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"MAYFLOWER  
VERBENA"

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS,  
FLORAL PARK, N. Y.

WALL ST. BROOKLYN

# THE MAYFLOWER VERBENA.

FIRST offered by us last year, and is acknowledged to be one of the great good things of the century, which will eventually be seen in every home where flowers are grown. With the habit, beauty and fragrance of the Trailing Arbutus, a plant equally valuable for the garden or for pots, and a perpetual bloomer,—what more can be desired. This great novelty was raised and named by Luther Burbank, of California, the noted horticulturist. It is named Mayflower because the shape of its blossoms, its color, and fragrance, are almost identical with the wide-famed and cherished Trailing Arbutus, or, as it is called in New England, Mayflower. The flowers are as rich and powerful in fragrance as the Arbutus. The Verbena, being of a creeping or trailing habit, like the Arbutus, with clusters and individual flowers much the same, one can easily imagine how the addition of the same fragrance may make a close imitation of that most beautiful of all wild flowers.

**MAYFLOWER PINK**—Varies from light to deep pink, like the Arbutus, with the same unexcelled fragrance. Perfect form and great beauty. A lovely pot as well as garden flower. Seed, 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 50c. Plants, 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

**MAYFLOWER WHITE**—Pure snow white, with same delicious Arbutus fragrance. Comes absolutely true from seed. Seed, 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 50c. Plants, 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

*One pkt. each for 30c.—One plant each for 25c.*

## NEW SPORTS OF MAYFLOWER VERBENA.

The following fine colors are sports from the original Pink Mayflower, all with the same large size bloom, perfect form, habit and unexcelled fragrance. Only plants can be supplied. Seed would not come true to color.

Mayflower Lilac, beautiful shade.  
Mayflower Lavender, very delicate color.  
Mayflower Crimson, white eye.  
Mayflower White, tinted blush pink.

Mayflower Pink, white center.  
Mayflower Deep Blue.  
Mayflower Striped, beautiful.  
Mayflower Brilliant Scarlet.

*Price, 25c. each; any 3 for 50c.; 3 for \$1.25; all 10 sorts for \$1.50.*

## Three Sensational New Roses.

Two of these Roses were leading novelties with us last spring, but can now be offered at a much reduced price. For beauty and novelty there are no new Roses of recent times that compare with them.

**WINTER GEM**—This is the greatest Rose Novelty in years, owing both to its beauty and its unparalleled blooming qualities. It is a Tea Rose of remarkably strong and vigorous growth and a prodigious bloomer all the year. It flowers all the time, particularly during winter, hence its name. The blossoms are borne on long, graceful stems, are of large size and a lovely crimson-purple color. Buds perfectly exquisite and the open flower full and double. It is the strongest, hardiest, most vigorous and rapid growing Tea Rose in cultivation. One plant of it will produce more good Roses throughout the year than 12 plants of any other Tea Rose grown. This is saying a good deal, but it is true. The plant will bloom continually, and nothing but killing it outright will check it. The blossoms are singularly beautiful in shape, color and poise, and most deliciously scented. More fragrant than any other Tea Rose. It is so strong and vigorous that it never mildews, and a rapid grower, blooming at once from small cuttings. The greatest Rose for amateurs, and one that will positively bloom prodigiously in any window at all times of year. Strong plants, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

**HOLLOWE'EN**—The striped Meteor. Flowers same fine large size and perfect shape of Meteor, while the color is rich dark crimson, each petal freely and distinctly striped pure white and pink. Like Meteor, the flowers are double, exceedingly sweet and borne in endless profusion, summer or winter. Quite hardy in the open ground. This is the only distinctively striped Everblooming Rose in cultivation, and a great beauty. It creates a genuine sensation wherever seen. Nothing like it in cultivation. See colored sketch on cover. 25c. each; 3 for 80c.; 7 for \$1.00.

**HIGHLAND MARY**—A sport from Agrippena, which originated in Canada, and, like that fine old variety, is a persistent bloomer, both summer and winter, with a stronger and better growth; flowers double the size and exceedingly sweet. Blossoms beautifully cupped, each petal being white, with a delicate lemon tinge; just enough to make it perfectly exquisite. But this is not all; each petal is also bordered with a delicate band of pink, which, blending with the white and lemon tinge, makes a combination which is truly fascinating. It will bloom all the time, either in the garden or in pots; is hardy in the open ground with slight protection, and a most exquisite variety for cutting. Buds partly expanded have stood in a vase on our desk for ten days before the petals dropped. In this respect it is most remarkable. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

*One each of above 3 grand New Roses for 80c.*

## OUR FALL CATALOGUE FOR 1900.

Our Illustrated Catalogue of Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, Crocus, Scillas, Freesias, Crown Imperials, Snowdrops, Alliums, and all Hardy Bulbs and Plants, for fall planting and winter blooming, will be sent to our customers the first of September. It will also be sent free to all others who apply. Address all orders and other communications to

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**JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.**

# A REVIEW OF THIS CATALOGUE.

The first thing in our Anniversary Catalogue is this Colored Plate, devoted to several grand new Pansies, one of which every one of our customers may have as a present by naming their choice when they send in their order. This is followed by *Colored Plate No. 2*, which tells all about our monthly magazine, *THE MAYFLOWER*, and its premiums. Do not neglect to read it.

Anniversary Greetings, General Instructions, and Offers of Books, Pictures and some Anniversary Collections come next, occupying pages 1 to 4.

OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY, detailed sketch of Floral Park and our Business, illustrated with half-tone photographic cuts, follows and occupies pages 5 to 12, inclusive.

**Specialties and Novelties** come next, occupying 7 colored plates and 32 pages printed on *green paper*. Here the grand good things which are new or particularly rare are offered, including Flower and Vegetable Seeds, Bulbs and Plants. It will probably be the most interesting part of the Catalogue to most of our customers, and possesses far greater attractions this year than ever before.

**Seed Department**, on *white paper*, follows next, beginning with page 45, and covers 64 pages, devoted to our special select strains of Flower and Vegetable Seeds.

**Bulbs and Plants**, on *yellow paper*, covering 32 pages, from 109 to 140, follow. Here are offered the finest select varieties of Summer Flowering Bulbs, Window and Bedding Plants:

**Fruits**, on *pink paper*. The 16 pages of pink paper, which comes next, beginning with page 141, are devoted to New and Rare Garden Fruits. For years we have made a specialty of choice new Fruits, and have introduced scores of fine Fruit Novelties.

THE GENERAL INDEX, on page 156, closes the Catalogue, which, we think, you will say is the best we have ever issued; certainly the most convenient and comprehensive, with the important divisions on different colored paper,—green for Specialties and Novelties, white for Seeds, yellow for Bulbs and Plants, and pink for Fruits.

## SPLENDID NEW PANSIES—FREE.

A PACKET FREE TO EACH ONE WHO SENDS US AN ORDER.

We are glad to add five more exceptionally good new Pansies to the list of beautiful sorts which we have introduced in years past. And we propose to give each one of our customers a packet of seed of one of these new sorts, and they can name their choice when sending in an order from this Catalogue, if the order amounts to 30c. or more.

**BISMARCK—SUMMER GIANT**—A new strain of Pansy found in a remote part of Italy, where the Margaret Carnation was discovered a few years ago. Having been developed in a warm climate, its flowers, through the summer, continue to be very large and fine, almost equal to those of early spring. It stands heat and drought remarkably and produces its blossoms on long stems and in endless profusion. The colors are numerous and varied, covering all shades, and some of the combinations are very unique, indeed. Blossoms large and quite distinct in shape, being more oblong than round. This new strain possesses so many admirable points, and those which will make it valuable in this country, that it is sure to become a great favorite. Pkt., 20c.

**PAPILIO**—A fine new sort possessing characteristics of both the Violet and Pansy. Flowers large, violet-shaped, of light or dark violet colors, with a dark center. The plants are strong and vigorous, commencing to bloom in a very short time from seed, and continues all the summer and fall. Our plants have not shown less than 50 blossoms each every day for five months. A grand bedder, by far the best of the bedding Pansies. Pkt., 20c.

**RUBY-RED**—The richest colored Pansy yet produced, and comes quite true from seed. Flowers large and of a rich, dark ruby-red, and having a texture almost like velvet. The depth and richness of color will vary in different plants, but all will be grand. Pkt., 20c.

**FAIRY QUEEN**—As a bedder, or as a solitary plant, this is a remarkably effective new Pansy. Size very large, color pure sky-blue, splendidly bordered with white, producing a distinct effect and a delicacy of color combinations which is rare. This is by all odds one of the most pleasing colors we have ever seen in Pansies, and its large size and perfect shape makes it more than beautiful. Pkt., 20c.

**EMPRESS AUGUSTA VICTORIA**—While this is perhaps the least desirable of the five new Pansies here offered, it is one not to be despised, by any means. It is a large flower, of perfect shape, white (sometimes suffused with blue), with a delicate rim or border of celestial-blue around the upper petals, and with large violet-blue spots in lower petals, and a golden eye. Pkt., 20c.

When you send in your order, do not forget to name which one of these five Pansies you prefer, and we will send it FREE.

**THE FIVE SORTS FOR 50c.**—These five new Pansies, at 20c. per pkt., amount to \$1.00, but we will send them for 70c. From this deduct 20c., on account of the one packet you are entitled to *free*, leaving but 50c. as the cost of the collection of five sorts.



"RUBY RED"

"EMPERESS  
AUGUSTA  
VICTORIA"

"BISMARCK"  
PANSIES

"FAIRY  
QUEEN"

"PAPILIO"

**NEW PANSIES - FREE** SEE OTHER SIDE.

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GLADIOLUS  
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ASTER,

"DAYBREAK"

ZEPHYRUS  
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GOLDEN-LEAVED  
SALVIA.

DOUBLE  
PORTULACA

MONTBRETIA

BOUQUET  
PETUNIA.

PART OF MAYFLOWER PREMIUM FOR SPRING 1900.

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LITHO., N.Y.  
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# MAYFLOWER PREMIUMS FOR 1900.

THE MOST CHARMING HORTICULTURAL MAGAZINE IN THE WORLD.

Many Pages, Fine Half-tone Illustrations and Superb Colored Plate Covers each Month, at only 30c. per year, in Clubs of Five or more, including Premium—Single Subscription, 50c. per year, with Premium: 25c. per year, without Premium.

**A GREAT PREMIUM TO EACH SUBSCRIBER,**  
AND A CLUB PREMIUM TO THE CLUB RAISER FOR EACH NAME SENT.

## OUR MAGNIFICENT PREMIUM.

Each person who subscribes for a year (at 50c. singly or 30c. in clubs of 5 or more) will receive at once, by mail, the following 5 pkts. of Seed and 5 Bulbs—a Premium well worth a dollar. The new *Salvia* alone is sold at 20c. per pkt., and the *Verbena* is worth as much more. New subscribers and old ones renewing will all get this Premium. In the case of clubs, each lot will be sent to the club-raiser for distribution.

- 1 Pkt. **Golden-Leaved Salvia**—Beautiful golden foliage and intense scarlet blossoms in greatest profusion. A grand plant either for pots or the garden. In fact, we know of no other plant so showy and beautiful.
- 1 Pkt. **Verbena, Mayflower, White**—The shape of its individual flowers and clusters of bloom are identical with the flowers of the Trailing Arbutus, or Mayflower, and having the same superb fragrance. A great and valuable novelty.
- 1 Pkt. **Aster, Daybreak**—Immense Pæony-like double blossoms of the loveliest sea-shell pink color. No other Aster produces such large and beautiful blossoms in such reckless profusion, and their lasting qualities are such that when cut and placed in water they will keep two weeks.
- 1 Pkt. **Bouquet Petunia**—A dwarf Petunia of low, compact, branching growth, bearing at all times of the year hundreds of gay blossoms. Each plant looks like a bouquet in itself, and is grand as a pot or garden plant. Several colors, mixed.
- 1 Pkt. **Double Portulaca**—Great double, rose-like blossoms of various brilliant colors. All mixed.
- 1 Bulb, **Fragrant Zephyranthes**—A grand bulb, sold recently at 50c. each. Produces great Amaryllis-like blossoms, two on each stem, fine lemon-yellow color and very sweet. One of the choicest and finest of bulbs.
- 1 Bulb, **Cladiolus Childsi**—A fine named sort of this glorious new strain.
- 1 Bulb, **Cladiolus Lemoinel**—The Orchid Gladiolus. Very finely colored.
- 1 Bulb, **Cladiolus Hybrid**—A richly colored sort, of great beauty.
- 1 Bulb, **Montbretia Elegans**—New yellow. A fine garden flower, blooming all summer.

Each one who subscribes will get the above 10 choice new flowers FREE.

## Club Premiums to Club Raisers.

A Fine Club Premium for Every Name Sent.

THE MAYFLOWER is so good, and its Premium so valuable, that it is a very easy matter for anyone, man, woman, or child, to get up a club among their friends and neighbors. We give the club-raiser a fine premium for every subscriber sent in, and each subscriber in the club also gets our regular premiums offered above. The club-raiser may select one of the following fine Plants or Bulbs for every subscriber sent us, and same will be forwarded free by mail.

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| 1 Calla, Spotted.              | 1 Bridal Rose.                 |
| 1 Gladiolus Childsi.           | 1 Hydrangea.                   |
| 1 New Giant Cannas.            | 1 Tree Strawberry.             |
| 1 Lantern Plant.               | 1 Climbing Raspberry.          |
| 1 Gloxinia.                    | 1 Everbearing White Raspberry. |
| 1 Tuberous Begonia.            | 1 Iceberg Blackberry.          |
| 1 Phrynium Variegatum.         | 1 Hybrid Berry.                |
| 1 Boston Fern.                 | 1 Tree Blackberry.             |
| 1 S. vanflower.                | 1 Japanese Wineberry.          |
| 1 Chrysanthemum Ever-blooming. | 1 Pkt. Multiflora Rose.        |
| 1 Lilium Tenuifolium.          | 1 Colens, Giant Rainbow.       |
| 1 Rudbeckia, Golden Glow.      | 1 Carnation, Malmaison.        |
| 1 Melon Pear.                  | 1 Aster, Giant Br. Comet.      |
| 1 Hyacinthus Candicans.        | 1 Nicotiana, Sylvestris.       |
| 1 Variegated Tuberose.         | 1 Phlox, Jubilee.              |
| 1 Fuchsia, Trailing Queen.     | 1 Pansy, Giant Excelsior.      |
| 1 Rose, Highland Mary.         | 1 Prize Verbena.               |
| 1 Salvia, Golden Leaf.         | 1 Jan. Morning Glory.          |
| 1 New Perennial Phlox.         | 1 Heliotrope, Early Flow.      |
| 1 Childsta. Wercklei.          | 1 Egg Plant, New Striped.      |
| 1 Manetta Vine.                | 1 Cupid-Sweet Pea.             |
| 1 Filifera Palm.               | 1 Dindem Tomato, Strip'd.      |
| 1 Sansonaria.                  | 1 Pepper, Imp'd Celestial.     |

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Lennie Greenlee, N. C. Lora S. LaMance, Mo.  
And a hundred others, representing every State in the Union and every Country of 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.

## SPECIAL FEATURES.

During the next twelve months the following special serial articles will appear:

**BIRDS OF THE GARDEN.**—This beautiful series, by Henry Nehrling, on our native birds, is to be continued by an occasional article for some time longer.

**EBEN E. REXFORD** will contribute valuable articles for every month during the coming year.

**JOHN LEWIS CHILDS** will write articles entitled "Summer Flowering Bulbs," "Some Fine New Bulbs," "Secrets of Success in Floriculture," "Choice Plants for Windows," "Shrubby Plants for Pots," etc.

**CARRIE GOLDSMITH CHILDS** will write a series of articles on the Artistic Arrangement of Flowers for Table Decoration, for Vases, for Wearing, etc.

**MR. A. JAENICKE**, a noted German florist, will contribute a variety of articles on "How to Grow Plants to Perfection," written particularly for amateurs; "Rudiments of Gardening," etc.

**CORRESPONDENCE, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.**—Under the heading of each individual State we publish interesting and useful letters from our readers, Questions and Answers, which makes this department of great interest and value to every subscriber. Nearly every State, as well as Foreign countries, are represented in each issue.

The following articles are now in hand, ready to publish:

- Flowers in the School.** By JESSIE A. MASON, Wis.
- Photographing Flowers.** By F. ROE BATCHELDER, D. C.
- The Flowers of the Poets.** By JENNIE C. BAKER, Pa.
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# ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS.

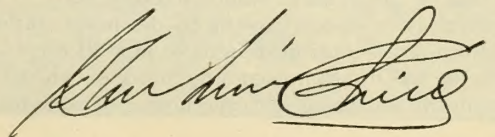
This is our 25th Annual Catalogue, and marks the close of a quarter century before the public as Seedsman and Florist. During these twenty-five years it appears to us we have encountered every grade of humanity, and all there is of it. Surely, there is no person having in his make-up a degree of carelessness so great as to cause him to leave his name and address off his order, and who, failing to get a prompt response, makes all sorts of accusations against us, that we have not encountered; and we judge that all people who forget what they order and complain without cause have also been our customers, every one of them. If we have escaped any person who, after purchasing some delicate seeds or plants, treats them, through careless or lack of knowledge, in a manner that would ruin a potato, and who then complains that they were worthless, dead, or frauds, we feel that we are under deep obligation to him. If every downright sinner mean enough to lay claim to having sent an order, for the purpose of getting some plants and seeds fraudulently, through inducing us to recognize his claim and refill the alleged order, has not found us and profited by it, we are sorry, for we would like to feel that that class has become exhausted. If there has been a dishonest mail clerk or postmaster who has not robbed us, a fire or railroad disaster, where mails were destroyed, that did not bring us the maximum amount of trouble and loss, we would be glad to know it, and would be duly thankful.

On the other hand, we firmly believe that in the twenty-five years we have had dealings with every careful, honest, fair-minded and reasonable lover and cultivator of flowers in the land,—people who expect to succeed with their purchases only by a proper amount of knowledge, intelligence and care, and who appreciate one's efforts to deal with them liberally and squarely and give the greatest possible value for their outlay, and who do not hesitate to say that they are pleased. This class of people out-number all other classes combined so many, many times that the life of the Seedsman is made enduring. The great majority of flower lovers belong to this class, and we have learned to regard, honor and respect them as only one can who has come in contact with them to such a great extent as we have. We have dealt with all, or nearly all, of the men who like to see their homes beautiful, their tables spread with an abundance of fresh vegetables and delicious fruits, and their families happy; with all the women who, possessing taste and refinement, make their homes bright and gay with blossoms, many of whom, under adverse circumstances, find their only joy in their dearly-loved and cherished plants; also, sweet young girls, and children, with loveliness that far surpasses the flowers, following their refined and tasty impulses by surrounding themselves with the beauties of nature. It is these people who are our steadfast friends and customers, and who have brought to our business of twenty-five years the success which it has enjoyed, and to them are due all thanks. Just what this success has amounted to, and just what Floral Park is and looks like, we have attempted briefly to outline on pages 5 to 12, believing that our customers will be interested in reading the facts there set forth. Following these pages our Catalogue for this, our Anniversary year, is made up of several Colored Plates, and 32 pages on green paper, where we offer our leading Novelties and Specialties; they bring us up to page 45. Then come 64 pages on white paper, of Flower and Vegetable seeds, our improved and superior standard strains, which, for quality, we are willing to match against the world. Following the Seed Department is 32 pages on yellow paper, which contains our general list of Bulbs and Plants. This is followed by 16 pages of pink paper, which are devoted to new and rare Fruits, making, all told, for the Catalogue, 156 pages, besides the many Colored Plates. These pages contain the very cream of the many varieties of Flower and Vegetable seeds, Bulbs, Plants and Fruits known to cultivation, and for twenty-five years it has been our constant study to weed out and improve, with a view to offering not only superior strains, but only the very best varieties,—those with the greatest aggregate of good points,—that our customers might have the best, and only the best,—and we fancy it is largely due to this reason that people have had so much "good luck" and general satisfaction with the goods we supply.

In entering upon a second quarter century, we can only say that the policy that has characterized our business during the past, and proved so mutually satisfactory, will be continued. We shall still improve our stocks, and lower prices when possible. We shall continue to treat our customers as friends, for such they are,—and if we live to complete another quarter century (which is possible, for we began early) we will in 1925 issue our 50th Anniversary Catalogue, and hope that the greater part of our present customers may be alive to receive it.

With most cordial greetings and best wishes for each of our patrons, we are,

Yours very truly,



# GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

## What We Do.

**We Take the Risk.**—We guarantee that all money sent us shall reach us, if sent by Post Office or Express Company's Money Order, Bank Drafts, Bills or Coin by Registered Letters. We will not be responsible for coin sent in ordinary letters, or for postage stamps.

**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. To some points, where the large express companies touch, we can send some orders as cheaply by express as by mail. In such cases we send by express, prepaid, and notify the purchaser to that effect.

**By Express.**—If a package is ordered to go by express, we do not pay the charges; but larger Plants, Shrubs and Fruits can be sent in this way, and we always add extra ones, more than enough to 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 part 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, prepaid. We can ship only Seed to other foreign countries by mail, post-paid.

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

**Discounts.**—We make the following discounts 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 except Mayflower subscriptions in clubs.*

Those sending \$	1.00	can select articles amounting to \$	1.10
"	2.00	"	2.25
"	4.00	"	4.00
"	5.00	"	5.75
"	6.00	"	7.00
"	10.00	"	12.00
"	25.00	"	30.00
"	100.00	"	125.00

We advise the formation of large clubs, and the above discounts will certainly pay anyone for some trouble in that direction. See, also, our splendid premium to MAYFLOWER clubs, on Colored Plate No. 2.

## 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. Post-office Money Orders are by far the cheapest and the safest method for remitting, and nearly all post-offices issue them. The fee on a Money Order is only 3 or 5 cents for small sums. We send with this Catalogue an order sheet, envelope and a blank application for a Money Order to us, and earnestly request our patrons to remit by Money Order if possible.

**Private Checks.**—Private checks for small sums are not desirable, as it costs us so much to collect them. All banks now charge for collecting private checks.

**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.

**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. *We will not be responsible for Coin sent to us except in Registered Letter, or for Stamps.*

**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, if any who order do not bear 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 WORD ABOUT "THE MAYFLOWER."

It affords no satisfaction, either to the buyer or seller, when people purchase plants or seeds and fail with them from lack of a little general knowledge in floriculture. We desire that people should succeed to the fullest extent with their purchases from us. No order can possibly prove profitable to us that is not profitable to the purchaser. It was for the purpose of assisting people in growing their Plants and Flowers that THE MAYFLOWER was established, and it is certainly doing a good work. Every one of our customers would take it if they knew its value, and the price has been made so low that it is within easy reach of all. Through its columns we can say much that is of interest to our customers each month, describe many new things, give results of tests and experiments, and show numerous illustrations, as well as the beautiful Colored-plate Covers, which are always subjects of great interest. The best writers on horticultural topics are our constant correspondents, and many of our customers and subscribers send in most interesting and useful articles. The Correspondence Department, under state headings (every state being represented), is often of great local value in every state. Never was THE MAYFLOWER so complete, beautiful and useful as it is now, owing to the many improvements made during the past year. The covers each month are beautiful designs of new Flowers or Plants in their natural colors, and the illustrations are by the half-tone photographic process. Read all about it on plate No. 2, and do not fail to subscribe yourself and bring it to the notice of your neighbors.



**OUR TEN CENT HORTICULTURAL BOOKS.**

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

**OUR ALBUM OF FLORAL PARK VIEWS.**

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

**BEAUTIFUL HOME SURROUNDINGS.**

A NEW BOOK BY LORA S. LA MANCE.

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

**CHRYSANTHEMUMS.**

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

**HOUSE PLANTS.**

BY LORA S. LA MANCE.

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

**INSECTS.**

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

**GLADIOLUS AND THEIR CULTURE.**

BY C. L. ALLEN.

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

**HOW TO COOK VEGETABLES.**

BY JESSIE LYNCH.

555 Choice Recipes for Cooking Vegetables, all the different kinds. This pamphlet is worth its weight in gold to any family. If you want vegetables better than you ever ate before, this will tell you how to cook them so that they will be. Price, 10 cts.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—Any of the above valuable books by mail, postpaid, at 10 cents; or for 50 cents we will mail the seven.

**OUR GREAT CHROMO PICTURES.**

A new and positively the last edition of these two grand pictures has been issued, and they are now ready to mail. Not one of our readers should fail to order them. They are well worth a dollar, and over 200,000 have been sold already. There was never anything produced in floral art which can compare in magnificence with these two great Floral Paintings.

**Gladiolus Childsi.**

A most beautiful picture in eighteen colors. 16x33 inches, showing in natural size and color several spikes of this grand, new race of Gladiolus (Childsi). It is a magnificent picture, and is acknowledged to be the finest thing ever produced in floral art. It has been ordered from all parts of the world, and about 200,000 copies have already been sold. It is well worth a dollar. Everybody who sees it wants it, and many people are making money by selling them at 50c. cents and \$1.00 each. Mailed on receipt of 15 cents.

**Iris Kämpferi.**

A companion picture to Gladiolus Childsi, size 16x33, in eighteen colors, showing thirteen varieties of the finest double Iris Kämpferi in natural colors. It is useless to attempt to describe the beauty of this loveliest of all floral paintings. The great flaming blossoms in their loveliest tints stand out in all their silken lustre and charm the eye with their matchless beauty. Sent by mail, postpaid, in strong roller, on receipt of 15 cents.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—For only 20 cents we will send by mail, in strong cardboard roller, these two elegant pictures. This may be the last opportunity for getting them, as no more will be made after the present edition is exhausted.

**Complete Volumes of The Mayflower.**

We can supply back numbers of any month for several years past at five cents each. The entire volumes for 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895, 1894, at 25 cents per volume of 12 numbers complete.



# NOVELTIES WE HAVE INTRODUCED.

During our twenty-five years in business we have introduced more than one hundred sterling Novelties that have taken first rank and become famous the world over. And it is worthy of note that we never introduced a novelty that proved a downright failure. Among the great good things which we first introduced and offered for sale are the following, most of which were named by us also:

## FLOWER SEED.

Bellis Maxima,  
Cosmos,  
Chinese Lantern Plant,  
Coleus, Giant Leaved,  
Calendula, Whirlpool,  
Calliopsis, Golden Wave,  
Datura, Sweet Nightingale,  
Hibiscus, Childs' Hybrids,  
" Golden Bowl,  
Luffa, Early,  
Morning Glory, Japanese,  
Mignonette, Giant White  
Spiral,  
Moonflower, Pink,  
Nasturtium, Golden Climber,  
" Large-Flowered  
Dwarf,  
Pansy, Imperial German,  
Pansy, Giant Excelsior,  
Phlox, Childs' Jubilee,  
" Childs' Star,  
Poppy, Snowdrift,  
" Blushing Bride,  
Rosa Multiflora,  
Snapdragon, Giant Scented,  
Schizanthus, Winter-Bl'm'g,  
Verbena, Childs' Prize,  
" Odorata,  
" Moss,  
" Mayflower,

Wallflower, Annual,  
Zinnia, Childs' Improved,  
" Lilliput,  
" Gold Bug.

## VEGETABLE SEED.

Bean, Byer,  
" Horticultural Lima,  
" Childs' Horticultural,  
Corn, Honey Dew,  
" Golden Superb,  
Cabbage, Bismarck,  
" Long Island,  
Cucumber, Early Beauty,  
" Ivory Monarch,  
" African Horned,  
Lettuce, Half Century,  
Muskmelon, Combination,  
Turnip, Early Ivory,  
Watermelon, Kleckley's  
Sweet,  
" Ruby Gold,  
Pea, Morning Star,  
" Universal,  
Pepper, Celestial,  
" Kaleidoscope,  
Tomato, Picture Rock,  
" Diamond.

## BULBS.

Amaryllis, Regina,  
" Treata

Cooperia,  
Canna, Star '91,  
" Rainbow,  
" F. F. Hunt,  
Gladiolus, Childs',  
Dahlia, Floral Park Jewel,  
" Belle of Springfield,  
Lilium, Opal,  
Tuberose, Excelsior Pearl,  
" Variegated,  
Zephyranthus, Sulphurea.

## PLANTS.

Abutilon, Infanta Eulalia,  
" Wm. McKinley,  
Clematis, Poniculata,  
" Davidiana,  
Childsia Wercklei,  
Calla, Dwarf Everblooming,  
Chrysanthemum, Everbl'm'g,  
" Mayflower and  
20 others.  
Fuchsia, Storm King,  
" Trailing Queen,  
Geranium, J. L. Childs,  
" 20 other sorts,  
Iris, Kämpferi, many sorts.  
Mexican Primroses,  
Olea Fragrans,  
Otaheite Orange,  
Plumbago, Coccinea,  
Rudbeckia, Golden Glow,

Rose, Climbing Meteor,  
" Climbing Bride,  
" Mary Washington,  
" Childs' Jewel,  
" Champion of the World,  
" Winter Gem,  
" Highland Mary,  
" Hallowe'en,  
Palm, Filifera,  
Manettia Vine,  
Tritoma, Everblooming.

## FRUIT.

Balloon Berry,  
Currant, 3 sorts,  
Hybrid Berries,  
Plums, 3 sorts,  
Blackberry, Tree,  
Raspberry, Allsummer,  
" Everbearing  
White,  
" Climbing,  
Strawberry, Mineola,  
" First Season,  
" Great Washington,  
Quince, Childs',  
Apple, Two Faced,  
" Glowing Coal,  
" Ruby Gem,  
" Bismarck.

## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COLLECTIONS.

Below we offer Six Special Collections, made up entirely from our own Novelties of the past few years. It is needless to say that they represent the finest varieties of their kind, and the prices we offer these Collections at is merely nominal, -not their true value, which is much greater:

### 10 PKTS. SUPERB FLOWER SEEDS FOR ONLY 30c.

One pkt. Cosmos, Hybrids,  
One pkt. Calliopsis, Golden Wave,  
One pkt. Chinese Lantern Plant,  
One pkt. Datura, Sweet Nightingale,  
One pkt. Phlox, Childs' Star,  
One pkt. Pansy, Imperial German,  
One pkt. Poppy, Blushing Bride,  
One pkt. Snapdragon, Giant Scented,  
One pkt. Verbena, Childs' Prize,  
One pkt. Zinnia, Childs' Improved.

*Th. above 10 pkts., all our own introductions, for 30c.*

### 5 BEAUTIFUL POT PLANTS FOR 50c.

One Abutilon, Infanta Eulalia,  
One Fuchsia, Trailing Queen,  
One Geranium, New Spotted,  
One Palm, Filifera,  
One Rose, Winter Gem.

*These 5 grand Plants, of our own introduction, for 50c.*

### 5 HARDY PLANTS FOR 50c.

One Rudbeckia, Golden Glow,  
One Clematis, Davidiana,  
One Chrysanthemum, Everblooming,  
One Iris, Kämpferi, named,  
One Tritoma, Everblooming.

*These 5 grand Hardy Plants, of our own introduction, for 50c.*

### 10 PKTS. FINEST VEGETABLE SEEDS FOR ONLY 30c.

One pkt. Cabbage, Long Island,  
One pkt. Corn, Honey Dew,  
One pkt. Cucumber, Early Beauty,  
One pkt. Lettuce, Half Century,  
One pkt. Melon, Musk, Combination,  
One pkt. Water, Ruby Gold,  
One pkt. Pea, Morning Star,  
One pkt. Pepper, Celestial,  
One pkt. Tomato, Picture Rock,  
One pkt. Turnip, Early Ivory.

*The above 10 pkts., all our own introduction, for 30c.*

### 5 FINE BULBS FOR 25c.

One Amaryllis, Regina,  
One Cooperia, Pedunculata,  
One Gladiolus, Childs', named,  
One Tuberose, Excelsior Pearl,  
One Zephyranthus, Sulphurea.

*These 5 splendid Bulbs, of our own introduction, for 25c.*

### 5 SPLENDID FRUITS FOR 50c.

One Balloon Berry,  
One Hybrid Berry,  
One Wineberry,  
One Tree Blackberry,  
One Climbing Raspberry.

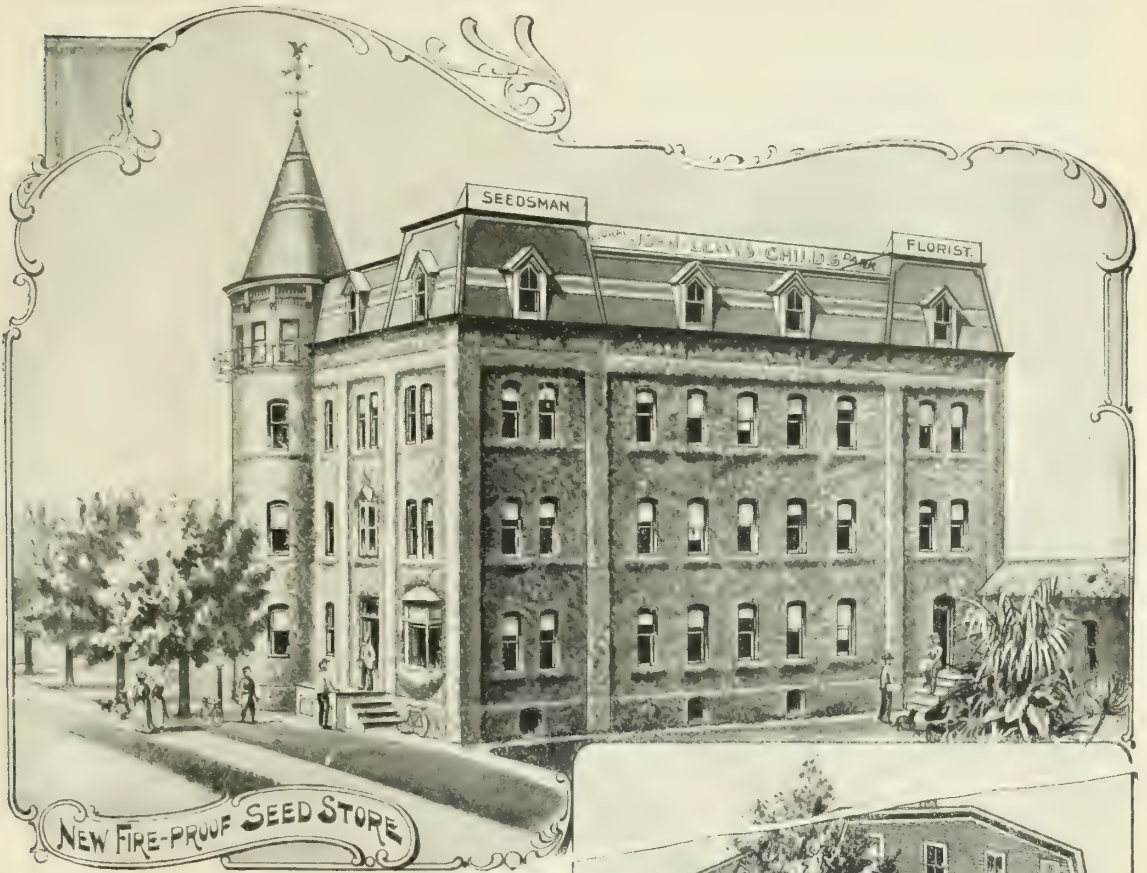
*The above 5 Fruits, of our own introduction, for 50c.*

## Our ANNIVERSARY Surprise Collection.

It Will Be Unusually Fine This Year, and Our Customers Will Find It a Great Bargain.

**MANY DOLLARS' WORTH OF FINE PLANTS, BULBS AND SEEDS FOR \$1.00.**

It is our custom each year, after the heavy spring business is about over, in May, to take the surplus stock of various good things, make it into "Surprise" Collections, and offer them to our customers, giving 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 15th 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, particularly this year, for we are going to see how good it can be made, as sort of an Anniversary Surprise.



NEW FIRE-PROOF SEED STORE

1875.

1900.

**OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY.**

**Detailed Sketch of Floral Park and Our Business.**

1900 being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of our business, it seems proper for us to give some sort of a review of our work, with detailed account of our establishment and business. We believe that in doing this we cannot do better than to copy from a historical sketch of Floral Park, prepared a year or two ago, and for which we supplied the facts concerning our establishment. We therefore publish it, with a few necessary changes:

**J**OHN LEWIS CHILDS, the founder of Floral Park, and sole proprietor of the great seed and florist business there located, was born in Maine in 1856. At the age of 17, (1874,) he went to Queens, Long Island, N. Y., and took a position in a large greenhouse establishment. The next year he hired a few acres of ground a mile and a half from Queens, on the railroad line, and commenced business as Seedsman and Florist. The total sales from his first Catalogue, or price-list (8 pages), was barely \$50, and it was five years before his business showed the slightest encouragement. It then began to grow rapidly. He purchased the land he occupied, and from time to time added more to it. The railroad company soon established a new station on his premises, which, at Mr. Childs' request, was called Floral Park. It became necessary to build bulb and seed houses, greenhouses, dwelling houses, and a large store, to accommodate his business. His mails became so large and important that the Government established a post-office at his place, and building continued until now Floral Park is a thriving village, built up entirely by this one industry, which can boast of being the largest and best regulated business of its kind in the world.

Mr. Childs gives close attention to every detail of his great business and that of **THE MAYFLOWER**. He takes personal interest in the welfare of every customer, and his great anxiety is that they may succeed to the fullest degree with the seeds and plants they procure from his establishment. It was for the purpose of educating people in the art of floriculture and gardening that he established **THE MAYFLOWER**, and in this respect the magazine is doing a great work. It costs so



OLD SEED STORE.





JOHN LEWIS CHILDS.

little that it is within the reach of every one who loves or cultivates a flower, and it is a constant source of help to them, even to the most experienced, as well as to the novice. He is always delighted to see his customers or to hear from them, and is ever ready to extend them any kindness or courtesy.

Besides the details of his great business and close personal attention to the wants of his customers, Mr. Childs finds time to perform many public duties. He was a member of the State Senate during 1894 and 1895, when that office was more important than that of Congressman, New York State having more of the latter than of the former. He is a Director in the Preferred Accident Insurance Company, of New York, and was for a long time Treasurer of that well-known institution. He is a Director of the National Agency Company of New York, the Queens and Suffolk Fire Insurance Company, and of the Bank of Jamaica; is Treasurer of the State Normal School at Jamaica, and a member of the Board of Managers. Also Treasurer and Trustee of the Union Free School at Floral Park. He is a member of the Society of American Florists, the American Seedsmen's Association, and the American Dahlia Society. Also a member of the Linnæan Society, of New York, and a close student of natural history. He takes particular interest in wild birds and in means for their preservation and protection. In his large private office at Floral Park is a collection of nearly two hundred different kinds of native birds, beautifully mounted and scientifically named and classified.



Also, a large collection of butterflies, beetles, shells, stones, minerals, and curious cones and seed vessels. While he has personally collected many of these articles during his travels, a good many of them have been sent to him by his friends and customers from all over the world. He has birds in his collection which do not exist in any other collection, public or private.

**Location of Floral Park.**

Floral Park is located on Long Island, fifteen miles from the heart of Brooklyn, and is now partly included in the territory recently annexed to New York City. The village, which has been built up by the business of Mr. Childs, has a fine School, Church, Hotel, Stores, Markets, and a system of water works. It is one of the most healthy and certainly the most beautiful spot in the vicinity of New York.

**Childs' Gardens.**

The gardens at Floral Park cover almost two hundred acres, all in flowers. These gardens border on the Long Island Railroad for a distance of more than a mile, and the magnitude of the floral display is not equalled in America, and probably not in the world. The land is perfectly flat, of a sandy nature, and particularly well adapted to gardening.

**The Post-Office.**

Mr. Childs receives and ships on an average several tons of mail matter each day. This enormous business has placed the Floral Park Post-Office in the first class, ranking with such offices as Chicago, Boston, Baltimore, and other large cities. No better idea of the amount of business done by Mr. Childs can be had than is found in the fact that it is sufficient to support a Post-Office of the first class.

**Railroad and Freight.**

The great Seed and Florist business is accommodated with a Railroad Station and Freight Office close at hand. There are thirty trains each way per day to and from the heart of the city, both to and from the Brooklyn and New York divisions. Also, Telegraph and Telephone connections with all parts of the country, and several express companies receive and deliver goods.

**The Massive Fire-Proof Seed Store.**

The main building is an immense four-story and basement building, built of brick and iron, and, consequently, thoroughly fire-proof. This is probably the finest and best-equipped Seed Store in the world. It is heated by steam and lighted by gas, and has all modern appliances for executing business accurately and with dispatch. In this building are located all the business offices, the Seed Department, which occupies the entire third story, and the packing and mailing department, which occupies all of the first floor as well as the great brick packing room in rear of the building.



**Seed House** This is a frame building, with a large amount of floor space, used for storing, cleaning and drying seeds and for making boxes. It is located about 500 feet from the brick building, and, like it, has an immense cellar for bulbs and a large range of greenhouses connecting with it in the rear.

**The Bulb House.** This is a large brick building 100x40 feet, three stories and basement, used solely for storing bulbs. During the late fall and winter it is filled with Gladiolus bulbs from top to bottom, which the late winter and spring sales reduce. The small bulbs which are not sold are planted in the spring and again fill this immense building when harvested in the fall.

**The Greenhouses.** The greenhouses are very extensive, and are divided into four sections or blocks. There is a set of five large houses, some of which are 200 feet long by 20 feet wide, in the rear of the big fire-proof Seed House. A set of nine houses in the rear of Seed House No. 2. In another location there is another set of eight houses, and on the lawn there is another set of eight fancy houses used largely for rare and fancy plants.

**Cold Sheds.** There is a complete system of brick cold sheds connected with the Packing Department of the big Seed House. In these sheds large quantities of Shrubs, Fruit Trees and Hardy Perennial Plants are stored, that they may be available for filling Southern, Pacific or Foreign orders at any time during the winter.

**Other Buildings.** Besides the buildings above mentioned there are fifteen or twenty more of various sizes, which are used for various purposes in connection with the business. One of these is a large farm house, with barns and stables, where the horses which are used on the place are kept.

**A Steam Mill.** Mr. Childs also has a steam lumber and planing mill, with all the necessary machinery for preparing lumber for building purposes. The large amount of building it has been necessary to do in building up Floral Park rendered such a mill quite necessary.

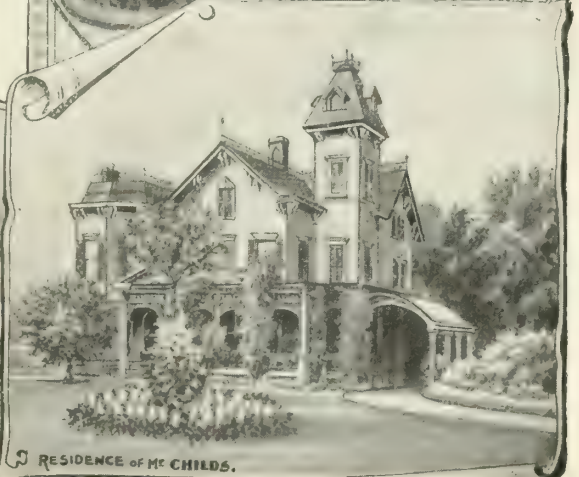
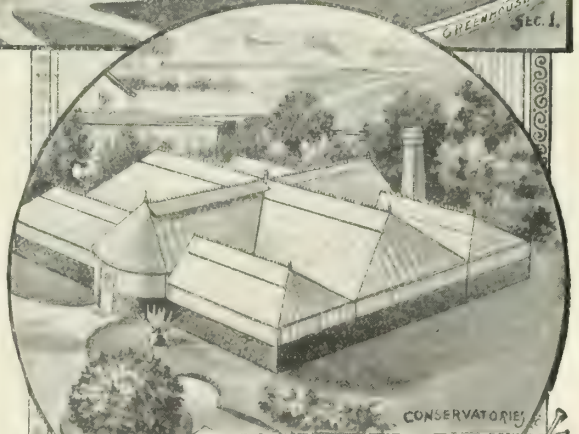
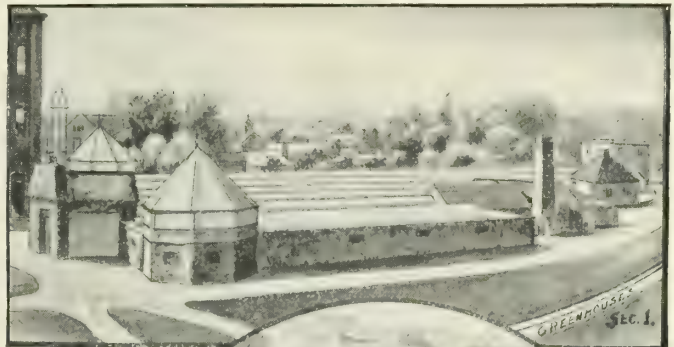
**Foreign Trade.** Mr. Childs' foreign trade is so extensive that he has an agent in Liverpool and one in Auckland, New Zealand. All orders for England, Ireland and Scotland are packed separately and sent to the Liverpool Agent, who forwards each parcel to its destination. All shipments for Australia and New Zealand go through the Auckland Agency in like manner. Goods for Newfoundland go through a shipping agent at St. John's. Mr. Childs also has a great number of customers in the different European countries—in Africa, India, China, Japan, South America, Mexico, West India Islands, and, in fact, every quarter of the globe.

**The Lawn.**

The lawns at Floral Park surrounding Mr. Childs' residence and Seed Stores cover an area of nine acres, and are artistically laid out and beautifully stocked with rare Trees, Shrubs and Plants. There are over three hundred different varieties of flowering Shrubs. The lawn also contains several beautiful summer houses, or pagodas, fountains, and an artificial aquarium for rare Water Lilies.

**Trials and Experiments.**

The Trial and Experiment Gardens which Mr. Childs conducts for himself and THE MAYFLOWER are very extensive. All sorts of Seeds, Plants, Fruits, and Vegetables, are tested, various experiments made, diseases and insects treated. The State of New York has also established its Trial and Experiment Gardens at Floral Park, on Mr. Childs' premises, and the two working in harmony afford the most complete and scientific establishment of the sort in the country.

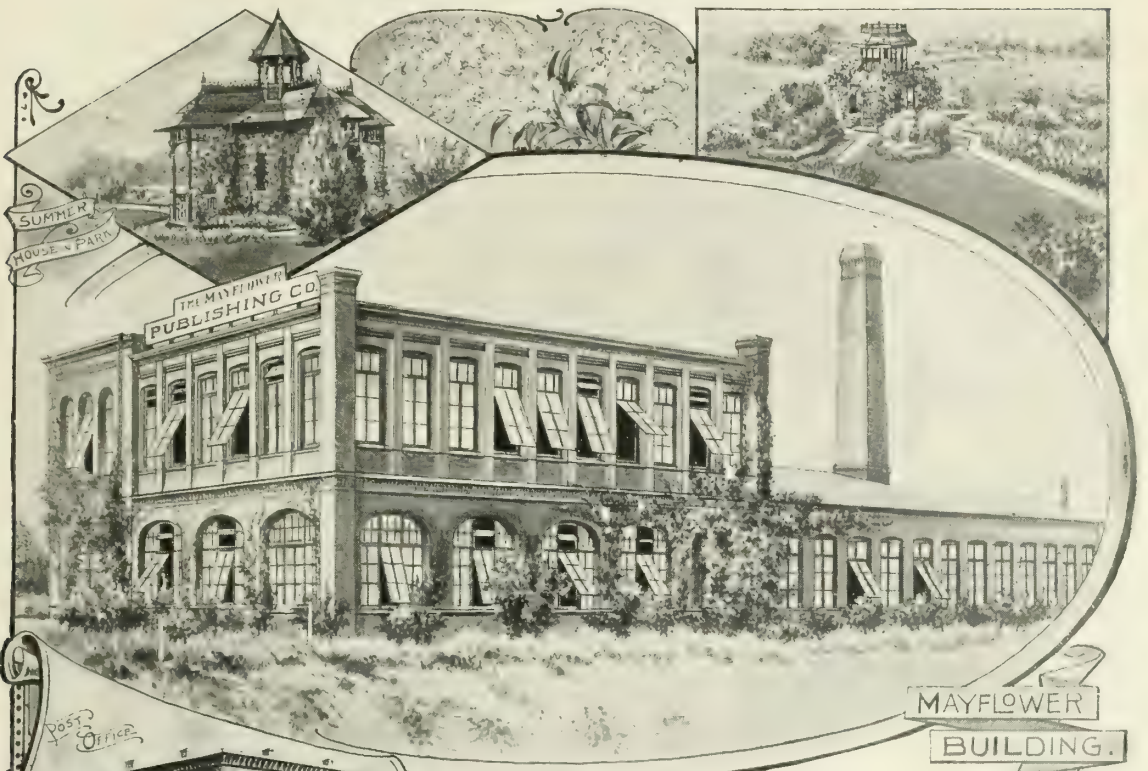


**The Catalogues.** Three Catalogues are issued each year, at a total cost, when mailed, of about \$90,000. The regular Spring Catalogue is issued on the first of January and is sent to all regular customers. This requires an edition of 500,000 copies. On the 1st of February over 500,000 32-page Catalogues of "Specialties and Novelties" are issued, which contain only the leading Novelties and Specialties of the big Catalogue, and are issued for free distribution to all who apply. On the 1st of September is issued the Fall Catalogue of Hardy Bulbs for Fall planting and Winter blooming. This is also a 500,000 edition. It requires 142 tons of paper to print the big Catalogue, which is worth, when printed, \$15,275. The Covers and Colored Plates cost \$17,000 more, and the postage (5c. for each copy), \$25,000. The Catalogue of "Specialties and Novelties" requires 30 tons of paper, worth \$2,855; covers, \$2,000; postage (1c. per copy), \$5,000. The Fall Catalogue requires 59 tons of paper, worth \$6,710. Covers and Colored Plates worth \$5,000, and postage (2c. per copy), \$10,000. This makes a total of 1,500,000 Catalogues for the year, requiring 231 tons of paper, and \$40,000 for postage. Total cost of the three Catalogues, \$87,840. All printed by Mr. Childs at Floral Park, on THE MAYFLOWER presses, at great economy in cost.



Fifteen years ago Mr. Childs issued the *The Mayflower*, first number of THE MAYFLOWER, a monthly magazine devoted to flowers and gardening. It was a marked success from the first. In 1894, the business of publishing it having become so large, a regular Publishing Company was organized with Mr. Childs at its head. A substantial brick building, 150 feet long by 40 feet wide, was erected and fitted with all modern machinery for the publishing business. The power is furnished by a powerful steam engine, and light by an electric dynamo in the building. Seven presses of various sizes are employed, one of which is a \$16,000 Rotary Web, capable of printing and folding 80,000 copies of THE MAYFLOWER per day. The other machinery consists of three trimmers, or cutters, five stitching machines, two folding machines, a grinder, a powerful steam pump, and a complete electrotyping outfit. The composition of THE MAYFLOWER and Catalogue work is not only done here, but the electrotypes are made and finished for the presses. At this establishment all of Mr. Childs' job printing is done, including the mammoth editions of his handsome Catalogues each spring and fall.





names of the senders are registered in books prepared for the purpose, one or more books being devoted to each State in the Union, and each name is registered alphabetically. The number of the order is registered with the name. The order is then ready to be filled. If it contains demands for seed it goes to the Seed Department on the third floor, where the seed required are supplied. If the order also includes Plants, Bulbs, or Fruits, it then goes down to the Packing Department on the first floor, where these articles are supplied from the greenhouses and cold-storage sheds in connection with the Packing Department. Here the order is completed and boxed. It then goes to a room in the front of the building, on the same floor, where the package or box is wrapped, tied, addressed, and stamped. Then into big hampers or bags and carried to the Post-Office, two hundred feet away, by the wagon load, a horse and cart and two men being employed for this purpose nearly all the time. At the Post-Office the stamps are cancelled and the packages put into sacks for the different States. Three shipments of mail per day are made in through sacks to every State in the Union. After the order is filled and the date of shipment stamped upon it.



**Volume of Business, And How It Is Done.**

From January to June and from September to December are the busy months at Floral Park. During this period of nine months it is not unusual for Mr. Childs to receive as high as eight to ten thousand letters in a single day, including hundreds of Registered letters and thousands containing Money Orders. A room on the second floor of the Seed Store is devoted to opening these letters and checking the remittances. As soon as this is done the orders are taken to the booking room (on the same floor), where they are dated and numbered; commencing with number one on January 1st, the numbers run consecutively through the year. After the number and date of receipt are stamped upon them the

it is taken to the booking room and filed in rotation according to its number, in files holding 500 orders each, and any one of these orders among several hundred thousand can be referred to in about thirty seconds at any time, so complete and efficient is the system of booking the names, numbering and filing the orders. Perfect system prevails in all departments of the business, and the small customers receive the same careful attention as larger ones.

**The Artist.**

An experienced artist is constantly employed at Floral Park in sketching and photographing flowers and plants, drawing designs for cuts, and painting for Colored Plates. The excellence of the Catalogue shows that this artist is not excelled anywhere.

# Press Comments on Floral Park.

A few years ago Mr. Childs detailed a clerk for three months to collect "press comments," and during that time, (February, March and April, 1892,) more than 3,000 newspaper articles on Floral Park came to his hands from all parts of the country. 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 a tenth part of them. But the following selection covers the entire country, and includes nearly every State and Territory in the Union:

From *The Franklin Republican*, Franklin, Ind., Feb. 19. "This is the home and establishment of John Lewis Childs, the one who has sent more happiness into the homes of this and other countries, probably, than any other individual in America. There is scarcely a country upon the globe where civilized man dwells to-day in which some one has not been the recipient of some of these home adornments."

From *The Webster Signal*, Minden, La., April 8. "I advise and beg to insist that every one who wishes to purchase seed, bulbs or flowers of any kind will not buy elsewhere until they have procured John Lewis Childs' Floral Catalogues. You will get from him 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, I have been dealing with them and am delighted with my flowers."

From *The Independent*, Lincoln, N. M., April 25. "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 Florida Agriculturist*, Deland, Fla., March 9. "It is hardly necessary to add that so enormous a business as Mr. Childs' could be built up only by furnishing a strictly high grade of goods and treating customers in such a manner as to convert them into constant patrons."

From *The Carey Times*, Carey, Ohio, April 28. "To know a class we must study individual cases, and I select the business of Mr. John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park, N. Y., as being most highly typical in its American characteristics from its simple inception, only eighteen years ago to its enormous proportions of to-day."

From *The Union and Advertiser*, Rochester, N. Y., April 9. "Well may he feel encouraged in his efforts to make people happier through the refining influence of flowers, when he daily reads the expressions of appreciation in the countless testimonials which reach him from every quarter of the globe, a deserving tribute to his grand enterprise and wondrous energy. Long may he live to dispense the bounties of Floral Park."

From *The Ashland Daily News*, Ashland, Ky., April 21. "This firm has gained the van of enterprise by honest dealing in the best grade of plants, and packing in the safest manner possible."

From *The Puyallup Commerce*, Puyallup, Wash., April 15. "Mr. Childs is one of the most prominent and reliable seeds men in the United States, and sends out orders to customers in all parts of the world. Having such an immense trade, it is possible for him to make his prices reasonable and within the reach of all, and at the same time give entire satisfaction."

From *The Andover News*, Andover, N. Y., April 27. "In these days of fake tree peddlers and bogus seed houses, it is a pleasure to do business with John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park, N. Y., who will send you just what you order, guaranteeing it to reach you in good condition, true to name, or the order will be refilled free of charge."

From *The Farmers' Advocate*, Charleston, W. Va., March 11. "We would urge everyone who visits New York to pay Mr. Childs a special visit. Thousands do so annually and are more than pleased."

From *The People's Advocate*, Pittsfield, Ill., March 24. "John Lewis Childs' Floral Park, N. Y., has for eighteen years helped to make our homes beautiful, our lives happy. Do not forget the address when you send out orders to customers in all parts of the world, plants, ornamental trees, rare fruits, etc. His beautiful grounds, seed stores and greenhouses send out fresh, healthy, vigorous goods, at the very lowest prices to consumers everywhere."

From *The Peterboro Transcript*, Peterboro, N. H., April 21. "The superior excellence of his seeds and plants, with his generous premiums, cannot but impress one that he conducts his business on strictly honest principles, and that he is worthy of the confidence of his patrons, and they will be more than satisfied and remember him with gratitude."

From *The Lawrence Sentinel*, Lawrence, Mass., April 18. "The largest seed grower and cultivator of plants and rare fruit in the world is Mr. John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park, N. Y."

From *The Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 27. "This beautiful garden and park are the establishment of the well-known florist, Mr. John Lewis Childs. But no word-painting equals a visit, and no short trips can be planned for the summer where more real beauty will meet one's eye, and delightful fragrance greet one, than this little trip to Long Island."

From *The Aberdeen Star*, Aberdeen, S. Dak., March 25. "The man whose enterprise, taste and skill has brought the rare, the choice, the costly, within the reach of the humblest home, may well be considered a public benefactor; The greenhouses and flower gardens, the acres of roses and lilies, gladioli, etc., at Floral Park are worth a pilgrimage to see."

From *The Marion Pilot*, Marion, Iowa, April 21. "Not only at home but abroad has the fame of Childs' house extended. The fair dealing and honesty, with strict attention to business, has gained them the first place in the land among florists."

From *The Passaic Daily News*, Passaic, N. J., April 23. "The aim is to please buyers so thoroughly that they will continue to buy and will advise everyone else to do likewise. Here is the secret of Mr. Childs' grand success."

From *The Independent*, St. Charles, Mich., Feb. 6. "We believe this firm will send more plants and seeds for \$1.00 than can be purchased of any other seedsman."

From *The Herald*, North Sydney, Canada., March 30. "To briefly review the extent of his business is ample proof that John Lewis Childs' seeds, plants, etc., must be reliable."

From *The Perrinton Globe*, Perrinton, Mich., April 14. "I have patronized John Lewis Childs, florist, for the last ten years for flowers and seeds of various kinds, and found them as good as he represented, and many times very much better. Such rare specimens I have seen from no other establishment."

From *The Texas Health Journal*, Dallas, Texas, March. "Send 60 cents to John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, N. Y., and receive the two roses, 'Mary Washington' and 'Champion of the World', together with their beautiful Catalogue. We can truthfully say that they furnish a superior grade of stock, and at such reasonable prices that all who purchase once become permanent customers."

From *The New Milford Advertiser*, New Milford, Pa., April 30. "Mr. Childs tries to give entire satisfaction in every respect to each one that sends an order, and in this way he assures his friends that it is the strict adherence to this rule that has placed his house at the head of all others. I have some plants and shrubs purchased of him that are beautiful, and I would not take many times their cost."

From *The Lassen Mail*, Susanville, Cal., April 14. "You ask if his advice is better than others? I answer yes, and I have reasons for thinking so. First, for twenty-three years I have sent for seeds and plants, dealing with many different firms for their extra novelty packages as a test. They all seem just what they promised, but the quality, quantity and growth of the package from John Lewis Childs was far the best. He loves his calling, and in a few years has built up a mammoth business."

From *The Martha's Vineyard Herald*, Cottage City, Mass., April 21. "As indicative of the remarkable success attending his business, his patrons include many of the royal families of Europe, and his plants and seeds are sent into 32 foreign countries, while 3,000 Americans are registered on his mammoth ledgers. Such a result indicates that he is in touch with the wants of the people, and has the genius to know what they need."

From *The Weekly Telephone*, Milton, Wis., April 21. "It was a happy thought that has prompted this enterprise of selling reliable seeds so cheap that all may feel able to share the bounty that will fill our homes with lovely flowers, and our tables with rare fruits and vegetables."

From *The New Sharon Star*, New Sharon, Iowa, March 30. "Too much cannot be said of the character of the work that Mr. Childs is doing for the world, and which was begun eighteen years ago, simply through the love of the cause, without any ambitious desire for the renown and wealth that have accrued as the result of his efforts to brighten and cheer the world. But this reward has been added."

From *The Winchester Leader*, Winchester, Va., April 8. "Richly does he (Childs) deserve the renowned merit that he receives. 'Fortiter, fideliter, feliciter.' 'Boldly, faithfully, successfully,' does he conduct and carry on his immense trade."

