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"RAINBOW" CANNA, FREE. (SEE OTHER SIDE.)

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BULBS,
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FLORAL PARK, N.Y.

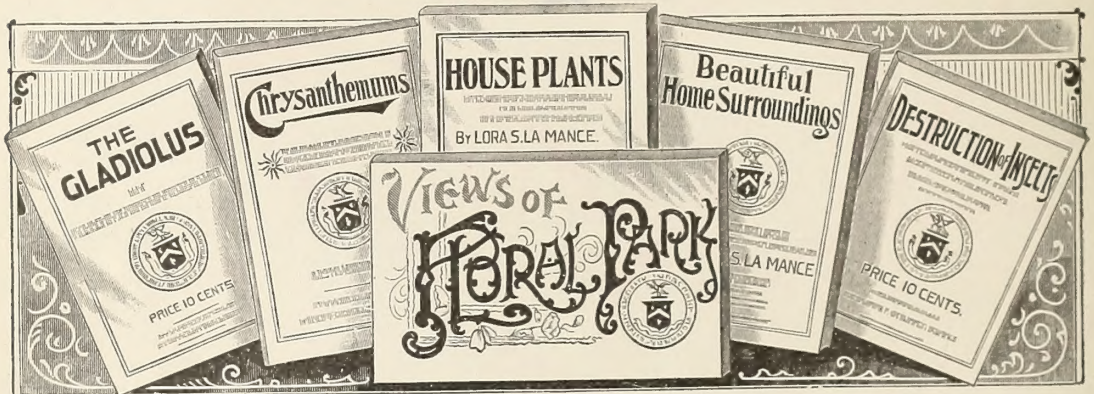
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ABUTILON

"INFANTA-EULALIA"

New Abutilons.

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 ever seen among Abutilons, being very large, yet short and beautifully cupped and of the most lovely colors. It is safe to say that these varieties will produce five times as much bloom as others.

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Wm. McKinley—Like the above except in color, which is a beautiful clear lemon yellow of exquisite loveliness.

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Otahete Orange.

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 15 inches high and had 23 oranges on it. When in 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 Otahete Orange. In beauty, grace and fragrance there is nothing like its delicate leaf-sprays of bloom, so indescribably exquisite, dainty, lovely and adorable. Fine-plants for blooming and fruiting at once, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

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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 none but these. Plants flower perpetually all the year round, the plants being completely covered with bloom at all times, especially during winter.

Crimson—Produce a profusion of dark crimson flowers.

White—Splendid large blossoms, pure white.

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We can furnish fine plants propagated from the original plant of this great new Verbena. Its great merits are color and fragrance like the Trailing Arbutus or Mayflower. The greatest novelty last year. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 6 for 50c.; Seed, 20c. pkt.

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The following superior foliage plants are well adapted to window culture during winter and are highly desirable for that purpose:

FILIFERA, OR WEEPING 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 about the garden or yard, or used for a center in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00. Fresh seed, which will grow rapidly, 10c. pkt.

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 two to five 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, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

ASPARAGUS SPRENCERI.

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 for weeks in water. Plants also blossom freely and bear large red berries, which add greatly to the beauty of the wavy foliage. Nothing finer for decorating or for bouquet making. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

SANSEVERIA ZEALANICA.

Singularly beautiful and 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. The splendid outlines of the plant, together with its distinctive marbling, make it a superior plant for jardinières, centers of vases, etc. 20c. each.; 3 for 50c.

