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COMBINED
CATALOGUE AND PRICE-LIST

FOR SPRING OF 1879,

OF



FLOWER AND VEGETABLE

SEEDS,

Bulbs, Vines, Shrubs, Evergreens, &c.,

FOR SALE BY

J. B. McLEAN,

SIMSBURY, CONN.

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1879.

Catalogue and Price-List.

Having enlarged my Greenhouses, I am able to offer this Spring a larger and better variety of plants than ever before. I wish to call particular attention to my stock of

PANSIES,

which is very large and contains an unusually fine variety of the most *royal colors*, and *curious markings*. If you want the full benefit of your Pansies, get the plants early, as the finest bloom is always during the months of May and June; if, however, they are set in a partially shaded position, and watered, they will bloom nicely throughout the season, improving with the cool of autumn.

VERBENAS.

My stock of this favorite bedding plant is very large and healthy, consisting of a great variety—propagated both from seed and from cuttings. Every bed should contain some seedlings, as they are more fragrant, and more vigorous growers.

GERANIUMS FOR MASSING.

The scarlet varieties are most popular for this purpose, a bed of them giving a constant and brilliant show during the whole season.

PLANTS FOR FOLIAGE BEDS.

The Pyrethrum, (golden feverfew, height 6 inches), Centaurias, and Cerastium (white foliage 1 foot in height), are the best for the outside row; Coleus Verschaffeltii (crimson), or the golden or the dark velvet varieties, for ribboning; Caladium Esculentum (4 feet), Cannas in variety (4 to 6 feet), and Ricinus (Castor Bean, 8 to 12 feet), for filling center. The last three, or Coleus Verschaffeltii give a very fine effect when massed by themselves. Any one wishing a quantity of any of the above will be furnished with special price upon application.

SWEET POTATOES.

Owing to the difficulty in raising Irish Potatoes, on account of the ravages of the Colorado beetle, many the last season were induced to try to raise the Sweet Potato. Some failed,—as some fail in everything they undertake,—but the majority succeeded in raising a fine crop, proving, beyond a doubt, that they can be made a profitable crop in this climate.

Select a warm, sandy soil, and use well rotted manure. Set the plants, any time from the 20th of May to 20th of June, upon ridges from eight to ten inches high and one foot broad at the top; keep free of weeds, and when the vines have covered the ground lift them often enough to keep them from rooting, and unless the season is very unfavorable you will have a good crop. I have raised them successively for ten years without a failure. They will be fit to use early in September; and if dug soon after the first frosts, packed in perfectly dry sand, and kept warm (where the mercury will never fall below 50°), they will keep nearly all winter. I shall be prepared to furnish in May and June any amount of strong plants, **all of my own raising**, at the very low price of **50 cents per hundred**.

A good assortment of **Rustic Baskets**, and **Lawn Vases**; also, a great variety of **Earthen Ware**, **Hanging Baskets**, **Vases**, **Rustic Stumps**, **Flower Pots and Saucers, &c., &c.**, constantly on hand.

Don't buy until you have seen my stock and prices.

Lawn Vases, Hanging Baskets, and everything of the description, **nicely filled**, for but a trifle more than the value of the plants placed in them.

CUT FLOWERS.

I am prepared to furnish, (with short notice) at all seasons of the year, choice Flowers, loose or arranged in any form or design, at the lowest possible prices.

BEDDING, BASKET, AND WINTER FLOWERING PLANTS.

Plants marked (*w*) are especially for winter flowering. Those marked (*b*) are most suitable for use in baskets, vases, &c.