From *The Mt. Morris Index*, Mt. Morris, Ill., Jan. 29. "If we take the wings of the morning and fly to the uttermost part of the earth, there we should find Childs' catalogue."

From *The Middlesex Mail*, New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 21. "Mr. Childs is a true lover of flowers, and generous far beyond the wont of the merely mercenary florist, whose principle it is to give as little as possible out of the abundance of his stock. It is with the spirit of sincere sympathy and generous friendship that each order is filled, and filled to overflowing while every customer goes on his way rejoicing."

From *The Binghamton Daily Republican*, Binghamton, N. Y., March 3. "This firm (Childs) is reliable; their plants and seeds are strong and healthy; they are packed with care; orders are filled promptly and sent all over the world. They do better by their customers than they promise."

From *The Dry Goods Economist*, New York, N. Y., Jan. 9. "The success of John Lewis Childs has been almost phenomenal, and the keynote of that success may be found in the following assurance, over his own signature: 'We do not want an order unless we can please the sender of it.'"

From *The Free Press*, Trumansburg, N. Y., Feb. 27. "From our own experience and from the self-evident character of his catalogue, persons ordering from the prompt, fully-equipped and extensive establishment of John Lewis Childs can rest assured that their highest wishes and brightest expectations will be realized."

From *The Journal*, Jonesburg, Mo., March 10. "Any one wishing to purchase anything in the line of vegetables, fruits or ornamental plants, could do no better than send to Mr. Childs."

From *The Corning Daily Democrat*, Corning, N. Y., March 11. "It is needless to say that the magnitude and marvelous success of Floral Park and its wonderful capacity has been achieved only by the strictest attention to details, prompt and correct filling of all orders to the entire satisfaction of the thousands of patrons throughout the land."

From *The Arkansas Staats-Zeitung*, Little Rock, Ark., March 5. "It is impossible to describe the garden of Mr. J. L. Childs. Were one to do so it would sound like a romance. We would refer our readers to his beautiful Catalogue."

From *The Patchogue Advance*, Patchogue, L. I., Nov. 5. "Public men are often manufactured in these days of newspaper booming. Yet there are men whose names are public subjects in every household throughout the land that were not made public this way. One of the latter is the builder of Floral Park, Mr. John Lewis Childs. He needs no introduction. Every farmer, mechanic, business man, and all others who are anxious for the welfare of this rapid growing island, knows Mr. Childs. They know him as a man of integrity, whose every act during the nineteen years of his life spent on Long Island has become a living monumental record in the minds of fair thinking and unprejudiced men."

From *The Preston Times*, Preston, Minn., March 17. "We desire to draw the attention of the readers of the *Times* to the merits and extensiveness of the firm of John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, N. Y.—a firm worthy beyond all others of the patronage of lovers of flowers, plants and fruits."

From *The Roseville Independent*, Roseville, Ohio, March 11. "John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park, N. Y., is the most eminent seedsman in America. His reputation is world-wide; his seed stores are the grandest known, and his grounds a perfect 'Garden of Eden.'"

From *Weber & Co's Monthly*, Sacramento, Cal., March. "We have dealt with Mr. Childs for a number of years and can recommend his flowers and plants. You will be surprised to see how nicely they pack them for long journeys, sending live plants to Japan, Australia, and even into some parts of Africa."

From *The Eldora Weekly Ledger*, Eldora, Iowa, March 17. "Other firms have their merits, but it is wisdom to secure your entire stock of plants, bulbs and seeds of this most reliable house. Mr. Childs has the largest and finest seed house in America; his whole establishment and grounds are not surpassed by any in the world."

From *The Daig Herald*, Salem, Ohio, March 25. "The Catalogue is a sample of the business principles of this establishment. It is the desire of the firm to acquire as much can be given for the \$1.00, not the cold business principle of how LITTLE for the money. By this honest fair-dealing course, and by furnishing only choice, vigorous, fresh and satisfactory goods in every respect, Mr. Childs has, from a small beginning, developed Floral Park into a magnificent enterprise, with a world-wide reputation."

From *The Tri County News*, Doyleston, Ohio, March 24. "Mr. Childs' business is a large one and not surpassed by any. He has built up his business by fair dealing and honesty."

From *The Recorder*, Bandon, Oregon, March 18. "Childs' Great Japanese Wineberry is a fruit with which I am very favorably impressed as being a very desirable acquisition to our coast gardens, as it is said to be extra fine for table use, besides being decorative."

From *The Mining Review*, Helena, Mont., March 25. "In 18 years Mr. Childs has built up a magnificent business by cultivating a large number of the very best varieties of flowers, fruits and vegetables, and by selling the best, not the refuse, at the lowest prices."

From *The Lambertville Beacon*, Lambertville, N. J., March 17. "I cannot too highly recommend to the public generally the perfect management and precision of the business conducted by Mr. John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park, N. Y. His products are of the best and most reliable, being noted for vigor, freshness, purity and highly-perfected qualities in every respect."

From *The Blue Rapids Weekly Motor*, Blue Rapids, Kans., April 1. "All who intend going to the '11's Fair' should take in Floral Park on their way, and feast their eyes for a few hours on its beautiful scenery. I am sure it will pay my friend."

From *The Hackettstown Gazette*, Hackettstown, N. J., April 12. "Mr. Childs is a master of his business and a thorough, upright business man, and his immense trade in seeds and plants proves."

From *The New Milford Gazette*, New Milford, Conn., April 15. "Among the great men whose names are destined to be immortalized the world over is John Lewis Childs who is admired by all lovers of floral display, pleasant homes and beautiful adornments. Mr. Childs enjoys the proud distinction of being the owner and proprietor of Floral Park, L. I., the acknowledged paradise of the United States. I may very properly say that the greatest floral display ever found in this park."

From *The Corry Leader*, Corry, Pa., April 9. "Mr. John Lewis Childs has gained his success in business by honorable and honest dealing. His seeds are sure to germinate, his plants to grow and blossom, sure to give to you the fruition of your labor; his customers find that they are true to name, and generally beyond, and always equal to your expectations."

From *The Weekly Vi-dette*, Montezano, Wash., April 29. "Mr. Childs' establishment is known as the largest of its kind in the world, and has the finest equipment for business, where the strictest attention is given to the wants of each customer."

From *The County Record*, Woodstock, Va., Feb. 12. "We can testify to the reliability of this firm from several years' experience, their seeds being cultivated with the view of attaining the highest mark of perfection, and of supplying a first-class trade."

From *The Delaware Republican*, Delhi, N. Y., April 29. "But why, we hear the question, should Mr. Childs be a more successful and become so popular as a florist, and in so short a time, compared with others engaged in the same pursuit? The answer is this: By honest, straightforward dealing, combined with a desire to please all his patrons, by introducing novelties of worth and good quality, generosity, promptness in delivery and careful attention to all orders, all of which are absolutely necessary for the prosperous continuance of his immense and growing trade."

From *The Independent Republican*, Montrose, Pa., April 23. "How comes it that this gentleman stands at the front of his profession? How comes it that he looms above his rivals twice as long established? How happens it that he has nearly 300,000 customers? Certainly there must be some reason, and we would have placed him in the exalted position he now occupies. Handsome Catalogues are all very well, but they alone will not hold customers. Beauty in art must be backed up by beauty in nature. Will the seed sold by this gentleman produce beautiful flowers? After an experience of fourteen years with his seeds we emphatically answer yes."

From *The Colorado Farmer*, Denver, Col., Feb. 12. "To be so well known and honored is to enjoy a renown greater than that of King, Emperor or Pope, for it rests upon the sound esteem and sincere affection of the unknown and world-wide army of humanity without regard to age, station or sex."

From *The Carnesville Tribune*, Carnesville, Ga., April 27. "Flowers from North America's Floral Park blossom beneath Syrian suns on the sunny slopes of Olivet and Carmel, in the frozen regions of North America, and on the burning plains of the Ganges, from Corea to the most distant islands of the Pacific, from Tibet to the Cape of Good Hope. Floral Park has planted its flowers, and kings and peasants are its customers."

From *The Blue Valley Blade*, Seward, Neb., March 9. "Mr. Childs has built up this vast business by always supplying his customers with the best grade of goods possible in his line; by introducing the most novelties of sterling merit; by filling all orders promptly and correctly, and by giving satisfaction in every respect, whether the order be large or small, thus retaining all his old customers and constantly adding new ones."

From *The "South"*, Holly Springs, Miss., March 19. "There are so many things to recommend Floral Park to the flower-loving public that it would be hard to decide which is the greatest recommendation; but the introduction of so many new plants, the excellent quality of all plants and seeds grown there, the careful packing and the prompt and polite attention that is given all orders, whether large or small, is enough, to say nothing of the very reasonable terms on which choice plants and seeds of all kinds can be purchased, thus making it possible for many to enjoy the luxury of beautiful and rare flowers, delicious fruits and vegetables in their own homes, who could not afford to pay the fancy prices charged elsewhere."

From *The Spickardville Sentinel*, Spickardville, Mo., April 23. "I have purchased seeds, shrubs, vines and bulbs for three years from Mr. Childs, and can say he is the most prompt, trustworthy seedsman I ever dealt with."

From *The Weekly Register*, Rockford, Mich., April 24. "Surely the life work of John Lewis Childs, the great florist, is an ennobling one, for the flowers from the many, many blossoming acres of Floral Park, N. Y., are being sent to every part of the world."

From *The Blackwater Courier*, Franklin, Va., April 27. "Mr. Childs is constantly introducing some new novelty of fruit or flowers. No land is too distant or difficult of access for his enterprise, and each new stranger finds at Floral Park its proper culture."

From *The True Citizen*, Waynesboro, Ga., April 27. "We challenge the world to produce a better Catalogue. Better in artistic appearance; better in minute description of the most inferior plant tested; better in instruction for mail and express facilities, or better to supply the needs of every heart and home."

From *The Hennessey Clipper*, Hennessey, Ok. Ter., April 8. "Every one should see John Lewis Childs' Floral Park, N. Y., Catalogue for 1892. It is the truest, richest and handsomest in the world. I have just received one of them and would not take \$10 for it."

From *The Managunk Sentinel*, Philadelphia, Pa., April 21. "Mr. Childs has been in business less than twenty years and started in a small way. That he now ranks amongst, if he is not the very first, goes to prove how his method of doing business is approved by that discriminating section of the public—the flower lovers and buyers."

From *The Western Methodist*, Wichita, Kans., April 15. "This large business is a fitting monument to Mr. Childs' patient, correct, tireless energy and honest dealings, his willingness to correct all errors and to comply with the expressed wishes of buyers."

From *The New Haven Weekly Register*, New Haven, Conn., April 14. "Altogether, Floral Park is a place which any person may visit with pleasure and profit and with the assurance that they will be kindly received by the genial proprietor."

From *The Barnesville Enterprise*, Barnesville, Ohio, April 7. "Mr. Childs is a lover of flowers, that is one great cause of his great success, and each of his 30,000 customers will testify to having always found him prompt and obliging and in every way O. K."

From *The Occone News*, Walhalla, S. C., April 21. "Mr. Childs can certainly claim 'Excelsior' as his motto, for he has undoubtedly scaled the heights unapproached by his competitors."

From *The Anderson News*, Lawrenceburg, Ky., April 21. "I am sure that through Mr. Childs' careful and exact way of doing business many homes will be adorned, and from these homes will go out an influence for good to those around them."

From *The Kosse Cyclone*, Kosse, Texas, April 21. "The magnitude which Mr. Childs' business has assumed in every department is convincing argument that his dealings with customers have given entire satisfaction in every respect, as he has always endeavored to supply only the very best grade of goods, and to send more for the money than promised."

From *The Chillicothe Enquirer*, Chillicothe, Ill., April 27. "Of all the seedmen I have found John Lewis Childs the most reliable. He introduces more and better novelties than any other firm of the kind in the world."

From *The Standard*, Hoosic Falls, N. Y., April 24. "If anything is more remarkable than the present skillful management of his enormous establishment it is the tact and ability which have brought the business steadily toward the goal of success, while rivals have been springing up around him as plentifully as the armed men who sprang from the dragon's eth down by reason in the story for the Golden Fleece. Through difficulties and opposition Mr. Childs has pursued the even tenor of his way until he stands at the head of his profession in America."

From *The Shield & Press*, Snow Hill, Md., Feb. 27. "To-day his customers are found in every part of the world. No better evidence can be found of the satisfactory results to be obtained through firm adherence to strict business principles and dealing liberally with customers. Add to this a spirit of great energy and enterprise possessed by Mr. Childs, and we have the secret of his wonderful success."

From *The Plainfield Courier*, Plainfield, N. J., March 2. "There are doubtless many flower lovers among the readers of the *Courier* and many cultivators whose available space for gratifying so pure and wholesome a taste is limited. To such it will be a boon to have their attention directed to the exceedingly elegant Catalogue of seeds and plants issued this year by John Lewis Childs."

From *The Denver Press*, Denver, Colo., March 24. "Order correctly filled and promptly forwarded. Reliability in every department has made a world-wide reputation for John Lewis Childs."

From *The Charlotte Tribune*, Charlotte, Mich., April 20. "One thing more, we never heard Mr. Childs making unkind remarks of anyone's motto, 'improve rather than envy,' and we sincerely hope he may live many years to enjoy his well-earned reputation."

From *The Busy South*, Summertown, Tenn., Jan. 3. "I know of none more astonishing for the rapidity of its growth and wonderful success than the business of this flower and seed house. There are many older houses than this, it having started but a few years ago, but it has outstripped them all and now stands at the head for pure and reliable seeds, and for choice flowers and bulbs."

From *The Turf, Farm and Home*, Auburn, Me., April 14. "A born lover of flowers, their cultivation was a pastime with him in his boyhood, and the propagation and introduction of New, Rare and Beautiful Flowers, was early selected as the business of his life. As he neared manhood, still less than 21 years of age, he selected as the seat of operations for his life-work the location that has since been transformed into the wonder of flowers that now bears the name of Floral Park."

**Mr. Child's  
Novelties.**

It is due largely to the many fine Novelties that he has introduced, and to his bold and original manner of advertising, that gave Mr. Childs the wide reputation and patronage he has received. He was the first to offer his important Novelties directly to the public by large display newspaper advertising, and the success he met with has revolutionized advertising methods in all lines. Up to 1889 no Seedsman or Florist had ventured to advertise anything more than: "Catalogues free to all applicants." It was about this time that a charming new species of AMARYLLIS (*A. Treatae*) was secured by Mr. Childs. Tests showed that spring planted bulbs began blooming immediately, and he issued a large illustrated advertisement, setting forth its merits and offering it at 15c. each; two for 25c. A deluge of orders followed, and so satisfactory did the bulbs prove that for three years he continued advertising it, selling, probably, a million bulbs. Up to this time his business had been small and unimportant, but this bold stroke and the success of the bulb brought him a large patronage for his general Catalogue line of Seeds, Bulbs and Plants. The Amaryllis was followed by the introduction and large advertising of that greatest of all FUCHSIAS, STORM KING. During two years Mr. Childs spent \$25,000 advertising this one plant in the newspapers of the country, and sold over \$60,000 worth. The success of this plant doubled, or trebled, his general business and placed him at the head of all retail Catalogue Seedsmen in the world, which position he has since occupied. The Storm King Fuchsia was followed by the introduction and free advertising of VIOLET SWANLEY WHITE, which proved a real gem, and still further increased his reputation. This was followed by the FILIFERA or WEEPING PALM, which was freely advertised by him ten years ago, and has been such a success that it is still advertised



by some Florists. Unfortunately much inferior seed and plants of the wrong variety has been sold by others. The true Filifera or Weeping Palm is one of the grandest of all foliage pot plants, and is very easily grown by anyone in an ordinary window.

The charming MANETTIA VINE followed the Palm, and, next to the Storm King Fuchsia, had probably the largest sale of any of his advertised Novelties. Everybody is now familiar with it and its exquisite beauty. CLIMBING METEOR ROSE was the next great Novelty to be advertised, and it is acknowledged to be the grandest ever-blooming climbing Rose in existence. This was followed by the MULTIFLORA SEEDLING ROSE, which has carried delight to thousands of homes, and, except one small lot of imported seed, which turned out to be untrue, has been a great success.

Besides these and many other new plants advertised extensively in newspapers, Mr. Childs has to his credit the introduction of more than one hundred of the finest Flowers, Vegetables and Fruits, each of which has gained a world-wide reputation. Space does not allow us to enumerate them here, but on page 4 will be found a list of them, and some special Anniversary offers.

**SPECIAL OFFER—FIFTY CENTS.  
Souvenir Collection.**

The seven beautiful flowers referred to on this page, and which have been leading Novelties with us during years past, are as good now as they ever were, and most of them are yet new to thousands of people. That all our customers may be able to possess them, we offer the lot as a sort of Souvenir Collection, by mail, postpaid, for only 50 cents.

- 1 BULB AMARYLLIS TREATAE.
- 1 PLANT SWANLEY WHITE VIOLET.
- 1 PLANT STORM KING FUCHSIA.
- 1 PLANT CLIMBING METEOR ROSE.
- 1 PACKET SEED, FILIFERA PALM.
- 1 PACKET SEED, MULTIFLORA ROSE.

All these seven great Advertised Novelties, which would have cost originally \$2.40, for only 50 cents, as a Souvenir offer to our customers.



# SPECIALTIES AND NOVELTIES.

## SPECIAL OFFERS.

All the **NEWEST** and **BEST** Seeds, Bulbs and Plants.

### OUR REMARKABLE INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1900.

Tuberous-Rooted Rex Begonias, Exquisite Coleus, Grand Pelargoniums,  
Gigantic New Geraniums, The Grandest Cannas,  
A Showy Everblooming Tritoma, New Rudbeckia, Choice Roses,  
Etc., Etc., Etc.

**THESE SEVERAL COLORED PLATES** and the following green paper pages contain our leading Novelties, Specialties and Special Offers for this year. The list embraces Flower and Vegetable Seeds, Bulbs and Plants. Of many items, both Seed and Plants (or Bulbs) are offered, as in the case of Gloxinias, Begonias and Coleus. With a few exceptions, all items are quite new or very rare, the exceptions being some special offers of extra fine things, as in the case of the two Colored Plates of Hardy Ornamental Shrubs and Vines. All the Flower and Vegetable Seed Novelties offered on their respective Colored Plates are very fine indeed. We would also call special attention to our new Tuberous Rooted Rex Begonias, Sweet Scented and Double Vernon Begonias, magnificent Geraniums, Pelargoniums, Cannas, Everblooming Tritomas, Chrysanthemums, Fancy Caladiums, Callas, Rudbeckias, etc. This department of Specialties and Novelties closes with 5 pages of our Roses (pages 39 to 44), both old and new varieties. Our grand new Roses and Mayflower Verbenas are offered on Cover.

### Childs' New Giant Rainbow-Leaved Coleus.

This is one of the most magnificent Novelties we ever introduced. They grow easily and rapidly from seed, and make fine specimen plants in two or three months, and if you raise a thousand of them no two will be alike. The leaves are large (often a foot long) and wavy, spotted, mottled, striped, splashed, marbled, etc., with the most rich and charming colors—white, purple, pink, crimson, green, yellow, velvety red and black—in endless variety. Such colors; such combinations and contrasts! They excel Fancy-Leaved Caladiums and all other foliage plants. We never put out a finer novelty than this, or one the magnificence of which will prove such a surprise and delight to those who grow it. Our plate represents plants only two or three months from the seed. The seed we offer is saved from the magnificent specimens which have been so greatly admired at our conservatories.

**Seed**—Choice hybridized and hand-saved. 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 50c.

**Plants**—Choice cutting plants from the grandest specimens, 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 12 for \$1.30.

### Three Grand New Coleus.

Velvet-like leaves of wonderful richness and beauty.

**Dr. Ross**—Enormous leaves like a Rex Begonia, but more exquisitely colored, being a blending of yellow, crimson, pink, green, chocolate, etc. A grand specimen plant. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

**Mrs. Saunders**—A wedge of creamy white in the center of the leaf, with a clearly defined margin of oxide green, bronze, crimson and purple. Perfectly fascinating. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

**Admiral Dewey**—One of our new Giant-Leaved, and the finest Coleus yet known for bedding or for a fine specimen pot plant. Leaves large, finely toothed, dark maroon, flamed and variegated crimson-pink, blotched yellow and bordered green. Underside, green and yellow, finely variegated. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 12 for \$2.00.

One each of the three for only 10c.; three each for \$1.00.



**Coleus,**

**NEW GIANT-LEAVED DWARF.**

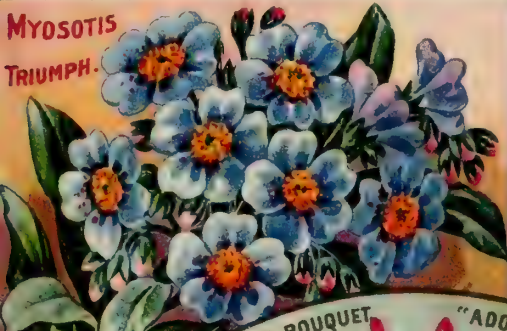
This new Coleus has the same large leaves as our Rainbow strain, but the plants do not grow over 6 to 8 inches in height. It makes a very fine plant for bedding. The color of the leaves is very dark, mostly blackish red, marbled and spotted. First introduced last year in Germany. Seed, 15c. per pkt.

## Mixed Flower Seeds, 100 Kinds.

People who wish a great variety of flowers at small cost will do well to plant a packet of this seed. It is a mixture of 100 different kinds, all the best sorts, and those which grow and bloom freely together in wild garden style. It will make a brilliant and attractive bed. Large packet, 10 cents; 6 packets, 50 cents.



GIANT RAINBOW-LEAVED COLEUS



MYOSOTIS TRIUMPH.



STOCKS PERPETUAL BRANCHING.



PETUNIA BOUQUET "ADONIS"



STREPTOCARPUS HYBRIDS



LOBELIA PUMILA

SPLENDENS.

# SUPERB FLOWER SEED NOVELTIES

## Myosotis, Alpestris Triumph

**NEW EVERBLOOMING FORGET-ME-NOT.**

This is a splendid large-flowering Forget-me-not, plants of which will bloom in 6 to 8 weeks from seed sown at any time of the year. It is by far the finest Myosotis, and its quick and everblooming habit will make it a grand thing for the garden in summer, or for pots during other seasons. It may be had in bloom all winter from seed sown in August. Color, pure celestial blue; flowers large and in beautiful sprays. This sort succeeds and blooms well, where all other varieties fail. Pkt., 15c.

## Mignonette, Rubin.

By all odds the finest Mignonette we have ever grown. Compact growth; thickly set with spikes of the very largest size, and of a copery red color. It is perfectly grand. Pkt., 15c.

## Candytuft, Little Prince.

A beautiful dwarf Candytuft, growing not over 6 inches in height, but spreading out and covering a considerable space, which is for a long season a perfect carpet of snow-white bloom. Fully equal to the grand perennial Candytuft. It is a very fine thing. Pkt., 10c.

## Feverfew, Snowball.

A dwarf, compact-growing plant, which produces a perfect mass of large, double, white blossoms. It blooms very quickly from seed, and may be sown in the open ground. It is also a very fine pot plant. Pkt., 10c.

## Lobelia, Pumila Splendens.

A great novelty. This Lobelia stands our hot, dry climate, and blooms perfectly all summer, when all other Lobelias will fail. It is a perfectly exquisite plant, dwarf, compact, as round almost as a ball, and completely covered all the time with its charming blossoms. These are of large size, and a rich, deep blue, with white center. Fine also for pots. One of the most charming annuals we have ever grown. Pkt., 15c.

## Bouquet Petunias.

We have seen no new flower in a long time that has pleased us so much as these beautiful dwarf Petunias. They are very hardy and strong, but the plants are dwarf, very bushy and compact, producing their bright blossoms in such wonderful profusion that each plant looks like a perfect bouquet set in the ground. As a pot plant they are also very fine, and bloom incessantly both summer and winter. For groups, beds, borders, single specimens, or for pots, they are perfectly superb.

**Snow White**—Pure snow-white, without shade or mark of color. Pkt., 10c.

**Adonis**—Bright carmine-red, with a pure white throat. A perfect wonder in profusion and brilliancy. Pkt., 10c.

**Variegated**—Blossoms elegantly striped, blotched and variegated, crimson, rose and pure white. Very attractive. Pkt., 10c.

One packet each of the 3 sorts for 20c.

## Gentaurea, Imperialis.

This is a new and greatly improved strain of *G. Marguerite*. The plant is much larger and more vigorous, with blossoms fully **DOUBLE THE SIZE** of *Marguerite*. They possess the same colors and delicious fragrance and long, graceful stems. But this is not all. This new strain, *Imperialis*, is so strong and vigorous that unfavorable wet and hot weather, which kills plants of the *Marguerite*, have no effect upon it, and it blooms profusely all the season. Pkt., 15c.

## Gentaurea, Americana Gigantea.

A giant-flowering *Gentaurea*, with white blossoms fully 4 inches across. The petals are so constructed as to resemble rich lacework. Pkt., 10c.

## Burpee's Bush Sweet Pea.

This new form grows in dense bush form, about 12 inches high, and requires no support. In this respect, much like a bush bean. The flowers are white, flaked and striped purple. This will, we believe, prove more desirable than Burpee's Cupid Sweet Peas, which, despite all that is said in their favor, are not a success in most localities. Pkt., 15c.

## Stocks, Perpetual Branching.

This new Ten-Weeks Stock has proved to be the finest variety in cultivation. It blooms very quickly from seed, the plants being stout, branching, and compact, with numerous flower spikes of very large size. The individual flowers are large, very double, and perfect in form. For pots it is greatly superior to any other variety, and as a pot plant it is just superb, flowering for a long period and at any time of year, according to time of sowing. Another great point in its favor is the fact that only a very small per cent. of the plants raised from seed will be single, nearly all producing magnificent double flowers. It is one of the greatest flower seed novelties we ever introduced, and one that will give far greater satisfaction than can be anticipated. We cannot say anything to good for it.

**Pure White**—Large snow-white. Perfectly magnificent. Pkt., 20c.

**Rich Crimson**—Fine, deep, velvety color. Pkt., 15c.

## Streptocarpus, Grandiflora Hybrids

We can honestly say that we do not know a pot plant more desirable for window culture than these new giant-flowered hybrids of *Streptocarpus*. They are very tough, hardy plants, likely to stand any amount of abuse and thrive under adverse surroundings. Plants from seed will begin blooming in a few months, and continue for **YEARS**, without once stopping. Leaves long and narrow, radiating from the crown of the plant, close to the soil. From the same spot spring the flower stems, shooting up to the height of 6 to 10 inches, each one bearing a large trumpet-shaped flower of exceptional beauty, some pure white, blue or purple, but mostly finely marked in a charming manner with harmonious colors. A plant will show several of these exquisite flowers all the time, those which fade being replaced by others, which are constantly appearing. The flowers, during late fall, winter and spring, are particularly fine, even better than during summer. We do not hesitate to pronounce this the grandest window plant that has been introduced in a generation. Its ease of culture and adaptability for all conditions, is remarkable for a plant of such exceptional beauty. Seed, 20c. per pkt. Fine plants, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

## Streptocarpus Wendlandi.

Another species, but very different from the above. The little seed leaf, which first appears, grows to an immense size, some 2 feet long by 18 inches broad, the plant never producing but this one leaf. At the base of the leaf, tall, branching flower stems rise, 2 feet or more, and for a period of two months bear large quantities of handsome blossoms. Then the plant dies. It is one of the oddest and most unique plants in cultivation. Seed, 15c. per pkt.

## Nicotiana, Sylvestris.

We regret that space does not permit us to show a cut of this beautiful plant. It is a magnificent garden ornament, growing five feet high, with large, handsome leaves, making it a grand foliage plant. It also bears large, branching panicles of long, tubular, white flowers, which are very handsome and fragrant, each panicle showing as many as 60 flowers at a time. Pkt., 15c.

## Wistaria Bean.

This new flowering Bean is from Japan, and produces its long clusters of fine pure white flowers in the greatest profusion. These flowers so closely resemble the glorious white *Wistaria*, and are borne in such fine *Wistaria*-like clusters, that it is most appropriately called the *White Wistaria Bean*. It is a fine, rapid climber, and just covers itself with flowers, which, in addition to their beauty, are finely scented. We intended to show it in this colored plate, but space will not permit. Pkt., 10c.

## Aster, Giant Silver Tipped.

These giant-flowered Asters are very fine, being of dwarf growth, and the blossoms, which are of the largest size, formed of wide, regularly shaped petals, each tipped with silvery white, no matter what the principal color of the blossom may be. They were first introduced last year, and have proved to be very fine novelties. Mixed colors, 10c. pkt.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—For only \$1.75 we will send one packet each of the 18 splendid Flower Seed Novelties offered on this plate.



# CHOICE NEW VEGETABLES

All of these are new this year, except the Diadem Tomato, which was introduced previously, and all are exceptionally fine.

## Radish Icicle.

A long Radish of almost transparent whiteness, which has no rival among all existing varieties. It is so early that the roots are 4 to 5 inches long in 20 days from the time of sowing the seed in the open ground, and ready for the table. As to quality, it has no superior, and is the most beautiful Radish yet seen. A long, white, alabaster-like, early variety, has not previously existed. This is a real jewel. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 35c.

## Strawberry Muskmelon.

**A Novelty of More than Usual Value.**

Its first appearance last fall caused a great furore in the markets. People were loud in its praise, exclaiming that it surpasses all other Melons in points of excellency, with a **FLAVOR LIKE THAT OF THE STRAWBERRY**, hence the name. It grows to a desirable table size, from six to eight pounds each. Its outside appearance compares favorably with the Green Nutmeg of old, turning to a yellowish hue, as it were, over night, when ripe. Its smooth, deep flesh is of an attractive salmon-red color, soft to the rind, and exceptionally delicious. It is certainly one of the most attractive and best flavored Melons yet grown. Pkt., 15c.; 2 pkts for 25c.

## Pop Corn, Ruby Beauty.

A new Pop Corn of the red rice type, but with an extremely beautiful ear and kernel, rich ruby-red. When popped, it expands to an enormous size, and is snow-white, like an immense snowflake. Exceedingly tender and delicious. It is a great improvement on all Pop Corns we have ever seen. Ripens very early and yields heavily. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.

## Egg Plant, Pear-Shaped, Striped.

A new Italian variety of decided novelty and beauty. The fruit is of good size, fine pear-shaped, and a beautiful pearly white color, freely striped and flaked with violet. It is a real ornament, and a fine flavored sort. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

## Egg Plant, Giant New York Spineless.

The finest Egg Plant in cultivation. It is of the N. Y. Purple type, but much larger in size, and of the richest glossy purple color. In quality it is unsurpassed. But what makes it particularly desirable is the fact that its stems and leaves are devoid of spines and the plants can be handled without discomfort. A really valuable novelty. For market as well as for family use it is par excellent. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 35c.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**

One packet each of these six fine Vegetable Novelties for 50c., as follows:

- RADISH ICICLE,**
- STRAWBERRY MUSKMELON,**
- DIADEM TOMATO,**
- ECC PLANT, PEAR-SHAPED, STRIPED.**
- ECC PLANT, GIANT N. Y. SPINELESS.**
- POP CORN, RUBY BEAUTY.**

## Tomato Diadem.

**A BEAUTIFUL NEW STRIPED VARIETY.**

Here we have at last what leading horticulturalists all over the world have devoted years to producing. A Tomato of high quality, with a beautiful striped or variegated skin. Can you imagine anything more unique? Diadem is a Tomato of medium size, perfect shape, high quality and of a deep ruby-red, the rich, dark color of the skin being broken with stripes and spots of old gold, the beautiful effects of which are admirably shown on colored plate. Not only is it beautiful, but in points of excellence in other respects it is quite up to Picture Rock, which is now the standard of perfection. It is of fair size, smooth, handsome shape, and of best quality. This splendid novelty was introduced by us last year, and has given great satisfaction everywhere. Many people say that it is the most novel thing, and by far the greatest attraction, in their gardens. Everybody is delighted with it, and as all our customers will want it this year, we offer it at only 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 25c.; oz., 50c.



## New Zealand Beauty Oat.

A few years ago a customer in New Zealand sent us a small sample of an exceptionally handsome and heavy oat. We have grown it for several years, and in point of yield and beauty it certainly surpasses any American Oat. It is also extremely early in ripening. We have now a stock sufficient for offering it by the pkt. and pound, that farmers may have an opportunity of testing it. Next year we shall offer it by the bushel. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 60c.

## 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, deep, rich color and turfy, compact habit, stooping out well from the bottom, and they must be able to stand the sun as well, and a considerable amount of drouth, without injury. We have a mixture of grasses that meet all these requirements. We use it at Floral Park, where it has been much admired. We have sold it in every state and territory in the United States, and it has given entire satisfaction in every location. It grows quickly, making a fine green sward in a few weeks. A whole season's drouth 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. 35c. per quart; \$2.25 per peck, postpaid; by express, per peck, \$1.25; per bushel, \$4.00.

STRAWBERRY  
MUSKMELON.



"DIADEM"  
TOMATO.



PEAR-  
SHAPED  
STRIPED  
EGG PLANT



CHILDS' GIANT  
GLOXINIAS.



TUBEROUS ROOTED  
BEGONIAS

# GLOXINIAS AND BEGONIAS.

WE make a specialty of Gloxinias and Tuberous-Rooted Begonias, and our strains, either in Bulbs or Seed, cannot be excelled. Their magnificence will be a revelation to those who have not grown thoroughly up-to-date, improved strains.

## Gloxinia.

The grandest of all summer-blooming bulbs for decoration of the window, veranda, or conservatory, in summer. Everyone is spellbound at their real beauty. We have seen people pay \$2.50 for a small plant with two or three 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 other sorts, with large, luxuriant leaves that recurve in such a manner as to conceal the pot they grow in, and erect, large-throated, wide-lobed flowers, borne above the foliage, like a floral crown. These flowers are very large and satin-like, and of the most exquisite coloring, soft, clear or brilliant, sometimes self-colored, but more often tinged, spotted or edged with contrasting colors, but always rich and beautiful.

- Defiance**—Pure scarlet. Very rich.
- Grandiflora**—Pure white. Perfectly exquisite.
- Erecta Violecala**—Grand velvety blue.
- Tigered and Spotted**—Extra fine spotted.

Price, 20c. each; the 4 for 60c.; per dozen, \$1.50.

**Mixed, All Colors**—Our strain of mixed Gloxinias includes the finest and most varied varieties from best European collections, including the beautifully spotted and tigered strains, Erecta, Grandiflora, Hybrids, Crassifolia, of elegant self and variegated colors. Fine, select bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

## Choicest Gloxinia Seed.

The most beautiful of all pot bulbs. Large, erect, open-throated flowers of thick satiny texture and most profusely borne. Seeds are very fine, and must be sown with care. Seedlings grow well, and, if given good care, will bloom in five months from the time of sowing seed, giving large and beautiful flowers. Try them, by all means. There is no flower more charming.

- French Hybrids**—Splendid mixed; the finest varieties of various colors. 15
- Tigered and Spotted**—Mixed colors; all beautifully spotted. 15
- Crassifolia Erecta**—Mixed colors; all erect bloomers. 15
- Pure White**—The most heavenly of all flowers for true loveliness and purity. 15

## Gloxinia Novelties.

The following grand varieties were leading Gloxinia novelties last year. Seed and Bulbs we offer are of our own growing, and extra fine and true.

- Coquette**—Elegant large blossoms, the ground color of which is white, beautifully marbled and clouded with delicate pink or blue, but all with charming lemon-tinted throats. The beauty of these blossoms can be better imagined than described. Fine Bulbs, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; Seed, 20c. per pkt.
- Princess Maud**—Great blossoms of a rich crimson-purple, with a pure white margin, which is beautifully spotted. A very striking combination. Bulbs, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; Seed, 20c. per pkt.
- Queen Victoria**—The largest and finest of all pure white sorts. A flower for the gods. Vigorous, healthy and great bloomer. Bulbs, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; Seed, 20c. per pkt.
- Scarlet Queen**—Large, wide-open flowers of a dark, deep, rich crimson-scarlet. The finest and brightest colored of all scarlet sorts. Bulbs, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; Seed, 20c. per pkt.
- Childs' Giant**—Originated by us, and is a flower of most extraordinary size and widely open. Outside, pure white; inside throat, yellow, thickly spotted red. Ground of petal, deep, velvety crimson-pink, spotted darker, and with a wide margin of pure white around the entire flower. A regal giant, and perfectly exquisite. Bulbs, 30c. each; Seed, 20c. per pkt.

One Bulb each of above 5 new Gloxinias for \$1.25. One pkt. Seed each for 80c.

## Tuberous-Rooted Begonias.

The fashionable plant of the day, and richly does it deserve its honors, for in addition to very handsome foliage it bears a never-ending profusion of the most ravishingly beautiful flowers the whole summer, and then, with the coming of cold weather, very obligingly takes a nap until spring, asking no further care during the winter than to be packed in soil, away from frost. This trait will be appreciated by the many people who have no spare windows to carry over tender bedding plants, yet dislike to be at the expense of buying a new lot each spring. This grand plant is a rival to the Gloxinia as a summer window or conservatory plant, and as strong a rival to the Geranium and Verbena as an outdoor bedding plant. The enormous size and intense brilliancy of the flowers astonish those who have never seen any but the ordinary house Begonia. The bulbs can be started from March to June, and will soon be in full bloom. Give 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 5 inches across.

- Singis White**—Fine, pure color; large flower.
- Single Yellow**—Extra fine.
- Single Scarlet**—Fine, bright shade.
- Single Pink**—Beautiful soft shade.
- Single Dark Crimson**—Deep and rich color.

10c. each; the 5 for 40c.

- Double White**—Extra fine.
- Double Scarlet**—Large, fine flower.
- Double Yellow**—Very beautiful.
- Double Rose**—Fine rose-pink.

20c. each; the 4 for 60c.

- Single Mixed**—Extra fine. 3 for 15c.; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.
- Double Mixed**—All colors. A glorious strain of finest large-flowered double sorts. 15c. each; 6 for 60c.

## Choicest Begonia Seed.

With good care seedlings bloom in from five to eight months' time.

- Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids, Single**—Flowering sorts, mixed. 15
- Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids, Double**—Mixed. 20

## Begonia Novelties.

The following extra fine new Tuberous-Rooted Begonias are now offered for the first time. Both Seed and Bulbs are of our own growing.

- Butterfly**—A great novelty. Flowers large and of rich scarlet, freely dabbled or mottled with pure white, making a most attractive and conspicuous plant. Bulbs, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; Seed, 20c. per pkt.
- Giant Crimson-Black**—Our own production, and offered now for the first time. Magnificent large blossoms, of perfect shape; deep, rich, crimson-black—the darkest and richest color yet produced in Begonias. Bulbs, 50c. each; Seed, 20c. per pkt.
- Giant Crispa**—Enormous blossoms with elegant fringed edges. Color, bright orange-scarlet. One of the grandest yet seen, and an entirely new departure. Bulbs, 50c. each; Seed, 20c. per pkt.
- Childs' Giant, Mixed**—Our own new strain of giant-flowering varieties. Greatly improved in size, shape and colors. The most magnificent strain of Tuberous-Rooted Begonias ever offered. Every bulb a select one, and seed comes true to this magnificent type. Bulbs, 50c. each; 3 for \$1.00; Seed, 20c. per pkt.
- Baumanni Hybrids, Mixed**—A new class of Tuberous-Rooted Begonias, producing blossoms of various shades of light and deep pink. Grows readily from seed, and flowers freely for a long period, more like plants of ordinary flowering varieties, but the flowers are large and delightfully scented. A really magnificent novelty. Bulbs, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; Seed, 15c. per pkt.

One Bulb each of above 5 new Begonias for \$1.50. One pkt. Seed of each for 80c.

Come to Floral Park next Summer and see our Grand Gloxinias and Begonias in Bloom.

# Gladiolus Childsi.

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 gigantic size, frequently seven to nine inches across. The form of both 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 cannot 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 net-work of charming spots and colors lies one of its special points of unsurpassed beauty. The flowers are more beautifully colored than Lemoine's Hybrids, and much larger than Gandevenais. From every quarter come words of the warmest praise for their unexcelled magnificence. 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 Leichtin, of Germany, the most noted horticulturalist in the world, and are the result of a careful cross between the finer varieties of Gandevenais and that lovely species, Saundersoni. They came into our possession a few years ago at the purchase price of \$20,000. In our hands they have been still further hybridized and improved.

## FINE MIXED GLADIOLUS CHILDSI.

All colors and varieties. Every one an exquisite beauty. Large flowering bulbs, 3 for 15c.; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.; 100 for \$3.00.

## ELEGANT NAMED GLADIOLUS CHILDSI. each.

- Aurea Superba**—Foliage of a distinct yellow color. Flowers and spikes large and of peculiar beauty. Color soft orange-scarlet, with distinct white blotches and mottling. .... 20
- Africa**—Dark amaranth, shaded black, with large green-tinted white center. Very distinct, odd and conspicuous. .... 25
- Adolph Close**—Large, spreading flower of a peculiar slaty blue color, with large crimson and white mottled throat. .... 50
- A. H. Goldsmith**—Large flower of great substance. Color pink, mottled and striped with dark crimson. White throat. .... 25
- Burlington**—Bright pink, beautifully tinged with orange-scarlet. Carmine and white mottled throat. .... 15
- Beverly**—Large, light red, clouded and shaded smoky blue. .... 30
- Bessie Tanner**—Very large, beautiful soft rose color, with pure white throat. Exquisite. .... 30
- Bowdoin**—Very large flower, light orange-scarlet, with large, pure white throat. Very exquisite. .... 15
- Boston**—Flaming orange-scarlet, with large, pure white throat. .... 10
- Brilliant**—Beautiful orange-red, with carmine and white throat. Superior to Flamboyant, Meyerbeer and other red varieties. .... 20
- Blue Danube**—Splendid large flower, perfect spike. Exquisite silvery blue, with carmine and white throat. One of the best. .... 50
- Columbia**—Light orange-scarlet, freely blotched and penciled with bluish purple. Throat freely marked and mottled. .... 5
- Dr. Parkhurst**—A spike nearly three feet in length and bearing upwards of 25 flowers. Dark, brilliant red, with an elegantly white mottled throat. A superb variety. .... 50
- Daisy Leland**—Enormous spike and flower. Easily the largest flower produced by any Gladiolus. Bright rosy pink of exquisite loveliness. Spike gracefully curved. .... 95
- Deborah**—Dark red, tinged with amaranth. Very large, pure white throat and blotches. Also white band through petals. .... 30
- Dr. Sewell**—Large spike and very large flower, of great substance. Deep, rich rosy crimson, slightly penciled darker. Center of petals rayed with white. Throat pure white. .... 10
- Eva**—Beautiful rose, shaded and marked with slate. Throat finely mottled with various colors. .... 15
- Exquisite**—Of rather slender growth, with long, graceful spike. Color, pure white with brilliant magenta. .... 75
- Erie**—Bright, rosy carmine, with canary colored throat. .... 50
- Elaborate**—Bright, fiery red, freely penciled with brilliant amaranth, and large white throat. Very fine. .... 25
- Ethel**—Beautiful soft rose color, with white and crimson. .... 15
- Falconer's Favorite**—Very strong, rank grower, enormous spike; flower large, deep ruby brilliant red, white band petals. .... 50
- Governor Saxton**—Deep amaranth, almost black, striped, shaded and mottled with red. A very odd and conspicuous color. .... 50
- Gracilis**—Slender, graceful spike, with large flower of a dull red color, margined and penciled with slate blue. .... 40
- Henry Gilman**—Deep salmon-scarlet, with pure white bands through each petal, the throat showing peculiar mottling. .... 5
- Hohokus**—Large, flaming crimson; throat mottled bright magenta. .... 20
- Keokuk**—Deep, bright pink, clouded, tinted and spotted slate blue. .... 30
- Kitty Leland**—Bright rosy salmon, with orange tinge. Flower spike often as much as three feet in length, showing between twenty and thirty blossoms, which are of the largest size. .... 50
- Livonia**—Light red, with white mottled throat. .... 10
- Lael**—Soft pink, with bright carmine throat, shaded with orange and having a peculiar metallic lustre. Enormous. .... 30
- Little Blush**—Dwarf habit, compact spike of bluish white. .... 15
- Marqueterre**—Large flower and spike. Bright red, freely marked with white and red with slate blue. .... 30
- Mr. W. N. Bird**—Beautiful lilac-rose, crimson-white mottlings in throat, and carmine marks. Extra fine. .... 40
- Mohank**—A strong, rank grower, flowers of large size and great substance. Deep, dark pink, with spotted throat, shaded orange and flaked with maroon. .... 10

- Mrs. Beecher**—Beautiful deep rosy crimson. Large, well opened flower, with pure white throat, freely marked and spotted. .... 10
- Mrs. La Mance**—White, overspread with a slight lilac shadow, the mottling being purplish crimson. .... 15
- Middleboro**—Salmon pink, freely flaked and penciled with deep rose, and carmine mottled throat. .... 25
- Marginata**—Fine salmon, with crimson and white throat, each petal having a delicate margin of slate-blue. .... 20
- Mottled Gem**—Large, spreading flower, showing an unusually large throat, beautifully mottled white, violet and scarlet. .... 40
- Nakomis**—Soft pink, blotched and shaded with orange; white and crimson throat. Enormous spikes. .... 15
- Norma Dee Childs**—Extra large flower and spike. Color delicate white, softly penciled with rose, and with large sulphur-yellow throat. Perfectly exquisite and distinct. .... 75
- Newark**—Orange-red, with white and crimson mottled throat. .... 20
- Nezinscott**—Bright blood scarlet, with deep velvety crimson, black blotches and white mottling in the throat. .... 10
- Oddy**—Deep amaranth red, deeply suffused with purple-blue. Large, distinct white marks and red and white mottled throat. .... 25
- Old Oxford**—Slaty crimson, heavily clouded with blue. Large crimson and white mottled throat. .... 30
- Peoria**—Slaty lilac, with white and crimson throat. .... 25
- Princeton**—Large, flaming red, with violet and white mottlings in throat. Spikes of great length. .... 10
- President McKinley**—Flower of gigantic size, light scarlet, with very large and conspicuous white throat. .... 50
- Ruby**—Very dark, deep ruby red, with bright violet and white mottling in throat. An exceedingly rich color. .... 25
- Saratoga**—Large, flaming orange-scarlet; white mottled throat. .... 25
- Sacramento**—Deep, bright coral-scarlet, with white mottlings. .... 20
- Striped Banner**—Very tall, with long spike. Flowers large and well open; white, freely marked and striped deepest crimson. .... 30
- St. Oscar**—Large, well open flowers, rosy pink outside and bluish pink inside, with throat variegations of different colors. .... 20
- Senator Childs**—Large, well-opened flower, deep glowing red, with enormous white throat. Extra fine. .... 30
- Savannah**—Deep blood red, with white mottled throat. .... 20
- Sandusky**—Carmine red, penciled and flaked darker. .... 20
- Splendor**—A splendid large flower, of the softest, sweetest rose color. Large magenta stains, with purple and white mottlings. .... 25
- Tinted White**—A very large flower, well open and a pure white color, beautifully tinted with pale pink. Tall spike and vigorous. .... 10
- Torch-Light**—Very large spike of large, light, flaming scarlet flowers. Throat mottled and spotted white and violet. .... 10
- Tuxedo**—Fine rose, marbled with crimson, throat showing large white stripes and beautiful mottlings. .... 50
- Wm. Falconer**—Spike of great length and flowers of enormous size. Light pink and bluish, two delicate shades, freely mottled. .... 5
- Waukesha**—Salmon pink, shaded lighter inside; large, beautiful primrose throat, thickly mottled crimson. Spikes 2 to 3 feet. .... 10
- Volande**—Pure white, softly tinted blush, with large, brilliant crimson throat. .... 25

One bulb each of the 63 varieties for \$10.00.

# New Gladiolus Childsi for 1899 and 1900.

The following new varieties of Gladiolus Childsi are mostly offered now for the first time.

- Blanche**—Large flower, pure snow white, with but slight, faint marks of soft rose. Finest white. \$1.50 each.
- Fedora**—Large spike and flower; color fine salmon-rose, with large mottled throat.
- Governor McCormack**—Extra large flower and truss. Beautiful rose, mottled with silvery gray and with violet and white mottled throat. Very fine.
- Oriole**—Lovely mottling of pink and gray, with beautiful yellow-banded throat. Small flower, but exquisitely colored.
- Admiral Dewey**—Enormous throat, beautiful silvery pink, with velvety crimson markings.
- Colonel Wood**—Bright scarlet, large mottled throat.
- Mrs. R. A. Goldsmith**—Large flower, fine spike. Soft, delicate rose, shaded lighter. Pure white throat.
- Ada**—Bright, soft rosy scarlet, white mottled throat.
- Siboney**—Slaty gray, marked and mottled darker.
- Coral Rose**—A profuse, irregular mottling of pink and slate, subject to wide variations.
- Blue Perfection**—The best blue variety yet produced. Flowers clear, dark, slate-blue, with a distinct scarlet stripe in lower petals. Very beautiful. \$1.50 each.
- Variabills**—Enormous size and vigor, standing nearly seven feet high with the largest spike ever seen on any Gladiolus. But this is not its only great merit. The flowers range in color from dull deep pink, flaked with blue-black, to a solid blue-black color of smoky hue, flaked with pink. Some spikes will be one color and some the other, while flowers of both colors are often seen on the same spike. Throat mottled white. \$1.50 each.
- Salem**—Fine salmon-pink, dark velvety maroon blotches.
- Ukiah**—Deep, rich rosy carmine, penciled darker; white throat.
- Sentry**—Blush pink, spotted crimson. Dwarf.
- Beacon**—Large, flaming red; mottled throat.
- M. Zolar**—Lilac-rose, flamed slate color.
- Lizzie**—White, tinted blush; violet-crimson throat.
- Olympia**—Pure white, beautifully zoned with sulphur-yellow; slightly marked violet in throat.
- Jay**—Compact spike; large, open flower of great substance. Bright crimson-pink, flamed darker, throat clouded and mottled.
- Lowell**—Fine pink and carmine, beautifully striped like Eugene Scribe. Great substance.

PRICE, except where noted, 75c. each; the 21 for \$12.00.



GLADIOLUS  
CHILD SI.

CLEMATIS  
DAVIDIANA.

SWEET PEA  
SHRUB.

SPIREA  
ANTHONY WATERER.

ALTHEA

LYCANTHUS

DAPHNE  
GENORUM.





## Hardy Ornamental Flowering Shrubs.

Nothing can take the place of Shrubbery for the lawn, for hedges and specimen clumps. Shrubs thrive in any situation, are beautiful all summer, producing some of the choicest of out-door blossoms. The list here offered is a select one, including only the very finest and most desirable sorts.

**Althea**—A fine tall-growing shrub, that once planted is good for a lifetime. Blooms when but a slip of a plant, but eventually reaches the size of a small tree. Always a symmetrical, upright grower, well clothed with a dark green foliage, and bears every year, without fail, a profusion of large, showy double flowers that closely resemble Hollyhocks in shape and colors, but often larger in size. They bloom from midsummer until frost, at a time when few other shrubs are in bloom. Fine for cemetery planting or for grouping upon the lawn. In Europe this is the most popular of all flowering shrubs.

**Calycanthus Florida**—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 them will perfume a whole room. Cannot be omitted from any lawn or garden.

**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 laciniated 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 shrubs in cultivation. As a specimen shrub or small tree for the lawn it is grand.

**Spiraea, Anthony Waterer**—A perpetual bloomer, and suitable either for garden or pots. It is of a dwarf habit, flowering profusely when only a few inches in height, and at all times and seasons. The flowers are of a lovely pink color, borne in dense clusters, and have a peculiar feathery appearance which is extremely beautiful.

**Spiraea, Bumalda**—This new Spiraea blooms from early summer until frost, and is 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, and 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.

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

**Daphne Cneorum**—A hardy shrub which trails over the ground in a most beautiful manner. Extra fine for any position, and being evergreen it is the most desirable plant we know for cemeteries. The plant is composed of spiral branches of dense evergreen leaves. The flowers are a lovely pink color, in clusters, and are borne profusely in early spring, and more or less during the entire summer and fall. The delicate beauty of the blossoms is great, but their fragrance is marvelous. Hardly a flower known possesses such a powerful fragrance.

**Hydrangea Paniculata**—Generally considered the most valuable and ornamental shrub in existence. Bushy and robust, every branch tipped in midsummer with an immense close panicle of flat, snow-white flowers of gigantic size. The trusses of bloom are ten to twelve inches long and nearly as thick through, and last for two or three months, turning pinkish 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.

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

**Jasmine, Nudiflorum**—The first of all shrubs to bloom, the fragrant yellow flowers wreathing the naked branches the first warm days in spring. It often blooms in February or March, while there is yet snow upon the ground.

**Jasmine, Officialis**—A low trailing or weeping shrub, which produces all summer long large quantities of star-like, waxy white blossoms, of the most powerful and delicious Jasmine fragrance. Unsurpassed for cutting, button-hole bouquets, etc.

**Sweet Pea Shrub**—The shrub of shrubs for bouquet makers. When it is in bloom it is really but a big bouquet itself, so full is it of dainty sprays of large, lovely rose-pink blooms, to which the graceful pinnate foliage is an admirable background. Very hardy and robust, and commences to bloom when but a foot high. Its glorious flowers are borne in clusters and are the size and shape of the most lovely Sweet Peas, but their 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.

**Syringa, Double**—A double flowered form of the lovely old fragrant Syringa. Blossoms snow-white, double like roses, very fragrant and borne in profusion.

**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.

**Exochordia, Grandiflora**—A new Japanese shrub of great beauty. Blooms early in spring, and is a complete mass of snowy white bloom. One of the very finest for cutting and for vases.

**PRICE.**—Any of the above Shrubs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; the 15 for \$2.00; or \$1.50 per dozen.

Extra large specimens by express (too large to mail), 30c. each; \$2.50 per dozen; the 15 for \$3.00.



# HARDY FLOWERING VINES.

ON this page we have tried to show the great beauty and desirability of Hardy Flowering Vines—such as may be planted in the ground for screening porches, windows, summer houses, etc., and which are perfectly hardy in any State, and sure to flourish and increase in size and beauty each year.

## Large-Flowering Clematis.

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

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

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

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

**Md. Edward Andre**—This was introduced only a few years ago, and created a real sensation. It is as large and free as Jackmanni, but its color is novel and distinct, being a fine dull crimson or red. The only variety of the red shades among large-flowered Clematis.

**Languinosa Candida**—A well-known pure white variety which is everywhere esteemed. Flowers very large, and pure in color.

Price, 50c. each; the five for \$2.00.

## Clematis, Paniculata.

We cannot well say too much in praise of this vine. A clean, thrifty, robust growing vine, of graceful habit, with attractive glossy foliage, and covered in August and September with a sheet of clustered snow-white bloom of the most delicious fragrance. No other vine so completely covers itself with flowers. An arbor or portico over which this Clematis is trained is a wall of white for the time being, and what makes it the more striking is that nearly all other vines have ceased blooming at that time. The panicles of bloom are very pretty for cutting, the pretty star-like florets, with their feathery stamens, appearing to fine advantage contrasted with the large and more vivid flowers of the early autumn garden. Perfectly hardy; grows rapidly. Fine vines, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 6 for \$1.00.

## Bell-Flowered Clematis.

The most beautiful, hardy and rapid growing varieties of recent introduction. They are really gems in every respect, and will give great satisfaction.

**Coccinea**—A lovely sort, producing an abundance of handsome vine and a great profusion of large, rosy-scarlet flowers, which are exceedingly handsome and useful for all sorts of decoration. It blooms all summer long. Fine plants for blooming at once.

**Crispa**—Much like Coccinea, except its color is a fine blue, tipped with white.

Price, 20c. each; the two for 30c.

## Wistaria.

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

**Alba**—A mass of white flowers in spring, the clusters of bloom reaching two feet in length. 75c. each.

**Sinensis Magnifica**—Fine large clusters of lovely blue flowers, produced in great masses. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

## Amelopsis, Veitchi.

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

## Honeysuckles.

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

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

**Golden Leaved**—Marvelously effective. It bears innumerable sprays of the most perfect little leaves that are covered with a net-work of gold and green, often marked with pink also. The gold deepens at the tip of the sprays, and there is nothing finer to combine with corsage bouquets, while for trimming floral baskets they are the finest things we know of. Blossoms pure white.

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

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

## Apios Tuberosa.

### OR THE TUBEROUS-ROOTED WISTARIA.

A valuable hardy tuberous-rooted climber, closely resembling the common Wistaria in vine and foliage and having clusters of rich, deep purple flowers, which have a strong, delicious violet fragrance. Plant the bulb near a trellis, tree, fence, or any place where you may wish a climber. They grow to a great height, and bloom profusely. The bulbs are perfectly hardy, and should not be taken up over winter. It is sure to give great satisfaction. If possible, plant two or three bulbs near together, to produce a greater mass of vines and flowers.

Price, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 7 for 50c.



APIOS TUBEROSA

## Climbing Roses.

Their beautiful foliage and profusion of bloom make them invaluable for small 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 bluish.

**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.

**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 everblooming, 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 to 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, as 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.

Strong field-grown plants, 40c. each; the 5 for \$1.50.

LARGE FLOWERING  
CLEMATIS.

AMPELOPSIS.

C. PANDULATA

C. COCCIFERA

GOLDEN  
LEAVED  
HONEYSUCKLE

WISTARIA.



CHOICE HOLLYHOCKS.



This Plate is a Sample of the Colored Plates, or Covers, of THE MAYFLOWER Magazine, the best of all Publications on Flowers and Gardening. See all about it on Colored Plate No. 2, in front of this Catalogue.

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## Magnificent Double Hollyhocks.

Our strain of Double Hollyhocks, offered on page 58 of this Catalogue, are magnificent beyond conception. Do not fail to try it.

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Other grand new things offered in this Catalogue, which you should not overlook, are:

GIANT FLOWERING CALADIUM, NEW CENTURY. See half-tone plate.

NEW BEGONIAS. These are grand. See pages 14 and 15.

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## Our Anniversary "Surprise" Collection.

**Larger and Finer this Year than Ever Before. \$4.00 or \$5.00  
Worth of the Choicest Flowers for only \$1.00.**

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 over, in May, to take the 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 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 15th 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 pleased.

**JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, FLORAL PARK, N. Y.**



GIANT  
FLOWERING  
CALADIUM  
"NEW CENTURY"

# GIANT FLOWERING CALADIUM,

## NEW CENTURY.

A New Species from Central America, and the Grandest Foliage and Flowering Plant yet Introduced.

Leaves three times as large as any other Caladium, having a heavy, leathery texture and a bright, lustrous, glossy-green color, which is remarkably handsome. It does not produce a bulb, but is increased by suckers, and is perennial. The leaf-stalks are strong and tall, holding the mammoth leaves well above the ground. Leaves 3 to 5 feet long by 2 or 2½ feet broad; perfectly immense, and make a plant which for tropical luxuriance has no equal. Added to this wonderful foliage effect are the mammoth lily-like blossoms 12 to 15 inches long by 7 inches wide; snow-white, changing to cream, with a rich and exquisite fragrance so powerful as to perfume a whole garden, filling the air with fragrance for a long distance. Plants bloom perpetually all summer in the garden, or all the year round in pots, and are hardly ever out of bloom. The foliage is so hardy that it will endure without injury frosts that will kill other bedding and foliage plants. Not only is it the grandest garden or lawn plant, but as a pot plant for large windows, verandas, halls or conservatories, it rivals the choicest Palms in foliage, to say nothing of its magnificent flowers. Thrives in any soil or situation, and grows and blooms all the year. As many as 6 to 12 flowers rise successively from the base of each leaf-stalk, and are borne on stems 18 to 24 inches high. Regardless of all we can say in its praise, the plant will astonish everyone with its magnificence—so novel and so wonderfully effective, free-growing and fragrant. Certainly worthy of the new Century.

Well-established plants, which will bloom and reach full perfection this summer, \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.00, delivered prepaid.

