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Christmas Decorations

... Gift Suggestions ...

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Price list of live evergreen trees for window boxes

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GARLAND WREATH

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NATURAL BALSAM CHRISTMAS WREATHS

These wreaths are all made of fragrant Balsam, the evergreen with the delightful and lasting fragrance. This material we gather painstakingly **after the natural shedding of needles has taken place**. Trimmed with various evergreen cones and with bright berries, our wreaths are strongly made and will last for much more than the usual period of time. Many of our patrons keep them for the entire year in order to fully enjoy their lasting fragrance.

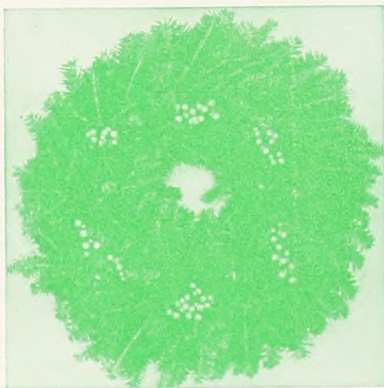


BASKET WREATH

An unusual little wreath, about 12 inches across, made and decorated to look like a Balsam basket filled with berries and cones. The handle is wound with Balsam and trimmed with red ribbon. **\$3.00 each**

BASKET WREATH "JUNIOR"

A tiny wreath with little ribbon bow exactly like our big Basket Wreath. Just the thing for the friend who should have something between a greeting card and a gift. About 8 inches across. **\$1.50 each**



NO. 1 WREATH

No. 1 Wreath: 12-inch wreath with cones and sprays of red berries. **\$2.00 each**

NO. 3 WREATH

No. 3 Wreath: 20-inch wreath with 5 large cones and 5 sprays of berries. **\$3.50 each**



NO. 0 WREATH

No. 0 Wreath: This plump little 8-inch wreath of Balsam, trimmed with cones and red Winterberries is just the thing for use indoors above fireplaces, at windows and other special spots. **\$1.50 each**

CEMETERY WREATH

A 20-inch wreath decorated with 5 large cones and 5 sprays of red berries. Built on a frame, it is designed especially for memorial use. **\$5.00 each**



NO. 5 WREATH

No. 5 Wreath: A large 30-inch wreath built on a rigid frame, designed for use where special strength is desirable. Particularly adapted for store or bank use, in a church scheme or any large setting. Decorated with cones, catkins and berries, this is an exquisite thing. **\$9.00 each**

Red ribbon bow, 75c extra

DO YOUR OWN DECORATING

SPECIAL SPRAY BOXES: These are boxes of 50 evergreens and berried sprays and cones to delight the artistic homemaker. The sprays are 12 to 18 inches long. One of these boxes sent to city-dwellers makes an unusual and appreciated gift.

This year evergreens are heavily laden with nut brown cones. We are able to offer lovely coned sprays and brilliant red Mountain Holly berries in long clusters. **Price per box (evergreens with cones, Balsam Fir, Silvery Juniper and red berries), \$4.00. One half box \$2.25.**



EVERGREEN SPRAYS WITH CONES

One of the most delightful gifts of the forests to mankind is a wealth of nut-brown cones nestling against their sheltering background of green. The crop is good this year.

Red Spruce: Cones one to two inches long cluster against the rich dark Christmasy green of the needles.

12-18-inch selected sprays **\$2.50 per 12**
\$20.00 per 100

EVERGREEN SPRAYS WITHOUT CONES

Selected 12 to 18 in. long

Balsam: Its spicy fragrance and failure to shed its needles wins preferred status for indoor use. **\$1.00 per 12**

Hemlock: Handsome, dark green, glistening foliage in flat sprays suitable for table decorations. **75c per 12**

Juniper: With bronzy brown sprays which makes them ideal for baskets and bowls. After it is discarded as a decoration, burn it in your fireplace for its pungent fragrance. **75c per 12**

Red Cedar: Dark green, graceful sprays, attractive from all sides. Fine for baskets or bowls. **75c per 12**

Red Spruce without Cones: Rich bright green. A vivid Christmas shade. **75c per 12**

AN OLD NEW ENGLAND FIREPLACE

Decorated with the Complete Fireplace Set

The fireplace is the center of family life at Christmas time, as well as in the long winter evenings ahead. We have several things to offer which make it still more attractive.