		Each.
(<i>b</i>)	ABUTILON. Thompsonii, Duc de Malakoff, Boule de Neige.....	.10
	" Trailing, Mesopotamicum, and Variegata.....	.10
	AZALIA INDICA, in variety.....	.50 to 1.00
(<i>b</i>)	ACHYRANTHES Yellow veined and carmine foliage.....	.10
(<i>w</i>)	ASTIBILE JAPONICA. Spirea, hardy.....	.25
(<i>b</i>)	ALTERNANTHEAS. Foliage veined with yellow.....	.05
(<i>b</i>)	BEGONIA. Rex; Foliage very ornamental.....	.15
(<i>b</i>)	" Flowering varieties. Scarlet, pink, white, &c.....	.10
(<i>b</i>)	" Glaucophylla Scandens, trailing.....	.15
(<i>b</i>)	" Rubra, new.....	.25
	BOUVARDIA. Davidsonii, white; Elegans, carmine; Leiantha, scarlet....	.10 to .25
	CARNATIONS. White, scarlet, crimson, variegated, carmine, &c.....	.10 to .25
(<i>w</i>)	CAMELLIA. Japonica; in variety.....	.75 to 1.00
	CACTUS, in variety.....	.10 to .50
(<i>w</i>)	CALLA. Ethiopica; very strong bulbs.....	.50
(<i>b</i>)	COCOLOBIA. Platycentra; curious flat, stemmed plants.....	.05
(<i>b</i>)	CUPHEA. Platycentra and Hyssopifolia.....	.05
	COLEUS. Golden and dark velvet varieties.....	.05
	" Vershaeltii; brilliant crimson, most popular bedding variety....	.05
	" Chameleon; foliage beautifully variegated.....	.05
	" Shah; foliage tipped with yellow.....	.05
	" Pictus, new; foliage green, marked with crimson, yellow and brown	.05
	" Multicolor; foliage very dark and finely shaded.....	.05
	CHRYSANTHEMUMS, in variety.....	.10 to .20
(<i>b</i>)	CONVOLVULUS MINUS.....	.10
	DAHLIAS. Choice named varieties.....	.10 to .15
(<i>b</i>)	DRACENAS. Indivisa and Terminalis.....	.50
	DOUBLE DAISIES..... Per dozen, .50	.05
(<i>w</i>)	EUPATORIUM. Early and late varieties.....	.10
	FEVERFEW. Double white.....	.10
	" Golden feather..... Per hundred, \$2.00	.05
(<i>b</i>)	FERNS, in variety.....	.05 to .15
	FUCHSIAS. Speciosa, Bella, Rose of Denmark, Rose of Castile, Sunset, Prince Leopold, Serratifolia (new), Dictator, Jo, Symbol, Em- press, and others.....	.10 to .25
	GERANIUM. Single. Scarlet, cherry, pink, blush, &c.....	.10
	" Double. Scarlet, cherry, pink, salmon, &c.....	.10
	" Silver leaved.....	.10
	" Happy Thought.....	.25
	" Bronze.....	.10
	" Scented, in variety.....	.10
	" Pelargoniums, in variety.....	.10 to .25
	" Ivy leaved, in variety.....	.10
	GLADIOLUS. Extra choice mixed..... Per dozen, \$1.00	.10
	" Good mixed..... " .60	.05
	HELIOTROPES.....	.10
	HIBISCUS. Grandiflora.....	.10 to .25
	HYDRANGEA. Grandiflora, hardy white.....	.50
(<i>w</i>)	JESSAMINE. Cape and Catelonian.....	.25
	JUSTICIA. Cooperii.....	.25
(<i>b</i>)	KONIGA MARITIMA. Var. Sweet Alyssum.....	.05
	LEMON VERBENA.....	.10
	LILIUM CANDIDUM.....	.20
	LILIUM AURATUM.....	.50

	Each.
LILIUM LANCIFOLIUM. Rubrum and Roseum.....	.20
(b) LOBELIAS, in variety.....	.05
LANTANAS, in variety.....	.10 to .15
(b) MESEMBRYANTHEMUMS. Dew plant.....	.05
MIMOSA PUDICA. Sensitive plant.....	.05
(b) MOSSES. Lycopodiums.....	.05
OLEANDERS. Pink, and white.....	.25
(w) OXALIS, in variety.....	.05
(w) PEPEROMIA AGUSTIFOLIA. Fine for ferneries.....	.10
PETUNIAS. Double white, variegated, pink, purple.....	.10
“ Single varieties, from pots.....	.05
PALMS.....	.50
PANSIES.....Per dozen of twelve varieties, 50	.05
(w) PRIMROSES.....	.10
RICINUS. Castor bean.....	.10
ROSES. Tea, or Monthly; Safrano, buff; Bon Silene, deep pink; Sprunt, canary yellow; Hermosa, rose pink; Roi de Cramoisi, crimson; Agraipena, dark; Lady Warrender, white; Malmaison, large blush; Duchess de Brabant, pale blush; Lawrencii, very small; Marshal Neil, large yellow.....	.10 to .50
“ Hybrid Perpetual; Gen. Jaqueminot, very deep crimson; Madam Plantier, white; Coquette des Alps, white; La Franc, pink; Agus- tie Mie, large blush; La Reine, rosy pink; Leopold de Premier, crimson.....	.25 to .50
“ Moss. Adelaide, Luxemburg, La Fienii and others.....	.25 to .50
“ Climbing. Baltimore Belle and Prairie Queen.....	.25 to .50
SALVIA SPLENDENS.....Per dozen, 50	.05
(b) “ VARIEGATA.....	.05
(b) SAXIFRAGA SARMENTOSA. Aaron's Beard.....	.05
(w) STEVIA COMPACTA.....	.10
(b) SEDUMS.....	.05
(b) TORRENIA ASIATICA.....	.05
(b) TRADESCANTIA. Joint plant.....	.05
TUBEROSES.....Per dozen, 50	.05
“ Started in pots..... “ \$1.00	.10
(w) VIOLETS. Neapolitan and Marie Louise.....	.20
VERBENAS.....Per dozen, of twelve varieties, 50	.05

ORNAMENTAL VINES.