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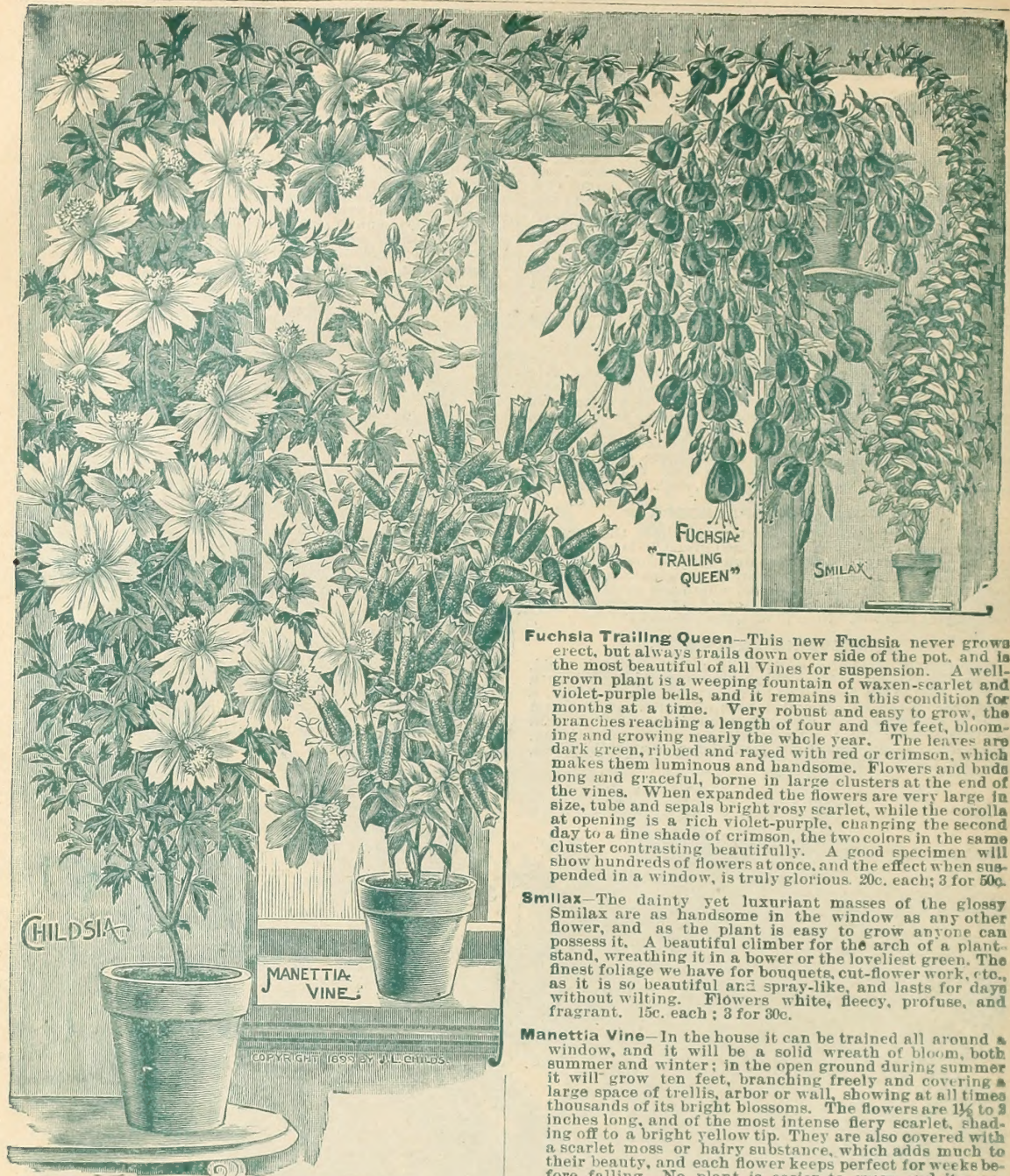
Long, trailing stems completely clothed with whorls of the most exquisite foliage, finely cut. If planted in a water-tight hanging basket, so the soil can be kept very wet, or water standing on the surface, it will trail down over the side in a most charming manner. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

NEPETA GLECHOMA.

This new Nepeta is hardy, fragrant, and its leaves finely marked with white. Very fine for hanging basket, standing any abuse. One of the prettiest things in the world with which to carpet graves, as its roots wherever it touches the ground and forms an impenetrable network of vines, through which weeds and grasses cannot creep. It will grow in any kind of soil, in sun or shade, hot or cold location, and is ever a mass of green and white, refreshing to the eye. Unsurpassed for vases, hanging pots or baskets. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

SPECIAL OFFER—One each of these 6 fine Foliage Plants for only 80c.





Choice Window Vines.

Nothing is better for winter as window plants than the choice flowering Vines here offered. They will all do well, the plants being now large and strong.

Chilisia Wercklei, or Treasure Vine—New, and a beautiful climbing composite, suitable for cool, shady windows or verandas. 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 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, Chilisia Wercklei. It is a fine fall and winter bloomer. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Fuchsia Trailing Queen—This new Fuchsia never grows erect, but always trails down over side of the pot, and is the most beautiful of all Vines for suspension. A well-grown plant 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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

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Passiflora 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; 3 for 30c.

Passiflora Constance Elliot—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; 3 for 30c.

