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CHINESE PRIMROSE
SEED.

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Cumberland Nurseries,

The seed we offer is grown from the finest strains of Primroses and only selected plants with perfect flowers are used for seed. We claim superiority over most of the Primroses grown, in their brilliant colors, large flowers and blooming on tall stems, making the flowers conspicuous above the foliage.

We have a full supply of seed, and can promise liberal additional count over the advertised number of seeds in the packets. The seed is of the best quality, and when properly treated there will be no failure in its germinating.

Packet No. 15 contains mostly seeds of the best selling varieties and a few novelties: it is put up specially for Florists who do not grow Primroses extensively, and for amateurs who wish to have a great variety. In case any varieties become exhausted others will be sent in their place.

PRICES.

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| Per packet, - - - - - | 20 cents, |
| Six packets for - - - - - | \$1.00, |
| Fourteen packets for - - - - - | \$2.00. |

SINGLE FLOWERING.

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| Packet No. | 1—White, - - - - - | 50 seeds, |
| “ “ | 2—Dark red, - - - - - | 50 “ |
| “ “ | 3—Bright rose, - - - - - | 50 “ |
| “ “ | 4—Dark crimson, spotted white, - - - - - | 40 “ |
| “ “ | 5—Magnifica, white, - - - - - | 30 “ |
| “ “ | 6—White, striped and flaked with red, - - - - - | 40 “ |
| “ “ | 7—Red, flaked with white, large yellow center, - - - - - | 20 “ |
| “ “ | 8—Cheswick, very dark red, - - - - - | 50 “ |
| “ “ | 9—Deep red, - - - - - | 50 “ |
| “ “ | 10—Fern leaved, mixed colors, - - - - - | 30 “ |
| “ “ | 11—Pink, - - - - - | 40 “ |
| “ “ | 12—Mixed, - - - - - | 50 “ |

DOUBLE FLOWERING.

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| Packet No. | 13—Bright rose, - - - - - | 20 “ |
| “ “ | 14—Pure white, - - - - - | 20 “ |
| “ “ | 16—Fern leaved, pink, mottled white, - - - - - | 20 “ |

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Packet No. 15—18 varieties mixed, single and double, 400 seeds, \$1.00.

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CULTURE.

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The soil for Primroses should be rich and finely pulverized and sifted, as the roots are very fine and tender they cannot penetrate hard lumps of earth. For early flowering plants sow the seed about the first of June, say from the twentieth of May to the middle of June; they will then come into bloom about the first of December, and earlier if forced and kept in vigorous growth during the summer.

The seed should be sowed in seed-pans or shallow boxes, filled with about two inches of finely pulverized earth. Sow the seed thinly on this, press with the bottom of a flower pot and cover evenly with fresh sandy soil about one-sixteenth of an inch, make smooth and press again. Cover lightly with moss or blades of grass to keep the soil from drying out, then dampen it. Set the pans or boxes in the coolest part of the greenhouse, or in some cool, shaded and dry place where the wind cannot reach them. As soon as the plants make their appearance the covering should be carefully removed.

Some Florists complain that their primroses dampen off in the boxes before they are large enough to transplant. This is very easy to overcome; the boxes should be carried into the open air during the day. Keep them in the greenhouse until the seeds are up, then remove to a shed, or set them outdoors in a shady place for several hours where they are protected from the wind. If taken out of the greenhouse in time and set in a dry, well aired place there will be no trouble in their damping off. After being transplanted into small pots the trouble will be over. The soil should be kept moderately moist and the plants lightly shaded.

The plants should be kept in vigorous growth until they bloom, never leaving them become root-bound. They should be planted into larger pots as soon as the lower leaves begin to turn yellow. The plants do not bear great heat, consequently the coolest part of the greenhouse should be given them. They need only a moderate amount of water, and care must be taken that they are not kept too wet; they should become dry occasionally to keep the soil from souring.

Primroses are more or less affected by the direct rays of the sun, and if kept in the full sunlight when in bloom the flowers will not be as large or as brilliant in color as when partially shaded. They should be set thinly on the benches so they grow stocky. The glass should be lightly whitewashed.

SMALL PRIMROSES

FROM TWO AND A HALF INCH POTS
will be ready for shipment from the
20th of August to middle of September,
and will be sold at

\$2.50 per hundred,

\$20.00 per thousand,

for the best Single, and

\$5.00 per hundred for the Double.

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varieties named; the plants will be
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