CAMPSIDIUM FILICIFOLIUM, beautiful fern-like foliage.....	.15
COBEA SCANDENS, strong annual climbers.....	.10
CYPRESS, vine.....	.05
PASSION VINES, valuable both on account of strong growth and rich bloom.....	.10 to .25
MADERIA VINES, well-known climbers.....Per dozen, 50	.05
MAURANDYA, small, ivy-like foliage, purple bloom.....	.05
PILOGYNE SUAVIS. New. Fine, strong-growing, delicate vine.....	.10
IVIES. English and Irish.....	.10 to .50
“ German, common and dark-leaved.....	.10
SMILAX.....	.10 to .25
HONEYSUCKLE. Hardy, fragrant, white, unexcelled for verandas, &c.....	.20
THUNBERGIA GRANDIFLORA, in variety.....	.05

PLANTS ESPECIALLY SUITED FOR FOLIAGE BEDS.

FEVERFEW. Golden Feather. Yellow, fern-like foliage, height 6 inches, per hundred, \$2.00.....	.05
CERASTIUM TOMENTOSUM. White, silvery foliage, height 1 foot, per hundred, \$2.00.....	.05

Each.

CENTAURIA GYMNOCARPA. White, fern-like foliage, height 1 foot, per dozen, .50.....	.05
COLEUS VERSHAFFELTII. LIGHT and DARK varieties, 2 ft., per doz, .50	.05
CANNA. Foliage beautifully marked and veined, in variety, height 4 to 5 feet, per dozen, \$1.00.....	.10
CALADIUM ESCULENTUM, Foliage very large, height 3 to 4 feet, per doz., \$1	.10
EUPHORBIA MARGINATA. Foliage white, late in season, height 3 feet.....	.05
RICINUS. Castor Bean, height 8 feet.....	.10

ANNUALS--READY IN MAY.

AGERATUM. Amaranthus, Asters, Balsams, Dianthus, Marigold, Petunias, Phlox, Stocks, Portulacca, &c., &c.....	Per dozen	.15
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VEGETABLE PLANTS.

CABBAGE. Early Jersey Wakefield, cold frame plants, ready in April.....	Per hundred,	.50
“ Early Jersey Wakefield, Spring grown, in May.....	Per hundred,	.25
“ Later plants.....	Per hundred, .15; per thousand,	\$1.00
CAULIFLOWERS.....	Per dozen,	.05
CELERY. Boston Market, ready from July 1 to 15.....	Per hundred,	.50
PARSLEY. Moss-curled.....	Per dozen,	.25
PEPPER. Sweet Mountain.....	“ “	.15
EGG PLANT. New York Round Purple.....	“ “	.40
LETTUCE. Early varieties.....	“ “	.05
TOMATO. Early varieties and Trophy, from pots.....	“ “	.35
“ “ “ “ “ “ cold frame.....	“ “	.20
SWEET POTATO. Yellow Nansmond.....	Per hundred,	.50

GRAPE VINES.

DELAWARE, HARTFORD, CONCORD, WILDER (Rog. No. 4), AGAWAM (Rog. No. 15), SALEM (Rog. No. 53).....	.25
MARTHA and CROTON.....	.35
BRIGHTON, CHAMPION, and LADY.....	.75

CURRENTS.

CHEERRY and VERSAILLES.....	Per dozen,	\$1.00
WHITE GRAPE.....	“ “	1.25

BLACKBERRIES.

KITTATINNY.....	Per dozen, .50; Per hundred,	\$4.00
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RASPBERRIES.

BLACK CAP.....	Per dozen, .25; Per hundred,	\$2.00
BRANDYWINE. Red.....	Per dozen, .25; “ “	2.00

STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

CHARLES DOWNING.....	Per hundred,	.50
MONARCH OF THE WEST.....	“ “	.50
CRESCENT SEEDLING (new).....	“ “	\$1.00

SHRUBS AND EVERGREENS.

NORWAY SPRUCE, 4 to 6 feet.....	.50
ARBOR VITÆ, 4 to 6 feet.....	.50
IRISH and SCOTCH JUNIPERS, 3 to 4 feet.....	.50
DEUTZIA GRACILIS and CRENATA.....	.50
HYDRANGEA GRANDIFLORA.....	.75

SEED DEPARTMENT.

