Park 200 acres, it is not a tenth part of the acreage required to produce their crops, and their grounds are really an immense trial garden."

From the *Sun*, Lime Springs, Iowa, Feb. 9th: "But we must tell you before we forget it that this Floral Park and its beauties are the monument, self-erected, by years of unceasing toil and intense business application of Mr. John Lewis Childs."

From the *Leader*, Winchester, Va., Feb. 23d. "A young man as yet, but to-day Mr. Childs stands out in bold relief on the topmost round of the ladder of fame, having gained a notoriety unparalleled in floriculture."

From the *Gazette*, Roseland, Neb., Feb. 22d: "John Lewis Childs' world-wide reputation is due to his unparalleled success as a seedsman and florist."

From the *Guard*, Batesville, Ark., Jan. 26th: "The record made by this house is remarkable, for while it is one of the youngest, it is nevertheless the most widely known house of its kind in the world, and excels all others in the magnitude of its business."

From the *Gazette*, Greenup, Ky., Jan. 17th: "I am one of the most extensive growers of fine fruits and vegetables in this country, and have patronized various nurseries in all parts of the United States, but have found none so reliable as John Lewis Childs."

From the *Advocate-Tribune*, Indianola, Iowa, March 29th: "Mr. Childs enjoys the distinction of having introduced more valuable novelties in fruits, vegetable and flower seeds, bulbs, trees and shrubs, than any other seedsman or florist in the world."

From the *Sutter County Farmer*, Yuba City, Cal., Jan. 26th: "The *Mayflower*, which is published at Floral Park, is the leading horticultural journal of the world. About 300,000 copies are turned out each month."

From the *Progress*, Nampa, Idaho, April 6: "Mr. Childs' enterprise and rare faculty of discrimination between the good and the better has won for him an enviable name as an introducer of new and improved varieties."

From the *Independent*, Lincoln, N. M.: "That Mr. Childs would succeed in his chosen vocation was from the first, for many reasons, a foregone conclusion. He has always made the interests of his customers his own. Instead of giving as little as possible for a dollar he has given more than his customers had a right to expect."

From the *Times*, Elmer, N. J., Feb. 3d: "An attempt to grasp the charms of Floral Park from description leads to fairy-land reveries. Eve in Eden never dreamed of such a variety of brilliant Gladiolus as can be seen at the Park."

From the *West Virginia Argus*, Kingwood, W. Va., March 22d: "Praiseworthy is every effort, however and wherever made, to render the home bountiful, beautiful, blissful. Such an effort is that of John Lewis Childs, whose incomparable Catalogue of rare flowers, plants and fruits, I have just had the pleasure of looking over."

From the *Daily Advance*, Harriman, Tenn., April 16th: "Stepping off the cars at Floral Park Railroad Station, we entered at once a maze of beautiful and fragrant flowers, unequalled in this or any other land. On every side graceful and elegant buildings, surrounded by fountains and parterres of exquisite flowers greet the eye."

From the *Herald*, Wabasha, Minn.: "John Lewis Childs has the greatest floral establishment in the world. So much for us Americans. He exports to England, Africa, Australia, all over the world."

From the *Sun*, Spring Valley, Wis., March 16th: "We have dealt with this firm enough to know that it is one of the most trustworthy and reliable seed firms in existence, and can recommend it to all, both as to profit and pleasure."

From the *City and Country*, Nyack, N. Y., April 26th: "As you step from the train you are confronted by a beautiful park, with acre after acre of smooth lawn and shrubbery, with broad walks, inviting summer pagodas and countless flower beds, fountains and lily tanks. Nearby are pretty cottages by the score for the accommodation of the army of employes under Mr. Childs' supervision."

From the *Herald and Advertiser*, Newnan, Ga., March 9th: "On a recent visit to Scotland, in being shown through the beautiful conservatories and gardens of Sir Harry Lumsden at Aberdeen, I was quite pleased to have pointed out to me, among a quantity of other things, Mr. Childs' Wineberry. This plant was quite strong and healthy, and I found it was purchased last spring when first introduced. Being a novelty, it was indicative of the assured reputation he has established abroad. I was not a little surprised to find his name on foreign soils as much a household word as it is at home."

From the *Daily Union*, Port Jervis, N. Y., March 24th: "Mr. Childs is proprietor of the most extensive, complete and reliable seed and floral establishment in the world, as is apparent from the beauty and grandeur at his magnificent, unrivalled trial grounds."

From the *Daily Crescent*, Frankfort, Ind.: "By his indomitable will and perseverance, Mr. Childs has carried this culture to such an extent that he really deserves the title of 'King of Flower Culture.'"

From the *Daily Herald*, Salem, Ohio, April 15th: "The magnificent achievement of John Lewis Childs in the seed line is simply unparalleled. No more flattering result has been attained by a single business venture."

From the *Daily Times*, Muncie, Ind., April 18th: "When one considers the amount of work connected with so great a business it becomes a matter of great surprise that countless millions of orders are so promptly and accurately attended to. Mr. Childs is noted for his prompt, satisfactory and generous manner of filling orders."

From the *Cathoun County Courier*, Arlington, Ga., April 20th: "The enterprise of Mr. Childs challenges the admiration of the world."

From the *True Light*, Holyoke, Mass., March: "Perfectly wonderful! I was completely enraptured. We have nothing in England that can compare with it, and in all my travels upon the Continent I never saw its equal. I am speaking of Floral Park, N. Y.—the most magnificent floral exhibition in the world, I believe, with John Lewis Childs as the presiding genius."

From the *Constitution*, Atlanta, Ga., April 29th: "The grounds upon which Mr. Childs grows his seeds are the most magnificent to be seen in America, and comprise several hundred acres. Beautiful in appearance, fertile in soil and under perfect climatic conditions, seeds may be grown there adapted to almost every clime. Mr. Childs has long been noted as a methodical worker. His many immense seed stores are in perfect condition, every arrangement for assuring, numbering and shipping having been provided, while his greenhouses are perfect in all appointments, covering many acres."

From the *Courier*, Embro, Ont., Can.: "But as bad as the world may be and no doubt full of unprincipled men, yet we have seeds-men who do give to the public good value for their money. Allow me to cite one instance coming under my own personal notice, that is, the firm of John Lewis Childs."

From the *Independent Republican*, Montrose, Pa., April 21st: "Although Mr. Childs began in a modest, unpretentious way, he has, by studying the wishes of his patrons and putting forth every effort to gratify them, built up a business of gigantic proportions. We have noted his progress from year to year, and have been surprised beyond measure. Onward and onward has he striven until the pinnacle has been reached, and he now stands ahead of all competitors, leaving behind him firms which were large when he began."

From the *Manayunk Sentinel*, Philadelphia, Pa., April 26th: "No newspaper article can do justice to the beauties and treasures of Floral Park, nor convey an adequate idea of the magnitude of the business carried on."

From the *Hawke's Bay Herald*, Hastings, New Zealand, Feb. 17th: "It is not only interesting, but profitable and instructive, to study the pages of some good florist's catalogue, and the one I think most highly to be recommended is certainly that of John Lewis Childs."

From the *Tribune*, Sherbrooke, N. Dak., March 8th: "The *Mayflower*, published by Mr. Childs, gives to its readers the general information needed for successful gardening, and has conversational topics from all parts of the world. It has two or three flower pictures in each. A worthy paper of the very best and inspiring reading for all who love horticulture."

From the *River Press*, Fort Benton Mont., April 10th: "By years of ceaseless industry John Lewis Childs has built up a business of colossal proportions—a business which prospers his pocket and himself. Years of labor and millions of capital have been expended to develop and perfect this great business of seed growing."

CHILD'S MORNING STAR PEA.



Child's
Picture Rock Tomato.

CHILD'S EARLY BEAUTY CUCUMBER.

Three • Wonderful • Vegetables.

IN every vegetable garden in the country, no matter how small, one will always find Peas, Tomatoes and Cucumbers. It is therefore exceedingly gratifying to us that we can offer a new variety of each of these three important vegetables, the merits of which are great enough to eclipse all others and rapidly establish them in all gardens. The Cucumber is now offered for the first time, and is the earliest and best of all early sorts. The Pea was introduced last year and is the earliest known variety, notwithstanding it is a wrinkled variety of good size, and possesses the exquisite flavor of late varieties—a quality which has never before been found in an early sort. The Tomato was introduced the year previous, and while being one of the very earliest it bears profusely till frost, and its beautiful, smooth and uniform shape and unsurpassed quality, makes it superior to any other.

It costs no more to grow the best varieties than it does poor ones, and one might as well have the best. We advise all our customers to plant these three choice new vegetables, also our Honey Dew Sweet Corn, which is the earliest and finest early variety.

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 it looks 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.; 3 pkts., 30c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$5.00.

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 the '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."

Mr. J. Goody, of Clan, Suffolk, England, writes: "Your pea, Morning Star, beats any pea in England for a first crop."

The supply of this wonderful Pea is limited and we can offer it only in small quantity. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 30c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.; 3 quarts, \$2.00.

Cucumber, Childs' Early Beauty.

A most remarkable and valuable early Cucumber, now offered for the first time. It is a sport from Early Siberian and has that variety's great value as a cropper. It is as early as Extra Early Russian though twice as



large as that variety, and keeps its lively green color to a very late stage of growth, and will supplant all other early sorts, such as Siberian, Russian, Green Prolific, Thorburn's Everbearing, etc., for it is not only earlier, but larger and much finer in every respect. It is even so fine that it has been called Early White Spine, though it has no relation to that superb late variety. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 30c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$5.00.

SPECIAL OFFER.

For 40c. we will send one packet each of our four greatest vegetable novelties, namely, Picture Rock Tomato, Morning Star Pea, Early Beauty Cucumber, and Honey Dew Sweet Corn. No garden is complete without these fine vegetables.

Date, 1895.

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, Queens County, N. Y.

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FLOWER SEED NOVELTIES.

The spice of the garden is its Novelties. No matter how many favorites we may have among the standard varieties we all find the Novelties to be the most interesting, and we watch their blooming with eagerness. The first question asked us by our friends is, "Have you any Novelties to be seen?" and "How are you pleased with the Novelties this year?" Our customers are never disappointed in our Novelties, for we are careful to test them thoroughly and prove their merits before offering. Not over ten per cent. of the European Novelties are worthy of introduction here and we have always protected our patrons from being imposed upon by making thorough tests and offering only such as are of real merit. The list offered this year is one of the best we ever have had.



Poppy Blushing Bride.

We grew a large quantity of this magnificent Poppy the past season, and can honestly recommend it as one of the most magnificent ever seen. The plants are of dwarf, stout growth, like Snowdrift, and belong to the Peony-flowered type. The blossoms are of enormous size, perfectly double to the center and beautifully fringed. Color, snow-white with lovely bright crimson festoonings about the edges of the frilled petals. It is difficult to imagine a more charming combination. When sown early this Poppy is one of the earliest double varieties to bloom, yet if the seed is sown later, say during June, it is said that the plants will bloom profusely through the fall months, even into November, at a time when all other Poppies have faded and gone. We cannot recommend this charming novelty too highly. Pkt., 15c.

New Giant Cosmos.

Since we introduced the Cosmos about ten years ago it has become the most popular fall flower, save only the Chrysanthemum. We now offer for the first time a new giant flowered strain of marvelous size and beauty. The individual flowers measure 4, 5 and even 6 inches across, and as they are borne on long, graceful stems the effect is most charming. For general description of the Cosmos see page 47. This new strain does not differ from the old, except in the enormous size of its blooms.

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| Giant White , fine pure color..... | Per Pkt. 20 |
| Giant Pink , exceedingly delicate and lovely..... | 20 |
| Giant Mixed Colors | 15 |
| Conchita , a new Cosmos, with color and texture like crimson velvet..... | 20 |



GIANT COSMOS

Datura Cornucopia.

Much like the double Brugmansia offered on page 19, except it is more dwarf in habit and a fine lilac and white color. Blooms in 2 or 3 months from seed and is a superb flower for the garden, or as a pot plant both summer and winter. Flowers like great trumpets, but quite double and of fine fragrance. Pkt., 15c.; 2 pkts. for 25c.



DATURA CORNUCOPIA

Begonia Vernon.

The most superb of all flowering Begonias. Blooms in three months from time of sowing the seed. Very easily grown, and a grand pot plant all the year round, as it is never out of flower. A fine summer bedder. See cut on page 110. All colors mixed, 15c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 40c.



Hibiscus Golden Bowl.

For two years this wonderfully beautiful flower has attracted attention at Floral Park, and received more lavish praise than the choicest pot house exotic. It is a plant which grows about two feet high and begins to bloom early from spring sown seed, the enormous flower measuring 5 or 6 inches across, beautifully cupped and of the most exquisite, soft canary yellow color with a large black center. These marvelously beautiful flowers are borne in profusion all summer, and if the plants are potted before frost will continue to bloom in the window all winter. A plant of the rarest beauty and most easily grown. Seed may be sown in the open ground or started early inside. Pkt. 20c., 3 pkts. for 50c.

Trailing Hollyhock.



TRAILING HOLLYHOCK
 Blooms in ninety days from time of sowing seed, and continues all the season, year after year. Pkt., 10c.

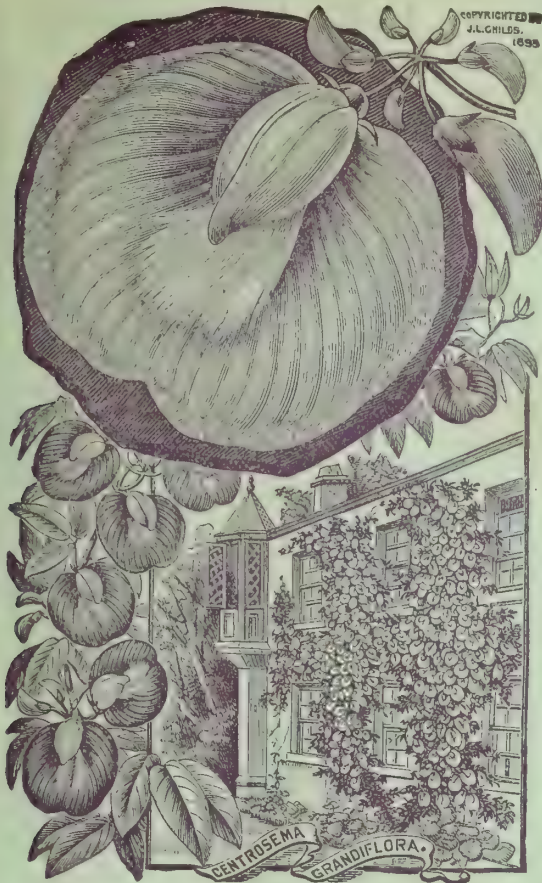
This is a hardy perennial, sending out vines which trail over the ground in a beautiful manner. It is really a beautiful miniature Trailing Hollyhock, the leaves and flowers being similar to that glorious old plant, and it has the double advantage of being a constant bloomer from early spring until late 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.

Hybrid Freesias.

It is not generally known that these beautiful fragrant flowering plants may be grown to great perfection in four months from seed. Seed may be sown at any time in pots, boxes or frames of light, rich soil. They will soon germinate, and under favorable circumstances they will bloom finely within four 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.

Mixed Hybrids, 10c per pkt., 3 pkts. for 25c.
 Gigantea Grandiflora. New mammoth flowered strain from California. Blooms twice the size of other Freesias. Pkt. 15c.





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Centrosema Grandiflora.

This new vine has come to stay. It is easy to grow, quick to bloom, beautiful in flower and leaf, and is a hardy perennial, lasting for years. It will flower the first season from seed, and autumn frosts find it still in bloom. It is a low, graceful climber, growing only six to eight feet high, which makes it far more suitable for a low trellis or lattice work, or to train around a door or window in summer than a taller, larger-leaved vine would be, and its masses of large, inverted pea-shaped blossoms, two inches or more across, and borne in clusters of four to eight flowers together, are very showy and pleasing. Fill a small vase with its dainty, bright flowers and foliage alone, and see how lovely they are for cutting. In color they range from rosy violet and reddish purple, with exquisite feathering or bordering of pure white to pure snow white. The rosy violet shades are most common, but as the buds and the back of the flowers of the dark varieties are pure white, each vine has the appearance of bearing different colored flowers at once. The winning way in which the flowers look up at one has won them the fanciful name of Look-at-me Vine. Pkt. 15c.; 3 pkts. for 30c.

Marigold Legion of Honor.

Introduced last year from France, and we have found it to be a most sterling variety. Plant very dwarf and compact, bearing its foliage well above the foliage. These are of large size and exceedingly striking, owing to the wide contrast in their colors. The center of the flower is a bright, brownish-red, while the outer half is fine golden-yellow. It is really the prettiest Marigold we have ever seen and should be found in every garden. It blooms profusely all summer, and in autumn, especially, the whole plant is a solid pyramid of bloom. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

Sunflower Multiflorus.

If planted singly in good soil this new Sunflower reaches the enormous height of from 12 to 15 feet, and is richly branched from the base up to the top, each branch bearing a multitude of medium-sized golden yellow flowers with small black center, which offer an invaluable material for bouquets and garnishing purposes. An elegant plant. Pkt., 10c.

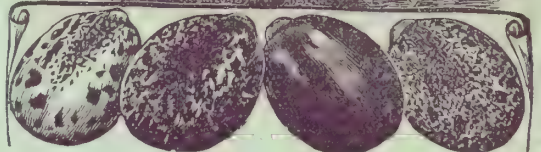


HELIANTHUS
MULTIFLORUS.

ESCHSCHOLTZIA
MARITIMA

Eschscholtzia Maritima.

A new sort with whitish grey foliage, finely cut and fern like, and large light canary colored blossoms with deep spots at base of each petal. Splendid new garden flower. Pkt., 10c.



Ricinus Zanzibarensis.

There are several varieties of this superb new Ricinus, all of which are characterized by extra large and handsome leaves, compact branching growth, forming a perfect pyramid of elegant foliage. The seed are very large and each kind of a different color, white, black, scarlet, brown, etc. All beautifully marked and mottled. They are so beautiful that they are worth the price asked just to look at. All kinds mixed. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 30c.



Bellis Maxima—(GIANT DAISY.)

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 crimson. Many of the plants produce on one stem a cluster of 18 to 20 blossoms, instead of the usual solitary one, as represented in the cut. 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 rooms where few other plants will survive. Pkt., 20c; 3 pkts., 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., 15c.

Wallflower, Annual, Mixed.

The old English Wallflower 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 in 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 spikes or clusters and are exceedingly sweet-scented. The colors range from yellow to dark brown, striped, variegated, etc. Pkt., 10c.



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., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 30c.



Gaillardia Perfection.

These are aptly called the Chrysanthemum Gaillardias, owing to their great size, brilliant colors and double and perfect blossoms. 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. As pot plants they are also exquisite. Start seed early, if possible. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 30c.


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 we should plant the best varieties.



CHILD'S HONEY DEW CORN

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 \$1.50, or a bushel for \$5.00.

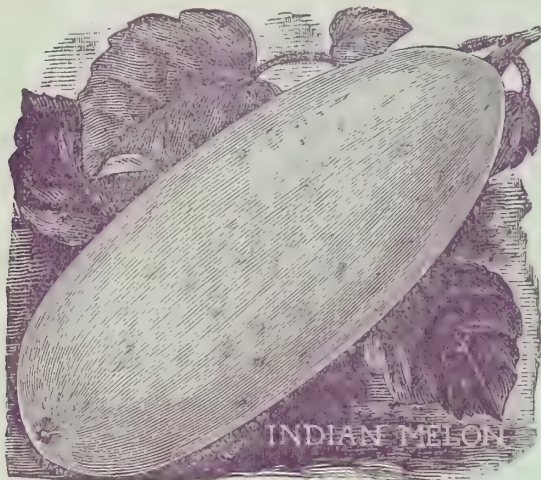
Late Sweet Corn. CHILD'S CALIFORNIA.

 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 is a late variety of enormous size and great beauty of ear. It is the largest and handsomest Sweet Corn grown and 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, \$1.50; bushel, \$5.00.



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., 15c.; 3 for 30c.



Indian Melon.

This is the best of the so-called "Vine Fruits" which has yet been introduced, two of which are offered on page 91. Vine of short and compact growth. Fruit the size of an ordinary cucumber, and extra fine for preserving and for sweet pickles. Of quick and robust growth. Pkt., 10c.

Pepper, Ivory Tusk.