**Note.**—Of all the great acquisitions in new plants which we have introduced, we consider this new flowering Caladium to be the most important and valuable. The splendid Gladiolus Childsi, or Rudbeckia Golden Glow, are not more desirable than this wonderful plant. Caladium New Century has been grown here and thoroughly tested for several years, and its value established.

**JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, FLORAL PARK, N. Y.**



## Cyclamen Persicum Giganteum Grandiflorum.

IMPROVED LARGE-FLOWERING.—FINEST CYCLAMEN GROWN.

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

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

We offer only this one strain of Cyclamen, it being so much finer than any other.

**PLANTS**—Fine healthy vigorous plants, 30c. each; 3 for 75c.

**SEED**—Finest quality, many colors MIXED, 15c. per pkt. Separate colors, WHITE, CRIMSON, PINK, WHITE RED-EYE, 20c. per pkt.; the 5 pkts. for 75c.



### New Double Begonia Vernon.

The well-known single form of B. Vernon has established itself in the affections of all plant lovers. Its cheerful aspect and perpetual-blooming qualities through thick and thin make it a most charming plant. These new Double Vernons from France are in no respect different from the single, except the flowers are larger and double. Truly, they are attractive flowers, borne in large clusters, and with a freedom that is surprising. Every day the year round shows them in their radiant beauty. There is certainly no other plant producing fine double flowers in such quantity the year round as does this. It is adapted to any window or porch, or it may be bedded out in summer. In any position it is always a prize bloomer.

- Vernon Double Pink—Fine shade,
- Vernon Double White—Pure.
- Vernon Double Crimson—Deep and rich.

Fine Plants, 25c. each; the 3 for 60c. Seed, mixed, 20c. per pkt.

### Begonia Bismarck.

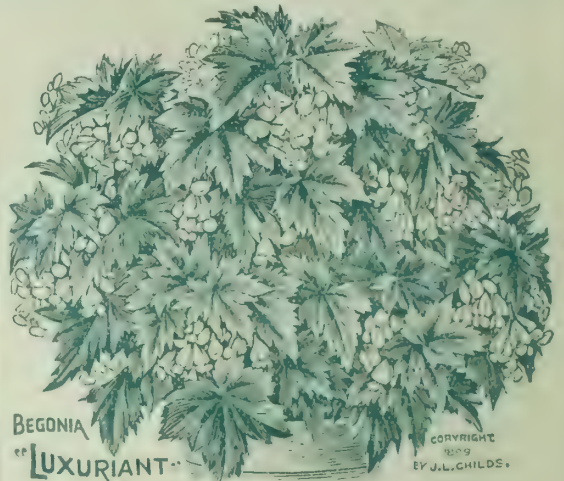
Same style, habit and foliage as the well-known B. Rubra, but a more magnificent plant, growing often three to four feet high. Its flowers are large and borne in enormous pendulous panicles; deep coral red. One of the most magnificent flowering plants it is possible to have, 50c. each.



BEGONIA BISMARCK.

### Begonia Gracilis.

Same branching style as Luxuriant, but with smaller leaves, beautifully lacinated. Flowers large and of a white or light color. Strong tuberous roots, 25c. each. Seed, 10c. per pkt.



### Begonia Luxuriant.

A new Begonia with a great profusion of luxuriant foliage and magnificent flowers, and strong tuberous roots. Leaves the size of B. Rex, dark velvety green, tinged with black; underneath, brilliant cherry red. Flowers are borne in magnificent, large, drooping clusters. White, slightly tinged. The effect of this plant is simply grand, 50c. each.



SWEET-SCENTED BEGONIA



**Begonia.**

**NEW SWEET-SCENTED.**

These are brand new, and were shown on the Colored Covers of THE MAYFLOWER, June issue, 1899, and created a great sensation. Hundreds of people wrote, asking

where the plants might be purchased, so great was the interest aroused. Not only are the flowers deliciously scented, but they are borne in the most fascinatingly beautiful sprays, clusters a foot to eighteen inches wide, loose, graceful and charming. Plants fine, vigorous growers, with luxuriant and beautiful leaves, and the flowers are borne at all times of year, particularly in fall and winter. The two colors harmonize, and produce a most lovely effect. These are Novelties of the highest order.

**Sweet-Scented White**—Pure white.

**Sweet-Scented Pink**—Charming sea-shell pink.

*Fine plants, 40c. each; one of each color for 75c.*

**Begonia, Tuberous-Rooted Rex.**

A decided Novelty in every respect. Originated on our place by Mr. Adolf Jaenicke. In foliage and growth it in no respect differs materially from the common B. Rex, but the crown or base forms a tuber after the style of B. Weltoniensis, which may be dried off and kept in that state like common Tuberous-Rooted Begonias, and when replanted will start at once a strong growth of beautiful foliage. It is a Novelty which will be welcomed, and has already created a great amount of comment, we having exhibited the plants at several large shows in New York, where they were a leading feature. Plants, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00. Seed, 20c. per pkt.

**Begonia Mastodon.**

Luxuriant-growing plants with large, handsome leaves and clusters of pink blossoms the size and shape of good Tuberous-Rooted varieties. By far the largest and most magnificent flowers of the fibrous-rooted or pot class. The shape of the blossoms is perfect, and the color soft and delicate. Plants, 50c. each. Seed, 20c. per pkt.

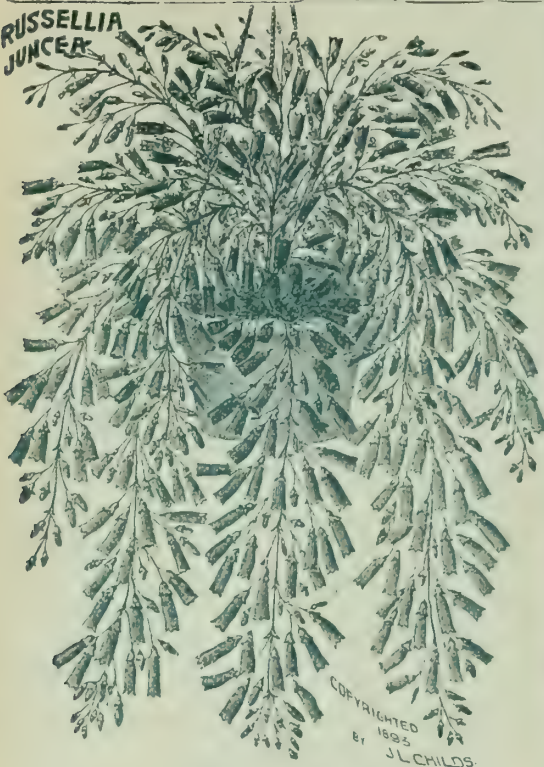


TUBEROUS  
ROOTED  
REX  
BEGONIA.



FLOWERS OF B. MASTODON.

**RUSSELLIA  
JUNCEA**



**Russellia.**

Interesting and exceedingly handsome flowering plants, particularly useful for vases, baskets and hanging-pots.

**Multiflora**—A new sort of shorter and more compact growth than Juncea, and bearing more foliage. It is a fine and persistent bloomer all the year, and one of the most brilliant, curious and beautiful pot plants it is possible to have. Color, intense scarlet.

**Juncea**—This plant has long, wiry, graceful 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 pot culture. In pots it blooms the entire year, especially during the winter and early spring months. The great drooping masses of bloom are 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. Price 20c. each; the 2 for 30c., or more at 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

**Passifloras.**

Fine foliage and graceful climbing habit. Very peculiar corona-like flowers, but very beautiful and unlike any other flower. Easy to grow either in window or open ground.

**Pfordti**—The best for pot culture, as it blooms when but a foot high, large, handsome, fringed flowers, exhibiting a mingling of white, pink, brown and blue in its coloring, making a flower of the most fascinating beauty, 15c. each.



**Constanco 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, after the snows of winter begin to fall. Flowers pure white, 15c. each.

**Princeps Coccinea**—Intense scarlet blossoms borne in large, graceful racemes of 20 or more. One of the handsomest of all greenhouse vines. Very rare. \$1.00 each.



**Asparagus Sprengeri.**

A Magnificent Decorative Plant.

A new variety of the finest ornamental qualities. For hanging pots, or bracket pots where the mass of rich foliage can droop in its natural grace, it is one of the loveliest objects it is possible to find for window decoration. For cutting it lasts weeks in water. Plants also blossom freely and bear large red berries which add greatly to the beauty of the waxy foliage. Nothing finer for decorating, or for bouquet making. Fine plants 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed 15c. pkt.



HELIOTROPE PICCIOLA

**Heliotrope Picciola.**

A dwarf, large flowering variety. Plant robust, with fine, healthy foliage, but a dwarf, compact grower, making it particularly desirable as a pot plant. Flowers, which are of a fine violet blue color, with large white center, are of enormous size and borne in immense panicles. In bloom all the time; exceedingly fragrant. Fine plants, 20c. each. Seed of fine, large. Early Flowering Heliotropes, mixed, 15c. per pkt.



### Gloxinia Tubiflora.

This is far different from ordinary Gloxinias, being a plant of erect branching habit, which is propagated by cuttings, but producing a strong tub or tuber. Flower stems rise to the height of 2 feet, each bearing several large pure white flowers 4 inches in length, and of a peculiar and fascinating fragrance. It is a hardy and easily grown pot plant, good for any situation, blooming freely, and always attracting great attention by its oddity, novelty and remarkable beauty. A very choice plant indeed for any collection. Strong tubers, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



SALVIA, GOLDEN LEAVED.

### Golden Leaved Salvia.

The most brilliant and attractive plant that has been introduced in a long time. Habit, compact, short-jointed and branching, with an abundance of foliage, which is of a fine yellow shade, hardly a trace of green about it. The flowers are a light transparent scarlet of exceptional brilliancy, far more brilliant than the common Salvia Splendens, of which this new variety is a sport. The color of the foliage is constant and does not change when bedded out in the hot sun. In fact, its color is perhaps intensified by heat. The brilliancy of the flowers against the yellow foliage produces the most striking effect we have ever observed in any plant, and we do not believe its equal can be produced. The great masses of it bedded at Floral Park the past summer have attracted more attention than anything else. Not only is the plant a fine bedder but it is also a magnificent pot plant, blooming at any and all times of the year without intermission. For winter it is particularly fine, and the most brilliant plant that can be grown in one's window or conservatory. See colored sketch of it in MAYFLOWER Premium plate (No. 2). This is one of the five novelties that make up THE MAYFLOWER Premium. Strong plants, 15c. each; 5 for 50c. Seed, (will bloom in 3 months) 20c. per packet.

### New Lantanas.

Lantanas are free flowering and brilliant colored. They make most excellent pot plants for fall, winter and spring, and are fine for bedding out in summer. The new Weeping Lantana is a splendid plant for pots and baskets, and is a great bloomer.

**Weeping**—This new trailing plant is a real beauty and highly desirable for bracket pots and hanging baskets. The slender trailing growth, and abundance of rich blossoms making it a plant of peculiar beauty. Color a fine lilac, and sweetly scented. Very graceful, and a plant easily grown in any situation. One of the best novelties in years.

**Scarlet Fiery**—A new Lantana of unusual beauty, being of dwarf, compact growth, and a profuse and perpetual bloomer. Its flowers, which appear at all times of the year in great numbers, when they first open are golden yellow, changing the next day to deep, fiery scarlet. This unique habit causes each cluster of flowers to show to most beautiful advantage, as the center flowers, which recently opened, are yellow, and those which surround the center deep scarlet. Valuable alike for posts, for blooming at all times of the year, or for bedding out.

**Yellow Fiery**—A seedling of the above with golden-yellow blossoms. Large and fine.

Price, 15c. each; the 3 for 50c.

**Lantana Seed**—Mixed colors. Seedlings make blooming plants in a few months. Pkt., 10c.

## Chinese Lantern Plant.



A most magnificent plant for the garden during summer, or for pots. Not in years has so unique and novel a plant been introduced. We enumerate its good qualities as follows: 1st.—Treated like a Geranium, it grows and fruits freely from seed the first season, yet the plants are perennial and perfectly hardy in the open ground, or may be wintered in the cellar or grown in pots as a window plant. When in fruit during early fall and winter it is a superb pot plant. 2nd.—The plant produces numerous large white flowers, which are followed by large inflated husks, much the shape of Chinese lanterns, at first a beautiful green color, changing to a yellowish hue and then to brightest scarlet, and as they hang suspended among the green foliage they present a most novel and strikingly beautiful appearance. Autumn frosts do not injure foliage or fruit, and it is a showy plant long after all others are killed. 3d.—In these husks or "lanterns" a fruit is borne, in color a deep ruby-red, and good either for cooking, preserving or eating raw, and keeps well into the winter. 4th.—Branches of "lanterns" cut and dried retain their rich and brilliant color, and make

# CHINESE LANTERN

# PLANT.

## Moonflower.

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 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 droth like a Salamander. Give it rich soil if possible. Fine plants, 15c. each; 4 for 50c. Seed 10c. per packet.

**Ipomœa Leareli**—A large vine, but not quite so rank growing. Flowers of a lovely azure blue, with faint crimson bars. Texture almost as delicate as the spider's web. Lovely beyond description. 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed, 10c. per packet.

**Pandurata, or Hardy Tuberos Rooted Moonflower**—This will stand a year's droth 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.

**Ipomœa Mexicana**—In a selected 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 it 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. 20c. each.

**Giant Pink Hybrid**—A Hybrid Pink Moonflower or marvelous growth. Seeds germinate very quickly and plants begin to bloom early. Seed, 10c. per packet.

**Japanese Yellow**—A new sort bearing large golden-yellow blossoms in abundance. It is a valuable novelty, and adds much to the beauty and variety of Moonflowers. Seed, 20c. per packet.

**Ipomœa Childsi** Giant white Moonflower, mammoth in size and a strong grower. Seed, 20c. per packet.

**Mixed Moonflower Seed** Fine mixed seed of all the Moonflowers here offered. 10c. per packet.

**SPECIAL OFFER** One plant each of *Noctiphiton*, *Leareli*, *Pandurata* and *Mexicana* for 50c.

most beautiful winter bouquets when used with dried grasses or leaves. The plant grows from 1 1/2 to 2 feet in height, clothed with luxuriant foliage, among which is suspended a number of bright "lanterns" all the time. We can supply both seed and strong plants. The plants will bloom and fruit at once. Seeds, 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 25c. Plants from seed fruit well first year if started early. Strong plants, 15c. each; 2 for 25c.; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.



MOONFLOWER



## Hibiscus Beauty.

FOR GARDEN OR POTS.

A splendid plant for pots, flowering freely during fall and early winter. Fine also for open ground where it will grow to the height of 8 or 10 feet if allowed, to do so, but it is better to keep it pinched back to a height of 4 or 5 feet. Every limb and twig is clothed with 5-cleft leaves, the segments toothed and crimson-margined. In late summer and fall it covers itself with extremely large, handsome and very striking flowers, in color deep crimson, shading deeper in the throat, which is almost black and velvety. As a pot plant it commences to bloom while very small, and we have them in thumb-pots carrying flowers larger than the plants themselves. May be wintered in a pit or cellar. Nice plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed, 10c. per pkt.

HIBISCUS BEAUTY.

## Anthuricum Liliasticum.

(CONVENT LILY.)

A hardy perennial plant of the highest qualities. Its equal is found only among some of the rare and high priced Lilies. Each plant sends up many tall flower stems, each bearing a quantity of very large, pure white flowers, surpassing the white Day Lily in size and beauty. Quite as pretty, in fact, as the Bermuda Easter Lily. Will attract great attention and is unsurpassed for cutting. A grand good thing, perfectly hardy anywhere. Strong roots, 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seeds (will bloom second summer), 10c. per pkt.



ANTHURICUM LILIASTRICUM.



AGERATUM PRINCESS PAULINE.

## Ageratum Princess Pauline.

A lovely dwarf everbloomer, crowded with flowers every day in the year. As a pot plant it is perfectly charming, and bedded out it flowers profusely from May till killed by frost. Flowers borne in dense clusters, lovely sky blue with a clear white center. The most beautiful Ageratum known, and one of the very choicest of flowering plants, thriving under any and all conditions. Plants, 15c. each; 3 or more at 10c. each. Seed (soon makes booming plants), 10c. per pkt.

## Acalypha Sanderi.

(Chenille Plant)

This is one of the most gorgeous and peculiar flowering plants thus far discovered. It grows up a straight, stout branching plant, clothed with large green leaves of good substance, and out of the axil of every leaf grows a spike of blossom, glowing crimson-scarlet in color, 20 to 30 inches long, as large around as one's finger and looks like a long piece of crimson-scarlet chenille cord. They grow on the plant exactly as our cut shows, and on plants a foot high the lower flower spikes will hang below the bottom of the pot, and they continue to lengthen as the plant grows larger. They last for months before fading, and before they fall off several other spikes have started out in the same leaf axil, and it is thus always in bloom—January to December. Even tiny plants in thumb-pots bloom, though of course the spikes are proportionately smaller. This plant was discovered in New Guinea and it did not come from the Philippines as Dewey's favorite flower, as has been sensationally advertised. A magnificent novelty. Strong, healthy plants, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



**ACALYPHA SANDERI.**

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## The Yellow Calla.

The Yellow Calla (*Calla Hastata*) is one of the rarest and most eagerly sought of all bulbs. They should be potted in the spring and they will start growth at once and commence blooming in a short time. The bulbs are strong and send up numerous flowers, which are a bright golden yellow with a black center. The color is one of the most beautiful shades of yellow seen among flowers, and the jet black center lends to the blossom a peculiar charm. Bulbs are very scarce. Fine flowering bulbs, 50c. each.



YELLOW CALLA.



**COMMELINA SELLOWIANA.**

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## Commelina Sellowiana.

A lovely perpetual flowering "Wandering Jew," suitable for the garden in summer or for pots all the year. Like the common "Wandering Jew" it is of trailing habit, producing each day large numbers of beautiful blossoms, two inches across, of the most exquisite blue color. The flowers really look like blue butterflies. It is one of the finest of all blue flowering plants. Blooms in a very short time from seed, and for either garden or pots it is a perfect gem, flowering freely every day all winter and summer. Besides it is a superb trailing vine for hanging pots. One of the very best new flowering plants. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed, 10c. per packet. Seedlings bloom in two months.



CHILDZIA



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### Great Goose Flower.

This remarkable flower was color plated and described in THE MAYFLOWER of November, 1898. It is a vine bearing flowers which are the size and shape of a goose. In fact, the entire length of the blossoms, including the tail, is over four feet. The largest flower known, and the most curious and beautiful. The vine is a fine and rapid grower, best suited for greenhouses or windows, but will do well outside during summer, and is likely to get through blooming before frost. Price, 50c. each.



MANDEVILLA

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### Mandevilla Sueveolens.

A most graceful and pretty vine suitable for windows, hanging pots or baskets, or as a trailing plant for the garden. Its great abundance of pretty foliage and drooping clusters of large pure white flowers renders it particularly attractive in any situation. It is not a tall grower, but extra fine for low trellises or for training up in windows, producing a luxuriant growth of foliage which is tough and hardy; not easily injured. The flowers are perfectly exquisite. Grows freely from seed. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed, 15c per packet.

### Choice Pansy Plants.

A splendid mixture of all kinds, including Bismarcks and Violet Scented, Great Excelsior, Freya, Ruby Red, etc. Nice vigorous young plants for immediate effect. 75c. per dozen.

### Chinese Tea Plant.

The Chinese Tea makes an interesting plant, as well as an ornamental one. The leaves are bright glossy green and the flowers pretty. As a pot plant it is well worthy of culture, and a good specimen of it will be a feature among any collection of plants, no matter how choice. Everybody will want to see it. It is of shrubby nature, not at all hard to grow, and will stand a great deal of abuse. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



### Childsia Wercklei, or Treasure Vine.

A new plant, entirely unknown to science until discovered by Mr. Carlo Wercklei in 1898 in the mountain regions of Costa Rica, Central America. It is a beautiful climbing compositae, suitable for cool, shady windows or verandaa. While it will grow to the height of 10 feet, it blooms profusely when very small, its flowers being like a Clematis in shape, but intense scarlet in color, which, added to the beauty of its foliage and natural grace of growth, makes one of the most elegant flowering plants ever seen. It is a quick, robust grower, and so hardy and vigorous that it will stand any amount of abuse. Specimens which we sent to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew attracted great attention and it has been decided to call it Treasure Vine on account of its great value, scientifically Childsia Wercklei. Good for pots, and flowers most profusely during winter and early spring. Planted out, it blooms well on trellises late in summer. Should have periods of complete rest. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



FANCY CALADIUM.

## Fancy Caladiums.

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 flushed 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. The small early leaves do not show all the fine colors as the large ones which come later. Our collection is superb.

**Alexander**—A grand sort with immense leaves of a lively green color, ribbed magenta and freely spotted and blotched white. Perfectly magnificent.

**Perle de Brazil**—The enormous leaves of this grand sort are white, tinted rose, ribbed and veined with green. As delicately colored as an orchid.

**Ed. Moreau**—Ribs rich glossy crimson; center of leaf darker crimson. Body of leaf rich deep green, profusely spotted with irregular-shaped white blotches, changing to rose-pink.

**Duchartril**—Rose-pink, profusely veined and traced with sea-green veins and more or less splashed crimson; very effective. Ribslustrous green, and leaf margined with a band of green.

**Wightil**—Entire leaf uniform green with silvery-white blotches and a lesser number of large crimson blotches of very irregular shapes.

**Rossinil**—Ribs and center of leaf rich crimson. Body of leaf rich deep green with a few large, irregular, bright, blood-red blotches which look as though varnished.

**Bolideau**—Body of leaf medium green with delicate veining of scarlet. Center of leaf and ribs deep, rich scarlet.

**Beethoven**—Uniform green ground, thickly speckled and spotted with white. Midrib white or with faint pink line.

**Enkell**—Deep, lustrous green ground, speckled white and profusely mottled white suffused with pink. A few large crimson splashes.

**Duc de Rativior**—Dark green ground more or less mottled and suffused white. Ribs and veins dull crimson.

*Above 10 grand named sorts, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.10; the 10 for \$2.00.*

**Mixed Sorts**—A splendid variety of fine sorts mixed, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

## The Boston Fern.

Of all decorative plants for house culture this is perhaps the most imposing and satisfactory. It is so hardy that it will stand and thrive in most any situation in a room, even if out of the reach of the sun's rays. No Fern is so good in this respect. Plants form an immense number of graceful, drooping fronds, varying in length from 2 to 5 feet, and always of a fresh, healthy and beautiful green color. These fronds keep in perfect condition for years. We cannot too highly recommend it. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed, 10c. per packet.



FANCY CALADIUM.

## The Golden Fern.

This Fern is as rare as it is beautiful. The under side of its magnificent fronds are golden yellow as though covered with gold dust. The effect is charming, and it is a good free grower as a rare plant for window culture. 50c. each.

## Maiden Hair Ferns.

Fine plants of this lovely Fern, 50c. each.

"BOSTON

FERN"







PRIMULA OBCONICA HYBRIDS.

### Primula Obconica Hybrids.

These are new large flowering Obconicas of various colors, as large and fine as Primula Sinensis. The old white variety is well known, but these new colors and larger flowers are among the very best novelties this year. Colors, pink, violet, blush, rose, lilac, white, etc. Very charming flowers, being borne in large trusses, and at all times of the year in great profusion. Seed of all colors mixed, 15c. per pkt. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



TOLIUM VARIEGATUM.



CRYPTOMERIA JAPONICA.

### Cryptomeria Japonica.

A most dainty and handsome plant that has all the grace and beauty of Auracaria Excelsa, (for which it is often mistaken), but which has the happy faculty of successfully withstanding the trying atmosphere of living rooms. It is of vigorous growth and can be grown much more economically than Auracaria. The plants offered by us, if given ordinary good care and attention, should be 12 to 18 inches tall and ready for 6-inch pots by late fall and will readily bring \$1.50 to \$2.00 each. As far north as Philadelphia the Cryptomeria is hardy

outdoors, where it makes a most beautiful shrub for lawn planting and will ultimately attain great size. A grand new decorative plant of great value. 30c. each.



CAMPHOR LAUREL,

### Camphor Laurel.

A beautiful evergreen, hardy in the lower Gulf States. Leaves smooth and a rich, shining green, the newer growth tinged with a beautiful wine color. A fine pot or tub plant, on account of its very ornamental character and its very aromatic leaves and berries when bruised or crushed. May be wintered in cellar or pit, if so desired. Fine plants, 20c. each.

### Tolium Variegatum.

A robust plant with thick, succulent leaves which are beautifully variegated white and green, the larger portion being white. A highly ornamental plant and one that does well in shady or northern exposed windows. Will always attract much attention for the beauty of its foliage and delicate sprays of pretty flowers. 20c. each. Seed, 15c. per pkt.



## Childs' Grand Flowering Cannas.

These are now the most popular and most magnificent of all summer blooming plants for brilliant bedding and massing, and are among the very finest of all pot plants, either for summer or winter blooming. The following named sorts are the very best of the new and better known large flowering Dwarf varieties. We have selected these varieties after careful tests of hundreds of sorts, and our customers can rely upon them as being the most magnificent and desirable in every respect, combining large flowers of great brilliancy with beautiful foliage, free blooming and easy growing qualities.

- Aisaise**—A vigorous grower, 4 feet, with large panicles of bloom. Spikes full, dense, and produced early and continuously. Color, lovely creamy white, the nearest to a pure white yet seen among Cannas.
- Coronet**—Semi-dwarf; bright green foliage and large trusses of pure sulphur-yellow flowers. Absolutely a pure yellow. Exceedingly fine.
- Alphonse Bouvier**—Rich, luxuriant foliage and enormous panicles of great wide-petaled flowers, which are of the darkest and richest blood vermilion color.
- Paul Marquant**—3½ feet high, fine healthy growers, flowers very large and borne in long panicles. Color very peculiar, being sort of a salmon, shaded red. 3½ feet.
- Improved Queen Charlotte**—A magnificent variety with large scarlet petals widely bordered with gold. In fact the flower is about evenly divided between these two brilliant colors. No better sort yet introduced. 2 feet.
- Madame Crozy**—Fine scarlet with gold band and markings. One of the very best. Height, 3 feet.
- Giant Crimson**—Extra fine green foliage; petals 1½ to 2 inches across, dark orange crimson spotted with deeper crimson or maroon. Very fine and showy variety. 2 feet.
- Flamingo**—Half dwarf; deep blood-crimson. Large fine flowers and truss; very showy.
- Philadelphia**—Flowers gigantic in size, 5 to 6 inches across, deep, rich ruby red; by far the finest of all red Cannas. Vigorous grower, 2 to 3 feet; luxuriant foliage. Extra.
- Golden Star**—Very dwarf, like Star of 1891, with large panicles of bright golden color. 2 feet.
- 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. 4 feet.
- Pink Ehemanni**—A fine soft pink color, in other respects like Ehemanni. 4 feet high.
- Primrose**—Fine clear primrose yellow. 3 feet.
- Topaz**—The finest pure yellow Canna yet introduced. It is of large size and ideal form. 3 feet.
- Chicago**—Fire-scarlet, musa-like foliage.
- Burbank**—Magnificent yellow, spotted. Elegant foliage.

- Pres. Carnot**—A magnificent Canna with dark maroon-black foliage. Equalled in darkness, richness and beauty only by Black Beauty. Added to the magnificence of its foliage are its immense trusses of rich, deep crimson-scarlet blossoms; a most superb sort. 4 feet.
- Lorraine**—Beautiful pink with a wide sulphur-yellow edge. A charming combination of colors, and entirely new and unique. Spikes large. 4 feet.
- F. F. Hunt**—Fine large flower and beautiful compact truss. Color pure canary-yellow freely striped with scarlet. A grand new variety. 3 to 4 feet.
- Little Duke**—A superb pink variety offered now for the first time. Large truss composed of beautiful large flowers, of an exquisite pink color, usually with a slight edging of gold which gives it a thoroughly distinct characteristic. One of the most beautiful varieties. 4 feet.

**PRICE, 15c. each; any 4 for 50c.; the 20 for \$2.00. Any sort at \$1.25 per dozen, postpaid.**

**BY EXPRESS.**—Any of the above at \$1 per doz.; \$6 per 100.

## New Giant Hybrid Cannas.

Italia and Austria form an entirely new race of Cannas—the beauty of which no pen can portray. They are such an improvement over the varieties heretofore seen that all are left far in the shade. The combination is luxuriant foliage, with blossoms more than double the size of any other variety, and colors which are perfectly fascinating. Leaves musa-like, almost upright, slightly recurving, bright green, clean and healthy. Stems rise to the height of 7 feet, well above the foliage, and bear monstrous clusters of bloom. Individual flowers 5 to 6 inches across, airy, graceful and perfect. Colors, bright and striking.

- Italia**—Flowers very large, each petal 4 to 5 inches, and most beautifully colored. Brightest scarlet, with a broad yellow border, irregularly blotched and spotted.
- Austria**—Enormous flowers, beautiful canary yellow with a silvery hue, inside slightly dotted with red. Both in foliage and flower these two Cannas surpass all others.
- PRICE, 20c. each; 2 for 50c., 12 for \$1.50; 100 for \$10.00, postpaid.**



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**Improved Rainbow Canna.**

This is the most magnificent novelty among foliage plants. Each leaf is beautifully variegated with pink, scarlet, orange, grey, green, etc. The foliage keeps its color all through the season; either for open ground or pots. In habit of growth it is superb. It hardly reaches the height of 3 feet, and is compact, with numerous leaves, which are wide, wavy and graceful. In this respect more charming than any other Canna. Aside from its beauty and usefulness as a garden ornament it is still grander in pots for the window or porch, and makes a specimen plant which nothing, not even Fancy Caladiums, can surpass. Fine roots, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

**Childs' New Cannas for 1900.**

Magnificent new sorts of our own production, offered now for the first time.

**Flame**—A very dwarf sort with remarkably large flowers, which are borne in immense panicles. Color is flaming orange-scarlet, so intense as to be fairly dazzling. By all odds as fine a Canna as was ever seen.

**Perfection**—A grand yellow, freely spotted red, same style of coloring as Florence Vaughan, but a much better flower, and a better bloomer. Finest spotted sort yet introduced. Very dwarf, wide petals, immense panicles.

**Crozy Improved**—Tall, fine spikes, finest and freest bloomer. Scarlet, bordered yellow; like Mad. Crozy, but much better.

**Sunray**—Dwarf, yellow spotted. Best of its type, and the only first-class very dwarf spotted variety. Seldom grows over two feet in height and requires but little room.

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

**MIXED CANNAS.**

For large Show Beds.

A mixture of the finest dwarf large flowering kinds, which will go well together, and make a most magnificent bed or border of bright colors. We can thoroughly recommend this mixture, for we know that it will give the greatest results. Price, by express, strong roots, 60c. per dozen; \$4.00 per 100.

**HYBRID CANNA SEED.**

Cannas grow readily from seed and bloom in a few months. The seed here offered is hybrids saved from the above grand new sorts, and will give magnificent results. Per pkt., 20c.

For other Canna Seed, see page 51.



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**Magnificent New Cannas.**

These are mainly introductions of last year, and are exceedingly fine without a single exception. Black Beauty is the darkest and richest dark foliage plant in cultivation.

**Duke of Marlborough**—Dark velvety maroon. Perhaps the darkest and richest in color of all Cannas. Petals wide, truss compact, erect and very large. Elegant foliage of a metallic green color. Height, 3 to 4 feet.

**Duchess of Marlborough**—Absolutely pure pink. Numerous spikes, each with three or four trusses of large elegant flowers, each truss bearing from fifty to seventy-five blossoms fully five inches across. Four feet high. Best pure pink variety yet seen.

**Champion**—This is perhaps the finest Canna yet introduced and might be called the Crimson Austria, as the flower is fully as large as that giant variety, of a bright dazzling crimson-scarlet, a color not approached in brightness and richness by any other variety. It is of vigorous growth with bright green foliage; bears four to five trusses to a spike, each truss containing fifty or more flowers. 4 to 5 feet.

**Columbus**—Very dwarf and compact, 2 feet, with rich panicles of pure golden-yellow flowers.

**Wm. McKinley**—Dwarf scarlet, extra large flower and cluster, with luxuriant dark foliage.

**Jonh B. Dutcher**—Immense truss of gigantic blossoms. Color dark crimson-maroon, rich and velvety. Probably the finest and richest dark color. 4 feet.

**Black Beauty**—A tall grower with luxuriant leaves which are of a rich maroon-black color. Very effective as a foliage plant. Very scarce, there being but little of the true variety in cultivation, most of which we possess. The most magnificent dark foliage Canna.

**Rainbow**—Large Musa-like leaves, nicely striped and variegated with scarlet, pink, green, white, etc. Sometimes loses its color in the open ground for part of the season. With this exception it is almost as good as the New Improved Rainbow. 3 feet.

20c. each; any 3 for 50c.; the 8 for \$1.00. Any sort at \$1.50 per dozen, postpaid.

## Chrysanthemum Princess.

A large-flowering Pompon, and, to our mind, one of the very finest sorts for amateurs ever grown. Flowers very double, beautiful round shape, and of the most delicate and exquisite tinted white and pink ever seen. Color as delicate as an orchid. Always does well in the window or garden, and is an early bloomer. It will prove to be a real gem in any collection, and a fine blooming sort for windows. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.



## New Everblooming Chrysanthemum

*Pure White, Perfectly Double and Blooms Profusely from July to New Years.*

### EVERBLOOMING WHITE.

A seedling raised some years ago by S. F. Duncan, Piqua, Ohio, who at once brought it to our attention, and in 1898 we purchased the entire stock, having been negotiating for it since 1896. Plants lifted from the open ground and sent to us in May began budding and blooming in our grounds in July and are now (Nov. 1st) still full of flowers and buds, while those in pots bid fair to continue blooming far into the winter. It may be used either as a garden or pot plant, and is perfectly hardy in the open ground. The flowers are of the Chinese type, pure snow-white, perfectly double and produced by the hundreds. No other sort can equal it in profusion. Plants of dwarf habit, 18 to 24 inches high with perfectly healthy foliage and numerous branches, all of which produce bloom. Mr. Duncan says that the plants in his garden have always begun blooming by July 4th, and are perfectly hardy any winter without protection. A new Chrysanthemum which may be grown either in the garden or in pots, and which will produce such a crop of fine double white flowers for so great a part of the year must certainly be regarded as the greatest modern Novelty. With us plants bloom beautifully all the summer and fall in open ground, and at all times of the year in pots. 15c. each; 2 for 25c.; 5 for 50c.

### NEW EVERBLOOMING YELLOW.

A sport from the white Everblooming Chrysanthemum, which originated with us last year; exactly like it in every respect except color, which is a rich golden yellow. 30c. each.

**W. R. CARROLL, PLAINFIELD, N. J.,  
WRITES MAY 1, AS FOLLOWS:**

About four weeks ago I ordered three Everblooming Chrysanthemums which are simply wonderful. Today, May 1st, one of them is in full bloom and the other is in bud, and none of them over 8 inches in height. The readers of THE MAYFLOWER would certainly appreciate them could they see the plants as they are now. I trust that others may have had the same pleasure in watching them bloom that I have.

**The Everblooming Chrysanthemum**  
I got as a club premium to THE MAYFLOWER this spring has far exceeded my expectations. The little plant is already covered with buds and looks as though it would bloom from now (June) until Christmas. It is certainly a lovely and interesting variety.—MRS. H. M. HILL, Iowa.



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"TASMANIA"



LILAC QUEEN.

### New Chrysanthemums.

From the large list of new Mums we select the following recently introduced as being the most remarkable, distinct and beautiful. They are really marvels in their way.

**Black Douglas**—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 if sprinkled with gold dust.

**Philadelphia**—Flowers of enormous size, as round as a ball, pure white with a delicate shadowy tinge of lemon, giving the flower a peculiar translucent effect. One of the grandest varieties in cultivation.

**Wm. Simpson**—The best pink and largest flower of its color. Flowers have been grown that measure 11 inches across. Early and a fine robust grower. Color, a most exquisite shade of pink, of indescribable loveliness.

**Norma Dee Childs**—A beautiful Chinese; enormous flower, seven inches across, perfectly double to the centre; petals wide, and color snow-white. Best pure white.

**P. Manda**—A superb large flower opening flat and double to the very center. Petals beautifully curved. The center petals are fine canary yellow, while those outside are pure white, combining these two delicate and exquisite colors in one flower. A gem of the first water.

**Uncle Sam**—A fine large flower with long wavy petals of a rosy lilac color, striped and bordered with white. It is the finest and most distinctly striped variety in cultivation, and a decided acquisition.

**Good Gracious**—Probably the very largest flower of any Chrysanthemum. As large as a man's hat and double to the very center. Petals quilled and irregular. Color a delicate shade of peach pink; perfectly grand.

**Yellow Good Gracious**—A sport from the above, with fine pure yellow flowers.

**White Good Gracious**—Another sport, bearing a pure white flower.

**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 towards the center. Unlike any other.

**Cold Standard**—With us it produces flowers 10 to 12 inches across on stems 6 feet long. The flowers are double to the very center, flat, with incurving petals, the outer petals being long, grading down shorter and shorter towards the center. Color, finest golden yellow.

**Tasmania**—A new sort, producing a great big double flower, which is a maroon purple freely variegated with white. Sometimes just one-half of the blossom will be white and the rest maroon, or nearly all white or maroon, but generally the variegations will be about as shown in the cut—maroon with great patches or blotches of pure white.

**Maudie Klein, or White Maud Dean**—Is pure white, large, beautifully shaped, double blossoms, truly exquisite. No white variety can surpass it.

15c. each; 5 for 60c., the 13 for \$1.25.

### New Early Chrysanthemums

We take much pleasure in introducing a set of grand early flowering sorts of our own raising. They will all be in full bloom early in October, yet they are as large in size, beautiful and double in shape as the finest of the late varieties. They are, indeed, an acquisition.

**Lilac Queen**—Light Lilac, very large, double and full. Quite a new color and a truly glorious flower. Very early.

**Giant Pink**—Enormous size, very double, finely incurved and of the loveliest pink color; greatest and best early pink.

**Golden Harvest**—Large Japanese, richest golden yellow and very early.

**Blanche**—Largest and finest pure white. Massive incurved flowers with very broad petals. Unlike any other, and by far the finest white yet seen. Very early.

**Tinted Gold**—Yellow, tinted red, very large, very early, very good.

**Rose Perfection**—Large, rosy pink, exquisite color; extra early.

**Cov. Roosevelt**—Finest incurved Japanese golden yellow; by far the earliest and best of all early yellow sorts.

Price of above grand new early sorts, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 7 for \$1.00.

### New Late Chrysanthemums.

The two following are rarely fine late varieties of our own production:

**Pink Globe**—Large incurved, solid globe-like flowers of the finest pink color; best late pink by all odds.

**Bronze Beauty**—Large double incurved; finest bronzy yellow. 20c. each; the 2 for 30c.

#### OSTRICH PLUME.

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

**C. B. Freeman**—Soft plummy flower of rich golden color. Best hairy yellow.

**Mrs. Higginbotham**—Elegant large blossoms of a soft downy pink. Petals broad and plush-like.

**Mrs. W. J. Godfrey**—Improved Alpheus Hardy. Pure snow-white, large and double, and very hairy; best white sort.

15c. each; the 3 for 30c.

#### 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 valuable new varieties.

**Extra Hybrids, Mixed**—Saved only from the finest named sorts, carefully hand fertilized. 25 seeds, 25c.



NEW DWARF PELARGONIUM.

## Giant Pelargoniums.

These new giant-flowered Pelargoniums are among the very finest novelties ever produced at Floral Park. They were chosen from a great many carefully bred seedlings, and show great improvement in vigor, habit, size and color of bloom. They are really remarkable for size and coloring, the delicate shades and markings being indescribable. Plants bushy and spreading, and at the blooming season are covered completely with flowers, so great is the number of clusters. We name them in honor of our new possessions.

- Cuba**—Flower exquisite shape, round, crinkled and fluted. Milk white, with small, rosy crimson stain in upper petals. Truly a flower for the gods.
- Hawaii**—Same fine shape and size of above; color, a delicate tinted white, with large, rich velvety maroon and rose splash in upper petals.
- Luzon**—Enormous size, round, wide-open shape; pure white with violet-maroon blotches. Quite new as to shape of flower, and very handsome.
- Porto Rico**—Lovely rosy pink, with a large, feathery blotch of maroon-crimson in two upper petals. A superb flower in every sense.
- Guam**—This is a distinct bushy, compact, dwarf-flowering variety which makes a dense plant almost as round as a ball. The flowers are large, round, widely open at top, like a Morning Glory. Color a delicate suffusion of white and delicate pink. No spots.

Price of above 5 sorts, \$1.00 each; the 5 for \$4.00.

- Dwarf Mixed**—All the same dwarf, compact habit as Guam, but producing a variety of colors. Fully as good as any of the named sorts above. 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00.

### OTHER VARIETIES OF PELARGONIUMS.

- Named Varieties**—A fine collection. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
- Mrs. Robert Sandford**—The flower is of large size, well doubled, and of glistening snow-white color. 50c. each.
- Marion**—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. 50c. each.

## Tradescantia Dracaenafolia.

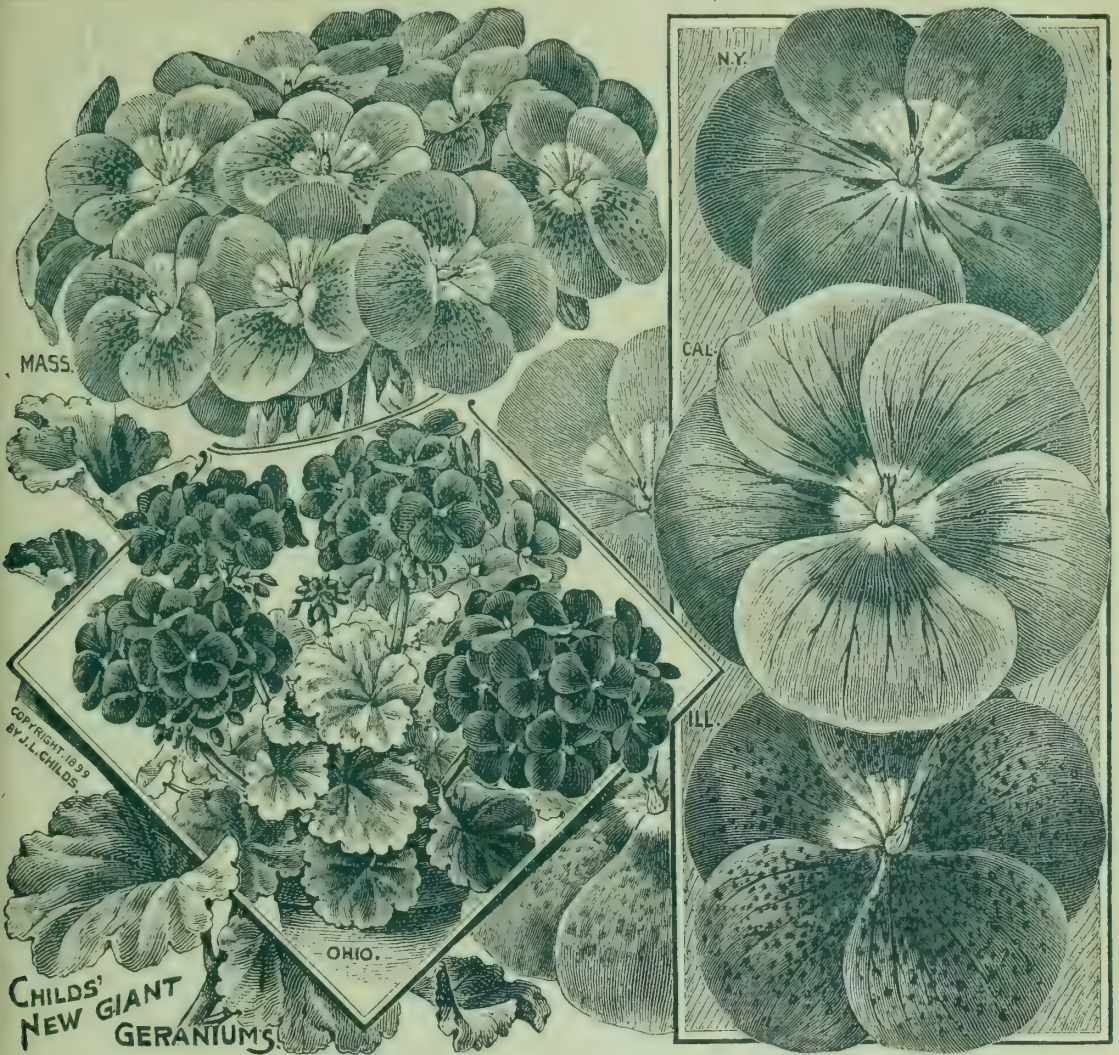
A noble and rapid-growing plant, with luxuriant and handsome foliage. The leaves in many respects resemble a Dracaena and are a deep green, marked with chocolate or black. A plant which will thrive in any position, in the sun or out of it, and is splendidly adapted to halls or sunless windows. When fully grown the plant will send out long runners, bearing out tufts of leaves at the end. This may be broken off and rooted, making a fine plant in a short time. If left on, the plant soon becomes a curious looking object, with scores of runners bearing new plants. 20c. each.



## Palm Grass.

A very elegant grass from Natal, which makes an exceedingly fine decorative pot plant. Few would think it a grass, for it much more closely resembles a Palm. It also strikingly resembles *Curculigo recurvata*, which is so much used for decorative purposes, but is much handsomer, more easily and quickly grown. Each leaf is long and broad, tapering each way and ribbed lengthwise. A plant quickly forms a clump of stems fifteen inches to two feet high, each bearing several of these leaves which arch gracefully outward and form a very beautiful object. The leaves work up excellently in church decoration, etc., as they do not wilt rapidly, and have a very distinctive appearance. The cut does not do it justice, as the plant is much more attractive and ornamental than the cut indicates. May be wintered in the window, pit or cellar. Does splendidly in the open ground. Plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed, 10c. per pkt.





## Childs' New Giant Flowered Perfection Geraniums.

These Geraniums are in their way most remarkable Novelties, for they show great improvement over sorts previously introduced, in habit, vigor, size and quality of bloom and in radiant coloring. For three years they have been the admiration of all who have visited our conservatories. They are now offered for the first, after three years of critical test and we know just what they are. They have been carefully compared with the best new sorts of recent years, and in every point they show their superiority. Habit, compact, with large healthy foliage. Flowers perfect in shape, round and sometimes beautifully cupped. Trusses immense and the blooming qualities of the plant truly wonderful. But in color they are perfect marvels, showing combinations and brightness of tints hitherto unknown. The spotted or speckled varieties are very novel and extremely attractive. Such worthy novelties and so many of them we think should bear the names of different States, and we have named them accordingly, as others yet to come will be named,

**Maine**—Pure white, slightly tinged pink. Large flower and magnificent truss.

**Georgia**—Delicate sea shell pink. Extra fine and large.

**Virginia**—Large, extra fine, salmon-pink. A rare and beautiful shade.

**Massachusetts**—Extraordinary size and beautifully colored. Exquisite pure pink with white rayed center, freely spotted or speckled.

**Indiana**—Pale lilac pink, slightly spotted. Large size and beautiful form.

**California**—Salmon-pink, white center; beautifully rayed and clouded.

**Iowa**—Mammoth size; shape round and perfect; velvety crimson-scarlet. Very rich.

**Illinois**—Soft pink, white center, thickly spotted deep crimson. Distinct and very beautiful.

**Pennsylvania**—Pure snow white; best of its color.

**Ohio**—Flower like a Pelargonium. Deep blood scarlet, veined black; upper petals rayed intense orange-scarlet. Largest known size.

**Kansas**—Intense orange-scarlet, each petal beautifully veined with a darker color.

**New York**—Enormous clusters of great substance; beautifully round flowers. Soft pink; perfectly exquisite.

Price 25c. each; any 3 for 60c.; the 12 for \$2.00.

### GERANIUM SEED.

#### New Hybrid Large-Flowering.

This is of our own raising and is saved from such grand sorts as those offered above. It will produce magnificent varieties, probably many as good as those here named. It is the finest Geranium seed ever offered. Plants from seed bloom in a few months. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts., 50c. See page 81 for other Geranium seed.



"PALM ORCHID"

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# The Palm Orchid, *Cypripedium Punctatum*

A magnificent orchid, with immense Palm-like foliage, and tall spikes of curiously colored flowers. This sort is particularly valuable owing not only to its natural beauty in foliage and flower, but more especially to its hardy vigorous nature which insures its success in an ordinary window of flowering plants. This can be said of but very few varieties of the Orchid. It may be grown in an ordinary flower pot filled with swamp moss and a little leaf mold or peat mixed through it. It should not be planted in soil. No trouble at all to get it to grow and flower. It is exceedingly ornamental, its palm-like leaves being some two feet or more in length, and its flowers exceedingly curious and beautiful. It is one of those plants that add so much to the beauty and interest of any collection, its oddity making it of special value.

*Very large plants by Mail, 50c. each ; extra large by Express, 80c. each.*





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NEW  
EVERBLOOMING  
TRITOMA.

# THE EVERBLOOMING TRITOMA.

The greatest bedding plant ever introduced, surpassing the finest Cannas for attractiveness and brilliancy, equal to the Gladiolus as a cut flower and blooms incessantly from June until December, regardless of frost. Plants perfectly hardy in open ground all winter south of Philadelphia; further north they must be protected or wintered in a cellar like the ordinary Tritoma. Just bury the roots in sand; nothing more is required. Should be planted out very early in spring, and will commence growth and bloom at once, growing larger and finer every day. Plants show from 6 to 20 grand flower stalks all the time, each holding at a height of 3 to 4 feet a great cluster of flame colored flowers of indescribable beauty and brilliancy. Each cluster keeps perfect several weeks, and when it fades 2 or 3 more are ready to take its place. Fall frosts do not kill it or stop its blooming, and it is as brilliant as ever long after all other garden flowers have been killed. For cutting it is unsurpassed, as the beautiful long spikes keep several weeks in water. Without a single exception, it is the most desirable garden flower. It has created a sensation in the New York cut flower market, and will be a great factor among cut flowers in future. Strong plants that will soon bloom, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00; 7 for \$2.00. Seed, 15c. per pkt.



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## PHRYNIUM VARIEGATUM.

An elegant pot or bedding plant which is faithfully depicted in the accompanying cut, though it conveys no idea of the exquisite variegations of the leaves. Its manner of growth is much like that of a Canna, the leaves borne on erect foot-stalks with spreading blades of oblong-lanceolate form. They are bright pale green, beautifully variegated with white and gold, the variegation being extremely diversified. In some leaves the whole area is white, in others only one-half, in others again it is confined to the interspaces between two or three of the ribs, while in others it is reduced to a few stripes. It is very free growing and one of the most ornamental plants imaginable. As a pot plant it surpasses the best Palms, and can be compared only to some of the rare Dracænas. As a bedding plant, planted out in full sun, it is simply elegant, making a specimen which for ornamental foliage has no equal. It is a free, vigorous and easy grower, succeeding in all situations and under all conditions. Being so very cheap, we trust that all of our customers will plant it. It is sure to delight all. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; 15 for \$2.00.



QUEEN  
LILY.

PHRYNIUM VARIEGATUM.

### Queen Lily.

A fine new plant with a bulb somewhat like a small Tuberose. The foliage is exceedingly beautiful and of tropical appearance, leaves being large and paddle-shaped. The flowers are borne on a strong scape which rises from the center of the plant, and are in the form of a cockade. Color, exceedingly delicate, white and pink with orange center. A beautiful and novel pot plant. Blooms in August and September. 15c. each.



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

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

Strong plants, which will bloom freely this season, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

### New Single Rudbeckia.

**Golden Treasure**, offered now for the first. Not so tall as Golden Glow, but equally handsome. Flowers of larger size, fine form, and borne on long, graceful stems. Color, brightest gold; the most æsthetic garden flower yet seen. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



### Childs' Dwarf Ever-blooming Calla.

This is of a dwarf habit, and does not grow tall and scraggly like the old variety, but is strong and compact, with a great abundance of lustrous dark green foliage. It is a true everbloomer, its flowers appearing in great abundance both summer and winter when grown in pots, or it will bloom profusely all summer long in open ground, and being potted in September will continue blooming without intermission all winter. The same plant will grow and bloom for years without once ceasing, and the quantity of bloom which a good plant will produce is astonishing. It is estimated that six plants of the old sort will not produce so many flowers in the course of a year as will one plant of this new dwarf variety. A large plant is hardly ever without one or more flowers, and its dwarf, compact habit makes it a much more desirable pot plant than the old variety. Its flowers are of large size and snowy white in color. Price 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

### Spotted Calla.

The leaves of this beautiful Calla are deep green, with numerous white spots, which give the plants a magnificent appearance. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

### New Sweet-Scented Calla, Fragrans.

Probably the greatest novelty of last year. It is identical with Childs' Dwarf Everblooming, possessing the additional charm of delicious fragrance. This new Calla was originated by Luther Burbank, of Cal., who speaks of it thus: "The plants are of medium size, compact in growth and bloom profusely. It has not only a most charming flower, produced in a profusion never before surpassed, but also with a genuine, sweet, lasting fragrance all its own, but similar to the fragrance of Violets or Lillies." With us it blooms all the time, and the flowers are very large and fine. 40c. each, 3 for \$1.00.

### Calla, Little Gem.

A perfect miniature Calla, growing 8 to 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. Our stock is TRUE, fine plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

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## Zephyranthes.

The Zephyr flowers, or Fairy Lilies, are gems of rare beauty; and when planted either in pots or the open ground they produce very beautiful Lily-like flowers nearly all summer. Though some of the varieties are old, they are not generally known or seen in cultivation, owing to the fact that they have never been properly and thoroughly introduced. When once grown they are always grown, for they are one of the prettiest and easiest grown flowers it is possible to have. They are of a lovely section of the great and popular Amaryllis family. For pot culture plant three or four in a 5 or 6-inch pot and they will bloom beautifully. For the garden plant in spring and lift them in the fall, like Gladiolus. We offer here several new sorts of great beauty, which makes a collection of six superb kinds. Those who plant them, either in pots or the open ground, will be delighted with them.

**Rosea**—Beautiful clear rose; flowers large and very handsome. One of the oldest and best; blooms all summer. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.

**Sulphurea**—True giant flowers. This produces flowers as large as a large Amaryllis, and on stems 15 to 24 inches in height. One of the clearest and finest shades we ever saw. The shape of the flower is perfection itself. It is one of the choicest gems in the bulb line, and all who plant it will be delighted. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

**Atamasco**—This is, in all respects, much like *Rosea*, except in color, which is pure white. Flowers large and very beautiful. A cheap but magnificent sort. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

**Floribunda**—A new sort, and unlike all others. It bears its flowers usually in pairs, two on one stem. It is very beautiful, being of a rich golden yellow, and exceedingly sweet-scented, its perfume being unlike any other flower we ever saw. Flowers as large as a good Amaryllis and exceedingly handsome. It is one of the very finest bulb novelties. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Andersoni**—A little beauty, its flowers being smaller than the others; beautiful tulip-shaped, and orange-yellow in color. A free bloomer. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

**Candida Improved**—Pure white, and the freest bloomer of all, though not so large. It is also an improvement on the oldest and best known sort (*Candida*). 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One fine bulb each of these six lovely Zephyr flowers for only 10c.; 3 of each for \$1.00.



# Rare Tropical Fruits for Pot Culture.

These make the most novel and interesting pot or tub plants, and are the easiest of all pot plants to grow. Many are handsome in foliage, in blossoms, and all showy, interesting and luscious in fruit. The most of them fruit the greater part of the year. Growing these beautiful and rare fruits in pots opens up a new field in plant culture which is rich in interest and pleasure. Our friends will be delighted with them.



## Otaheite Orange.

**MOST UNIQUE POT PLANT  
IN CULTIVATION.**

An extra fine pot plant, with glossy green leaves, the true fragrant orange blossoms and abundant little bright oranges that will hang on the little bush like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two-inch pot; and we have seen a plant, in a common window, that was but 15 inches high, and had 23 oranges on it. 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 indescribable, exquisite, dainty, lovely and adorable. Fine plants for blooming and fruiting at once.

20c. each; 3 for 50c.; extra large, by express, 40c.



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## Pine Apple.

A picturesque plant. Always a centre of attraction in conservatory or window. Fruits when but a year old, and the handsome conical fruit is very delicate, and finely flavored and highly fragrant. Not at all hard to grow, if kept in a warm place. It will be a success if grown in a window where ordinary plants do well. Really one of the most desirable plants. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

## 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 is very handsome; in color a pale lemon mottled with waves of bright violet. Inside the fruit resembles a pear, and tastes somewhat 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.; 7 for \$1.00.

### SPECIAL OFFER.

For only \$1.50 we will send one each of the 7 fine Tropical Fruits offered on this and the following page.





**Figs.**

A most 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 outdoors if protected during winter. Nothing is more luscious than Figs fresh from the tree, especially when eaten with cream like Strawberries.

**Brown Turkey**—Large, oblong, dark brown; rich and delicate flavor; very productive, often bearing three crops in a season. A two-year-old tree of this sort bore over two hundred fine figs this season. Best figs for pots. 50c. each.



**Banana Orinoco.**

This is a superb plant both in foliage and fruit. One of the finest Bananas for pot culture, 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, curved and crinkled 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. 30c. each; 3 for 75c.



**The Strawberry Guava.**

A beautiful pot plant, with shining evergreen foliage that resembles *Camellia* leaves, and handsome fruit nearly the size of a walnut, and a fine strawberry-like flavor. The fruit makes the finest and most nutritious jelly that there is and blooms and fruits continuously the year round. It must be considered as useful as ornamental. A very heavy bearer, and the fruit is very handsome. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



**Downy Myrtle.**

A very handsome small evergreen shrub, from Northern India, bearing beautiful pink five-petaled flowers resembling in size a large *Rose* or *Cosmos*. The flowers appear in such wonderful profusion that the leaves of the plant are almost completely hidden, and the branches weigh to the ground. The flowers are followed by fruits about the size of a gooseberry, red in color and of an agreeable, sweetish taste; fine for jam, etc. It should be grown in every Southern garden for its fruit, and at the North as an elegant pot-shrub. Price of fine plants, 25c. each; 3 for 50c.

# BEAUTIFUL AND ODD SUGGULENT PLANTS.

We devote a page to these odd and peculiar plants, hoping our customers may become interested in them, for they are not only odd and curious, but extremely beautiful; of easy culture and add much to any collection of window plants. The leaves and stems of these plants are of a thick, heavy, wax-like texture.



ALOE MACULATA.

very beautiful, lasting many days before fading. 20c. each.



EUPHORBIA CANDELABRA.



TRAILING CRASSULA.

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## Trailing Crassula.

No trailing plant can be more lovely than this beautiful succulent. Leaves thick and heavy, closely placed about the stems, which are long and droop and curve beautifully. It is not only beautiful, but exceedingly odd; quite impossible to properly describe it. We have been years working up a stock of this plant that we might offer it. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

## Aloe Maculata.

One of the oldest and most attractive of the ever popular succulents. Keel-ridged leaves, thick, heavy and dark, beautifully marked with white. The bright scarlet flowers are in racemes a foot long, and are produced in winter. It makes a very pretty specimen. 40c. each.

## Rhipsalis Pachyptera.

This has large, flattened leaves or stems like a Queen Cactus, only they are of a very dark color. The flowers, which are formed like a night blooming Cereus and produced by the 100, are small and appear in a closely set row all around the edges of the leaves, presenting one of the most odd and unique sights that can be found among flowers. They are white in color and very beautiful, lasting many days before fading. 20c. each.



RHIPHALIS PACHYPTERA.

## Sedum Aureum.

GOLDEN STONECROP.

A particularly dainty little plant, with round, fleshy leaves and stems of a bright amber or gold color. Fine for baskets or for summer edging, making a splendid bedding plant. Easily propagated and a quantity will be always useful. 15c. each.



SEDUM AUREUM.

