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FAXON'S 1893



CATALOGUE

... OF ...

STANDARD

SEEDS

AND SPECIALTIES.



M. B. FAXON CO.

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SAUGUS, MASS.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

M. B. FAXON CO.,

SEEDSMEN,

Would respectfully inform their friends and customers that they have removed their Seed business from Boston to

SAUGUS, MASS.

The town of Saugus is ten miles from Boston, on the Eastern Division of the Boston & Maine R. R., and our store (we now occupy an entire building) is one minute's walk from the depot.

For several years we have contemplated making this change, as with our steadily increasing trade we feel confident that with a large building devoted exclusively to the Seed and Plant business, Trial Gardens and Seed Testing Grounds on our farm near-by, our customers will be much better served.

As in the past, it will give us much pleasure to answer fully and promptly any inquiries regarding Horticultural or Agricultural matters, and all communications will receive our personal attention.

Our Annual Seed Catalogue, published in January, and our List of Fall Bulbs, issued in September, will upon publication be immediately mailed to our customers. Others wishing these publications will kindly so notify us.

All goods will be delivered without charge to any express office or freight station in Boston.

We would embrace the present opportunity to thank our customers for past favors, and to assure them that their orders shall receive the same personal care and attention in the future. We solicit a continuance of your kind patronage.

Saugus, Mass., Jan. 15, 1893.

M. B. Faxon Co

We Removed from Boston, Oct. 1, 1892.



FAXON'S Annual Catalogue OF Specialties and Standard SEEDS.

Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to be able to personally thank each and every one of our friends and customers for their generous patronage during the year that is past, but although this is impossible, we can and do most gratefully acknowledge your many favors, and extend to all our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, through the medium of this, Our Annual Seed Catalogue. As the years roll on, we try in every possible way to improve the strains of seed we sell, and feel that the general satisfaction our seeds have given amply proves that we have succeeded. Since sending you Our Annual Catalogue a year ago, we have, you will kindly notice, moved into larger and more commodious quarters, and with greatly increased facilities we feel sure we can give your valued orders better and more prompt attention than ever before.

STANDARD SEEDS.—We have freed our lists of Vegetables and Flowers from the incumbrance of undesirable sorts, consequently they are much easier to make selections from than longer lists, where poor and worthless varieties are intermingled with the good and valuable. These lists we call *Standard Seeds*.

FAXON'S SPECIALTIES.—Under this head are catalogued those Flowers and Vegetables, the cultivation of which we have made a study, and we believe our strains of seed of these varieties will compare favorably with any to be obtained. The flowers referred to are:—**ASTERS, PANSIES, SWEET PEAS, AND NASTURTIUMS;** the vegetables:—**TRUE YELLOW GLOBE DANVERS ONION, SAVOY CABBAGE, CAULIFLOWER, AND TOMATO.** These sorts you will find catalogued on the succeeding pages, and distinctly marked

to suppose for a moment that we wish you to consider these varieties as novelties; on the contrary, they are all old favorites, that with care have been **GROWN TO PERFECTION.**

FAXON'S SPECIALTIES.

We do not want you to consider these varieties as novelties; on the contrary, they are all old favorites, that with care have been **GROWN TO PERFECTION.**

You will also find listed many very desirable varieties of Seeds, Bulbs, and Plants, some of which are brought to your notice this season for the first time, others that have been introduced within a few years, and still others that are old sorts; but all will be needed to make your garden complete. In every case of a novelty, we have satisfied ourselves that the variety offered is considered in good

THE FAXON SQUASH.

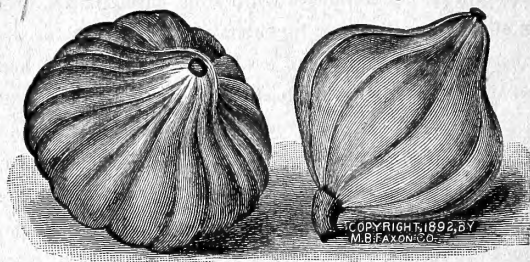
different from all other varieties, and after years of careful trial we have found that this squash follows its type absolutely true and we can offer this squash to you as a distinct new vegetable.

The flesh is a deep orange yellow, cavity very small and seeds few; the special peculiarity, however, is that while uncooked it appears to have a shell like any squash, when cooked there is practically none, the shell or inedible part being only about as thick as a sheet of writing paper. It is the best squash we ever tasted — sweeter than sugar and very dry — and for squash pies it must be tried to be appreciated.

It matures early and can be used as a summer squash. It is also the best winter variety we know of, being a very late keeper, we having repeatedly had squashes in our cellar in perfect condition in April and May. It is the only squash we ever saw that every specimen is of superior quality without regard to size or whether it is ripe or green. This is a very desirable feature, as many squashes (the Hubbard especially) must be thoroughly ripe before frost or the crop is lost. It is not so with "The Faxon Squash," every specimen can be gathered and used.

Very early, enormously productive, of medium size and the best possible quality, we fully believe that this new variety is destined to become a standard amongst squashes; and we know a trial will convince all of its great value.

**Price of "The Faxon Squash" Seed,
Per Liberal Packet, 20 Cents; 6 Packets for \$1.00.
BY MAIL, POSTAGE PAID.**



THE FAXON SQUASH.

Mr. E. L. Coy, of West Hebron, N. Y., who is one of the most expert squash growers in this country, writes us:—

"I am satisfied that it is a very valuable variety, as well as a late keeper we are still using them on our table, and never had a squash that we liked as well. It is the only squash I ever saw that every specimen is of superior quality without regard to size, or whether it is ripe or green I consider it the most valuable novelty that has been introduced in a long time you have a very fine thing."

THE FAXON SQUASH.

**The following letter from Mr. B. K. Bliss, senior partner
of the late firm of B. K. Bliss & Sons, the famous
New York Seedsmen, speaks for itself.**

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS., Sept. 20, 1892.

Messrs. M. B. FAXON CO.,

Dear Sirs: In compliance with your request I send herewith an account of my trials with your new squash commenced by me in May, 1888.

I planted the seed in June of that year, in ordinary garden soil. The seed germinated quickly, the vines grew rapidly, and in a short time covered the ground completely with a most luxuriant foliage. They commenced fruiting very early and proved remarkably prolific, giving me an abundant crop.

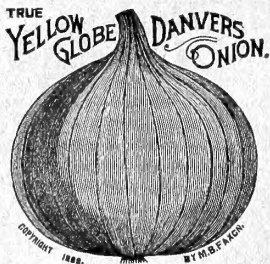
The squashes were quite different in form from any I had ever seen before. I found them of superior quality both for the table and for pies, for which purpose this variety is unsurpassed by any I had ever tested (and I would here say that I have tested nearly every variety that has been introduced within the last forty years).

Another trial in 1889 again proved your squash to be a most vigorous grower, and even more prolific than the first year. As a long-keeping variety, it is far superior to any I have ever grown. It was stored the past winter in an ordinary house cellar with other vegetables, among which were some of the most popular varieties of squashes, pumpkins, and other roots. All the other varieties of squashes and pumpkins showed signs of decay early in the winter, but your squash kept sound until the month of April, retaining all its good qualities until the last.

A further trial the past season fully confirms all that has been previously stated in its favor. Its great productiveness and long-keeping qualities make it valuable either for private gardens or as a market variety.

Very truly yours,

B. K. Bliss
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DANVERS ONION "TRUE YELLOW GLOBE."

FAXON'S SPECIALTIES.

In Massachusetts and especially in Essex County, the Danvers Onion has always been the standard sort grown, and the care and attention that has been given this vegetable has resulted in making our State famous the country over for its yellow onions. Probably no gardeners in the world are more exacting and critical in regard to seed stocks than the growers of the Danvers Onion in

Danvers and Peabody, Mass., the home of this vegetable; no one who has not been in these towns and carefully examined this crop, can have any adequate idea of what long and constant selection of the most perfect types for seed purposes has accomplished. Our strain is of good size, an early and abundant cropper, very thick bulb, flat or slightly convex bottom, full oval top, with small neck, and rich brownish-yellow skin. Seed from this type is more sure to bottom well than when grown from onions having too much depth of bulb or globe-shaped. These tend to stray into thick necks or scullions. We have taken the greatest care in selecting our seed stock for many years, and can fully recommend our strain to market gardeners and private growers as the finest in cultivation.

Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 30 cents; pound, \$3.00.

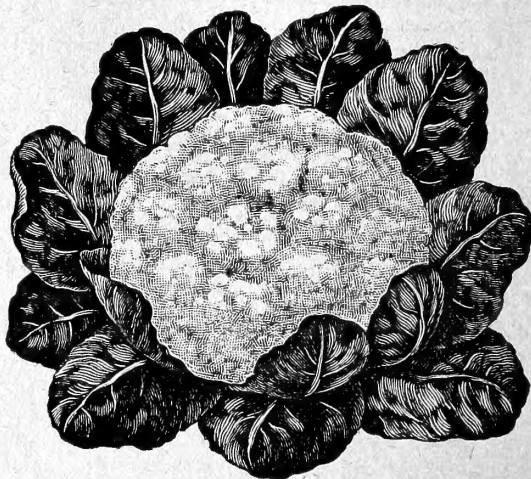
"FAXON'S EARLY BOSTON" CAULIFLOWER.