Complete Fireplace Set: 5 yards of Beautiful Balsam Roping, 1 No. 1 Wreath, 2 Christmas Candlesticks and 2 bushels of Cones for burning. You can see what an attractive arrangement results from this set. Until you have tried it you will have to imagine the delicate spicy aroma which accompanies it to permeate the entire house and to remind you of the glorious northern forests. **\$9.00 per set**

Balsam Needles for Burning: When burned in the fireplace, they fill the house with a delightful fragrance. **50c per pound, 5 pounds for \$2.00**

Fireplace Cones: Ideal for burning in fireplaces for their glow and fragrance. Put up in two-bushel sacks at **\$2.00 per sack**

Juniper for Burning: When holiday time comes and you are sitting in front of your blazing fire, try throwing on a little Juniper. Its cheery crackling and delicious fragrance are the very essence of Christmas. **40c per pound, 5 pounds for \$1.75**

HEMLOCK SPRAYS WITH CONES

12 to 18 inch selected sprays of Hemlock, with many small nut-brown cones gracefully pendant from flat dark green branches. **\$2.00 per 12**

EVERGREEN ROPING

Balsam Roping: The finest material for indoor use, as it does not shed its needles as does Spruce, nor curl like Holly or Laurel, and will serve for weeks, if desired. Its fragrance accentuates its value.

Medium Weight **5-yard strips, \$3.00 each; 10yds., \$5.00**

Fireplace Roping: A 6-ft. strip of dainty roping made of balsam and trimmed with sprays of other evergreen, cones, and berries. In the center, to be attached over fireplace, is an arrangement of large cones and berries with 3 ft. of roping on each side. **\$6.00 each**

White Pine Roping: An attractive roping made of the blue-green White Pine. **5 yds., \$2.00; 10 yds., \$3.50**

Hemlock Roping: A very beautiful graceful roping, fine for outdoor decorating, but will last for only a few days indoors. **5 yds., \$2.00; 10 yds., \$3.50**

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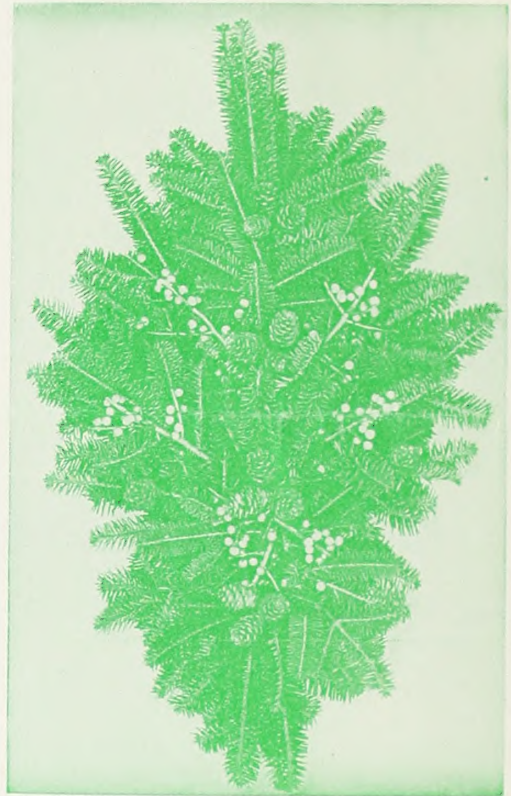
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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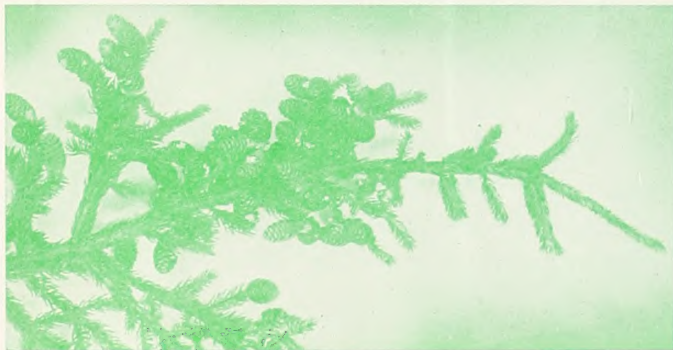
CONE SPRAY

A dainty spray of large and small cones woven together with Balsam and wired ready for hanging. Ten inches long. **\$1.50 each**



BALSAM DOOR SPRAY

Door Spray: Novel for hanging on doors instead of the conventional wreath. It is 25 inches long, made of Balsam decorated with cones and red Ilex berries. **Each, \$3.00**



SPECIAL RED SPRUCE SPRAYS

Wired for Hanging

18-24-inch long, thickly studded with beautiful brown cones and tied with gorgeous red ribbon. Use instead of a Greeting Card or on the door as a wreath. **\$1.25 each**

Chopped Balsam: The fine twigs of the Balsam chopped into small pieces for filling pillows. The fragrance of your old pillow may be renewed at small expense.