## Euphorbia Candelabra.

A leafless plant, and one which is very rare and odd. It is a rapid grower, attaining in time the height of several feet, and branching freely like a tree, its leafless stems making an odd and curious plant. It is highly prized by people who are fond of such oddities among plants. Any one who loves Cacti will be delighted with this plant. It grows as freely as a Geranium. 15c. each.

### SPECIAL OFFER.

One fine plant each of these six fine, odd, succulent plants for only 60c.

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MULTIFLORA  
SEEDLING ROSE.

## NEW MULTIFLORA ROSES.

Roses from Seed, Blooming in 60 Days

With seed of these new Roses plants may be had in bloom in 60 to 90 days from time of sowing. Plant at any time. They grow quickly and flowers appear in large clusters, and in such quantity that a plant looks like a bouquet. Perfectly hardy in the garden, where they bloom all summer. In pots they bloom both summer and winter. From a packet of seed one will get Roses of various colors—white, pink, crimson, etc.—no two alike and mostly perfectly double and very sweet. Greatest novelty of last year. We sold 50,000 packets of these Roses last year, and as far as we have heard they were more than satisfactory in every case,—except where parties got the wrong seed, as here noted.

**NOTICE.**—One of our importations of this seed from Europe proved to be wrong. Instead of Multiflora Hybrid seed, we received plain Multiflora seed, and several thousand packets of it were sent out, with the result that the plants did not blossom when young, but made a strong growth for blooming the next season. This we greatly regret and will this year send another packet free to those who were thus disappointed, if they will ask for it with their next order.

**ROSA MULTIFLORA HYBRIDS**—All colors mixed, choicest seed, 15c. per pkt.; 2 pkts. for 25c.

# New Roses of Special Merit.

The following new Roses 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.



"HYBRID WISCHURIANA"

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CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

## Trailing or Memorial Roses.

New and very distinct; of rapid and perfectly prostrate or trailing habit of growth. The foliage is of a deep glossy green color and very dense. It is also evergreen, remaining bright and fresh all winter, and until the new foliage is ready to start in spring. Flowers produced in great abundance during most of the summer, are of good size and borne in clusters. These blossoms are followed by bright red berries, which are highly ornamental. Nothing finer for cemeteries, or for covering banks, rockeries, stumps, etc.

- Triumph**—Large, double white. Very handsome.
- Favorite**—Large, double rose. Exquisite color.
- Pink Roamer**—Single pink. Large and very handsome.
- Wichuriana**—Single, pure white, about two inches across. The anthers are a perfect golden color.

Price, 20c. each; the 4 for 60c.; or \$1.50 per doz.



"HYBRID SWEET BRIAR ROSES."

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## Champion of the World.

This grand Rose commences to bloom as soon as potted from the propagating bench and continues in the greatest profusion all the time, **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 never without flowers. 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. It is the most healthy and vigorous Rose in cultivation, for its handsome rank foliage has never been known to mildew under any condition, indoors or out. It is **ABSOLUTELY MILDew PROOF**. It has the most delicious and powerful rose fragrance, which is maintained during the whole year. Its perfume in December is as rich, delicate and sweet as it is in June. Its blossoms are perfectly double to the center and of the most perfect shape, both in bud and 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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

## Hybrid Sweet Briar.

(*Lord Penzance*).

These lovely Hybrids, apart from their extreme beauty, are most interesting, being crosses between the Common Sweet Briar and various garden Roses. Like their parent, the common Sweet Briar, the foliage is deliciously scented. The flowers are of the most beautiful tints and produced in great profusion. They are perfectly hardy even in the coldest situations and possess a robust vigor which is quite astonishing; bushes throwing up shoots of ten, twelve, and even fifteen feet high; these when covered with flowers of the most delicate shades have a most gorgeous effect.

- Annie of Geierstein**—Dark, rich crimson; branching. Very fragrant.
- Brenda**—Delicate peach; dainty and charming.
- Rose Bradwardine**—Beautiful clear rose. Perfect shape, strong and profuse.

20c. each; the 3 for 50c.

## Childs' Jewel.

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 whenever seen, and sells readily at two and three dollars each when in bloom. Strong, healthy plants, for blooming at once,

20c. each; 3 for 50c.

### NEW ROSE

## White Perle des Jardins

All know the great beauty and value of Perle des Jardins; one of the very finest yellow ever-bloomers, excelled only by Marshal Neil, but all do not know that there is a pure white variety of it, a genuine sport from Perle des Jardins. It is exactly like that superb sort in every respect except color, which is a pure snow white. One cannot imagine a more lovely Rose. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



## Three Grand Souperet Roses.

There is hardly a Rose in cultivation which can begin to compare with Clotilde Souperet in beauty and great blooming qualities. That we can now offer two new varieties of this superb Rose—a yellow and pink—is most satisfactory. These Roses are perfectly hardy in the open ground, and bear all summer long great quantities of large, beautiful flowers, all of which are perfectly double to the very center. In form and color no Rose can equal it. Either as a pot or garden Rose the Souperets are par excellence.

**Clotilde Souperet**—As large as an ordinary Tea Rose, and exceedingly lovely. Fine for outdoor, 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 tinted salmon-peach. A more lovely or exquisitely colored Rose never bloomed.

**Yellow Souperet**—A valuable new sort with flower equally as large as Clotilde Souperet; very double, of fine Camellia shape when fully open. Color beautiful light yellow, shading to white at edge of petals; plant dwarf, bushy and very free flowering in clusters.

**Pink Souperet**—A sport from Clotilde Souperet, and differs from it only in color, this being a beautiful bright pink, and contrasts finely with the older variety.

Price, 15c. each; the 3 for 40c.

## Moss Roses.

20c. each; the 5 for 80c.

The Moss Rose is the acknowledged queen of all Roses. The moss-covered stems and buds show off the delicate loveliness of the blossom to great advantage. They are perfectly hardy in any location.

**Blanche Moreau**—Perpetual. Pure white.

**Princess Adelaide**—Lovely bright pink.

**Countess Murinals**—Large pure white.

**Henry Martin**—Fine, clear rose.

**W. N. Cranston**—Bright crimson-scarlet.





### Climbing Meteor.

This Rose, which we recently introduced, might properly be called a Perpetual Blooming Climbing General Jacqueminot. Though a sport from that finest of all Hybrid Teas, Meteor, it is much larger and of a deeper, richer color, equalled only by the peerless Jacqueminot, but will produce twenty blossoms to Jacqueminot's one. It is a Rose which will make 10 to 15 feet of growth in a season and show a profusion of bloom every day. Foliage strong, healthy and luxuriant. Buds exquisite; flowers large, beautifully shaped, and of that rich, dark, velvety crimson color seen only in the Jacqueminot. Much deeper and richer than Meteor. We do not hesitate to pronounce it the finest Rose in existence for summer blooming, as it will make a large growth and is loaded with its glorious blossoms all the time. For winter blooming it has few equals in beauty and probably none in profusion. Just the Rose to train up in a conservatory or bay window, where its exquisite blossoms will show to wonderful advantage every day, summer or winter. Price of large, strong, well-rooted, healthy plants, for abundant blooming at once, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00

CLIMBING METEOR.

### Climbing Bride.

A superb new Rose offered last year for the first time, and a fine companion for Climbing Meteor. It flowers freely at all times of the year, its blossoms being of large size, beautiful shape and pure snow-white in color. It is like Marechal Niel in growth, but stronger and more free in blooming. Flowers larger than Bride and possess more substance. It is almost as hardy as a Hybrid Perpetual, and is safe in the open ground south of New York. It makes a most magnificent pillar Rose, especially when grown with Climbing Meteor. As a pot Rose for window or conservatory it has no superior. It is far ahead of the celebrated Climbing Marie Guillot in every respect. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

### Empress of China.

A new free-flowering, climbing Rose of Chinese origin. The plant is a strong, healthy grower, making a fine specimen in a very short time, and produces its flowers in the greatest profusion. Hardy and a perpetual bloomer, like Mary Washington. Color, soft red, changing to light pink when fully open. 15c. ea.; 3, 40c.

One each of the above 3 Grand Roses for 50c.

## The 3 Ramblers.

The crimson, white and yellow Ramblers are Roses of great value and beauty. They are hardy and rapid growing climbers, producing flowers in enormous profusion.

**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, everblooming, 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 to 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, as 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. We have a large and fine stock of this superb Rose.

**Mary Washington (White Rambler)**—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 outdoor culture. Its buds are as beautiful as the finest Tea Rose, borne 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 year. Our stock is genuine.

**Yellow Rambler**—A new hardy yellow climbing Rose, blooming after the same manner as Crimson Rambler in large clusters; flowers of medium size, often 35 to 40 flowers in a single cluster; very sweet scented. Color a clear, decided yellow, a color heretofore unknown in a hardy climbing rose. It is a rampant grower, well-established plant, often making a growth of from 10 to 12 feet in a single season. The flowers keep in perfect condition 3 to 4 weeks without fading. A strong plant in full bloom makes one of the finest pillar or porch plants imaginable.

Price, 20c. each; the 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

**Helene**—A seedling from Crimson Rambler, greatly improved. Flowers are larger than those of Crimson Rambler, nearly double, and borne in clusters of 20 to 50. The color is a soft, violet-rose, yellowish-white at base of petals. The anthers are pure yellow, and so numerous as to give further color to the flower. Habit fully as strong as Crimson Rambler, but more graceful. A grand novelty. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



HARDY CLIMBING ROSE, CRIMSON RAMBLER.

# 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; however, in offering our plants at that price, we have the consolation of knowing that our loss will be our customers' gain.

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 acknowledged the 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 ledges 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 those 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.

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 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.

- Bridesmaid**—A lovely new Rose of large size and perfect form. Exquisite soft sea-shell pink, with a satin lustre.
- Catherine Mermet**—The perfection of form, while the color is exquisite bright pink, with shadings of paler pink.
- 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.
- 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.
- Gen. Robert E. Lee**—Enormous bloomer; exquisite buds, borne on long, graceful stems. When fully open it is perfectly double to the center. Beautiful soft yellow.
- Golden Gate**—A magnificent Rose with large, full, finely formed flowers; buds long and beautiful. Color, rich, creamy white, tinged with golden yellow and clear rose.
- 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.
- Marion Dinglee**—A beautifully cupped flower of exquisite beauty, and a most profuse bloomer. Deep crimson.
- Madame de Watteville**—Often called the Tulip Rose. One of the best fancy Roses, an indescribable blending of cream and carmine, each shell-like petal outlined with bright pink. Its distinct fragrance is very pleasing.
- Marie Guillot**—One of the finest outdoor White Roses. Very free, perfect and beautiful.
- Marshal Neil**—The finest known yellow Rose, but a rank grower and requires lots of room. Fine for greenhouses.
- Niphotos**—The grandest of all white indoor Roses, particularly tree 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.
- Snowflake**—A new white Rose, with lovely waxen blooms.
- Sunset**—A rich golden amber, or old gold, elegantly tinged and shaded with ruddy copper. Flowers and buds are extra large, full, finely formed and deliciously perfumed.
- The Queen**—This superb Rose has beautiful pointed buds and distinct fragrance; pure snowy white in color.
- 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.

## Hybrid Perpetual.

Hybrid Perpetual 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 fits them for ornamental hedges, centers 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 longer, 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.
- Coquette des Blanchés**—Very double and perfect, blooming in large clusters. Snowy white.
- General Jacques**—Fine snowy 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.
- Paul Neyron**—Immense double flowers, of a shining carmine pink. The largest Rose grown; perfectly grand.
- Dinsmore**—Always in flower, with large, finely imbricated flowers, of a rich, bright crimson. Extra fine as specimen Rose up to the lawn.
- Francis Lambert**—Extra fine Rose of large size and clear, bright rose color. Very rich and fragrant.
- Clorie Lyonaise**—This is the nearest approach to a yellow in this class. A pale shade of salmon-yellow with deeper center, changing to creamy white.
- Prince Camille de Rohan**—Plenty of name and plenty of Rose. Flowers crimson-black, very large and velvety.
- Marshal P. Wilder**—Bright cherry-carmine. Great size and perfectly double. Superb.

## Hybrid Teas.

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.

**White La France**—Pure snow white. A glorious flower.

**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.

**Kaiser Augusta-Victoria**—Large pointed buds, full double flower, of a delicate creamy white color. Grand.

**Mad. Abe Chatenay**—Lovely rose-carmine, large and robust grower.

## Polyanthus Roses.

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 are 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.

**Mad. Cecil Eunne**—Salmon on yellow ground; dwarf habit, but vigorous.

**Clorie de Polyanthus**—Bright pink, rayed with red. Beautifully cupped blossoms in great profusion.

**George Pernet**—A strong growing dwarf variety, forming a perfect round bush. It is continually in bloom, the flowers being large, bright rose, with touches of yellow.

## Climbing Roses.

Their beautiful foliage and profusion of bloom make them invaluable for small 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, blooming 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.

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# CHOICE SELECT FLOWER SEEDS

Our Special Improved Strains of Leading Annuals, Perennials and Climbers.

ONLY SELECT SEED OF IMPROVED STRAINS OFFERED.

The ordinary commercial grades of flower seeds, such as are usually sold, can be and are sold at a very low price. 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 unequalled mark of perfection, has made our seeds famous the world over.

We sell only select stocks of special varieties, including Annuals, Climbers and Perennials. The two latter are indicated by the word CLIMBER or PERENNIAL, following name. Seed of CHOICE HOUSE PLANTS and GENERAL FLOWER SEEDS are offered under their respective headings. See pages 78 and 84.

For the best summer display the garden is dependent upon flowers 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 respects 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 what sorts possessed superior merits. The list here presented is the result of our labors. It contains the very best of all sorts, and all which are really and generally desirable. We might offer one hundred varieties of Asters or fifty varieties of Balsams, Phloxes, Poppies, etc., but there would be no advantage in so doing. On the other hand, it would be a decided disadvantage, for our customers might therefore fail to select the best kinds.

CLIMBERS. — Every garden, every cottage, every fence, wall, stump, or old tree, is beautified by graceful and profuse flowering vines. Vines are nature's draperies, and are essential to any and every attempt to beautify one's home surroundings. Our Sweet Peas, Morning Glories and Nasturtiums are particularly fine.

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.

ANNUALS. All sorts not designated as Climbers or Perennials are classed as Annuals, such as Asters, Phloxes, Zinnias, etc., of which our strains are the finest in the world.

CULTURE. — As a rule, seed may be sown in 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 thick. 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. Pretty effects are produced by massing different colors in Asters, Phloxes, Zinnias, Verbenas, etc., yet mixed colors are always showy and pleasing.

## PRICES:

Formerly we have offered these Special Choice Seeds in packets of two sizes at different prices. We now offer regular sized packets at a stated price, and will give THREE packets of any ONE kind for the sum that TWO packets would cost. For instance, any one variety listed at 5c., three packets of it may be had for 10c. Any one 10c. pkt., three pkts. may be had for 20c.; three pkts. of a 15c. sort for 30c., etc. A more simple and convenient method than offering pkts. of two sizes.

### 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 Cem — 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
- Canary — Compact in habit, light canary yellow in color. A very novel shade in these flowers..... 10

### Anchusa Capensis.

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, 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. Blooms early and continues all summer.... 5





## 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 the Rose, some loose and globular like a Pæony, 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 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.

**Giant-Branching Comet**—A superb new Aster, growing 18 inches high, with enormous flowers, borne on long, graceful stems. The plant branches freely, carrying from 20 to 40 of its magnificent flowers. Each flower is as double and perfect as a Pæony, 5 to 6 inches in diameter, with center filled with a charming whirl of petals, after the true comet style. All colors mixed. .15

**Giant-Branching Comet,** Carmine—Fine bright color. .10  
 " " " Carmine Striped White. .10  
 " " " White Striped Pink. .10  
 " " " Rose Pink—A lovely color. .10  
 " " " Pure White—A real giant in size and magnificence. Stems, 12 to 15 inches long. .15

**Giant-Branching Upright, White**—A grand white, branching Aster with enormous double upright blossoms on upright stems. .10

**Giant Comet**—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 in existence. Flowers are formed of large twisted and curled petals, and look exactly like the most refined forms of Japanese Chrysanthemum. They must therefore take first place among Asters of unique beauty. Many colors mixed. .10

**Giant Comet, White**—Immense size, snow white. .15

**Giant Comet, Sulphur Yellow**—Superb novelty. .15

**Semple's Marvel**—A new American Aster of wonderful beauty and profusion. Plants grow 20 inches high, branch freely in an upright manner, producing a great number of magnificent blossoms on long stems. The flowers are very double and perfect, and possess the richest colors. They bloom a little later than most kinds and escape the ravages of the Aster beetle. One of the great good things of recent introduction. Mixed, all colors. .10

**Semple's Marvel, Crimson**. . . . . 10  
 " " Lavender. . . . . 10  
 " " Pink—Very delicate. . . . . 10  
 " " Purple Rich. . . . . 10  
 " " Pure White. . . . . 10

**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 old and very beautiful. .10

**Quilled German**—Plants tall and branching, flowers beautifully quilled, and noted for the clearness of their colors. Profuse bloomers. Mixed colors. .5

**Snow Ball**—A dwarf pure white variety with enormous flowers, beautifully imbricated like an incurved Chrysanthemum. An exquisite variety. .10

**Triumph**—Plants bear a profusion of large, perfect flowers, of a bright scarlet color. An extra fine sort. .10

**Japanese**—New Asters of great size and beauty, like Japanese Chrysanthemums. They are of immense size, measuring from five to six inches across, with long petals curiously waved and curled, so as to give them a striking resemblance to the Chrysanthemum. It is a vigorous growing plant, fourteen or fifteen inches high, well branched, and producing quite a number of these enormous flowers. .15

**Washington**—Fine exhibition sort. A tall grower of pyramidal habit. The largest-flowered Aster on the list; fine form and splendid colors; extra fine. Mixed colors. .10

**Victoria Needed**—A favorite with those who are partial to quilled flowers. Flowers are formed of needle-like quills, large, freely produced, and show the fine coloring peculiar to the Victoria strains. Mixed colors. .10





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"DAYBREAK"

- New Rose**—Tall sort, about two feet in height. One of the very best varieties, and a profuse bloomer. Outer petals are full 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
- Vick's Branching, Pure White**—A strong grower of branching habit, and continues to grow and bloom later in the season than any other variety. The flowers are very large, often four inches in diameter borne on long stems, adding greatly to their value for vases and bunches. The petals are more or less twisted or curled in such a manner as to give the blooms the appearance of large, graceful Chrysanthemums. The resemblance is perfect. Extra fine for cutting.....10
- Vick's Branching, Mixed Colors**—Like the above, but of several different 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 plummy flowers, three or four inches in diameter, of the most beautiful form, and the most exquisite colors to be found.....10
- White Wave**—An extra fine white variety. Blossoms of fine shape, double to the center and pearly white. A profuse bloomer; grand for bedding or for pots.....10
- Crimson Wave**—Exactly like the above, save color, which is a rich, clear crimson.....10
- 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 pleasing.....20
- Multiflora**—An Aster of medium height, with pretty and abundant flowers. Fine colors. Mixed shades.....10
- Mignon**—Something like the White Victoria, but more profuse in bloom. Very double flowers with reflexed petals and of the purest, snowiest white.....10
- Liliput-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.....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 Hautes**—A French introduction of much merit. This Aster is of medium height, robust and free flowering; *three weeks earlier than any other variety known*. Mixed colors.....10

- Daybreak**—A sport from the celebrated Branching Aster, bearing immense Peony-like double blossoms of the loveliest sea-shell pink color. No other Aster produces such large and beautiful blossoms in such reckless profusion, and their lasting qualities are such that when cut and placed in water they will keep two weeks.....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.....5



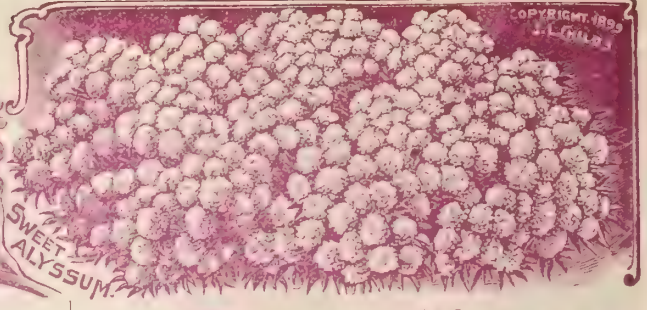
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ASTER SHAKESPEARE

- Shakespeare**—Dwarf variety, six inches in height. Novel shades of coloring, large globular flowers, and very floriferous. Each plant looks like a unique little bouquet set in the ground, so compact and crowded with blossoms. The cut shows their habit to good advantage. Just the thing for bordering a bed of taller-growing sorts.....5
- SPECIAL OFFER.**—For \$2.00 we will send one packet each of these 43 superb Asters.

### Mixed Asters.

- A bed of mixed Asters, all kinds, colors and varieties, is certainly attractive. We offer mixtures of both dwarf and tall-growing sorts separate.
- Mixed Tall Growing Asters**—All sorts and colors; will make an interesting and attractive bed. Large pkts...20
- Mixed Dwarf Asters**—All the low-growing or dwarf sorts. Large pkts.....15



**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 or 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 plant at one time.....10



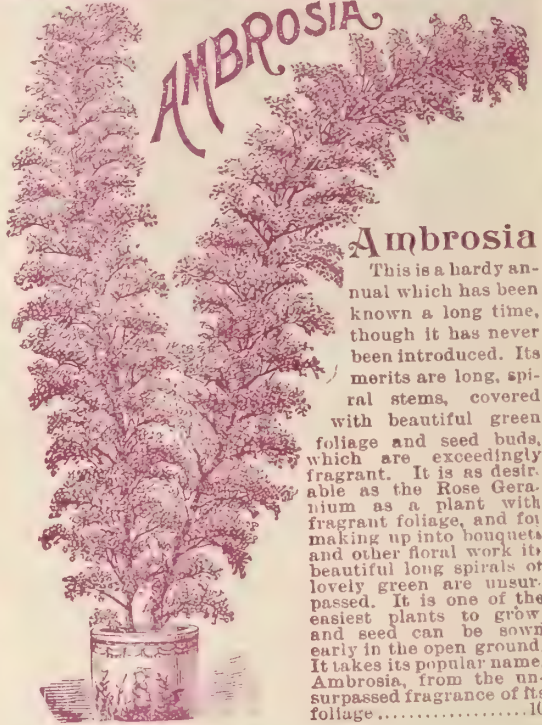
**GIANT SCENTED SNAPDRAGON.**  
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**Antirrhinum, Giant Scented, OR SNAPDRAGON.**

A new giant-flowered strain of the grand old Snapdragon, which in size and beauty of bloom, either in pots or garden, almost equals Gladiolus. Per pkt.

- Giant White** - This remarkable new plant has jumped into foremost place among choice winter-bloomers. No novelty in our greenhouses has attracted the attention or received praise equal to this. It is a perpetual bloomer, compact and branching in habit, sending up flower spikes by the dozen, one to two feet in length, almost as large as and more beautiful than Gladiolus. Color, pure white, with lemon-tinted throat and of a lovely fragrance. Flowers kept two weeks after being cut. It has created a sensation in the New York flower market.....10
- Giant Yellow** Exactly like the above except in color, which is a beautiful curving yellow.....10
- Giant Crimson** Largest of all. Exceedingly fine.....10
- Giant Mixed** Many colors, including the above, all large and exceedingly fragrant. Try them, both in garden and pots.....10

**AMBROSIA**



**Ambrosia**

This is a hardy annual which has been known a long time, though it has never been introduced. Its merits are long, spiral stems, covered with beautiful green foliage and seed buds, which are exceedingly fragrant. It is as desirable as the Rose Geranium as a plant with fragrant foliage, and for making up into bouquets and other floral work its beautiful long spirals of lovely green are unsurpassed. It is one of the easiest plants to grow and seed can be sown early in the open ground. It takes its popular name, Ambrosia, from the unsurpassed fragrance of its foliage.....10



**Aquilegia, or Columbine. (PERENNIAL.)**

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..... 5

**Chrysantha** - Large golden yellow.....10



**Bellis.—(Double Daisy.)**

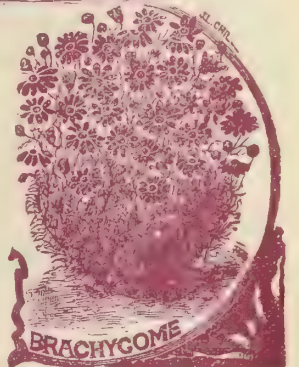
Beautiful double flowers that appear in early spring if plants are slightly protected over winter. Blossoms also very early from spring-sown seed, as plants bloom when but two to three inches high. If given a cool, moist, shady location, will bloom all summer, even in the south. As pot plants they are charming and will bloom freely all winter, as they delight in cold weather. In the open ground, cultivated 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..... 5
- Double, White**—Pure color; handsome flower..... 5
- Maxima, or Giant Daisy**—No amount of praise can be too lavish for this new form of the charming double Daisy, 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 bluish pink, rose, etc., to deep crimson. Many of the plants produce on one stem a cluster of 13 to 20 blossoms, instead of the usual solitary one. The blossoms are very large, unique and beautiful. 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..... 10

**Brachycome.**

*Swan River Daisy.*

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., mixed... 5



**Balsam—Childs' Perfection.**

The gigantic flowers, double and perfect like Camellias, and the wonderful profusion in which they are borne, has been a revelation to thousands who never before knew what really good Balsams were. It is not an uncommon sight to see more than 500 of these magnificent large double blooms upon a plant at one time, the branches being perfect pyramids of bloom. The Balsam is one of the most beautiful and easiest grown of all garden annuals. Seed may be started under glass early or sown in the open ground about corn-planting time. A very rich soil is not necessary, but they like to have plenty of room, at least 18 inches apart each way. It is very hard to raise good Balsam seed, for they are inclined to deteriorate rapidly, and very little good seed is sold. Do not devote time or room to uncertain strains. Per pkt.

- White**—Flowers pure snowy white and very large, double and perfect. A great favorite..... 5
- 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
- Scarlet**—Almost dazzling in brilliancy; a rich, glowing color that catches every eye..... 5
- Striped**—A clear, frosted white, flaked and striped with rosy purple or scarlet, like a Carnation..... 5
- Lavender**—Flowers suffused with a soft shade of lavender; beautiful shape, resembling a Tea Rose bud..... 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. .... 5
- Preferred**—Pure white, overlaid by a delicate blush or lavender that deepens toward the center of the flower, a line so delicate as to leave but a trace of color, exquisitely soft and lovely.... 10
- Light Lemon**—Not really yellow, but a fine shade of light sulphur or lemon. A very beautiful flower, as double and perfect as a good-sized Rose..... 10
- Mixed Colors**—No finer mixture to be obtained..... 10

One packet each of these ten fine Balsams for 10c.



BALSAM, CAMELLIA-FLOWERED PERFECTION



### Carnation, New Marguerite.

**A New Strain of Dwarf Perpetual-Blooming Carnations Which Flower in 3 or 4 Months from Seed.**

This is still the great flower-seed novelty of the times, and here is offered the prize strain of seeds. 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. The plant is 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 easy 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 last 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 all alike valuable for pot culture and for garden. Do not sow cheap Marguerite Carnation seed; it will disappoint you. Per pkt.

- Mixed Colors**—Half dwarf, the finest strain, with large, double blossoms, blooming in three months. .... 10
- Pure White**—Extra fine. .... 10
- Rosea**—Fine clear rose color. .... 10
- Scarlet**—Deep, bright shades. .... 10
- Purple**—A remarkable rich color. .... 10
- Violet**—Fine violet color. .... 10
- Striped and Variegated**—Many colors. .... 10
- New Dwarf**—Plants of dwarf, stout habit, and flowers extra large size and brilliant in colors. See cut above. A greatly improved strain. All colors mixed. .... 15

**Malmaison**—The flowers are simply enormous in size, perfectly double, of a delicate bluish color and strong clove fragrance. Growth very stout, with large, luxuriant foliage. No other Carnation can compare with this variety. The packet which we give contains 40 or 50 seeds, all of which will not come true, but if only one plant of Malmaison is secured it is a prize well worth a dollar. .... 15

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

### Canary Bird Flower.

(Climber.)

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. .... 5

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### Campanula.—(Perennial.)

Beautiful plants, known as Canterbury Bells. Large, bell-shaped flowers, very cheerful and attractive. Colors blue, white, pink, etc. Sow seed in open ground, cover lightly and thin plants to stand twelve inches apart. .... 5

**Double, Mixed Colors**—A fine strain. .... 5



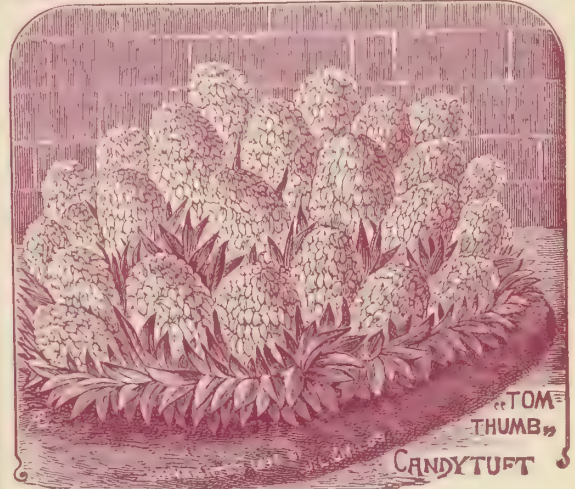
**Canna.**

**Candytuft, Hardy. - (Perennial.)**

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.

One of the very best early perennials, 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 Hardy Candytuft have missed a floral treat. **Fruit!**—Dwarf, extra early and fine ..... 10  
**Sempervirens**—Large flowering, pure white..... 5

- Mixed Sorts**—A choice collection of all varieties..... 5
- Dark Foliage**—Mixed; all dark, beautiful foliage sorts... 5
- Mad. Crozy** A magnificent sort.....10
- 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.....10
- New Hybrids**—Choice hand saved seed from the grandest new Hybrid varieties, with artificial fertilization, and will give magnificent results.....20



**Candytuft.**

This good old annual has been a garden favorite for three hundred years. A fine edging plant, and good for cutting. Sow very early in open ground, and keep seed heads picked off for a constant succession of bloom. Per pkt.  
**All Colors, Mixed**—Many fine shades..... 5  
**Pure White**—A favorite for floral work..... 5  
**Dark Crimson**—Good, bright colors..... 5  
**Tom Thumb**—Mixed colors. The ideal Candytuft. Dwarf, bushy plants, growing only 4 to 5 inches high, but bearing most profusely compact spirals of bloom of great beauty. Superb..... 10



CENTROSEMA GRANDIFLORA.

**Centrosema Grandiflora.**

(Climber.)

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 will 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 the 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.

Per pkt.  
**Mixed** All colors.....10  
**Pure White**—A fine novelty of last year.....10



COBÆA SCANDENS.

**Cobæa.—(Climber.)**

One of the finest of all climbers, equally good for out-of-doors or for house culture. Pretty foliage and large 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..... 5



"CENTAUREA MARGUERITE"

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**New Marguerite Centaureas.**

For an early summer garden flower nothing surpasses these superb new Centaureas. Each plant produces scores of flowers which are borne on long, wiry stems, and are exceedingly graceful, while for cutting, for vases, or corsage wearing, no flower can surpass them. Flowers 2 to 3 inches across, of the most lovely texture and superb fragrance. Sow seed in open ground very early; the plants will soon be up and blooming and continue for several months. Their beauty and value may be judged when we say that they are superior in every way to Carnations, not only in beauty and usefulness for cutting, but in fragrance as well. They grow like a weed in any situation.

Per pkt.  
**Pure White**—Perfectly exquisite.....10  
**Odorata Purpurea**—Fine lilac, contrasting finely.....10  
**Chameleon**—Fine yellow.....10  
**Mixed, All Colors**.....10



CHRYSANTHEMUM STORM-PETREL

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**Chrysanthemum Storm Petrel**

This is a hardy perennial, with finely cut, fern-like foliage and dwarf 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 pure white, very large and double. It blooms early the first year from seed, and makes a fine plant for both summer and winter.....10



GIANT FANCY COSMOS.

**Childs' Cosmos.**

A grand fall flower, the only rival to the Dahlia and Chrysanthemum. Sow seed early in the 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 6 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 makes 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 the open ground. An extra fine flower for the South as well as for the North. It was first introduced by us ten years ago. Per pkt.

- Childs' Hybrids, Mixed**—All colors mixed, white, pink, crimson, rose, purple, etc..... 5
- New Marguerite**—Mixed. One of the prettiest and daintiest varieties imaginable; the petals are irregularly lacerated or fringed like Marguerites.....10



**YELLOW COSMOS**

NEW YELLOW COSMOS, KLONDYKE.

**Klondyke**—A cross between C. Sulphurea and Childs' Hybrids. It begins blooming very early in summer, and continues in great profusion until late fall, reaching a height of 3 to 4 feet. Flowers rich orange-yellow in color, and 2 1/4 to 3 1/4 inches across, differing somewhat in shape. It is a novelty in every respect.....10

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EARLY-FLOWERING COSMOS, JULIA E. LEE.

- Julia E. Lee**—It was Miss Julia E. Lee, of New Mexico, who first sent us seed of the Cosmos and enabled us to introduce it to the world, and all will admit that the world owes her much. This new strain, which we have named in her honor, is so early in blooming that seed sown in the open ground at corn-planting time will commence blooming in July and continue until frost. What more need to be said of it? Its flowers are large and fine, and show all the rich and delicate colors (from crimson to white) found among Cosmos. We are sure that this new extra early flowering strain will be heartily welcomed by all.....15
  - Giant Fancy, Mixed Colors**—A new giant-flowered strain of marvelous size and beauty. The individual flowers measure 4, 5 and 6 inches across, and as they are borne on long, graceful stems, the effect is most charming. No description can do justice to the beauty of this new strain. All colors mixed, including some rich dark reds not before seen. The flowers are borne in great profusion and the plants begin blooming early.....10
  - Monster White**—Snowy white flowers of most perfect form, with broad petals, some exquisitely fringed..... 10
  - Monster Red**—Enormous size, deep, rich, velvety crimson.....10
  - Monster Pink**—Exquisite soft pink; lovely.....10
  - Tints of Dawn**—New and distinct varieties. The flowers with a white ground, finely flecked or flushed with delicate pink; variously formed and very beautiful....10
- One packet each of the nine sorts for 75c.*

**Calliopsis.**

**Golden Wave**—A row of this plant is truly a wave of gold, and 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, rivalling in beauty and profusion of bloom the famous Coreopsis Lanceolata and the Cosmos..... 5

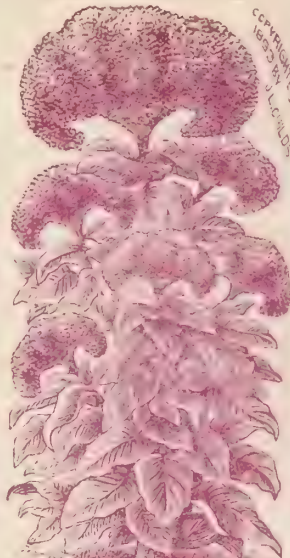


# CARYOPTERIS



## Caryopteris.

This new plant is highly spoken of in the foreign horticultural journals, and has been twice color-plated. It is extremely floriferous, plants in 2 1/2-inch pots blooming profusely and continuing to do so until they have reached a height and width of three feet. The dense flowers are of a rich lavender or pure white color. A superb pot plant, especially for blooming at Thanksgiving, at which time it is most profuse, or a fine plant for the garden, where it blooms all the late summer and fall. It is of a shrubby nature and perfectly hardy in the open ground. Blooms freely first year from seed. Mixed colors.....10



TREE COCKSCOMB



GLEOME PUNGENS

## Celosia.--(Cockscomb.)

The old Cockscomb of our mothers' 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 in open ground after danger of frost is over. As pot plants they are also much admired, their beautifully fringed and ruffled heads attracting much attention. Per pkt.

**Dwarf Mixed**—A fine mixture of all colors, of dwarf habit, but producing enormous heads of bloom. Elegant for pots..... 5

**New Tree**—This splendid sort is so hardy and vigorous that seed may be sown in open ground in the spring, instead of starting it under glass. It grows rapidly, reaching the height of five or six 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

## Gleome.--(Spider Flower.)

A garden flower of superior merit, one that will grow vigorously in any situation and bloom profusely all the time from spring to late fall, caring not for prolonged droughts or for continuously rainy weather. We know of no flower which will stand adverse circumstances so perfectly as this. The flowers are borne in large clusters; some are of snowy whiteness, others fine pink, with long, scraggy stamens, which stand out in all directions, suggesting its common name, "Spider Flower." It is fine for a separate clump or for the center of a bed of other flowers, where a tall-growing, attractive plant is desired. Mixed colors..... 5



CYPRESS VINE



CHERIANTHUS

## Cypress Vine.--(Climber.)

One of the prettiest vines imaginable; slender vines, thickly clothed with dark green, feathery foliage of great beauty, and dotted with intensely bright, waxy little flowers that shine like little stars against their glossy background of green. Fine for trailing to small trellises or to run up poles or strings. Mixed colors, white, scarlet, etc., 5

## Cherianthus, Fairy Queen.

This fine little flower is a close relative of the Stock and Wallflower. One of those bright flowers that give a quick return for one's care, becoming a month after seed is sown, either in garden or pots. One who has never seen them does not realize how bright and pretty their tiny clusters of mallow-cross, shaped flowers are. They form a perfect mass of bloom, and for such a compact, thing form a basket, etc., they are just the flower one needs in quantity. Bright, without being big, and cheerful without being gaudy. Very easy to grow, and sweet-scented..... 5

## Clitoria Ternatea.

A splendid perennial shrubby plant which is suitable for pots or the garden, and which blooms freely the first season from seed. Plants grow in a neat, bushy form, with handsome foliage and an abundance of large, pendulous blossoms, shaped like a Crotosoma, and of a dark, rich, and glowing color. A very fine plant indeed, and one that is perfectly hardy in the open ground, blooming the first year after year. It is also a good plant for window culture, blooming with ease and freedom, and always attractive..... 5



CLITORIA

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### Dahlia.

Good Dahlias can be grown from seed, and plants will bloom the first season from the seed. Anyone who can raise a Zinnia or a Morning Glory 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. 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 no two plants will be alike in flower, while there will be every color represented, from snow white to blackish maroon. Start seed in house and transplant to open ground after frost is gone.

- Double Large-Flowering, Mixed**—Will produce some magnificent varieties.....15
- Double Pompon, Mixed**—Extra choice strain.....10
- New Single, Mixed Strain**—Flowers very large and of rainbow colors. Exceedingly popular as cut flowers... 5
- Gracilis, Mixed Colors**—Fine cut foliage and a profusion of brilliantly striped and flecked blossoms .....10
- Cactus**—A new class of broad-petaled double flowers, esteemed by many the finest of all. Very distinct and extra for cutting..... 20
- Imperials**—The "Lily Dahlia," the most beautiful of all Dahlias. It grows 10 to 12 feet high, and bears panicles of elegant lily-like flowers measuring 8 inches from tip to tip of petals. The color is a very delicate mauve, almost white, veined with old pink around the orange-yellow center.....15

### Diamond Flower.

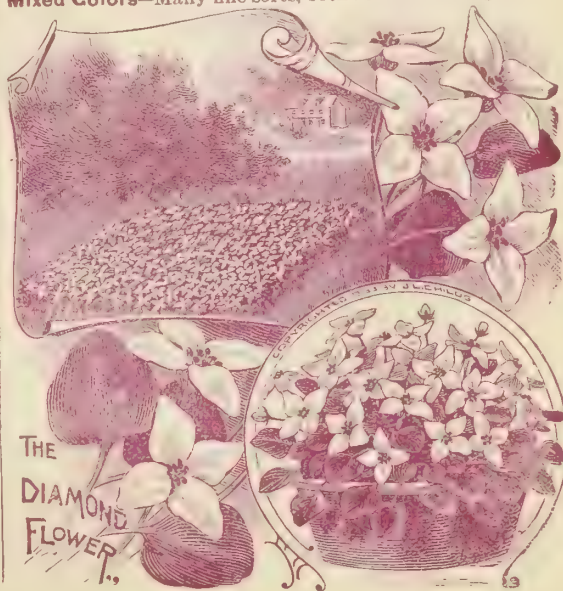
A dainty little annual with tufts of tiny foliage and beautiful little white and violet-blue flowers that bloom within a month from the time seed is sown. It will grow in the open ground, over rock-work, or in pots, never exceeding three inches in height, and rarely two. The tiny flowers have a glistening sheen that has given them their name of Diamond Flower, and being surmounted by a wreath of bright green foliage, they show to a 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 garden with a perfect carpet of beauty.....10



### Datura.

This is a majestic garden plant which is easily grown, and which furnishes an abundance of magnificent large blossoms. It has a very tropical appearance. Per pkt.

- Sweet Nightingale**—One of the finest garden flowers. Plants rapid and bushy growers, crowned with great lily-like blossoms 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.....10
- Cornucopia**—Much like the double Brugmansia, except it is more dwarf in habit, and a fine lilac and white color. Blooms in two or three months from seed, and is a superb flower for the garden, or as a pot plant, both summer and winter. Flowers like great trumpets; quite double and of fine fragrance.....10
- Golden Queen**—A magnificent sort, with an immense trumpet-shaped double bloom of a creamy yellow color. It is of dwarf, stout growth, with fine foliage and the great blossoms, which are a foot or more in length, show to wonderful advantage. New and very fine.....10
- Mixed Colors**—Many fine sorts, both double and single.....10





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**Dianthus**

An indispensable garden flower and one fitted equally to adorn the poor man's garden or the spacious grounds of the millionaire.

Never out of place in any situation. Succeeds in any soil. Stands neglect, heat and cold and is as iron-clad as a 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 it 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.

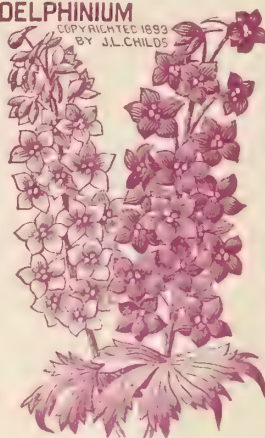
- Diadematus, flora plena**—Splendid double flowers of the richest, darkest shades, fringed, mottled, striped, spotted, flaked, margined, etc., in a most odd and beautiful manner. .... 10
- Double White**—Finest for contrast. .... 10
- Eastern Queen**—Grand flowers 3 or 4 inches across, beautifully striped and shaded, and having colors which are seen in the richest silks. .... 5
- Mourning Cloak**—A rich variety of most unique coloring. Large, double flowers of a velvety purplish black, each petal fringed and fringed with snow white. .... 10
- Crimson Bell**—Immense flowers of a rich crimson red. A grand flower of the single Hedewiggi 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. .... 5
- Brilliant**—A dwarf grower with numerous double flowers of dark, rich red, as large and fine as Carnations. A beautiful variety, and comes true from seed. .... 5
- The Bride**—Clear, pure white, with a radiant, glowing crimson center, shading into a pink band. .... 10
- Mixed**—Our own mixture of the most beautiful double and single sorts, and of every desirable shade or peculiar marking. This will give a bed of beautiful flowers, and scarcely two plants will be alike. .... 10

**Delphinium.—(Perennial.)**

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 seed in autumn or very early in spring, and plants will bloom the first summer. Very hardy. Give half shade.

**Mixed Colors**—All sorts. .... 5

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**DIGITALIS**  
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**Digitalis.—(Perennial.)**

One of our special favorites. This, with the double Hollyhocks, and the Delphinium, form a stately trio of tall-growing plants of 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 pendant thimble-shaped bells, snow white, rosy blush, or exquisitely shaded or 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. Per pkt.

**Gloxinoides Grandiflora**—A strain with large, beautiful Gloxinia-like blossoms. Extra. .... 5



EVERLASTINGS

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**Everlasting Flowers.**

These are flowers of eternal beauty—those which never fade. They are unsurpassed for winter decorations 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 exceptionally beautiful and easily grown.

**AMMOBIUM ALATUM**—A very useful everlasting. Plant robust and great bloomer. Flowers pure white and double. Dry as recommended for Acroclinium, and be sure to cut plenty of buds, as they dry beautifully..... 5

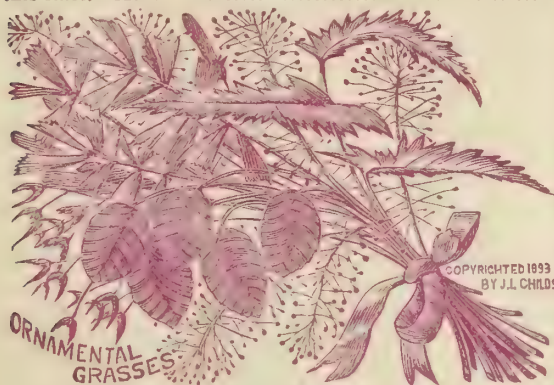
**ACROCLINIUM**—Probably the most beautiful everlasting known. Flowers pure pearly white, or an exquisite soft clear shade of pink, with bright golden center. Cut the first day they open or the center becomes discolored. Hang the bunches, heads downward, in the shade to dry, and the flowers will appear as perfect as when gathered... 5

**HELICHRYSUM**—One of the most beautiful of all everlastings. Plants grow two feet high, and are very hardy, blooming until late in 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. Colors, white, yellow, orange, crimson, etc. Mixed..... 5

**COMPRENA**—Remove cottony covering from seeds, and start in heat, if possible. Good for garden, and make neat pot plants. Plants bear great quantities of clove-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. Mixed colors.... 5

**RHODANTHE**—A fine everlasting, good for the garden, and a pretty pot plant. The most delicate and graceful of this delicate class. Try it by all means and cut blooms early for drying. Bright pink and white, mixed.... 5

**XERANTHEMUM**—An easily grown everlasting, and furnishes the only shades of blue and purple to be found in this class. Mixed colors..... 5



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ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

**Grasses, Ornamental.**

The everlasting 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., 20c..... 6



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**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, very dwarf..... 5

**Little Fred**—Pure golden yellow, very dwarf..... 5

**Capensis, fl. pl.**—The fine old double white Feverfew.... 5

**Eximia Grandiflora**—Flowers enormous in size, as double as Roses, and pure snow white. A most superb pot plant, blooming all the year round..... 10

**Golden Feather**—Beautiful yellow foliage..... 5



DOUBLE GAILLARDIA

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**Gaillardia Perfection.**

These are aptly called the Chrysanthemum Gaillardias, owing to their great size, brilliant colors and double and perfect blossoms. Flowers are of enormous size, perfectly double, and borne in great profusion all summer, with 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..... 10



**EARLY LUFFA?**

**Gourds.—(Climber.)**

Well-known climbers, with the most fantastic and grotesque fruit 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 colors..... 5  
**Early Luffa** Seed sown in the open ground in any Northern State or Canada, like Cucumbers, will bear and ripen an abundance of fruit before frost. The lace-like net-work of fibre which forms inside the fruits is a very useful article, and is used for various purposes, such as dish-rags sponges, and even for bonnets and other millinery work. The flowers of this variety are also very numerous, large and showy..... 10

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**DOUBLE HOLLYHOCKS**

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**Hollyhock.—(Perennial.)**

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 Hollyhock 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.

- Double White**—Pure and true..... 10  
 “ **Magenta**—Fine, bright color..... 10  
 “ **Lemon**—Pure, bright lemon color..... 10  
 “ **Pink**—Very delicate and pretty..... 10  
 “ **Black**—Rich chocolate black..... 10  
**Double, Mixed Colors**—Very choice, embracing over twenty different shades..... 10  
**Mammoth Allegheny**—Flowers 4 to 6 inches across, finely fringed and curled, and of such exquisite shading as to resemble crushed silk. Colors, pink, red, rose, shaded, tinted bordered, etc., all mixed..... 15

**Lobelia.**

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

- Crystal Palace**—Dark blue, best for bedding..... 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..... 5  
**Goldense**—A compact, low-growing variety, the foliage of which is golden-yellow, and is most charmingly set off by the hundreds of blossoms which the plant carries of the brightest, deepest blue, with a pure white eye. We have never seen in one plant a more charming contrast between flowers and foliage than is shown in this most superb novelty..... 10



**Larkspur.**

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

- Hyacinth Flowered**—Great Hyacinth-like spikes of large double flowers. Mixed colors..... 5

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LOBELIA



**Japan Morning Glories,**  
**CHILDS' GIANT IMPERIAL. (Climber.)**

A new strain with gigantic blooms as large as Moon-flowers, colors, markings and variegations never before seen, and of indescribable beauty. Some double, some with quilled and feathered petals, and many with beautifully marbled and variegated leaves. Seed germinates quickly, and the vines grow rapidly and are soon in bloom. The flowers are borne by the hundreds, are of enormous size, five or six inches across, and of the most delicate, vivid and blending colors to be seen in any flower. Some will be pure white, others crimson, brick-red, light and dark blues, pinks, etc., while others show a rich and varied combination of colors blended together in a most enchanting way; spotted, blotched, striped, stained, penciled, bordered, mottled and variegated in every conceivable manner. A few will be double and semi-double. To add to their beauty, the leaves of many of the varieties are richly marbled and variegated white and green. Nothing among flowers can furnish a more beautiful sight than a screen, hedge or trellis of these Giant Morning Glories. To secure the beautiful varieties which we here offer, our agent traveled in Japan from garden to garden, collecting a little seed from each one, as the best cannot be bought in quantity, and is not to be compared with any Japanese Morning Glory seed which may be put upon the market. We grew this season 63 separate named varieties. Per pkt.

**Mixed, All Colors**—More than 100 kinds. A grand strain of endless variety of color and magnificent size, some having beautifully variegated foliage. (Oz., 50c.).... 15

**Ceres**—Extra fine, of low growth, flowers appearing on plants scarcely a foot in height. Bright magenta, with wide white border. Foliage variegated..... 10

**Aura**—Elegant yellowish foliage, often marbled white; flowers of various colors. Perfectly exquisite. 10

**Antigone**—Marbled foliage, large sky-blue blossoms... 10

One packet each of the four for 30c.

**JAPANESE**

**MORNING GLORIES**  
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**Mignonette.**

Mignonette is the French word for "little darling." No more expressive word 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 and blooms in any situation with greater freedom than any other sort. .... 5
- Machet**—The finest of all. Plants 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. .... 10
- Improved Victoria**—This new Mignonette is 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. We consider this the finest of all Mignonette, 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 Mignonette fail. .... 10



**Myosotis.**

The beautiful Forget-me-not is a synonym for faithful 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.

- Palustris**—Elegant blue flowers of large size. .... 5
- Alpestris**—Pure white. .... 5
- Dwarf, Mixed Colors**—Bushy growth, large blossoms. .... 5

For 30c. we will send one packet each of the seven sorts.

The three packets for 10c.



**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**—Double flowers; rich, dark shade. 5  
**Dahlia-Flowered**—Very rank and tall, 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. 5

**Legion of Honor**—A most sterling variety. Plant very dwarf and compact, bearing its flowers 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 in every garden. It blooms profusely all summer, and in autumn, especially, the whole plant is a solid pyramid of bloom., 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 outdoor 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 and north windows, is invaluable. Per pkt.

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



**Nymphaea.**

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

**Zanzibarensis, Blue**—The grand day-blooming African Water Lily, with enormous incurved flowers of most exquisite coloring, and so profuse blooming that a tub of them is never without flowers from early summer until frost. They grow so rapidly that they will bloom in ten weeks from seed, and are so little trouble anyone can succeed with them. Give them a very rich soil, full sun, and shallow water to start in. The larger the vessel that contains them the ranker they grow, and the larger their flowers, but they will bloom in a common bucket, even. Seed should be sown in cups of soil and tepid water. 15

**Zanzibarensis, Red**—Like the above, except in color, which is a fine purplish red. 15

**Dentata**—(NIGHT-BLOOMING STAR LILY). There is nothing among water plants finer than this. Opens about eight o'clock in the evening and closes at noon the next day. Star-like blossoms, pearly white, and blooms freely from seed the first season. 20

**Coerulea**—A lovely Pond Lily four inches across, and of a beautiful lavender blue color. It has a remarkable fragrance, differing from all others. 10

**Alba**—A lovely pure white Water Lily of great beauty and fragrance. 10

**Nelumbium, or Egyptian Lotus**—This is the grand and ancient Egyptian Lotus, a Water Lily of great size and surpassing beauty. It should be planted in rich mud, with one or two feet of water. It flowers the first season, its flower stems rising out of the water to the height of four or six feet, surmounted by a great double pink or white flower, which is a foot or more across. The beautiful, rank leaves are often over two feet across. Either in pots or tubs this plant is in bloom from July to October, and is an object of unsurpassed beauty. 20

**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. Per pkt.

**Mixed Sorts**—All colors (MONKEY FLOWER). 5

**Moschatus**—(MUSK PLANT). Well known for its fine musky fragrance. 5

**Double Mixed**—Double flowers; splendidly spotted. 10

**Tigrinus Grandiflorus**—Flowers size of a Petunia, and of very bright and striking colors; all spotted, figured and variegated in a most charming manner. Fine as pot plants, rivalling the Gloxinia. 10

## Nasturtium.

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. Per pkt.

- Lady Bird**—A beautiful bright yellow, stained and blotched with deep crimson..... 5
- 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.... 5
- Coiden King**—One of the loveliest shades of yellow..... 5
- Coccinea** Bright, flashing scarlet..... 5
- Pearl**—The nearest white. Good for contrast..... 5
- Rose**—A lovely soft shade of rose..... 5
- Spotted**—Gorgeous in colors and marking..... 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..... 5
- Ruby King**—An elegant new sort, with flowers of large size and a rich ruby color. A grand sort.....10
- Cloth of Gold**—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..... 10

One packet each of above 13 for 50c.

**Tom Thumb, Fine Mixed**—Per oz., 20c.; per lb., \$1 50.... 5

**Giant Flowered Tom Thumb, Mixed**—The blossoms are simply enormous in size, and there is a marvelous range of colors and an infinite variety of new shades. Clear golden yellow, salmon pink, dark red, golden brown, all shades of yellow variegated with red and brown, canary color, terra cotta, orange and black, with all combinations, making a most brilliant showing. Some of the combinations of color are quite indescribable. The plants are dwarf and compact in habit, with large, luxuriant foliage, and bloom with wonderful profusion all summer long. For pot culture, especially for winter blooming, they are superb, and rival in beauty the choicest plants in any collection. Planted at any time during winter or spring they will bloom in a few weeks, and are certainly unsurpassed for window plants. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 20c.

## Climbing Nasturtiums.

Climbing Nasturtiums can be used as bedders by pegging the long shoots to the ground, as low climbers for window or screen, or used as house-climbers in winter. They are never molested by insects, and are quick, clean growers that soon cover themselves with flowers of the brightest, richest colors. Everyone likes them who tries them. They withstand heat and drouth well. Per Pkt.

- Mixed, All Colors** Very fine. Oz., 20c..... 5
- Lobbianum, or Orloio** Mixed colors; many shades, and all with fine fimbriated petals. Colors intense and very striking. Elegant window climbers..... 5
- Mad. Cunthert Hybrids** A new strain of large-flowered, elegantly blotched and marked sorts. More than twenty different colors and shades appear among them. All of new and peculiar beauty. Splendid, rapid growers, and fine foliage.....10
- 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 quality and beauty, and will attract the widest attention. The bright-colored blossoms, mingled with the charming light yellow leaves, produces a pretty effect.....10

## "Caprice" Nasturtiums.

Lovely new sorts, both climbing and dwarf, and which bear flowers of various colors on same plant.

- Climbing Caprice** This lovely Nasturtium is a climber, and bears large blossoms in abundance, some of which will be yellow, some crimson, some rose, and others beautifully mottled and variegated. Splendid for windows or verandas.....10
- Dwarf Caprice** Like the climbing variety, except it is dwarf. It bears large blossoms in abundance, some of which will be yellow, some crimson, some rose, and others beautifully mottled and variegated.....10





# CHILDS' GRAND PANSIES.

**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, rioting 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 hundreds, 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 early in house or in open ground. In the open ground sow seed very early in spring, while the ground is yet cool and moist, for late autumn 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 poor at any price.

*Our Pansy seed is the very choicest product of Europe, and the various strains and distinct varieties we offer are the best known to cultivation.*

## General Collection of Pansies.

- Large-Flowering, Choice Mixed Colors**—A superb strain of choice large-flowering types, including all colors. Will give great satisfaction. Is surpassed only by our Giant Excelsior and Imperial German..... 5
- Trimardeau Giant, Mixed Colors**—These are famous for their extraordinary size, though the form is not so perfect as the Imperial Germans. A fine range of choice colors..... 5
- Cassier's Giant Odier**—Seed saved only from selected flowers of the very largest size and most beautiful blotchings. A very distinct strain..... 5
- 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... 10
- Snow Queen**—A perfect beauty, being a pure snow-white, which always comes true from seed. A great bloomer. 5
- Yellow Bird**—Very large flowers of a pure, bright yellow color. A fine bedder..... 5
- Fire King**—Fiery yellow and reddish purple, rich and unique coloring..... 5
- Silver-Edged**—Dark, rich velvety purple, with distinct white edge. Lovely for cutting and for funeral work... 5
- Black Giant-Flowered**—A new black Pansy of the largest size; a rich coal black; very fine and striking..... 10
- Cardinal**—Deep scarlet, the brightest color in Pansies, and one that comes pretty true from seed..... 10
- Peacock**—A Pansy of superb and varied colors, 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..... 10



**Fancy Striped Pansies.**

These are real gems of fantastic coloring. A strain made up of various colors, all elegantly and grotesquely striped and variegated. These Pansies will be greatly admired for their odd and beautiful and distinct stripes.... 10

## Fancy Scarlet and Red Pansies.

This is a mixture of all the new colors in scarlet and red which have been recently introduced, such as Fiery Face, Cardinal, Fire King, etc. It runs largely to very bright colors..... 10



**Freya**—Another exceedingly fine European novelty of last year. Flowers large, deep velvety purple, shaded blue and scarlet, with a beautiful white rim. A characteristic of this bloom is that the back is distinctly marked like the front, which gives it a conspicuously full flowering appearance. It is certainly a very richly colored variety..... 10

*Above Collection of 12 pkts. for only 50c.*



**Fancy Margined Pansies.**

The large, fine blossoms of these are of various colors, white, blue, black, yellow, purple, etc., all with beautiful margins of white and gold bordering each flower. The effect is very unique and beautiful..... 10

*The above 3 Fancy sorts for 25c.*



GIANT EXCELSIOR.

IMPERIAL GERMAN

PANIES

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### Childs' Imperial German Pansies.

Introduced by us several years ago, and now the leading favorite throughout the world. 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, bushy growth, withstanding the 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 blossoms, profusely borne. Fine for cemeteries..... 10
  - Black Knight**—A large Pansy of inky blackness..... 10
  - Thunder Cloud**—Another grand Pansy of most unusual markings; large, coal-black flowers, each with red and white rim. Extra fine..... 10
  - Azure Blue**—A clear, lovely shade, very fine for bedding.... 10
  - Emperor William**—Elegant deep blue, very useful for bouquet making..... 10
  - Little Red Riding Hood**—A good advance toward the bright red Pansy of the future. A rich reddish color, some of them very brilliant and showy. Only a portion of the seeds come true to character..... 10
  - Deep Yellow**—A fine color for bedding..... 10
  - Odor, or Five-Spotted, Mixed**—Beautifully spotted flowers. A peculiar variety..... 10
  - Large Spotted, Mixed**—On white, yellow and reddish grounds. Very fine..... 10
  - Lord Beaconsfield**—True. Flowers of great substance and size, shading from deep indigo at the center to the palest azure blue at the edge of the upper petals. 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 the above fifteen Imperial Germans for \$1.00.