FAXON'S SPECIALTIES.

We have given a great deal of attention to securing an extra early, sure heading cauliflower, and after many exhaustive trials can confidently say that this sort, whether intended for private use, or to be grown for

market, is equal if not superior to any variety ever offered. For forcing under glass during winter and early spring, or for planting later in the open ground, no variety can surpass it. In fact its earliness, dwarf, compact habit, and producing, as it does, large snow-white heads, has made this cauliflower a great favorite with all who have given it a trial. Our seed this season is the product of the very finest specimens, and cannot fail to give every satisfaction.

Per packet, 25 cents.
 ¼ ounce \$1.00
 Ounce 4.00
 ¾ pound 14.00



"FAXON'S EARLY BOSTON" CAULIFLOWER.



QUINCY MARKET SAVOY CABBAGE.

SAVOY CABBAGE

"QUINCY MARKET."

FAXON'S SPECIALTIES.

This selected strain of the true Boston type of this favorite cabbage will, we are sure, be found the equal, if not superior of any offered. Its dwarf habit, good size, and solid heading qualities will be appreciated by market gardeners who have experienced trouble in getting first-class stocks of Globe Curled Savoy Cabbage. This sort is unquestion-

ably the finest flavored cabbage that has ever been brought to this market. So great has been the demand for this seed that we have until last season sold all we could obtain a year in advance. Those who have never grown Savoy Cabbages in the home garden have a rich treat in store for them if they will plant this sort.

The seed was grown in Essex County, Mass., by a leading cabbage expert, who has made the Savoy a specialty for years. We control the entire stock.

Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 40 cents; pound, \$4.00.

"TRUE" EARLY EMERY TOMATO.

FAXON'S SPECIALTIES.

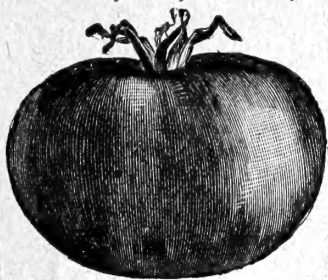
extreme earliness with superior quality. Boston Market has always been famous for its Tomatoes, and our market gardeners have for years vied with each other to produce a tomato that should combine But no sort has ever been produced that combined these traits to such a marked degree as the old favorite sort, the "Early Emery." This tomato has always been in great demand, but, strange to say, it has in past years been almost impossible to obtain seed of the true type. Through the kindness of one of our most noted market gardeners, we have come into possession of the original strain that represents all the desired qualities of unsurpassed earliness, smoothness, fine color and solidity. The Early Emery is certainly the perfection in tomatoes, either for early market or the kitchen garden. We can recommend this sort very highly, and trust you will give it a trial.

Per packet, 10 cents; 3 packets for 25 cents; ounce, 40 cents; pound, \$4.00.

Special Testing Offer.

BY MAIL, POSTPAID, 25 cts. (Regular Price, 50 cts.)

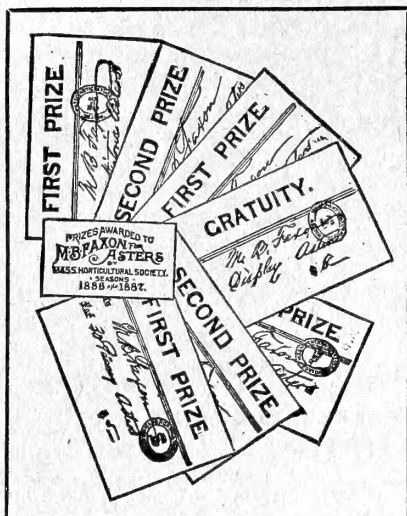
- 1 pkt. True Yellow Globe Danvers Onion.
- 1 pkt. Faxon's Early Boston Cauliflower.
- 1 pkt. Quincy Market Savoy Cabbage.
- 1 pkt. Early Emery Tomato.



"TRUE" EARLY EMERY TOMATO.

ASTERS.

FAXON'S SPECIALTIES



For the past dozen years we have given special attention to the cultivation of asters, and the prizes and gratuities which have been awarded us by the Massachusetts Horticultural and other societies, fully prove to what perfection we have been able to grow this superb annual.

We commence making plantings of the seed the last of February, and continue every ten days or two weeks until into June, in order that we may have flowers throughout the season. For the best results the seed should be sown in shallow boxes, in the greenhouse or sunny window; cover lightly with fine soil, and keep moderately

moist until the plants are well up, then transplant into small pots or set the plants three inches apart in shallow boxes. This will give you good stocky plants that will immediately start a strong growth when planted in the garden.

As soon as the weather is warm and settled, about May 20, in the vicinity of Boston, the plants should be set in the open ground, in rows or in beds, as the cultivator may prefer, but in either case the plants should be set at least two feet apart each way. If the weather is dry when the plants are set out, they must be watered until they become thoroughly established in their new position. Keep the soil loose and free from weeds, and when the plants are about two thirds grown, they should be tied up to stakes.

Out of forty or fifty varieties, three classes practically include, to our mind, the cream of the list; these three are Truffaut's Pæony-Flowered Perfection, the Victoria, and the Imbricated Pompon. Truffaut's Pæony-Flowered Perfection and Victoria are both large asters; the petals of the former incurving to the centre, the petals of the latter recurving to the edge. Imbricated Pompon Asters have small flowers about the size of a half dollar. No garden is considered complete without its bed of asters, and if some of each variety above noted is planted, we feel sure your asters cannot be anything but a grand success. Our mixtures in each case include from twenty to twenty-five distinct shades of color, and are unsurpassed. They are as follows:

**TRUFFAUT'S PÆONY-FLOWERED PERFECTION
ASTER. SPLENDID MIXTURE. LARGE PACKET 25c.**

VICTORIA ASTER.

SPLENDID MIXTURE. LARGE PACKET 25c.

IMBRICATED POMPON ASTER.

SPLENDID MIXTURE. LARGE PACKET 25c.

ROYAL MIXED ASTERS

This strain is the ne plus ultra of all varieties and is composed of the three magnificent classes of Asters described on

the preceding page. No Aster seed that has ever been sent out will give better results than this superb mixture of Truffaut's Paeony-Flowered Perfection, Victoria, and Imbricated Pompon varieties. Every packet contains over twenty-five distinct shades of color. This seed represents the highest perfection in Asters and for private gardens is unsurpassed, giving a great variety for a little money.

ROYAL MIXED ASTER SEED.

PRICE, PER LARGE PACKET 25 CENTS;
5 PACKETS FOR \$1.00.

WHAT OTHERS SAY:

UNITED STATES NURSERIES.
ORCHIDS,
EXOTIC AND HARDY PLANTS.

JAMES R. PITCHER.
W. A. MANDA.

SHORT HILLS, N. J., Jan. 23, 1889.

MR. M. B. FAXON.

My Dear Sir:— Having had the pleasure for the few past years while serving on the Flower Committee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society to know the excellent strain of your Asters which always carried first prizes on exhibitions, I think it would be well for us to keep your strain of Asters as we could recommend them very highly to our customers. Please send us one hundred packages to begin with and we hope to write soon for more.

Truly yours,
W. A. MANDA of Pitcher & Manda.

1302 Langdon St., Alton, Ill., March 8, 1890.
M. B. FAXON, ESQ.

Dear Sir:—I had more enjoyment from the Asters which I procured from you in '88 than from any seed I ever bought.

JOHN W. ASH.

Philadelphia, Penn., March 13, 1891.
M. B. FAXON, ESQ.

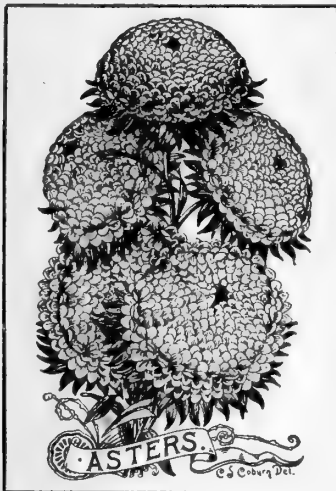
Dear Sir:—Will you kindly send me your catalogue. H. L. Neale, Esq., of this city commends your Asters as the finest in the country.

Yours very truly,
JOHN SHALLCROSS.

Col. Robinson Farm, Long Plain, Mass.
MR. M. B. FAXON.

Dear Sir:—I sent to you early in the season for seeds. I have now in bloom as fine an Aster bed as I have ever seen, of some 400 plants—they are very fine.

Aug. 26, 1892. MRS. DANIEL T. DEVOLL.



"THERE ARE ASTERS AND ASTERS." FAXON.



SWEET PEAS.

FAXON'S SPECIALTIES.

FAXON'S SWEET PEAS.

It is universally conceded that the Sweet Pea is one of the most desirable annuals in cultivation. Its delicate fragrance, beautiful form, and variety of coloring, make it a favorite with the florist; while its easy culture and long continuance of blooming secure its cultivation in every flower garden. The seed should be sown in drills, and covered at least six inches deep. This may be done in two ways. Having prepared the ground and made the drills of the desired depth, we may drop the seed and draw into the drill earth enough to cover the seed two inches deep; as soon as the plants appear through this covering, draw into the drill two inches more earth; and so on until the drill has been filled up even with the surface of the ground. Or, secondly, the seed may be

dropped and covered in the usual manner, at a single operation.