75 cents per lb.; \$6.50 for 10 lbs.

NORWAY PINE DOOR SPRAY

A very graceful door spray, made of Norway pine branches having long dark green needles. This door spray is trimmed with a red ribbon bow and is hung with coppery Christmas bells which ring a greeting whenever the door is opened.

18-20 inches long, \$3.50 each

WHITE PINE BRANCHES WITH CONES

This year there is a profusion of perfect White Pine Cones. These we are wiring to long, graceful, White Pine sprays and may be had as follows: **12-18 in., \$3.50 per 12.**



No. 4 20-inch wreath with continuous decoration of cones and berries. This is a most beautiful and practical wreath.
\$5.00 each

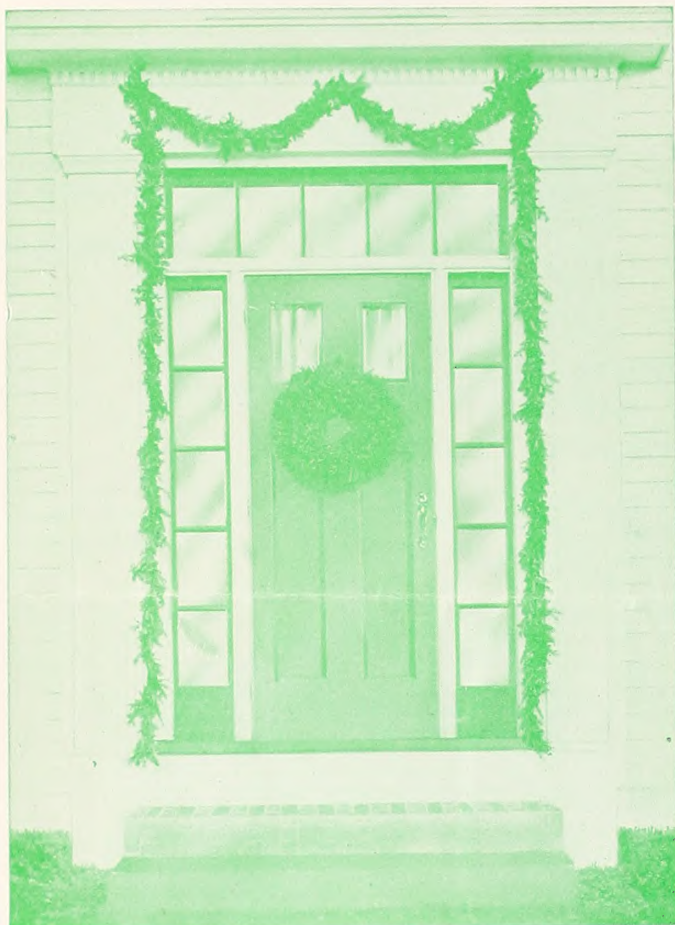
GARLAND WREATH SHOWN ON FRONT COVER

The 20-inch Garland Wreath is one of the handsomest we make. Several large cones and sprays are arranged in a design at the bottom, other cones and red berries enliven the whole wreath and a big, red ribbon bow is placed at the top.
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VERMONT APPLES

In the hill orchards of Vermont are grown the most superbly flavored and brilliantly colored apples. They are famous everywhere for quality. Three varieties: **McIntosh**, **Northern Spy** and **Delicious**. Specify variety desired.

Per cardboard carton of 96 3-in. apples individually packed for **\$5.50**
48 Individual pack **\$3.50**

BEAR PAW POPCORN

Genuine old-time Bear Paw Popcorn very much superior to any other Popcorn grown, but it is almost unobtainable in the markets. We are selling this corn on the ear so that you may be sure that you are getting the genuine Bear Paw, except in California which admits shelled corn only.

25c per pound, 8 pounds for \$1.75

BUTTERNUTS

The well-known Northern nut so much used in making maple sugar frostings and candy.

4 lbs., \$1.00; \$3.50 per bushel of 28 pounds

SUGARING IN VERMONT



GRADE A MAPLE SYRUP

A genuine Vermont product. The supply is limited and we can furnish it in quarts only, for this holiday season. It makes a splendid gift. Shipped in strong cartons.