VIOLET SCENTED PANSIES

### Violet-Scented Pansies.

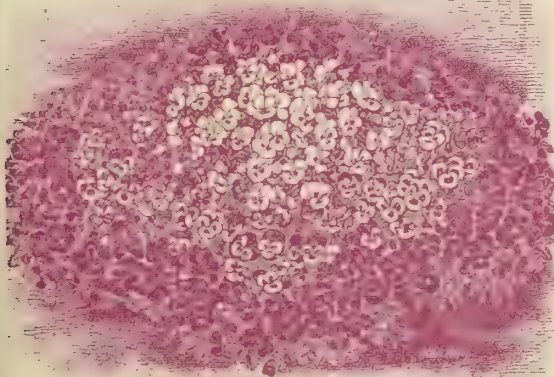
This new type is a cross between the Pansy and the Violet, combining the ideal properties of each. The flowers are much larger than the Violet, more like Pansies, but with the delicious fragrance of the former. The flowers are also quite free from central rays and markings, and the habit of the plant is decidedly dwarf and compact, producing its flowers on long foot-stalks, and they appear continually from early spring until late fall. The plants possess to a considerable extent the hardy and robust nature of the Violet, and make splendid pot as well as garden plants. This unique strain originated with Dr. Stuart, of Chirnside, England, and was named by him "Violetta." They are now called "Tufted Pansies," "Miniature Pansies," and "Violet-Scented Pansies." The latter name seems to us to be the most appropriate. The range of color runs through white, buff, canary and azure blue, and the coloring of each is exceedingly delicate and charming. A most important novelty, and one in which all admirers of the Pansy and Violet will be especially delighted. We first introduced this strain several years ago, since when it has been wonderfully improved..... 15

### Childs' Giant Excelsior Pansies.

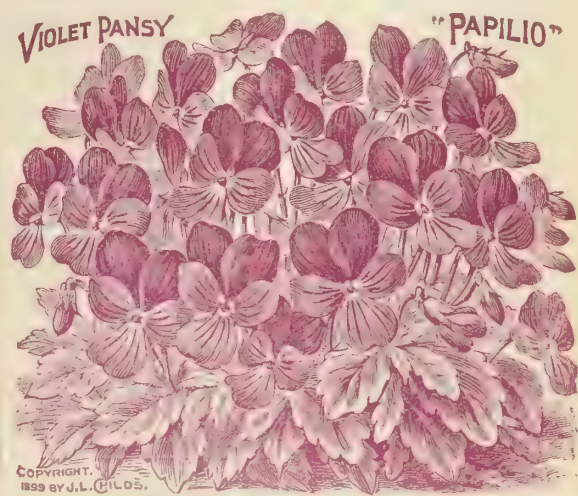
**Giant Excelsior**—It is impossible to do justice to these lovely flowers in a printed description. Cold type cannot convey an idea of the indescribable richness, the varied and exquisite coloring, the large size, perfect form and great substance of the blossoms. Plants are compact and bushy, and produce 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. (3 pkts. 50c.)..... 20

### 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 flowers, are selected for seed. They are carefully cultivated and the 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.



A BED OF PANSIES.

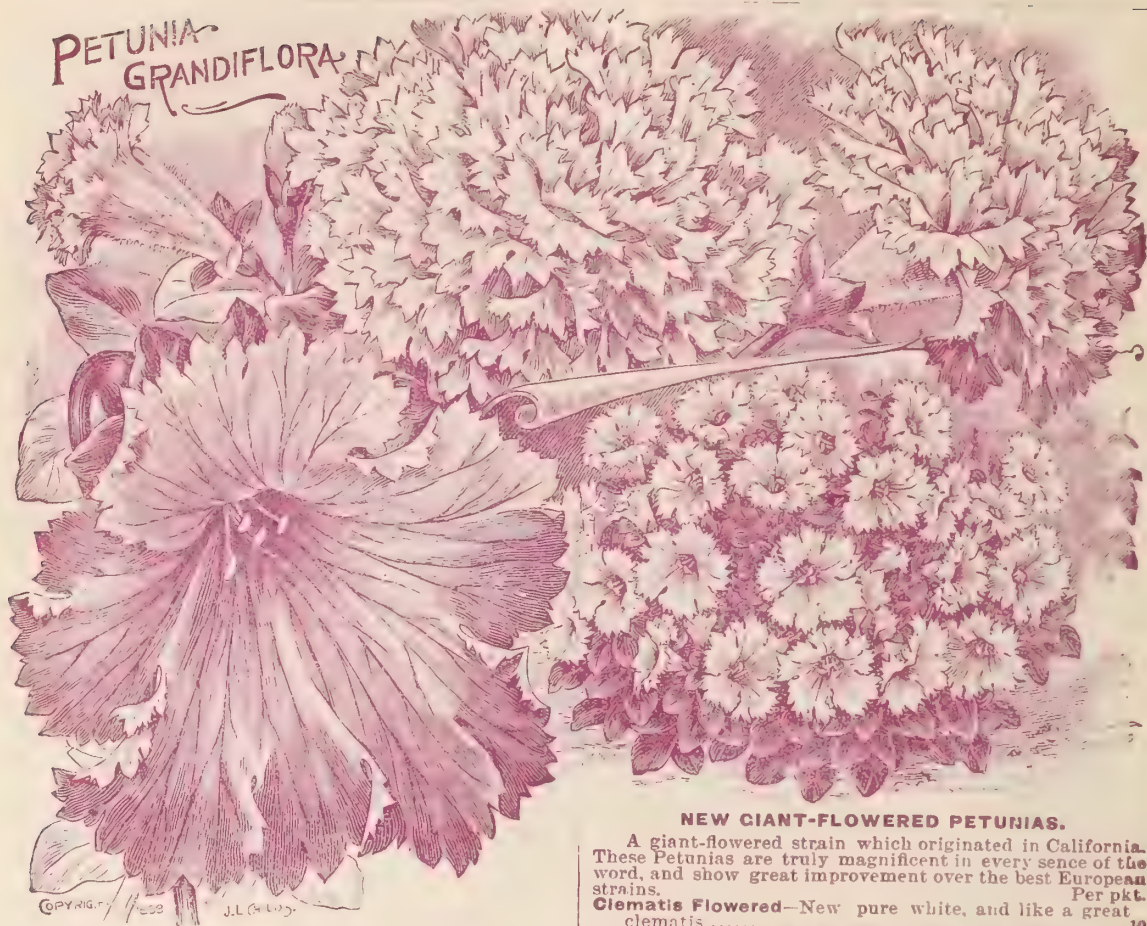


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### Violet-Pansy Papilio.

A decided novelty, and a cross between the Pansy and Violet. The flowers are Violet-shaped, large, and borne in endless profusion, a plant showing from 20 to 40 blossoms every day from spring until late fall. Color, a lovely violet lilac, in some plants darker than others, with a dark eye. For bedding purposes this new Violet-Pansy is one of the best we have seen in a long time..... 20

PETUNIA GRANDIFLORA



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. We once saw in front of a humble western cabin a great raised bed of Petunias, a perfect cloud of brilliant blossoms that could be seen far over the prairie, gleaming in purple and white, like some great star, and all this wealth of beauty was the product of a ten-cent paper of seed. The smallest yard and the finest park is not complete without these butterflies among flowers, that mind neither heat, drouth or rain, but bloom in profusion until the winter is almost upon us. The seed is best started in the house, and the young plants transplanted to open ground one foot apart, but if the soil is made very fine, seed can be sown in open ground and covered lightly. After they are once up they are no trouble to grow. Per pkt.

**Childs' New Hybrids**—Striped, blotched and stained. Large funnel-shaped flowers of intense brilliancy and vivid marking; never out of bloom; fine for pots. .... 5

**Grandiflora, Mixed**—Very large flowers and fine colors, including beautiful blotched, bordered, striped and veined types. .... 5

**Nana Compacta**—A dwarf bedding Petunia, almost smothered under its load of beautifully variegated flowers, and blooming all summer. .... 5

**Azaleaflora**—New pure white with large, azalea-like blossoms and such a profusion of blooms as to smother the plant. Color pure white, often double. Habit dwarf and lovely. .... 10

**Bouquet Flowered**—This is quite a new strain of dwarf compact habit and remarkable free flowering qualities. The plants form a compact mass of the brightest and gayest colored blossoms to be found among Petunias. It is a superb strain and is offered among our novelties in three different colors. Here we offer a mixture of the same three colors. .... 10

NEW GIANT-FLOWERED PETUNIAS.

A giant-flowered strain which originated in California. These Petunias are truly magnificent in every sense of the word, and show great improvement over the best European strains. Per pkt.

**Clematis Flowered**—New pure white, and like a great clematis. .... 10

**Giant Kermisina**—Large, open throat of deep crimson black color, and black veining. Very fine. .... 10

**The Rainbow**—Richly colored flowers with golden yellow throat; exquisite and comes true every time. .... 10

**Ring of Emerald**—Large pink and crimson blossoms, deeply bordered with a green band. Attracts great attention. .... 10

**Fringed Perfection**—A highly perfected strain, the petals of which are deeply ruffled, and the ruffles in turn exquisitely fringed. A superb strain of the richest colors. .... 10

**Giant-Flowered Single, Mixed Colors**—Enormous single flowers of a great variety of superb colors and fancy markings. Exceedingly beautiful, and without doubt the finest strain of single Petunias. .... 15

**Ruffled Giants**—Flowers of this new strain are exceedingly deep throated, and very large. They are ruffled, fluted and fringed, striped, blotched and of solid intense colors, with many color combinations new in Petunias. It is a great strain which will give surprising results. .... 20

One packet each of above seven for 60c.

DOUBLE GIANT-FLOWERED PETUNIAS.

This is the choicest double Petunia seed that the world can furnish, and we stake our reputation upon it. A larger percent will produce double flowers than any other, and the flowers will be larger and better. Per pkt.

**Giant-Flowered Double, Fringed, 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 percent, comes double from seed than from any other strain we know. .... 20

**Double White**—A very fine, pure white flower, and very double; 30 per cent, will come true from seed. .... 20

**Double Heliotrope**—Large, round blossoms, very double, and of a beautiful Heliotrope color. .... 20

**Double Crimson**—Intense crimson, large, double and very rich, and finely fringed. .... 20

**Double Rosea**—Pink, crimson and white, beautifully mottled and fringed. .... 20

One packet each of above five for 76c.



**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 wire stalks like so many tropical butterflies that a passing zephyr might waft from their airy perch. There is nothing more gorgeous than the double Poppies, bursting with fullness, glowing with color, and like great Paeonies, 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 or 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, that the plants may have their growth made, ready to bloom at the coming of warm weather. Per pkt.

**Improved Shirley**—No better flower seed novelty was offered last year than this new strain of Shirley Poppy, grown, selected and improved by Mr. Wilks, the original introducer of the Shirleys. Habit of plant dwarf and stout; blossoms of enormous size, and of the most charming colors to be found in any flower. No display can surpass a bed of these Poppies, no matter what it is. A great improvement.....10

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

**Childs' Great Paeony-Flowered**—A strain perfected 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.....5

**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.....5

**Snowdrift**—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**—Dainty 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 is something wonderful, and must be seen to be appreciated. Intense scarlet crimson, pink, rose, white, blush, mottled, fringed, etc. 5

**Nudicaule or Iceland Poppies**—Perennial, 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.....10

**SPECIAL OFFER**—For only 50c. we will send one packet each of the ten Poppies on this page.



**Blushing Bride**—The plants are of dwarf, stout growth, like Snowdrift, and belong to the Paeony-flowered type. The blossoms of enormous size perfectly double to the center, and beautifully fringed. Color snow-white, with lovely bright crimson festooning above the edges of the frilled petals. It is difficult to imagine a more charming combination. This Poppy is one of the earliest double varieties to bloom, yet fit the seed is sown late, say during June, the plants will bloom profusely through the fall months.....10

# SWEET PEAS



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## Sweet Peas.—(Climber.)

*Our Great Collection of Grand New Varieties.*

One of the dear old flowers that will never go out of fashion. Even yone 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, a trench six inches deep, put in two inches of rotten 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. Such planting will produce enormous quantities of flowers of the largest size.

**Our Grand Large-Flowering Mixed Sweet Peas**—The finest mixture possible, as only the largest-flowered or "Grandiflora" type (Eckford's) is used. More than 100 different colors; perfectly magnificent. Pkt., 5c; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 35c.; ½ lb., 60c.; 1 lb., \$1.10; 2 lbs., \$2.00.

**50 Sorts in One Pkt. for 10c.**—For 10c. we will send a packet containing 50 seeds—mixed—one seed each of 50 different named varieties.

## 50 Grandest Named Sweet Peas

*All at 5c. per pkt., 10c. per oz.*

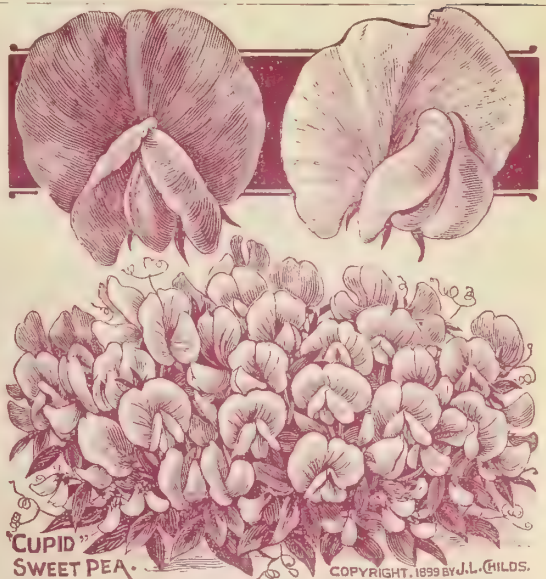
- Adonis**—A fine shade of carmine-rose.
- Alba Magnifica**—A fine pure white of good size.
- America**—Beautifully striped white and scarlet.
- Apple Blossom**—Lovely pink and rose standards, wings pale pink; large and fine.
- Aurora**—White, flaked and striped bright orange-salmon. Immense size.
- Blanche Ferry Extra Early**—The prettiest pink and white variety of all. Vine unusually bushy and compact.
- Blanche Burpee**—Pure white, enormous size; three on a stem. Finest of its color.
- Blushing Bride**—Lovely blending pink and white.
- Boreatton**—Deen maroon, large and stout.
- Bronze King**—Fine copper-red, with pure white wings.
- Butterfly**—Pure white, laced with blue.
- Cardinal**—Fine, rich cardinal-red.
- Captain of the Blues**—Purple-blue, with lovely blue wings.
- Celestial**—Soft lavender; extra large and fine.
- Countess of Radnor**—Soft lavender; delicate and fine.
- Crown Jewel**—Creamy, tinted and veined with rose.
- Catharine Tracy**—Claimed to be the largest size, finest form and most delicately colored pink variety yet sent out.
- Daybreak**—White wings, red standards; fine.
- Dorothy Tennant**—Fine rose-mauve; exquisite color.
- Empress of India**—Clean, soft rose, Grand.
- Emily Henderson**—Lovely pure white; large size; really the finest white variety.
- Firefly**—Large, bright crimson-scarlet

(SWEET PEAS, CONTINUED.)

- Her Majesty**—One of the grandest and newest sorts.
- Ignea**—Fine, deep scarlet crimson.
- Indigo King**—A deep, rich blue. New.
- Isa Eckford**—Creamy white, mottled pink.
- Juanita**—Large, white, delicately striped lavender.
- Lady Beaconsfield**—Salmon pink with primrose yellow.
- Lemon Gem**—Lovely light lemon. Very delicate.
- Mikado**—Bright, rosy pink, striped white; large.
- Mrs. Eckford**—A most delicate primrose yellow.
- Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain**—White, striped pale rose.
- Monarch**—Bronze crimson, with rich, deep blue.
- Mrs. Cladstone**—Delicate pink and blush. Lovely.
- Mrs. Sankey**—Extra large, snow white.
- Novelty**—Pale carmine, laced rose.
- Oddity**—Pink, edged and laced rose; oddly curled.
- Orange Prince**—Bright orange pink, flushed scarlet; wings deep rose, veined pink.
- Peach Blossom**—Large, soft pink; delicate and fine.
- Princess May**—Soft lavender; delicate and pretty.
- Princess Louise**—Rich, rosy pink, with blue wings.
- Painted Lady**—Lovely pink and white.
- Primrose**—Fine primrose yellow. New and fine.
- Purple Prince**—Fine, rich purple. A splendid sort.
- Splendor**—Large, purplish rose, very fine.
- Stanley**—Fine, large, deep maroon.
- The Senator**—Chocolate, shaded and striped.
- The Queen**—Soft pink, with mauve wings.
- Vesuvius**—Brightly marked, mottled, spotted and shaded crimson, purple, violet, etc.
- Waverly**—Rosy scarlet; rose laced wings. Extra large.

All the above at 5c. per pkt., 10c. per oz.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**—For only \$1.50 we will send one packet each of these 50 distinct and magnificent sorts.



**Dwarf "Cupid" Sweet Peas.**

This is a dwarf Sweet Pea, the plant growing only five inches high, yet spreading out and forming a solid mat of foliage and flowers one and one-half feet across. The blossoms are very sweet, of largest size and greatly abundant, with three flowers on each stem. It begins to bloom as early as May, and, unlike the climbing Sweet Peas, continues in profusion until killed by frost. This is a remarkable feature and makes it at once one of the most superb plants for bedding, massing and edging in cultivation. Cupid Sweet Peas are not only excellent garden bloomers, but are also very desirable as pot plants. In fact, it will be hard to find a more desirable flowering plant for pot culture. Per pkt.

- White Cupid**—Pure milk white, large size, perfect form and very sweet..... 5
  - Pink Cupid**—A lovely pink in color and a very free grower. 5
  - Primrose Cupid**—Like the white, except in color, which is a fine tinted yellow or primrose..... 10
  - Alice Eckford Cupid**—A lovely blending of pink and white, with both deep and delicate shadowy shades. It is perfectly exquisite..... 10
  - Beauty Cupid**—A large, broad flower, slightly hooded. Standards fine, soft rose, bordered with white. Wings rosy pink with carmine edges. A great beauty..... 10
- One packet each of the five Cupids for 30c.



**Double Sweet Peas.**

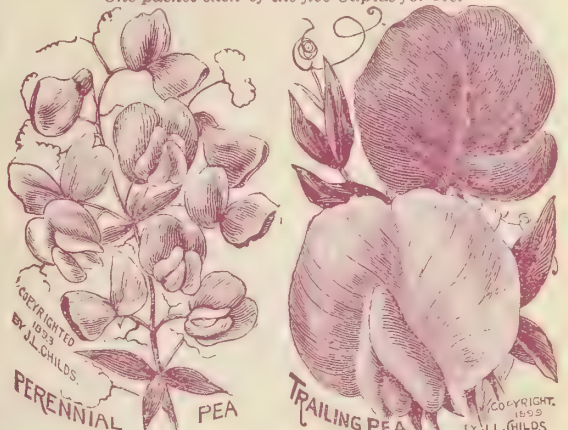
The new double sorts produce flowers nearly half of which will be double, as shown on this plate. Very beautiful and attractive.

- Double Pink.
- Double Scarlet.
- Double Black.
- Double Blue.
- Double White.
- Double Mixed, all colors.

Above double Sweet Peas, 10c. per pkt.; the 6 pkts. for 50c.

**Lord Anson's Trailing Peas.**

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. Two colors, pure white and sky blue, mixed, 5c.



**Perennial Peas.**

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 or drought. Plants 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. Four to six feet in height. Per pkt.

- Mixed, All Colors**..... 5
- Pure White**—Superb..... 10



CHILDS'  
NEW  
JUBILEE PHLOXES

## Childs' Jubilee Phlox.

This strain of Phlox Drummondii is as superior to other Phloxes of regular outline as our new Star Phloxes 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, pure white, 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 unrivalled for bedding. They are of dwarf, stout, branching habit, always standing erect, and the individual flowers are the size of a twenty-dollar gold coin. The grandest of all Phloxes of any type yet known to cultivation. They are superior even to the grand Perennial Phloxes, which are so very beautiful..... Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 30c.





### 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 latter, and offer none but those beautiful new ones of recent introduction. The Phlox make beautiful ribbon beds when different colors are sown side by side, and are also grand for masses of solid color. Per pkt.

- Mixed**—Thirty different colors. Fine for large beds and masses. Per oz., \$1.00..... 5
- 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..... 10
- Double White**—This Phlox was introduced some years ago, but so small a per cent. of the plants produced double flowers that we did not offer it at first. 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
- Double Yellow**—Like the above, but yellow..... 15
- Nana Compacta**—Small growing, very compact varieties in many brilliant colors. They attain a height of only six inches and make a very brilliant carpet of colors all summer..... 10
- Nana Coerulea Stellata**—A new dwarf Phlox, bearing a profusion of large blue white-eyed blossoms. It is the best dwarf Phlox we have ever grown, and one which will greatly please all..... 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 Quef inburg, when introduced a few years ago. Their large size, and their curiously pointed, fringed and toothed blooms—utterly unlike anything else—took the floral world by storm. Unfortunately these flowers were muddy and indistinct in coloring. This we undertook to remedy by hybridization between the new incised sorts and the old brilliant sorts of regular form, and we are more than satisfied with our success. We have succeeded in retaining the much admired forms of the German strains, while the colors of our improved hybrids are of every conceivable shade, more than a hundred distinct tints, shades, colors and combinations having been counted among them. Scarcely two plants can be found of the same shape and color. If you want something odd, new and striking, try Childs' Star Phlox..... 10

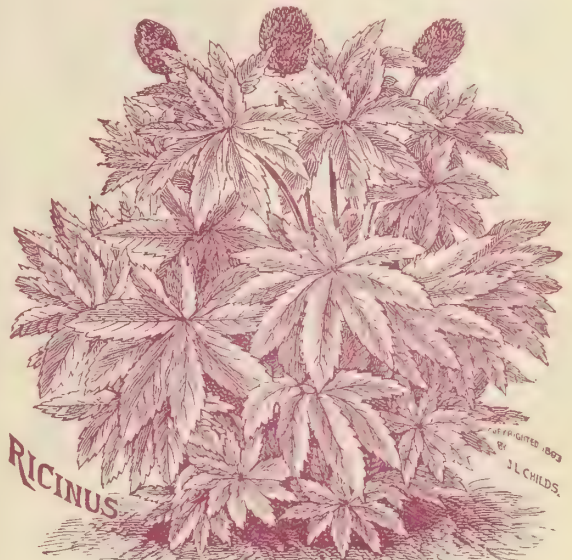
**SPECIAL OFFER.**—For only 75c, we will send one packet each of these fifteen finest Phloxes, including Childs' Jubilee.



### 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 the 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
- 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 to 30 distinct florets of a velvety purple color, on which the white stamens contrast finely..... 10



### 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 seeds 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..... 10



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"DOUBLE PORTULACA."

### 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. Six 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.....10
- Double Yellow**—Fine brilliant color.....10
- Double Scarlet**—Clear and bright.....10
- Double White**—Pure and beautiful.....10

### Picotee Pinks.

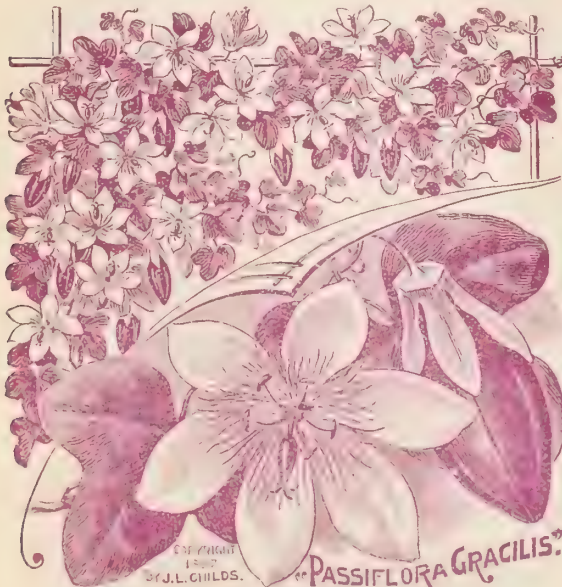
(Perennial.)

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.....10



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"PASSIFLORA GRACILIS."

### Passiflora Gracilis.

(Climber.)

This "Fairy Passion Vine" is a charming annual; it has pretty light green leaves, and is a very dainty and graceful thing, for hanging baskets, pots or trellises; will grow to the height of 5 or 6 feet out of doors; the flowers are white, followed by seed fruits, at first light green shaded white; when ripe they turn bright shining red and burst open, disclosing fiery scarlet seeds; the entire plant becomes covered with these fruits and the effect is very pretty indeed.....10



PLATYODON GRANDIFLORA.

### Platyodon, Grandiflora.

(Perennial.)

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, though it is a hardy perennial, the plants living in the ground over winter and blooming profusely year after year in the same spot. On this account it is very valuable. The pretty star-like flowers are 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. A gem for any garden.

- Mixed**—Several colors.....10



**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, pencilled 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 easy grown annual. Per pkt.  
**Grandiflora, Mixed Color**—A grand new strain with enormous blossoms possessing the most varied, brilliant and fantastic markings imaginable. The staining, pencilling and blending of the colors is wonderfully fine..... 5



**Schizanthus.**

*Chilids'*

*Winter-Blooming.*

The "Butterfly Flower." An easily grown plant, bearing quantities of gay, butterfly-like flowers, beautifully marked and spotted. The plants are such profuse bloomers that each branch looks like an immense panicle of lovely blossoms, and closely resembling some species of Orchids. For winter blooming in pots the Schizanthus is one of the most desirable of all flowers. Plants from seed sown in November will be full of bloom from January to May, making a display which cannot be surpassed. This strain is one of the grandest plants for blooming in pots that can be had.

**Winter Blooming**—Mixed colors.....10

**66 "Shoo-Fly" Plant.**

An important new plant of the Physalis family. It is claimed that flies will not stay in a room where it is growing if they can conveniently escape, and our tests show such to be the case, though what there is about it that repulses them is not clear, as the plant or flower has no odor. Aside from this most remarkable quality it is a most beautiful flowering plant, and blooms in a very short time (60 days) from seed. It is particularly valuable as a winter bloomer, the blossoms being large, cup-shaped and of a lovely light blue color, with a white center. It is a profuse bloomer in pots both summer and winter. In the garden it grows too rank and weedy to be of any value, but as a pot plant it is exquisite.....10



**SALVIA  
 SPLENDENS  
 COMPACTA.**

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**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. Per pkt.

- Patens**—A most lovely shade of blue.....10
- Carduacua**—Light blue..... 5
- Splendens Compacta**—Fine dwarf habit, very free flowering, and of intense brilliancy. This is the finest of all Salvias and one of the very finest plants for garden or pots that it is possible to have. It blooms profusely all the year, beginning in about three months from the time of sowing the seed. A perfectly exquisite window plant. In the garden its masses of fiery blossoms are very attractive.....10
- Splendens, Mixed**—Scarlet, white, striped, purple and golden leaved, all exceedingly fine.....10



**"SHOO FLY"  
 PLANT.**



**Ten-Weeks Stocks.**

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

- Per pkt.
- Early Ten Weeks - 12 of the finest colors mixed.....10
  - “ “ “ - Pure white, very sweet..... 5
  - “ “ “ - Rich crimson..... 5
  - “ “ “ - Clear blue..... 5
  - “ “ “ - Yellow, new and fine..... 5

**Dwarf German**—Mixed colors. An extra fine strain of large flowered Stocks.....10

**New Large 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.....10

**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.....20

**Snowflake**—A superb variety. Flowers as perfect as though cut out of wax. Much grown as a pot flower for cool rooms.....10

**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 60c.



**Wallflower.**

**Annual Mixed**—The old English Wallflower is everywhere a favorite, and it is a regret to most cultivators of flowers that it cannot be grown in this country as well as it can in England. This is owing to the fact that it is not hardy enough to stand our winters in the open ground without being killed or severely injured, and as the old varieties do not bloom until the second year from seed they can be successfully wintered only in frames. This serious difficulty is obviated in this new strain, which flowers early the first season from seed. Seed sown in the open ground the first of May will commence blooming by the first of July, and if started earlier in the house or in hot-beds they can be had in profusion from early in June until late autumn, as they continue blooming through autumn frosts without injury. The blossoms are of large size and borne in compact, short spikes or clusters, and are exceedingly sweet scented. The plants are not injured by fall frosts and bloom until December. The colors range from yellow to dark brown, striped, etc.....10

**Double (Perennial) Mixed Colors**—A favorite English flower somewhat like Ten-weeks 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.....10



**Sweet William.--(Perennial.)**

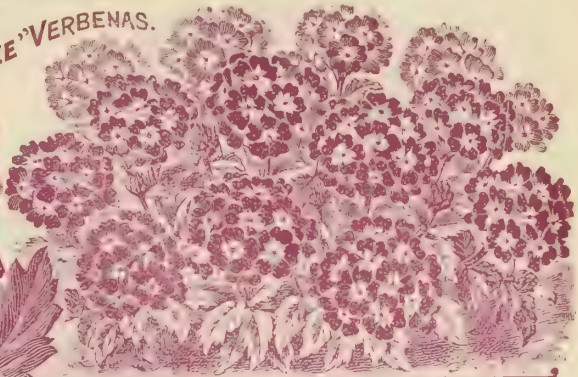
The favorite flower of our grandmothers. One of the best edging plants for the border, bearing in early summer large heads of the richest and most varied colors. Very fragrant and a favorite with everyone for vases and bouquets.

**Improved Mixed Colors**—Perfect in form, large in size, brilliant and varied in colors..... 5

**Double Mixed Colors**—Fine double blossoms.....10



"GIANT PRIZE" VERBENAS.



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 no equals. Start seed early under glass, if possible, that good strong plants may be had for transplanting in the garden. They will commence blooming in June and continue until after severe frosts, and during the 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. Per pkt.

- Extra Choice Mixed**—From a named collection.....10
- Golden Bedder**—A striking variety with bright scarlet blossoms and golden yellow foliage..... 20
- Primrose**—A great advance toward the coveted yellow Verbena. A soft, pale yellow, or primrose.....10
- Odorata**—It is so hardy seed can be sown in the open ground early in the spring, where they will quickly germinate, grow rapidly, and in a few weeks be in bloom, and give a great profusion of beautiful blossoms all summer. The blossoms, instead of being in clusters like other sorts, run up into spikes, usually 3 or 4 inches long. It is very sweet scented and pure white in color.....10
- Moss Verbena**—This new Verbena produces a mass of fine, moss-like foliage, and as the branches spread out over the ground in all directions a lovely carpet of mossy green is formed, above which are borne the delicate clusters of purple-blue blossoms in the wildest profusion. The effect is most charming. It is more hardy and robust than most Verbenas, and blooms in a very short time from seed. It is novel and beautiful..10

CHILDS' PRIZE VERBENAS.

Famous as the finest strain of Verbenas 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.

- Childs' Prize, Mixed Colors**—Hundreds of delicate shades. Enormous sized flowers; dwarf, compact habit and prodigious bloomers.....20
- Childs' Prize, Pure White**—Comes true from seed. Great trusses of snowy blossoms of exquisite fragrance..... 15
- Childs' Prize, Scarlet**—A very intense scarlet.....15

THE MAYFLOWER VERBENA.

Raised and named by Luther Burbank, and was the greatest floral novelty of last year. The shape of its individual flowers and clusters of bloom, as well as its color, are identical with the flowers of the Trailing Arbutus, or Mayflower, and having the same superb fragrance. The size of the flowers is about equal to a silver quarter, and in delicate coloring and rich perfume it has no rival. It is fully described on cover of this Catalogue.

- Pink Mayflower**—Delicate shades of pink, and very fragrant, like Arbutus.....20
- White Mayflower**—Pure white and sweetly scented.....20
- Mixed Mayflower**—Above pink and white shades, mixed. 20

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VERB ODORATA.

MOSS VERBENA.



- Improved Striped**—A good strain, representing all the leading colors, but all striped. Really the finest strain of Striped or Zebra Zinnias in cultivation.....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
- Show Ball**—Exactly like Fire Ball, except color, which is snow white, and makes a charming contrast.....10
- Double Yellow**—Blossoms large and bright yellow.....5
- 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
- Gold Bug**—Plants grow a foot high and branch freely into beautiful little compact bushes, which are at all times covered with beautiful golden-yellow blossoms as double as roses. New last year.....10

# ZINNIAS

## Zinnia.

From early childhood the Zinnia has been a special favorite with us, and the strain which we cultivated in our first little garden we still sell and grow as our improved. We have selected the stock seed every year for thirty years. This careful attention has brought it to wonderful perfection. This 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 showing which is peculiar. Nothing else can fill their place. Seed should be started inside or sown in the garden about corn-planting time.

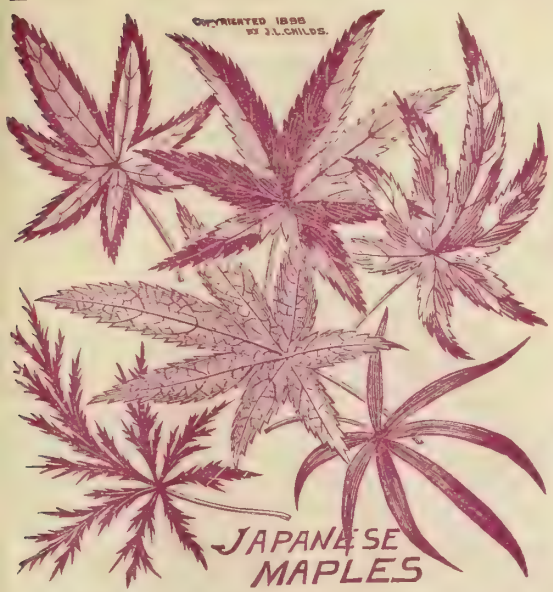
**Childs' Improved, Mixed Colors**—Saved only from select flowers, perfect in shape and color. The finest strain of Zinnia in cultivation. Every plant will produce immense double blossoms of various colors, from white to deep crimson, maroon, pink, yellow, orange, scarlet, violet, primrose, buff, striped,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

**Crested and Crinkled**—All colors mixed. A strain with curiously crested and crinkled petals.....10



### SPECIAL OFFER.

To encourage the free use of our improved Zinnias, we will send one packet each of the eight varieties here offered for only 40c.



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JAPANESE  
MAPLES

Miscellaneous Seeds.

- Japanese Maple**—These are the most beautiful, unique, and the highest-priced Ornamental Shrubs to be had; hence they are seldom seen. We have secured from Japan a quantity of seed saved from all the finest varieties (of which there are hundreds), from which our customers can grow a fine lot at little expense. When small they make most charming pot plants, the varied colors and patterns of the leaves making them highly attractive. As they get larger they may be planted permanently on the lawn, as they are hardy, where they will make most beautiful objects. The leaves of the various sorts range in color from dark crimson to pink, green, white, etc., many being beautifully variegated and mottled. Besides their fine colors they are beautifully cut and divided. .... 10
- Ampelopsis Veitchi**—The ever-lovely "Boston Ivy," or Japanese Woodbine. Finest of all hardy wall vines. ... 5
- Clematis Paniculata**—A most superb new climber, bearing enormous quantities of snow-white blossoms. ... 10
- Clematis Davidiana**—The unique bush Clematis, bearing a great profusion of blue blossoms. .... 10
- Iris Kämpferi**—Perfectly elegant, producing plants which bloom the second season, showing a great variety of colors and large size, both double and single. .... 10
- Lilium Tenifolium**—This beautiful Lily grows freely from seed and blooms abundantly the second summer. A fine lot may be raised in this way. .... 10
- Paeony, Officinalis**—Mixed; well-known garden plant. ... 10
- "Tree"—Seed imported from Japan; the beautiful and famous Tree Paeony; all colors, mixed. .... 20
- Wistaria Sinensis**—Lovely and well-known hardy vine. ... 10



ALPINE  
BUSH STRAWBERRY.  
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Alpine Everbearing  
Strawberry.

These grow freely from seed and fruit the first summer. Our experience with them is as follows: In March or April we sow seed (under glass). The young plants appear in a short time and grow well, and in May are transplanted to the open ground. By the first of July they commence blooming, and the first fruit ripens about the 14th of that month. From that time there is ripe fruit continually until late in October. The berries, while not quite so large as the garden varieties, are much higher flavored. In fact, they are in quality far superior to all others. A few of them will perfume a whole room, so great is their delicious aroma. Who could desire a more unique novelty than this? Grow Strawberries from seed, like Pansies, and have delicious fruit all summer, some white, some red, some black, and some (the bush varieties) which produce no runners.

RUNNER VARIETIES.

- These are everbearing, fruiting freely from June till October. The plants increase rapidly by runners, like ordinary sorts. All perfectly hardy in any climate.
- Red Alpine**—Long, dark crimson, high aromatic flavor, great yielder. .... 10
- White Alpine**—Same as the above, but a beautiful snowy white in color. .... 10
- Black Alpine**—A sort bearing large fruit, which is of a dark crimson-black color, and highly flavored. Contrasts finely with the white and red varieties. .... 10
- Mixed Sorts**—Fine mixed seed of above, and many other sorts, all of which fruit well the first season. .... 15

BUSH VARIETIES.

- Wonderful berries, having no runners, but growing into immense stool plants; fruit similar to other Alpine; enormous yielder, single plants in this State having yielded one pint of berries at a picking in November. Fine for borders, as they throw out no runners, and are singularly beautiful when loaded with their dense crops of fruit; grow easily from seed, the seedlings bearing well the first summer. Perfectly hardy and of exquisite flavor. City people, or others, who desire to do so, can grow the bush varieties admirably in pots. They are well adapted to pot culture, and will even fruit well during winter.
- Everbearing Bush White**—Beautiful snow-white fruit of exquisite flavor. .... 15
- Everbearing Bush Red**—Like the above, but a fine crimson color. .... 15

One packet each of the two sorts for 20c.

Freesia.

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 and boxes, or frames, of light, rich soil. They will soon germinate, and under favorable circumstances they will bloom finely within four months from time of sowing. .... 10



FRESIA

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# Seeds for Window or Greenhouse Culture.

The satisfaction derived from the cultivation of house plants is not alone in seeing them in 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 plant culture. Geraniums, Carnations, Chrysanthemums, 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 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 nothing 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.



## Begonia.

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

**Rex, Mixed Sorts**—Justly celebrated as the finest of ornamental pot plants. Superb large leaves, of exquisite and rich coloring. Our seed is saved from our finest collection of about fifty newest and best named sorts; cannot be excelled. It will give grand results.....15

**Tuberous-Rooted Rex**—Our new strain of fine Tuberous-Rooted Rex Begonias, introduced this year. A large per cent. of this hybridized seed will come true.....20



TUBEROUS-ROOTED HYBRID BEGONIA.

**Tuberous-Rooted Hybrid Begonias**—Our seed of Tuberous-Rooted Begonias is particularly fine, and is from our own choice plants, which have been so greatly admired. Seed is saved only from plants bearing flowers of exceptional size and beauty. See Colored Plate No. 6.

**Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids**—Fine single mixed.....15  
**Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids**—Fine double mixed.....20



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**Vernon, Mixed Colors**—Flower perpetually the year round, the plants being completely covered with bloom at all times, especially during winter. They make lovely bedding plants in summer, the leaves, when exposed to the sun, turning to a rich bronze color, adding much to the beauty of the flowers. Grow from seed as readily as a weed. Grand perpetual bloomers, including many colors, white, pink, red, etc.....10

**Vernon, New Crimson**—Fine dark crimson.....10  
**" Dwarf**—Growth is compact and stocky, attaining about one-half the size of the older type. The blossoms are produced freely and are set near to the foliage. It is a perfect little beauty of a plant. Blooms in three months. Color, dark crimson.....10

**Vernon, Golden Leaved**—Elegant golden colored foliage and lovely pink blossoms in endless profusion. Highly ornamental..... 10

**New Hybrids, Mixed**—Large flowering and perpetual blooming. This is a mixture of the newest and rarest named flowering Begonias. It includes many fine hybrids, and seed is saved from our noted collection of rare sorts. We have taken the greatest pains in hybridizing this seed, and it will produce many distinct new forms. .... 15

**New Sweet Scented, Mixed**—Fine mixed seed of our grand new sweet scented varieties. 20



NEW HYBRIDS, MIXED



## Cineraria.

A wondrously beautiful greenhouse or window plant, and not at all hard to grow. Seeds germinate quickly and easily, and young plants grow off without any trouble. Keep in a shady place over summer and remove to house in fall. Use insecticides to keep free from aphids, and as flower buds show give good light. A beautiful plant, the large, luxuriant leaves surmounted in late winter and spring by immense panicles of magnificent large flowers of the most brilliant colors. Nothing could be more effective in the window; in fact, no flower is more showy or effective, and the flowers last in full glory for two to three months. Colors exceedingly rich and velvety, ranging from crimson-black to pure white, through all the shades of crimsons and blues, or exquisite borders.

**Grandiflora, Mixed**—Large-flowering prize varieties .....10

**Grandiflora, Dwarf Mixed**—Two to three inches across and of the richest and most varied colors. The immense head of bloom is like a beautiful bouquet, finely set off by the large, handsome leaves, above which it towers .....20

**Grandiflora, Dwarf White**—Grand new pure white .....15

**Grandiflora, Dwarf Azurea**—Lovely sky-blue .....15

**Double Flowered**—Extra choice mixed, all fine, double blossoms in immense clusters .....25



## Azalea Indica.

Well known and popular shrubby plants for window or greenhouse culture; of great beauty and fine flowering qualities .....10

## 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.

**Choice Hybrids, Mixed**—All colors .....10

**Infanta Eulalia Hybrids, Mixed**—Large blossoms of various colors. The finest of all Abutilons, blooming freely all the year, and making a short-jointed, bushy growth that is much more desirable than the tall-growing kinds. 20



ABUTILON.

## 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 well, and will bloom the next winter. Each plant bears hundreds of pocket-like flowers, spotted and marked in the most curious manner. Our great show of Calceolarias during the late winter and spring months is one of the noted attractions of Floral Park.

Per pkt.  
**Dwarf Hybrids**—Large flowering, mixed colors .....15  
**Grandiflora**—Spotted and tigré, as well as fine self-colors; very large and exceedingly fine .....20



**Chrysanthemum.**

Chrysanthemum seed sown in the winter will produce large, vigorous plants by fall, which will give a great profusion of fine flowers, even more than old plants. 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 Mixed**—All colors and varieties; Japanese, Ostrich Plume, Anemone-flowered, etc. .... 20



**Carnation.**

A favorite with everyone. 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. Per pkt.

**Monthly, or Perpetual**—Mixed greenhouse sorts. .... 16

**Hardy Hybrids**—Hardy free bloomers. Extra fine for the garden or for pots. Many fine colors mixed. .... 15

**Margaret**—Fine, early bloomers. .... 10

**Chebaud Early French**—A fine strain, combining the earliness of Margaret with the large and perfect blossoms of the Perpetuals. .... 20

**Malmaison**—Largest and finest of all. Plants will bloom in three or four months from the time of sowing. The flowers are simply enormous in size, perfectly double, of a delicate, blush color and strong olive fragrance. Growth stout, with large, luxuriant foliage. No other Carnation can compare with this variety. All the seed will not come true, but if only one plant of Malmaison is secured it is a prize well worth a dollar. .... 15



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**CYCLAMEN**

**Cyclamen, Grandiflorum.**

There are few handsomer plants than the Cyclamen. The heart-shaped foliage is beautifully shaped 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. .... 15

**Camelia Japonica.**

— We have received from Japan a quantity of seed of the well known and ever beautiful Camelia. It germinates readily, and the plant makes a rapid growth. The seed was saved from plants of different colors, and is said to be a mixture of the finest sorts. .... 15



CAMELIA JAPONICA.



**Gloxinia.**

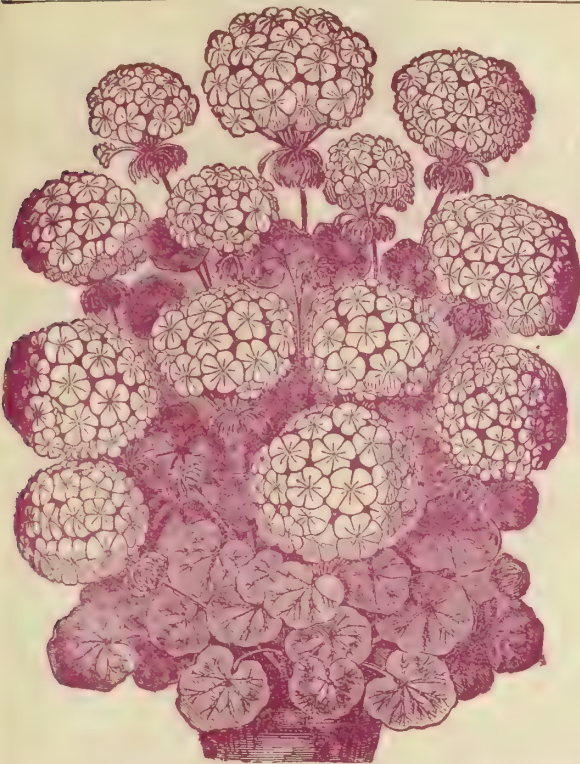
The most beautiful of all pot bulbs. Seedlings grow well and, if given proper care, will bloom in five months from the time of sowing seed, giving larger and better flowers than can be had from old bulbs. Per pkt.

**French Hybrids**—Splendid mixed; finest varieties. .... 15

**Tigred and Spotted**—Mixed, all beautifully spotted. .... 15

**Crassifolia Erecta**—Mixed colors, all erect bloomers. .... 15

**Pure White**—The most heavenly of all flowers. .... 15



### Geranium.

FINE SEEDLING GERANIUMS.

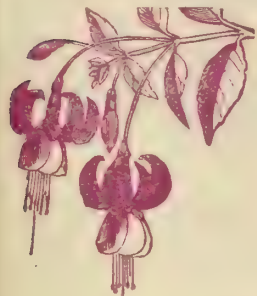
### Ferns.

Very easily grown from seeds, and if started early will bloom the first summer and fall. Seedling plants are always healthy and make a strong, luxuriant growth, blooming more freely than old plants. Anyone can produce magnificent results growing Geraniums from seed, and we advise all our customers to try it. Per pkt.

- Zonale, Extra Choice**—Mixed, from finest new large-flowered varieties.....10
- New Hybrid Large-Flowering**—Grand strain, from which we grew the magnificent new sorts offered among Specialties and Novelties. Will give the finest results. All colors, mixed.....20
- Bronze and Gold**—Very fine foliage.....15
- Souvenir de Mirande**—Saved from fine marbled varieties of the Mirande type. Distinct and very beautiful.....10
- Apple Scented**—Very delightfully scented leaves.....10
- Double Mixed**—Saved especially for us from the finest new sorts, and will produce some of the best double varieties in existence.....20
- Pelargonium, or Lady Washington**—Fine mixed. These are perfectly magnificent, but seed is so scarce that only a very little can be given in a pkt.....20
- Ivy Leaved**—Double and single mixed; extra fine, with magnificent turesses of bright colored flowers, and a beautiful trailing habit, with rich, ivy-like foliage.....20

Ferns are exquisite for table or drawing-room decorations, wardian 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 large saucer that has been filled with water.

- Mixed**—Many fine sorts..... 10
- Boston Fern**—Finest of all..... 15
- Golden Fern**—Perfectly exquisite..... 20



### Fuchsia,

Lovely pot plants, which bloom profusely at all times. Grows rapidly from seed, producing many fine new sorts. **Mixed Hybrids**—Finest seed from best double and single named sorts.....15



### Lantana.

A little slow to germinate, but seedlings grow rapidly and soon make thrifty plants. An extra fine bedding plant, with very brilliant Verbena-like flowers. We offer a very fine strain. Flowers in all shades of vermillion, orange, lemon, white and pink. Mixed colors.....10

### 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 for bouquets and other floral work.....10



LEMOINE'S NEW HELIOTROPE.

### Heliotrope.

LEMOINE'S NEW EARLY-FLOWERING GIANT.

This new strain of Heliotrope blooms in a very short time from seed, and plants are as easily raised from seed as Pansies or Asters. The seedlings make a rapid growth and are in bloom in a short time. They bloom abundantly in the garden all summer, or all the year round in pots. The panicles of bloom are often six inches across, three times as large as ordinary Heliotrope, while the colors range from indigo-black through all shades of blue to almost pure white, and some with red tints, others with large white eyes. In fragrance they seem to surpass the ordinary sorts. A packet of this seed will furnish a bed of flowers for your garden or lawn which would cost several dollars were you to purchase the plants, and give you great handfuls of the delicious blossoms all summer.....15



### 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 exquisite to use in 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 foliage.....5



### Palms.

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

- Mixed Sorts—Many varieties.....20
- Fillfera, or Weeping—Very fine and easily grown.....10
- Seaforthia Elegans—One of the finest and best known...15
- Phoenix Canariensis.....15
- “ Riciniata—Elegant curved fronds of great size.....20

### Oleander.

Well-known shrubby plants for tub culture. Very beautiful when in bloom.

- Mixed Colors.....10

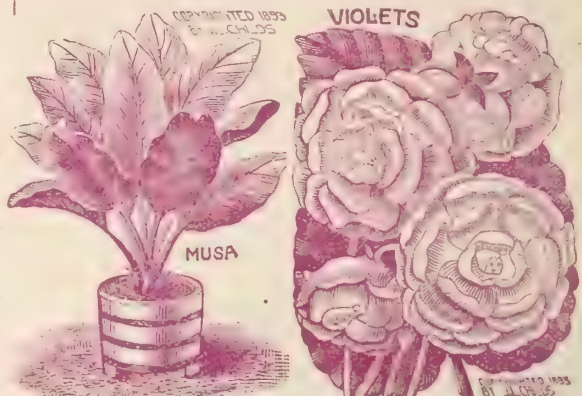
### Swainsonia.

Lovely pot plants, blooming freely all the time. Foliage as well as flowers is exquisitely handsome. One of the very finest of all pot plants for constant blooming. Flowers closely resemble Sweet Peas, and are borne in large clusters. There are two colors, white and pink. We offer fine plants of both sorts on another page.

- Mixed Colors—White and pink.....10

### 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 dwarf everything near it. Give sun, rich soil and abundance of water.....10



### Tea.

Everybody is interested in the Tea plant of China, and such a plant is always an attraction and a curiosity in any window. The Tea plant grows readily from seed, and makes a very ornamental foliage pot plant, as well as an interesting one. It often takes the seed, which are large, a month to germinate.....10

### Violet.

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

- Mixed Sorts.....10



PRIMULA SINENSIS.



PRIMULA OBCONICA.

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**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 plants never attacked 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 never 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 young plants 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 crown 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. Pkt.

- Mixed—Very good; from a fine collection.....10
- Fimbriata Filicifolia—Mixed (fern-leaved); beautiful cut-leaved foliage.....20
- Fimbriata Globosa—Mixed colors; this is a new strain of Fimbriata, with unusually large flowers of great substance, and colors very clear and pleasing, such as pure white with large lemon eye, deep red, carmine, white, and pink, striped, flaked with other colors, etc. Extra fine for pot culture.....20
- Fimbriata Cristata Hybrids—Fine new hybrid strain, with crisped foliage, and producing a great diversity of colors, from white to deep crimson.....20
- Fimbriata, fl. pl., Double, Mixed Colors—The double Primulas are among the choicest of all window plants, and the admiration of all who see them. The seed we offer is the choicest to be had, and will produce a large per cent. of plants showing magnificent double blossoms.....30
- Auricula, Mixed Colors—Elegant large-flowering strain, of rich colors. For garden culture.....10
- Japonica—Beautiful, hardy Primulas for the garden, and more charming for pots. Flowers arranged in whorls along upright stems, and are very beautiful. Many colors, mixed.....10

**Primula Obconica Hybrids.**

The well-known white P. Obconica is a universal favorite as a plant for pot culture, blooming profusely all the year, without a day's intermission. But all do not know the grandeur of our new large-flowering strain of Obconica, showing not only white, but pink, rose, blush and lilac blossoms. This is one of the greatest novelties of the year.

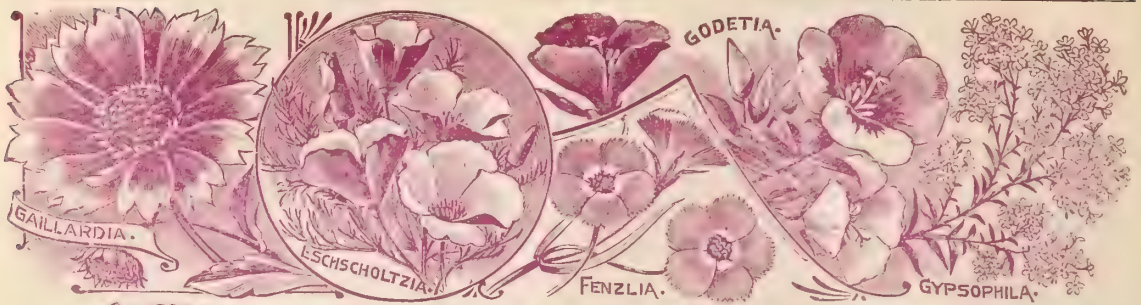
- Grandiflora Hybrids, Mixed—Large-flowering, all colors.....15
- Alba—Improved large white Obconica.....10



PRIMULA FORBESI

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**Forbesi**—Plant is exceedingly graceful and ornamental, with tiny flower stalks rising above the light-green leaves, and bearing many dainty rose-colored flowers with yellow center. New flower stems are constantly appearing as fast as the old ones fade, and the same plant is always in bloom. The foliage grows in a tufty, compact mass, while the graceful flower stems reach high above it. Very hardy and easily grown, and for window gardens and apartments. Grand new sort.....15



## General List of Flower Seeds.

AT THREE CENTS PER PACKET.

These well-known garden flowers require but little description. We do not claim that our stock and strains of them are extraordinarily fine, as is the case with our Specialties in Choice Select Flower Seeds, which commence on page 45 and run to page 84, but we do claim that they are as good as can be had anywhere, and much better than the average.

**Price 3 CENTS Per Pkt.** We have made a uniform price of 3 CENTS PER PACKET for these well-known flower seeds. It matters not whether you take one packet or one hundred, the price is 3 CENTS PER PACKET.

**ARTIMISIA GRACILIS**—Beautifully cut, feathery foliage of fine fragrance and great beauty. Its habit of growth is pyramidal, 4 to 5 feet high, and every branch 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.

**ARGEMONE GRANDIFLORA**—Flower 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.

**ASTER, IMBRIQUE POMPON**—Fine flowers, almost as round as a ball. Twenty-five colors, mixed.

**AMARANTHUS, Mixed Sorts**—Are valuable on account of their very beautiful and often brilliantly colored foliage, sometimes surpassing the best Coleuses.

**ANTIRRHINUM, Tom Thumb**—Mixed colors; fine Snap Dragons, growing only eight inches high; flowers large; colors very brilliant, orange, scarlet, yellow, maroon, white, rose, striped, etc.

**CALENDULA, 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, blooming all the time.

**CALENDULA, Mixed Colors**—All fine and double.

**CALLIOPSIS, Dwarf Compact**—Mixed colors; fine low-growing plants, producing thousands of blossoms.

**CALLIOPSIS, 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. All colors, mixed.

**CALLIOPSIS, Lanceolata (PERENNIAL)**—Graceful and profuse blooming plant, with large, striking flowers of a brilliant golden yellow, and remains in bloom all summer. Its long, wiry stems fit it admirably for bouquet making, while its golden cloud of blooms far above the foliage makes it a capital bedder.

**CENTAUREA CYANUS, Victoria**—Forms a dense mass of foliage and branches, above which are borne hundreds of lovely blue blossoms. Grows about one foot high and begins to flower within thirty days after seed is sown.

**CENTAUREA CYANUS, Double**—A new double-flowered form which comes pretty true. Remarkable for the new shades and combinations of colors it shows, many of the flowers being striped or variegated.

**CHRYSANTHEMUM, Annual, Mixed Colors**—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 intensity of coloring has earned them the name of "Painted Daisies."

**CROTALARIA RETUSA (RATTLE-BOX, OR YELLOW PEA)**—Has been widely offered as a yellow Sweet Pea. A dwarf, bushy plant with spikes of yellow, pea-like blossoms, but nothing like a Sweet Pea.

**CELOSIA, Dwarf Feathered, Mixed**—Pretty plumes of bright-colored flowers.

**ESCHSCHOLTZIA, Mixed Colors**—The Eschscholtzia is one of the hardiest and most easily grown of our annuals. It is also a very showy one, growing rapidly and coming into bloom soon after the plants are above ground. The foliage is finely cut and handsome and the flowers exceedingly showy, large and freely produced.

**FENZLIA, Mixed Colors**—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 thickly from seed.

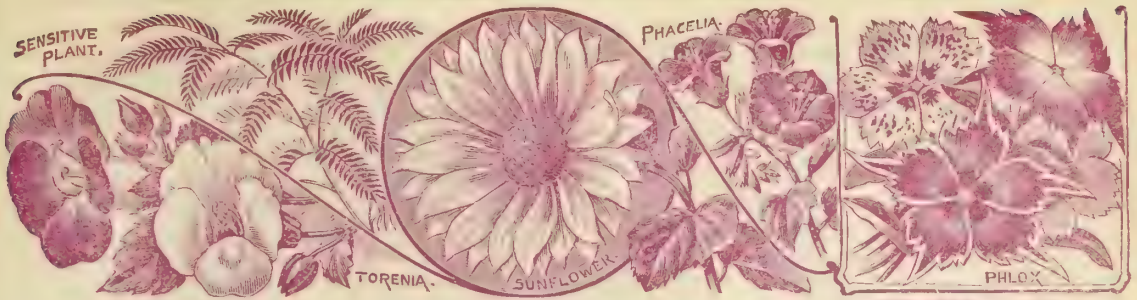
**GAILLARDIA, Mixed Colors**—These bear a profusion of very highly colored, daisy-like blossoms that are very attractive.

**GODETIA (SATIN FLOWER)**—Mixed colors. 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 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.

**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 lines, 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.

**HIBISCUS, Hardy Hybrids, Mixed (PERENNIAL)**—A fast-growing perennial that in on 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 midsummer, 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.





**HIBISCUS, Golden Bowl**—This 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, with a large black center.

**HONEYSUCKLE, Mixed**—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.

**LINUM PERENNE (PERENNIAL)**—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, silver-shaped blossoms, borne with such airy grace that they appear to be floating in the air.

**LYCHNIS, 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. Mixed colors.

**MIRABILIS, 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.

**MORNING GLORIES (CLIMBER)**—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. Mixed, all colors.

**MAURANDYA (CLIMBER)**—It has an exceedingly graceful habit, very handsome, dense foliage, pretty, fox-glove-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.

**NIGELLA**—Often called Love-in-a-mist, from the curious way in which the pretty blue blossoms are veiled by the feathery, close-enveloped foliage. Dwarf mixed.

**NEMOPHILA Mixed Colors**—Pretty little plants, with a profusion of very delicately colored blossoms. Blooms very early.

**OXALIS, Mixed Colors**—Some of the annual Oxalis are very pretty border plants, and bloom very quickly from seed.

**ENOTERA (EVENING PRIMROSE)**—Large, saucer-shaped blooms of the purest white, or softest, richest shades of yellow, and deliciously fragrant.

**PANSY, Fine Mixed**—A grand strain of many fine colors mixed.

**POLYGONUM VARIEGATA**—A charming garden plant growing 8 to 10 feet high, and bearing long catkin-like racemes of delicate pink flowers. The large, heart-shaped leaves are beautifully striped, spotted and marked with white.

**PHACELIA COMPANULATA**—An easily grown annual that will commence to bloom a month from the time seed is sown in open ground. Erect, cup-shaped flowers of a lovely blue. Flowers borne profusely and a long time. Its shade of color is one of the rarest and loveliest seen among blues.

**PYRETHRUM (GOLDEN FEATHER)**—Well-known plant, with fine yellowish-colored foliage. A fine bedder.

**PHLOX DRUMMONDI, Starred and Fringed, Mixed Colors**—Pretty star-shaped and fringed blossoms. Have been widely advertised.

**SUNFLOWER, New Double Dwarf**—Compact grower, with double flowers of great size and beauty.

**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 offers an invaluable material for bouquets and garnishing purposes.

**SENSITIVE PLANT (MIMOSA)**—A curious plant with delicate, fern-like leaves that fold closely together if touched, as though they were wilted by a hot blast. In a short time they again revive.

**SPRACUEA UMBELLATA**—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 bronze color, odd and attractive, and very curious.