The surface of the ground sometimes becomes dry and hard just as the young plants are about to appear; especially so after a shower followed by a hot sun. Unless some means is taken to prevent this, a great many of the young plants will fail to break through the soil; and those annoying "gaps" will appear in the rows. A slight raking just as the plants are breaking ground will prevent this, and also kill any small weeds that may have started.

Sweet Peas should be bushed almost as soon as they are well up. Birch brush, the same as we use for tall growing garden peas, is good for this purpose. Wire hen netting makes a very desirable trellis for them to run upon, and is very neat. Whatever they are trained upon must be very firmly secured in position, so that the vines, when fully grown, will not be blown down.

Another very desirable mode of cultivation is to begin by placing the row of birch brush, or whatever the vines are to climb upon, in position before the peas are planted; then plant the rows of seed, one row on each side, about four inches

MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S

First-Class Certificate of Merit

To *M. B. Faxon*, For **SWEET PEAS.**

Awarded Aug. 14, 1886.

NINGPO, CHINA, December 30, 1891.

MR. M. B. FAXON.

Dear Sir:—I was very much pleased with the kind way in which you treated my small order for flower seeds and would thank you for it.

Yours sincerely,

ELIZABETH STEWART.

from the brush stems or trellis wires. As the vines attain their growth, their supports will be entirely hidden from view, and a beautiful wall of flowers will be the result. Sweet Peas are very easily grown and, if the above directions for their culture are followed, we think no one will fail to have success with this favorite flower. But before leaving this subject, let us state what we believe to be the "key-note" of successful Sweet Pea culture, which, in nine seasons out of ten, will give success; it is short and easily remembered:—PLANT DEEP.

Within a comparatively few years there have been a great many varieties of Sweet Peas introduced; some have proven to be superior to old sorts, while others have not. As a rule we have found that a choice mixture of colors gives the best satisfaction, and have always taken the greatest pains to have our mixture contain all the desirable sorts in cultivation, both new and old. This year our mixture is no exception to the rule, and we feel confident that you will be amply repaid by planting our strain.

"FAXON'S BOSTON MIXTURE" SWEET PEAS,

Containing all the best sorts, both New and Old, in finest Mixture.

PACKET, 5 CENTS; OUNCE, 15 CENTS; 1-4 POUND, 50 CENTS; POUND, \$1.50.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., April 9, 1891.

MR. M. B. FAXON.

Dear Sir:—The Sweet Peas received from you were the finest strain we ever planted, and were pronounced by friends and visitors to our grounds the best they had ever seen.

Yours very truly,

BENJAMIN G. SMITH.

Mr. Smith is one of our most noted horticulturists, and well known as Vice-President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and Treasurer of the American Pomological Society.

WESTHAMPTON, MASS., Dec. 30, 1892.

M. B. FAXON.

Dear Sir:—Your Sweet Peas were praised by all who saw them, such beauties and so continuous in flowering; please send me catalogue for '93 as soon as issued.

Yours truly,

ORVILLE FLINT.

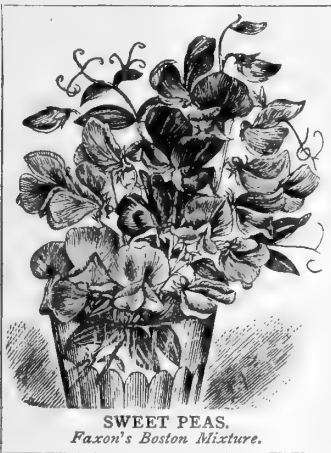
SANDWICH, MASS., Oct. 17, 1892.

MR. M. B. FAXON.

My Dear Sir:—The neighbors tell me my Sweet Peas were especially fine; seed purchased from you.

Very cordially yours,

MRS. C. M. THOMPSON.



SWEET PEAS.

Faxon's Boston Mixture.

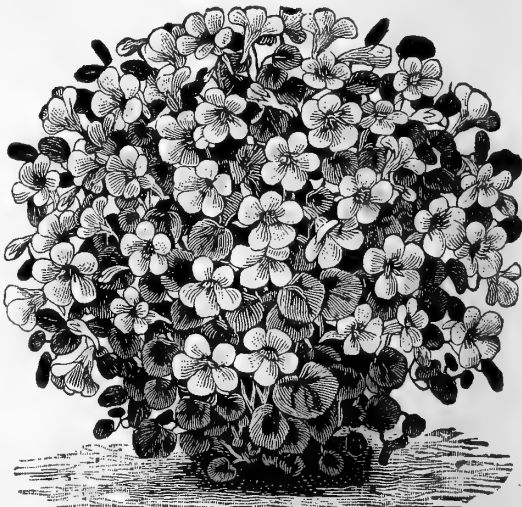


NASTURTIUMS.

FAXON'S SPECIALTIES.

The ease with which Nasturtiums can be grown has always made them a great favorite everywhere, and it has always impressed us that, as a rule, this flower attains greater perfection in the average garden than almost any other. It is of the easiest culture, and any good garden soil is suitable. Simply take pains as you would with any other flower or vegetable to thoroughly loosen the soil before the seeds are planted. Scatter the seeds thinly, in rows or beds, and cover about one and one-half inches deep with fine soil, pressing the soil down firmly. When well up, thin to one foot apart, so that the plants may have plenty of room in which to grow. From now until the flowers begin to form, cultivate often; but as soon as the buds begin to show color, stop all further stirring of the soil, and disturb as little as possible. To have Nasturtiums in full bloom until the frost comes, it is necessary to keep the blossoms well picked off, and on no account ever allowing flowers to wither on the vines, as that will put a stop to their blooming. If every morning you pick off every flower that is fully expanded, or seems in the least withered, you will be surprised at the beautiful bed of flowers that will be the result. Of course judgment must be exercised in this matter. We have only tried to explain results in a general way, and we will here say that this same method of keeping flowers in bloom applies to all annuals, and especially to Sweet Peas. For many years both European and American growers have made a specialty of this flower, and as a result, many new and rare colors have been produced.

We have kept our collection up to the highest standard, and we are convinced that no better seed can be obtained. Our mixtures include all the most rare and beautiful colors, from the very lightest shades of yellow and white to the rich, dark, velvety colors so much prized. On the next page you will find the different kinds fully described. By planting some of each sort your garden will be a gorgeous sight all summer. Everyone should grow some of our Nasturtiums.



CHAMPION DWARF NASTURTIUMS.

WELLESLEY, MASS., August 3, 1892.
MR. M. B. FAXON.
Dear Sir:—The Nasturtiums
proved very satisfactory.
S. F. BROWN.

CHAMPION TALL NASTURTIUM.

This is our own strain of the well-known tall or climbing variety, the most beautiful and luxuriant annual that can be used for covering trellises, arbors, or rustic work; of the easiest culture, bearing its gorgeous flowers in profusion until killed by the frost.

Finest Mixed Colors.—
5 cents per packet; 15 cents per
ounce; \$1.50 per pound.

CHAMPION DWARF NASTURTIUM.

Our special mixture of this most showy and popular annual is noted for its rich colored flowers. The plants grow about one foot in height, and being of very compact habit, are much used for bedding. Dwarf Nasturtiums thrive under all weathers and conditions, and making gorgeous masses of color through the entire summer are unsurpassed for garden decoration.

Finest Mixed Colors.—5 cents per packet; 25 cents per ounce; \$2.50
per pound.

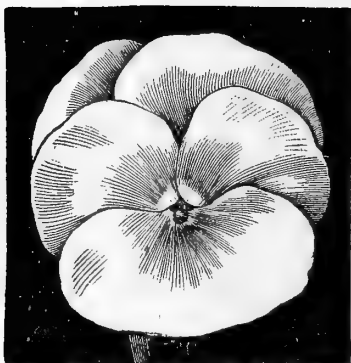
TROPAEOLUM LOBBIANUM.— This is a running species, with leaves and flowers somewhat smaller than the above varieties, but their greater profusion renders them superb for hanging vases, arbors, and rockwork. The flowers are of the most rich and brilliant colors. This variety is also much cultivated for winter decoration in the window garden and conservatory.

Finest Mixed Colors.—10 cents per packet; 40 cents per ounce.



BUNCH OF CHAMPION TALL NASTURTIUMS.

On all orders for flower or vegetable seeds in packets, the purchaser may select seeds to the value of \$1.25 for each one dollar sent us. *This discount applies only to seeds in packets*, and does not apply to any of our special offers.



A "WHITE HOUSE" PANSY.

PANSIES.

FAXON'S SPECIALTIES.

Everybody likes pansies, and everybody who has a flower garden, if it be only in a window box, plants pansy seeds; now ordinary pansy seed is always easy to obtain, while pansy seed that will produce blooms that will be the delight of all who see them is always very scarce and difficult to get at any price. After many trials and repeated disappointments, we have been able to produce a strain of seed that we can confidently offer, feeling sure it will give the greatest satisfaction. We have named these pansies by special permission

"MRS. HARRISON'S WHITE HOUSE PANSIES."

(COPY OF LETTER FROM THE LATE MRS. HARRISON ON NEXT PAGE.)