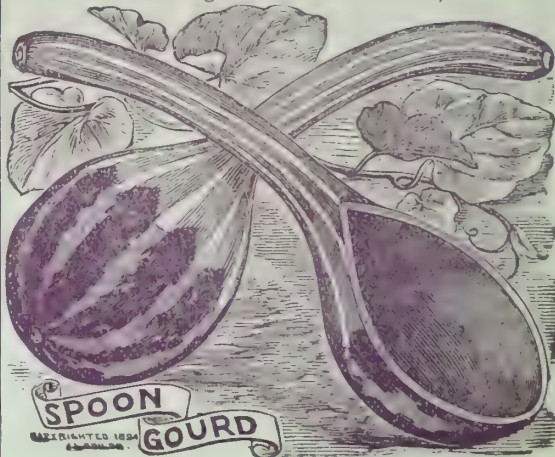
A new Pepper of highly ornamental as well as useful qualities. It is a rank grower, the branches spreading out to a considerable length and bearing its long tusk-like fruits from the base to the tip of every branch. Fruit about four inches long, usually of an Ivory-white color but sometimes touched with a slight tinge of green. In ripening they turn to a most vivid scarlet, and present a most glowing and beautiful appearance on the plants, showing fruit of various colors. Pkt., 10c.



JAPANESE CLIMBING CUCUMBER

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 sized family supplied with this delicious vegetable all summer. Pkt., 15c.



The Spoon Gourd.

A small gourd which is both useful and beautiful. Color creamy yellow, capped and striped green. Shell very hard and durable, so that when the gourds are cut open (the large part), we have a unique spoon or ladle, with a fine round handle. A most useful article in many ways. Free, rank grower. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts for 25c.



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 or 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., 10c.; pint, 35c.; quart, 60c.

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. The 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., 10c.; pint, 35c.; quart, 60c.

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 1,729 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.



One packet each of these four fine new Beans for 35 cents.



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GOLDEN SUPERB.

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 fall 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 bound, 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 pounds for \$1.00, postpaid. By express or freight, peck, \$1.50; bushel, \$4.00; 2 bushels, \$7.00.





Oat, Early Siberian.

The greatest grain ever introduced. Its value to farmers is inestimable. Nothing like it ever before seen. Straw straight and stiff, and of medium height. Grain bright, plump and heavy. Head 14 to 18 inches long, branching and containing two or three times as many Oats as any other. Head from which our cut was made contained 348 grains. Grows quickly and ripens early, before severe drouths can ruin the crop. Never rusts. Its great quality, however, is its enormous productiveness. With equal chance it will out-yield Welcome, White Russian and Probate, 40 to 50 per cent. This fact is proven beyond all question of doubt by the extensive trials which have been made all over the country. Extracts from a few of these reports are here published. Will be the only Oat grown in a few years. Read what is said of it:

"I have threshed the Early Siberian Oats, and received from one bushel sowing 66 bushels and 10 lbs. They are a very white Oat, with long, large berry. They stood out good, stood up straight, and were as nice looking Oats growing as I ever saw. - I am well pleased with them.

A. J. HARDING, Kalamazoo Co., Mich."

"I threshed the Early Siberian Oats yesterday, and must say that I am highly pleased with the results. I sowed the one bushel you sent me on three-fourths of an acre, and threshed 71 bushels, machine measure. I think this beats all.

G. W. RILEY, Lenawee Co., Mich."

"We threshed the Early Siberian Oats August 25th. They were sown on less than three-fourths acre of ground and yielded 60 bushels, machine measure, and they over-run in weight, making over 80 bushels per acre.

SAMUEL C. FORD, Sr., Wayne Co., Mich."

"Early Siberian Oats, from one bushel, sown on one-half acre, threshed 34 bushels, machine measure, and weighed out 34, at the rate of 68 bushels per acre. My Banner Oats on the same land and same chance, went only 27 bushels per acre.

GEO. STOTTE, Monroe Co., N. Y."

"I have threshed the Early Siberian Oats and find 49 bushels, grown from one bushel of seed, sown on three-fourths of an acre of ground, which is equivalent to 68 bushels per acre. FRED STOLZ, Wayne Co., N. Y."

"I sowed the bushel of Early Siberian Oats that I got of you on five-eighths of an acre, and threshed 62 1/2 bushels of 40 lbs., equivalent to 125 bushels per acre of 32 lbs. Straw and grain very good.

H. B. EATON, Lenawee Co., Mich."

"I have just threshed the Early Siberian Oats, and find I have 64 bushels from three-fourths of an acre. I am satisfied that if sown at the rate of two bushels per acre they would have yielded 100 bushels.

JOHN P. SCHWAB, Lenawee County, Mich."

"I sowed the bushel of Oats on three-fourths acre of ground. I had 66 bushels, or 88 bushels per acre. I neither fertilized or manured the ground on which they grew. JAMES LANE, Lenawee Co., Mich."

Price—60c. per lb.; 2 lbs. for \$1.00, postpaid. Per peck, \$2.50; per bushel, \$8.00; 2 bushels for \$15.00, by express.

Kashmyr Turnips.

Might properly be called Radish Turnips on account of their shape, beauty and quick growth. The earliest of all.

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 the 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. 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. Pkt. 15c.

Sacaline.

The wonderful new forage plant. Is perfectly hardy even in Siberia, yet flourishes in the tropics. Requires no plowing before planting. Needs no cultivation, no manuring, no re-planting. Roots penetrate deep into the soil. Once planted, stands forever. Endures severest drought with impunity. Grows in poorest soils. Luxuriates in wet lands. Thrives where no other forage plant will grow. Young shoots and leaves edible like asparagus. Leaves, green or dry, greatly relished by cattle and sheep. More nutritious than Clover or Lucerne. Gives three and four cuttings per year. Produces 90 to 180 tons of green forage per acre. Grows 14 feet high by June. Excellent soil enricher. Planted at any time. Affords shade to cattle in summer. Protection against storms in winter. Floods will not destroy it. Fire will not kill it. Cattle cannot trample it out. Seed has been sold at \$1,000 per pound. Endorsed by the highest authorities. Pkt., 10c.

Alfalfa, or Giant Clover.

A great and well known forage plant. Fine seed, 40c. per lb.; 3 lbs. for \$1.00, postpaid. 10 lbs., by express, \$2.00.

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 twelve feet high, producing a great number of shoots, which are thickly covered with heavy foliage. 85 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. 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 is enough for an acre. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.

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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 New Roses, 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.



Gladiolus Childsi.

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 Leichtlin, 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, Saunder. They were for some years owned exclusively by Mons. G. Le Beuf, of France. 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.

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. 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 their 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 network 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. Sellow.** 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.
- Wm. Falconer.** Spike of great length and flowers of enormous size. Light pink and bluish, 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.
- 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.
- 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 being purplish-crimson.
- 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 mottlings.
- Ruby.** Very dark deep ruby red with bright violet and white mottling in throat; an exceedingly rich color.

Price of above thirteen new sorts, 30c. each; four for \$1.00; the thirteen for \$3.00.

Fine Mixed Gladiolus Childsi. All colors, large flowering bulbs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

Seed. Fine seed of G. Childsi, all colors mixed, will bloom second year, 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 50c.

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 ten cents is sent to pay cost of packing and postage.

It was my good luck to receive from Floral Park last year, a bulb of that superb flower Gladiolus Childsi. It was with intense interest I watched its rapid growth. It began to bloom in early July, and was for a long time the center of attraction to my friends. It was a beautiful color, dark crimson I would call it, and such enormous flowers I never saw before. It consisted of three branches, the middle branch of course bloomed first, then the lateral or side branches. It remains in flower a long time.

ELIZA RENAN, III.



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. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Double Flowered. Curious indeed. Very beautiful and fragrant. 30c. each.

Sanguinea. Rare scarlet flowered variety. Extra fine. 75c. Seed. These grow quickly and bloom in a year. Pkt., 20c.

Otaheite Orange.

MOST UNIQUE POT PLANT IN CULTIVATION.



An extra fine pot plant, with glossy green 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.

SPECIAL OFFER.—One each Brugmansia and Otaheite Orange for 40c.





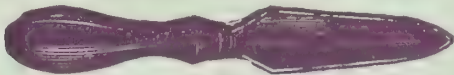
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Ipomœa Pandurata.
HARDY TUBEROUS-ROOTED MOONFLOWER.

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.

Resurrection Plant.

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. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.



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 has no equal. Postpaid, 25 cents each.



RUSSELLIA JUNCEA

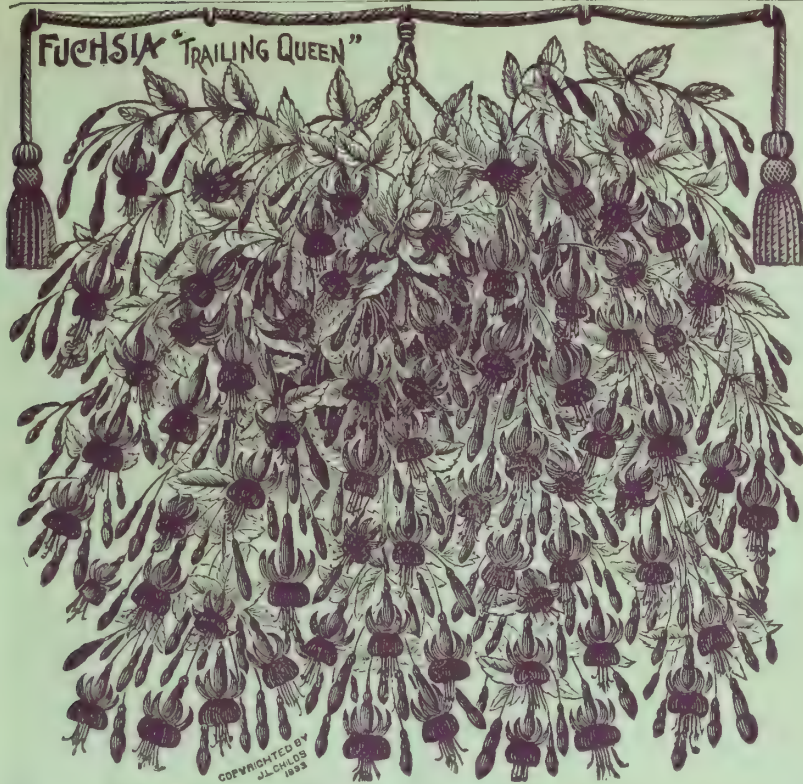
Russelia Juncea.

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.



A GREAT CURIOSITY
THE MARVELOUS
RESURRECTION
PLANT.

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Fuchsia, Trailing Queen.

Good plants for hanging pots or baskets are rare—as rare as they are beautiful. 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, 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. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Fuchsia Little Beauty—A perfect little gem of a Fuchsia, growing but 6 inches high and always full of bloom. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

The Mexican Primrose.

This 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 10 to 30 large saucer-shaped blossoms about 3 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 10 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. 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.

Snowflake. Pure snow-white, enormous size.

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. Price, 20c. each; three for 50c; the four for 60c.



THE "MEXICAN PRIMROSE"



Rare Amaryllis Species.

These are members of the beautiful Amaryllis family, and are most magnificent flowering bulbs, suitable alike for garden or pot culture.

Crinum 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. 75c. each.

Crinum 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. Grand and beautiful and of exquisite fragrance. \$1 each.

Crinum 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.

Ismene Calathena. 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. 20c. each.



SCARLET SPIDER LILY.

Amaryllis Belladonna. Elegant blush colored blossoms of great beauty and fragrance. 20c.

Sternbergia Latea. The "Yellow Amaryllis." Bright deep golden yellow. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Scarlet Spider Lily. Fine large clusters of deep blood scarlet blossoms late in summer. This lovely Japanese bulb is known as Nirene Japonica, and is quite hardy in most localities. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Special Offer.—One each of above seven fine bulbs for \$2.00.



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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 conditions. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



ABUTILON, SOUV. DE BONNE.

The most beautiful in foliage of all Abutilons. Each leaf has a broad distinct margin of pure white, making a most conspicuous plant. The long stemmed flowers are of golden-yellow color veined with scarlet. It is a remarkably free bloomer, either in pots or bedded out during summer, and is always a most attractive specimen plant, especially for exhibiting. The leaves are so very large, and so distinctly marked with white, and the flowers so showy that every one is attracted to it. 20c. each.



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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 four 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.

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.

Paul Marquant. 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.

Suzoni. A superb sort, 3½ feet high, with enormous blossoms which are of the finest canary yellow, freely spotted pale 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.

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.

Ehemanni. (FUCHSIA-FLOWERED CANNA) It seems as though every merit that can belong to a plant is justly claimed for this grand Canna. 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 rosy scarlet.

Alba Grandiflora. The nearest to a white of any Canna and is now offered for the first time. Flowers large, petals wide and pearly white, shading to pink in the center. A combination of color which is most delicate and charming, and unlike any other sort.

Florence Vaughan. The queen of the fancy spotted varieties. Flowers of enormous size, petals exceedingly broad and of perfect shape. Color bright canary yellow, thickly spotted with vivid scarlet. So bright and distinct is this color that it appears to have been laid on with a brush.

Price of above eight grandest flowering Cannas, 25c. each; three for 60c.; the eight for \$1.50. Any variety, dozen, \$2.00.

CANNA SEED.

Cannas grow readily from seed and bloom in a few months. We can supply seed as follows:

Mad. Crozy, Paul Marquant, Suzoni and Florence Vaughan, at 20c. per pkt.; the four sorts for 50c.

Mixed Seed, of all colors, the finest collection of dwarf large flowering kinds ever offered, 20c. pkt.; 3 pkts. 50c.

Brilliant Salvias.

For brilliancy the following choice varieties of *Salvia Splendens* vie with Cannas. 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.

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

Alba. Like the above, except in color, which is a pearly white. Contrasts beautifully with the other colors.

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

Purpurea. Flowers in large spike and of a rich royal purple color. fine.

Pitcheri. Fine graceful spikes of blue flowers.

Price, fine plants for blooming at once, 15c. each; two for 25c.; the five for 50c.



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ROSES AT TEN CENTS EACH.

To meet competition in cheap Roses we have reduced the price of our superior high grade stock to ten cents each. Of course, small weak plants can be grown at a profit at ten cents; 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 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. TEN 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.

Elise Heymann. Light yellow, shaded nankeen. 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.

Fran-Isca 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 Princesse 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.

Madame de Watteville. Often called the Tulp 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.

Malmaloon Blush. Grand old Rose of enormous size and great beauty and fragrance. As double as a Pæony. All the Malmaloon Roses are superb.

Malmaloon Red. Fine, large, deep red. Grand.

Malmaloon Yellow. Beautiful apricot yellow, delicate and lovely.

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.

Perle 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.

Rainbow. A charming new Rose, showing several different colors in the same flower.

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.

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.

CHILD'S JEWEL.



CRIMSON
RAMBLER.



MARY WASHINGTON.



CHAMPION.

New Roses of Special Merit.

The following four new Roses, all introductions of ours, are the most unique, valuable, distinct and beautiful varieties which have been offered for many years. Each one is a new departure, and no lover of rare roses can be without them.

Crimson Rambler.



This new rose is the sensation of the hour, and well it may be, for it is indeed a marvel. It originated in Scotland, and is a hardy, ever-blooming, climbing Polyanthus. It is perfectly hardy in the open ground, will grow 8 to 10 feet in a season, is in bloom all the time from early spring till late fall, the flowers appearing in great panicles as large as a man's hat and of a deep, rich crimson color, like blood-colored velvet. The flowers when cut last two weeks in water, and fully a month on the bush, which is a perfect mass of rich crimson at all times. It can be grown in various ways, as a pillar rose, a trellis rose, and for covering a wall it has no equal, and when pegged down it will form a bed of itself. Cut back it is a magnificent pot rose for the window. It is always in bloom even when very small, and is easily trimmed to a bushy grower. Being the introducer in this country, we have the largest and finest stock of this superb rose, which we offer at the following very low prices:

Strong plants, 30c. each; four for \$1.00.

Childs' Jewel.

The Rose of Many Colors. Flowers of Various Colors Borne on the Same Plant at the Same Time.



During the past few years we have introduced several new Roses, some of which are among the most valuable known at the present time, such as "Champion of the World," "Mary Washington," etc. We now offer the most remarkable Rose in cultivation, as well as the most novel and beautiful one. Childs' Jewel produces flowers which range in color from dark orange-yellow to crimson, variegated, blotched, mottled, etc. A plant in bloom shows no two flowers alike. Some will be dark yellow; others, light yellow, buff, saffron, light and dark crimson, pink, blush, apricot, etc.; while others will be variegated in a most beautiful manner. As may well be imagined, the sight which such a plant in bloom presents is a novel and beautiful one. It is a pure Tea Rose, the flower being large, delightfully fragrant, and in both bud and blossom exquisitely beautiful. It is a free grower and a profuse bloomer, especially in the open ground. As a rose novelty this is the most remarkable ever introduced, and as may well be imagined creates a sensation wherever seen, and sells readily at two and three dollars each when in bloom.

Strong, healthy plants, for blooming at once, 30c. each; two for 50c.; five for \$1.00.

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 a few 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, 15c. each; three for 30c.

Champion of the World.

This is the Rose for Everybody, the Best and Freest Bloomer for Winter or Summer.



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

Strong, well-rooted plants, 30c. each; three for 50c.; seven for \$1.00; fifteen for \$2.00.

Special Offer.

For only 75 cents we will send one fine plant each of these four wonderful new Roses.



HYBRID
TEA
ROSE

Hybrid Teas—10c. 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 dwarfier 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.

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.

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—10c. Each.

Hybrid Perpetuals ought to be very extensively grown by all. The flowers are of very 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.

Baron Bonstetten. Crimson-black. Extra fine.

Coquette des Blanches. Not large, but very double and perfect, blooming in large clusters at intervals throughout the season. Snowy white.

Baron Maynard. Pure white. Very fine.

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 Blanches. Pure white. Not large, but very perfect, profuse and sweet, and a constant bloomer.

Paul Noyron. 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.

Earl of Dufferin. Strong grower and fine autumn bloomer. Deep velvety crimson; large and fine.



POLYANTHA ROSE



MOSS ROSE

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.

Marshall P. Wilder. Bright cherry-carmine. Great size and perfectly double. Superb.

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 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.

Climbing Roses—10c. 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.

Polyanthus Roses—10c. 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.

Mad. Cecil Brunner. Salmon on yellow ground; dwarf habit but vigorous.

Clothilde Soupert. 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.

Moss Roses—25c. Each; the five, \$1.

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.

Bianche Moreau. Called perpetual, as it blooms more or less all the season. Pure white.

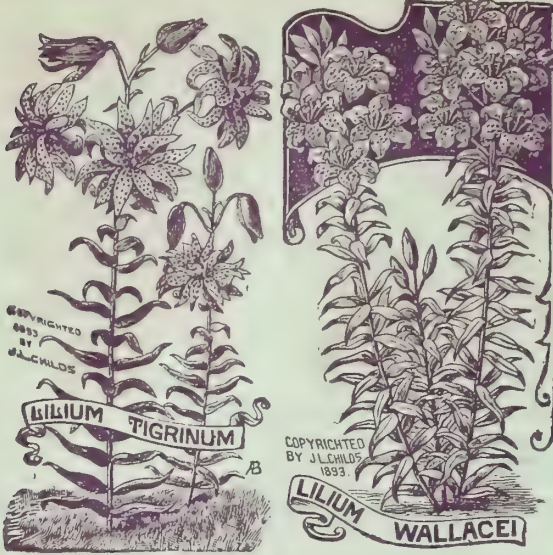
Princess Adelaide. Lovely bright pink.

Countess Munalis. Large, pure white.

Henry Martin. Fine clear rose.

Crimson Glow. New; bright crimson-scarlet.

Wichurlana (Trailing Rose) A lovely hardy Rose of perfectly prostrate growth, trailing along the ground, over stones or stumps, to a distance of ten feet in a season. Flowers in clusters. Splendid for covering banks, mounds, etc. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Rare Lilies.