**TORENIA, Large-Flowered, Mixed Colors**—A neat pot plant, but of little account for the garden.

**TRAILING HOLLYHOCK**—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 the vines and foliage.

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

**VINCA**—Lovely garden or pot plants, producing a profusion of bright blossoms at all times. Seed started early in pots make lovely blooming plants by early summer, which will continue in growth and bloom for a year. Their soft and delicate colors and profuse blooming habit make them at all times attractive. Mixed colors.

**VERBESINA, Occidentalis**—Blooms profusely from June to October, the blossoms being large, richest and brightest golden-yellow in color, closely resembling a Cosmos, and borne on long, graceful stems. Seed sown in pots at any time during winter will be up and blooming within a few weeks.

**YUCCA FILIMENTOSA**—The stately clumps of stiff, bayonet-like leaves, bristling out from the center in every direction, are extremely ornamental, but in midsummer 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.



Price of all these sorts, 3 Cents per Packet.

# VEGETABLE SEEDS.

What we say about our Flower Seeds, on page 45, 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 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; Cabbage, 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 a 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.



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## 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 finest sort grown. Seed, 10c. per pkt.; 20c. per oz.; \$1.50 per lb. Fine two-year-old roots, 50c. per dozen; \$2.50 per 100.

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ARTICHOKE

## 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 garden soil and lasts for many years. Sow seed in drills and transplant the next spring into permanent beds. Protect by light litter the first winter, Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

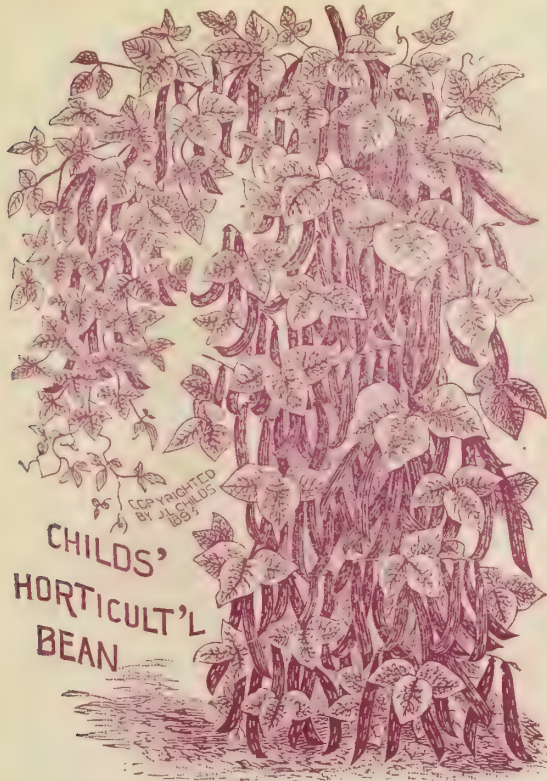


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## The Byer Bean.

This out-ranks any other Bush or Snap Bean so far introduced. In quality it is the best, and in productiveness it will more than double any other variety. The Michigan Agricultural Station, where this Bean was tested, says: of it in their Bulletin, No. 153, issued in February, 1898: "The Byer Bean.—Plants of healthy, vigorous growth, very branching and productive. The pods are five to six inches long, round, nearly straight, green in color, very brittle and fine in quality. The plants are very productive, and have a long season of bearing. It is a valuable sort for the home garden or market." The Bulletin then goes on to give the comparative tests. This table shows that one plant of the Byer Bean produced 251 pods, weighing 47 ounces. The variety which approached next to it was Stringless Green Pod, with 121 pods, 20½ ounces. From that the number ranges down to 16 pods, 2½ ounces, in Union White Valentine. This shows that the Byer is more than twice as productive as the best of the twelve other varieties tested. I do not think we need to say any more in recommendation of it. Price, 15c. per pkt.; 2pkts. for 25c.; per pint, 40c.; per quart, 75c.





**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.

**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.

**Colden 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, 30c.; quart, 50c.

**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 a superior quality. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

**Early Golden Cluster**—This bears a profusion of handsome golden pods, six to eight inches long, and continue in bearing a long time. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 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 into 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, while speckled and blotched with bright scarlet. A fine, dry Bean for baking or for stewing or serving with butter or cream. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**

For \$1.00 we will send one packet each of our fourteen fine varieties of Beans—all those offered on this page and the Byer Bean, offered on page 36.



**Beans.—(Bush.)**

One of the most delicious of all vegetables, and one that may be had in great abundance all the season. Sow successively every two or three weeks from early May to end of July. Those sown latest, and which mature in September, October, or November, will be the best. String Beans are better in autumn than at any other time.

**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 a 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.

**Yosemite Monster Wax**—Mammoth pods eight to ten inches long, as thick as one's finger, and very fleshy and thick-meated. 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, 30c.; quart, 50c.

**Refugee Wax**—A splendid wax Bean of the finest quality and very early. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

**Improved Golden Wax**—Large golden pods, tender and wax-like. A fine variety. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

**Burpee's Bush Lima**—This grows 18 to 20 inches high, of stout growth, erect, branching vigorously in to 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, 25c.; quart, 45c.



## Beet.

The sweet, tender roots of Beets 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.

**Edmund'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., 60c.

**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.

**Detroit Early Dark Red Turnip**—This is claimed to be perfection itself. Early, smooth, uniform, quick growth, small top, tender, and darkest red color. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

**Black Queen**—A fine new sort of extra fine appearance and quality. Flesh of 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.

**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 a good keeper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

**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., 85c.

**Lane's White Sugar**—This is the well-known "Sugar Beet" so largely planted for sugar. Sweetest of all. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

One packet each of the above 9 sorts, 40c.

## Mangel Wurzel Beets.

These giant Beets are grown mainly for stock feeding, and they produce enormous crops. The two following are best, and by far the most productive—in short, all that can be desired.

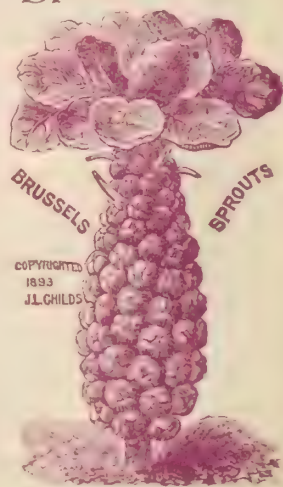
**Mammoth Long Red**—This grows to weigh 20 to 30 pounds, and is calculated to produce upwards of 50,000 pounds of roots to the acre. Animals are very fond of it, and the roots are very nutritious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.; 5 or 10 lb. lots, by express, at 30c. per lb.

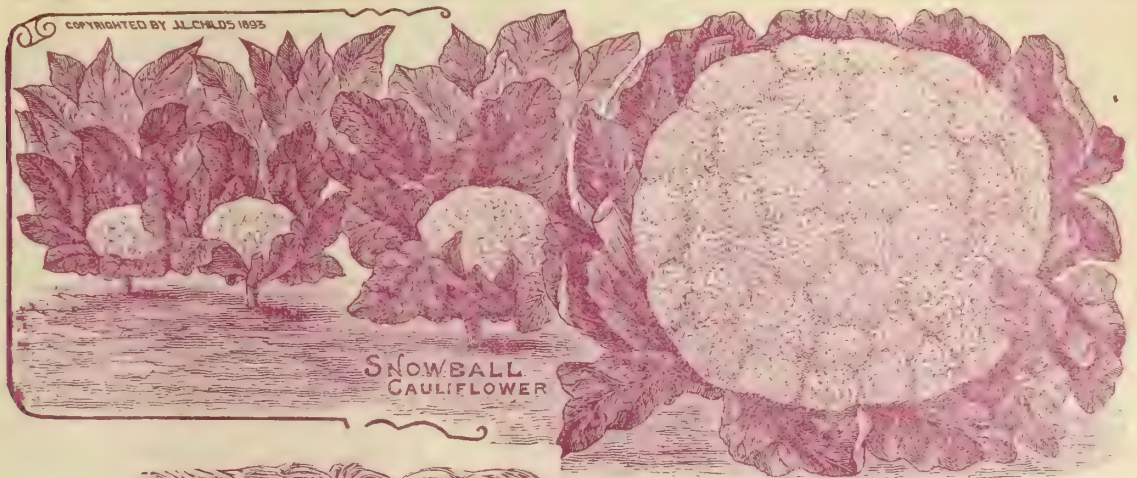
**Golden Tankard**—A new yellow sort, very sweet and tender. Large, oval roots, much easier to pull than the Long Mangels. A heavy cropper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.; 5 or 10 lb. lots, by express, 30c. per lb.

## Brussels Sprouts.

**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.





SNOWBALL CAULIFLOWER

**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 all garden vegetables.

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

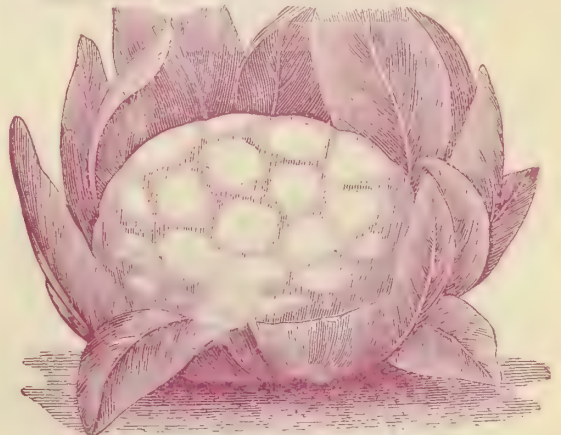
**Large White French**—Large white heads of finest quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 70c.

**Snow Ball**—One of the very best varieties for early 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 Cauliflowers. Pkt., 15c.; oz., \$2.50; lb., \$30.

**AMERICAN BEAUTY.**

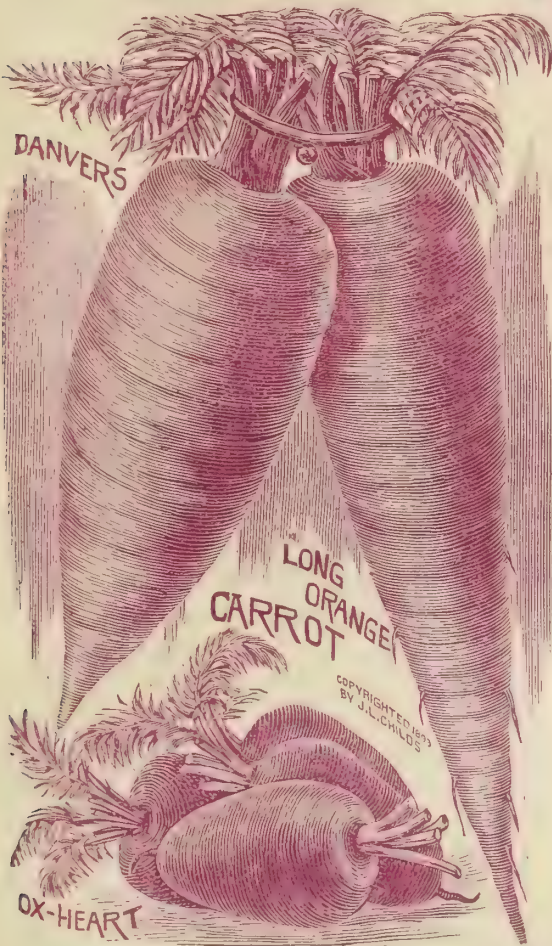


**American Beauty**—A fine hardy Cauliflower, especially adapted to American soil and climate, as it is an American strain and American grown seed. Heads early, size large, quality the very best. Pkt., 10c.; oz., \$2.25.



CAULIFLOWER, EARLIEST DWARF ERFURT.

**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.; ¼ oz., \$1.00; ½ oz., \$3.00; oz., \$5.00.



**Carrot.**

Popular both for table and stock. A heavy cropper. Roots can be kept for winter, like Beets and 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. It will yield 30 tons per acre. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 80c.

**Improved Long Orange**—A very popular variety for stock feeding. Heavy cropper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

**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.



**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 Cabbage—extra good seed, rich, mellow soil and thorough cultivation.

**Childs' Bismarck**—This wonderful Cabbage, introduced by us some 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. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.75.

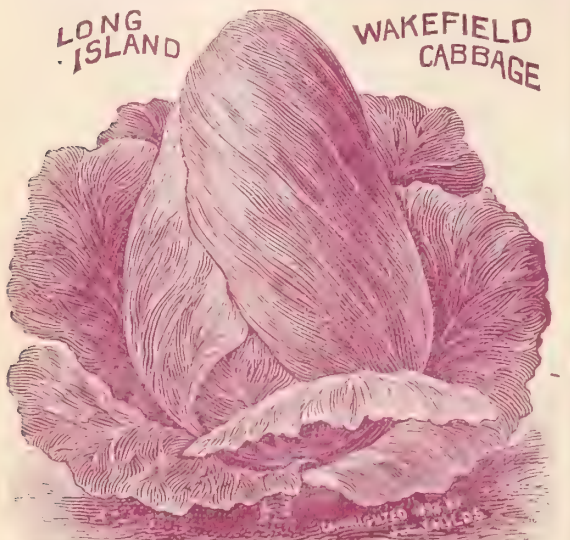
**Newark Early Flat Dutch**—An early large Cabbage of excellent quality, of the flat-head type. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.

**Excelsior Large Flat Dutch**—This is a fine strain of Flat Dutch, always a standard sort, particularly in the South and Southwest, as it heads well in hot weather. Quality good and size large. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.

**Winningsstadt**—This is a German variety; very distinct, with large, pointed heads, solid and closely packed. Very fine quality and exceedingly popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.



**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.



**Early Long Island Wakefield**—A standard variety, early and of fine quality. Our strain is perfect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c. lb., \$2.00.



**Long Island**—A new early sort of great value, and one which can be grown for early, medium and 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.

**Perfection Drumhead Savoy**—The Savoy Cabbages are not nearly as much grown as they ought to be. Easily distinguished by their crisped, wrinkled leaves and their distinct marrow-like flavor when cooked, approaching the taste of Cauliflower more nearly than any other Cabbage. This is one of the best Savoys. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

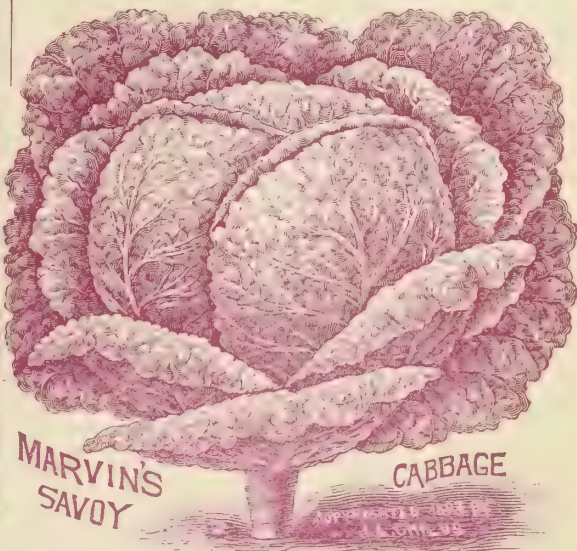
**WORLD BEATER**



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

**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., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

**Vandergaw**—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., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.



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

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

**Variegated**—This is a unique novelty among vegetables. It is of the ordinary size and habit, but the dark green leaves are streaked and blotched with white, rose, red and lilac, and when the plant attains its 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. Pkt., 10c.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**

For only 75c. we will send one packet each of these 14 finest Cabbages. It gives one a chance to ascertain the best sorts for their locality.



GOLDEN SELF-BLANCHING.

**Celery.**

A vegetable at once healthful, toothsome and beautiful. Said by physicians to be of great benefit in all diseases of the nerves and 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 outdoors 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 firm around the roots, and kept in cellar or pit for use.

**Celery 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" 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., 25c.; lb., \$2.00.

**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 it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$2.50.

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

**Giant Turnip-Rooted, or Celeriac**—Bulbs like a small turnip, with a pronounced Celery flavor, excellent sliced and cooked for stews, salads, soups, etc. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

**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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**African Horned or Climbing Cucumber.**

A few years ago a missionary in Central Africa sent us seed of this peculiar Cucumber, which he found growing there. The vine is a rapid grower, and will climb freely to a considerable height on trellis or screen, or it may be allowed to trail over the ground. The fruit, which is borne profusely all summer, is a deep sea-green color, but when ripe turns to a dark orange-scarlet. When fully grown it is the size of a small Muskmelon, oblong, and covered with protruding points or horns. For eating it should be taken before it is too old, like any other Cucumber. In quality it is simply luscious, having the pure Cucumber flavor in a degree of delicacy and refinement not before seen. It is exceedingly tender and seems to melt in one's mouth, and consequently easily digested. People who cannot eat ordinary Cucumbers find no difficulty with this. Dr. Clowe writes recently that the natives in Africa do not eat it until it is fully ripe and the pulp becomes soft. It is then nutritious and very refreshing. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.



## Cucumber.

Do not try to grow Cucumbers in poorly prepared ground. Make low, flat hills from four to six inches apart, each hill two or three feet across, and thoroughly pulverize sixteen to eighteen inches deep. Mix a large shovelful of rotten 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.

**Childs' Early Beauty**—A most remarkable and valuable early Cucumber, first offered last year. 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., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 35c.; lb., \$1.00.

**Long China**—A very solid Cucumber, with few seeds, and growing eighteen to twenty inches long. A fine and prolific variety. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$1.25.

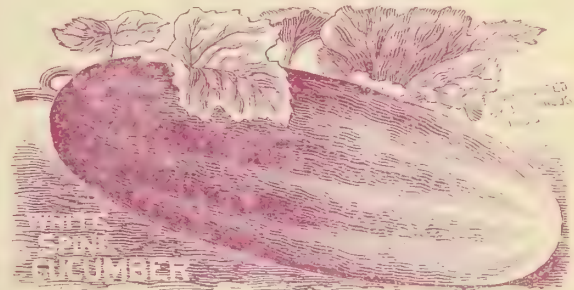


**Thorburn's Everbearing**—Claimed to even excel the Early Russian in its everbearing character, producing fruit in immense quantities, whether fruit is allowed to ripen on the vines or not. Fine for table or for pickles. Cucumbers short and thick. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 80c.

**Childs' Ivory Monarch**—An ivory-white 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., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**Improved Early Russian**—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 nearly every other variety, root and branches. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., 90c.

**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 quality in every respect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.00.



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

**Emerald**—A new sort, of beautiful shape and fine green color. Flesh tender and crisp and fine flavored, and of beautiful appearance. It is valuable as an early sort for shipping, and is a great favorite in the South for this purpose. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

**Cherkin**—Small, thick, oval fruit, very prickly, crisp and tender. Used only for pickling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

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

**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 fruits 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., 10c.; oz., 25c.



One packet each of the eleven sorts, 75c.



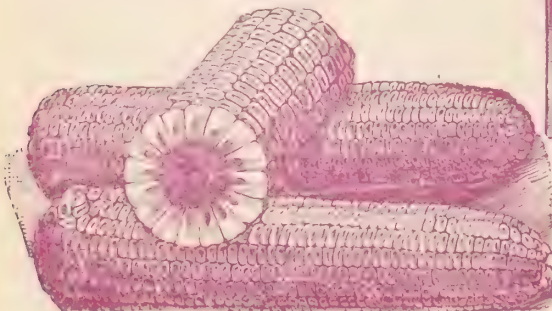
**Sweet Corn.**

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.

**Childs' Honey Dew** 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, each ear exactly alike. It grows to medium height, and the ears are formed low and two or three on each stalk. Mr. Willard, 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." 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 \$1.00, or a bushel for \$3.50.

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

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



EVERGREEN SWEET CORN.

**Evergreen**—The standard late sort, and probably the all-around best Sweet Corn grown. It has magnificent large ears, deep kernels, small cob, and possesses the finest flavor, being tender and juicy. A favorite with everybody, and must have a place in every garden. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.



**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.

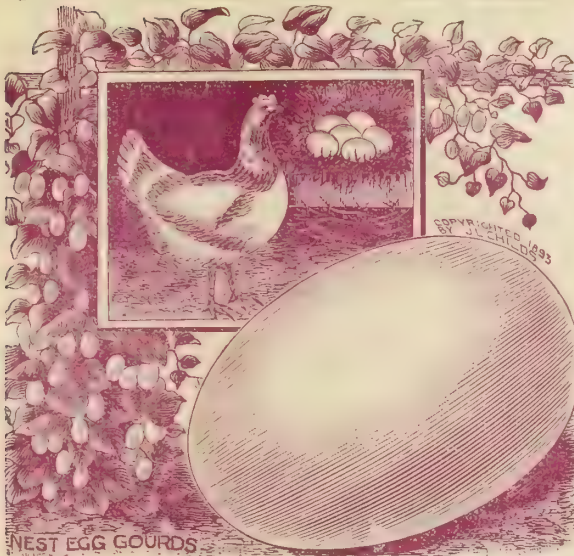


**Early Maine, or June 21st** This is one of the very earliest and, by the way, one of the very finest sorts grown. For an early variety it is of large size, with large pearly white kernels, which are very highly flavored. It is not subject to the Corn disease, and is the surest cropper of any extra early sort. We can recommend it very highly. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

**Pop Corn, Ruby Beauty.**

This new Pop Corn is to our mind the finest variety yet seen. It is of the rice type, with beautiful ears and kernels, of the richest ruby color. Grows quickly, ripens early, and when popped expands into a great flake-like puff, which is tender and delicious. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.





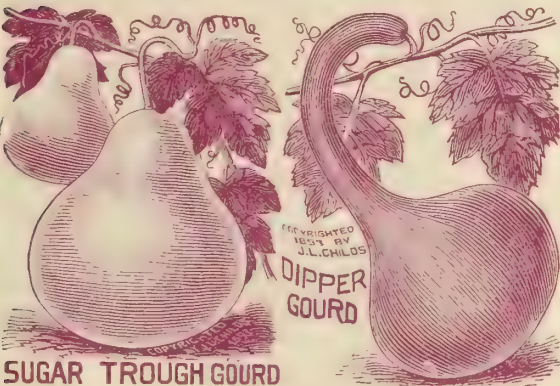
**Gourds.**

A class of rapid growing vines which produce an abundance of hard-shelled fruits that are of much beauty and usefulness. The following are by far the most useful.

**Nest Egg, Improved**—A striking vine when hanging full of its pretty, curious fruit, that so closely resembles 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.; oz., 25c.

**Dipper**—Another useful Gourd, that, as the 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 bird's nests, fancy hanging baskets, etc. They hold from one pint to a quart and a-half each. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

**Dish Cloth**—Ornamental enough for a house vine, and fruit very useful. Vines grow long 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. Pkt., 5c.



**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.

**Spoon**—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.

**Mixed Gourds**—About 25 curious and useful sorts. Pkt., 5c.



**Egg Plant.**

**New York Improved**—Very popular in all the city markets. This is the easiest, finest and largest variety grown, and is 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 very fine. Pkt., 10c. oz., 40c.; lb., \$3.50.

**Giant New York Spineless**—A novelty of this year, fully described on colored plate of new vegetables. Pkt., 15c.

**White Pearl**—This new, pure white Egg Plant is a most beautiful vegetable, as well as the finest in quality of all Egg Plants. Very tender, delicate and highly flavored. Ripens early, fruit of large size and borne freely. Really one of the very best vegetable novelties in a long time, and one which we can highly recommend. Pkt., 10c.;

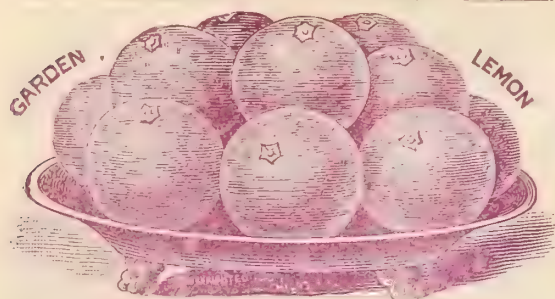
**Pear Shaped Striped**—A beautiful sort, fully described on colored plate of vegetable novelties. Pkt. 10c.

**Dandelion,**

**IMPROVED LARGE LEAVED.**

The old "greens" of our grandmothers, now improved to large, tufty 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.

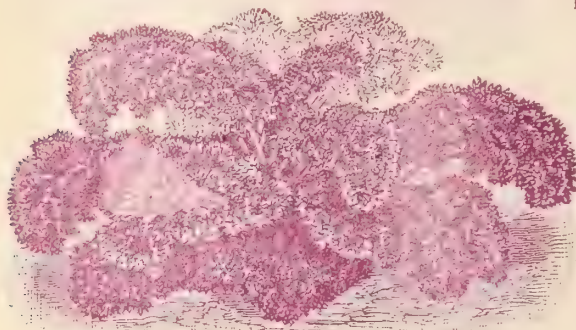




### Garden Vine Fruit.

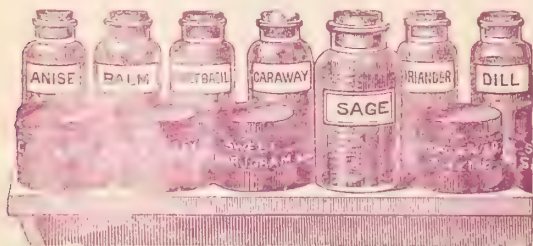
**Garden Lemon**—This new vegetable is a great boon to all those sections of the country where fruit is scarce, as its fruits make delicious preserves, sauce, etc., and are more easily prepared. This is something like the Vine Peach, but needs no lemon in putting up, as it is much more acid. Cultivate 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. Stored in a cool, dry place they keep fresh and good for several months. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.



### Kale, Dwarf German.

Kale is very easily grown and much hardier than any Cabbage, standing the winters well, if protected by a little light litter or straw. The action of frost improves its flavor wonderfully, and it is 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., 50c.



### 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
Dill—Used to impart a pleasant flavor to pickles..	5	20
Hoarhound—Used for curing coughs and colds....	5	10
Lavender—Fragrant leaves used to scent clothing	5	20
Sage—Most useful of all; needed in every garden	5	20
Sweet Fennel.....	5	20
Sweet Marjoram—Pot herb.....	6	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 preventative.....	10	50
Wormwood—A splendid plant for poultry.....	5	25

One packet each of the fifteen fine sorts, 50c.

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### Leek, New Giant Italian.

The Leek is a very hardy, easily-grown vegetable, of mild, agreeable flavor, and is much used for soups, stews, etc., as its flavor is more delicate than that of the 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. 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., 5c.; oz., 25c.

### Ground Cherry.

Something like the old Husk Tomato. Easily grown on any light soil and very prolific bearers of tender little fruits, 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.



### 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.

**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., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.



**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 that 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. 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., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.

**Tomhannock**—Just the Lettuce we have all been looking for; one that will stand the hot, dry weather of mid-summer without growing bitter, tough and 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., 20c.; lb., \$1.25.

**Colden 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.

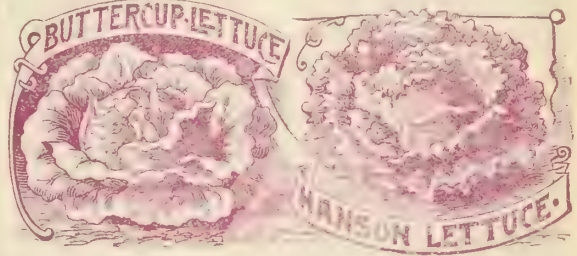
**White Paris Cos**—This is a popular European sort, and is good for forcing or early summer sowing. Well grown heads weigh 5 to 7 pounds. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.35.

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

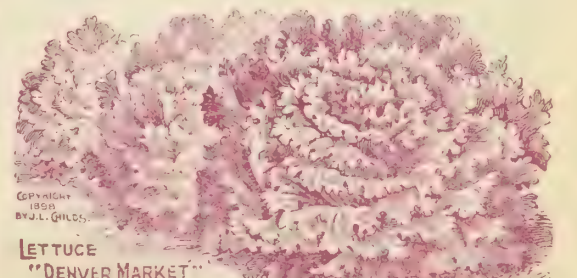
**Curled Simpson**—A fine sort, still able to hold its own against all new-comers. In every respect this is a first-class sort, and always popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.

**Denver Market, or Savoy**—An early variety of head Lettuce, either for forcing or open ground. Forms large, solid heads of a good light-green color. The leaves are beautifully marked and blistered (like Savoy Cabbage), and crisp and tender; of excellent flavor. This is in many respects a most unique Lettuce, and one which will be very popular as soon as known, occupying the same place among Lettuces as Savoy do among Cabbages. 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. There is probably no better large-heading sort than this. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.

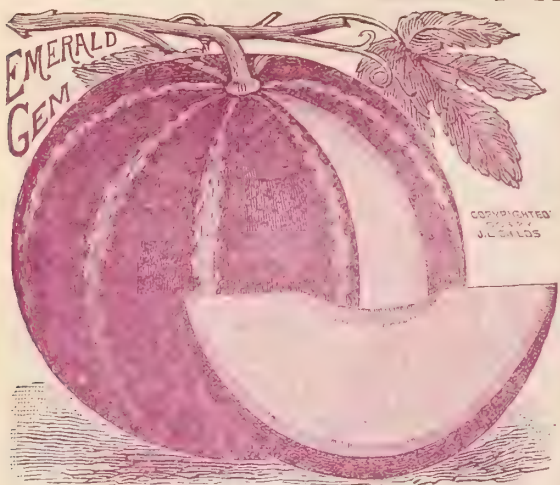


**Buttercup**—A beautiful golden sort, almost as ornamental as a Coleus. Large heads and fine quality; beautiful golden yellow. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.



LETTUCE  
"DENVER MARKET"

One packet each of the 10 sorts for 50c.

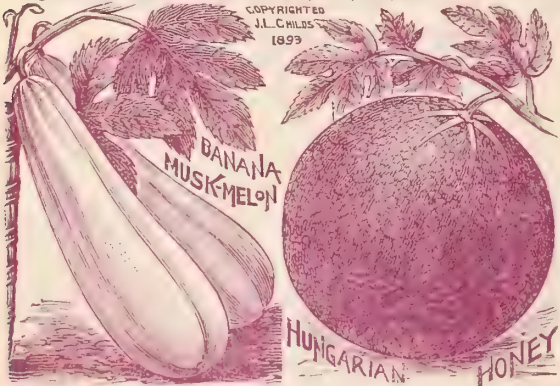


### Muskmelon.

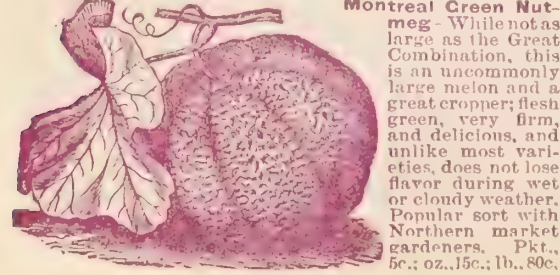
This fine fruit is much more delicious when eaten fresh from the vines than when allowed to stand for days in the heat of the market. Grow them like Cucumbers.

**Emerald Gem**—In quality this leads all, and every home garden should include it. Medium size, 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., 85c.

**Banana**—A curious sort that is quite popular. Melons very slender, largest at the bottom 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.



**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.



**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. Popular sort with Northern market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 80c.



**Childs' Great Combination**—Great Combination is an appropriate name for a melon which combines the largest size, superb quality, fragrance, late ripening and long keeping qualities. In size it will average twice as large as any other Muskmelon we know, twenty or thirty pounds being its usual weight. It is very thick meated, rich apricot yellow in color, and highly fragrant. In quality it is very rich and delicious, being equalled only by Emerald Gem. It is the last of all the Muskmelons to ripen, and comes after all others have gone, which makes it a most important variety. Its keeping qualities are simply marvelous, for when carefully picked in September and stored in a cool place, it is not unusual for it to keep a month in perfect condition. It has a splendid uniform shape, and its tremendous size makes it a giant among melons. A most valuable novelty, which will be greatly appreciated. Per pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

**Princess**—A new and superior variety for either market or home garden. The melons are nearly round, deeply ribbed, very thick flesh of a rich salmon color, and very sweet and pleasant. Melons medium size 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.

**Winter Pineapple**—A new melon of much value, owing to the fact that it can be kept until Christmas or later. The color of the flesh is a deep lemon-yellow, and the outer skin is a dark green, marked with yellow. The quality is delicious, having a rich spicy flavor that is not possessed by any other fruit. These melons have much thicker and finer flesh than ordinary Muskmelons, hence their long keeping qualities. They very rarely ripen on the vines, so the melons must be picked off in the fall



and put in some cool place, where, however, there is no danger of freezing, until they are wanted. It is usually necessary to place them in a warm room for three or four days before using, so as to ripen thoroughly; in this way they can be had for the winter months. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

**Strawberry**—The Strawberry Musk Melon is one of our vegetable novelties for this year and is fully described on colored plate. Pkt., 15c.

One packet each of the nine sorts, 40c.



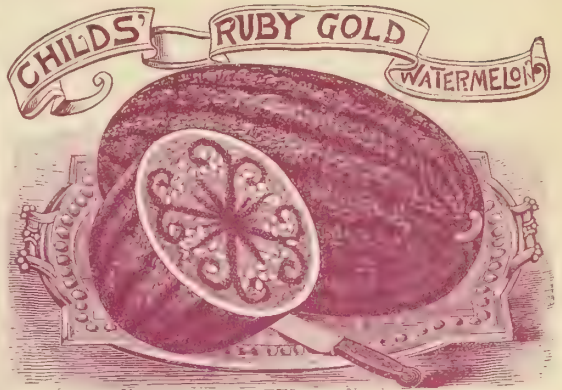
CLIMBING WATERMELON.

## 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.

**New Climbing**—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 in 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 the 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.

## DUKE JONES' WATERMELON.



**Childs' Ruby Gold**—A variety introduced by us. The most beautiful table Melon grown. Fine for table decoration, cut crosswise and alternated with slices of deep red melon. 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.

**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.

**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., 60c.

**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 productive. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

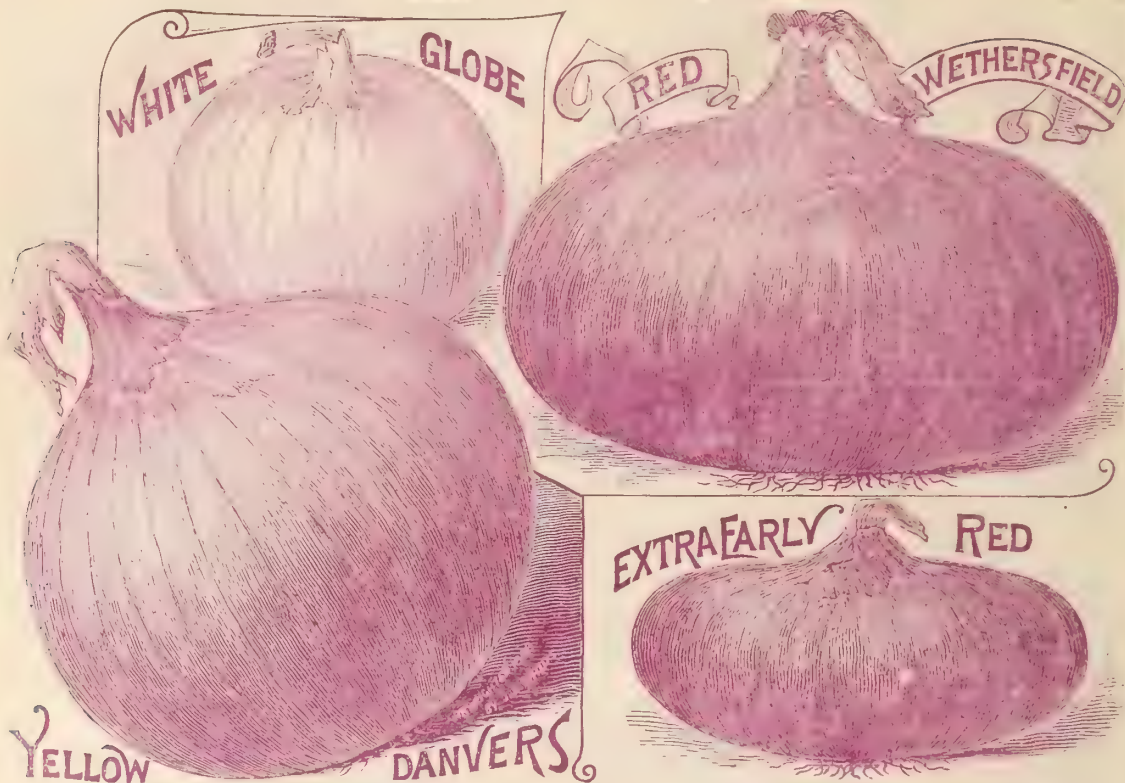
**Mammoth Iron Clad**—Enormous melons, sometimes weighing from 50 to 75 pounds. Do not plant on heavy soil, or they will come into bearing late. A superb melon. Flesh rich and sweet, shell hard and firm, and melons will keep well for weeks. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.



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**Kleckley's Sweet**—The earliest large melon, weighing 40 to 60 pounds each, and ripening in about seventy days from the time of planting. It is a great yielder, and in quality the sweetest, juiciest, most crisp, solid and luscious. Grows two and one-half feet in length. Brilliant red inside, dark green without. With us the best melon ever tested. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.25.

**Duke Jones**—Briefly, this is supposed to be the largest, handsomest, most prolific, and in other respects the finest melon grown. Will average nearly fifty pounds each by the field, while some specimens reach nearly one hundred pounds. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.  
One packet each of the ten sorts, 50c.



**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 a 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 use is one of the best preventives from taking it. The Onion is one of those vegetables with which success or failure depends largely upon the quality of seed sown. The best Onion seed is always the cheapest. We are certain that ours is as good as can be found anywhere. Have the ground made very fine, deep and rich for Onions, and keep free from weeds. We also offer a new Onion Set on 107th page.

**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., \$1.25.

**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 sold than any other variety. It does well everywhere, in all soils and in all climates, and is everywhere a popular market sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.25.

**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., 15c.; lb., \$1.30.

**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. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.25.

**Italian Onions.**

During the past few years Italian Onions have come into favor with astonishing rapidity. Where a few years ago they were grown only as fancy garden crops, they are now planted extensively for market, and they are, too, a profitable crop. They are of rapid growth and attain a very large size in a wonderfully short time. They are not only large, but very uniform, perfect in shape, and exceedingly handsome in appearance. In quality they are acknowledged on all sides to be the best, having an exceedingly mild, delicate and pleasant flavor. For eating raw, they are, of course, greatly superior to other Onions, owing to the mildness of their flavor. These Onions do best on a rich, light or sandy soil, in a warm and, if possible, sheltered situation.

**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. A grand seller in all markets. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; 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. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.75.

**Mammoth Pompell**—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. Notwithstanding its great size, it is exceedingly mild and fine grained. Extra fine; easy culture; good keeper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

**Early Radish, or Barletta**—The prettiest button-like little Onion imaginable. Small, flat, and silver-skinned, so mild in flavor that they can be eaten raw, like a stalk of Celery, and for pickling are far ahead of any other Onion. Leaves almost no odor on the breath, and is liked by all. Three weeks earlier than any other Onion, and grows very readily from seed. Is used largely for eating raw, like a Radish, yet when cooked it has the most delicate flavor of any Onion. Introduced by us several years ago as Early Radish, about the time it was introduced into France as Barletta. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**

We will send one packet each of the eight sorts for 50c. One ounce each for \$1.00.



CHILDS' "MORNING STAR" PEA



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.

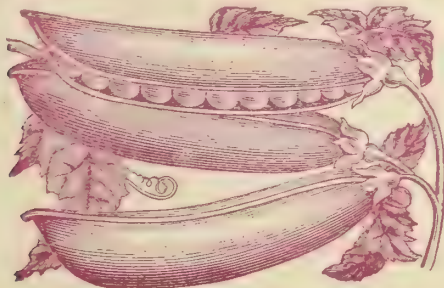
**Childs' Morning Star**—A new wrinkled Pea, earlier by a week than any of the small, round varieties. This was the greatest vegetable novelty of 1894. It is the earliest pea grown by nearly a week. It is a fair-sized, wrinkled variety, and, therefore, possesses the same delicious quality of the late 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 any other early sort. It grows 18 to 20 inches high, and does not require bushing. Mr. William Falconer 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 Clare, Suffolk, England, writes: "Your pea, 'Morning Star,' beats any pea in England for a first crop." Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; pint, 35c.; quart, 60c. By express or freight, \$1.25 per peck; \$4.50 per bushel.

**Childs' Universal**—In Childs' Universal we have a new sort destined to become the universal garden favorite the world over. It was originated over ten years ago, since when it has been carefully selected and grown, until we now have what we believe is the most perfect pea in cultivation. It combines a dwarf habit with fine quality and enormous productiveness, the three essential features all in one sort. It can be styled a half-dwarf, not tall enough to require staking, yet branching freely and producing vine enough to give one of the largest crops any pea can yield. The peas are of medium size, wrinkled, and of exceedingly high flavor. It is medium early, and fine for succession if sown at intervals of two weeks. For a standard garden sort it must take the lead, being superior to Champion of England, inasmuch that it does not require staking. Per pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

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

**Champion of England**—Still able to hold 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.



PEA ALASKA.



AMERICAN WONDER PEA.

**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.

**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.



**CHILDS' IMPROVED CELESTIAL 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.

**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 the 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.



**PEPPER, RUBY KING.**

**Ruby King**—The beautiful plants are crowded with large, handsome fruits of a bright ruby-red color, which grows four to six inches long by three to four inches through. They are remarkably mild and pleasant to the taste. So mild is their flavor that they can even be sliced and eaten with vinegar like tomatoes or cucumbers. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.



**CHILDS' "KALEIDOSCOPE" PEPPER**

**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., 5c.; oz., 20c.

**Childs' 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.; oz., 30c.

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

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

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

One packet each of these 7 Peppers for 30c.



**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.





### Pumpkin.

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

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

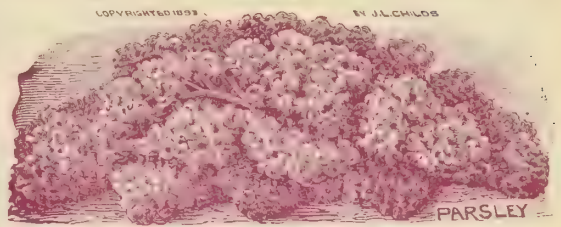
**Genuine Mammoth or True Portion**—This is the giant Pumpkin that always takes the premium at the county fairs for size. Grows so large two men can scarcely lift one of the fruits, which have been grown to weigh nearly or quite 200 pounds. Flesh bright yellow and very fair quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 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 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., 5c.; 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., 50c.

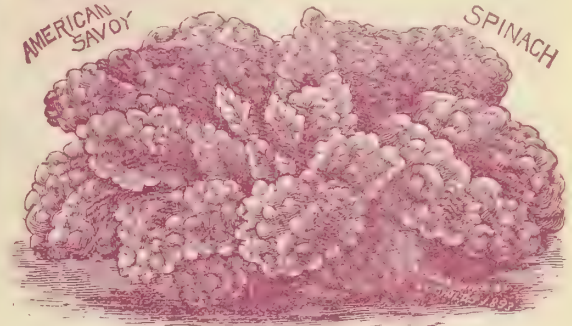


### Parsley.

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 garnishings or low edgings. Very fine quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.



### Spinach.

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

**New Zealand**—A valuable new variety, as it grows freely all summer and may be cut repeatedly. As fast as cut new shoots and leaves will grow out. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

### 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.

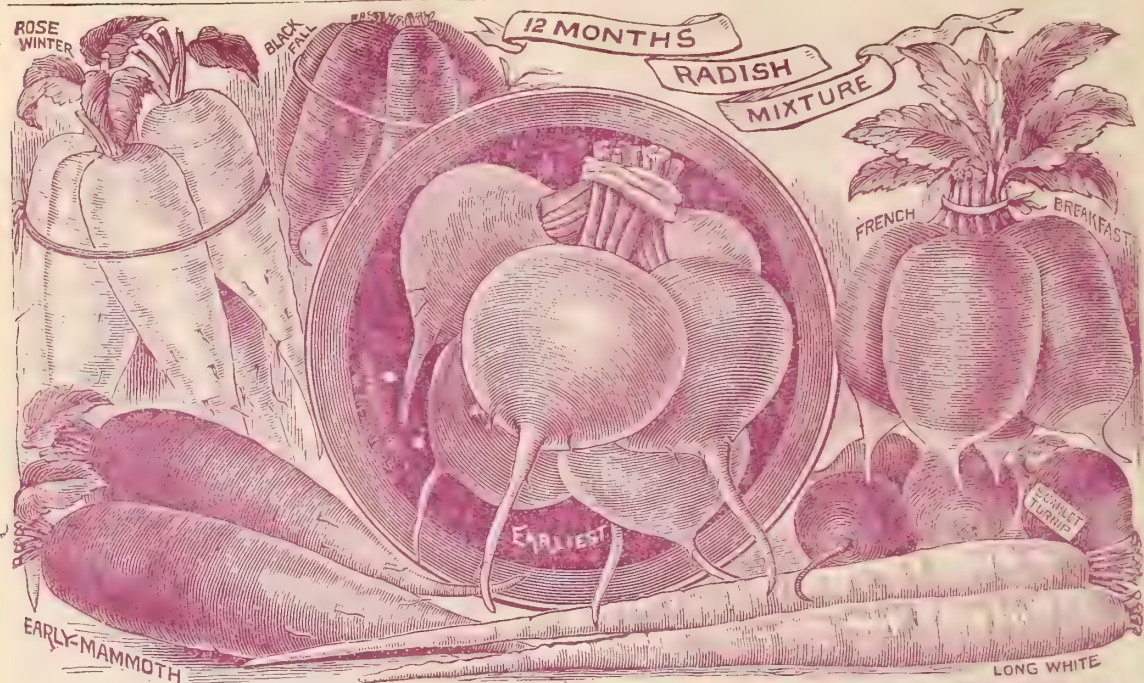
### Salsify, or Vegetable Oyster.

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.





## Radish.

**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., \$1.35.

**Early Mammoth**—Known also as "Shepherd" and "Char-tier." 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. 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 Radish, of fine eating qualities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

**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 for winter use. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 90c.

**20 Day Express**—Is fit for the table in twenty days from the time of sowing the seed and is fully grown in twenty-five days, at which time the Radish is about one inch in diameter at the top, three inches in length and tapering to a point. Color, brightest, richest scarlet, tipped with white. Quality very mild, crisp and delicious. By far the best flavored Radish we have yet seen, and the most desirable for table use. The finest, and, without doubt, the earliest Radish in cultivation. It combines all good points. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.

**Sakurajima Mammoth**—One of the good new things from Japan. It is of very quick growth, reaching an enormous size in a short time. Color pure white; crisp and tender, and of remarkably mild and pleasant flavor. An ideal table radish. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

**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.

**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. This novel mixture was introduced by us some years ago, and our customers like it so well that last season we sold tons of it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; ¼ lb., 50c.; lb., 80c.

One packet each of above ten sorts, 50c.





Squash.

A delicious table vegetable, and when cooked like pumpkins, makes 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 till spring. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.25.

**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 Chill**—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.

**Mammoth Whale**—A new French variety of the enormous weight of one hundred or more pounds. Fruit thick and an ashy-gray color, and tapers toward the end. Flesh solid, beautiful orange-yellow and of excellent quality. It has also the advantage of being a long keeper and a variety which does well in any soil or climate. It is a splendid variety in all respects, especially for exhibiting at fairs. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts., 50c.

**Giant Summer Crookneck**—A new Crookneck, which is a little earlier than the old variety, and fully twice as large, being nearly two feet in length. It is of extra fine quality, handsome in appearance, and finds a ready sale at good prices in any market. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

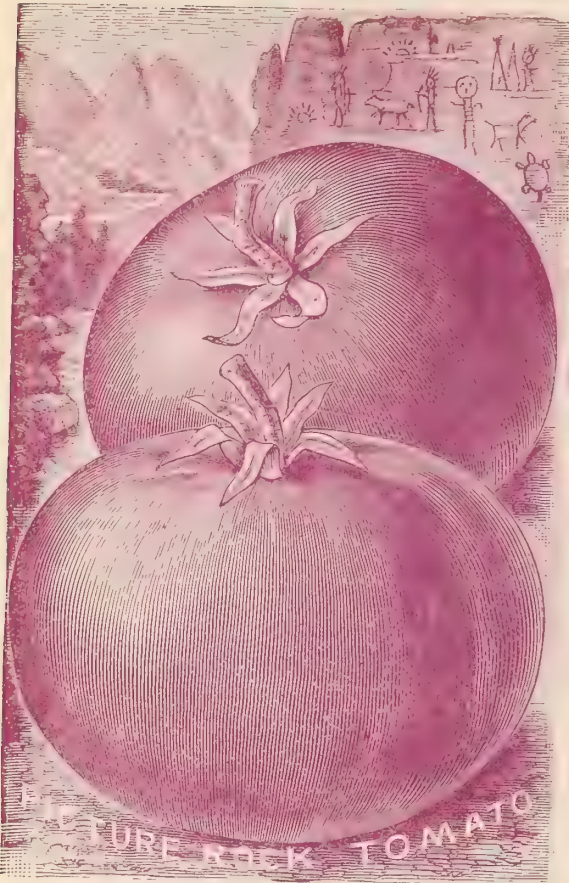
**Japanese Alphabet**—Its peculiar characteristic, from which it derives its name, is in the fact that its seeds are distinctly marked on both sides with characters which appear to be Japanese letters, and it is said that the Japanese alphabet may be selected from a handful of seed. Be this as it may, it is certainly curious and interesting, but that is not all. We find the squash to be superior to the old Hubbard in quality, and a much stronger and freer grower, as easily raised, in short, as pumpkins. For pies this variety excels all other squashes or pumpkins. It is a great novelty in every respect. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 35c.



**Improved Hubbard**—(PRIVATE STOCK). No more popular Squash than the Hubbard has ever been grown. Of late years it has largely lost flavor because stocks have become badly mixed with inferior strains. Our stock is quite limited, but it absolutely true and will produce the old-fashioned, deliciously sweet Squash we all remember. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.75.

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

One packet each of the ten sorts for 75c.



**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 drouth 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' Picture Rock**—The grandest Tomato ever introduced. Early, smooth, uniform, prolific, longest bearing, longest keeping, and the finest in quality. In all these essential points this Tomato is superior to any other kind. Fruit bright scarlet, of fair size, and so perfect and uniform that they look as though each one was moulded with the same stamp. On account of this perfect shape and great beauty it is unsurpassed for market. Its quality is extra fine, and it commences to ripen its fruit very early and continues in bearing until frost, a most remarkable quality. Its keeping qualities are, however, the most wonderful. Ripe fruit fresh 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., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$3.00.

**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, 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' Diadem**—The most novel and beautiful Tomato in cultivation. It is of full, beautiful, round and perfect shape, with a dark ruby-red skin, which is streaked and speckled with bright golden yellow. For quality and productiveness there is no better sort than this. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.



STATION TREE.

**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.

**Ponderosa**—A Tomato of large size, solid, of fine quality. Claimed to be the largest known sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

**Childs' Golden Jubilee**—A fit companion to the Ruby Queen, and, like it, of enormous size, specimens having been grown that weighed over two pounds each. The fruits are round and solid, with very few seeds; flesh meaty and, like all yellow varieties, very sweet and mild in flavor. A beautiful table sort, especially when arranged with the deep, rich slices of Ruby Queen on the same dish. The skin of this sort parts readily from the fruit without scalding. An important feature. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50c.

**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., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

**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 fan of its many large red fruits. Fruit smooth, solid and of fine flavor. Quite a novelty and in every respect a very unique Tomato. Pkt., 10c.

**Golden Fig Fruit**—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. In fact, it dries well and is an admirable fruit when dry, fully equal to the fig. 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. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.



One packet each of these ten sorts for 50c.



### Turnips.

A valuable garden and farm crop. Good Turnips are almost as desirable for table use as Potatoes. For winter use sow last of July or first of August. Turnips may be sown late in ground that has been cropped with Peas or Beans early in the season.

**Scarlet Kashmir**—This Turnip has a striking resemblance to a large Radish, being as round and uniform in shape 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.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**Early Ivory**—A sort of peculiar value, owing to its extreme earliness. It grows almost as quickly as a Radish, and to a great extent resembles a large white winter Radish. It is sweet and of first-class quality. 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. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

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

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

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

**Tennoji**—The Tennoji Turnip is a mammoth flat variety of excellent quality. It is impossible to say just how large it will grow under favorable conditions, but the Japanese claim it is something incredible. Here in our trial grounds, under the disadvantages of a crowded test-bed, it has grown to the largest dimensions we have ever seen in a Turnip. Finest seed, just imported from Japan, 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 25c.; oz., 35c.

### Ruta-baga, or Swede.

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

**Carter's Elephant**—A new Turnip of great size and a wonderful cropper. In shape it is beautiful and perfect and remarkably uniform, of quick growth and excellent quality. Owing to its very large size it will probably turn out 50 per cent. more bushels to the acre than any other, and is, therefore, the most profitable variety for large crops, especially for growing for stock feeding. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.

**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. Finest of all table varieties. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.

**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.



### Onion.

#### Egyptian or Perennial Tree

In this we have an entirely new variety of Onion. It differs from those raised from seeds or sets, from the Top Onion, Potato Onion, in the fact that when once set out, without the slightest protection, it will come up year after year as soon as the frost breaks ground, and grows 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, 20c.; quart, 30c., postpaid; peck, by express, \$1.50.

EGYPTIAN  
TREE ONION

### 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. Eighty-five stalks have been grown from one seed and it produces forty tons to the acre. At the rate 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 Stockton, Ga., writes: "I cut two two-horse loads of forage from an ounce of seed." It may be cut two or three times during the season. It never suffers in drouth or rain. Three pounds of seed is enough for an acre. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.



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PERSIAN  
MUSCATELLE  
TOBACCO

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### Tobacco, Persian Muscatelle.

This is the best of all, an exceedingly ornamental plant, and so early that it can be grown in any State. It is from the garden of the King of Persia. The grower says of it: "It is one of the earliest varieties we have, of remarkably strong and vigorous growth, attaining the height of five to seven feet. The stalks are strong, thickly set with leaves, many of them measuring 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 feet in length, with proportionate width. The leaves are usually small ribbed, very elastic, of finest possible texture, of a light-brown color, and of mild flavor. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$5.00.



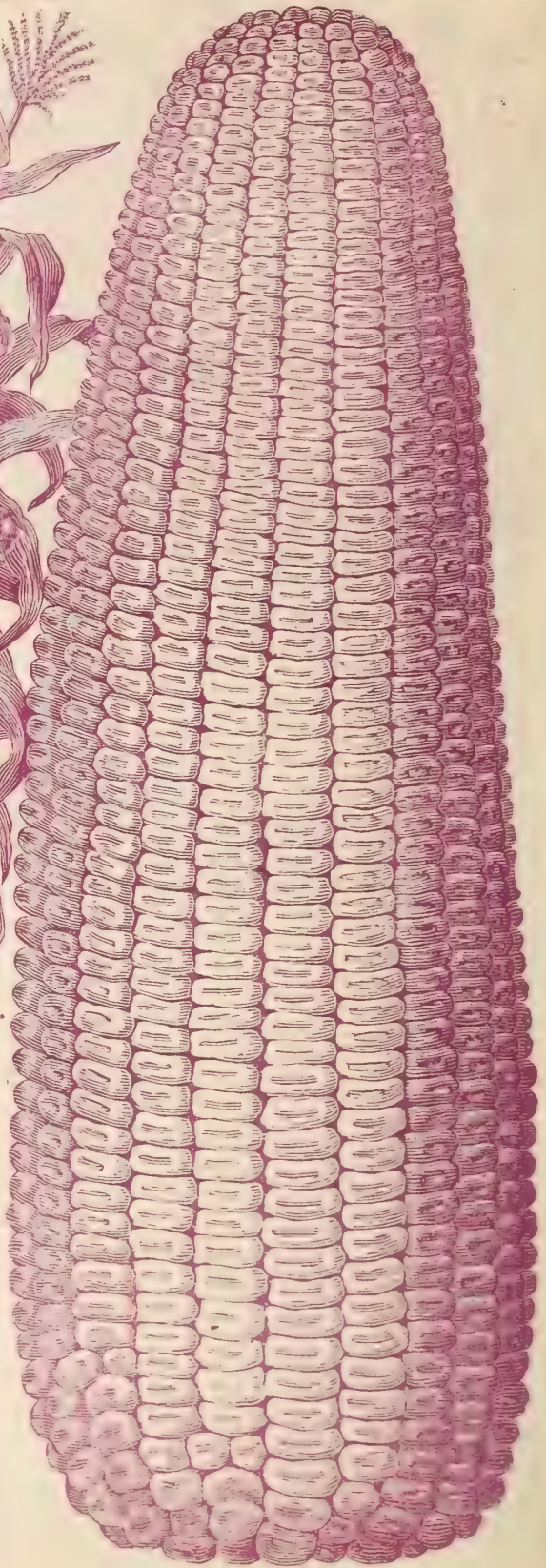
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**GOLDEN SUPERB.**

**New Field Corn,  
GOLDEN SUPERB.**

**The Most Valuable Field Corn Ever Grown, and Now  
the Leading Favorite Where Known,  
from Maine to California.**

An enormous golden dent variety, so early that it can be grown in the Northern States, and out-yields any other sort. It originated in Connecticut. It is the finest Field Corn we have ever seen. Ears very large and handsome, 24 rows of deep kernels. It is enormously prolific, producing over 200 bushels to the acre in very dry seasons, in hills four feet apart each way, and with ordinary cultivation. Its great vigor enables it to stand dry weather remarkably and give a good crop, when other sorts fail from drouth. Often two or three ears are borne on one 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, at buyers' expense, peck, 75c.; bushel, \$2.50; 2 bushels, \$4.00.



## 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 *Tuberoses* 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 about one hundred acres of them and upwards of 5,000,000 flowering bulbs. Gladiolus being our leading specialty, are here offered at less than one-half the usual price. Our Childs's and Lemoine's are simply grand. Do not miss them.

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 makes 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 *Gandavensis* by the million, but also Lemoine's New Hardy Hybrids. But the finest of all Gladiolus is the new strain, Childs. This novelty is of such sterling worth that it deserves more than special attention. See Colored Plate.

**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 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.

### 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.

**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, White and Light Varieties only**—First size, 30c. per dozen; \$2.25 per 100.

**Mixed, Scarlet Varieties only**—First size, the finest scarlet sorts, 25c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.

**Mixed, Pink Varieties only**—First size, finest pink colors, 25c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.

### 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 can afford to plant them extensively, we offer

**Large Flowering Bulbs, Mixed**—Choicest varieties and finest flowers, by express, 100 for \$1.50; 300 for \$4.00; 500 for \$5.50; 1,000 for \$10.00; 3,000 for \$25.00.



## Choicest Named Gladiolus.

### 5-CENT CLASS.

Price of the following 20 fine sorts, 5c. each \* 5 for 15c.; or more at 3c. each. Any sort at 25c. per doz. One each of the 20 sorts for 50c.

- Adison**—Dark amaranth, with white stripes.  
**African**—Darkest crimson-black, with a pure white blotch in the throat. The darkest and one of the finest colors; large flower and spike.  
**Amalthee**—Pure white with violet-red blotch; ground of the corolla velvety violet, the lower petals tinted lilac.  
**Augusta**—Lovely pure white, with blue anthers.  
**Brenchleyensis**—Vermillion-scarlet; fine old variety.  
**Carnation**—Fleshy white, profusely tinged at the edges with richest carmine; lower petals blotched purplish carmine.  
**Ceres**—Pure white, spotted with purplish rose.  
**Gen. Phil. Sheridan**—Fiery red, white line running through each petal, and a large, pure white blotch on the lower division.  
**Isaac Buchanan**—Very fine yellow.  
**John Bull**—White, slightly tinted with sulphur.  
**Lamarck (De)**—Cherry, slightly tinted with orange, blazed with red; center well lighted; very large, pure white stain

- Le Poussin**—Light red, white blotch.  
**May**—A lovely pure white flower, finely flaked bright rosy crimson; superb.  
**Madame Monneret**—Delicate rose.  
**Mr. Bains**—A wonderful distinct color, a clear, light red; self color.  
**Napoleon III**—Bright scarlet; white line in each petal.  
**Octoroon**—A beautiful salmon-pink; very distinct.  
**Pepita**—Bright golden yellow flowers, slightly striped carmine at the edges of the petals.  
**Reine Blanche**—Pure white, dark carmine blotch.  
**Sylphide**—Pure white, flamed carmine. Extra large and fine.