By careful selection we have improved, if that were possible, the already admirable type of these beautiful pansies. Every conceivable shade of color is represented comprising some charming shades of nut-brown, yellow, maroon and blue, as well as all the magnificent colors contained in this strain in past years. In size the blooms are very large, measuring up to four inches in diameter; and the petals of the flowers are thick and velvety.

THIS IS THE FINEST MIXTURE WE HAVE EVER BEEN ABLE TO PRODUCE.

PRICE, PER PACKET 50 CENTS; 5 PACKETS FOR \$2.00.

In regard to the cultivation of the pansy, we usually begin making plantings of seed early in February, and continue at intervals through the season. The young plants are treated the same as described for asters, and are transplanted into beds as soon as the ground becomes dry and warm. Set the plants two feet apart each way, and water thoroughly in dry weather. Pick off the buds as soon as they appear, during the summer months, which will cause the plants to grow bushy and compact, and bloom profusely during the late autumn and early spring months. For late or early spring flowering, sow in August and plant out in October. Cover the plants during the winter with evergreen boughs. The pansy delights in a deep, moist cool soil, enriched with well-decayed cow manure.

OUR SPECIAL INTRODUCTION OFFER FOR 1893.

With every order for One Dollar's worth or more of Seeds in packets or ounces, we will send FREE a packet of

MRS. HARRISON'S WHITE HOUSE PANSIES,

Price alone of which is 50 cents.



READ NEXT TWO PAGES VERY CAREFULLY.



Tacoma Building and Savings Association.

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 23, 1892.

M. B. FAXON, ESQ.,

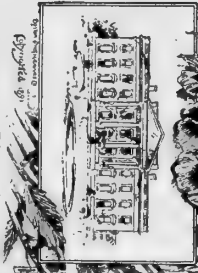
DEAR SIR:—My pansies that I bought from you were the admiration of the town.

Very truly yours,

P. V. CAESAR,
Sec'y and Cashier.

**Massachusetts Horticultural Society's
HONORABLE MENTION
OF COLLECTION OF PANSIES FROM M. B. FAXON,
April 1, 1891.**

Mrs. HARRISON'S "WHITE HOUSE" PANSIES



Dep. EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON.

March 31, 1890.

Mr. Faxon,
Dear Sir—
The beautiful Pansies which you sent arrived yesterday in good condition. I am exceedingly fond of Pansies, and never tire of looking at them and admiring the beautiful colors and different shades. Those you sent gave me much pleasure in admiring the size and color as I helped to place them in water.
I will be very much complimented to have them named after myself. Again thanking you for these you sent,
I am truly,
Edward H. Hiram

50c. PER
PACKAGE

What the Boston papers said about our Pansies at the time we received HONORABLE MENTION as above.

The finest varieties of this favorite flower ever seen in the hall.—*Herald*.
Wonderful in size and beauty.—*Record*.
Such Pansies! They are the delight of the horticulturist.—*Advertiser*.
The finest ever brought into the hall.—*Transcript*.
A collection of beautiful pansies, probably without an equal in this country.—*Gazette*.


East Pepperell, Mass., August 2, 1892.

M. B. FAXON CO., DEAR SIR:—Last year I received from you a packet of Mrs. Harrison's White House Pansy seeds. My plants grew well, and bore many lovely blossoms, but one which I gave to a friend has made such a fine growth, that I thought you would like to know about it. At one time this spring it was found by actual count to have one hundred and forty-eight buds and blossoms upon it. Some of the flowers have measured two and three-fourths inches in diameter. This plant grows in a country garden, and has had no special care or attention more than others have received.
Yours truly, LUCY B. SAUNDERS.

Our Annual Introduction Offer.

SEASON OF 1893.

Feeling confident that a trial of our seeds will make a regular customer of the most critical buyer, and also to show our appreciation of the many orders our friends have sent us in the past, we again make the following special offer :

 With every order (accompanied by the cash) for One Dollar's worth or more of seeds in packets or ounces, selected from this "Catalogue" we will send without charge one packet of

Mrs. Harrison's White House Pansies,

price of which alone is 50 cents (full description of these beautiful Pansies will be found on the two preceding pages).

In order to obtain this packet of Pansy Seed without charge, the following conditions must be strictly followed.

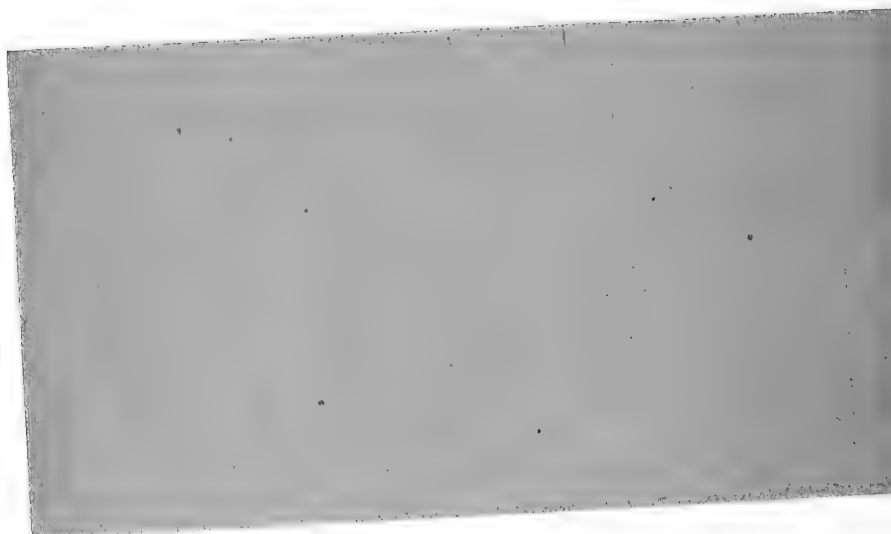
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Season 1893.

*W. B. Payson Co
Saugus Mass.*



Standard Vegetable SEEDS

ARTICHOKE.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Green Globe.....	.05	.30	\$3.00

ASPARAGUS.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Conover's Colossal.....	.05	.10	\$0.75
Moore's Giant.....	.05	.15	1.25

ASPARAGUS ROOTS.

Conover's Colossal (one year old).....	Per hundred,	\$0.75
Conover's Colossal (two years old).....	" "	1.00
Moore's Giant (one year old).....	" "	1.00
Moore's Giant (two years old).....	" "	1.50

BEANS.—DWARF OR BUSH.

	Pkt.	Qt.	Peck.
Early China.....	.10	.25	\$1.50
Early Long Yellow Six Weeks.....	.10	.30	1.50
Early Valentine.....	.10	.30	1.50
Early Mohawk.....	.10	.30	1.50
White Wax.....	.10	.30	2.00
Black Wax.....	.10	.30	2.00
Golden Wax.....	.10	.30	2.00
Yellow Cranberry.....	.10	.30	2.00
Dwarf Horticultural.....	.10	.30	1.50
Goddard, or Boston Favorite.....	.10	.30	1.50
Refugee.....	.10	.25	1.25

STANDARD VEGETABLE SEEDS.

BEANS.—DWARF OR BUSH.—Continued.

	Pkt.	Qt.	Peck
Improved Yellow Eye.....	.10	.20	\$1.00
Long White Kidney.....	.10	.25	1.25
Large White Marrow.....	.10	.25	1.25
White Pea.....	.10	.25	1.25
Turtle Soup.....	.10	.20	1.00

BEANS.—POLE OR RUNNING.

	Pkt.	Qt.	Peck.
Pole Horticultural.....	.10	.30	\$1.75
Indian Chief .. .. .	.10	.40	2.25
Large White Lima.....	.10	.40	2.50
Sieva, or Small Lima.....	.10	.40	2.00
Dreer's Improved Lima.....	.10	.40	2.50
Red Cranberry. ....	.10	.50	3.00
White Caseknife.....	.10	.30	2.00
Concord.....	.10	.40	2.25
Scarlet Runner.....	.10	.30	2.00
White Runner.....	.10	.40	2.25

BEET.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Early Eclipse.....	.05	.10	\$.60
Egyptian Turnip Blood. . . . .	.05	.10	.60
Early Bastian.....	.05	.10	.60
Edmand's Turnip Blood.....	.05	.10	.60
Dewing's Turnip Blood.....	.05	.10	.60
Long Smooth Blood.....	.05	.10	.60
Swiss Chard, or Silver.....	.05	.10	.75
Beet for Greens.....	.05	.10	.50

CATTLE BEETS.

Mangel Wurzel, Long Red.....	.10	.50
Mangel Wurzel, Norbiton Giant.....	.10	.50
Mangel Wurzel, Yellow Globe.....	.10	.50
Mangel Wurzel, Golden Tankard.....	.10	.50
Mangel Wurzel, Kniver Yellow Globe.....	.10	.50
White Silesian Sugar Beet.....	.10	.50

STANDARD VEGETABLE SEEDS.