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One each of the six Glorious Flowering Vines for only 80c.



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CALLA

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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.

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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.

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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.



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.

Alsaise—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— $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, fine healthy growers, flowers very large and borne in long panicles. Color very peculiar, being sort of a salmon, shaded red. $3\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

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—Firey-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.

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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 30c.; 12 for \$1.50; 100 for \$10.00, postpaid

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 for age 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.

Phrynium Variegatum.

An elegant pot or bedding plant, the leaves of which 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 Dracenas. 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. 20c. each; 3 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. Seed, 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.

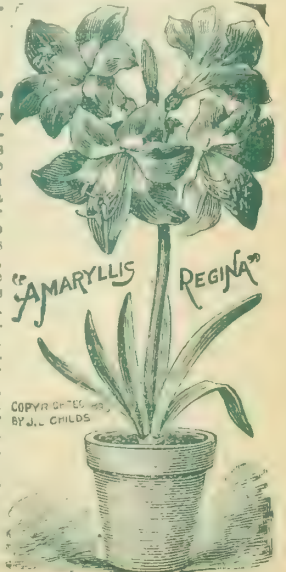
Choice Tuberoses.

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. Large, select bulbs, 5c. each; 5 for 20c.; 12 for 40c.; 100 for \$3.00.

New Variegated—The leaves of this variety are bordered with creamy white; flowers single, but very large and of exquisite fragrance. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

Amaryllis 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 merits. Bulbs large and strong, ready to commence growth as soon as potted, and will soon bloom. Flowers very large and beautiful, a wide-open or spreading shape. Color, soft, light scarlet, with white center or throat. The charming color and beautiful shape of the flowers makes this one of the choicest of the large and celebrated race of Amaryllis species. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.



- PHRYNIUM VARIEGATUM.





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 spikes 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.

Chrysanthemum Seed.

Chrysanthemum seed sown in the spring will produce large, vigorous plants by fall, which will give a great profusion of fine flowers, even more than old plants. 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—All colors and varieties, mixed. 20c.



NEW
EVERBLOOMING
CHRYSANTHEMUM

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 began 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 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.



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 show 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 pk.



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 gorgeoussness 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 esthetic garden flower yet seen. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

5 Hardy Plants for 50 Cents.

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

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

New Roses.



"WINTER
GEM"

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Winter Gem—This is the greatest Rose Novelty in years, owing both to its beauty and to 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, hardest, 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.

Childs' Jewel—The most remarkable Rose in cultivation. It 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, bluish, apricot, etc., while others will be variegated in a most beautiful manner. 20c. each.

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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Climbing Meteor—Buds exquisite; flowers, large, beautifully shaped and of that rich, dark, velvety crimson color seen only in the Jacqueminot. For winter blooming it is just the Rose to train upon a conservatory or bay window, where its exquisite blossoms will show to wonderful advantage. 20c. each.

Climbing Bride—Like Climbing Meteor, but pure white, very large, double, perfect and fragrant. 20c. each.

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. As to color, it is without exception the most exquisitely and delicately colored Rose we ever saw. 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. No other Rose in the world like it. 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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

SPECIAL OFFER.—One each of these 6 grand New Everblooming Roses for \$1.00.

light yellow, buff, saffron, light and dark crimson, pink, bluish, apricot, etc., while others will be variegated in a most beautiful manner. 20c. each.



CRIMSON RAMBLER.

RARE NEW FRUITS.

In our regular Catalogue, 16 pages are devoted to New Fruits, some of the best of which are offered here. All are very fine, Bush Strawberries, Giant Currants, Raspberries, Everbearing Peach, Blackberries, etc. Try some of them.



ALPINE BUSH STRAWBERRY.
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Alpine Everbearing Bush Strawberries.

Fruits in four months from seed. 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. We know of no greater novelty than these charming Bush Strawberries.

Everbearing Bush White—Beautiful snow-white fruit of exquisite flavor. Per pkt., 15c.

Everbearing Bush Red—Like the above, but a fine crimson color. Per pkt., 15c.

One packet each of the two sorts for 25c.

Raspberry.



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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.

Allsummer—Like the above, a true everbearer, the berries being large and deep ruby-red in color, contrasting finely with the white variety.

Price, 15c. each; the two for 25c., or 80c. per dozen.

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 $2\frac{1}{4}$ 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.

Empire—New giant red.

Purity—New giant white.

Price, 20c. each; \$1.50 per dozen. One each of the 2 sorts for 30c.