1 quart cans, \$1.50 each

CUT CHRISTMAS TREES DIRECT TO YOUR HOME FROM THE VERMONT HILLS

Our Christmas trees are not the ordinary irregular type trees with which the market is flooded every season, but are full rounded symmetrical shaped. Both Spruce and Balsam Fir can be supplied. Spruce is the better shape in the smaller sizes but can not be kept in a warm room more than a few days without dropping its needles. Balsam may be kept in the house all through the holiday season, without dropping the needles. Its rich, dark green coloring and alluring fragrance of the North woods, make it the ideal tree for indoor use.

1½ to 2 feet	.....	\$1.00 each
2 to 3 feet	.....	1.50 each
3 to 4 feet	.....	2.00 each
4 to 5 feet	.....	2.50 each
5 to 6 feet	.....	4.00 each
6 to 7 feet	.....	5.00 each
7 to 8 feet	.....	7.50 each
8 to 10 feet	.....	10.00 each

Prices are for burlap wrapped trees, to be shipped by express. Price on larger sizes on request.

LIVE EVERGREEN TREES FOR WINDOW BOXES

Symmetrical little trees of the native Spruce—shipped with bare roots packed in moss. These trees are not guaranteed to live when planted out next spring, but they will add a touch of the Green Mountains to your home for the winter.

12 to 18 inch trees	\$1.00 each, \$10.00 per 12
18 to 24 inch trees	\$1.50 each, \$15.00 per 12
6 trees at the dozen rate	

Please order window box trees early before the ground freezes for winter.

EVERGREEN CROSSES



18-Inch Cross

These attractively decorated crosses of Balsam may be lighted for home or church decoration if desired. They are strongly made on frames and will retain their beauty throughout the winter.

18-inch size, \$5.00 each



NO. 2 WREATH

No. 2 Wreath: A 15-inch Balsam wreath trimmed with 5 sprays of cones and 5 sprays of red berries.

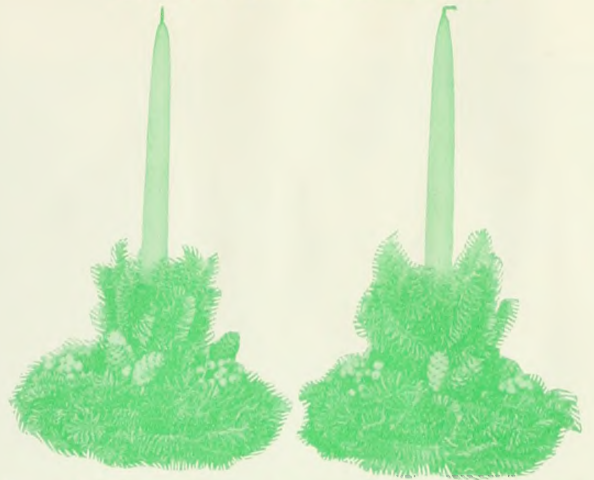
\$2.50 each

Red ribbon bow, 25c extra

Balsam Lace: Dainty evergreen strips about 3 inches wide, woven of tiny balsam tips, small brown cones and brilliant red berries. Just the thing to place between 2 Candlesticks or along the sides of your Xmas dinner table or mantelpiece. One yard long.

Each \$2.50; 5 for \$10.00

CHRISTMAS CANDLESTICKS



Made of Balsam tips, red berries and cones. About 9 inches across, furnished with 10-inch candles.

\$2 each, \$3.50 per pair

CHRISTMAS STARS



18-Inch Christmas Star

Like our wreaths, these stars are made of fragrant Balsam and decorated with appropriate cones and berries. Many people wire them for electric lights, which make them exquisitely beautiful at night.

18-inch size, \$7.50 each

BERRIED SPRAYS

Red Cedar with Berries: Lovely rich blue berries thickly set among the dark green needles.

\$1.50 per 12

Juniper with Berries: Blue and green berries thickly stud the silvery green branches.

\$1.00 per 12

Winterberry: The vivid red berries are indispensable for Christmas decorations.

\$1.50 per 12

Bittersweet: Brilliant orange berries with lighter orange reflex. Fine for all kinds of winter decorations as well as window boxes, as they last well indefinitely.

12-18-inch sprays.
\$1.50 per 12

BELLS

We believe it adds more to the Christmas spirit if we include some copper bells in our various sprays. Here is a list of those things which you may have with copper Xmas bells.

Basket Wreath
Cone Spray
Any Roping

Door Spray
Any Wreath

Bunches of 3, 75c

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