BORECOLE, OR KALE.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Dwarf Curled, or German Greens .....	.05	.10	\$1.00
Green Curled Scotch.....	.05	.10	1.25

BROCCOLI.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
White Cape.....	.10	.40	\$4.00
Purple Cape.....	.10	.40	4.00

BRUSSELS SPROUTS.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Improved Dwarf.....	.10	.20	\$2.00

CABBAGE.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Early Jersey Wakefield.....	.05	.30	\$3.00
Henderson's Early Summer.....	.05	.30	3.00
Fottler's Brunswick.....	.05	.30	3.00
Low's Early Peerless.....	.05	.30	3.00
Early Winningstadt.....	.05	.25	2.50
Stone Mason Drumhead.....	.05	.30	3.00
Marblehead Mammoth.....	.05	.25	2.50
Premium Flat Dutch.....	.05	.30	3.00
Large Red Drumhead.....	.05	.30	3.00
Globe Curled Savoy.....	.05	.40	4.00
Drumhead Savoy.....	.05	.30	3.00
English Curled Savoy for Greens.....	.05	.10	.75

CARROT.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Earliest French Forcing.....	.05	.15	\$1.20
Early Scarlet Horn.....	.05	.15	1.25
Danvers Half Long.....	.05	.15	1.00
Half Long Scarlet Nantes.....	.05	.20	1.50
Long Orange.....	.05	.10	.80

STANDARD VEGETABLE SEEDS.

CAULIFLOWER.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Henderson's Early Snowball.....	.25	\$4.00	
Earliest Dwarf Erfurt.....	.25	5.00	
Early Paris.....	.10	.75	
Lenormand's Short Stemmed.....	.15	1.00	

CELERY.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
New Dwarf Rose.....	.10	.40	\$4.00
Early Arlington.....	.10	.40	5.00
Boston Market.....	.10	.40	5.00
Henderson's White Plume.....	.10	.40	4.00
Celery Seed for Flavoring.....		.10	.50

CORN, SWEET OR SUGAR.

	Pkt.	Qt.	Peck.
Early Cory.....	.10	.25	\$1.25
Perry's Hybrid.....	.10	.25	1.25
Early Minnesota.....	.10	.25	1.25
Early Crosby.....	.10	.25	1.50
Extra Early Marblehead.....	.10	.25	1.25
Potter's Excelsior.....	.10	.25	1.25
Moore's Concord.....	.10	.25	1.25
Black Mexican.....	.10	.25	1.25
Burr's Mammoth.....	.10	.25	1.25
Stowell's Evergreen.....	.10	.25	1.25
Sweet Corn for Fodder.....per bush., \$2.50			.75

FIELD CORN.

	Qt.	Bush.
Early Yellow Canada.....	.15	\$2.00
Longfellow.....	.15	2.00
Mammoth Ensilage.....		2.00

CRESS OR PEPPERGRASS.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Curled Cress.....	.05	.15	\$1.00

STANDARD VEGETABLE SEEDS.

WATER CRESS.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Water Cress.....	.10	.40	\$4 00

CUCUMBER.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Early Russian .....	.05	.10	\$0.80
Early Cluster.....	.05	.10	.80
Improved White Spine .....	.05	.10	.80
Peerless White Spine.....	.05	.10	.80
Early Frame .....	.05	.10	.80
Nichol's Medium Green .....	.05	.10	.80
Long Green Prickly.....	.05	.10	1.00
Boston Pickling.....	.05	.10	1.00

DANDELION.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Improved Broad-Leaved.....	.10	.40	\$5.00

EGG PLANT.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
New York Improved Purple .....	.10	.50	\$6.00
Black Pekin.....	.10	.50	6.00

ENDIVE.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Green Curled.....	.05	.30	\$2.50
Moss Curled .....	.05	.30	2.50

LEEK.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Broad London or Flag.....	.10	.20	\$2.00
Giant Carentan .....	.10	.30	3.00

LETTUCE.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Defiance.....	.10	.40	\$4.00
Boston Fine Curled.....	.05	.30	3.00
Early Curled Simpson.....	.05	.20	2.00
Hanson.....	.05	.20	2.00
White-Seeded Tennis-Ball .....	.10	.40	4.00
Black-Seeded Tennis-Ball.....	.05	.30	3.00

STANDARD VEGETABLE SEEDS.

MARTYNIA.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Martynia Proboscidea.....	.05	.40	\$4.00

MELON, MUSK.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Bay View .....	.05	.10	\$1.00
Cassaba .....	.05	.10	1.00
Christiana.....	.05	.10	1.00
Hackensack .....	.05	.10	1.00
Montreal Green Nutmeg .....	.05	.10	1.00
New Surprise.....	.05	.10	1.00
Arlington Green Nutmeg.....	.05	.15	1.50
Long Yellow.....	.05	.10	1.00

MELON, WATER.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Mountain Sweet.....	.05	.10	\$0.80
Phinney's Early Oval.....	.05	.10	1.00
Vick's Early.....	.05	.10	1.00
Colorado Preserving.....	.05	.10	.80
Cuban Queen .....	.05	.10	1.00
Citron.....	.05	.10	1.00

MUSTARD.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
White or Yellow.....	.05	.10	\$0.20
Black or Brown.....	.05	.10	.20

MUSHROOM.

	Lb.	8 Lbs.
English Spawn.....	.15	\$1.00

ONION.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Extra Early Red.....	.05	.25	\$2.50
Early Red Globe.....	.05	.30	3 00
Wethersfield Large Red .....	.05	.25	2.50
True Yellow Globe Danvers.....	.05	.30	3.00
White Portugal.....	.10	.40	5.00

STANDARD VEGETABLE SEEDS.

ONION SETS.

(Prices subject to the Variations of the Market.)

	Qt.	Peck.
White Sets .....	.30	\$2.00
Yellow Sets .....	.30	2.00
Potato Onion Sets .....	.25	1.25

OKRA.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Dwarf Green.....	.05	.15	\$1.50
Long Green .....	.05	.15	1.25

PARSLEY.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Double Curled.....	.05	.10	\$1.25
Champion Moss Curled.....	.05	.10	1.25
Fern Leaved.....	.05	.10	1.25

PARSNIP.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Long Smooth White.....	.05	.10	\$0.60
Student.....	.05	.10	.60
Maltese.....	.05	.10	.60

PEAS.

	Pkt.	Qt.	Peck.
Earliest of All.....	.10	.30	\$1.75
First and Best.....	.10	.25	1.25
Early Daniel O'Rourke.....	.10	.25	1.25
Early Kentish Invicta.....	.10	.25	1.25
Maud S.....	.10	.25	1.25
Bliss' American Wonder.....	.10	.30	1.75
McLean's Little Gem.....	.10	.25	1.50
Extra Early Premium Gem.....	.10	.30	1.50
McLean's Advancer.....	.10	.30	1.25
Bliss' Abundance.....	.10	.30	1.50
Bliss' Everbearing.....	.10	.30	1.50
Yorkshire Hero.....	.10	.30	1.25

STANDARD VEGETABLE SEEDS.

PEAS. — Continued.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Peck.
Horsford's Market Garden.....	.10	.25	\$1.25
Champion of England.....	.10	.25	1.25
Stratagem.....	.10	.35	2.00
Black-Eyed Marrowfat.....	.10	.20	.75

PEPPER.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Long Red Cayenne.....	.05	.40	\$4.00
Red Cherry.....	.05	.30	3.50
Large Bell, or Bull Nose.....	.05	.30	3.00
Squash, or Pickling.....	.05	.40	4.00
Sweet Mountain.....	.05	.40	3.50
Sweet Spanish.....	.05	.30	3.00

POTATOES.

(Prices subject to variations of the market.)

	Bush.	Bbl.
Beauty of Hebron.....	\$2.00	\$4.50
Pearl of Savoy.....	2.00	4.50
Early Rose.....	2.00	4.50
Snowflake.....	2.50	5.00
Clark's No. 1.....	2.00	4.00

PUMPKIN.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Connecticut Field.....	.05	.10	\$0.30
Sugar.....	.05	.10	.60

RADISH.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Early Scarlet Turnip.....	.05	.10	\$0.80
French Breakfast.....	.05	.10	.80
Scarlet Turnip, white tipped ..	.05	.10	1.00
Early Long Scarlet.....	.05	.10	.80
Wood's Early Frame.....	.05	.10	.80
Early Scarlet, olive-shaped.....	.05	.10	.80
Long Black Winter.....	.05	.10	.80

STANDARD VEGETABLE SEEDS.

RHUBARB.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Victoria.....	.05	.30	\$3.00
Linnæus.....	.05	.30	3.00

RAPE.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Large-seeded Garden.....	.05	.10	.30

SALSIFY.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Long White.....	.05	.20	\$2.00

SPINACH.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Long Standing.....	.05	.10	.40
Savoy Leaved.....	.05	.10	.40
Round Thick Leaf.....	.05	.10	.40
Prickly Seeded.....	.05	.10	.40

SQUASH.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Early Summer Crookneck.....	.05	.10	\$1.00
White Bush Scalloped.....	.05	.10	1.00
Perfect Gem.....	.05	.10	1.00
Boston Marrow.....	.05	.10	1.00
Dunlap's Prolific Marrow.....	.05	.10	1.00
Low's Bay State.....	.05	.10	1.00
Hubbard.....	.05	.10	1.00
Essex Hybrid.....	.05	.10	1.00
American Turban.....	.05	.10	.90
Marblehead.....	.05	.10	1.00
Canada Crookneck.....	.05	.10	.80
Large Winter Crookneck.....	.05	.10	.80
Butman.....	.05	.10	1.00
Mammoth Yellow.....	.25		

TOMATO.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Acme.....	.10	.30	\$3.00
Boston Market.....	.10	.40	4.00
Essex Hybrid.....	.10	.30	3.00
Cardinal.....	.10	.30	3.00

STANDARD VEGETABLE SEEDS.