Apple, Bismarck.

This new Dwarf Apple is indeed a wonder. Little trees a foot or so in height will bear a few apples of enormous size, either growing in pots or in the ground. A little tree 12 inches high, which we imported from France last winter, bore a fine large apple the following summer. Fruit very large, of brilliant color, and borne freely on trees two years old. A most unique pot plant and a fine little tree for the garden, the great apples on such very small trees attracting great attention. 20c. each.



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; 8 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; 15 for \$2.00.



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, equalled only by the Erie, borne in large clusters, which commence to ripen early in July and continue into September, making the fruiting season 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.

**Strawberry,
GREAT WASHINGTON.**

The real giant among big Strawberries. This important new sort originated in the State of Washington. Samples which we received in February were 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 hand-somest 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 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.



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BALLOONBERRY.

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 with 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 comes 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."



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"EVERBEARING"
PEACH.

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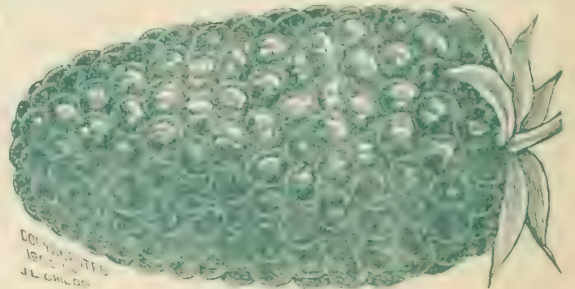
CHERRY

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 89 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 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 striking 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 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 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 tree for fruiting next year, by mail, 30c. each; 3 for 75c.; 7 for \$1.50.



Hybrid Berries.

New berries of mammoth size, hybrids between the Raspberry and Blackberry. 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. Its flavor is like that of a Raspberry and Blackberry combined; fruit long and handsome. Its season of fruiting is earlier than either the Raspberry or Blackberry, following close upon the Strawberry. It is somewhat of a perpetual bearer, showing more or less fruit all summer.

Phenomenal—Mammoth red.

Primus—Mammoth black.

25c. each; one of each kind for 40c.

SPECIALTIES IN 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.

PRICES: We will give THREE packets of any ONE kind for the sum that TWO packets would cost. For instance, any one variety listed for 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.



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 keep 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 canary 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



ALYSSUM LITTLE GEM.

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

Bellis, or Double Daisy.

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



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 hotbed or house and afterwards transplanted, or they can be sown in the 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 whorl 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 double upright stems.....10
- Daybreak**—A sport from the celebrated Branching Aster, bearing 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....15
- 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 like the rose. Mixed colors.....10

- 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
- Harlequin**—One of the most curiously marked flowers grown. Lovely pure white petals, irregularly interspersed with deep blue or bright red petals, making bright splashes and stripes of color over the snowy groundwork. Mixed colors. Medium height. Very odd and very beautiful.....10
- Quilled German**—Plants tall and branching, flowers beautifully quilled, and noted for the clearness of their colors. Profuse bloomers. Mixed colors..... 6
- 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, double flowers of a bright scarlet color. An extra fine sort.....10
- Japanese**—New Aster 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, 14 or 15 inches high, well branched, and producing quite a number of these enormous flowers.....15
- Truffaut's Pæony-Flowered**—A valuable and standard variety. The most perfect Pæony 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 Haies**—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
- Lilliput-Flowered**—Plant of medium height, almost smothered beneath a cloud of tiny, button-like flowers as double as anything well can be. A charming sort...10



Carnation, New Marguerite.

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

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 to 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 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 from time of sowing. 10
Pure White—Extra fine. 10
Rosea—Fine clear rose color. 10
Scarlet—Deep, bright scarlet. 10
Purple—A remarkably rich color. 10
Violet—Fine violet color. 10
Striped and Variegated—Many colors. All beautifully striped, blotched, mottled and variegated. 10
One packet each of the seven above offered for 50c.

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. 15



LEMOINE'S NEW EARLY HELIOTROPE.

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Dahlia.