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

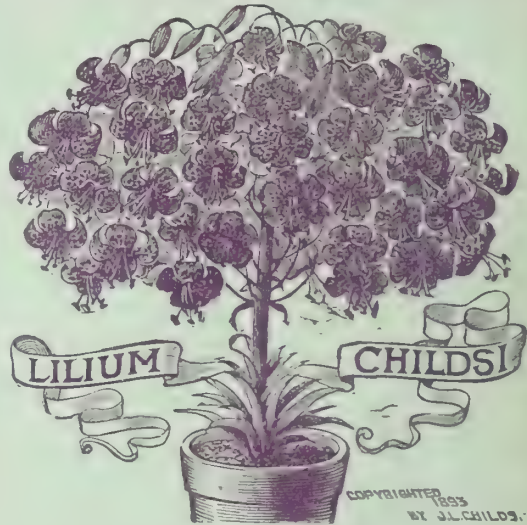
- Auratum** (THE GOLDEN BANDED LILY OF JAPAN). We offer fine large bulbs of these at prices so low everybody can plant them freely. \$1.50 per dozen..... 20
- Elegans**. Grand, large tulip-shaped blossoms of many shades and colors. The umbels of upright, cup-like flowers are very pleasing. Among the earliest of all Lilies to bloom. Mixed, many fine colors, \$1.00 dozen. 10
- E. Bicolor**. A very showy early Lily. Large flowers of a bright red flushed with orange. Striking..... 10
- E. Leonard Joerg**. Light yellow, spotted black; grand. 15
- Longiflorum**. Long trumpets of the purest white. Flower large, but plant quite low in growth. Very fragrant. 15
- Pardallium** (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
- Tenuifolium** (THE CORAL LILY OF SIBERIA). A little beauty. The brightest of all Lilies. Grows 20 inches high, with finely cut foliage, slender stems and beautifully-shaped flowers of a shining coral red..... 20
- Tigrinum, fl. pl.** (DOUBLE TIGER LILY). A duplicate of the old Tiger Lily, but with very double flowers of beautiful orange red spotted with black. Superb..... 10
- Tigrinum Splendens** (IMPROVED TIGER LILY). Bright orange, thickly spotted black. As hardy as an oak... 10
- Speciosum Rubrum** (LANCIFOLIUM). Large wide flowers, recurving more or less at the tips. Among the showiest of all Lilies and perhaps the most robust and the most radiantly beautiful. Very fragrant and hardy. Lovely rose and white, spotted crimson..... 15
- S. Monstrosum Album**. A variety of the above, with broad, flat stems and immense heads of flowers, often fifty flowers in a cluster..... 20
- S. 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
- S. Praecox**. Large, perfect and beautiful. Frosted white, with a tinge of blush at the tip of petals. The plush-like fringe in each petal adds to its beauty..... 30
- 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 bear several of the lovely blossoms in an umbel..... 10

SPECIAL OFFER. For only \$1.25 we will send the above fifteen Grand Lilies, which amount to \$2.65.



Liliu Speciosum 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 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 recurving petals are snowy white at the tip, gradually deepening in color to the base of each petal, which is blotched with a raised, moss-like fringe which glistens like diamonds. The flower is very large, and the plant robust and hardy, improving in beauty each year. \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00.



Liliu Childsi.

The plant grows only ten 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 Lilies. As a pot plant it is a perfect gem, and for the garden even more valuable. It is hardy and robust \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00.



DOUBLE FLOWERED PEACH

GRAND TREES.

- Double Flowering Peach.** 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 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 every one's attention at a great distance, standing out a solid pyramid of brilliancy. The tree is hardy and robust, growing well in any soil or situation, and is a most beautiful small tree when in bloom. Fine trees, which will bloom next year, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.
- Blood Leaved Peach.** Here is a real novelty. 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 foliage of other trees wonderfully. Its fruit is of fair size and quality; perfectly hardy. A wonderfully unique and beautiful tree. A fine companion to the above Double Flowering Peach, and together they make a lovely pair. 25c. each.
- Golden Poplar.** Superb tree with light yellow foliage. Highly ornamental. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
- Cinko Biloba.** Maiden Hair Tree. Foliage like a maiden-hair fern. A most exquisite small tree. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
- Tulip Tree.** Large Tulip like blossoms in great profusion early in spring. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
- Catalpa Japanese Hybrid.** A very rapid growing ornamental tree with large panicles of Gloxinia like flowers. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
- Mountain Ash.** Very ornamental foliage, flowers and berries. 20c. each.
- Purple Beech.** Fine purplish black foliage, contrasting elegantly with Blood Leaved Peach, Golden Poplar and Fern Leaf Tree. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



The "Fern Leaf" Tree.

A beautiful tree of a low shrubby growth, making a superb large foliage shrub. Its leaves are like beautiful fern fronds, so finely lacinated and graceful, often two feet in length by ten inches in width. Color very dark green while the stems are dark ebony red. It also bears large bunches of red berries, and in autumn the leaves color very brightly at the touch of frost. It is one of the very finest ornamental shrubs in cultivation. It is hardy and robust and succeeds in any situation. As a specimen shrub or small tree for the yard or lawn it is grand. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER. One each of these eight magnificent trees, by mail or express, for only \$1.50.

Magnolia Grandiflora.

This is the Queen of the Southern Forest. It attains the size of a large tree, with enormous foliage, which is glossy and wax-like and ever green. In early summer its enormous flowers are produced, creamy-white, fully a foot across, and wonderfully fragrant. The tree is 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; 3 for 60c.



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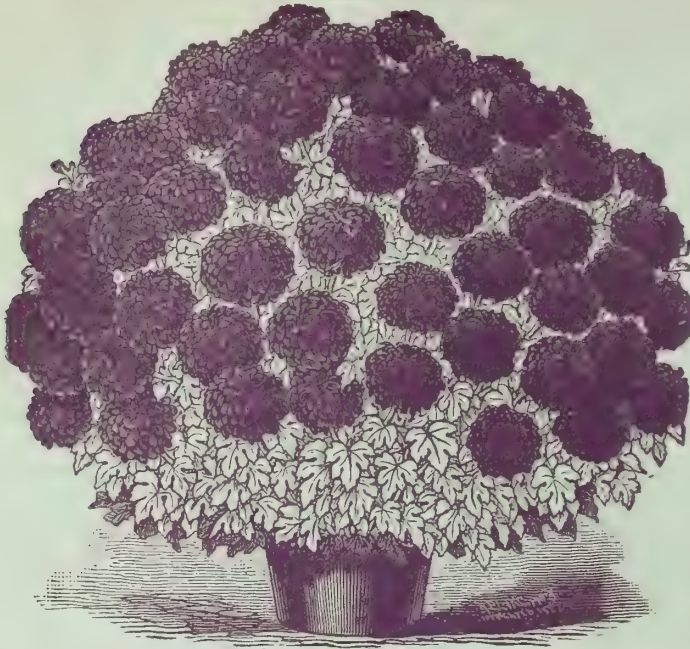
Double Lilacs.

- Among important Novelties in Horticulture these new Double Flowering Lilies must rank among the very best. Their great beauty is creating a genuine sensation all over Europe. Price, 60c. each; the three for \$1.50.
- 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.
- La Canolis.** Large double flowers of a fine crimson color. Elegant to contrast with the white.
- Lemoinei Fiore Pleno.** Beautiful light lilac. Panicles large and borne freely. Flower double and perfect.

THE FERN LEAF TREE



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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.

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, 10c. each; the thirty sorts for \$1.50.

- 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.
- Antonius.** 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.** 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.
- 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 sorts.
- Ivory.** A grand variety. A smooth-textured, ivory-white flower, of large size and perfect globular form.
- 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.
- 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-illac. Short, tubular center petals of a creamy white.
- 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.
- 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.

- V. H. Mallock.** The petals are broad and waxy in color an exquisite pearl, bathed in tints of rose. Flowers last a long time.
- W. H. Lincoln.** Pure golden-yellow; slightly incurved, and of great size and perfection.
- Lillian B. Bird.** (J) A very large, full flower, with high center, and spreading needle-shaped petals of a pale shrimp-pink.
- 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. Maderia.** Large, double, globular flowers, with large quilled petals that last long in perfection. The color is a distinct orange-yellow. A splendid grower.
- Mrs. Langtry.** (J) A very large and beautiful late-bloomer of snowy whiteness.
- Princess Maletia.** (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 of immense size.
- Ross Queen.** (J) A lovely rose-amaranth, with quilled, flattened petals.
- 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.
- W. N. Rudd.** A pale lavender pink, rare shade of great beauty. Petals long, drooping and curiously notched.
- Whirlwind.** An enormous, pure white anemone-flowered; of great beauty.

OSTRICH PLUME CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

These are the unique hairy or "Esau" varieties which are so odd, beautiful and popular.

Price, 15c. each; the three for 30c.

- Louis Boehmer.** 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.
- Mrs. Alpheus Hardy.** Large, loose, feathery blooms, covered with frosted, plush-like hairs. A magnificent flower.
- 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.

OUR NEW CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

We have been fortunate enough to raise from seed several Chrysanthemums of new forms, new colors, and remarkable beauty. New varieties are so plentiful that we would not offer these if they did not possess distinct new qualities of great merit.

Price, 20c. each; three for 50c.; the seven for \$1.00.

- 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.
- 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 has not been seen before.
- 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.
- 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.
- Laciniata Grandiflora.** An improvement on the old Laciniator; flowers twice its size, perfectly double, and pure snow-white; petals beautifully lacinated.
- 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.
- Blush Comet.** Color, soft, delicate blush, otherwise exactly like the above.

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, 25c per packet.



New Double Iris Kaempferi.

A colored plate of this size cannot properly show these new Iris, therefore we have prepared a magnificent stipple lithograph in 18 colors, size 16x33 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 peony in majestic beauty, the orchid in marvelous delicacy and blending of colors, the chrysanthemum in profusion, and surpasses almost every plant in the size and kingly magnificence of its flowers. Think of a plant sending up to the height of three feet a dozen flower spikes, each spike bearing from two to four enormous blossoms eight or ten inches across, and of the most delicate and beautiful colors, markings and combinations. Think of a bed of all colors, white, indigo, violet, lavender, mauve, sky-blue, royal purple, bluish, yellow, etc. Your imagination can conceive of nothing grander, and when you see them you will realize that they are infinitely more grand and beautiful than your imagination could portray. Such are these new Double Iris Kaempferi, the king of hardy perennial plants. Once planted in your garden they are a joy for a 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. These Iris received highest award at the World's Fair.

Believing that the public do not realize the beauty and value of these new Iris, which are really among the grandest and most fascinatingly beautiful of all flowers, we here offer 20 of the finest varieties at a price which we hope will tempt all to plant them.

- 50 Beauty. Light silvery lilac, veined purple blue. Dwarf habit, large flower.
- 70 Blue Jay. Dwarf habit, large flower; fine azure blue veined and mottled white. Extra fine.
- 10 Chaviur. Lovely light blue, with white center and large and handsome.
- 70 Crystal. Crimson violet, shaded blue and veined white.
- 70 Eclair. Lovely pure white. Extra large and fine.
- 70 Eclipse. Deep amaranth, dwarf habit.
- 70 Mahogany. Very large flower, deep mahogany red.

- 1500 Gold Bound. Tall and showy with flowers of enormous size, probably the most beautiful of all. Pure snow-white with large gold-banded center.
- 1000 Hannibal. Light blue, freely veined with deep blue. Yellow center.
- 1000 Mt. Fell. Grayish white, finely veined celestial blue with blue and yellow center.
- 1000 Mt. Hood. Light blue, shaded darker. Bright orange center.
- 1500 Orion. Tall and strikingly handsome; pure white, each petal having a wide border of lilac red; very distinct.
- 1000 Pyramid. Tall and showy, flower very large; light violet blue with slight white veins.
- 1000 P.C. De Rohan. Purplish blue, shaded violet, with red at centre. Fine large flower.
- 1000 Robert Craig. Tall and very large; French white, shaded with violet toward center; extra fine.
- 1000 St. Ogg. Dwarf habit, purplish blue shaded indigo, with yellow markings.
- 400 Tahoe. Large beautiful flower; silvery grey, shaded celestial blue.

Price. 15c. each; four for 50c.; the seventeen for \$1.50.
Mixtures. Fine mixed Double Iris Kaempferi, more than 100 varieties, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c.; 15 for \$1.00.
 Our mixtures are not worthless seedlings as are usually sold, but all made up from the finest named sorts.

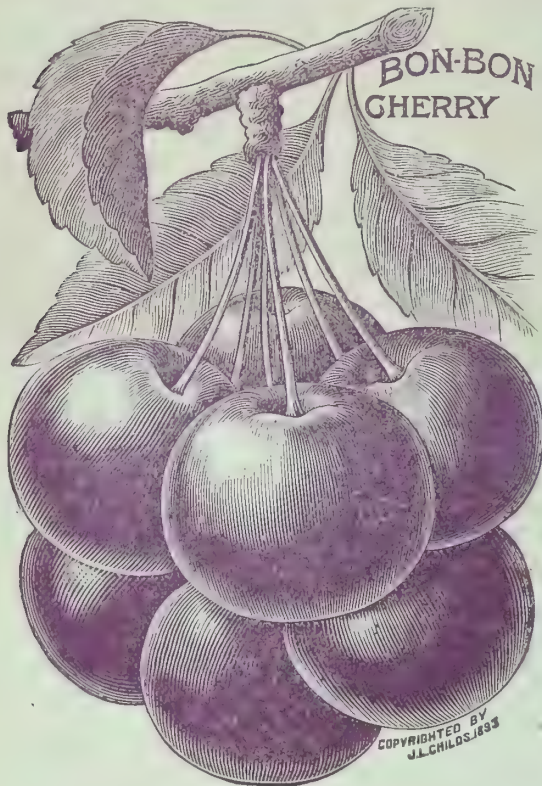
SINGLE VARIETIES.

We offer five rarely beautiful single varieties from Japan, all are exquisite.
 Blue Bird. Clear dark blue.
 Helen Von Siebold. Reddish amaranth with large white center and veins. Tall and handsome.
 Indine. Magnificent large wavy petals, pure white shadowed light blue. Exquisite.
 Shadow. Enormous wavy petals, dark indigo blue with peacock lustre and golden center. Grand.
 Snowbound. Large pure white, with golden bands in each petal. Exquisite.
 Price of above rare single varieties, 25c each; the five for \$1.00.
Fine Mixed Single Varieties, twenty-five kinds, 15c each, three for 30c, twelve for \$1.00.

CHOICE AND RARE FRUITS.

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



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, 60c. each; 2 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 a 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 last year. As it blooms and bears fruit when only a foot high it may be grown in a pot like the Otabelto Orange. Price, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



Grapes.

Everyone 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 it in abundance. The following sorts are the very cream of the hundreds of varieties which are before the public; they are mostly varieties of recent introduction and of improved quality 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

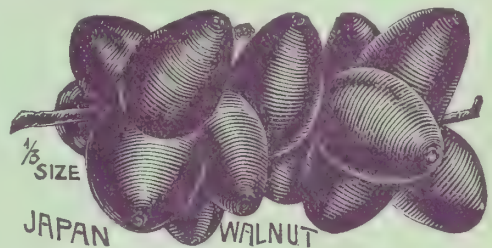
is exceedingly productive and as hardy and robust in any locality as the Concord. 15c. each; \$1.25 per dozen.

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.



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 fifteen or twenty. 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; 5 for \$2.00.



Grandall 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 cling 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 Grandall Tree Currant should certainly have a position in every garden. Price of strong, healthy plants, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00; 12 for \$2.00.



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 three beautiful and different colors—red, yellow and black, 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.

Thompson's Early Prolific. The earliest Raspberry yet introduced, and a great cropper. Berries of fair size, bright crimson color, and of extra fine quality. Perfectly hardy in any locality and a sure cropper. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$2.50.

Kansas. The King of all Black Cap Berries. Medium early, large size, great productiveness, excellent quality and perfect hardiness, make it superior to any other black variety. It is superb in every particular. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$2.50.

SPECIAL OFFER. For \$1.25 we will send six fine plants each of the above four finest Raspberries.

Two Fine Blackberries.

Price—10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$2.50.

Erle. 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; hardy and robust.

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, a bushel being borne on one hill.

CHILD'S GIANT RUBY CURRANT



Currant.

A favorite old garden fruit, which of late years has been wonderfully improved, and the variety here offered can bear little or no comparison to the old garden sort :
Child's 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 five pounds of fine fruit, where Fay's Prolific, in the same lot, has been an entire failure. Of the seven or eight kinds I grow, Giant Ruby yields double the quantity of fruit of any of them." 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, 25c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; 12 for \$2.00; 100 for \$10.00.

Gooseberry, 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.



CHILDS
EVERBEARING TREE
BLACKBERRY

Childs' Everbearing 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 we picked about September first from some of these trees which had been ripen-

ing their fruit since July 8th. Its delicate flavor, great productiveness, enormous size, long season of bearing and perfect hardiness 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 considerable 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; 30 for \$4.00; 100 for \$12.00.

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."





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.

- Kelsey.** Rich yellow, overspread with crimson; very large and fine; an enormous bearer. The latest 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.
- Floral Park.** 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.
- Simoni.**—Called the King of Fruits. Large, round, rich purple in color, and of the most intense and delicious aroma.

Price of all the above Plums 25c. each; five for \$1.00.

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; 5 for \$1.00.

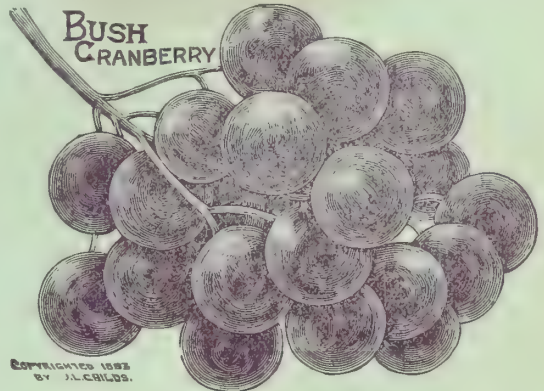


New Russian Apricots.

These are exceedingly hardy and vigorous, flourishing as far north as Siberia, and enduring a temperature of forty degrees below zero without injury, and they are, therefore, a fine substitute for the peach in cold climates. The trees are 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.

- Gibb.** 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.
- Sense.** Tree a vigorous grower, exceedingly hardy and productive, bearing when very young. Very large, yellow.

Price of the above four Apricots, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



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 hardiness, and succeeds in any location. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



JAPAN CHESTNUT

Chestnut, Japan Giant.

Introduced recently from Japan, and a chestnut of enormous size, the nuts averaging four to six times larger than our American variety, and it is not unusual for burrs to contain four to seven of these large perfect nuts. They are almost sure to commence bearing the second year after planting, no matter how small the tree may be. They mature their fruit early and it drops at the first touch of frost. Enormously prolific, tree highly ornamental and will prove an attractive and novel thing on anyone's place, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Downing's Everbearing Mulberry.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher once said: "I regard Downing's Everbearing Mulberry as an indispensable addition to every fruit garden, and I would rather have a tree of it than a bed of Strawberries." One cannot wonder at this remark when one sees this splendid fruit growing and tastes its luscious flavor. The tree attains a large size and begins to bear when very small—in fact, when only a few feet in height. The fruit is about one and one-half to two inches long, jet black in color, very juicy and exceedingly sweet and rich in flavor. Like the Russian Mulberry, the fruit begins to ripen in July and continues for two months or longer. As a lawn or street tree this Mulberry is a 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.



ELEAGNUS LONGIPES

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Eleagnus Longipes.

This is a new fruit from Japan, and was, we think, first seen in fruit at the summer residence of Mr. Chas. A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun. For two or three years many people have been to see it and to taste it, and it seems that no one ever tires of praising it. It has fruited elegantly in our own grounds now for two summers, and as a rare or fancy fruit it is one which is sure to delight its possessor. It is a shrub, fruiting when only three or four feet high, and probably never exceeds five or six feet when fully grown. The fruit is borne in quantity the whole length of the branches, is oblong or olive shape and about the color of a dark red cherry. It has a small pit and an excellent flavor, being rich, juicy, sprightly, and more luscious than the cherry. It ripens in July and August and the fruit remains in good condition a long time before dropping. The bush is perfectly hardy and robust. Price, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

MULBERRY. DOWNING



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



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 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 ten 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.

The Lemon Peach. A most unique variety, and a tree in bearing looks as though it was full of lemons instead of peaches. Extra fine and entirely distinct fruit, being oblong or lemon-shaped, pointed at the apex. Color, pale lemon when ripe. It is of large size, fine specimens measuring over 13 inches in circumference; medium early, and is of the finest quality and immensely productive.

The Orange Peach. This glorious Peach is offered now for the first time. It is a highly valuable and distinct variety, its enormous fruits closely resembling large, luscious oranges, and a tree in bearing reminds one of the orange groves of Florida and California. Like the Lemon Peach, it is a perfect free-stone and of exceptional good quality. As a companion to the Lemon, it makes a most unique pair, and no one who likes rare and fancy fruits should be without them.