### 10-CENT CLASS.

Price of these 70 sorts, 10c. each; any 3 for 20c.; or 60c. per doz. One each of the 70 sorts for \$3.00.

- Amitie**—Large spike of large, fleshy, rose-colored flowers, shaded with straw-color on the lower petals, streaked with purple; the edge flamed with bright rose.  
**Ajax**—Beautiful striped.  
**Aurore**—Bright salmon-rose, striped orange, carmine and lilac; blotch cherry-rose, streaked violet.  
**Bayard**—Large carmine-red flowers, slightly tinged with lilac and delicately banded with white in the center.  
**Bicolore**—Large flowers of bright rosy salmon, except lower petals, which are ivory-white, suffused with rose at edges.  
**Big Medicine**—Blush-white, marked violet.  
**Blondine**—Tall, compact spike of large, straw-colored flowers, slightly streaked at the edges with rosy lilac.  
**Canary Bird**—Finest yellow.  
**Cameleon**—Compact truss of large, slaty-lilac flowers, flamed orange, with white bands down the middle of each petal; large creamy white blotch, streaked violet.  
**Chamont**—Lilac, shaded with purple.  
**Champs de Mars**—Saffrino, distinct white blotch, bordered carmine.  
**Chrysolora**—Golden yellow, pure and distinct. The finest yellow variety.  
**Conquete**—Large and fine flower of bright cherry-red, with a conspicuous pure white blotch, upper petals striped with delicate rose.  
**Corsaire**—Compact spike, large flowers of intense dark and velvety scarlet, and tinted with brown at the edges.  
**Countess Craven**—Rose, flamed carmine.  
**Delicatissimo**—White, suffused with soft carmine-lilac, the pure white lower petal edged lilac.  
**Diamant**—Fleshy white, of a remarkable freshness; throat ivory-white, blotched and streaked carmine.  
**Doctor Hogg**—Mauve, suffused with rose; center pure white.  
**Elizabeth**—Dark rose, flamed bright carmine purple; large purple-carmine blotch, with white stripes.  
**Emma Thursby**—White ground; carmine stripes through petals; blotch on the lower division.  
**Eugene Scribe**—Flowers very large and wide; perfect tender rose, blazed carmine-red; extra fine.  
**Eugene Souchet**—Bright rose color, relieved by a large white blotch and stripes, rising from the intense color at the edge of the petals.  
**Fairmount**—Blush-white, blotched carmine.  
**Fatma**—Very large flowers of ivory-white ground, profusely striped with bright rosy salmon; violet blotch.  
**Fou Follet**—Well opened flowers, with ivory-white throat, richly tinted and striped with carmine at the edges.  
**Flamboyant**—Large flowers of fiery scarlet.  
**Fulton**—Velvety vermilion.



**Callia**—Very long spike of large and handsome rosy white flowers, flushed bright carmine at the edges.

**Grand Rouge**—Enormous spike, and flower of the most perfect shape and intense scarlet. Best of all scarlets.

**Gen. Sherman**—Large fine scarlet.

**Hesperide**—Profusely blotched and flaked bright rosy salmon on a pure white ground.

**Horace Vernet**—Large purple-red, with white blotch.

**James Carter**—Light orange-red; large white blotch.

**Jupiter**—Light red, shading off to a dark crimson.

**La Favorite**—Rose flamed carmine; lower petals yellow.

**La France**—Pure white flowers; are slightly flamed with carmine toward the edges; large amaranth blotch.

**Latone**—Tall and very compact spike; the flowers of a delicate rose, with creamy white blotch and stripes.

**Laura**—Light orange-red, tinged with carmine, white blotch.

**Leander**—Large flower of lilac color, beautifully shading off to carmine; distinct white band and blotch in each petal.

**Lord Burleigh**—Watermelon-red; light throat.

**Lord Byron**—Brilliant scarlet, blotched pure white.

**La Crosse**—Fine spike; flower orange-scarlet, flaked maroon.

**Le Titien**—Brilliant rosy scarlet.

**Martha Washington**—Light yellow, of large size, in a well arranged spike; lower petals tinged with rose.

**Madame De Vetry**—French white; purplish-carmine blotch.

**Madame Leseble**—Pure white; large purplish-rose blotch.

**Mr. Krelage**—Terra cotta red, flamed with smoke color; white blotch with carmine lining.

**Mrs. E. H. Krelage**—Fiery red; white blotch, with carmine.

**Merveille**—Fine cherry-rose, slightly tinged with violet; edged and flamed with dark carmine.

**Noemi**—Light rosy lilac.

**Pactole**—Beautiful yellow, slightly tinged with rose at the edges; blotch of darker shade.

**Panorama**—Large spike of well arranged flowers; beautiful lilac, shaded and mottled with brilliant carmine; throat creamy white; center of each petal banded white.

**Phœbus**—Brilliant red; large pure white blotch.

**Phœron**—Large cherry-red flowers, streaked and edged with violet; center band of petals white.

**Princess of Wales**—White; flamed with carmine-rose; deep carmine blotch.

**Proserpine**—Rosy white.

**Pygmalion**—Cherry-red, slightly flamed with a darker shade; pure white blotch, feathered violet; white band.

**Pyramide**—Perfect spike, broader at the lower part than at the top, large, well expanded orange-rose.

**Reine Victoria**—Pure white; carmine-violet blotch.

**Reverend Berkeley**—Light rose and tinged with violet-carmine, feathered white blotch.

**Richard Cœur de Lion**—Fine spike of large flowers of a bright crimson-red color flamed and edged with garnet; lower petals spotted and blotched golden yellow.

**Robert Fortune**—Orange lake, shading off to purple-crimson; veined white.

**Roi Leopold**—Blush rose slightly suffused with orange and shaded deep currant-red; white blotch.

**Romulus**—Very brilliant dark red; large, pure white blotch; large white lines on the lower petals.

**Seduction**—Rosy salmon, very bright and open, throat very clear, with large white blotch, and is feathered carmine.

**Shakespeare**—White, very slightly suffused with carmine-rose; large rosy blotch.

**Snow White**—This grand novelty is absolutely pure snow-white, the only pure white Gladiolus in existence. It also has large, well open flowers, and an enormous spike of the most perfect and beautiful shape.

**Stanley**—Handsome spike of well-shaped flowers, very open, large, rosy-salmon, flamed all over with the deepest rose.

**Teresita**—Upper petals of pure white, suffused with rose, and striped carmine at the edges, lower petals pale rose, largely blotched and striped with bright violet.

**Thalia**—White, flamed and streaked with carmine.

**Van Spandonk**—Fiery red; splendid.

## 20-CENT CLASS.

Price of the following 60 sorts, 20c. each; any 3 for 50c.; or \$1.50 per doz. One each of the 60 sorts for \$3.50.

**All**—Tall and compact spike. The ground of the upper petals is of a very pale creamy rose, striped and pencilled cherry-red; lower petals yellow, with a rose sheen, and finely rayed or striped purplish-red.

**Andre Leroy**—Deep cherry-red, flamed and striped darker; white blotch and white stripe in center of each petal.

**Angele**—White, showy and effective.

**Anna**—Cherry, tinged bright orange; lower petals striped dark carmine on white ground.

**Antonius**—Scarlet-cherry, slightly tinged with orange, flamed carmine; pure white blotch.

**Archduchess Marie-Christine**—White, slightly tinged with lilac, flamed rosy carmine.

**Astree**—Pure white, with distinct violet-carmine blotch; throat suffused with pale lilac.

**Ball of Fire**—Scarlet-crimson; maroon blotch, blue center.

**Baroness Burdett-Coutts**—Delicate lilac tinged with rose, flamed rosy purple; spike very long, flowers large.

**Calypso**—Flesh-colored rose, streaked and blotched carmine.

**Coralle**—White, tinged with rose and yellow; flamed with bright rose, yellow blotch.

**Conquerant**—Handsome spike of very large carmine, with a pure white blotch, and a well-defined white band.

**Corinne**—Tall spikes of large, rosy carmine, shading off to cherry; streaked pure white, and penciled carmine at the edges; blotch creamy-white, striped violet.

**Ciceron**—Fine lilac.

**Duchess of Edinburgh**—A flower of fine form and great substance; a plant of strong growth, attaining a height of six feet. Purplish-rose, with a carmine stripe.

**Flamingo**—Fiery red; blotch of rich purple; large spike of well arranged flowers.

**Fleur de Lys**—Fine compact spike of large, pure white flowers, slightly blotched violet at bottom of throat.

**Fra Diavolo**—Long, compact spike of large, bright orange-red flowers flushed violet-red at the edges of the sepals; large, pale yellow blotch.

**Glorie de Fontainebleau**—Large flowers of bright rosy carmine, striped red, white band in middle of sepal.

**Glory of Brightwood**—Scarlet with lemon throat.

**Ganymede**—Compact and tall spikes of rosy carmine flowers with amaranth sheen.

**Crover Cleveland**—Very tall spike, good sized flower, which varies in color from bright orange-red to bluish-gray, marked and blotched with amaranth and smoky-red.

**Culliver**—Large, bright carmine flowers, with conspicuous white bands in the middle of each petal.

**Harvard**—Brilliant solferino, white throat bordered with a deep color.

**La Candeur**—White, lightly striped carmine-violet.

**Lady Carrington**—Pale lilac, streaked carmine; pure white center.

**Le Vesuve**—Intense fiery red; very rich.

**Loredan**—Bright cherry-rose flowers, speckled with creamy white and slightly shaded with slate color at the edges.

**Madhi**—Large, deep, reddish-black.

**Madame Auber**—Compact spike of extra large, well-shaped flowers of very pale rosy lilac; blotch creamy white; dappled light rose on some of the flowers.

**Magnificus**—Tall variety with handsome spikes of large flowers; round and open; cinnabar-red; fine white blotch, edged with violet.

**Marie Berger**—Rosy lilac, blotched and striped with red, shading into yellowish-rose towards the center.

**Mascarille**—Compact and very regular spike of a beautiful salmon-rose color.

**Mehul**—Currant-red, striped and flamed white.

**Meyerbeer**—Brilliant scarlet, flamed with vermilion; amaranth-red blotch.

**Mile, Maries Miles**—Delicate rose, flamed with carmine; slight blotch of rosy purple; dense spike.

**Mount Etna**—Long spike of well arranged flowers, brilliant velvety-scarlet, streaked with deeper scarlet at the edges; white band is the center of the upper petals.

**Murillo**—Fine cherry-rose on a light ground; white blotch, with a white stripe down each petal.

**Norma**—Pure white.

**Nereide**—Long and compact spike of large flowers of mother-of-pearl rose, suffused with lilac; blotched bright violet; a grand good flower.

**Navajo Chief**—Fine spike and flower; clear rose with carmine throat.

**Ondine**—White, tinted with lilac; small, dark violet blotch; slightly flamed with lilac-carmine.

**Orpheus**—Rosy cherry flamed carmine; purple blotch.

**Oriflamme**—Erect, dense spike of very numerous, large, rosy orange flowers, a little paler in the center; lower petals very slightly tinged golden yellow and carmine.

**Papillon**—A compact well-formed spike, with flowers of a yellow ground, conspicuously flaked and bordered red.

**Penelope**—Blush-white; lower petals tinted yellow, streaked carmine.

**Prince of Wales**—Bright red; violet-feathered white blotch.

**Princess Frederick William**—Streaked flesh color.

**Queen of the Fairies**—Fine light sulphur yellow, shaded.

**Red Cloud**—Salmon-pink, flamed with carmine, lighter center, outer portions of petals have a frosted look.

**Sceptre de Flore**—Flowers large, with white throat, having in the center a carmine-red star; the shade of the petals brightens to the richest rose color spotted with carmine; lower petals slightly blotched with carmine and a pure white band.

**Sunrise**—Very peculiar and striking flower, rosy pink flamed with carmine, white stripe through each petal; very large distinct carmine blotch.

**Sunset**—Lovely pink, blotched and flamed darker.

**Sultana**—Bright satin-rose flamed with carmine, purple-carmine blotch.

**Sylvie**—White, slightly edged with delicate cherry-rose, throat very clear, perfectly shaped flowers.

**Talma**—Rosy carmine flowers flamed with bright carmine, and striped scarlet and pale violet.

**Therese de Vilmorin**—Tall spikes; flowers of a creamy white, passing into pure white, with a few purplish-rose stripes in center.

**The Sultan**—Large white; flamed, striped and blotched carmine.

**U. S. Grant**—Enormous spikes run two feet and upwards in length, and are of firm lasting substance; the color is quite distinct, ivory white, beautifully veined with purplish-blue.

**Victor Jacquemont**—Fine compact spike of bright orange flowers, profusely flamed with scarlet; ground violet; blotch bright violet, streaked and speckled pure white.

**Virgil**—Bright glowing crimson; very handsome.



## 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.

- 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.  
**Bejazet**—Lovely light pink, shading to delicate blush; velvety carmine blotches.  
**Bassengault**—Rose, blotched fine purple.  
**Bassuet**—Large, brilliant vermilion.  
**C. Hieneman**—English red, lower petals bright crimson, edges velvety and gold colored.  
**Chas. Martel**—Rosy blush, intense large carmine blotch.  
**Cleopatra**—Red, carmine blotches, tinged with yellow.  
**Creole**—Of unusually fine form; color rosy blush, flamed and shaded with carmine; deep crimson blotch.  
**De Chevillon**—Salmon red, buff blotched.  
**Emille Lemoine**—Bright vermilion, dotted gold.  
**Enfant de Nancy**—Purplish red, lower petals deep crimson color, and blotching entirely new.  
**Etendard**—Light brick-red, with large canary-yellow and crimson blotches.

- F. Bergman**—Large, well-open flower, orange-pink, with large carmine stains.  
**Cambetta**—Dark amaranth-red. Exceedingly rich.  
**Incendiary**—Fiery red, large blotch of crimson-red on lower petal, small gold markings.  
**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.  
**M. Leveque**—Dark crimson; perfect shape.  
**Marie Lemoine**—Large spike of fine, well-expanded flowers; upper divisions of a pale creamy color, flushed salmon-lilac, the lower divisions spotted violet and yellow.  
**Mme. Lemoine**—White, tinged with salmon; large violet and maroon blotches.  
**Murillo**—Bright claret-red, with velvety crimson throat.  
**Nydia**—Blush pink, with large orange-scarlet throat.  
**Obelisk**—Rich soferino, deep crimson blotch, tipped yellow.  
**Pactole**—Sulphur-yellow, spotted black.  
**Romeo**—Rich and beautifully colored.  
**Sceptre d'Or**—A combination of light and deep yellow shades, with maroon blotches. One of the very best yellows found among Gladiolus.  
**Vashti**—Creamy white, blotched carmine.

Price of above, 5c. each; any 3 for 10c.; the 30 sorts for \$1.00.

### MIXED LEMOINE'S HYBRIDS.

We offer a splendid mixture of Gladiolus Lemoinei, all colors and varieties. More than 100 sorts, at 25c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.

### GLADIOLUS, COLVILLI, "THE BRIDE."

A lovely pure white, hardy species of slender growth, and blooms very early, often the latter part of May, when left in the ground all winter. A splendid winter bloomer in pots. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

## Gladiolus Seed.

It is very interesting to raise Gladiolus from seed. The range of 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., 25c.  
**Lemoinei Hybrids, Mixed**—Sometimes bloom 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.

One pkt. each of Hybrid, Lemoinei and Childs for 25c.

## Gladiolus and their Culture.

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



COOPERIA DRUMMONDI.

### Cooperia Drummondii.

This bulb belongs to the Amaryllis family and can either be grown in pots or open ground. The beautiful Lily-like flowers are borne on stems 10 to 15 inches high, and are profusely borne. They have a saying in Texas that the Cooperia blooms after every rainstorm. Certainly its flowers spring up as if by magic repeatedly through the season. Color, pure white. Bulbs large and strong. 5c. each; 6 for 25c.



SPOTTED CALLA.

### Spotted Calla.

The leaves of this beautiful Calla are deep green, with numerous white spots, which give the plants a magnificent appearance. The flowers are pure

white, with a black center and very beautiful, 15c. each; 3 for 35c.



SAUROMATUM SIMLENSE



CHOICE

ACHIMENES

### Achimenes.

A most beautiful flowering bulb for pot culture, and requiring much the same treatment as Begonias and Gloxinias. They are very easily grown and produce a wonderful profusion of flowers all summer, some varieties blooming even up to Christmas. Colors, white, crimson, blue, rose, heliotrope, etc. Many of the sorts have highly ornamental foliage, as fine as the best Coleus. We have some 25 different named sorts, including some of the finer varieties of Tydaes, a bulb near akin to the Achimenes. These bulbs should be potted as soon as received, but we shall book orders and not send the bulbs until planting time. Fine Mixed Bulbs of Achimenes and Tydaes, 80c. per dozen, 6 for 50c.

### Amorphophallus Simlense. (OR SAUROMATUM).

A rare and curious garden bulb, with odd flowers and luxuriant Palm-like foliage. The spathe of this Calla-shaped flower is two feet in length, with tapering point, and is of very large size. Color of bloom, greenish-chocolate on outside, inside yellow spotted with purple. Foliage very large, luxuriant like a Palm. Plant out in open ground quite early, or by corn planting time. 33c. each; 5 for \$1.00.



AMARYLLIS  
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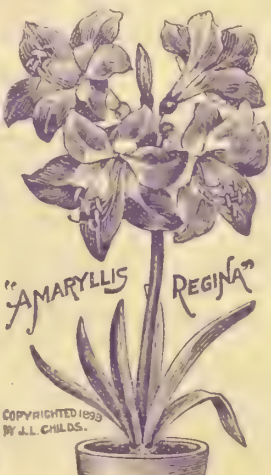
### Amaryllis.

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 vermillion, 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 two dollars for, they would think our prices extremely low for such rare and fine varieties. Each.

- Selladonna**—Elegant blush-colored blooms of great fragrance and beauty..... 25
- Aulica Platipetala**—Large, vigorous grower. Bulbs and flowers of enormous size; color, deep blood-crimson, shaded black. A grand variety..... 75



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AMARYLLIS FORMOSISSIMA

**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. Few flowers can equal it in richness and beauty of color, and it generally blooms within a month after planting..... 15

- Clovia**—Bright red, with large, white stripes..... \$1 30
- 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..... 1 00
- J. L. Childs**—Outside petals grayish white, inside bright pink, striped and suffused with pure white. Flowers very large and produced freely at all times of year. A most exquisitely beautiful flower..... 1 50
- Johnsonii**—A grand old sort, always popular. Flowers large and very beautiful, deep red, striped white..... 40
- Phadransassa Cloriosa**—The flowers are borne in pendulous clusters, and an odd mingling of colors, green, orange, scarlet, etc. Always admired, for it is a very odd and exceedingly interesting plant. The clusters of fine, drooping blossoms are entirely unlike any other species of Amaryllis..... 15
- Regina**—The queenly beauty of this superb Amaryllis has given it the name of Regina, or Queen Lily. That it is a fine winter bloomer also adds much to its merit. Bulbs large and strong, ready to commence growth as soon as potted, and will soon bloom. Flowers very large, wide-open or spreading shape. Color, soft, light scarlet, with white center or throat. The charming color and beautiful shape of the flower makes this one of the choicest of the large and celebrated race of Amaryllis species. 3 for 30c..... 15

### Amaryllis Treatae.

**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, selected bulbs, 5c. each; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.



FAIRY LILY



CRINUM ORNATUM.

### Rare Crinums.

These are all members of the beautiful Amaryllis tribe. 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. While growing give them all the sun and moisture possible; but while at rest give very little water or none at all.

**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 immense 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. Fine bulbs 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

**Crinum Moorei**—Much like the above, except the 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.

**Fimbriatum**—White and pink; very fine. Known as Milk and Wine Lily. 25c. each.

### Pancratium Tortuosum.



PANCRATIUM TORTUOSUM.

A rare species of the great Amaryllis family, which produces large bulbs that may be treated like Gladiolus. Planted out in the spring they produce large, elegant leaves which are of a grayish-blue tinged color, very odd and peculiar as well as handsome. The flowers are borne in clusters, as shown in the cut, pure white and fragrant. It is also an admirable pot plant. We are fortunate in being able to offer fine large bulbs of this rare flower at 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



### Ismene Galathena.

Those who are familiar with the true Ismene cannot say enough in praise of its beauty and purity. The flowers are of very large size, novel form, and of 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 which one can appreciate at sight, but cannot describe. It is one of the most strikingly beautiful of all garden flowers. 20c. each; 3 for 50c., 7 for \$1.00.



NEW HARDY SPIDER LILY.

### 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 Lilies. An extra choice garden flower which we cannot too strongly recommend. Also a fine pot plant. Fine flowering bulbs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

FIRE KING

JEWEL



### Superb New Dahlias.

These 10 new Dahlias, of recent introduction, are, in our estimation, the finest in cultivation.

Price, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; the 10 for \$2.00.

**Floral Park Jewel**—The most beautiful Dahlia in cultivation. Flowers of many colors, from deep maroon to bluish white, including beautiful spotted and 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.

**Livonia**—Much like White Dove, except the flower stems are much longer, and the color of the large perfect blossoms is a soft, sweet, sea-shell pink, a color as rare as it is beautiful.

**Mary D. Hallock**—Extra fine yellow. Flower large and perfect.

**Nymphocæa**—Like a lovely pink Water Lily. Extremely beautiful and novel. It is a great and persistent bloomer all through the season, and its charming Water Lily-like blossoms are grand.

**White Dove**—Another grand new Dahlia, which makes a compact, bushy plant, bearing large double snow-white flowers of perfect form. The flowers are borne on slender stems from two to three feet long, and thereby stand away from the plants so far that they appear as though they were floating in the air; hence its name.

**Electric**—Extra fine large Cactus flowers. Color, brightest scarlet. Very showy.

**Fire King**—Superb, immense flowers of the deepest scarlet, glowing like fire. An early bloomer, and every flower is perfection itself.

**Argentia Variegata**—The leaves of this fine Dahlia are beautifully variegated with white, making it a most conspicuous and attractive plant.

**Clifford W. Bruton**—The finest pure yellow decorative Dahlia. Of immense size, 5 to 8 inches in diameter; of full Chrysanthemum form, and full to the center. A strong, vigorous grower, and an extremely profuse bloomer to have so large a flower.

**Catharine**—A fine pompon of a bright yellow color. Flower full and perfect. Extra.

**Mixed Dahlias**—We can supply large field-grown tubers of 25 finest Dahlias (mixed), at \$1.00 per dozen, by mail or express. Larger tubers can be sent by express.

### Dahlia Seed.

For fine seed, which will grow magnificent double Dahlias, flowering in a short time, see full particulars page 55 of this catalogue.

- Double Large-Flowering, Mixed—Will produce some magnificent varieties..... 15
- Double Pompon, Mixed—Extra choice strain..... 10
- New Single, Mixed Strain—Flowers very large and of rainbow colors. Exceedingly popular as cut flowers... 5
- Cracilla, Mixed Colors—Fine cut foliage and a profusion of brilliantly striped and flecked blossoms..... 10
- Cactus—A new class of broad-petaled double flowers, esteemed by many the finest of all. Very distinct and extra for cutting..... 20



**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. From July to October they are one mass of flowers, spike after spike of the flame-like 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.

- Crococmaeflora**—Fine scarlet.
- Elegans**—Yellow, flamed scarlet.
- Pure Lemon**—Fine lemon-yellow.
- Transcendent**—Brilliant flame color.

Price 5c. each; the 4 for 15c.; 40c. per dozen.



**OXALIS LASANDRIA.**

**Summer-Flowering Oxalis.**

No bulb is so valuable for edging the borders of walks or flower beds as the beautiful flowering Oxalis. When planted three inches apart they produce an unbroken row of elegant foliage and pretty flowers; and as they bloom very quickly after planting they furnish a neat and attractive border the whole season. They are also splendid when planted in a mass, and make a very showy bed. The bulbs, which are the size of peas, or larger, can be planted the first of May, or perhaps earlier, and will be in bloom by the first of June. No flower is easier grown than this, as they are sure to succeed in all soils and situations. They are also charming when grown in pots and make a very attractive mass of fine foliage and gay flowers. They can be planted in this way at any time during the winter or spring, and will commence blooming at once. Every bulb will grow and flower beautifully. Price of fine bulbs, 10c. per dozen: 25 for 15c.; 100 for 40c.; 500 for \$1.50; 1,000 for \$2.50.

- Dieppi**—Pure white; very fine.
- Lasandria**—Fine rosy pink, beautiful cut foliage.
- Shamrock**—Lovely clover-like foliage and pink blossoms.
- Mixed Colors**—Several colors.
- Mammoth Bulbs**—We can supply mammoth-sized bulbs of the Oxalis, nearly as large as Gladiolus, and which will produce a wonderful profusion of bloom, at 5c. each; 8 for 10c., 12 for 35c.

**Galadium 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. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.



IPOMEA MEXICANA

GALADIUM ESCULENTUM

**Ipomea Mexicana.**

This beautiful climber is also offered among "Specialties and Novelties," with the Moonflower. It is also entitled to a place here as a summer-flowering bulb. It forms a root as large as a Dahlia, which is safely wintered in any cellar, and when planted out in the spring it commences a strong growth at once, and is really the most useful of all climbing plants, as it starts so early and grows so rapidly. Its flowers are of a satin violet-crimson color, and remains open all day. This is often known as "Tuberous-Rooted Moonflower." An elegant vine for conservatories or large bay windows during winter. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



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MADEIRA VINE  
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**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. 2 for 5c.; 5 for 10c.; 12 for 20c.

**Madeira Vine.**

A rapid growing vine, covering a large space in a short time. Fleshy, heart-shaped leaves of a light green, and in late summer numerous racemes of feathery flowers of powerful and delicious fragrance. A very beautiful and popular vine, which succeeds admirably. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.



### 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 large flower stems which are a gigantic spikes 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.

### Nerine Japonica, SCARLET SPIDER LILY.

Fine, large clusters of deep blood-scarlet blossoms late in summer. This lovely Japanese bulb is quite hardy in most localities, and when in bloom is very showy. Closely resembles the white Spider Lily. It flowers after the foliage dies down in autumn. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.



### Tigridias.

One of the most showy of all summer bulbs, and blooms from midsummer until frost, growing three feet high, with large wide-open triangular blooms, four to six inches across. The colors and markings are very brilliant and peculiarly odd and attractive, and clumps of them in the border have a most gorgeous effect. It is difficult to name a flower of such unique and exquisite beauty as a Tigridia, the superb spotting being so self-like and handsome. They are easily grown and always more than satisfactory.

**Mixed Sorts**—All colors, 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 40c.

### Mexican Gems.

Though entirely distinct from each other, we class these three fine bulbs together, as their habit is somewhat alike. They can all be grown either as pot plants or in the open ground. They are very effective when grown in clumps or masses and are very profuse and long blooming. Exceedingly fine for cutting. Gems of real grace and beauty.

**Bessera Elegans**—Flower stems from one to two feet high, bearing loose umbels of beautiful, drooping scarlet and white flowers. A charming bouquet flower. Few flowers present such a graceful beauty, while growing in a natural state or when cut, as does Bessera Elegans.

**Cyclobothra Flava**—Narrow grassy foliage and a constant bloomer. Flowers bell-shaped, bright yellow dotted brown. Very graceful and in every respect a perfect gem.

**Milla Biflora**—The flowers are pure waxly white, two inches in diameter, star-shaped, and usually in pairs on long slender stems. It is beautiful, especially for cutting. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon this lovely flower. It pleases everyone and should be grown very largely. This charming flower is exceedingly popular 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.

Price 5c. each; the 3 for 10c.; 3 each of the 3 sorts for 25c., or 30c. per dozen.



### The Three Gems.



COMMON  
DOUBLE

TUBEROSES



EXCELSIOR PEARL

NEW VARIEGATED

## Childs' Superior Tuberoses.

The one flower the rich man 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. Plant a good big lot of them for cutting, and if you will pot those which are in bud about the time frost is expected, they will bloom elegantly in pots for a long time; often till Christmas.

**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, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.; 100 for \$3.00.

**Tall Double**—The old popular variety. Splendid for the 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; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

**Single Orange Scented**—A fine sort, bearing very early in the season, large spikes of beautiful single orange-like blossoms. Very fragrant, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

One bulb each of above four sorts, 25c.; 3 of each for 60c.

# HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS.

The earth wears a crown of Floral Beauties, and among the brightest, richest and sweetest are the Hardy Perennials. They fill a place in our gardens, and in our hearts, which nothing else can supply. Like Flowering Shrubs, when once planted they are good for a life-time, and we come to regard them as a part, not only of our home, but our very existence. What would induce us to part with the grand old clumps of Pæonies, Lillies, 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.



## Achillea Grandiflora.

**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 one plant at one time. Flowers pure white, perfectly double, and are 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. The plants we send out will bloom profusely this summer.

15c. each; 5 for 50c.

## Aster, Alpina.

One of the most charming hardy perennial plants we have ever seen. Its flowers are borne in profusion early in spring (May in this latitude), and are the size of a large wild Daisy, about 3 inches across, composed of a double row of intensely blue petals, surrounding a golden yellow center. It is double the size of any other hardy Aster, and closely resembles a large Paris Daisy in shape and general appearance. The plant is of a dwarf, compact habit, with luxuriant and handsome foliage. In short, it must be classed with Rudbeckia Golden Glow as a hardy perennial which has no superior, and few equals. Price, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



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**Arundo Donax Variegata.**

Surpasses any Canna as an ornamental foliage plant. Produces wide, luxuriant leaves, which are freely striped and variegated with pure white. Makes a most striking object, and fine for the center of beds. Very hardy. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

**Calystegia Pubescens.**

A fine double perennial Morning Glory. Various called Rose Vine, Double Morning Glory, California Rose, etc. A hardy perennial vine, coming from the roots each spring, and bearing quantities of pale satiny-pink flowers, as full and double as Roses. Just the vine for Rockeries, banks, poor, hard soil, where nothing else will grow, or a hundred other places, where a really handsome trailing or climbing vine is needed that is able to take care of itself. The vines we send out will bloom the first season and continue all summer. Its long vines wreathed in a profusion of large, double, Rose-like blossoms are very attractive. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.



**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. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.

**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 tracings of the butterfly's wing. **Fine Mixed Sorts**—A lovely collection. 6 for 40c. 12 for 75c. **Named Sorts**—A collection of 10 sorts, named, for \$1.00.

Ornamental Grass.

ARUNDO DONAX VARIEGATA.

ANEMONE "WHIRLWIND."

VINCETOXICUM

**Mosquito Catcher Plant.**

This pretty plant, Vincetoxicum, comes from Japan. It grows one to two feet high and all summer bears a profusion of pretty, white, star-like blossoms that secrete a viscid fluid that attracts mosquitoes and sometimes other insects as well. Alas for the poor mosquito! No struggling on his part can ever free him after he has once dipped his beak in the forbidden sweets, though he may tug and plunge and buzz for a day or two after. A single spray of bloom will capture a dozen mosquitos. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.

**Anemone, Whirlwind.**

A variety of the beautiful old A. Japonica, but with large, semi-double blossoms of a snow-white color. It possesses a beauty and airy grace which is seen in but few flowers, and its great profusion of bloom at the end of summer and during fall, when pure white flowers are scarce, makes it very valuable—in fact one of the finest novelties of the year. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.



HEUCHERA SANGUINEA

**Heuchera Sanguinea.**

This rare and little known plant will be a revelation of beauty to all who try it. It is of very pretty, graceful habit, sending up great numbers of flower stems, which branch freely and produce for a period of two or three months a great profusion of scarlet blossoms. Nothing finer for vases or decorating. Perfectly hardy. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

**A Great Collection.**

15 Fine Hardy Perennial Plants for \$1.00.

We have a great variety of extra choice Hardy Perennials, and will send 15 different sorts, for only \$1.00.



IRIS KÄMPFERI.

### Double Iris Kämpferi.

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 Kämpferi, the king of hardy perennial plants. Once planted in your garden they are a joy for a lifetime without further care, blooming profusely in June and July, during which time they are the greatest attraction your garden or lawn can contain. These Iris received highest award at the World's Fair.

- Blue Jay**—Dwarf habit, large flowers; fine azure blue freely veined and mottled white. Extra fine.
- Eclair**—Lovely pure white. Extra large and fine.
- Mahogany**—Very large flower, deep mahogany red.
- Cold Bound**—Tall and showy, with flowers of enormous size, probably the most beautiful of all. Pure snow-white, with large gold-banded center.
- Blue Danube**—Extra fine luminous blue, with peacock luster and yellow eye. Very large and showy.
- Zenobia**—Rich purple, mottled with grey.
- Mt. Hood**—Light blue, shaded darker. Bright orange center.
- Pyramid**—Tall and showy, flower very large; light violet-blue with slight white veins.
- P. C. de Rohan**—Purplish blue, shaded violet, with red at center. Fine large flower.
- Robert Craig**—Tall and very large; French white, shaded with violet toward center; extra fine.

Price 15c. each; any 5 for 40c.; the 10 for \$1.00; or \$1.00 per doz.  
**Double Mixed**—40 Fine sorts, 7 for 50c.; 15 for \$1.00.



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IRIS KÄMPFERI

### SINGLE VARIETIES.

- Como**—Reddish amaranth, with large white center.
- Shadow**—Enormous wavy petals, dark indigo blue with peacock luster and golden center. Grand.
- Snowbound**—Large, pure white, with golden bands.
- Souvenir**—Lovely rose pink, with satin gloss and delicate blue veins.
- Violet Cap**—Pure white, veined and suffused dark blue.
- Quakeress**—Light lavender, tinged rose.

Price, 15c. each; the 6 for 60c.; or \$1.00 per dozen.

**Single Mixed**—30 kinds, 7 for 50c.; 15 for \$1.00.



### FIVE ELEGANT NEW SORTS.

- These five new Iris Kämpferi are grand.
- Mrs. C. T. Saxton**—Pure white, enormous size and triple extra double. The finest double variety.
- Senator Lexow**—Enormous flower like Shadow, but much larger; great wavy petals a foot across. Indigo blue.
- Spotted Beauty**—Large size, very double; silky white freely and finely spotted with violet-crimson.
- Little Pink**—A lovely variety (single), not quite so large as some others, but of a bluish-pink color. Very distinct.
- Gigantea**—Extra large size, same as Lexow, with beautiful wavy petals; blue with purplish red tinge, yellow center and white veins. Extra fine single sort.

Price 25c. each; the 5 for \$1.00.

### IRIS SEED.

We can supply fine seed of these beautiful Iris Kämpferi, mixed, at 10c. per pkt.



## 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 the individual florets are twice the size of the old time Phlox, and the shades of color the brightest, richest and clearest. There are no finer or more useful perennials than the Perennial Phloxes, or which will give more complete satisfaction. The varieties we offer are new and fine, and the plants we send out will bloom magnificently the coming summer. They are cheap and we hope that all our customers will plant them.

**Athels**—A beautiful rosy scarlet, tinged with salmon. Very bright and showy.

**Snow Cloud**—White, suffused with purple. Extra fine.

**Charlotte Saison**—White, suffused with pink, deepening towards the center to bright vermilion.

**Lasolle**—Enormous flower and truss, individual flowers being 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.

**Master Clarence Hulse**—Pure white. Flowers and truss of very large size and exceedingly beautiful.

**Sylvester Hulse**—Beautiful lilac-rose.

**Miss Hattie Hulse**—Pure white with beautiful pink eye.

**Morty Hulse**—Beautiful rose-lilac, marbled with white, flowers large and of beautiful form.

**Pluton**—Deep wine red; splendid. New.

**Mad. Reudatier**—Fine lilac, bordered and flaked white.

15c. each; any 6 for 60c.; the 12 for \$1.00.



PYRAMIDAL

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PERENNIAL PHLOXES.

**Phlox Subulata** One of the finest of low, turfy-growing plants, fine for carpeting under trees, around rock-work, edging beds, etc. Early in spring is very showy with its cloud of bright pink blossoms. We do not understand why this is not more widely grown, for it is perfectly hardy and once planted will take care of itself. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

## New Pyramidal Phloxes.

**Pyramidal White**—A great acquisition, being a plant of sturdy, compact growth, and bearing enormous pyramidal panicles of great blossoms. By far the finest white, and in all round good points the finest Perennial Phlox grown. Great solid panicles of grand effect.

**Pyramidal Crimson**—Like the above, with same great blossoms, but of a bright crimson color. The two sorts contrast finely. They bloom all summer long and are equal to Hydrangeas in majestic beauty.

20c. each; the two for 30c.



PHLOX SUBULATA

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**SPECIOSUM LILIES.**

SPECIOSUM ALBUM

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**Grand Speciosum Lilies.**

The Speciosums are the hardiest, most robust and free-flowering of all Lilies, not omitting the old Tiger Lily, while in beauty they are second to none. The magnificence of their blossoms cannot be described. Having a large stock we are prepared to offer them very low, and trust that our customers will profit by it.

- Rubrum**—Deep rose, freely spotted crimson and mottled white; perfectly exquisite. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c.
- Malpome**—Words cannot describe the beauty of this variety. Frosted white, spotted, clouded and bearded with pinkish crimson. Petals deeply recurved and widely bordered. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.
- Praecox**—Large, perfect and beautiful. Frosted white with a tinge of blush at the tip of petals. The blush-like fringe in each petal adds to its beauty. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
- Monstrosus Album**—Broad, flat stems and immense heads of flowers, often fifty in a cluster. Pure snow white. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 7 for 75c.
- Monstrosus Roseum**—Like the above, except in color, which is a fine, bright rose. 30c. each.
- Punctatum**—White, slightly spotted rose. 40c. each.

**Opal** We had thought that no Speciosum could exceed Melpomene, but this new Lily is even larger, grander, and, if possible, more richly colored. Like the opal, for which it is named, the eye drinks in its lovely tints with delight. To say that it is frosted, glistening white, delicately clouded and suffused with rosy blush and spotted with rosy scarlet, is to convey but a slight idea of its perfect loveliness. The deeply recurved petals are snowy white at the tip, gradually deepening in color to the base of each petal, which is blotched with a raised moss-like fringe, which glistens like diamonds. The flower is very large, 50c. each; 3 for \$1.25.

One each of the above 7 sorts for \$1.50.

**Fine 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 that if our readers could see a good collection of from 20 to 40 different sorts in bloom they would never rest until they had a goodly number of their own. As a rule, Lilies are of the easiest cultivation, especially the following, which have been carefully selected as the hardiest, handsomest and best. We grow at Floral Park about five acres of Lilies, and the bulbs we offer are large, healthy, vigorous and cheap.



## Ten Beautiful Lilies Cheap.

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

**Superbum**—Three to six feet high, flowers from five to forty, nodding; brilliant orange-red; blooms in July.

**Elegans Bicolor**—Truly magnificent, being Tulip-shaped, and blooms in June. The blossoms are large and exceedingly showy, being of a brilliant red, flamed with yellow.

**Elegans Robusta**—Dark, rich orange; fine, vigorous grower and large size.

**Elegans**—Fine mixed colors. 60c. per dozen.

**Longiflorum**—White, trumpet formed, very fragrant. A lovely Lily, being almost exactly like the Bermuda Easter Lily, but blooming a little later, and hardy.

**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.

**Tigrinum fl. pl.**—(DOUBLE TIGER LILY)—This is a plant of stately habit, growing from 4 to 5 feet high; foliage is dark green and very long, bearing an immense number of double, bright orange-red flowers, spotted with black.

**Tigrinum, Splendens**—Improved Tiger Lily.

**Umbellatum**—One of the very best, blooming in June or July, with very large, perfect flowers. Colors range from black-red through all the shades of crimson, rose, yellow, buff, apricot, etc., many being finely spotted and variegated. 25 finest sorts, mixed. Per dozen, \$1.00.

**Wallacei**—This Lily is very floriferous, each bulb throwing up from 4 to 6 flower stems, each one of which is crowned with 3 to 10 beautiful upright blossoms of a delicate, bright apricot color. It is very perfect in form and a most desirable sort. 60c. per dozen.

Price, 10c. each; 6 for 50c.; the 10 for 85c. All home grown.

## Rare Lilies.

**Auratum**—(THE GOLDEN BANDED LILY OF JAPAN)—We can say that this is the grandest of all Lilies, and certainly the most popular. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Brownii**—A grand Lily, but very rare. The large, wax-like flowers are chocolate-purple on the outside, snowy white inside. Stamens a rich chocolate-brown. Blossoms large and trumpet-shaped. 50c. each.

**Longiflorum Variegatum**—The leaves of this variety are most beautifully variegated white and green, making a plant of great beauty. Sold a few years ago at \$5.00 each. 60c. each.

**Batemanniæ**—Pure apricot color, without spots. A much prized Japanese variety. It is a near relative to the rare and beautiful Leichtini. 20c. each.

**Tenuifolium**—The lovely Coral Lily of Siberia. A great beauty. The brightest of all Lilies. Grows 20 inches high, with finely cut foliage, slender stems and beautiful shaped flowers of a shining coral-red. One ought to grow them by the dozen, they are so fine for cutting, and make such grand clumps for the lawn. Blooms very early. Having grown an enormous stock of this exquisite Lily we are prepared to offer it at the extremely low price of 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

**Pardalinum**—Rich scarlet and yellow, spotted with rich brown. Robust and free flowering. A superb Lily, and one which will give the greatest possible satisfaction. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Speciosum Henryi**—This is the new yellow. Very tall in growth, with large orange-yellow blossoms. 75c. each.

**Colchesteri**—An improved Brownii. Large, wide-open blossoms, ivory-white marked outside with rich chocolate. Highly fragrant, and one of the finest and choicest of all Lilies. 75c. each.

**Elegans Midnight**—Rich, deep crimson-black. A very rich shade and extremely handsome. 50c.

One each of above 9 rare Lilies for \$3.00.



VARIEGATED DAY LILY.



GIANT PAEONY



HEMEROCALLIS.

**Hemerocallis.**

Hardy, robust plants, producing great quantities of magnificent, large, fragrant, Lily-like blossoms all summer.

**Flava**—If everyone does not know the Lemon Lily, they ought to, for it comprises in one plant entire hardiness, profusion and beautiful and fragrant bloom. Last summer we counted 868 buds and full blown blooms on a medium-sized specimen at one time. The clear yellow, Lily-like flowers are borne on long, stiff stalks, making them superior flowers for large vases or for pulp bouquets. There is no yellow Lily so beautiful as this.

**Dumortieri**—Profuse, orange-yellow, bright, rich, and showy.

**Kowlensis fl. pl.**—Large double blossoms on tall stems.

Price, 20c. each; \$1.25 per dozen; the 3 for 50c.

**Day Lily Variegated.**

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 finest (certainly one of the most attractive and ornamental) of all hardy plants. Nothing more ornamental. 15c. each; 3 for 60c.

**Pæonies.**

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

**New Giant**—Like an enormous double Rose, of a blush, almost white color; a Pæony which grows 3 to 4 feet high, and bears flowers nearly as large as a man's hat, which resemble a perfect Rose. In fact, the flower is the same shape, fragrance, and exquisite satin-like pink color as Baroness Rothschild Rose. It is beautiful beyond description. Fine roots, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

**Victor Lemoine**—Large size and great fragrance—deep crimson, 30c. each.

**Fragrans**—Bright pink, double and very sweet, 25c.

**Double White**—Pure white, very scarce, 40c. each.

**Tenuifolium**—Fine cut, fern-like foliage, of exquisite beauty, and blossoms in May. Rich, fiery scarlet, 30c. each.

**Humilis Single**—Large, purple-rose; very early, 25c. each.

One each of the 6 sorts for \$1.50.

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



# WINDOW OR GREENHOUSE PLANTS.

One may have a home grandly constructed, elegantly fitted and furnished in every particular, wanting nothing which money can furnish, 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.

**STRONG PLANTS BY MAIL, POSTPAID.** We send fine, healthy, well-rooted, vigorous Plants by mail, postpaid, at prices quoted. If ordered by express we do not pay the express charges, but we can usually send **LARGER PLANTS** in that way than by mail, at **SAME PRICE**, and we add extra ones enough to offset express charges.



## 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.

**Peralpa**—Leaf finely variegated silver-grey and deep emerald-green. Leaves small, but form abundantly.

**Pearl**—A great leaf of a solid silver color. Very handsome. Underneath ribbed red.

**Louise Clason**—Leaf dull red underneath, almost black outside, variegated with large pink blotches, having a peculiar metallic lustre. Very odd and beautiful.

**Enfant de Nancy**—Large, beautifully ribbed; deep green disk, thickly spotted. Large silvery zone and spotted green edge. Very fine.

**Robert George**—A fine large leaf, long-pointed and beautifully toothed. Color light silver-green, with a center and border of deep blackish green. Very handsome.

**Roi Fred**—A perfectly gigantic leaf of clear, liquid silver color, with a dark center and an elegantly fringed and festooned border of green and silver. Finely ribbed underneath. Size of leaf, 15 to 20 inches.

Price, 20c. each; the 6 for \$1.00.

**Mixed Varieties**—Our collection of Rex Begonias is perfectly magnificent, including over 30 finest named sorts, which we can supply mixed at rate of 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.

## Begonia, Credneri.

Probably the most magnificent flowering Begonia yet seen. It is a strong grower with immense leaves which are very handsome. The flowers are blush and rose, covered with silky hairs, and borne in clusters often as large as a bunch of Hydrangea blossoms. No description can do it justice, or convey even a slight idea of its loveliness. It will be a star in any collection of plants, no matter how select. Fine plants, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

## Begonia, Peltata.

This has leaves the size and shape of Goensis, but covered completely with a soft white down or woolly substance. It bears large pure white flowers and is a perfectly exquisite gem. 50c. each.



## Begonia, Vernon.

No other kinds of flowering Begonias can begin to compare with the varieties of B. Vernon for beauty and constant bloom. They are so much superior to others that we have concluded to offer several colors. Plants flower perpetually all the year round, the plant being completely covered with bloom at all times, especially during winter. They make lovely bedding plants in summer, the leaves when exposed to the sun turning to a rich bronze color, adding much to the beauty of the flowers.

**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. See cut and seed offered page 78.

**Vernon, White**—Splendid large blossoms, pure white.

**Vernon, Pink**—Lovely blush and pink shades. In other respects exactly like above, and a plant of perpetual beauty.

**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 the exquisite beauty added to the superb color of the leaves, makes a plant not only beautiful beyond description, but exceptionally odd and striking.

**Dwarf Vernon**—Rich dark crimson. Very dwarf and compact, growing not over 6 inches high and always in bloom.

**Rubra**—One of the best of all Begonias for house culture. 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.

**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.

**Erfordie**—A most lovely sort, and a great bloomer the year round, either in pots or garden. It has large clusters of light pink blossoms, resembling large Tuberos-rooted varieties. It is a free grower and in every respect a superb sort.

**PRICE**—Fine plants, 15c. each; 5 or more at 10c. each.



BUTTERFLY LILY.

## Butterfly Lily

This magnificent East Indian plant is one of the most desirable acquisitions to a collection of flowers imaginable. While the cut gives an excellent idea of the general appearance of the plant, it conveys but a slight idea of the chaste beauty of the large snow-white and exquisitely fragrant (like a Jasmine) flowers, looking almost like a bevy of large, white butterflies hovering over the plant. The roots may be wintered in a dormant condition (in the soil) if stored in a warm, dry situation, or if kept moist and warm enough the plant will flower the whole year round. Fine roots, 20c. each.



CARNATION.

## New 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 of recent introduction. Their superiority is shown in many points, but more especially in large size of flowers, vigor of growth, freedom of bloom, exquisite color and fragrance. For pot culture none are so good as the following:

**Big Pink**—Enormous size and the finest shade of pink yet produced. Superb large petals and a large, round bloom of the most perfect points and greatest beauty. Long stems, solid calyx, bright, lively pink color.

**Geo. M. Bradt**—Color, clear white, heavily edged and striped with bright scarlet, giving it a very bright and cheerful appearance. Flowers large and full, with center petals standing erect, giving the bloom a well-rounded form. Habit strong and vigorous. This variety has proved the most even and constant bloomer for early to late, and it is certainly the finest variety of its color.

**White Cloud**—Fine, pure snow-white, on long stems. Flowers of gigantic size, very double and beautifully formed. Its fragrance is rich and it is a persistent bloomer. All in all probably the best pure white variety.

**Eldorado**—Finest canary-yellow, slightly tipped rose. Best yellow variety.

**Flame**—Intense scarlet, large flower. Plant a dwarf, compact grower; very fine.

**Ceres Queen**—Large, beautifully formed flower, of a bright cerise color.

**Gen'l Maceo**—Very full, deeply fringed flower, 2½ in. to 3¼ in. in diameter, on stiff, wiry stems, 12 in. to 18 in. long under ordinary culture. Under extra culture blooms 3 in. in diameter, on 18-in. stems, may be grown. Ground color, deep, brilliant scarlet, heavily overlaid with maroon-black, making one of the darkest and richest shades yet seen in Carnations, fully as rich and striking as the Meteor Rose. Habit erect, stiff, wiry. Foliage covered with rich, glaucous bloom. The most profuse and abundant bloomer we have ever grown, outblossoming every other variety. Flower an excellent keeper, and can remain on the plant six to eight days, and we have kept it three and a-half weeks in a cool room. The best dark Carnation grown.

Price, 15c. each; 3 or more at 10c. each; the 7 for 60c., or \$1.00 per dozen.



STAPELIA

## Cactus.

**Cereus Grandiflora**—(NIGHT-BLOOMING CEREUS)—The most beautiful flower in the world. Its flowers are a foot across, of a pure satiny white, outside petals 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. 30c. each.

**Philocactus**—Several sorts, of different colors. Very fine day bloomers, almost equal to the Night-Blooming Cereus. 20c. each.

**Stapelia Variegata**—Not strictly a Cactus, but resembles one in habit and appearance. Thick, succulent stems and star-shaped, spotted maroon, brown and yellow blossoms, very odd and striking. Flowers throughout the year. The flowers are thick and leathery, resembling the skin of a pentile. It is exceedingly attractive. 15c.

**Stapelia Grandiflora**—The giant Stapelia; very rare, and a most magnificent plant. Flowers enormous in size. 30c.



**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.

**BEST DOUBLE SORTS.**

- Chopin**—Enormous size, semi-double great truss, fiery orange-scarlet. Fine bedder.
- Eruant**—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.
- Stars**—Immense trusses of very large flowers, of fiery scarlet rayed with violet-scarlet and touch of orange-yellow.
- 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.

**EXTRA CHOICE SINGLE SORTS.**

- John Lewis Childs**—This new and unique Geranium is unlike any other variety in cultivation. 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 in cultivation, except some of our novelties.
- Violet Queen**—Enormous flower and truss of the most perfect form, and a prodigious bloomer. A most brilliant and dazzling violet-crimson, with white rayed center.
- Mrs. A. Blanc**—Another sort with enormous blooms, perfect and fascinating. Beautiful orange-pink, marbled white.
- Columbia**—A splendid bedder; light, high scarlet, of dazzling brightness, two upper petals white, shading to scarlet on the edges.
- Mar. de Layres**—A grand pure white sort with enormous flowers and truss. Finest of all single whites.
- Golden Leaved**—A Geranium with bright yellowish foliage and large scarlet flowers. A unique plant and highly ornamental at all times.
- Empress**—Flowers enormous in size, borne in great clusters, durable, and produced in profusion throughout the year. Color a most lovely soft pink, with large white shadings on upper petals and small veins.

Price of all the above Geraniums, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; or more

**Mrs. Parker**—In this we have the only double-flowering variety in the silver leaved section. While the foliage is deep green, with a broad border, and margin of pure snow-white, the flower is perfectly double, and of a clear bright pink, a combination novel and beautiful. 25c.

**Double Tricolor**—Beautiful in leaf and 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., superbly. 25c.

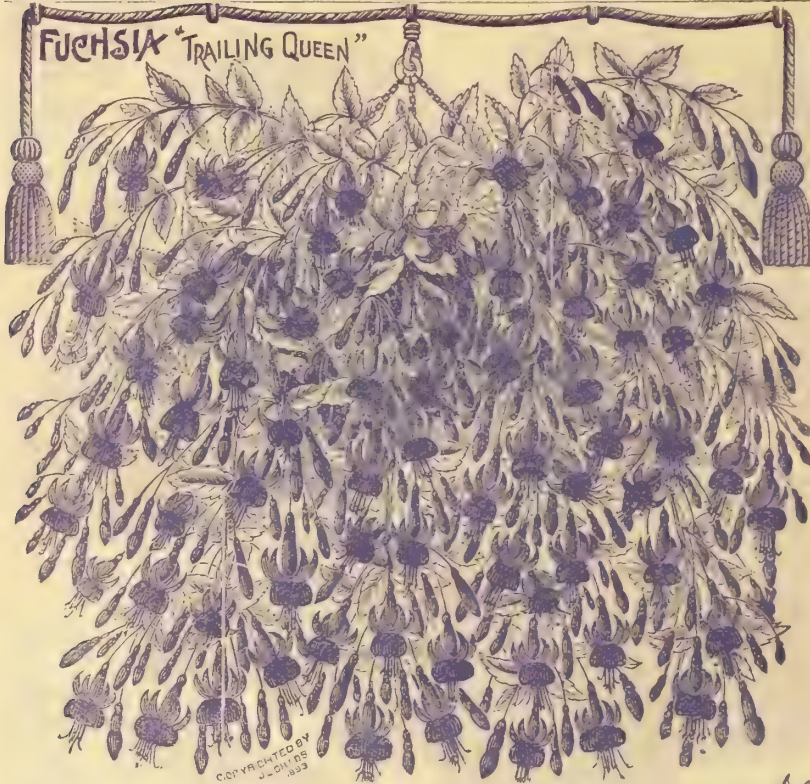


**DOUBLE IVY GERANIUM.**

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 marked like superb Pelargoniums.

- Jeanne d'Arc**—Pure white; very double and fine.
- La Rosaire**—Fine rose. Delicate and charming.
- Souv. Chas. Turner**—Deep, bright pink; feathered maroon.
- Chas. Montelet**—Bright scarlet; large and fine. 20c. each; the 4 for 60c.





## Rare Fuchsias.

These are very fine varieties of recent introduction.

**Trailing Queen**—Good plants for hanging pots are rare—as rare as they are beautiful. This new Fuchsia never grows erect, but always trails down over 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 end 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.

## Flowering Rose Geranium.

A distinct variety of the scented Geranium, with a strong fragrance, and large deep scarlet flowers of the Hybrid Perpetual class. Combines free flowering qualities with fragrant foliage. Very useful for summer cut flowers, and as a pot plant for winter cannot be surpassed. A very fine plant, and either for pots or for bedding it will give great satisfaction. Its trusses of bloom are really very fine, and the fragrance of its foliage makes it a truly novel plant. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



STORM KING



**Storm King**—The double White, Perpetual Blooming Weeping Fuchsia. Its graceful, weeping habit, and its superlatively beautiful flowers, more freely borne than those of any other sort, makes 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 teacups. 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.

**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.

**Little Beauty**—A perfect little gem of a Fuchsia, growing but 6 inches high, and always full of bloom.

**Mad. Bruant**—Enormous size, very double, corolla fine heliotrope-blue, sepals deep coral-red. New and fine. 20c. each; the 5 for 75c.



PLEROMA

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### Pleroma Splendens.

At present this is a rare flower. Not only is it a free grower and blooms 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 Jackman. Plants commence to bloom when only a few inches high, and continue all the time. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



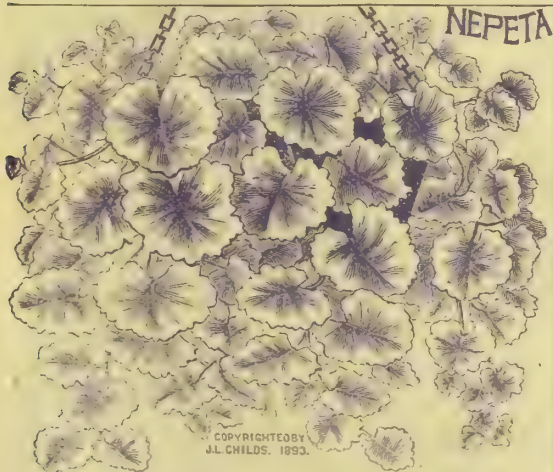
MEXICAN PRIMROSE.

### The Mexican Primrose.

A plant for EVERYBODY, and one which will thrive in rich or poor, wet or dry soil, or in sun or shade, and bloom profusely the year round in pots, or all the spring, summer and fall in the garden. The superb color, combined with airy grace and beautiful form, goes to make a flower which is perfection itself. The plant seldom grows over ten inches in height, but inclines to a trailing habit, sweeping 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 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 blooms profusely.

- Charming**—Bright, deep pink, veined with scarlet and with a light center. A superb color.
- Snowflake**—Pure snow-white, enormous size.
- Apple Blossom**—White, tinted blush and bordered with soft pink. An extremely delicate color.
- Hermosa Tinted**—A lovely shade of light, soft rose.

Price, 15c. each; the 4 for 40c.



NEPETA

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### Nepeta Glechoma.

This new Nepeta is hardy, fragrant and pretty, its small, round leaves finely marked with white. Very fine for hanging 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 grass 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 FRINGED PETUNIA

### Double Petunia.

A grand flower for pots, garden vases, or for summer bedding. Their splendid, large, double flowers are fine in any situation and 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 fringed.
- Snowdrift**—Large, double, fringed flower of purest snowy whiteness. Extra good.
- Double Mixed**—12 fine colors. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00.
- Single Giant-Flowered, Mixed**—Finest type of large-flowering sorts, mixed; all colors, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00.

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PALM  
WASHINGTONIA  
FILIFERA.

**Filifera Palm.**

One of the best window Palms, needing no petting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant fan-shaped leaves, of a rich, dark, leathery green, picturesquely fringed with long, thread-like filaments along the segments of the leaves. The plant is a compact grower, well-adapted to pot culture, succeeding in any situation, and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. It will make a grand ornament during winter, and in summer it can adorn a veranda, or be placed in any shady place about the garden or yard, or used for a center in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. All Palms of the fan-leaved sorts have, when young, leaves of a long, narrow shape, developing the round, fan-shaped ones as they grow older. *Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00. Seed, per paper, 10c.*



PHOENIX PALM.

**Phoenix Palms.**

There are several varieties of Phoenix, most of them differing but little from each other. They are sturdy, hardy and robust growers, in time attaining a considerable size; they are always graceful and handsome, with foliage not surpassed. For window culture they are always a success, as they readily adapt themselves to any situation. We can recommend them highly. *Fine plants, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.*

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ZAMIA

**Zamia.**

We have all heard of the wonderful beauty of the rare Cycus Revoluta, and a good specimen of which is worth \$5 to \$30. 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.*

**Cocos Weddelliana.**

A perfect little gem; one of the most elegant and graceful little Palms that has ever been introduced. The plant is dwarf and very neat; leaves whitish green on the under side, and arching out most gracefully. It is finely adapted for decorations of all sorts, and easily endures the hardships usually falling to house plants. *40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.*

COCOS  
WEDDELLIANA

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**Manettia Vine.**

A poor vine is little but an eyesore; but a thrifty Manettia is lovely beyond question. It can be grown either in the house or garden, and is in full bloom every day in the year. In the house it can be trained all around a window, and it will be a solid wreath of bloom, both summer and winter; in the open ground, during summer, it will grow ten feet, branching freely and covering a large space of trellis, arbor or wall, showing at all times thousands of bright blossoms. The flowers are 1 1/2 to 2 inches long, and of the most intense fiery scarlet, shading off to 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 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 everyone.

Price, 15c each; 3 for 30c.