We still find difficulty in convincing our customers that good Dahlias can be grown from seed, and that plants will bloom the first season from seed. We only wish we could show all doubters some of the magnificent flowers grown from our seeds. Anyone who can raise a Zinnia or a Morning Glory from seed can grow Dahlias from seed. They are remarkably easy to germinate, and from the very seedling the plants are stocky and sturdy. Seed sown in the house in March or April will produce flowering plants as soon as plants grown from tubers. We know this to be so by repeated experiments of our own, and our customers write us the same thing. Some of the finest, largest Dahlias, and the richest colors we have ever seen, were among seedlings. Give good soil and never let the plants suffer for water, and, our word for it, you will be more than satisfied. Out of a paper of seeds we have known not two plants to be alike in flower, while there was every color represented, from snow-white to blackish maroon. Start seed in house, and transplant in open ground after frost is gone. Per pkt. **Double Large-Flowering, Mixed**—Will produce some magnificent varieties.....15
Double Pompon, Mixed—Even choice strain.....10
New Single, Mixed Strain—Flowers very large and of rainbow colors. Exceedingly popular as cut flowers.. 5
Cracitie, 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

Hollyhock.

One of the finest of all perennials, and unsurpassed as a stately, imposing plant for backgrounds, screens, centers of wide borders, etc. Plants grow from four to six feet high, and bear pyramidal spikes of large rosette-like flowers of every shade and color, from pure white to almost black. The yellow, magenta, rose and black are intensely pure and deep, while the pure white, pale lemon, soft pink and lavender shades are exquisitely soft and delicate. The pearly blooms of the pure white Hollyhocks are 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, Mixed Colors**—Very choice, embracing over twenty different shades.....10

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

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GIANT FANCY COSMOS.

Giant Fancy Cosmos.

Since we introduced the Cosmos, about ten years ago, it has become the most popular fall flower, save only the Chrysanthemum. We now offer a new giant-flowered strain of marvelous size and beauty. The individual flowers measure 4, 5 and even 6 inches across, and as they are borne on long, graceful stems the effect is most charming. The colors are also greatly improved, delicate shades of blush, pink, rich crimson, snow-white, striped, etc., contrasting elegantly. Some are star-shaped, in others the petals are pinked, toothed or fringed, and in many beautifully overlapping. **Giant Fancy, Mixed Colors**—No description can do justice to the beauty of this new strain. All colors mixed, including some rich dark red, not before seen.....10
Monster White—Snowy-white flowers, of most perfect form, with broad petals, some exquisitely fringed and others with plain edges.....10
Julia E. Lee, or **New Early Flowering**—This new strain begins flowering early in July, and continues until late autumn. Flowers large and fine and possess a wide range of colors. A great novelty of last year.....10





DIANTHUS

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 near 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 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** - Fine for contrast. 10
- Eastern Queen** - Grand flowers 3 or 4 inches across, beautifully striped and shaded, and having colors which are like the richest silks. 5
- Mourning Cloak** - Largest double flowers, purplish black. 10
- Crimson Bell** - Immense flowers of a rich crimson red. A grand flower of the single Heddewiggi type, and a beautiful companion to Eastern Queen. 5
- Imperialis** - Double Imperial Pinks. Robust, bushy growers, bearing great quantities of large double flowers of rich, glowing colors. 5

Childs' Giant Imperial Jap. Morning Glories.

A new strain with gigantic blooms as large as Moonflowers, with 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. Like all Morning Glories, the seed germinates quickly and the vines grow rapidly and are soon in bloom, often before they reach a height of two feet. The flowers are borne by the hundreds, are of enormous size, like great Moonflowers, 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 blending together in a most enchanting way. Spotted, blotched, striped, penciled, bordered, mottled and variegated in every conceivable manner. 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. Our seed is not to be compared with any which may be put upon the market. Mixed, 50 colors. 10



"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



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. Plant bushy and a profuse bloomer, with extra large spikes of a pretty brick-red color; exceedingly fragrant. Much inferior seed of this variety is on the market. Ours is strictly pure. 10
- Golden Queen**—Pyramidal habit, with flowers of a yellowish color. Very good. 10
- Crimson Queen**—A fine variety with large spikes of dark red flowers. 10
- Improved Victoria**—Large, compact spikes are exceedingly fragrant, seeming to surpass in this respect all other varieties. It is a robust and healthy grower and succeeds well even in dry soil and hot sun, where most Mignonettes fail. 10

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

Double Portulaca.

- 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
- Single Grandiflora**—Mixed colors. 5



Improved Shirley Poppies.

No better flower seed novelty will be offered this year than this new strain of Shirley Poppy, grown, selected and improved by Mr. Wilks, the original producer 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. It is great improvement over ordinary Shirley Poppies. 10



New Giant-Flowered Dwarf Nasturtium.