Price of the above four new Peaches, 20c. each; \$1.50 per dozen; the four for 75c.



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, 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, 20c. each; 3 for 50c., 7 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.



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 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.





New Apples.

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

Two-Faced. We never brought out a more unique novelty than this. It originated in Cayuga County, N. Y., and the original tree has been known for many years, but this is the first time it has ever been propagated and put upon the market. The tree bears an apple which is in size and shape similar to the Tallman Sweet; its peculiarity being that every fruit is equally divided. One-half is sour, like a Greening, and the other half is sweet, like the Tallman. This is one of the most peculiar freaks which has ever been observed in vegetation. Its oddity, as well as its fine bearing qualities, and the excellent quality of the fruit, both the sweet and sour portion, will make it immensely popular. 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00.

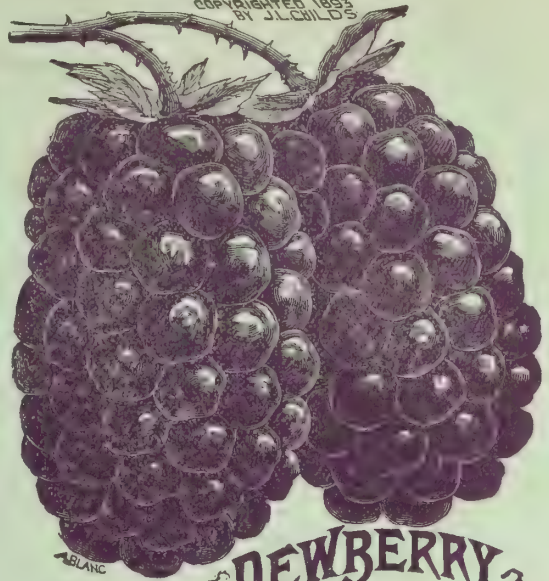
Ruby Gem. As its name implies this is an Apple of the most brilliant ruby-red color imaginable, and being of large size and perfect in form it is the handsomest variety we have ever seen. Every one is as fair and perfect as though moulded of wax, and the season of ripening is early autumn. The tree is 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. Strong trees, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Glowing Coal. The fruit is enormous in size and as fair as wax; one-half bright shining red while the other half is intense scarlet, and as they hang on the trees the large, beautiful fruit can be seen for a long 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 trees, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER—One each of these 3 elegant apples for \$1.00.

KENTISH COB FILBERT

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DEWBERRY



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 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 \$1.00.

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. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

Filbert, Kentish Gob.

This is a most desirable nut and the largest and finest of 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. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.



Three Grandest Plums.

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

Delaware or Dwarf-Weeping Plum. A superb and highly ornamental tree of short, symmetrical growth and long branches which droop to the ground. Owing to its dwarf habit it can be grown in space that would not admit of a larger kind. The best Plum in existence, with a most exquisite flavor, like that of the Delaware Grape. It is described by some as possessing the flavor of the Apricot, Grape, Plum and Watermelon combined. Fruit of good size, purple flesh and skin, with white bloom. It is exceedingly productive, and ripens very early. Tree hardy and healthy, bearing when but two feet high. A perfect gem of a fruit and ornamental tree combined, and should be on every lawn and in every garden. It is destined to be the most popular Plum of the future, as it is certainly the most beautiful and luscious. Price, 75c. each; 3 for \$2.00; 7 for \$4.00.

Shipper. Tree a large, rank grower, and enormously prolific. Fruit of large size, rich, juicy and sweet. Form and color of Imperial Gage, but handsomer, and the best Plum for shipping yet introduced. Hardy, robust and heavy annual cropper. The most profitable of all market Plums, as it is of the best quality, largest size, most prolific and best shipper. 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00; 12 for \$5.00.

Juicy. This glorious new Plum is a cross between Botan and Robinson. The fruit is the size of the former and three times larger than the latter, and of perfect shape. Skin thin and transparent, light yellow, underlaid with scarlet—as beautiful as wax. In quality it seems to us that there is no other fruit which can approach it. It has a delicious sweetness, mingled with a sprightly acid, and a high melting plum flavor, surpassing anything we ever saw. When fully ripe it is so juicy that

when the skin is broken its delicious pulp flows out like honey. The tree is a hardy, rank, luxuriant grower, though of dwarfish habit. It 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. Price, 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00; 12 for \$5.00. Extra large trees 75c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER.—For \$1.50 we will send one each of these three wonderful new Plums.

Apple Bismarck.

This new Dwarf Apple is indeed a wonder. Little trees a foot or two in height will bear a few apples of enormous size, either growing in pots or in the ground. A little tree 12 inches high, which we imported from France last winter, bore a fine large apple the following summer. Fruit very large, of brilliant color and borne freely on trees two years old. A most unique pot plant to grow with the (O)tabite Orange, and a fine little shrub for the garden, the great apples on such very small trees attracting great attention. 60c. each.



JAPANESE WINEBERRY.



SHUCKLESS
STRAWBERRY.

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; 1000 for \$60.00.

We can also supply 2-year-old plants from open ground at 40c. 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.

Choice Strawberries.

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

Shuckless. 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. Everyone who loves and cultivates Strawberries must, of course, have this variety, if only a few plants to grow a stock from. 75c. per doz.; \$3.00 per 100; \$20 per 1000.

Meeks Early. This is a most important new berry, inasmuch as it is the EARLIEST and BEST of all early varieties. It is a good week ahead of any other in ripening, and it is also of large size, fine quality and very productive. No other early variety can compare with it, and it must find its way to every collection. 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 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.

Mineola. For a general all-round 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, 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 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 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 Meeks Early to commence with, and Mineola for intermediate. Fine vigorous plants, 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000.

SPECIAL OFFER.

Six plants each of the above five finest Strawberries for \$1.25; 12 plants each for \$2.00; 100 plants each for \$3.00. This is the finest collection of Strawberries it is possible to have.

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 cannot 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 any one 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 cannot 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 therefor 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.



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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
- Lasseaux.** 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

One pkt. each of the five sorts for 25c.



ANCHUSA CAPENSIS
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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.

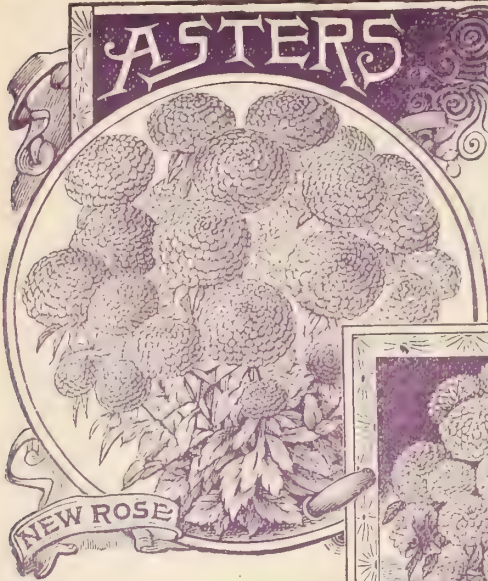
A rare and little-known annual of great beauty. It is a life-long favorite with everyone who grows it. It grows two feet high, and will thrive in a shady or out-of-the-way place where scarcely anything else will grow. It resembles a large, beautiful Forget-me-not, though much finer in every respect, 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



ALYSSUM "LITTLE GEM"
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ASTERS



Asters.

The acknowledged queen of autumn annuals. Indispensable for the flower garden, 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 pkt.

- 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 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; 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
- Giant 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

- 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 or 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
- Comet.** 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. Lovely shade of deep rosy pink, bordered with pure white..... 15
- Comet Giant White.** Immense size, and pure snow-white..... 30

SPECIAL OFFER. For \$1.50 we will send one packet each of these twenty-seven superb Asters.



ARGEMONE GRANDIFLORA.

er 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

Brachycome.

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 drouth well. Sow where plants are to stand after ground gets warm in spring..... 5



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.

- Tall Mixed.** Rich colors of all shades..... Per pkt 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 the winter..... 10
- Tom Thumb Striatum.** Striped varieties of above; very striking and showy..... 10

Argemone Grandiflora.

Our cut of this beautiful flower cannot do it justice, especially as the page is not large enough to show the flower



BRACHYCOME



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 five hundred 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.

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| 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..... | 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 |

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| 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 mixtures 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.



DOUBLE BELLIS COPYRIGHTED 1893 J.L.CHILDS

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

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



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CALENDULA COPYRIGHTED 1893 J.L.CHILDS

CHEIRANTHUS COPYRIGHTED 1893 J.L.CHILDS

Cherianthus.

Per pkt.
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..... 10

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 cherry.

- 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

Carnation, Margaret.

This is still the great flower-seed novelty of the times, and here is offered the prize strain of seed. While others have sold seed which produced poor and single flowers, ours has always given at least 90 per cent. of the choicest double blossoms. They are alike valuable for pot culture or for the garden. Do not sow cheap Margaret Carnation seed; it will disappoint you.



MARGARET CARNATION.

- Mixed Colors.** The finest strain, with large double blossoms, blooming in three months from time of sowing..... 10
- Pure White.** Extra fine..... 15
- Rosea.** Fine clear rose color..... 15
- Scarlet.** Deep bright shade..... 15
- Purple.** A remarkably rich color..... 15
- Violet.** Fine violet color..... 15
- Striped and Variegated.** Many colors. All beautifully striped, blotched, mottled and variegated. A most charming sort..... 15

One packet each of the seven above offered for 60c.



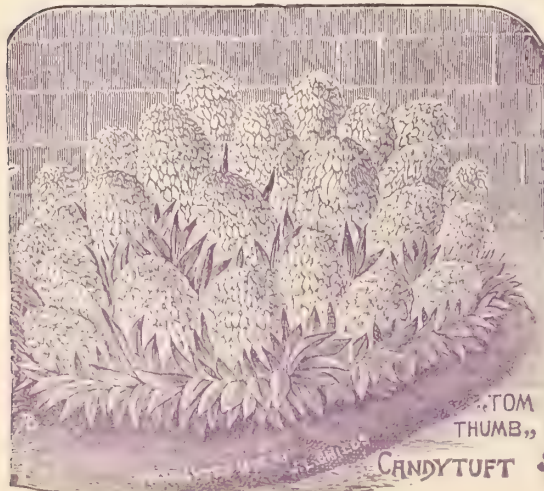
Calliopsis.

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, a 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 Lanceolata..... 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



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.

- Per pkt.
- Al' 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

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.

Linifolium. Fine; pure white..... 5



Centranthus.

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

Mixed Colors. Exceedingly pretty..... 5

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.

- 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

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COSMOS.

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 dwarfer than in open ground. An extra fine flower for the South and Southwest. It was first introduced by us about ten years ago.

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

One packet of each for 40c.

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.

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| 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 |

One packet of each for 20c.



TREE COCKSCOMB

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CHRYSANTHEMUM

Gelasia.

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.

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| 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 |



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ESCHSCHOLTZIA

Eschscholtzia.

The Eschscholtzia is one of the hardest 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.

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| 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 |
| Maritima. See Novelties.. | 10 |



Dianthus.
(GARDEN PINK.)

An indispensable garden flower. A flower fitted equally to adorn the poor man's gar-

den 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. Per pkt.

- 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
- Heddewiggil.** 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 is a fine pot plant..... 15
- Crimson Bell.** Immense flowers of a rich crimson red. A grand flower of the single Heddewiggil 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 ground work 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 pots..... 15

One packet each of the twelve sorts for 75c.

- 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 satisfactory..... 20



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 garden or for pots.
- Little Belle.** Fine snow white..... 10
 - Little Fred.** Pure golden yellow..... 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.

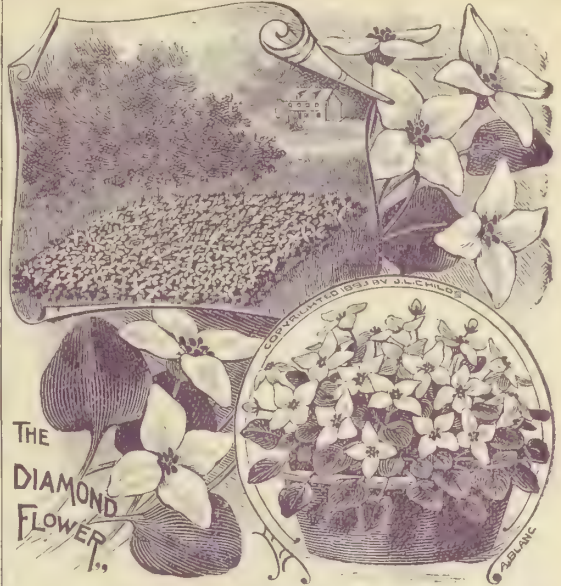
- Double Large Flowering, Mixed.** Will produce some magnificent varieties..... 20
- Double Pompon, Mixed.** Extra choice strain..... 15
- New Single, Mixed Colors.** Flowers very large and of rainbow colors. Very graceful and exceedingly popular as cut flowers..... 10
- Gracilis, Mixed Colors.** Fine 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.

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.

- Dianthiflora.** A superb little flower, rosy pink..... 10
- Alba.** Fine pure white, and contrasts well with the pink 10



Diamond Flower.—(Ionopsidium.)

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 (IONOPSIDIUM ACAULE)..... 15





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. 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. 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

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



Hugelia, Coerulea.

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

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



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.

- Mixed Sorts.** 10



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. Per pkt.

- 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
- Goldense.** A compact, low-growing variety, the foliage of which is golden-yellow and is most charmingly set off by the hundred 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..... 10



Mignonette.

Mignonette is the French word for "little darling." No more expressive term could well be found for the sweet, homely 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 any time for the window. Per pkt.

- 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 Crandiflorus.** 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. Per pkt.

- French, Mixed Colors.** Small double flowers, in rich, dark shades..... 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..... 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..... 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.** 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 Noveltyes.)..... 10

One packet each of the seven sorts for 35c.

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. **Mimosa Rubica.** True sensitive plant..... 5



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



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. Per pkt.

- Rosea (CLIVENDEN PINK).** A charming rose color..... 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; 8 inches.

- 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., 29c; 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 newest 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., 30c..... | 5 |

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



Per pkt.

Cloth of Gold. Fine to contrast with the green-leaved or dark-folaged 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.....

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GIANT EXCELSIOR.

IMPERIAL GERMAN

PANSIES

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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 and 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 sowed with great care and is the best.

	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 colorings. 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
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

One packet each of above thirteen sorts for \$1.00.

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.

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	15
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

	Per pkt.
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

One packet each of above fifteen Imperial Germans for \$1.00

CHILDS' SUPERFINE PANSY.

The Pansy is our leading specialty in seeds, and testimonials show that for years we have sold the finest Pansy seed that has been sold in this country. As the introducers of the Imperial German and Giant Excelsior we have had the finest strains of these, the best of all Pansies; Childs' Superfine is merely a careful selection from them. The plants which show the greatest vigor and perfection in growth, and beauty in size and shape of flower, are selected for seed. They are carefully cultivated and seeds saved only from a few of the largest and most perfect flowers of the finest colors. We grow it in Northern Germany, where the Pansy attains the greatest perfection, and we can emphatically say that this is the finest Pansy seed ever offered in the world; the very best that can be grown or had at any price. Per pkt. of 25 seeds, 30c.



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.

Lord Anson Blue. Clear sky-blue, lovely shade.....	10
Lord Anson White. Pure white.....	10

One packet of each for 15c.

Phacelia Campanulata.

An easily-grown annual that will commence to bloom a month from the time seed is sown in the open ground. Erect, cup-shape 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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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.

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| 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 |

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| Fimbriata Titania, Mixed. Large flowers of various colors, beautifully veined and fringed. | 20 |
| Ernest Lock. 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 last year was 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. | 10 |

One packet each of above six sorts for 50c.
PETUNIA, NEW GIANT FLOWERED.

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



Phlox Drummondii.

One of the very best of all bedding annuals is the Phlox Drummondii, surpassing almost everything 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.

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| Mixed. 30 different colors. Fine for large beds and masses. Per oz., \$1.00 | Per pkt. 10 |
| Coccinea. A rich, velvety scarlet | 5 |
| Fancy Striped. Very novel and beautiful. Many distinct colors but all striped with white | 5 |
| Crover 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. Everyone 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 |

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 Quedlinburg, 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.



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 crimson, 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



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 wait 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 (PAPAVA 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, blush, etc..... 10

Double Shirley. This is a double form of the magnificent Shirley Poppies. It does not differ from them in any respect, except the flowers are double instead of single..... 10

Nankeen Yellow. A fine novelty. Large double blossoms of a fine Nankeen yellow color..... 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, 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 blush, 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..... 15

SPECIAL OFFER. For only 60c. we will send one packet each of these fifteen 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 packet each of above five sorts, 50c.

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
- Carduacea.** Light blue..... 5
- Splendens Compacta.** Fine dwarf form of the old variety; very brilliant and free flowering; fine for pots.. 15

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



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. Per pkt.

- Mixed Colors (MOURNING BRIDE)** 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..... 10
- Golden Dwarf.** A dwarf sort with yellow foliage, and doubly coal black blossoms. 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
- Double Yellow.** A fine novelty..... 10



Spraguea.

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



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.

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| 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.

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| 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 |

Spider Flower.

(Cleome.)

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.

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



Ricinus.

Grand sub-tropical foliage plants, unjustly neglected because they are cheap. The new varieties are very fine.

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| Ciboni 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; 15 feet; very effective..... | 10 |
| Mixed Varieties. | Many sorts..... | 5 |



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Vinca.

Lovely garden or pot plants, producing a profusion of bright blossoms at all times. Seed started early in pots makes lovely blooming plants by early summer, which will continue in growth and bloom for a year. As bedding plants for the garden they rival the Geranium. Their soft and delicate colors and profuse blooming habit makes them at all times attractive. Do not omit them. Per pkt.

Mixed Colors. White; pink, crimson, etc. A new and improved large flowering strain.....



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.

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| | Per pkt. |
| 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 VERBENAS.

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, lavenders, 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. Enormous sized flowers, dwarf, compact habit, and prodigious bloomers. 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 |

SPECIAL OFFER. One packet each of the ten sorts for \$1.00.



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.....

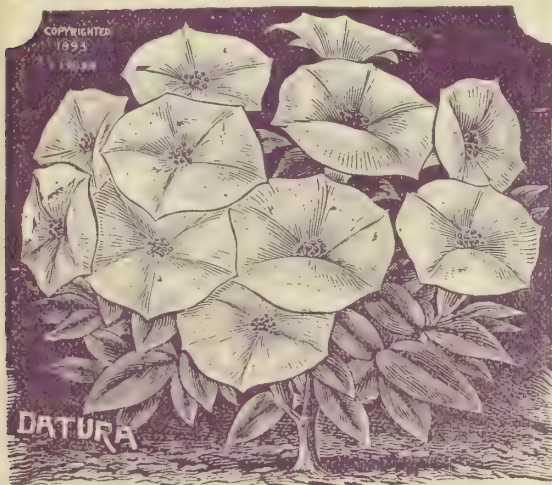


- Improved Striped.** A good strain, representing all the leading colors, but all striped. This is really the finest strain of Striped or Zebra Zinnias in cultivation. Per pkt. 10
- Fire Ball.** Dwarf habit, large double blossoms of intense scarlet, as round and perfect as a ball. It makes a fine border 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

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

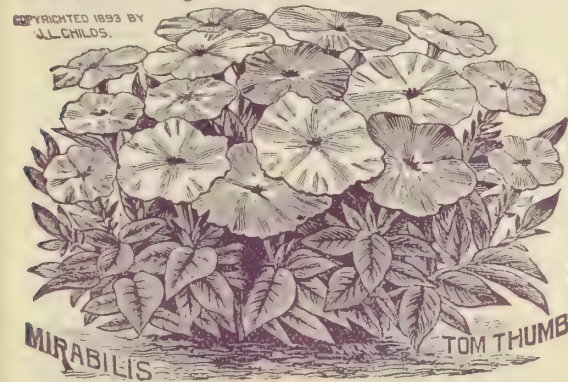
EVENING BLOOMERS.

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.



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.

- Per pkt.
- 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.