I wish to call ATTENTION to the fact that (having the best of facilities for so doing) *no seed* is sent out, until it has been *thoroughly tested*, therefore there can be no doubt as to its freshness and vitality; and having either been raised by myself or purchased of the most reliable growers in the country, I am sure it will prove true to name and variety. I am confident that there is no better seed in the market than that which I offer. My selection, though not embracing all the good varieties, includes those which are most popular and best known, and those which my own experience, and that of others, has proved to be most reliable, and best adapted for cultivation in this vicinity. If any one should desire any variety not mentioned in this list, it will be supplied at short notice. Examine prices and list of varieties before purchasing elsewhere.

Flower Seed--Annuals.

	Per Pkt.
AGERATUM CÆLESTINUM. Blue.....	.05
AMARANTHUS. Bicolor, tricolor, and salicifolius, Fountain plant, each.....	.05
ALYSSUM. Sweet.....	.05
ANTIRRHINUM. Snapdragon, mixed varieties.....	.05
ASPERULA. Azurea setosa, delicate blue flowers.....	.05
ASTER. Choicest varieties, and colors mixed.....	.05
BALSAM. " " " " ".....	.05
CANDYTUFT, mixed colors.....	.05
CANNA. Best new varieties.....	.05
CELOSIA CRISTATA. Coxcomb, low, varieties mixed.....	.05
CENTAURIA CYANUS. Bachelor's buttons.....	.05
CENTRANTHUS, mixed colors.....	.05
DATURA FASTUOSA, white.....	.05
DIANTHUS. Five best varieties mixed.....	.05
DELPHINUM. <i>Larkspur</i> , mixed colors.....	.05
DOUBLE DAISY, mixed colors.....	.05
EUPHORBIA MARGINATA. "Mountain of Snow.".....	.05
ESCHCHOLTZIA CALIFORNICA.....	.05
FEVERFEW. Golden Gem.....	.05
HELIANTHUS. Sunflower, Mammoth Russian.....	.05
LUPINUS, mixed colors.....	.05
MARIGOLD, " ".....	.05
MIGNONETTE.....	.05
MARVEL OF PERU.....	.05
NASTURTIUM. Tom Thumb and Dwarf, mixed colors.....	.05
NIGELLA OBELISCARIA. Love in a Mist.....	.05
PETUNIA. Choicest blotched and striped.....	.05
PHLOX DRUMMONDII, mixed colors.....	.05
PANSY. Extra choice, mixed.....	.05
POPPY. Double mixed.....	.05
PORTULACA. Double mixed.....	.05
RICINUS BORBONIENSIS. Castor Bean.....	.05
SALVIA SPLENDENS. Scarlet Sage.....	.05
SCABIOSA. Mourning Bride.....	.05
SAPONARIA. Pink and white, fine for borders.....	.05
STOCK. Ten weeks, mixed colors.....	.05
VERBENA HYBRIDA, mixed colors.....	.05
ZINNIA, double mixed colors.....	.05

Biennial.

AGUILEGIA. Columbine, mixed colors.....	.05
HOLLYHOCK, mixed colors.....	.05
SWEET WILLIAM, mixed colors.....	.05
CARNATION, choice, mixed colors.....	.10
PICOTEE, mixed colors.....	.10

	Per Pkt.
PARSLEY. Moss-curved.....	.05
PEAS. East Hartford Extra Early, 1½ feet.....	Per quart, .20
“ McLean's Little Gem, 10 inches.....	“ “ .20
“ Waite's Caracticus, 2½ feet.....	“ “ .20
“ McLean's Advancer, 2½ feet.....	“ “ .20
“ Champion of England, 5 feet.....	“ “ .18
“ Marrowfat, 5 feet.....	“ “ .15
PEPPERS. Sweet Mountain.....	.05
PUMPKIN. Connecticut Field.....	Per pound, .30
RADISH. Scarlet Olive.....	.05
“ Long Scarlet.....	.05
SPINACH. Round Leaved.....	Per ounce, .10
“ New Viroflay.....	“ “ .10
SQUASH. Summer. White Bush.....	“ “ .10
“ Winter. Crookneck.....	“ “ .10
“ Hubbard.....	“ “ .10
“ Turban.....	“ “ .10
TOMATO, Charter Oak.....	.05
“ Hathaway's Excelsior.....	.05
“ Trophy.....	.05
“ Yellow Plum.....	.05
TURNIP. Yellow Aberdeen.....	.05
“ Yellow Globe or Stone.....	.05
“ White Rock, Swede.....	.05
LAWN GRASS, French Mixed.....	Per quart, .20

TERMS.

Special discount to the trade sent upon application.

Orders by mail will be filled promptly.

All Flower Seeds, and seed by packet and ounce, sent by mail, *post-paid*, upon receipt of price.

Seeds by the pound, quart, &c., sent by express at expense of purchaser.

Any order for plants, to the amount of *Three Dollars* or more, sent express paid. Less amounts sent at expense of purchaser.

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