TOMATO.—Continued.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Livingston's Perfection.....	.10	.30	\$3.00
„ Beauty .....	.10	.30	3.00
„ Favorite.....	.10	.30	3.00
Trophy.....	.10	.30	3.00
Emery.....	.10	.40	4.00
Paragon.....	.10	.30	3.00

TURNIP.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Extra Early Purple Top Munich.....	.05	.10	.60
Purple Top Strap-Leaved.....	.05	.10	.60
White Top Strap-Leaved.....	.05	.10	.60
Extra Early Milan.....	.05	.10	.60
White Egg.....	.05	.10	.60
Carter's Imperial Hardy Swede.....	.05	.10	.60
White French.....	.05	.10	.60
Sweet German.....	.05	.10	.60
Shamrock Yellow Swede.....	.05	.10	.60

POT, SWEET, AND MEDICINAL HERBS.

	Pkt.	Oz.	Lb.
Caraway (for seed).....	.05	.10	\$1.00
„ (for flavoring).....			.20
Sweet Marjoram.....	.05	.25	2.50
Sage.....	.05	.25	2.50
Summer Savory.....	.05	.20	1.50
Thyme.....	.10	.30	4.00
Wormwood.....	.10	.30	3.00

BIRD SEEDS.

(Prices subject to the variations of the market.)

	Qt.	Bush.
Sicily Canary-Seed.....	.15	
Russian Hemp.....	.10	2.00
German Rape.....	.15	2.50
Millet.....	.10	
Unhulled Rice.....	.15	3.00
Sunflower Seed.....	.15	3.00
Bird Gravel.....	.10	

Vegetables of Special Merit.

WE wish to call your particular attention to the following vegetable seeds; some are old sorts, others of recent introduction, but all will be found valuable acquisitions. For fuller descriptions and illustrations see our 1892 List of Specialties. Should you not have this list we will be pleased to mail you another upon application.

COLUMBIAN MAMMOTH WHITE ASPARAGUS. A new, very valuable and entirely distinct variety of this highly esteemed vegetable. The shoots of this variety are white and remain so as long as fit for use. In addition to the marvellous advantage of its white color, this asparagus is even more robust and vigorous in habit and throws larger shoots and fully as many of them as the Conover's Colossal. We feel sure this sort is a great acquisition and a thorough trial we are confident will convince everyone of its great worth.

Per pkt., 25 cents; oz., 60 cents; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., \$1.75; lb., \$6 00.

DREER'S BUSH LIMA BEAN. This valuable bush bean possesses all the good qualities of Dreer's Improved Lima, which has long been a standard for quality among lima beans. It is of vigorous bushy habit, growing two feet high and producing pods in great abundance. It ripens fully ten days earlier than the pole lima, and requires no poles or stakes whatever.

Per pkt., 15 Cents.

HENDERSON'S BUSH LIMA BEAN. This bush variety of the popular lima bean is now thoroughly known throughout the country. Our stock is absolutely pure and of first quality.

Per pkt., 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 50 cents.

YOSEMITE MAMMOTH WAX BEAN. This novelty has at once become a favorite. The pods are of enormous size, of rich golden color, stringless, and cook very tender and delicious. It is so productive that its introducers speak of it as the coming wax bean for family or market purposes.

Per pkt., 10 cents; pint, 30 cents; quart, 60 cents.

GIANT PASCAL CELERY. A sport of the Golden Self-Blanching, large strong grower of a most rich nutty flavor, and absolutely free from any bitter taste. Splendid keeper, retaining its crisp and brittle appearance well into the winter.

Per pkt., 10 cents; oz., 30 cents; lb., \$3.00.

DISH-CLOTH GOURD. This remarkable JAPANESE GOURD will not only shade your porch with its rapid growing foliage and beautiful yellow flowers, but the matured fruit, with its peculiar lining, will furnish you a natural dish-cloth, sponge-like and porous.

Per pkt., 10 cents.

GIANT OF COLORADO MUSK MELON. The Giant of Colorado Musk Melon originated near Denver, Colorado, with a market grower who claimed that he had frequently grown them to weigh fifty pounds and over, and owing to their delicious flavor and quality were quite noted and much sought after in Denver and other home markets. They are well suited to heavy soils, and grow uniformly as large as good sized water-melons. The flesh is green, melting, and sugary.

Per pkt., 10 cents; oz., 25 cents.

Vegetables of Special Merit.

BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA BEAN.



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BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA comes absolutely true from seed. The bushes grow eighteen to twenty inches high, of stout growth and always erect, yet *branching so vigorously* that each plant develops into a magnificent circular bush *from two feet to three feet in diameter*. The leaves are of very large size and great substance. The bush character is thoroughly established, not one plant in a thousand showing any disposition to "run." The thickness of the main stalk and branches of the plant, as also the unusual size, healthy green color, and thick, leathery substance of the leaves, indicate the strong constitution of this variety, by which it is enabled to bear large crops, and is also a sure cropper. It is an *immense yielder*, each bush bearing from fifty to two hundred of the handsome large pods, well filled with very large beans, which are *identical in size and luscious flavor to the well-known large pole Limas*. By the introduction of this most valuable novelty the largest and best Lima Beans can now be raised in quantity at small cost, without the expense and labor attached to the use of poles.

PRICES FOR 1893. Now for the first time we have sufficient seed to supply at moderate prices in bulk,—so that all our customers can enjoy a full supply of these delicious beans throughout the season. Prices of the **genuine seed of BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA**, all crop of 1892 and warranted true:—**Per liberal pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts., or 10 pkts. for \$1.00; ½ pint 40 cts.; per pint 75 cts.; per quart \$1 40, postpaid, by mail.** By express or freight, **per pint 65 cts.; per quart \$1.25; 2 quarts \$2.25; 4 quarts for \$4.00.** Any larger quantity at same rate of **One Dollar per quart.**

Vegetables of Special Merit.

SILVER GREENS. Many prefer these greens to dandelions or spinach, and they are much easier grown. As often as the tops of Silver Greens or Swiss Chard Beet are gathered they will immediately spring up again and keep growing the entire season no matter how many times they are cut down. A small bed will supply a large family.

Per pkt., 5 cents; oz., 10 cents; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., 30 cents; lb., \$1.00.

NEW LETTUCE, "Big Boston." This variety is identical in color, shape, and general appearance with the famous Boston Market Lettuce, but is *double the size*. It is about one week later in maturing, but its solidity and greater size of head will make it a most valuable sort. A most desirable variety either for cold frames or open ground planting. The "Big Boston" is sure to be wanted by market gardeners and truckers, because it always produces large, solid, salable heads, and it will commend itself to amateurs because it heads up well at all seasons of the year and is of crisp, tender quality.

Per pkt., 10 cents; oz., 20 cents; lb., \$2.00.

RUBY-GOLD WATER-MELON. This new water-melon is especially prized on account of the beauty of its flesh which is a most beautiful veined yellow and red with a six-pointed red star radiating from the centre. Early and sweet it seems destined to become a favorite sort.

Per pkt., 5 cents; oz., 15 cents; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., 35 cents; lb., \$1.25.

NEW PIE PUMPKIN "CALHOUN." This distinct new pumpkin is very handsome in appearance, of medium size, and extraordinary weight and solidity. It is very productive and excels in quality as a pumpkin for pies. Of uniform shape and rich color this sort should have a place in every garden.

Per pkt., 10 cents; oz., 25 cents.

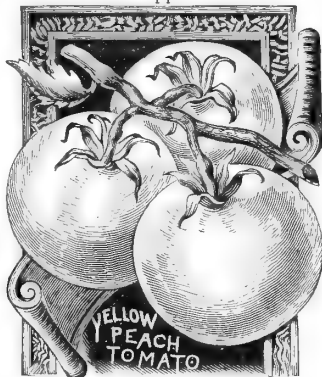
FORDHOOK SQUASH. This variety of recent introduction has become very popular. A good keeper and strong grower, with flesh dry and sweet. Equally good as a fall or winter sort its handsome appearance renders it quickly salable.

Per pkt., 10 cents; oz., 15 cents;
 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., 40 cents; lb., \$1.50.

NEW YELLOW PEACH TOMATO.

This is the exact counterpart of the older sort except in color, which is a deep lemon yellow. It has the same soft leathery skin which is such a distinguishing feature of the Peach variety and is equally desirable for cooking purposes. Its fruity appearance is further carried out by the texture of the flesh. The entire fruit is tender and entirely free from any core or hardness around the stem. In appearance it is striking and extremely handsome; few people ever imagine it is a tomato.

10 cents per packet.



THE SENSATIONAL FLOWERS OF 1893.

TUBEROUS-ROOTED BEGONIAS.

It is a long time since any plant has created the "sensation" that the Tuberous-Rooted Begonia has. In describing this most vigorous and brilliant bulbous plant, it is a little difficult to class it; it is certainly not a novelty, as it has been in cultivation a great many years; neither can it be called anybody's exclusive specialty, as there are hundreds of growers who have most beautiful collections; but as this flower during the last five years has created such a stir amongst horticulturists, we feel it is not out of place to call them the "Sensational Flowers of 1893." The following from the *American Garden* is the best description of this magnificent flower we have yet seen:

"The season of flowering is fully six months long. The first blossoms appear in early spring, and until late in the fall flowers are continuously produced. They are of the richest colors, embracing every shade of white, rose, pink, red, scarlet, crimson, maroon, lake, yellow, and orange, and combine the richest shades and the intermediate colors—certainly a point greatly in their favor.