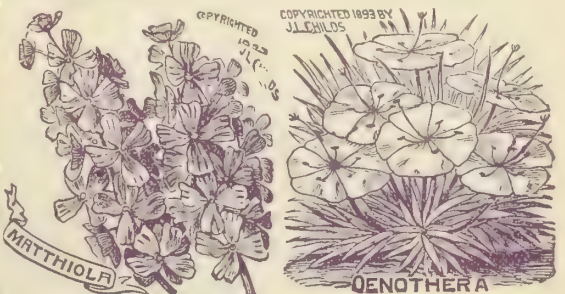
Fine for separate clumps or masses, or for the center of beds of evening bloomers. One of the easiest of all plants to grow, and equally fine for out-door culture or for winter blooming in pots. Its long, tubular, star-pointed flowers are pure white, exceedingly fragrant and very profusely borne. It 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.

- Per pkt.
- 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.

- Bicolorus. Lovely evening flower..... 5

SPECIAL OFFER. One packet each of the eight Evening Bloomers for 50c.

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. On a colored plate in this Catalogue will be found hardy perennial vines of great beauty and usefulness.



CYPRESS VINE



MAURANDYA



DOLICHOS



CANARY FLOWER



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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.

Tropæolum 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.

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.)

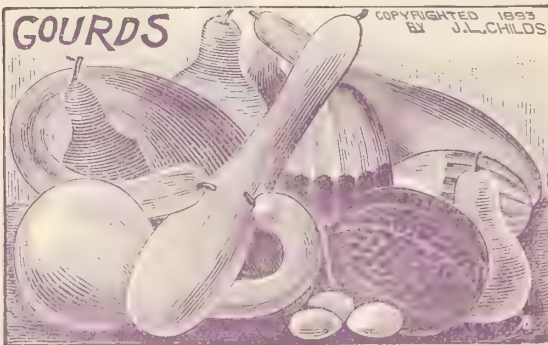
A slender vine of moderate growth, with pretty pale yellow flowers, and showy, curious fruits of a dull orange and green color, that when ripe burst open, displaying a bright carmine center. It is very ornamental, even more so than a Gourd.

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



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GOURDS

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**CLIMBING
NASTURTIUMS**

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.

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



Convolvulus Major.
(Morning Glory.)

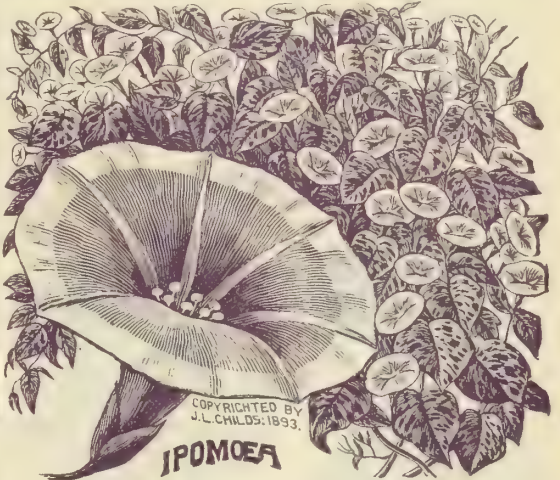
The old-fashioned Morning Glory, as easy to grow as any weed. Brilliant beautiful flowers of every shade of white, blue, pink, scarlet and variegated. The standard vine of every flower grower.

- Pure White.**..... 5
- Dark Red.**..... 5
- Dark Blue.**..... 5
- Striped.** Red and white..... 5
- Black.** A novel color..... 10
- Mixed Colors.** Per oz., 15c..... 5

One packet each of above six sorts, 20c.

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, per pkt., 10c.



Ipomœa.

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
- Gracillis.** 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

Sweet Peas.

For list of our superior strains of Sweet Peas, See Cover.

SPECIAL OFFER. One packet each of the following ten fine Climbers for only 50c.: Canary Bird Flower, Cypress Vine, Cobaea, Gourds, mixed, Maurandya, Momordica, Tropaeolum, mixed, Sweet Pea, mixed, Thunbergia, Ipomœa, mixed.

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



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..... 6
 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



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



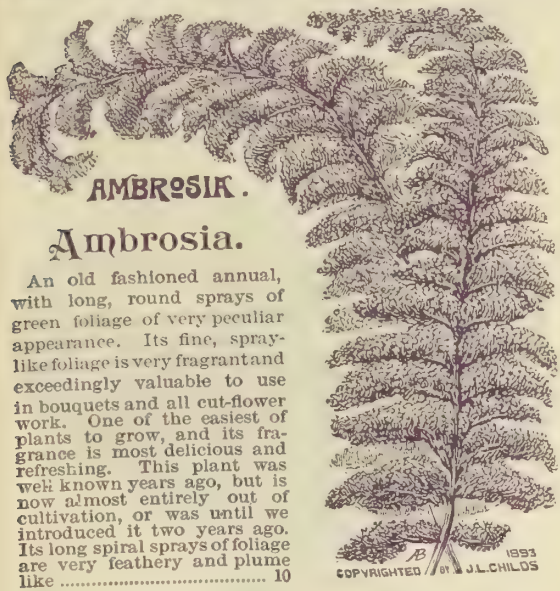
Ornamental Grasses.

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..... 6
SPECIAL OFFER. One packet each of all these Everlastings and Grasses for only 50c.

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.



AMBROSIA.

Ambrosia.

An old fashioned annual, with long, round sprays of green foliage of very peculiar appearance. Its fine, spray-like foliage is very fragrant and exceedingly valuable to use in bouquets and all cut-flower work. One of the easiest of plants to grow, and its fragrance is most delicious and refreshing. This plant was well known years ago, but is now almost entirely out of cultivation, or was until we introduced it two years ago. Its long spiral sprays of foliage are very feathery and plume like 10

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Geranium, Apple Scented.

A beautiful basket plant of luxurious trailing growth and handsome round leaves, that exhale a perfume like rich, luscious apples. A favorite with all who grow it, and a grand foliage plant..... 10



GERANIUM

APPLE SCENTED



LEMON VERBENA

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Lemon Verbena.

Everyone knows the Lemon Verbena, and everyone ought to have a few specimens of it; its fragrant foliage is so fine to use in bouquets and other floral work..... 10

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

Artemisia.

Tall, pyramidal plants with fine cut foliage and long, large feathery panicles of tiny green, bud-like flowers. Fine to use in bouquets of all kinds and highly fragrant. Easily grown from spring sown seed in open ground.

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Cracilis. Beautifully cut feathery foliage of fine fragrance and great beauty. Its habit of growth is pyramidal, 4 to 5 feet high, and every branch is covered with a thick growth of fine feathery foliage, which is of the brightest emerald-green color. It is particularly adapted to cut flower work, and all will find it useful and highly satisfactory. Sow seed in the open ground early..... 10

Annua. Beautiful foliage, of delightful fragrance.. 10

ARTEMISIA

Monarda.

Fine hardy perennial plants which live in the ground year after year, and are alike valuable for their very showy blossoms and for the strong, delicious, and refreshing mint-like fragrance of their leaves. Little known or cultivated and will delight every one who plants it.

Mixed Sorts, several colors..... 10



MONARDA

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EUCALYPTUS COPYRIGHTED 1893 BY J.L. CHILDS.

Eucalyptus Citroides.

A beautiful tropical shrub that can be grown as a pot plant. Its leaves are from the first deliciously fragrant, with a penetrating lemon-like odor, surpassing the Lemon Verbena. Very fine indeed and invaluable for bouquets.....20

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.

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



Acacia.

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

Choicest Sorts Mixed...... 15
Farnesiana. Lovely yellow; sweet..... 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.

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



Convulvulus 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. Per pkt. 10c.



Chrysanthemums.

Chrysanthemum seed sown in the spring will produce large, vigorous plants by fall, which will give a great profusion of fine flowers, even more than old plants. The seed we here offer is from a prize collection of over two hundred varieties, including all the latest novelties in all classes: Japanese, Chinese, Incurved, Anemone-flowered, Pompons, etc., and will produce a magnificent array of varieties. No matter how many plants you raise, no two will be alike, and some are likely to be very valuable. All colors, shapes, sizes and varieties will be produced. The great beauty of a collection of seedling Chrysanthemums cannot be appreciated until it is seen. They are grand, and are very easily raised. Seeds germinate freely and quickly, and the plants being of a hardy and robust nature, make a rapid growth.

Extra Choice Seed, of all colors and varieties, mixed, 25c. per packet; five packets for \$1.00. Per pkt. **Ostrich Plume.** Fine mixed, all colors of hairy varieties. 30

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..... 2



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..... 20



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 aphid, 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**..... 36



COLEUS.

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



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

Carnation.

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 (See novelties.) 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



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.....	20
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

Lantana.

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



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.....	16
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..... 20

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. Tigered, Spotted, Crassifolia, etc. 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
Fillifera, 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-haves" 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.

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| | 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 |

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| 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.

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| Hybrids, Mixed Colors | 20 |
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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.

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| 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.

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| Smilax. Extra good seed..... | 10 |
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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.

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

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| Cymbalaria. Fine foliage, white flowers..... | 5 |
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Violet.

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

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| Mixed Sorts | 15 |
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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. Per pkt.

- 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

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 5

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.

- Fruiti.** Dwarf, extra early and fine..... 10
- Sampervirens.** Large flowering, pure white..... 5

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.

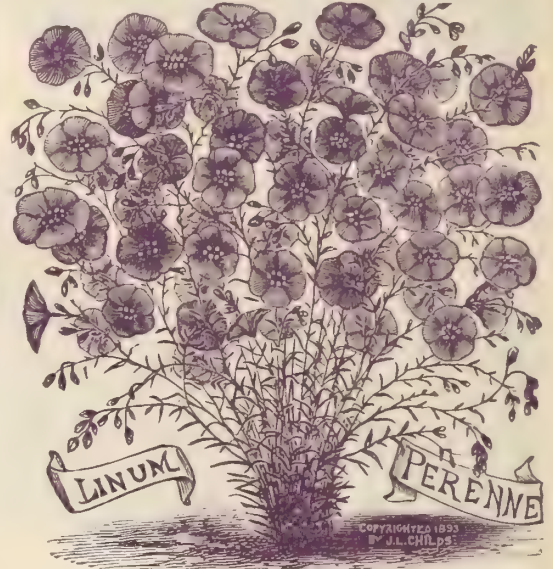
One of the choicest perennials known, and increases in beauty each year. Tall, stately growing, with immense spikes of the most brilliant flowers in all shades of lavender, mauve, pale, medium and deep, dark blues. Sow seeds in autumn or very early in spring, and plants will bloom the first summer. Very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

- Mixed Colors.** All sorts..... 10

Honeysuckle.

Everyone knows the Honeysuckle with its delicious fragrance, but everyone 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



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 wiry branches, which are clothed with a growth of small, almost hair-like foliage. At the tips of the branches are poised large, salver-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. Per pkt. **Mixed Colors.** Blue, white and pink 15

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 blush, 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
- Gloxinoides Grandiflora.** A strain with large, beautiful, Gloxinia-like blossoms. Extra..... 10

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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.

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| 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 |
| Midnight. 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.

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| Kämpferi. Mixed double and single..... | 10 |
| Cermanica. Fine mixed..... | 10 |
| Siberica. Mixed colors..... | 5 |



Picotée 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.

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

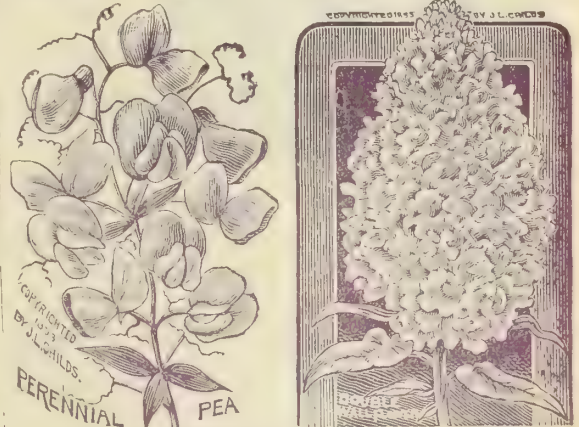
The favorite flower of our grandmothers. One of the best edging plants for the border, bearing in early summer large heads of the richest and most varied colors. Very fragrant and a favorite with everyone for vases and bouquets.

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| Per pkt. | |
| 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 drouth. 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 41, 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.

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 for either "snap" or "shell," green or dry Beans. Easily grown. Do not plant until the 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.

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.



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.

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 Podded 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 Beans 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 30 tons per acre. Pkt. 10c.; oz. 15c.; lb. \$1.25.

Improved Long Orange. A very popular variety for stock feeding. Heavy cropper. 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.



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 are best:

Mammoth Long Red. 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.

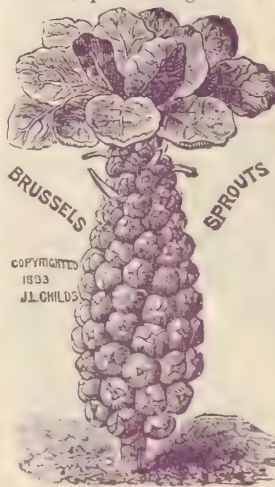
Golden Tankard. A new yellow sort, very sweet and tender. Large oval roots, much easier to pull than the long mangels. A heavy cropper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

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., 50c.

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.



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. Protect by light litter the first winter. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.



Celery.

A vegetable at once healthy, toothsome and beautiful. Said by physicians to be of great benefit in all diseases of the nerves or kidneys. 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 sort, and one of the very best for the home garden. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$2.00.

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., \$1.00.

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 the 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. Bulbs like a small turnip, with a pronounced celery flavor, excellent sliced and cooked for stews, salads, soups, etc. 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.

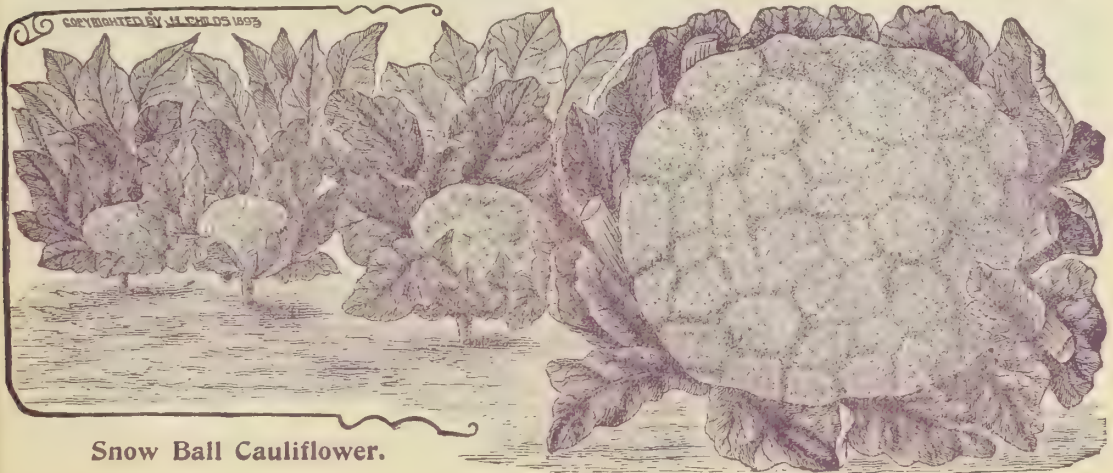
Large White French. Large, white heads of finest quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 75c.

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.

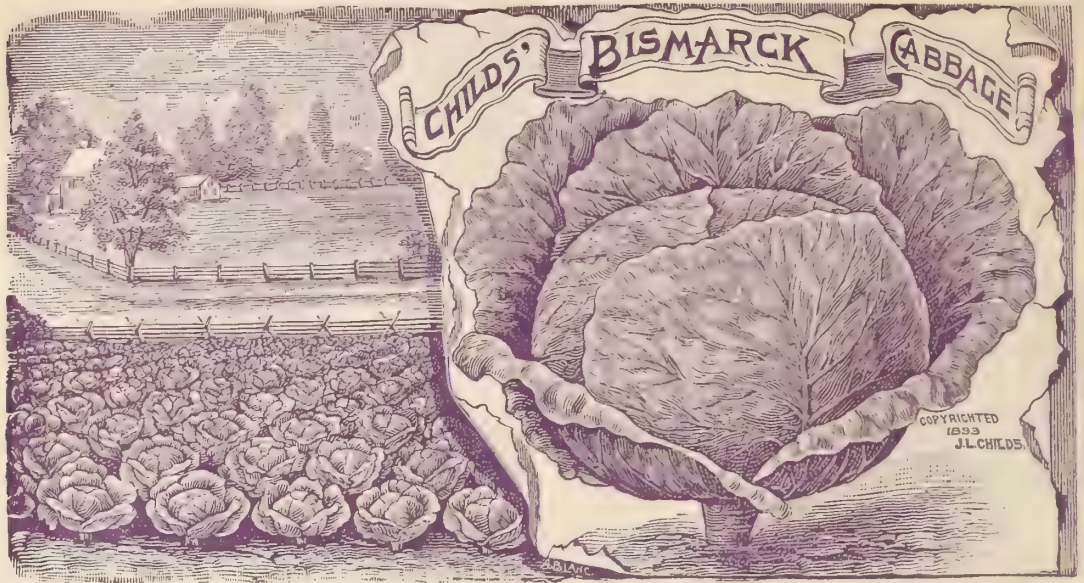
Earliest Dwarf Erfurt. Valuable for garden culture, and an extra fine forcing sort. Our strain of this is the finest to be had in Germany, and it is considered to be the perfection of all Cauliflowers. Pkt., 25c.; 1/2 oz., \$1.00; 1/2 oz., \$3.00; oz., \$5.00.

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. 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 is 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. Pkt., 15c.



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.

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. Seed very scarce this year. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts. for 50c.



Newark Early Flat Dutch. An early, large Cabbage of excellent quality of the flat-head type. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.; 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.

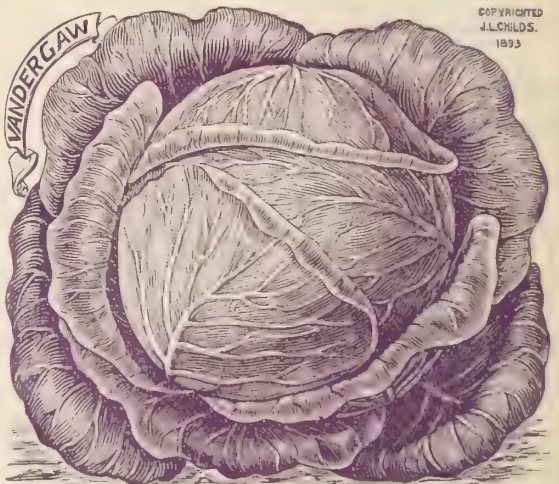
True Surehead. This is also of the Flat Dutch type, and therefore very certain to head, however hot and dry the weather. The heads are large, round, and flat, and very hard and firm of texture, fine grained, and of most excellent quality. It is also a remarkably good shipper and keeper, and is bound 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.



Early Long Island Wakefield. A standard variety, early, and of fine quality. Our strain is perfect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$2.50.



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.



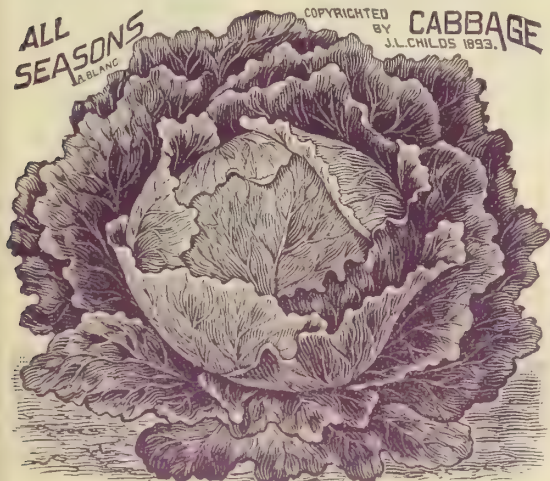
CHILDS' LONG ISLAND CABBAGE.

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.



Island by Mr. Brill, a noted Cabbage grower. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.25.

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 Savoyes. Pkt. 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.



All-Seasons. 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. A cabbage which has had a remarkable sale and is a general favorite everywhere among market gardeners. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$3.00.