Of all Nasturtiums this new strain is the most beautiful and useful, as well as the largest in size and most varied in color. 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. A mixture of over 40 different colors. 10

Climbing Nasturtiums, Mixed 5

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 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.

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.

- Large-Flowering, Choice Mixed Colors—A superb strain of choice large-flowering types, including all colors. Will give great satisfaction..... 5
- Trimardeau Giant, Mixed Colors—These are famous for their extraordinary size, though the form is not so perfect as the Imperial Germans..... 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
- Hugnot'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

Giant Excelsior—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.....20



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

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.



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.
Mixed 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 conspicuous full-flowering appearance. It is very richly colored.....10

Above Collection of 12 pkts. for only 50c.



"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 Purple—Fine lilac, contrasting finely..... 10
- Chameleon—Fine yellow..... 10
- Mixed, All Colors..... 10



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Elegant New Phloxes.

Childs' Jubilee—This strain of Phlox is as superior to other Phlox of regular outline as our new Star Phlox are to the ordinary strains of the Fimbriata Phlox. The flowers of Childs' Jubilee Phlox are of great substance, beautiful form and uncommon size, while the colors are extraordinarily rich and varied, glowing crimson, dazzling scarlet, deep rose, soft pink, pale blush, maroon, black, lavender, purple and numberless other rare shades, many with contrasting eyes, stripes or featherings. In habit these new Phlox are erect, rather than recumbent, 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 the size of a twenty dollar gold piece. The grandest of all Phloxes..... 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 Quedlingberg, 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. We have hybridized all these together and secured a unique strain of a hundred colors and every conceivable shape..... 10

- Grandiflora Mixed Colors—A fine collection of mixed colors; large flowering..... 5
- Pure White..... 5
- Coccinea—Brilliant scarlet..... 5
- Rosea—Fine, clear rose..... 5
- Isabellina—Fine yellow..... 5

New Multiflora Roses.

With seed of these new Roses plants may be had in bloom in 60 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 package 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. Customers write that they are really wonderful. Per pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 30c.



ROSE

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New Giant-Flowered Petunias.

- A giant-flowered strain which originated in California. The Double is particularly fine.
- 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
- Giant-Flowered Single, Mixed Colors**—Enormous single flowers of a great variety of superb colors and fancy markings. Exceedingly beautiful.....15
- The Rainbow** Richly colored flowers with golden yellow throats; exquisite, and comes true every time.....10
- Ring of Emerald**—Large pink and crimson blossoms, deeply bordered with a green band.....10
- Fringed Perfection**—A highly perfected strain, the petals of which are deeply ruffled and fringed.....10
- 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 per cent. comes double from seed than from any other strain we know.....20



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 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 soil 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..... 6
- “ “ “ —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 fine 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. Flowers as perfect as though cut out of wax. Much grown as a pot flower for cool rooms.....10

Diamond Flower—(Ionopsidium).

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

SWEET PEAS



Sweet Peas.—At 5c. per pkt.

This Collection All at 5c. per Packet, 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**—Deep 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**—Clear, soft rose. Grand.
- SPECIAL OFFER.**—For only \$1.50 we will send one packet each of 50 distinct and magnificent Sweet Peas.
- 50 Sorts in One Pkt. for 10c.**—For 10c. we will send a pkt. containing 50 seeds—mixed—one seed each of 50 varieties.

Our Grand Large-Flowering Mixed Sweet Peas—The finest mixture possible, as only the large-flowering of "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.

Dwarf Sweet Pea, "Cupid."

White Cupid—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 pure milk-white, very sweet, of largest size and great substance, and borne on stems four inches long; three flowers on each stem. It begins to bloom as early as May, and, unlike the climbing Sweet Peas, continue 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.

Pink Cupid—New last year; exactly like the above, but a lovely pink color.

Double Sweet Peas.

The new double sorts produce flowers nearly half of which will be double. Very beautiful and attractive.