"Tuberous Begonias are well adapted to almost every kind of culture. They may be grown in pots, boxes, or baskets, out of doors, or under glass, or in the open ground. The thick structure of the plants enables them to withstand wet and stormy weather as well as tropical heat and drouth. Even at this late date (October 2, 1890) we have thousands of plants as plentifully covered with flowers of every shade as during the summer, notwithstanding the rain storms and cold nights to which the geraniums, coleus, and many varieties of summer flowering plants have succumbed.

"Another valuable feature of these begonias is that they possess the beautiful and abundant foliage which is characteristic of the family. With the exception of the geranium, there is no plant that can produce so gorgeous a display of rich and varied colors as the begonia when grown in masses, and all who grow them will come to this conclusion.

"Only a few people as yet recognize the value of begonias as bedding-out plants, but their general adoption for this purpose is only a matter of time. In some places they are already quite extensively used, and still their availability in this direction is far from being fully understood. They contrast so beautifully with other plants that they will not be discarded after a fair trial is given them. When grown in masses, the different kinds can also be arranged with good effect.

FREE TO YOU.

With every order for one-half dozen or more Begonias, we will send you without charge a copy of the valuable new publication,

"TUBEROUS BEGONIAS."

Culture and management of a most promising race of plants new to American gardens, by numerous practical growers.

Tuberous-Rooted Begonias.

"Begonias should be grown in a loose rich soil. There is no danger of their running to leaf, even in wet and sunless weather. During weather that would ruin the looks of geraniums they grow steadily and produce flowers at every joint, and instead of appearing battered and bruised after a storm, the plants appear actually refreshed. No insects prey upon them, so their leaves and flowers are mostly perfect, which can be said of very few plants. This fact alone greatly reduces the labor and expense of growing them."

Their free-flowering qualities and easy culture make them favorites wherever known, and it is impossible to describe the intense brilliancy of the blooms. Many of the blooms measure six inches across, and whole beds range from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 inches in diameter. There is no trouble at all in growing them, simply set out the bulbs like you do geraniums, or any other bedding plants, and they will take care of themselves. After the plants cease flowering, take up the roots and keep dry over winter as one would a potato, and plant out the next spring for another summer's glory, and they are bigger and stronger the second year than the first. Our Tubers have been grown for us by a famous specialist, and we feel confident will be one of the features of your garden the coming season.



BUNCH OF SINGLE-FLOWERED BEGONIAS.

Single-Flowered Tuberous Begonias.—Splendid Mixture of Colors.

10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen; by mail, postage paid.

Double-Flowered Tuberous Begonias.—Splendid Mixture of Colors.

40 cents each; \$4.50 per dozen; by mail, postage paid.

WE CONSIDER THE SINGLE-FLOWERED TUBEROUS BEGONIAS FAR SUPERIOR TO THE DOUBLE VARIETIES FOR GARDEN OR HOUSE CULTURE. OUR ASSORTMENT IS SPLENDID, AND AT THE LOW PRICE OF \$1.00 PER DOZEN EVERYONE SHOULD PLANT SOME. ORDERS WILL BE FILLED IN STRICT ROTATION AS SOON AS DANGER FROM FROST IS PAST.

Flowers of Special Merit.

MASSACHUSETTS PRIZE HOLLYHOCKS. (EXHIBITION STRAIN.)

It is not surprising that this grand old flower should have again come into popular favor. The ease with which it can be grown, together with the varied beauty of its flowers, commend it to everyone.

The above "strain" is a mixture of almost every conceivable shade and color, and the seed which has been raised by a grower of many years' experience is from the very choicest double blooms.

We can heartily recommend this mixture as equal to any ever offered.

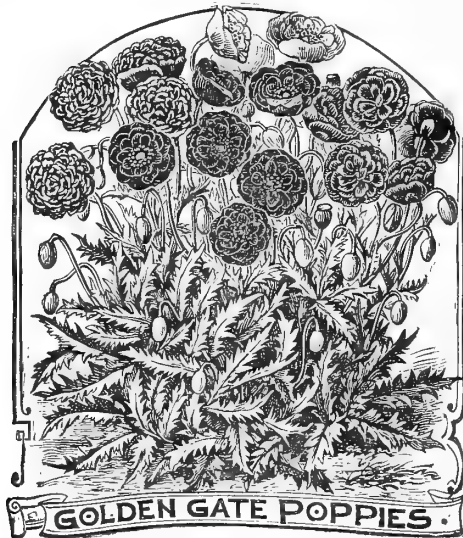
Per packet, 15 cents; 2 packets for 25 cents; 10 packets for \$1.00.

GOLDEN GATE POPPIES.

Recall to mind every color you have ever seen in Poppies, then imagine every conceivable combination of colors — striped, blotched, edged, and bordered — on both single, semi-double, and double flowers, and you will have but a faint idea of the wondrously varied beauty of the new Golden Gate Poppies. No sight the past summer excited more attention nor called forth more expressions of wonder and amazement than our large block of these Poppies, — with thousands of open flowers of which seemingly there were no two alike.

To be quite sure that this strain was entirely distinct, we made a careful test of Ranunculus-flowered Poppies from both French and German seedsmen, and were delighted to find that the Golden Gate Poppies were, as we had believed, incomparably superior to any others and all together unique in the wondrous variety and richness of bloom. They are also remarkable for their early and free-flowering habit — they are gorgeously brilliant throughout June and July.

Per packet, 10 cents; 3 packets, 25 cents.



On all orders for flower or vegetable seeds in packets, the purchaser may select seeds to the value of \$1.25 for each one dollar sent us. *This discount applies only to seeds in packets, and does not apply to any of our special offers.*

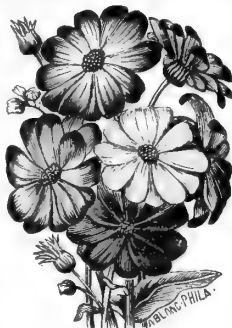
Flowers of Special Merit.

FAXON'S BRILLIANT CINERARIAS.

The seed we offer was grown for us by a famous specialist, who after many years of the most careful selection can truly claim to possess the most brilliant colored and profuse blooming strain of these popular flowers. The Cineraria is one of our most prized house plants, blooming as they do so profusely and continuously during the late winter and spring months. A plant in full bloom is certainly a gorgeous sight being one complete mass of flowers. Our mixture includes the most splendid colors and shades of crimson, white, blue, violet, magenta, and variegated. Cinerarias thrive best in a mixture of good loam and peat as they delight in a light, rich soil. The seed should be sown from May to August, the plants grow very quickly, are easily managed, and bloom the first winter. During the summer the plants can be set out in the garden but should be put in a cool, shady place.

**WE KNOW THIS STRAIN WILL PLEASE
OUR CUSTOMERS.**

Per packet, 25 cents ; 5 packets for \$1.00.



FAXON'S BRILLIANT CINERARIAS.

NEW "MARGUERITE" CARNATIONS.

This new race of Carnations has created quite a sensation among florists on both sides of the Atlantic, not only on account of their beautiful flowers of all colors, and the remarkable percentage that come "doubles," but also from the fact that, unlike all others, they bloom in about four months from the time of sowing the seed, and continue to flower until checked by frost. The most beautiful fragrant double Carnations can now be had in full flower in the open garden as easily and almost as quickly as the Chinese Pinks. Also for flowering in the house, this new strain will be invaluable. Fully eighty per cent. of the flowers come double, of large size. They embrace a fine range of brilliant colors. The plants are dwarf, branching, compact, and neat in habit, standing well upright without any support. They are very free-flowering and certainly a novelty of unusual merit. Last season we distributed a very large quantity of this seed, which we are glad to know gave our customers splendid results ; we are also receiving very satisfactory reports of this carnation from seedmen all over the country, and there is now no question that this flower is destined to become a universal favorite both for garden and house culture.

Per packet, 15 cents ; 2 packets, 25 cents ; 10 packets, \$1.00.

CROZY'S NEW DWARF CANNAS.

These new Dwarf Ever-blooming Large-flowering French Cannas *flower freely the first year from Seed.* Besides a large area growing for seed and roots, we have also had for ornament on the lawn, four beds of different named varieties, which have made a grand display for months, and now, at this writing (the middle of October), are still brilliant in bloom and bright in foliage. They are much less expensive (considering that they multiply rapidly both from roots and seed) and incomparably more beautiful for bedding than the best geraniums. In fact, we cannot recall any other plants that have ever given us such satisfaction in masses or beds, while even single specimens are most attractive in the garden. The roots can be kept in the cellar over winter and each clump will give six to eight good roots for planting out the following spring, when they will come quickly into flower. The

MIXED SEED we offer has been saved from the finest varieties of all colors.

Per packet, 10 cents ; 3 packets for 25 cents.

Summer Flowering Bulbs.



A BUNCH OF GLADIOLI.