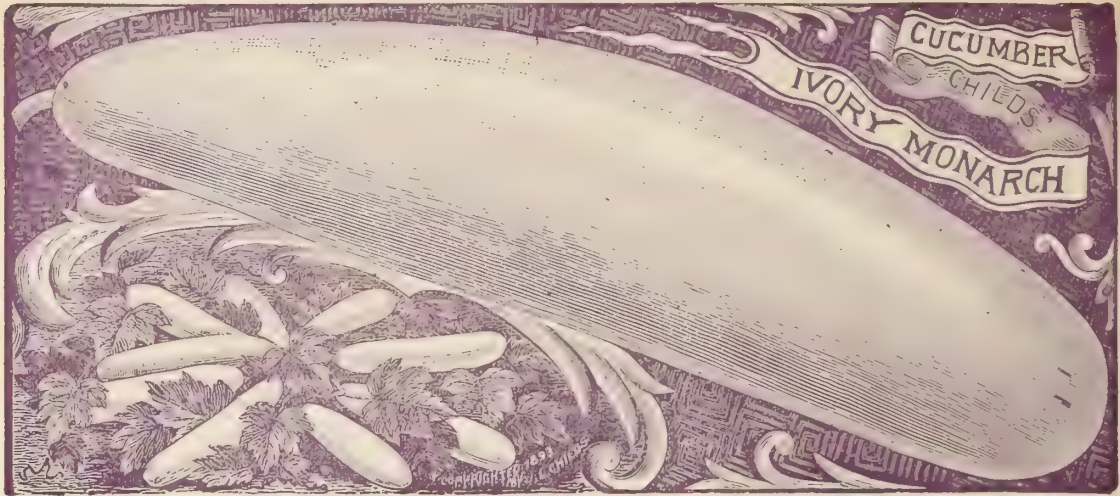
World-Beater. A new Cabbage, as large or larger than Marblehead Mammoth, yet uniform in size and true to type, and a very solid header. No doubt it is the very best Mammoth Cabbage to be had. Originated here on Long



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 flavor. The best of all Savoyes, 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.

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 fail. 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.

Child's 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 size, it has fewer seeds than any other Cucumber we ever saw. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 30c.



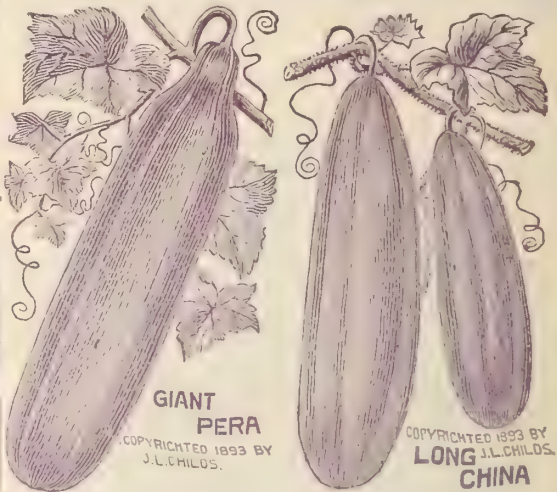
Improved Early Russian. The earliest Cucumber of all, and one of the most valuable, especially in the South. It is so very dwarf, hills need be only three feet apart, yet it is one of the most prolific varieties of all, bearing its short, plump fruits in clusters, and if not allowed to ripen seed will 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.



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.

Cherkin. 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.



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.

Maple Dale 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 tato black kernels. It is of fine appearance, very early, an abundant yielder, and an extra fine sort for popping. Attracts great attention at fairs. Pkt., 10c.

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

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, of dark green leaves, is a pretty sight in January. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 35c.

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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, Ne 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.

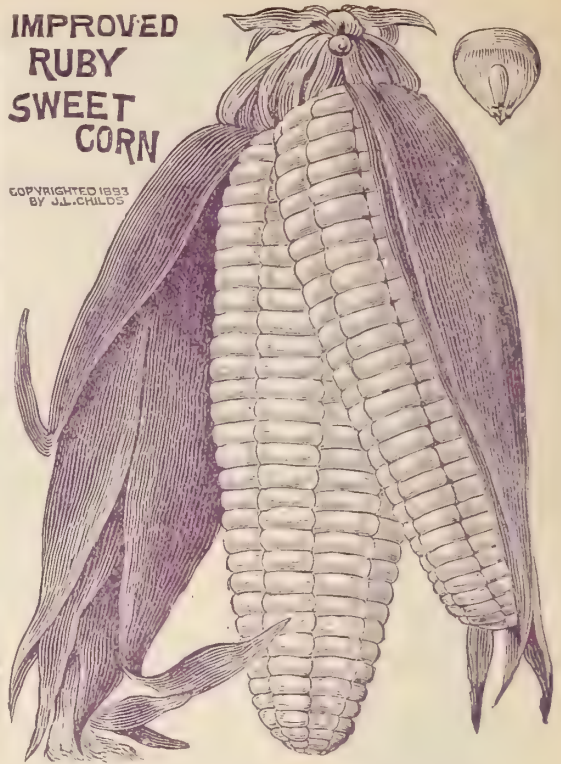
Childs' Honey Dew. See Novelties.

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. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.

Dandelion.

Improved Large Leaved. The old "greens" of our grandmothers, now improved to large tufted 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.

Kale, Dwarf German.

Kale is very easily grown and much harder 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.

Okra, White Velvet.

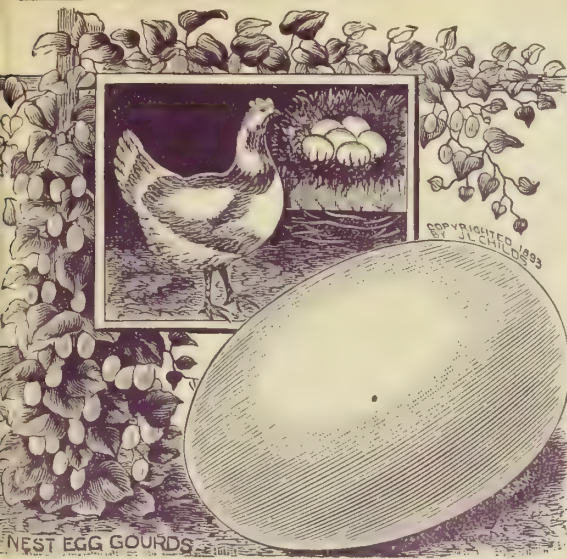
The Okra, or "Gumbo," is very popular for making soups, stews, etc. This new sort is undeniably the best variety grown. Its large thick pods are round and smooth and of an ivory-white color. It is a very profuse bearer, and is ornamental as well as useful. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.

Mustard.

White London. Much relished for early greens. Broad, tender leaves, and quick grower. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

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 list of really good salad plants. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 90c.



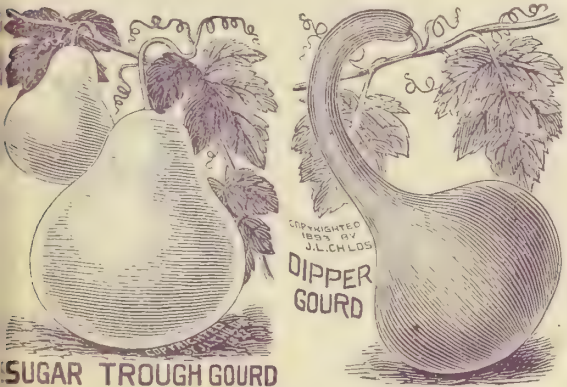


Gourds.

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.

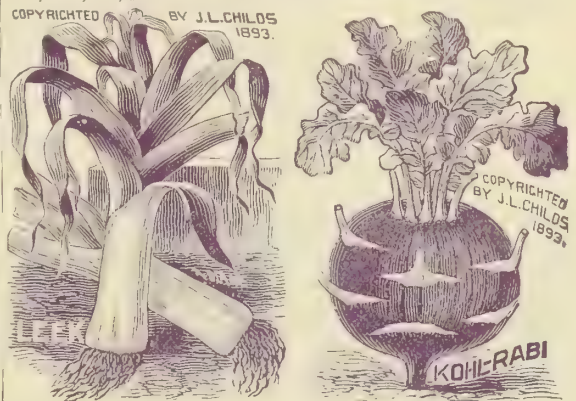
One packet each of the five sorts, 30c.



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., \$5.00.



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. 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.

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.

Golden Heart. A very handsome, large-growing variety of rich, golden-yellow color. Good quality; grows quickly, and is ready to use early. 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 5 to 7 pounds. 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.

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. Light green, well bronzed. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.00.



Cream Butter.* A crisp, tender, richly-flavored variety, forming large heads of a beautiful creamy color. Medium early, and stands summer heat remarkably well. This is one of the very best summer varieties of head Lettuce we have ever grown. Heads very solid, crisp, and of a beautiful and refreshing cream color. In quality it is very buttery and rich. 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.

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

One packet each of the twelve sorts for 60c.



CHILD'S RUBY GOLD WATERMELON

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." Early, and sure cropper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

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. Extra early and fine for the Northern States. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.



WHITE GEM.

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.

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.

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

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, neatly 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.



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-meated, very mucous 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.

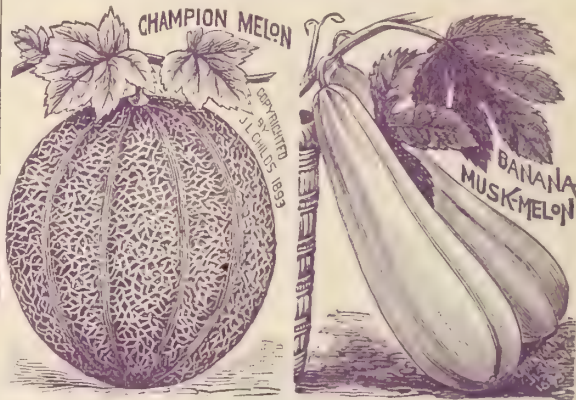


Emerald Gem. In quality this leads all, and every home garden should include it. Medium sized, round, with salmon flesh so rich, sweet and juicy that it needs to be eaten with a spoon. No other Muskmelon can compare with it in eating qualities, and it is the sort of all others for the home garden. It 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.

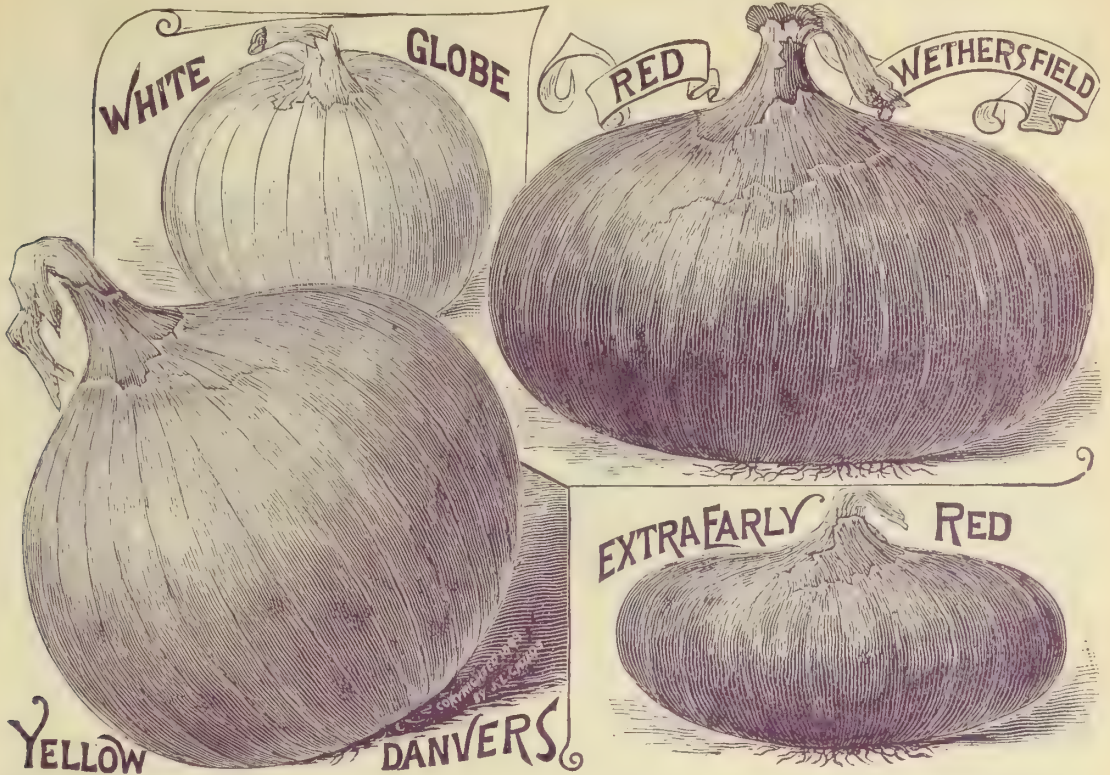
Bay View. A very profitable sort to grow, as they will yield 3,000 to 4,000 melons to the acre, and these large, handsome ones, of sweet, delicious flavor, popular with both buyer and seller. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 85c.



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.



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.

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 5 to 7 inches, making a circumference of 15 to 20 inches. It is probably the most popular Italian Onion known to cultivation. Grand seller in all markets. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.00.

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., \$2.50.

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. 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 pounds, with a very thin and delicate skin, which is of a handsome reddish, or reddish brown color. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Yellow Giant, or Zittau. An enormous Yellow Onion, which cannot be too highly recommended. Notwithstanding its great size it is finegrained and of splendid quality. 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. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

American Onions.

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.

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., \$1.75.

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 everywhere. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.75.

Extra Early Red. A quick growing variety, much liked in the North, as it grows well in cold, mucky soils where other sorts fail. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.75.

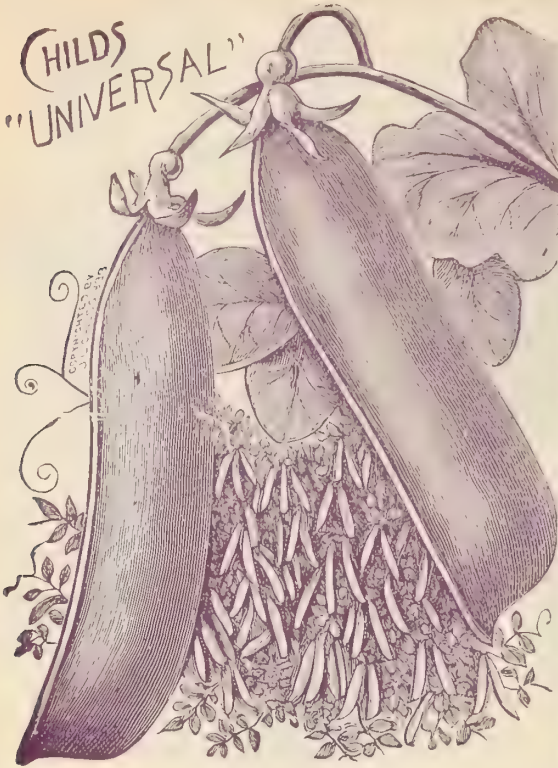
Southport White Globe. A globular, mild-flavored Onion of fine appearance and superior quality. A great favorite in most localities and probably the most popular White Globe variety. Keeps well. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

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 above lot sorts for only 50 cents. One ounce of each for \$1.50.

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. Pint, 25c.; quart, 40c., postpaid; peck, by express, \$2.50.

Egyptian or Perennial Tree Onion. This will come up year after year as soon as the frost breaks 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. Pint, 30c.; qt., 50c., postpaid; peck, by express, \$2.



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. 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. 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.



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.

CHILD'S' "KALEIDOSCOPE" PEPPER



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 cage birds and poultry. Every garden ought to have a good bed of them.

Childs' Kaleidoscope. 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.

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 piccaility, chow-chow, etc. Also, a handsome and unique pot plant. Pkt., 5c; oz., 30c.

Pot or Sweet Herbs.

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. Used to impart a pleasant flavor to pickles.....	5	20
Hoarhound. Useful for curing coughs and colds.....	5	10
Lavender. Fragrant leaves used to scent clothing.....	5	40
Sage. Most useful of all; 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.....	5	25

One packet of the sixteen fine sorts, 50c.

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; oz., 25c.



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, and 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.

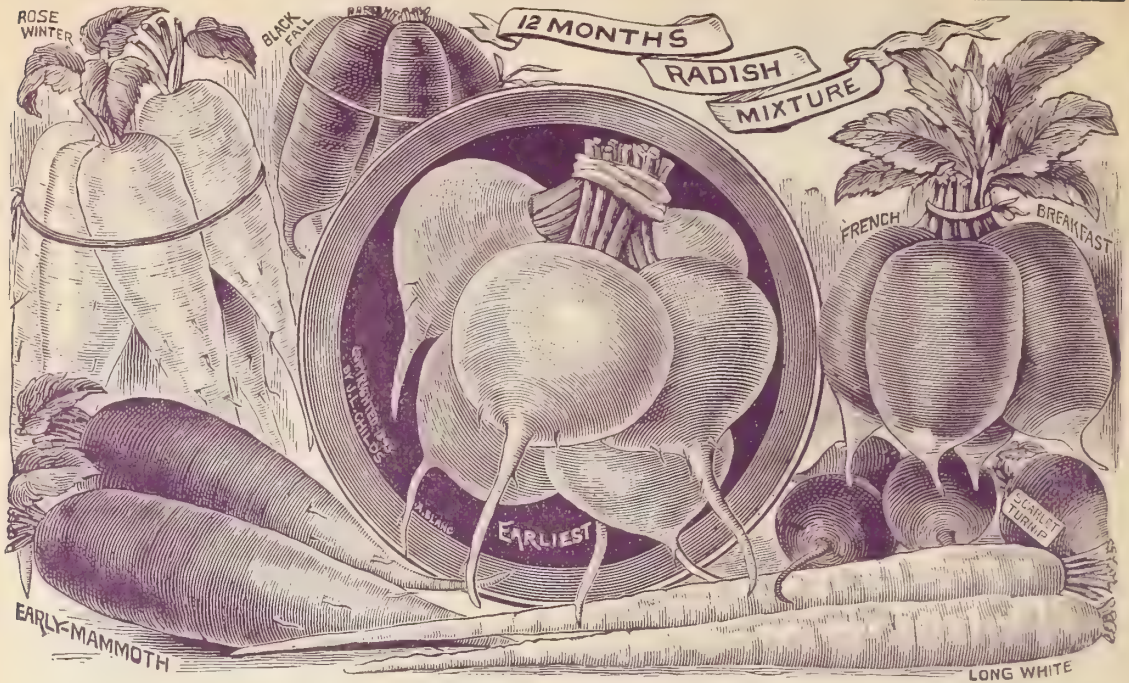
Parsnip.

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 "Charlier." 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.

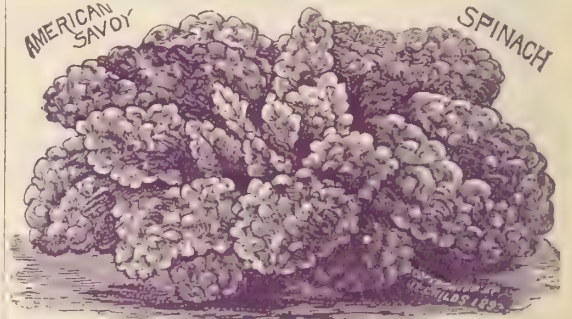


Parsley.

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. Hardiest 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.

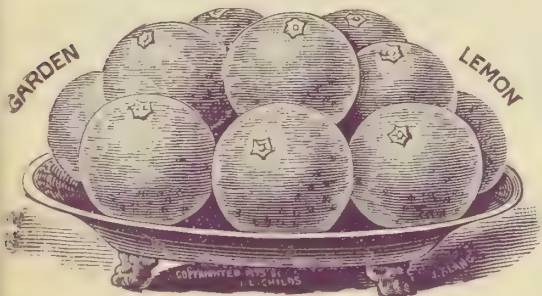
Perfect Gem. This sort is good both for summer and winter use. Thin-skinned, fine-grained and of very pleasant flavor. Will keep almost any length of time. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

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.

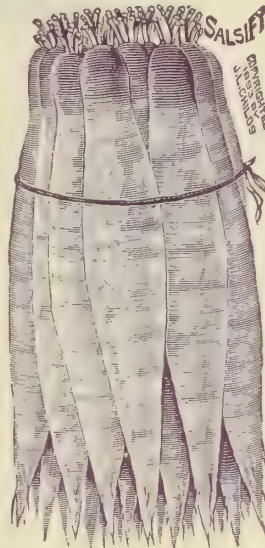
Improved Hubbard. (PRIVATE STOCK.) No more popular Squash than the Hubbard has ever been grown. Of late years it has largely lost favor because stocks have become badly mixed with inferior strains. Our stock is quite limited, but it is absolutely pure, and will produce the old-fashioned, deliciously-sweet 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.; oz., 50c.