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

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



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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, 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
- Extra Choice Mixed—Many fine colors..... 5
- Mayflower—Mixed colors..... 20

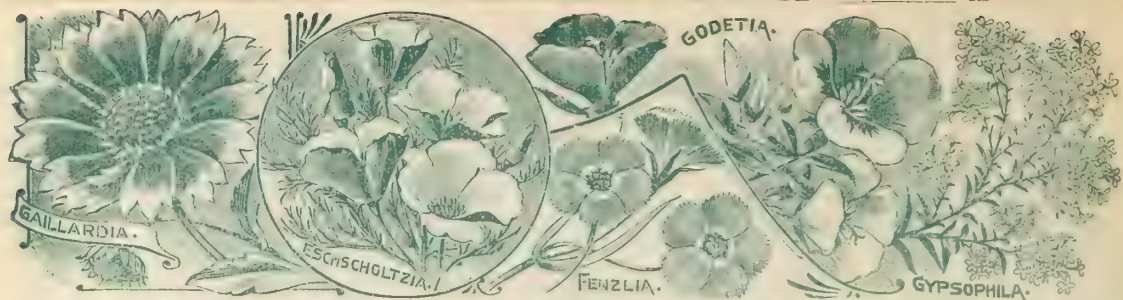
Zinnias.

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 grow and sell as our improved. We have selected the stock seed every year for twenty-five years. This careful selection 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 show which is peculiar. Nothing else can fill their place. Seed should be started inside or sown in the garden about corn planting time.

- Childs' Improved, Mixed Colors—Saved only from select flowers, perfect in shape and color. The finest strain of Zinnias in cultivation. Every plant will produce immense double blossoms of various colors, from white to deep crimson, maroon, pink, 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
- Improved, Striped—A good strain, representing all the leading colors, but all striped. This is really the finest strain of Striped or Zebra Zinnias in cultivation..... 10
- Fire Ball—Dwarf habit, large double blossoms of intense scarlet, as round and perfect as a ball. It makes a fine border or mass, its bright color and perfect habit showing to great advantage..... 10
- Snow Ball—Exactly like Fire Ball, except color, which is snow-white, and makes a charming contrast..... 10
- Double Yellow—Blossoms large, and bright golden 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



LILLIPUT ZINNIAS.



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 19 and run to page 29, but we do claim that they are as good as can be had anywhere, and much better than the average.

Price
3 CENTS
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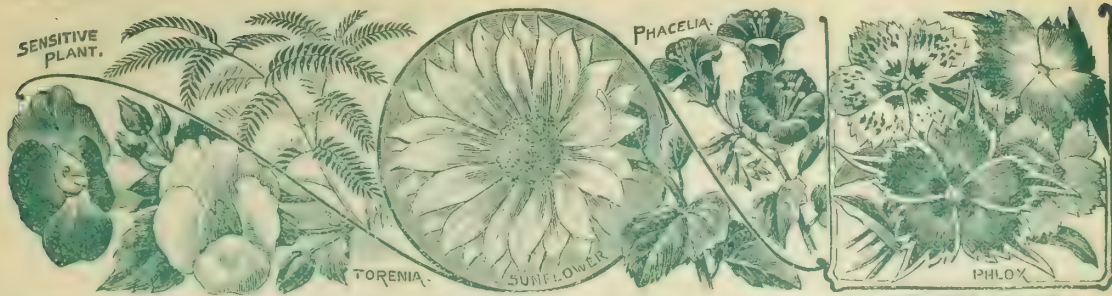
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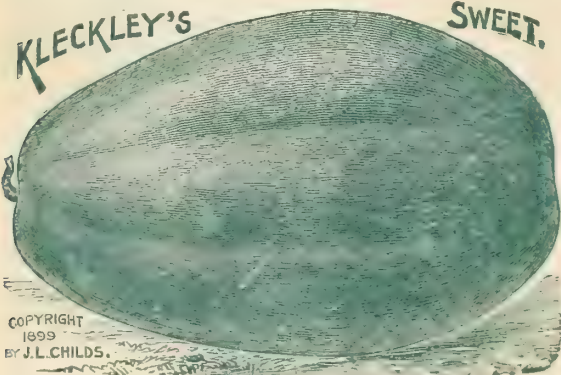
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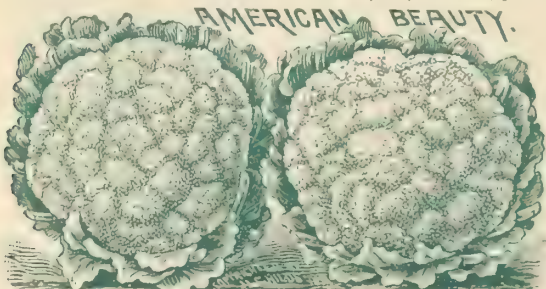
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