**Strobilanthes Dyerianus.**

A new house and bedding plant of great beauty. It forms a compact bush 18 inches high, with leaves 6 to 9 inches long, 3 to 4 inches wide, and of the most intense metallic purple color, shading into light rose, with a light green margin, a combination unapproached in any other plant. The flowers are a lovely violet-blue, very beautiful, of a Gloxinia-like appearance. For a bedding plant it has few equals. In an exposed position its foliage colors highly, and is superbly ornamental. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.



**Smilax.**

The dainty, yet luxuriant masses of the glossy Smilax are as handsome in the window as any other flower, and, as the plant is easy to grow, anyone 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 white, fleecy, profuse and fragrant. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

**Tradescantia Multicolor.**

This is a remarkable variety of Tradescantia, in that its pretty striped leaves show every tint of silver, bronze-green, pinkish crimson, rose and grey in their markings. An extra fine basket plant, as it stands dust, dryness and extremes of temperature. Indeed, the Wandering Jew will stand more abuse, and look cheerful under it, than any other plant we know of. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.



**Water Hyacinth.**

Each plant is a rosette-like cluster of smooth, round, green leaves, to each of which is attached a singular puffed, bladder-like leaf-stalk that enables the plant to float. Each flower in the spike is the size of a silver dollar. A blending of lilac-rose and azure blue tints, with the upper and slightly hooded petal blotched a deep metallic blue, with golden spot in the center, and sparkling in the sun as though sprinkled with diamond dust. Grows well in open vessels in the window, or in tubs or pools out of doors. Blooms best in full sun. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.



THYRSACANTHUS RUTILANS.

### Thyracanthus Rutilans.

Of all the plants that bloom in winter and spring, the most graceful and beautiful and best adapted for indoor decoration is Thyracanthus. As a table plant its tubular blooms on long (20 inch) thread-like branches, show to great advantage. Considering its easy growth and the length of time it lasts in bloom, it is just one of those plants that should have a place in every collection. 25c. each; 3 for 60.



### 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. each; 3 for 30c.; 6 for 50c.; 15 for \$1.00.



### Swainsonia, or Swanflower.

It will be hard to name a plant now in cultivation which can equal this in beauty and general good qualities. It has a most beautiful fern-like foliage and blooms perpetually every day in the year, its blossoms being the shape and nearly the size of Sweet Peas, and borne in great clusters of twenty to forty. These clusters appear at the axils of the leaves, and a single branch shows many clusters of bloom at all times. The plant is a free and rapid grower, beginning to bloom in three or four weeks from cuttings, and continuing for years. It is easier to grow and manage than a Geranium, thriving in any soil and in any window, and is a superb bedding plant for the garden in summer. We believe there is no plant so easy to grow, or one that thrives and blooms under all conditions as does this charming plant. **Pure White**—Large milky white; exquisite. **Deep Red**—Fine dark red, with large white blotches. Price, 20c. each; two for 30c.

### Parrot's Feather.

A lovely, mossy plant, with long, trailing stems, covered with plummy, feathery foliage of the freshest, loveliest green imaginable. Is fine for aquariums, where few plants do well, and makes the water much more healthful for the fish. Grows nicely also in water tubs or ornamental pools, and is much admired when grown in hanging pots or baskets of soil. It grows as well in soil as in water, if it is kept well watered. It is one of the most charming trailing and drooping plants, and grows so rapidly that it can be cut with the greatest freedom. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.







VIOLET, SWANLEY WHITE.

### Sweet Violets.

The flower of sentiment and song, and ever the symbol of the modest worth. Its delicious fragrance alone makes it friends everywhere, but this is only one of many merits. In the inclement weather of early spring and late autumn, the violet greets us with its pretty, sturdy, fragrant blooms that have no fear of frosts or sleet, but bloom in sweetness to the very verge of winter. If given protection in pit or cold frame, or unheated halls, or chambers, these Violets may be had in bloom all winter, but they will stand little fire heat.

**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 fifty flowers open at one time.

**Lady Hume Campbell**—The finest blue Violet. Flowers extra large and sweet, borne in great profusion.

**Alaska**—A grand new sort, well adapted to garden culture, being hardy and robust and producing in spring great masses of enormous double flowers of a deep blue-black color and powerful fragrance. Best garden sort.

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



### Sanseveria Zealanica.

There is scarcely a decorative plant listed that is more striking in foliage and habit than this, and certainly none other that will stand as much downright neglect and hardship as will this. Nothing but frost or a continual drenching with water has terrors for it. It will grow in a dark hall, a cool bedroom, or stand on the mantel in 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, makes 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.

#### SANSEVERIA ZEAL. VARIEGATA.

Foliage finely striped and variegated lengthwise with creamy white. New. Originated with us. 50c. each.

### Sanseveria Cylindrica.

A new sort with round, pencil-like foliage. Very odd and curious. 30c. each.



PRINCE OF WALES.

BELLE DE BRUNNEAU.

**Belle de Brunneau**—The most magnificent single Violet ever introduced. Large flowers, long stems, deepest, richest violet color, and unsurpassed fragrance. Hardy and robust.

15c. each; the 5 for 50c.; \$1.00 per doz.



BRUGMANZIA ARBOREA

\* \* \* 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, and 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.



AZALEA

INDICA

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 a window. Our plants are finest new varieties, imported last year, and are greatly superior to the older

well-known sorts. Many of them are very double, and the colors of all are greatly improved, as well as the flowering qualities.

- Dr. D. Moore**—Lovely rose, with white and violet reflex. Perfectly exquisite.
  - Mad. Paul de Schreyver**—Elegant, large, double red.
  - Mad. Vandercruyssen**—Lovely rose, with large blotch
  - Raphael**—Immense double white.
  - Deutsche Perle**—Large double white.
  - Ceres**—Fine double white, striped crimson. Great bloomer.
  - Apollo**—Deep brick red, semi-double and fine.
  - C. de W. Anne**—Double, rosy pink, flaked white.
- Above named sorts 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

**Mixed Azaleas**—A very fine collection of more than a dozen of the finest sorts mixed. These will give great satisfaction. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.

Brugmansia.

Stately plants blooming at all times of the year. Flowers enormous in size and highly fragrant.

**Arborea**—Called also Angels' 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 cell or pit. Grand for Easter or Christmas decorations or for yards. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

**Doubled Flowered**—Very beautiful and fragrant. The great double trumpet-shaped flowers are indeed handsome. Flowers freely at Thanksgiving and Christmas. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

## New Abutilons.

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

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

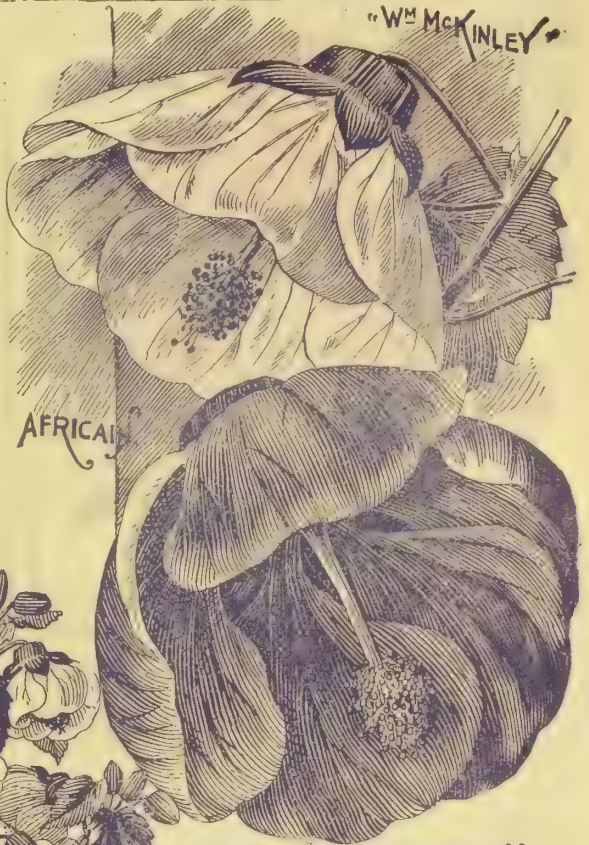
**Wm. McKinley**—Exactly like the above, except in color, which is a beautiful clear lemon yellow; exquisite.

**African**—A perfectly grand sort with magnificent large blossoms, of a dark crimson-black color.

**Snowstorm**—Large, pure white; finest of its color.

**Grandiflora**—Rich golden yellow. An extra fine grower.

Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 6, including Savitzii, for 85c.



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INFANTA EULALIA

## Abutilon Savitzii.

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 golden yellow color, veined with scarlet. It is a remarkably free bloomer, either in pots or bedded out during the 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 all admire it. An improved Souv. de Bonne. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



ABUTILON SAVITZII

## Crotons.

These are but little known among general collections of house plants, yet they are not exceeded in beauty of foliage by any foliage plant, not even Palms. The leaves are long, narrow and graceful, and are most charmingly spotted and variegated. The sorts we offer are hardy and vigorous and will succeed in any window. The cut gives a good idea of the beauty of a Croton, even when very small.



CROTON

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Price, 20c. to 50c. each, according to variety and size.



### 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, and for bedding out in summer.

**Gigantea**—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.

**Cooperi**—Crimson flowers, and superb foliage marbled in three colors, white, rose and green. One of the best of all.

**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.

**Chrysantha**—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 larger 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.

Price, 20c. each; the 4 for 60c.

### Rhyncospermum Jasminoides.

A most beautiful plant, with glossy evergreen foliage, and producing in the greatest profusion the most delicate, sweet-scented, Jasmine-like flowers of the purest white. A well-grown plant will be completely smothered with flowers. It blooms when very small, and we have seen cuttings only two or three inches long bearing clusters of perfect flowers. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

### New Dwarf Justicia.

This new Dwarf Justicia is really a much finer plant than our engraving suggests. Everyone knows the tall, lanky, straggling habit of the old Justicia Rosea. This new sort, which is now grown so extensively by Parisian florists, begins to bloom when the plant has only three or four leaves, and is never out of flower afterward. If pinched back occasionally it makes a very dwarf, stocky plant, frequently covered with 20 to 30 large pink flower-heads, lasting a long time. The foliage is also more persistent and highly ornamental, being heavy in texture and very velvety. It's the plant for everybody to grow in quantity. It was lately shown at the National Horticultural Society's exhibition at Paris, and, at Ghent, a plant with 50 flower spikes received well-merited awards. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



### New Dwarf Magnolia.

Next to the Otalheite Orange, this new dwarf Magnolia, for pot culture, is the most desirable plant of its class. It is of a shrubby nature, like the Orange, its leaves being evergreen and very ornamental, much more so than the Orange, but when loaded with its large, yellowish flowers, of such superb fragrance, it is a plant which for novelty and genuine beauty is not surpassed. Its color is fine, having a rich brownish tinge, and the powerful fragrance of the blossoms is like rich, ripe bananas. For church or parlor decoration this plant has no superior. It is as easily grown in any window as a Geranium the year round, or it may be wintered in the cellar. South of Washington it is hardy. 50c. each.



NEW DWARF JUSTICIA.



**Plumbagos.**

They are most excellent pot plants, flowering freely at all times of the year. South of Washington they are hardy in the open ground, and make desirable garden plants. Flowers are borne in large clusters and are exceedingly beautiful in color, the older sorts being light blue, dark blue and white; the new variety, *Coccinea*, is intense rosy scarlet. They are all of very easy culture, growing in any situation as freely as *Geraniums* or *Abutilons*. In fact, few pot plants can be found that will prove so easy to manage and furnish such an abundance of handsome flowers.

**Capensis Blue**—Large, round clusters of long-tubed blossoms of a light azure blue, a shade as delicate and beautiful as it is rare.

**Capensis White**—Exactly like the above, but pure white.

**Coccinea**—New. Intense rosy scarlet, a color so bright as to be really dazzling. Flowers large and tube long, but instead of bearing its blossoms in large, round clusters, like the above, they appear in an oblong cluster or spike, large at the base and tapering to a point. This is one of the really superb novelties of recent times.

**Larpentae**—Of low, herbaceous growth, dying down to the ground each fall and springing up afresh from the roots each spring. Perfectly hardy in any situation, North or South, and makes a splendid border plant. 75c. per doz.

80c. each; one each of the 4 sorts for 60c.



**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. 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 decorations, and are perhaps the most beautiful plants for piazzas or steps.

**Rosea**—Beautiful rose-colored bloom that later turns to blue. A profuse bloomer, bearing very large panicles.

**Thos. Hogg**—Much like above, but more 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 bloom admirably.

20c. each; the 3 for 50c.

**Grevillea Robusta.**

A splendid decorative plant, much quicker growing than a *Palm*, and very effective, with its long, drooping, silky foliage, deeply cut like a large-growing *Fern* or a pinnate-leaved *Palm*. No window complete without it. It is very easy to manage, and can easily be grown from seed if desired. Fine plants, 15c.; 3 for 30c. Seed, 10c. per pkt.



**Genista, Shower of Gold.**

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

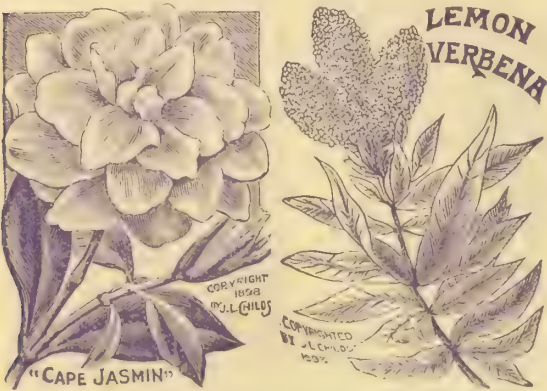


**Olea Fragrans.**  
(FRAGRANT OLIVE.)

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 immense 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. 80c. each; 3 for 70c.

**Lemon Verbena.**

An old but always popular plant, prized for its fragrant foliage. Sprays of its leaves are always fine to use with flowers in bouquets. Very easily grown and can be wintered in cellar if need be. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.



**Bougainvillea Glabra.**

Of the most easy culture, either in greenhouse or window, producing its magnificent rosy crimson bracts and yellow blossoms in the smallest pots, under all conditions, in amazing profusion, from May to December. It will be one of the most satisfactory and popular pot plants in cultivation. It is truly magnificent and one of the easiest to grow. Fine plants for blooming at once, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



**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.  
**Pink**—Large blossoms of fine rosy pink.  
**White**—Magnificent large snow-white blossoms.  
**Crimson**—Fine deep crimson-red. Extra.  
**Yellow**—Large and very beautiful.

Price, 55c. each; the four for \$1.00



**Cape Jessamine or Gardenia.**

A lovely pot shrub producing an abundance of large, double, white, wax-like blossoms of great beauty and renowned fragrance. Nothing else like it, and for delicate beauty and fragrance it is unrivalled. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

# CHOICE AND RARE FRUITS.

The Fruit Garden is an indispensable part of any rural home. It is a delight, a satisfaction, a convenience, a profit, and a source of the most healthful and delicious food supply any family can have. Beginning with the Strawberry in May, the supply is never exhausted until the last winter Apples have gone.

Juneberries, Cherries, Raspberries, Wineberries, Currants, Blackberries, Plums, Peaches, Pears, Grapes, etc., follow successively. They save expense, are luscious and convenient, and any place well stocked with fruits always finds a ready sale at a good price; they enhance its value often many times in excess of its cost.

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

At prices named, we send strong, robust young stock by mail, postpaid; but by express we can send much larger trees, especially Peaches, Apples, Plums, etc. Strawberries, Raspberries, Dewberries, Grapes, etc., are of course as well sent by mail as by express, as far as size is concerned. Our fruit stock is all vigorous and healthy, and whether you have it sent by mail or express, it will be sure to please you by its rapid and vigorous growth and early bearing. We have never had the San Jose scale, or any other dangerous pests, in our nurseries. See Certificate of last year.

No. 130.

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
Department of Agriculture.

Certificate of Inspection of  
Nursery Stock.

This is to certify that the stock in the nursery of John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park, County of Nassau, State of New York, was duly examined in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 432 of the Laws of 1898, and it was found to be apparently free in all respects from any contagious or infectious plant disease or diseases, or the San Jose scale, or other dangerously injurious insect pest or pests.

Dated August 4, 1899, Albany, N. Y.

C. A. WIETING,  
Commissioner of Agriculture.

## 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 during 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:

**Meek's 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.

**Mineola**—For a general all-around Strawberry, we believe this to be the finest variety in cultivation. It originated on Long Island and has been cultivated here for ten or a dozen years by a few growers, and was first introduced into general cultivation by us last year. The fruit is of very large size and exceedingly sweet and luscious in quality, in this respect surpassing any other variety. It is a most vigorous grower, its foliage being of great size and wonderfully healthy and luxuriant. The fruit is borne on tall stems, which hold them well up from the sand and dirt below. The berries are perfect in shape, beautiful in color, enormous in size and exceedingly prolific, succeeding well on all soils. Either as a market, home or exhibition berry it is par excellence. Could we grow but one variety, this would be our choice. Fine plants, 60c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000.

**Ocean City**—A new berry of wonderful value. Its great points of value are, enormous size, surpassing almost any other known sort, and enormously productive. Unlike all large berries, which are usually shy bearers, this one is very prolific. In beauty it has no equal, and always brings a larger price in market than any other. It is a hardy and vigorous grower, supposed to be a cross between Wilson and Sharpless. From what we know of it we believe it is a variety of pronounced value. Fine plants, 60c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000.

**Crim's Double Cropper**—A new sort, which was originated in New Jersey by a Mr. Crims. The introducer says of it: "In the spring of 1896 I planted 2¼ acres of the Double Cropper and in June, 1897, gathered and marketed several hundred bushels of fruit, and in the following September I gathered and marketed in New York over 100 bushels more of fine large berries, which sold for prices ranging from 50c. to 75c. per quart." This statement, being verified, is sufficient to make the Double Cropper at once an acknowledged acquisition. With us it is a most healthy and vigorous grower, with fine dark rich foliage. Our plants are from the originator and are therefore genuine. 60c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$16.00 per 1,000.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—6 plants each of above 4 fine Strawberries for \$1.00, 12 plants each for \$1.50, or 100 plants each for \$5.00.

**Great Washington**—The real giant among big Strawberries. This important new sort originated in the State of Washington. Samples which we received in February was potted, and bore fine fruit in April. Several hundred plants planted out in April fruited fairly well, though no fruit was expected the first season. The berry is not only the very largest and handsomest in cultivation, but by all odds the best flavored. It is also a great cropper and vines are extremely healthy and vigorous, a merit not possessed by any other very large sort. What more need be said. It is certainly the grandest Strawberry ever introduced. 6 plants for 50c.; 12 for 80c.; 25 for \$1.50; 100 for \$5.00.



## Alpine Everbearing Strawberries.

These are improvements on the wild Strawberries of the Alps, which are so deliciously flavored, and bear fruit all the season, some being crimson, others white, and still others black in color. They have proved a great success here, fruiting abundantly in autumn. Will fruit first year from seed. Seed is offered on page 77. Fine plants of all sorts, mixed, 60c. per dozen.



## Tree Strawberry,

OR STRAWBERRY-RASPBERRY.

*The Largest and Most Beautiful Berry in the World, and the Most Productive and Easily Grown.*

This is one of the most unique and at the same time the largest and most beautiful berry of any kind that has yet appeared before the public. It comes to us from Japan, and is of the Raspberry family, though in many respects it resembles a Strawberry, growing on a bush two feet high. The plant is entirely hardy in any location, and a most profuse yielder, ripening an enormous crop of fruit in July and August, and more or less all the time up to November. In quality the fruit is called good, though not so finely flavored as either the Strawberry or Raspberry, but quite as good as most Blackberries. It is very fine when cooked, and makes a jelly which has a unique flavor and is superior to the jelly of any other fruit. In habit of growth the plant is distinct from both the fruits named. The root is perennial, throwing up numerous strong, branching shoots, which are covered with its large, beautiful berries the whole summer, from

early in July until freezing weather, rendering it a perpetual bearer. The canes or shoots die to the earth in winter, new ones being thrown up the following spring, which begin blooming and setting fruit at once. The foliage is light green in color, bright, clean, cheerful and pleasing, and exempt from attacks of all insects and diseases. The berries are globular, slightly oblong in form, monstrous in size, a rich, glossy, ruby-red color, sweet and melting and of such transparent beauty as to cause every one to shout with amazement upon first seeing a plant in bearing. The blossoms, too, should not be overlooked. They resemble in appearance single roses (the petals being cupped), snow-white in color, and are deliciously fragrant. As these exquisite flowers are produced constantly from early spring until autumn, the plant is well worthy of cultivation if it produced nothing but flowers. This berry is so hardy and vigorous that it may be planted in any waste or out of the way place, along fences, etc., where it will naturalize, take care of itself, and bear enormously as a wild berry. The past season we gathered thirty bushels of berries from three rows, each 600 feet long. Strong plants, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 30 for \$2.00. Seed, 10c. per pkt.

**New Purple**—Like the above in all respects, but fruit is of a rich purple color. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**New Yellow**—A fine new sort, bearing fruit of a golden yellow color. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**

One each of the 3 sorts for 50c.; 3 of each for \$1.25.





### Gooseberries.

This is a berry which in England holds first place, and is more extensively grown than any other small fruit, excepting only the Strawberry. It is not grown in this country to the extent it ought to be, mainly owing, we judge, to the poor quality of the varieties in general cultivation. The following varieties are greatly superior to others.

**Industry**—A Gooseberry of strong, vigorous growth, freedom from mildew or other diseases, and large, handsome fruit of delicious quality. The berries are dark cherry in color, and when ripe are rich and sugary.

**Keepsake**—Very large, light green, and of the richest quality. Considered to be the finest new Gooseberry in many years. Strong grower and an immense cropper, like *Industry*, but one or two weeks earlier.

25c. each; 6 plants, 3 of each, for \$1.00; or \$2.00 per dozen.



### The Dwarf Rocky Mountain Cherry.

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

### The Balloon Berry.

Another wonderful new fruit from Japan, offered last year for the first time. The plant grows 10 to 15 feet high, and, like the Wineberry, the canes are covered with silky red hairs. Fruit ripens all summer, and is very large, shaped somewhat like a Strawberry, or more like a balloon, from which its name is derived. Color of fruit, clear yellow, tinged red; as large and as handsome as the Tree Strawberry. In fact, it contrasts magnificently with that superb fruit, the ruby color of the one and golden yellow of the other, together with the enormous size of both, makes a glorious show. Luther Burbank, who has grown this berry for several years, and from whom we purchased the entire stock, says of it: "It came to me from my collector in Japan, who found it back in the interior. It is a large-growing, vigorous, hardy plant, somewhat inclined to trail. Grows 10 to 15 feet long, and an inch or more in diameter at the base in good soil. Leaves very handsome, compound, lanceolate. Fruit, which is ripening nearly all summer, is clear yellow, shaded red, inflated so as to resemble a balloon. Cultivation will make it as delicious as it is ornamental. A most unique, highly ornamental and valuable berry, unlike anything else. Fruits finely here, even up to November. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00. Seed, 10c. per pkt. It grows very quickly and rapidly from seed



## New Climbing Raspberry, Golden Climber. A MOST UNIQUE AND VALUABLE NOVELTY.

A climbing Raspberry is a novelty of more than ordinary importance, and one that is sure to delight all who appreciate the unique and valuable in horticulture. This berry has grown and fruited with us for two years, and we can offer it with our strongest recommendation. Planted in a good, rich soil, near a building or trellis, it will grow 10 to 15 feet in a season, and the strong, vigorous branches may be fastened up to a trellis or building as one would secure a grape vine. Its fruit ripens very early (one of the very first of all Raspberries), and is produced in very large clusters, is of good size and fine quality, and deep golden yellow in color. Foliage large, vigorous and healthy, and it is a berry of the most thorough ironclad hardness. It being such a rank grower and producing such an enormous amount of wood, makes it immensely productive. It will probably yield twice as much fruit as any other sort. It is ornamental as well as useful, and, taken all in all, our customers will find it exceedingly valuable, and, capable of being put to many good uses. *Fine, strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.*

## Best Standard Raspberries.

- Cuthbert**—A very large, red variety, of superb quality. It is 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 culture.
- Golden Queen**—This is a sport from the Cuthbert, and is exactly like that excellent berry in all respects, except that its color, when ripe, is a fine, rich golden yellow. It is of high quality.
- 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 variety.
- Columbian**—A Raspberry of gigantic size, the canes growing to the height of 19 to 16 feet, strong and woody. Very hardy and vigorous. Fruit large, dark red, with small seeds. A Cap variety, never suckers and is increased by tips.
- Great American**—The largest berry in cultivation, being a real giant. Color, bright red; firm, very productive, of a luscious, piquant, acid flavor, so much admired. Twice as large as Shaffer's Colossal, which is one of the largest berries in cultivation. Bushes compact in growth, robust and of ironclad hardness.

PRICE—60c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; 3 each of the 5 sorts for \$1.00.



**Two Grand Everbearing Raspberries, One Red, One White.**

PRICE—15c. each; one of each for 25c.; 3 of each for 50c.; or 80c. per dozen.

**Childs' Allsummer**—An everbearer, commencing to ripen its large berries in July and continues until killed by autumn frosts. The plants are strong and vigorous, growing three to five feet in height, standing erect without stakes or other support. Foliage very large and rank, dark green above and silvery white underneath. In hardiness nothing can surpass it, as it has never been injured in the severest climate. It is immensely prolific, the berries being of great size and dark red in color; quality extra fine. Mrs. Stowe, of Montana, says: "It has fruited for five years and borne a full crop each year, no matter how hot the weather. Our plot is 45 feet in length by 15 feet in width, besides a single row 115 feet long. From this plot and the row we picked last year fully 11 bushels of berries. For five years the yield has been very uniform. In 1889, the yield during July was 244 boxes; August, 175 boxes; September, 27 boxes, an abundance of green fruit being killed by frost September 25th. In many sections, where the season is long enough, its October crop is the largest." To see it at its very best it must have a moist soil or plenty of water.



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**Souchet Everbearing White**—An extra large berry of a beautiful light amber, almost pure white, color. Plant has the same general habit as Childs' Allsummer, but it is better for dry soils. Perfectly hardy, vigorous and a great cropper, both summer and fall. The fruit is of extra fine quality. In fact, we think it the finest flavored of all Raspberries, therefore most desirable for the home garden. Its beautiful color, contrasting with red or black varieties, makes a very appetizing dish when served together. In many respects, this is the very finest Raspberry in cultivation.

"ICEBERG"



### New White Blackberry, "Iceberg."

This marvelous novelty was produced by Luther Burbank, who describes it as follows: "Owing to the somewhat unsatisfactory qualities of White Blackberries so far known, the impression may have been entertained by some that no White Blackberry *could be* as productive and hardy, with berries as early, abundant, large, handsome and delicious as the best black ones."

"The well-known Lawton is, when ripened, unsurpassed and very generally known as the most productive market berry. Owing to its fixity of race, it will reproduce itself from seed almost exactly, and its seedlings will not be influenced, when raised from seed pollinated by other varieties, but it readily imparts its good qualities when employed as the staminate parent. One of the great grandparents of "Iceberg" was Lawton. The first generation of seedlings, when crossed with Crystal White, were all black; the second also, though varying much in other respects; but the third produced this wonderful plant, bearing the snowiest white berries ever seen. It bears loads of delicious, snowy berries, which are not only white, but so transparent that the seeds, which are unusually small, may be seen in the ripe berries.

"Clusters larger than those of Lawton; berries at least as large, earlier, sweeter, and more tender and melting throughout, though as firm as Lawton is when ripe." No garden should be without this grand White Blackberry. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; 15 for \$2.00.

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CHILD'S  
EVERBEARING TREE  
BLACKBERRY



### Childs' Everbearing Tree Blackberry.

For a Blackberry it is the largest, finest flavored, most prolific, fruiting for two months and requires no stakes. It grows from five to seven feet high, branching freely into a fine tree form, as seen in the cut, straight and erect. The berries are of enormous size, equaled only by the Erie, borne in large clusters, which commence to ripen early in July and continue into September, making its fruiting period nearly two months or more. The finest Blackberries we ever ate we picked about September first from some of these plants which had been ripening fruit since July 8th. They are exceedingly sweet, juicy and delicious, melting in the mouth without a particle of hard core. Its delicate flavor, great productiveness, enormous size, long season of bearing, and perfect hardiness in the coldest parts of the country, make it the most valuable of all berries for family use. Some of our customers who bought it last year report that the plants fruited last summer, and berries proved to be the largest and finest ever seen, and that the symmetrical branching of the plants makes them perfect little trees.

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

### Dewberry, Lucretia.

It is 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 a sure annual bearer, the berries being larger, sweeter and superior in every way 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.

Price, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 15 for \$1.00.



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### New Blackberry Rathbun.

Surpassing any other variety. Two common quart boxes, one of the Rathbun and one of the Snyder variety, were picked and counted. The basket of Rathbun was filled by 45 berries, while it required 164 berries of the Snyder to fill the quart. One of the Rathbun berries was, at the same time, measured and found to be 1 1/4 inches long and 1 1/2 inches in diameter. A large proportion of the berries will measure from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches in length, and the whole crop is very uniform.

The fruit of the Rathbun, unlike most Blackberries, has no hard core, in fact, no core is perceived in eating it. All is soft, sweet and luscious, with a high flavor. It is superior to all the well known varieties in cultivation in this quality. On this point it may be said that there is nothing more to be desired, and it is not probable that there will ever be a variety to surpass it in this particular.

The Rathbun was severely tested for hardiness during the winter of 1895-96, when for several days the temperature was 20 degrees below zero, but did not kill the vines.

The plant is a strong, erect grower, and, unlike most varieties, it produces but few suckers. It sends up a strong main stem which branches freely. These branches curve over and bend downward till the tips touch the ground. Then late in the season they send out roots from the tips of the branches and thus propagate themselves in the manner of a Black Cap Raspberry. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00; 12 for \$2.00

### New Red Blackberry.

"SUCARPLUM."

A fine sort which is very odd, beautiful and luscious. Fruit large, borne abundantly, very sweet and honey-like, and when ripe of a lovely violet-red color. A great acquisition. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

### Two Fine Blackberries.

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

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

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

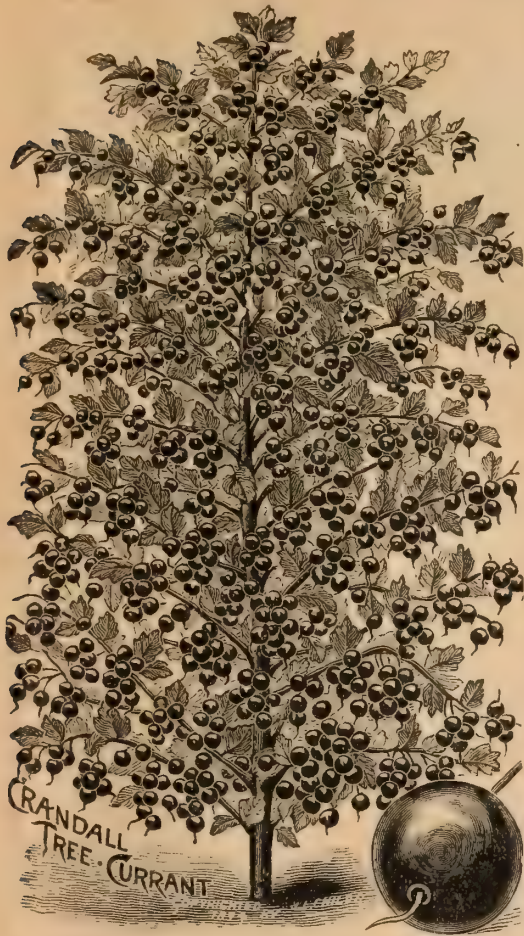


## New Giant Currants.

These two Currants are novelties of great importance. When you consider the enormous size and beauty of the fruit, great productiveness, hardiness and vigor of the bushes (outyielding other varieties almost two to one), we may be pardoned if we feel a little pride in being the introducer of them. Empire is deep ruby-red; Purity, pure white—the two contrasting magnificently when seen together. In size the fruit is often  $\frac{2}{4}$  inches in circumference, and borne in clusters four inches long, while bushes two years from the cuttings yield six to ten quarts each. The fruit being so very large and excellent, sells readily at almost double the price realized for other sorts. It seems hardly necessary to say anything more about them. Their great value will be apparent. Another valuable point about these new Currants is their lateness in ripening. They ripen somewhat later than other varieties, therefore escaping the great glut and low prices which Currants bring in the height of the fruiting season. Empire and Purity, coming in later and being so much finer in size and appearance, virtually have the field to themselves.

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

**Empire**—New giant red. **Purity**—New giant white.  
**PRICE**—20c. each; \$1.50 per dozen. One each of the 3 sorts for 50c.; 3 each for \$1.25; 12 each for \$4.00.



### Crandall Tree Currant.

We are the first to call general attention to this most excellent fruit, and for the last six 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 to five feet in one season. It bears every year a tremendous crop of large, black fruit, nearly the size of a grape, the quality of which is entirely unlike that of any other black Currant, as it has none of the odor or disagreeable flavor common to black sorts. Its quality is very fine indeed, and is not excelled for cooking in any form, either for pies, jelly, jam or sauce. Its flavor is that of the Sweet Currant, combined with the acid of the Cherry Currant. It is almost sure to commence bearing the first year, and certainly will yield a big crop the second year. The fruit begins to ripen the middle of July and continues to the middle of August, the large berries being borne in clusters of four to twelve, and cling to the tree a long time after they are ripe, and it is, in fact, entirely exempt from all insect ravages, either in foliage or fruit. It is of ironclad hardiness 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, about 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 Crandall Tree Currant should certainly have a position in every garden. Price of strong, healthy bushes, 30c. each; 6 for \$1.00; 15 for \$2.00.



### Great Japanese Wineberry.

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

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

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

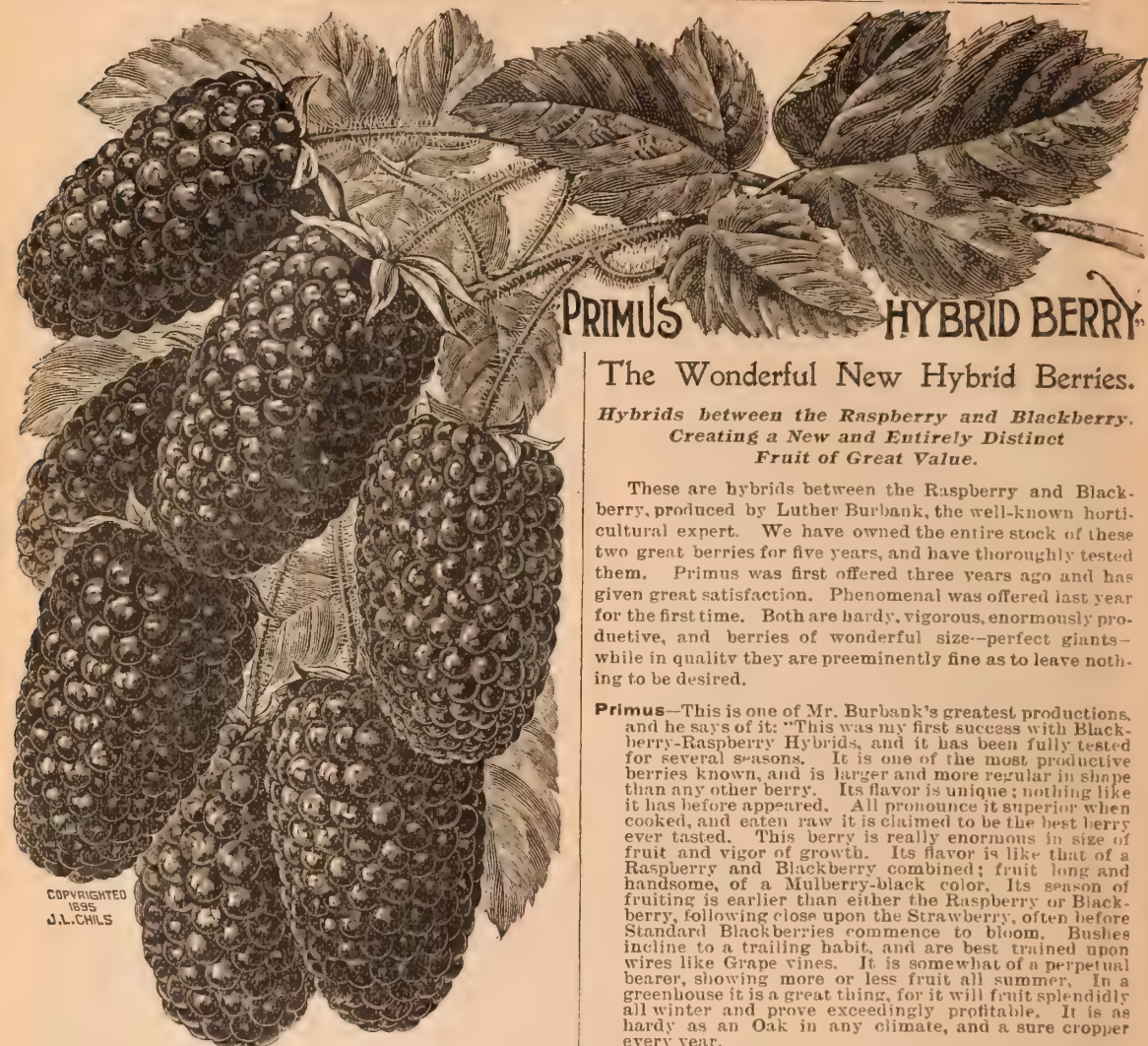
**For Canning and Preserving**—The Wineberry is greatly superior to any other fruit. It is the only fruit which will retain its fresh, sprightly flavor after being cooked, and for cooking in any form there is nothing which can compare with it. It also makes the most delicious jelly.

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

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

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

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



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## PRIMUS HYBRID BERRY

### The Wonderful New Hybrid Berries.

*Hybrids between the Raspberry and Blackberry.  
Creating a New and Entirely Distinct  
Fruit of Great Value.*

These are hybrids between the Raspberry and Blackberry, produced by Luther Burbank, the well-known horticultural expert. We have owned the entire stock of these two great berries for five years, and have thoroughly tested them. Primus was first offered three years ago and has given great satisfaction. Phenomenal was offered last year for the first time. Both are hardy, vigorous, enormously productive, and berries of wonderful size—perfect giants—while in quality they are preeminently fine as to leave nothing to be desired.

**Primus**—This is one of Mr. Burbank's greatest productions, and he says of it: "This was my first success with Blackberry-Raspberry Hybrids, and it has been fully tested for several seasons. It is one of the most productive berries known, and is larger and more regular in shape than any other berry. Its flavor is unique; nothing like it has before appeared. All pronounce it superior when cooked, and eaten raw it is claimed to be the best berry ever tasted. This berry is really enormous in size of fruit and vigor of growth. Its flavor is like that of a Raspberry and Blackberry combined; fruit long and handsome, of a Mulberry-black color. Its season of fruiting is earlier than either the Raspberry or Blackberry, following close upon the Strawberry, often before Standard Blackberries commence to bloom. Bushes incline to a trailing habit, and are best trained upon wires like Grape vines. It is somewhat of a perpetual bearer, showing more or less fruit all summer. In a greenhouse it is a great thing, for it will fruit splendidly all winter and prove exceedingly profitable. It is as hardy as an Oak in any climate, and a sure cropper every year.

**Phenomenal**—Of this Mr. Burbank says: "This is larger than the largest berry ever before known. It has a bright crimson Raspberry color, is as productive as could be desired, and the most delicious of all berries for canning and drying. The berries grow in clusters of 5 to 10 or more each, and the individual berries measure 3 inches around one way, by 4 inches the other way, and weigh one-quarter ounce each; even larger ones were weighed and measured last season, and when exhibited provoked the question, "Will they be sold by the dozen?" We have found this berry to be all that is claimed for it—phenomenal in every particular. Its beautiful, bright color contrasts charmingly with the glossy black of Primus. An expert pronounces this "the greatest wonder of all." It tastes and looks like both the Raspberry and Blackberry. We are offering this splendid berry this season at a very low rate. It is one of the most remarkable of all new fruits seen during this generation. A berry of sterling worth in every particular. It is twice as large and in every way superior to the new Logan berry which is being so highly praised.

Price, 25c.; 1 of each for 10c.; 3 of each for \$1.00, or \$2.00 per dozen.

## The Logan Berry.

While not as large and meritorious as Primus, this is a very unique and valuable fruit. It is a hybrid between a Blackberry and a red Raspberry. It is large in size and of a red color. In flavor it is rich, mingling both the taste of the Raspberry and Blackberry. Hardy, robust, a great bearer; ripening its fruit with the earliest Raspberry. It makes a splendid pot plant and fruits well in winter when grown that way. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

## Golden Japanese Mayberry.

This most remarkable fruit grows in sturdy tree form six to eight feet high and ripens its fruit before Strawberries, a month before the earliest Raspberries. The bushes are distinct from other berries, with spreading, tree-like tops, large, bell-shaped, pendulous blossoms. These are followed by great berries, which are of a golden-yellow color, and in quality sweet and luscious beyond description. A Hybrid raised by Luther Burbank. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for \$1.00.



MAYBERRY.





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### New Dwarf Juneberry.

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. It is exceedingly sweet and has a peculiarly rich and luscious flavor; a most charming fruit to eat from the hand. It is also one of the most showy flowering shrubs, as it blooms very early in the spring, and every branch is a solid wreath of delicate feathery whiteness, so numerous are the flowers. Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



### 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, late 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 four 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 length of a dark red cherry. It has a small pit and an excellent flavor, being rich, juicy, sprightly, and more luscious than the cherry. It ripens in July and August, and the fruit remains in good condition a long time before dropping. The bush is perfectly hardy and robust. Price, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.



### EARLY OHIO Grapes.

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

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

**Moore's Diamond**—This is probably the finest of all white Grapes. The vine is hardy and healthy in growth, vigorous, and perfectly free from mildew. Berries large, of a beautiful light straw color—almost white—and of a most delicious quality, having few seeds and a pulp which melts in one's mouth like snow. 50c. each; \$2.00 per dozen.

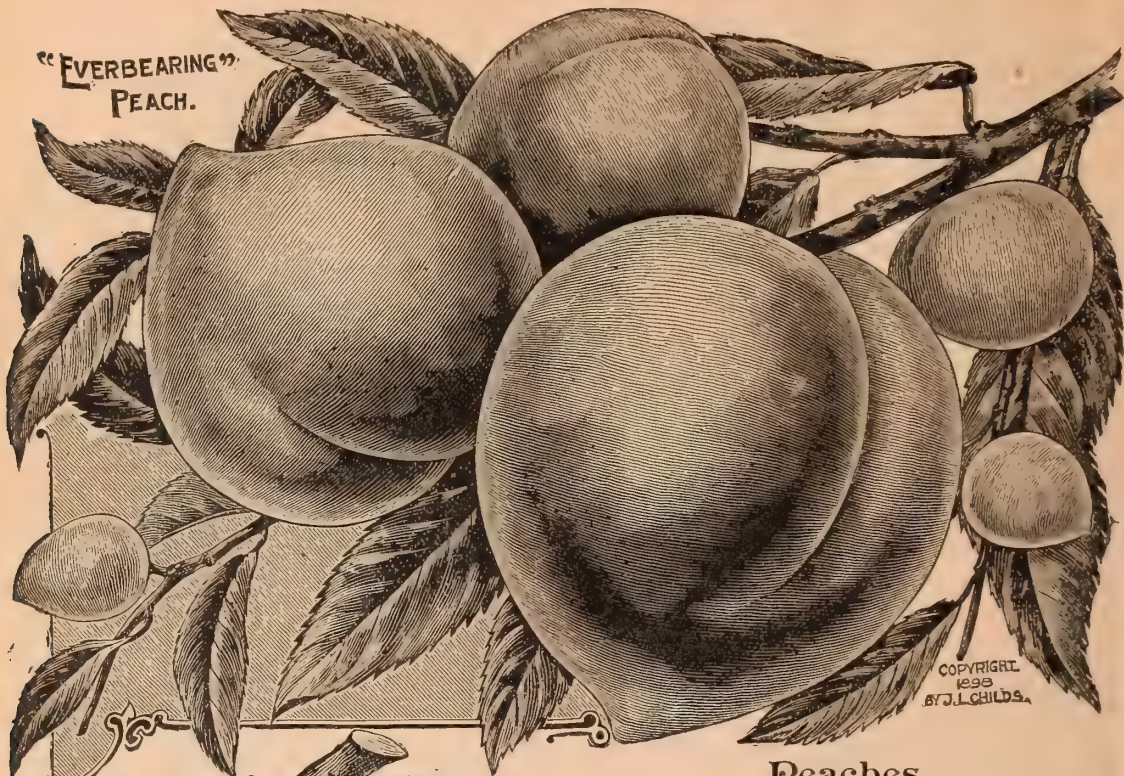
**Moyer**—An extra early Grape, about the size and color of the old Delaware, but with a larger bunch. It is, perhaps, sweeter and more delicious than any other Grape grown; in this respect being superior to the Delaware. It has beautiful red berries, which are very handsome, and the vine is a hardy, robust grower, vigorous and productive. Originated in Canada. 50c. each; \$2.00 per dozen.

**Niagara**—No Grape has been so largely advertised as this, and none so extensively planted during the first few years, and, we may say, none has proved more profitable. It is the leading white Grape of the day. Berries very large, borne in large bunches. Flavor sweet and delicious, there being but few varieties which can equal it. It is exceedingly productive, and as hardy and robust in any locality as the Concord. 50c. each; \$1.25 per dozen.

**Colden Pocklington**—A very sweet and delicious Grape of a beautiful amber sort. Hardy, vigorous and productive. A magnificent sort. 50c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

One each of above 5 grand Grapes for 75c.

"EVERBEARING"  
PEACH.



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## 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 fruit.

### The Everbearing Peach.

This is one of the most remarkable of Peaches, as it combines many desirable qualities which make it of great value for family use. 1.—Its long-continued bearing period. The first ripening begins about in July, and successive crops are produced until the beginning of November. Fruit in all stages of development—ripe and half grown—may be seen upon the tree at the same time. Two-year-old trees bear freely. 2.—As the tree blossoms during a long period, a complete failure of fruit has never happened since the original tree first began to bear, ten years ago. 3.—The fruit is creamy white, mottled and striped with light purple and with pink veins; oblong in shape, and tapering to the apex; flesh white, with red veins near the skin; very juicy, vinous and of excellent flavor; quality very best. Freestone, of the Indian type. No praise can do justice to this magnificent novelty. It is really one of the finest things we ever offered. Good size, prolific, best quality, and bears continuously for three months. What more can be desired? Fine trees for fruiting next year, by mail, 30c. each; 3 for 75c.; 7 for \$1.50.

### Holderbaum Peach.

This Champion of all Peaches originated in 1880, in Somerset, Pennsylvania, one of the highest and coldest points on the Alleghany

Mountains, where the mercury often drops to 28 degrees below zero. The original tree is now 25 feet high and 10 inches in diameter at the base, with foliage surpassing anything ever before seen in the nature of a Peach. The leaves are of a dark, heavy green, measuring from 8 to 10 inches in length. It has one valuable advantage in the peculiar character of its

blossoms, which never open out like those of other varieties, but remain closed, with a heavy growth of moss-like fuzz covering the young Peach and protecting it from heavy spring frosts. The size of the matured fruit is immense, many specimens measuring from 12 to 14 inches in circum-

ference. In color it is of a light cream-yellow, with a beautiful red cheek on the sunny side. In texture it is very firm, of fine quality, and a perfect freestone. The pit is very small and the flesh light yellow, streaked with red from the surface to the center, and of most exquisite flavor. It ripens about August 15, thus making it one of the earliest of all freestone varieties. For hardiness, vigorous growth and long life, it is certainly the Champion of all Peaches. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

THE

"HOLDERBAUM"



### Three Grandest Plums.

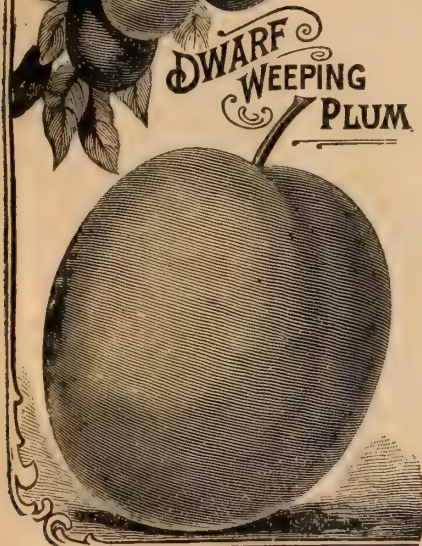
Since the introduction of our Wineberry and Mayberry, nothing has been offered in the way of new fruits which can compare in value and importance to these new Plums—Burbank's greatest productions. They are crosses with Japan varieties, and possess the most distinct characteristics, are the most beautiful,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

**Delaware or Dwarf Weeping Plum**—A superb and highly ornamental tree of short, symmetrical growth and long branches which droop to the ground. Owing to its dwarf habit it can be grown in space that would not admit of a 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.

**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 for market, as it is of the best quality, largest size, most prolific and best shipper.

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

Price of these three fine Plums, 25c. each; the 3 for 60c.; \$2.00 per dozen.



### Rare Fancy 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 freestone. The low growth and great beauty of this tree make it a desirable ornament for the lawn or garden.

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

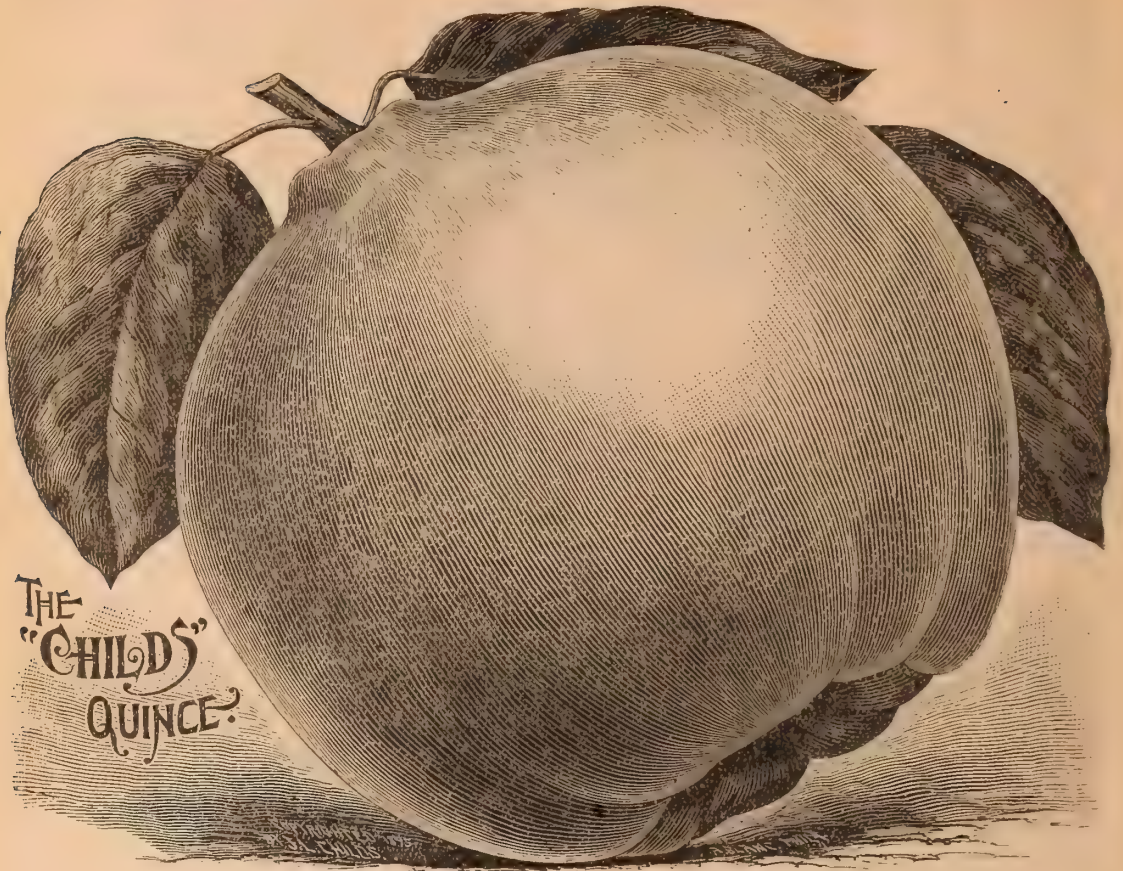
**The Lemon Peach**—A most unique variety, and a tree in bearing looks as though it was full of Lemons instead of Peaches. Extra fine and entirely distinct fruit, being oblong or lemon-shaped, pointed at the apex. Color, pale lemon when ripe. It is of large size, fine specimens measuring over 13 inches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

**The Orange Peach**—This glorious Peach 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.

**Dwarf Japanese**—This is the earliest of all Peaches, maturing in about eight weeks from time of blooming. It is a dwarf-growing, very stocky variety from Japan, bearing when three or four feet high; a little tree, one year planted, matured twenty-four fine specimens. The blooming season is late, making it free from damage by frosts. Fruit large, beautiful crimson and yellow, heavily overlaid with red. The flesh is rich, juicy and of most excellent quality, and of blood-red color. It is the most fragrant of all Peaches, a single specimen being so sweet as to fill a whole room with the delightful fragrance. The trees are very productive. It requires so little room that it may be grown on the lawn or in any nook and corner which would not accommodate a larger variety. It is a perfect gem of a fruit.

Price, 20c. each; the 5 for 80c.; or \$1.50 per dozen.





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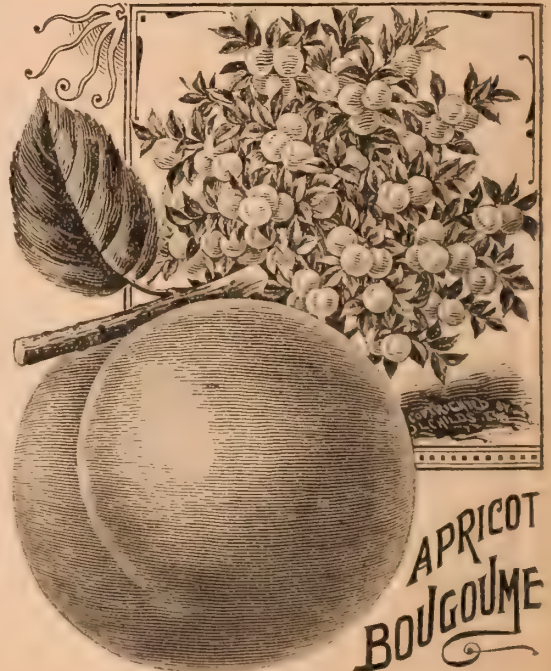
**Quince.**

**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 tender and quite free from hard lumps, so objectionable in most varieties. The tree is really very ornamental, as well as useful. In the first place, its flowers are large and showy, and its foliage is abundant and luxuriant, and when loaded with fruit it is indeed a splendid sight, and looks much like an Orange tree in bearing. Price, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

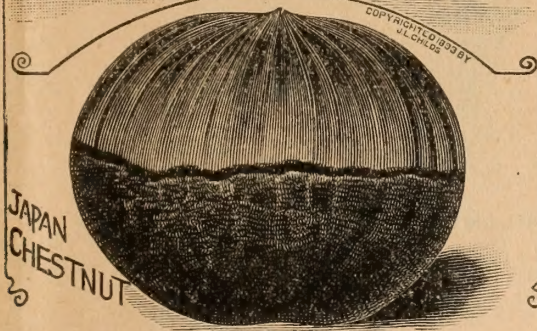
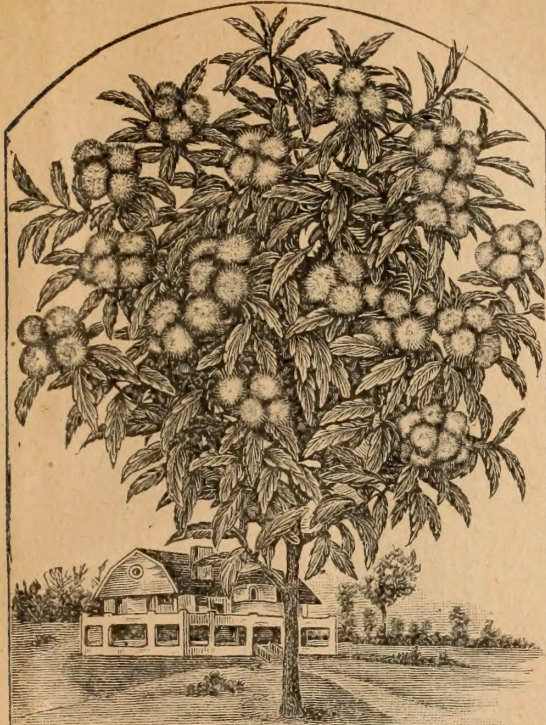
**Childs'**—This is a most remarkable new sort, as it is such an improvement over all varieties of Quince. The fruit grows to an enormous size, larger than the largest Apples. In shape it is nearly round, resembling an Apple very much, with smooth skin. It is of very mild, pleasant flavor, so much so that when ripe it is delicious to eat raw from the hand, as one would eat a good Apple. For cooking it is superb. Its flesh is so tender that it will bake or stew as readily as an Apple, and in less time. The tree is a large, rank, luxuriant grower, with heavy foliage, and bears enormously, beginning when they stand in the nursery rows and only a few feet in height. Originated by Luther Burbank. Price, 80c. each.

**Apricot Bougoume.**

A new sort from Japan, and the finest yet introduced. It is so very dwarf that it requires no more room than a good shrub, yet growing luxuriantly, with large, healthy foliage in great abundance, and marvelous crops of delicious fruit. It can even be grown in a large pot or tub, like a Hydrangea or Oleander, and will fruit abundantly. It is perfectly hardy, and bears when only two or three feet high. Fruit ripens in early summer, before Peaches or any other good fruit; in fact, the earliest of the Apricots. Fruit large and a beautiful golden color, rich, sweet and juicy, of finest flavor and good, solid flesh. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



APRICOT  
BOUGOUME



JAPAN CHESTNUT

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### 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, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

### Ornamental Trees.

We can supply several very fine hardy ornamental flowering trees, but being all 4 to 6 feet high they can be sent only by express. We offer the following collection very low, by express, at buyer's expense:

- 1 **Tulip Tree**--Grandly ornamental, with large Tulip-like flowers.
- 1 **Purple Beech**--Foliage rich purple-black and highly ornamental.
- 1 **Maiden Hair Tree**--Very ornamental foliage, like the Maiden Hair Fern.
- 1 **Catalpa, Japanese Hybrid**--Fine foliage and large clusters of handsome Gloxinia-shaped flowers. Very rapid grower.
- 1 **Mountain Ash**--Fine foliage and rich clusters of bright scarlet berries. Very ornamental.

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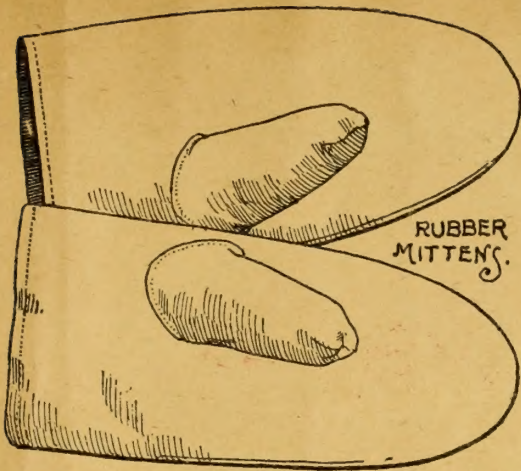
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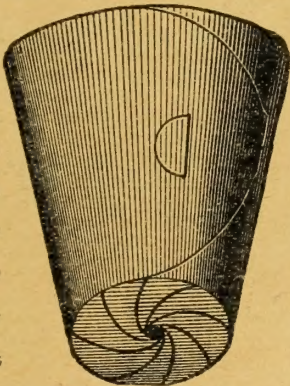
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