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.; oz., 50c.



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., \$2.25.

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 colored plate for description.

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., \$2.25.

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. The mixture is not only novel but valuable, and the most interesting and satisfactory to plant in 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., 25c.

One packet each of the twelve 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.

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. 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.

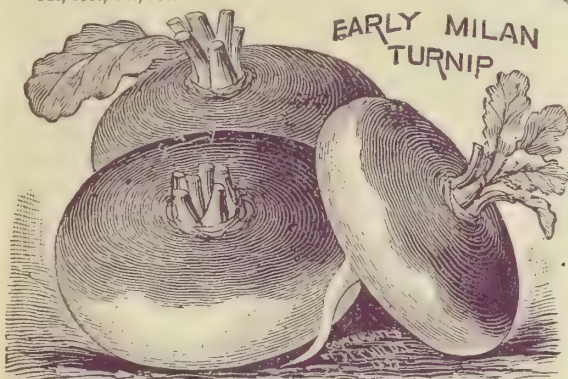
Purple Top White Globe. A large Turnip of fine keeping qualities, and fine quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

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.

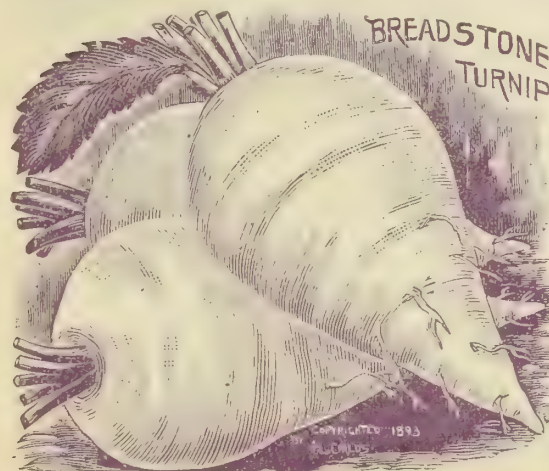
White Egg. Beautiful white egg shaped sort of rapid growth. Flesh firm and solid, fine grained, sweet and of very mild flavor. Fine either for early or late variety. Grows to a good size: Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

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 it is therefore the most profitable variety for large crops, especially for stock feeding. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

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.



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.



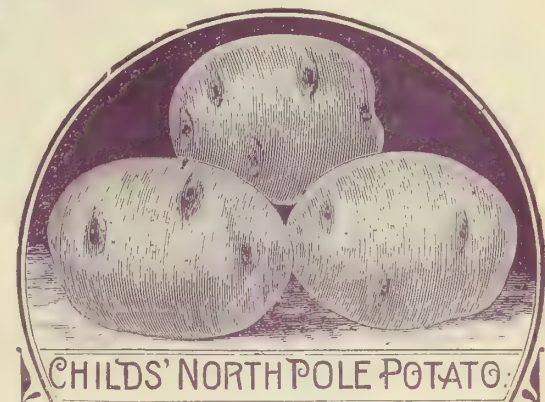
Improved American Ruta-Baga. Large, smooth and handsome, quick in growth, tender, and fine in quality. A superb standard sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Vegetable Plants and Tubers.



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 50c.; 6 for 50c.



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.

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.

Asparagus.

Mammoth. Fine 2 year roots. (See page 74.) 80c. per doz.; \$3.00 per 100.

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* of wonderful purity and fragrance; lovely, graceful, charming *Zephyranthes* and Mexican *Gems*; exquisite *Dahlias* and fantastic *Tigridias*.

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. We are headquarters for Summer Flowering Bulbs and grow and sell more of them than any other two houses in the world.



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 grow 150 acres of them, and probably 15,000,000 flowering bulbs. A Special Catalogue of Named *Gladiolus*, some 400 Varieties, will be sent on application.

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. Not only do we grow the finest varieties of *Gandensis* 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. This novelty is of such sterling worth that it deserves more than special attention.

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.

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.



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.
- Balazet.** Lovely light pink, shading to delicate blush; velvety carmine blotches.
- Bassengault.** Rose, blotched fine purple.
- Bassuet.** Large, brilliant vermillion.

- 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.
 - Elf.** Light rosy buff with large crimson and yellow blotches.
 - Emille Lemoine.** Bright vermillion, 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.
 - Incendary.** 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.
 - Lemoiniil.** 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 violet and yellow.
 - Masque de Fer.** Bronzy red, blotched black, yellow.
 - Mme. Lemoiner.** White, tinged with salmon; large violet and maroon blotches.
 - Nydia.** Blush pink, with large orange-scarlet throat.
 - Obelisk.** Rich solferino, deep crimson blotch, tipped 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 40 for \$2.00.
- Mixed Sorts.** Of more than 100 finest named varieties, per dozen, 30c.; per 100, \$2.00.
- SEEDS.** We can furnish fine mixed seed of Lemoine's Hybrid Gladioli at 10c. per pkt. It blooms second year.

A Complete Catalogue of all Named Gladiolus, some 400 Varieties, will be sent on application. For Special Offers in Gladiolus see Colored Plate in this Catalogue.



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. Five hundred blossoms have been counted at one time on a fair-sized plant, while one hundred 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. 80c. each; 4 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.

Camelliaflora. 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. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Livonia. Much like Camelliaflora, 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 \$1.25.



Four 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, 25c. each; the four for 80c.

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; grand.

Triumph de Solfreno. An enormous flower of perfect form, and of the most intense solferino color.

Golden Bedder. Bright golden-yellow flowers, profusely borne. Very handsome and perfect.

TWO LOVELY CACTUS DAHLIAS.

25c. each; the two for 40c.

Lady Marshall. 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.

Mrs. Hawkins. 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.



BELLE OF SPRINGFIELD.



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 receive 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 tigerspotted 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.

Grandiflora Alba. Pure white. The most heaven-like or earthly 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 tigerspotted 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.



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

brilliance 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.

Double Mixed. All colors. A glorious strain of finest large flowered double sorts. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Single Mixed. All colors. Extra fine, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 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.

Seed. Double mixed, 30c. per pkt.; Single mixed, 20c. per pkt. Seedlings make blooming plants in about six months from time of sowing.



Childs' Superior Tuberoses.

The one flower the rich must have, and the poor cannot do without. We all love its massive spikes, thick, waxen 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 the garden. Large, select bulbs, 5c. each, 5 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.

New Variegated. The leaves of this variety are bordered with creamy white; flowers single but very large and of exquisite fragrance. Bulbs continue to grow and bloom year after year. It makes a most magnificent plant. It blooms several weeks earlier than the other sorts, which greatly adds to its value. 10c. each; \$1.00 per dozen.

Single Orange Scented. A fine sort, bearing very early in the season large spikes of beautiful single orange-like blossoms. Very fragrant. 10c. each; \$1.00 per dozen.

One bulb each of above four sorts, 25 cents.

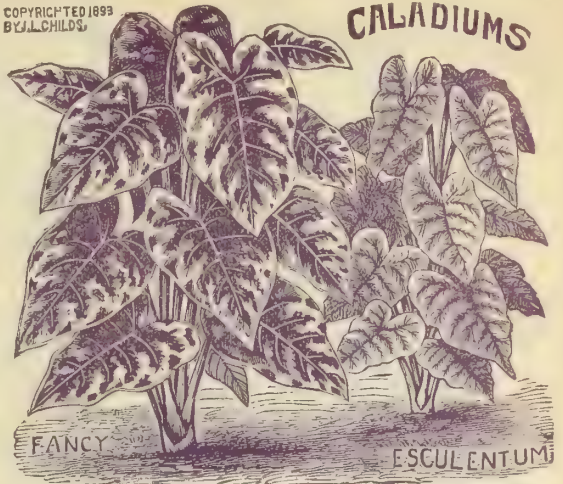


Amaryllis.

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 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
- 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 produce freely at all times of year. A most exquisitely beautiful flower..... 1 50
- Johnsoni.** A grand old sort, always popular. Flowers large and very beautiful, deep red striped white..... 60
- Oriflamme.** Pure white with large salmon-red bands. A fine large, well-opened flower of great beauty..... 2 50
- Psittacinum.** Broad, well-opened 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
- 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 in the open ground, and blooms very soon after planting. 3 for 30c..... 15
- Phadranaea Gloriosa.** The flowers are borne in pendulous clusters and an odd mingling of colors—green, orange, scarlet, etc. Always admired..... 20

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Caladiums.

Grand tropical foliage plants for bedding and for pots. **Esculentum.** A grand sub-tropical 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.

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.

Amorphophallus.

A great oddity in bulbs, 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.

Simiense. The spathe of this Calla-shaped flower is drawn out 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 Palma-like. A rare and curious plant which will create a genuine sensation. Plant out in open ground quite early, or by corn-planting time. 75c. each.





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.



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



Cooperia Dummondii.

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.

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.





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 5c., 50 for 25c., 100 for 40c., 500 for \$1.50, 1,000 for \$2.50.

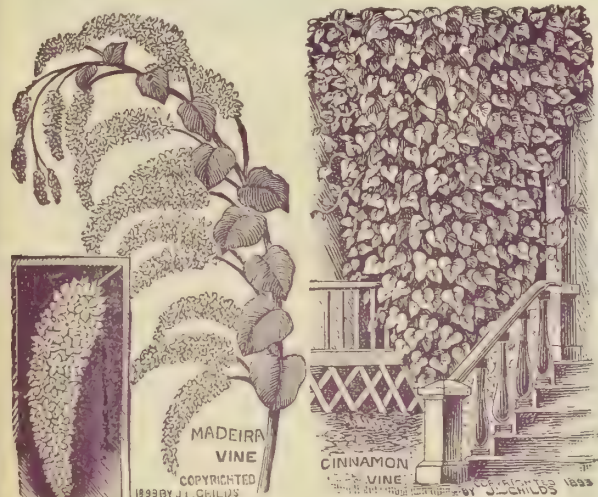
- Lasandria.** Fine rosy-pink, beautiful cut foliage.
- Dieppi.** Pure white; very fine.
- Shamrock.** Lovely clover-like foliage and pink blossoms.
- Mixed Sorts.** Several colors.
- Mammoth Bulbs.** We can supply mammoth-sized Bulbs of these Oxalis, nearly as large as Gladiolus, and which will produce a wonderful profusion of bloom, at 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 85c.

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 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; further north, lift in fall and keep over winter in dry soil.

- Crocsmæflora.** 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.



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.



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.



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. 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 25c.; 12 for 75c.



MILLA BIFLORA



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 winter 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.
- Andersoni.** A free blooming little beauty, with fine orange-yellow, tulip-shaped flowers. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.
- 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.

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 unrivaled.

- Cyclobotbra 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 Cyclobotbra, 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.

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.

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 Peonies, 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.



New Perennial Phloxes.

Those who remember the thin-petaled white and the dull-hued 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.

- Athels.** Beautiful rosy-scarlet tinged with salmon. Very bright and showy.
- Snow Cloud.** White, suffused with purple. Extra fine.
- Charlotte Salsson.** White, suffused with pink, deepening towards the center to bright vermilion.
- Lasollel.** Enormous flower and truss, individual flowers being 1½ 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 Early-flowering Phloxes, as they begin to bloom very early, continuing all summer:

- 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.



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, 4 to 6 feet. Fine roots, 15c. each; 3 for 30c., 12 for \$1. Seed, 10c. per pkt.



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.



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. 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.

Hardy Marguerites.

A popular daisy-like flower, largely grown now for cutting and wearing. Graceful and modest, and very profuse, blooming a long time each season. 15c. each; the two for 25c.; \$1.00 per dozen.

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

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



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.



Beautiful German Iris.

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 *Kämpferis* commences.

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; three for 25c.: the whole twelve for only \$1.00. Plant them by all means.

Five Mixed Sorts. A lovely collection of all colors. Will all bloom finely the first summer. 6 for 40c., 12 for 75c.

Pæonies.

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.

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.

Old Scarlet. The true, old, large, double, scarlet Pæony of our grandmothers' gardens. A grand flower. 50c. each.

Tenufolium. Fine-cul, fern-like foliage of exquisite beauty, and blooms in May. Color, rich fiery scarlet, double and perfect as a rose. 50c. each.

One each of the four sorts 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 flowers with their silken texture and foil-like heart of innumerable purple-black stamens. Each bloom is as large as a saucer, and sits perched like a bird on the end of a swaying, hairy, slender stem, high above the deeply-incised 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.



Candytuft, Hardy.

A plant of exquisite beauty, being of low, compact, spreading growth and producing its profusion of bloom in May or June when pure white flowers are particularly scarce. Its profusion of bloom is so great that a bed of it looks at a little distance like a mass of fleecy snow just fallen. Few hardy plants will give as much real satisfaction as will this beautiful gem. Lifted late in the fall, it will bloom well in the house during winter. Perfectly hardy and foliage ever green. Attractive every day in the year. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

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.



Platycodon, Grandiflora.

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 are 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.



Calystegia Pubescens.



A fine double perennial Morning Glory called Rose Vine, A hardy 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 wend 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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



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 the 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.

MISCELLANEOUS HARDY PLANTS,

AT 10 CENTS EACH.

Any of the following well known and beautiful hardy plants will be sent at 10 cents each:

- Asters.** Hardy. Two lovely and free-blooming varieties, — one deep purple, the other lavender.
- Apios Tuberosa.** The well-known and lovely Tuberous Rooted Wistaria; a superb vine.
- Blackberry Lily.** Very ornamental.
- Calliopsis Lanceolata.** A superb and constant bloomer, with large golden blossoms.
- Eulalias.** Elegant ornamental grasses, growing ten feet high, with beautiful foliage and large feathery plumes. We have three varieties—Zebrina, Japonica and Gracilima. Should be in every garden.
- Lychius 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 it resembles.
- 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, lomey fragrance and graceful beauty as well as usefulness, medicinally. A special favorite to train around kitchen doors and windows and over unsightly outbuildings.
- Hemerocallis, Lemon Lily.** The clear yellow lily-like flowers are borne on long, stiff stalks, making them superior flowers for large vases or for pulpit bouquets. There is no yellow Lily so beautiful or fragrant as this.
- Mountain Fleece.** One of the latest bloomers we have flowering with the Chrysanthemum. Its great sprays of feathery white bloom are not only pretty in the garden, but are in great demand for all sorts of floral work.
- Statice, or Thrift.** This is a dainty little plant, forming compact tufts of narrow green foliage, which makes it particularly valuable for edging. The flowers are a clear bright pink, and borne in clusters on tall stems. It blooms all summer long, and is a very pretty, desirable and useful flower, really the best of all hardy plants for edging walks, beds, etc.
- Spirea Palmata.** Grows two feet high, with large, feathery plumes of the most charming rosy scarlet blossoms.
- Spirea Elegans.** Pure white, in large, compact spirals.
- Spirea Aurea Reticulata.** Fine yellow, variegated foliage and elegant flowers. A showy plant.

Mertensia Virginia.

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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



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 bearing an enormous flower as white as snow and double and perfect to the center. Flowers often 3 to 4 inches across, and beautiful beyond expression. It blooms most profusely in June, when rare gems are particularly scarce. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

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.



SWEET PEA SHRUB

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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 background. Very hardy and robust, and commences to bloom when but a foot high. Its glorious flowers are borne in clusters and are the size and shape of the most lovely Sweet Peas, but its color is more beautiful. The amount of bloom which one of these little shrubs will carry is astonishing, and the sight presented is one of remarkable beauty. Blooms profusely in June and July and to some extent all summer. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



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.
- Prices of above, 50c. each the four for 75c.
- Double Mixed.** Extra fine; all colors and variegations, 20c each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.



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 colors, scarlet, red, orange, yellow, pink, etc., often flamed and variegated in a lovely manner. Mixed colors, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

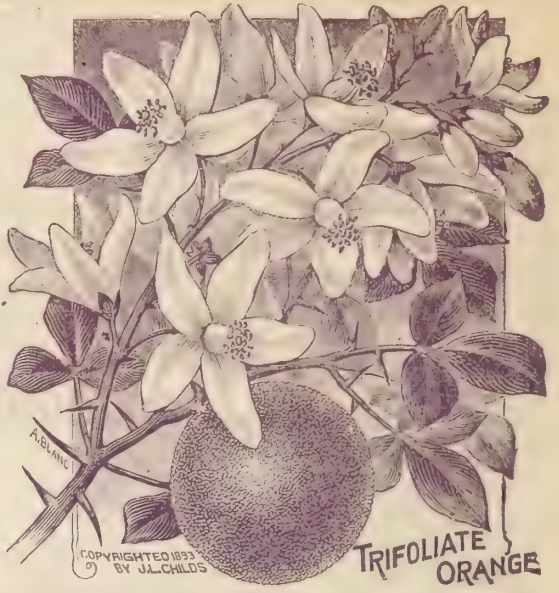


Rhododendrons.

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.



The Trifoliolate Orange.

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



Hydrangea Paniculata.

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.



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.

One each of these four Spireas for 60c.

Shrubs at 10 Cents Each.

The following lovely flowering shrubs will be sent by mail, postpaid, at 10 cents each. We have a very large stock and offer them at this low price that all may afford to plant a good lot:

- Almond, Flowering.** 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.
- Andromeda Mariana.** (Lily of the Valley Shrub.) Lovely white blossoms, like Lily of the Valley, borne in great panicles.
- Berberis, Purple Leaved.** A lovely shrub with dark purple leaves and racemes of orange-colored flowers.
- Berberis Thunbergi.** Flowers followed by bright red berries, which remain on the bushes all winter and are exceedingly ornamental.
- Buxus.** Fine for hedges or borders. Foliage evergreen and very handsome. 60c. per dozen.
- Biota Aurea.** Lovely dwarf Golden Japanese Cedar. Rare and exceedingly beautiful.
- Bush Honeysuckles.** Valuable and highly ornamental shrubs, with very fragrant Honeysuckle blossoms. We have two colors, red and white.
- Callicarpa Purpurea.** A lovely shrub, loaded all winter with clusters of pretty blue berries.
- Calycanthus.** The "Sweet Shrub," so long a favorite in gardens. The purplish flowers have an exquisite pineapple fragrance of which one never tires, and a spray of which will perfume a whole room. Cannot be omitted from any lawn or garden.
- Currant, Red Flowering.** Fine clusters of red blossoms very early in spring.
- Cydonia Japonica.** Large flaming red blossoms very early in spring. A grand old shrub.
- Clethra Alnifolia.** Fine spirals of sweet-scented white blossoms, borne profusely in August.
- Deutzia Gracilis.** A small shrub which robes itself in a profusion of lovely white flowers very early in spring. A perfect gem.
- Deutzia Rosea.** Fine rose-colored blossoms.
- Elder, Golden.** A very ornamental shrub, for its leaves are a fine golden yellow color all summer. New and rare.
- Euonymus Aurea.** A glorious evergreen shrub, its large dark-green leaves being most beautifully variegated with yellow.
- Euonymus Argentea.** Like the above but with silver variegations instead of golden.
- Exochordia.** A new Japanese shrub of great beauty. Blooms early in spring and is a complete mass of snowy white bloom.
- Forsythia.** (Golden Bell.) Lovely old shrub which blooms exceedingly early.
- Fringe, 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 of smoke.
- Hamamelis.** Blooms in late autumn after its leaves fall.
- Jasmine Officinalis.** Blooms all the season, producing a profusion of white star-like blossoms of unexcelled fragrance.
- Kaimia Latifolia.** (Laurel.) A superb evergreen shrub, with lovely blossoms.
- Mahonia Aquifolia.** A rare and beautiful evergreen shrub, its leaves in winter showing all the color of finest Autumn foliage.
- Privet, California.** A fine rapid-growing evergreen shrub.
- Privet, Golden.** With golden leaves. Very rare.
- Retinospora Plumosa Aurea.** A rare form of Golden Cedar; very dwarf, with great plume-like fronds of golden foliage. A most beautiful pot plant.
- Rubrus Odorata.** Elegant foliage and large red blossoms borne all the season.
- Snow Ball.** A fine old shrub, known by all.
- Spirea, Aurea.** Fine golden foliage and clusters of white bloom. Highly effective.
- Spirea, Thunbergi.** Lovely foliage, which in autumn colors highly. A profuse bloomer in May.
- Syringa, 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.
- Weigelia.** We have seen canes of this three and four feet long one solid wreath of flowers from tip to end, and fifty more such canes could have been cut from the bush. A sheet of bloom in June, but gives a few straggling clusters all season.
- Tamarix.** A curious shrub, unlike any other. Slender growth, covered with peculiar, fine, feathery foliage. In spring it is a mass of spray-like blossoms of a clear lovely pink.

One each of these thirty-four Shrubs for \$3.00.

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.



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 Rubra 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.

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 Crimson. Produces a profusion of dark crimson flowers. Many of our customers regard this as the very finest pot plant for perpetual blooming in existence. It is certainly a plant which must be in every collection. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Vernon White. Splendid large blossoms, pure white. 20c.

Vernon Pink. Lovely blush and pink shades. In other respects exactly like the above, and a plant of perpetual beauty. 20c. each. *The three sorts for 50c.*

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. 30c. each. Seed, 15c. pkt.

One each of these thirteen best Begonias for \$1.75.



Chrysanthemum Storm Petrel.

This is a hardy perennial, with finely cut, fern-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.



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.
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.

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 bloomed, 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 rockery 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. McDonald. (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 Columbrinus. 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.

C. 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.



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.

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 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. 20c. each.

One each of the five sorts for 80c.

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. Extra large plants, 50c. each.

Old Man Cacti. Very curious with long shaggy gray hairs. 75c. each.

A collection of five beautiful Cactus, our selection, for 50c.





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 everyone 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. 60c. each; 2 for \$1.

Common Calla. Fine, strong plants, 25c. each.

Spotted Calla. Leaves finely spotted white. Fine bulbs, 2c. each.

Yellow Calla. Same nature as the Spotted Calla, but with large golden-yellow blossoms with a black center. Very rare. \$1.50 each.

Black Calla. Pure coal-black. Very fine indeed. 50c. each.



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 two years ago. 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 Dec. 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.



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.
- M. Louis Fages.** A compact grower with very large truss. Flowers large and in color a clear orange scarlet.
- Bruant.** Extra large floret, immense trusses. Splendid.
- 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. A strong bloomer, and with flowers of snowy whiteness.
- Mars.** Immense trusses of very large flowers, of fiery scarlet, rayed with violet, scarlet and touch of orange-yellow.
- 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.
- White Swan.** Very floriferous. An extra fine pot Geranium, covered with large trusses of snow-white flowers that are very double and perfect. Habit, short, jointed and bushy.
- William Pfitzer.** Clear orange-salmon, finely edged white. A fine compact grower; free bloomer. A distinct 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.
- M. Emille Cinot.** Dark crimson, veined fine violet. Superb.
- 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 Miranda.** Each floret has a large creamy-white center; upper petals white edged with soft rose. Lower petals a soft but bright salmon-rose with lighter shadings.



DOUBLE 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 of 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 bracket.

- Jeanne d'Arc.** Pure white; very double and fine.
- La Rosalre.** Fine rose.
- Souv. Chas. Turner.** Flowers are 2 1/2 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. 15c. each.

- 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.

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. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.
- Mad. Sallerol.** Grows only six inches high, perfect mass of beautiful round fragrant foliage, of a pretty olive-green and white, many of the leaves almost entirely white. 15c. each.
- Golden Leaved.** A new sort, with bright yellowish foliage and scarlet blossoms. 20c. each.

PELARGONIUMS.

The most beautiful of the Geranium 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. Easy to grow. Six best sorts, of different colors, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

- Mrs. Robert Sandiford.** 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. 60c. each.
- Marion.** Another grand novelty. 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. 75c. each.

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.





FUCHSIA
Fuchsias.

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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 so 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, is very attractive, it is so healthy, large and green.

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. C. 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.

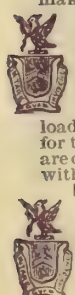
Pres. Carnot. Another fine dark variety with wine colored sepals, and double violet corolla. Large and fine.

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.

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 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, 20c. each; three for 50c.; the eight for \$1.00.



HÉLIOTROPE

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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.

20c. each; the four for 60c.



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 8 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.

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. 30c. each.

Lily of the Valley.

Fine imported pips for blooming in pots or planting out. 50c. per dozen.



Passiflora.

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.

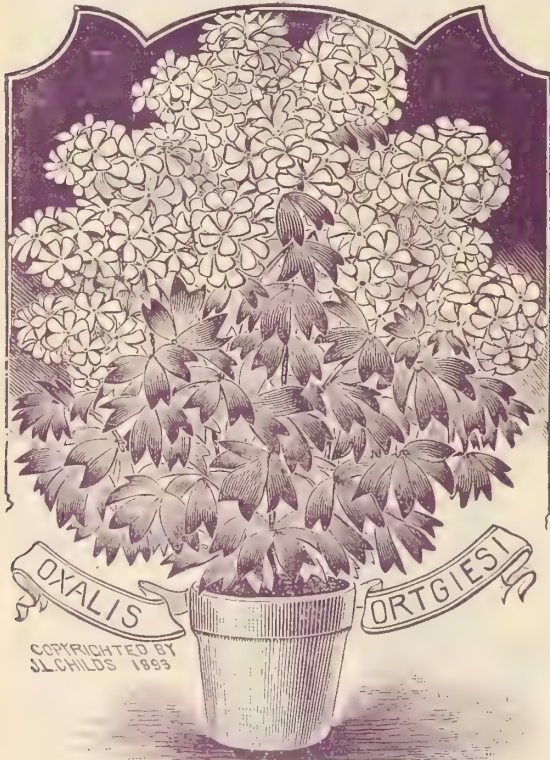
Prordti. The best for pot culture as it blooms when but a foot high. Large, handsome fringed flowers, exhibiting a mingling of white, pink, brown and blue in its coloring, making a flower of the most fascinating beauty. 20c. each.

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. Flowers pure white. 20c each; 3 for 50c.



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 bear 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.



Oxalis Ortgiesi.

One of the few pot plants that will bloom every day in the year. A robust but neat-habited grower with pretty three-lobed leaves of a dark olive-green above and shining crimson-purple beneath. The flowers are freely borne in clusters on long stems above the foliage. They are star-like and of a clear golden-yellow. A most unique and beautiful pot plant. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

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, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.





MOONFLOWER
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 Learei. A large vine, but not quite so rank growing. Flowers of a lively 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. *One each of the 3 Moonflowers 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.



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.

Single Giant. A gigantic single *Petunia* of great merit as a perpetual bloomer for pots. Flowers white, mottled and splashed with crimson and are of gigantic size. It is not uncommon for a plant to show 100 fine blossoms at one time. No more satisfactory pot plant for winter blooming than this. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

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.



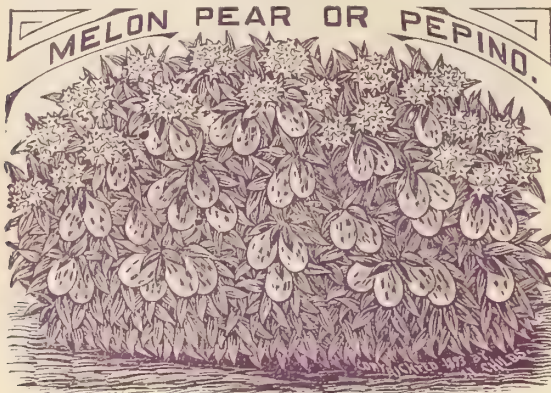
Figs.

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 tree, specially when eaten with cream, like Strawberries. They make novel plants as well as interesting ones. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



Banana Cavendishi.

Cavendishi 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 Ensette* 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.

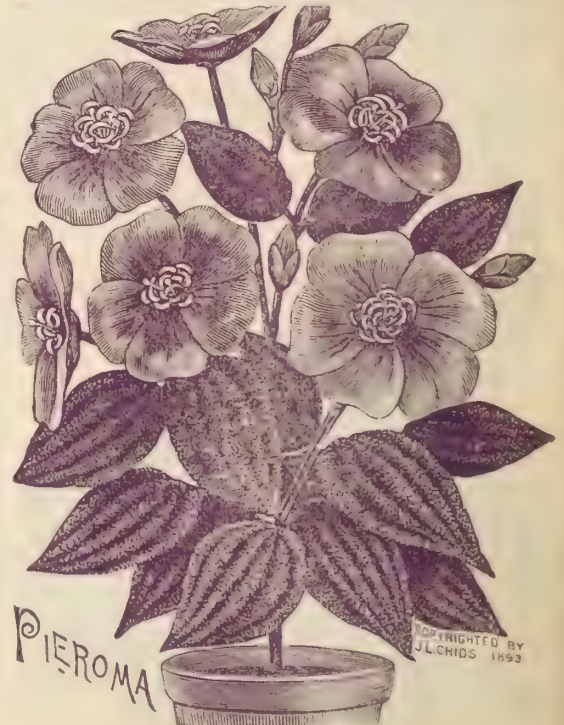


Melon Pear, or Pepino.

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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Pleroma Splendens.

At present this is a rare flower. Not only is it a free grower and bloomer the year round, but it is another addition to the very small list of purple-blue flowers, always an uncommon color, but a striking one, and one that imparts a look of richness to a general collection. Flowers very large—three inches across,—opening flat, the velvety petals showing to great advantage, and reminding one of the regal beauty of *Clematis Jackmani*. Plants commence to bloom when only a few inches high, and continue all the time. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.





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.
- Pres. Garfield.** A sport from above, and is of a lovely pink.
- Pres. Cleveland.** Fine double scarlet. Very bright.

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

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. It is never without flowers. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

Azureum. This bears large bunches of delicate azure-blue flowers, followed by handsome berries. 15c. each.



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 Palm is more beautiful than this, with its numerous long fronds of vivid green, and of such majestic beauty that all stop in admiration of it. 30c. each, 4 for \$1.00.



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 bed-room, or stand on the mantel in a 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, centers 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.



PALM
WASHINGTONIA
FILIFERA.

Filifera Palm.



One of the best window Palms, needing no petting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant fan-shaped leaves of a rich, dark, leathery green. Picturesquely fringed with long 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. 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 sleets, 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.

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.

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.

Duchess of Edinburgh. Delicate lavender mauve, tinted azure blue, with pure white centers.

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.

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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 $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches across; exceedingly fragrant.

Price, 15c. each: \$1.25 per dozen. One each of the above seven sorts for 75c.

Miscellaneous Plants.

AT 10 CENTS EACH.

The following well-known plants will be supplied at 10 cents each. The 13 varieties for \$1.00.

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

Asparagus Tenusissima. A most lovely foliage plant for window culture. Indispensable for cut flowers.

Agapanthus. Well known as Lily of the Palace. Large umbels of lovely blue flowers.

Bryophyllum. A very curious and beautiful plant, and when in bloom exceedingly stately. Thrives in a shaded situation.

Coleus. We have seven of the most beautiful varieties. Elegant for masses or for specimen plants on the lawn or in pots. Collection of 7 sorts for 60c.

Eletteria. A superb plant with fine foliage, which is very fragrant. A lovely plant.

Ivy Variegated. Lovely variegated forms of the old English Ivy. Leaves spotted and marked with white and yellow.

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.

Rhipsalis. Fine and curious varieties of the Cactus family. Easily grown and free to bloom.

Stapelia. Another plant classed as a Cactus. Very odd and curious.

Sedum Aureum. A lovely golden Sedum, and a very beautiful plant.

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.

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.

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 large pendulous bells all summer and fall.

Snowstorm. Will actually produce its pure snow-white blooms while growing in a two-inch pot. Very 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 Cracloos. 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 fine ones, and will grow into beautiful specimens in a short time.

Infanta Eulalie. Finest of all Abutilons. [See NOVELTIES.]

Bouv. de Bonne. Variegated foliage. [See NOVELTIES.]

Price, 20c. each; any three for 50c.; the eight for \$1.00.



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 be 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. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



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.

Colleri. 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; three for 50c.; the eight for \$1.00.

Hibiscus Chrysantha.

(HYBISCUS 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, but 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.

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.

Capensis Blue. Scarcely another flower has its color; a clear, soft, baby-blue, or palest azure. A superb pot plant.

Capensis Alba. Like the above, but white. 15c. each; the three for 35c.



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



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.

Albizza. Much like the above, but dwarfer, and with pure white blossoms. Very large and beautiful. 30c. each.

Acalpha Macrafeana.

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.





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 anywhere.

- 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.
 - Gardenia Florida.** (Cape Jasmine.) Large, double flowers, pure white, wax-like and fragrant. Extra fine. 20c. each.
 - Night Scented.** One of the sweetest of all perfumes. Graceful, star-like blossoms of delicious fragrance. 15c. each.
- One plant each of the four sorts for 60 cents.

Grevillea Robusta.

A splendid decorative plant, much quicker growing than a Palm, and very effective with its long, drooping, silky foliage, deeply cut like a large growing Fern, or a pinnate-leaved Palm. No window complete without it. It is very easy to manage, and can be easily grown from seed if desired. Fine plants 20c.; 3 for 50c. Seed, 15c. per pkt.



Double Pomegranates.

Handsome plant, with attractive foliage and large double blossoms as large as a 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.



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.



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 four for 75c.

SPECIALTIES AND NOVELTIES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 29.



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.

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 clusters of dainty rose-colored flowers, with yellow center. New flower stems are constantly appearing as fast as the old ones fade. 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, 20c. each.



New Hardy Spider Lily.

This grand new Spider Lily 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. Also, a fine pot plant. Fine flowering bulbs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Arundo Donax Variegata.

A very rare, beautiful and high priced ornamental grass, which we are able to offer this year exceedingly low. It is a luxuriant grower, the wide, green blades being bordered a n d striped with pure white. It is perfectly hardy and produces great ostrich-like plumes like the famous Pampas Grass. A clump of this grass is one of the most striking and ornamental object one can have on his lawn or in his garden.

Fine plants 20c. each, three for 50c, seven for \$1.





Genista.

"SHOWER OF GOLD."

A grand winter bloomer. 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, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Rogeria Thyrsaeiflora.

One of the most superb of all winter-blooming plants. It is of a shrubby nature, like an Azalia, with beautiful dark-green laurel-like leaves, which are very ornamental. It blooms during winter, the smallest plant, only a few inches in height, producing a profusion of large clusters of tubular flowers which are of a flesh or pink color, exceedingly delicate in shading and wax-like in appearance. The refined and delicate beauty of this flower is so great that it will be the center of attraction in a whole house of rare exotics. A plant which will please everyone beyond measure. We can not recommend any plant in our list higher than this. 20c. each.

Doryanthes Excelsa.

We have secured from Australia a limited number of this gigantic member of the Amaryllis family. It sends up a flower stem from eight feet to sixteen feet high, on the top of which is borne a great cluster of large scarlet lily-like flowers. It has the general habit of an Amaryllis in foliage and growth, but is, of course, gigantic in proportions. Few are found in cultivation, and those who have room for it can procure nothing more rare and novel. In the Southern and Pacific States it is hardy, and can be grown in the open ground. \$1.00 each.

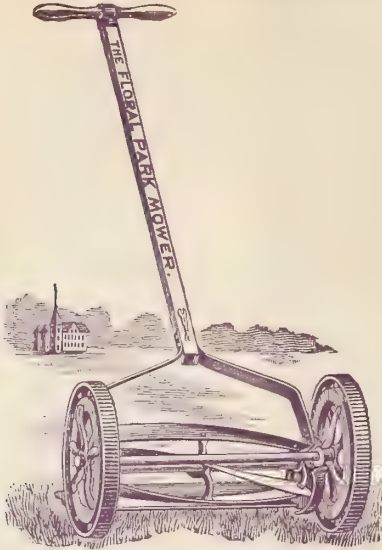


Vanilla Plant.

A new pot plant, which is sure to take like wild-fire. It belongs to the Liatris family, and is a half-hardy perennial. As its name implies, its blooms possess a strong, delicious and refreshing vanilla fragrance. Foliage is also fragrant. It is a splendid flowering plant, sending up flower stems to the height of two feet at the top of which is borne a great branching panicle of rosy-purple bloom that keeps perfect a long time. At our greenhouses it has attracted great attention. One plant is sufficient to keep a large room constantly perfumed. 20c. each; 4 for 50c.

USEFUL ARTICLES, BY MAIL, POSTPAID.

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.



Floral Park Lawn Mower.

For years we have searched for a perfect Lawn Mower to offer to our customers. We believe that we have now found it. The testimony of all who have used it is that it is the finest Lawn Mower in the market. It is a high wheeled mower, and possesses great advantage over the low wheeled ones. It is built for extra good work, and it does it. The extra high driving wheels give great leverage and remarkable ease in running. It never clogs up or stops suddenly. The steel cylinder runs at a very high speed, enabling it to cut evenly and closely even in tall, tough grass. It is as nearly noiseless as a mower can be, and entirely free from friction. A child can run it. All oil holes and adjustable screws are reached from the upper side, avoiding all necessity for turning the machine over. Size, 14 inch cut. Price, packed and delivered to freight or express office, \$7.00.

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.

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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 soil 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; \$2.00 per barrel.



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It is with great pleasure that we offer this, the greatest of all compounds, for destroying insects of every kind and description. It is a paste, a teaspoonful of which is dissolved in a pint of warm water (or a tablespoonful to a quart of water). With this water the infested plants are sprayed, washed, syringed or sprinkled. It kills every insect in which it comes in contact, on the spot; also, their eggs and larvae. Those that escape its touch die afterwards, by feeding upon the plant which has been syringed. Though so thoroughly destructive to all insect life, it is non-poisonous and harmless to vegetation when diluted as directed. It dissolves quickly and readily in cold water. It is a great discovery, and is absolutely sure death to every form of insect life at touch. Price, in seven-ounce cans, postpaid, 40c.; 3 cans, \$1.00.

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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 B. 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."

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Tam O'Shanter Hone.

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On the first of September we issue a catalogue of Bulbs and Plants for fall planting and winter blooming, such as Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, Crocus, Ixias, Freesias, etc. We mail this catalogue to all of our customers of this year, and we will also send it free to others who wish to order.

The volume of business which we do in fall bulbs is larger than the combined trade of all other catalogue houses in the country. The great superiority of the bulbs we sell has given us this enormous patronage. Our stocks are grown for us in various parts of the world, which is best suited to the different kinds, and are all of a choice, select quality, greatly superior to the commercial grades.

CHILDS' GOLDEN JAPANESE MAYBERRY.

A MOST REMARKABLE NOVELTY.

The Earliest Berry in the World and the Most Wonderful.

It has been 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 our Golden Japanese Mayberry. This is the most remarkable of all fruit novelties ever introduced, and, like the Wineberry, belongs to the Raspberry family. It grows in sturdy tree form, six to eight feet high, and ripens its fruit before



Strawberries, a month before the earliest Raspberries, and before some of them have hardly awakened 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, and appear before the foliage starts much. 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. It stands the severe climate here without the slightest injury unprotected, and fruits splendidly the next year after planting. We purchased this berry when there was only a dozen plants of it and it cost a small fortune. Stock is limited. Order early. Sold last year at \$5.00 each. Beware of spurious stock which we are told will be offered; as the introducers we have the genuine article.

PRICE.—Fine thrifty young plants, ready April 20th, 50c. each; 5 for \$2.00; 12 for \$4.00. Strong plants from open ground, \$1.00 each; \$10 per dozen.

OUR GREAT SURPRISE COLLECTION.

Larger and Finer This Year Than
Ever Before. \$4.00 or \$5.00
Worth of the Choicest
Flowers for only \$1.

We are obliged to grow enormous stocks of all kinds of Plants, Bulbs and Seeds, generally more than is necessary, to make sure of having enough. It is our custom, after the heavy spring business is about over, in May, to take this surplus stock of various good things, make it into "Surprise" Collections, and offer them to our customers, giving them four or five times the value of their money. In fact, the "Surprise" is in the great amount of fine things one gets for the money paid. These collections cannot be sent out until about the middle of May, and will be entirely of our own selection, from kinds of which we have a surplus. No collection will be made up for less than one dollar, and from that up to any amount the purchaser may desire. They will be sent free, by mail, unless desired by express, and in that case we can send very much more for the money than by mail. All "Surprise" Collections ordered previous to May 20th, will be booked and shipped then, but we can continue sending them up to the first of July. We advise our friends to invest a dollar or more in this collection. We can guarantee that all will be greatly pleased.



New Early Sweet Potatoes.

These 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. 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. Green plants, 60c. per dozen; \$3.25 per 100.

Early Peabody. Extra fine flavor, dry and sweet, and of beautiful red color. 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 60c. we will send six plants each of the three sorts, twelve each for \$1.00.



CHILD'S'
GOLDEN JAPANESE MAY BERRY