LANCIFOLIUM or **SPECIOSUM**. These varieties, like the Auratum, are perfectly hardy and are, perhaps, the most popular lilies grown, being easy of cultivation and producing large flowers of delicate beauty, on strong stems; they grow from two to four feet high, and bloom in August. The varieties are:

— **ALBUM**. Pure white. 40 cents each; \$4.00 per dozen.

— **ROSEUM**. White, shaded and spotted with rose. 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen.

— **RUBRUM**. White, shaded with deep rose and spotted red. 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen. (If desired by mail, add 5 cents per bulb for postage.)

CALADIUM ESCULENTUM.

(ELEPHANT'S EAR.)

Grand tropical-looking plants, producing enormous leaves three to four feet long. A favorite for centre of beds and single specimens on lawns; grows about five feet high. 15, 25, 50, and 75 cents each, according to size of the bulbs. (If desired by mail, add respectively 2, 3, 5, and 8 cents each for postage.)

GLADIOLUS.

The uses of the Gladiolus are well known. All may be grown as single specimens, or in masses through clumps of dwarf shrubbery on the lawn, or along carriage drives, and nothing can be more effective or attractive. As a cut flower the Gladiolus has no equal for large vases, epergnes, etc., as they will keep well in water for several days, gradually expanding until every bud has opened. The low cost and certainty of success with Gladiolus commend them to everyone.

OUR SUPERB MIXTURE

in brilliancy and variety of color is unrivalled, embracing all shades of *pink, crimson, blush, yellow, garnet, amaranth, rosy pink, white, etc.*, 5 cents each; 50 cents per dozen; \$3.00 per hundred. (If desired by mail add for postage 10 cents per dozen. Hundred lots should be sent by express.)

LILY BULBS.

AURATUM. (The Golden-Rayed Lily of Japan.) This beautiful flower is too well known to need any lengthy description. The flowers are pure white, thickly studded with crimson spots, while through the centre of each petal runs a clear golden band. Very fragrant and abundant bloomer; perfectly hardy. 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

Summer Flowering Bulbs.

MADEIRA VINE.

The old favorite "Climbing Mignonette." Thick, glossy leaves, and long hanging stems of feathery, fragrant, white flowers. 5 cents each; 50 cents per dozen. (If desired by mail, add 10 cents per dozen for postage.)

NEW DWARF EXCELSIOR PEARL TUBEROSE.

One of the most beautiful and delightfully fragrant summer and fall flowering bulbs is the Tuberose, and it is safe to say that no one flower is more widely known or cultivated to a greater extent, both in the window and garden. Tuberoses may be had in flower throughout the greater part of the year, by potting successional batches of the bulbs. Loam, with a little manure, or leaf mould intermixed, makes a good soil to grow them in; and, if pots are used, a five-inch flower pot is the proper size. The New Dwarf Excelsior Pearl variety is unquestionably the finest strain in cultivation. The flowers are very double and pure white; highly perfumed, and, when detached singly, are most useful for bouquets, and not equalled for the buttonhole. The Tuberose will succeed well anywhere, whether it be in a sunny window in the house, or in the garden border. A little point comes to mind here, and that is — that if the bulbs do not blossom outdoors during the summer, the plants should be potted before frost, taken into the house, that the flowers from them may delight you all the fall and early winter. 5 cents each; 50 cents per dozen; \$2.50 per hundred. (If desired by mail, add 10 cents per dozen for postage. Hundred lots should be sent by express.)

DAHLIAS.

Our sales of this magnificent autumn flower have increased so largely that an entire house is devoted to their cultivation, and we are pleased to tell you that our plants are in the finest possible condition. Each and every plant is started into growth and carefully wrapped in moss, labeled with the name on one side of the label, and the color of the flower on the other. Besides the large flowering sorts we have a choice selection of the Pompon class; these are very desirable, producing as they do all through the later months of summer and early autumn a large quantity of small double flowers, suitable for bouquets.

LARGE OR SHOW OR POMPON DAHLIAS, 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen. (These plants should be sent by express as they are easily injured; but can be mailed, and if so wanted, kindly add 5 cents each, or 50 cents per dozen for postage.)

HARDY ROSES.

HYBRID PERPETUAL ROSES are perfectly hardy, and very free bloomers, and are unquestionably the most desirable variety for the garden. We have added many new sorts, and our collection now includes the choicest kinds. A rich soil is essential in growing roses, and it is well to apply a heavy dressing of manure to the beds in the fall. In the spring the bushes should be well cut back. The plants offered are the very largest and best, and will immediately make fine blooming bushes. We can supply smaller plants when desired.

Dormant plants, 50 cents each; \$4.00 per dozen.

In regard to sorts, we can, as a rule, give a better selection when the choice of kinds is left to us; kindly specify what colors you prefer. Should you want special named varieties, we can supply them. (These plants are too large for mailing, and should be sent by express.)



We would call particular attention to the fact that we supply everything in the line of bedding plants — Geraniums, Coleus, Pansies, Verbenas, etc., as well as Fruit and Ornamental Trees and Shrubs. Kindly send us list of your wants and we will write you fully.

A Fertilizer for House Plants.

FLOUR OF TOBACCO AND SULPHUR

WILL MAKE

YOUR HOUSE PLANTS BLOOM.

There is a certain charm to young and old alike in the cultivation of house plants, which is not always felt in outdoor gardening, or on a more extensive scale in the greenhouse or conservatory. We all fully appreciate that to attain success in window-gardening our plants must be kept free from vermin and growing vigorously. The Flour of Tobacco and Sulphur will not only keep your plants perfectly free from all insects but will produce as well an abundance of the most brilliant flowers. When potting plants, mix one part of this fertilizer to five parts of soil. It will not burn or injure the plants in the least as strong chemicals often do; and wherever you use this fertilizer, you will find the foliage of a dark green color, and of a most healthy growth. One or two tablespoonfuls dug thoroughly into the soil around growing plants will greatly assist their growth and produce abundant bloom. When a plant shows the least sign of disease or vermin, it should be bathed in a solution made by dissolving a tablespoonful in one quart of water, or the plant may be sprinkled with the dry powder. If put on as a powder the foliage should be wet; if as a liquid the foliage should be dry.

**A TRIAL WILL CONVINCEN YOU OF THE GREAT VALUE
OF THIS PREPARATION AS A PLANT FOOD
AND INSECTICIDE.**

Sprinkle on your grape vines, rose bushes, currant bushes, cucumber and squash vines, etc., and bugs and worms will not trouble you. It will drive away the cut-worm.

Put it in your hen's nest and have no lice.

In your dog's kennel and have no fleas.

Under your carpets and have no moths.

On your sheep and have no ticks or scabs.

Put it around your water pipes, and roaches and water bugs will not trouble you.

Put your furs away in it and preserve them.

SMALL PACKAGE, 25 CTS., BY MAIL, 35 CTS.

LARGE PACKAGE, 50 CTS., BY MAIL, 85 CTS.

STANDARD FLOWER SEEDS,



ABRONIA.

Umbellata. Rosy lilac; fragrant	PKT.	OZ.
Arenaria. Yellow; very fragrant	\$0.05	\$0.75
	.10	1.25

ABUTILON (*Flowering Maple*).

Extra Choice Mixed. Very choice sorts25
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ACACIA.

Mixed Varieties. Choice varieties mixed25
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ACROCLINIUM.

Album. Pure white05	.50
Roseum. Light Rose05	.50

ADLUMIA (*Mountain Fringe*).

Cirrhusa. Delicate Pink10	1.50
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ADONIS.

Æstivalis. Scarlet05	.50
Vernalis. Yellow05	.50

AGERATUM.

Mexicanum. Lavender blue05	.50
Mexicanum Album. White . . . . .	.05	.50

ALYSSUM.

Sweet Alyssum (<i>Maritimum</i>). White and fragrant . . . . .	.05	.50
Saxatile Compactum (<i>Golden Alyssum</i>). Golden yellow . . . . .	.05	.75
Benthami Compactum. White, of compact dwarf growth . . . . .	.05	.75

AMARANTHUS.

Caudatus (<i>Love Lies Bleeding</i>). Red; flowers drooping . . . . .	.05	.50
Tricolor (<i>Joseph's Coat</i>). Variegated foliage . . . . .	.05	.50
Cruentus (<i>Prince's Feather</i>). Scarlet; very ornamental . . . . .	.05	.50
Choice Mixed Sorts. All sorts in splendid mixture05	.50

ANAGALLIS (*Pimpernelle*).

Fine Mixed. Good for Edgings or rock work05	1.00
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STANDARD FLOWER SEEDS.

ANTIRRHINUM (*Snap-dragon*)

	PKT.	OZ.
Tall Mixed. Very choice varieties	\$0.05	\$0.75
Dwarf Mixed. Finest strains mixed . . . . .	.05	.75

AQUILEGIA (*Columbine*).

Finest Mixed Single. Very fine mixed . . . . .	.10	1.00
Finest Mixed Double. Best mixed sorts . . . . .	.10	1.00

ASTER (*see Specialties also*).

Truffaut's Pæony-Flowered Perfection. Splendid mixed . . . . .	.25	6.00
— Collection of twelve distinct colors	1.00	
Victoria. Splendid mixed25	6.00
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Imbricated Pompon. Splendid mixed25	6.00
— Collection of twelve distinct colors	1.00	
Royal Mixed. Splendid mixed . . . . .	.25	6.00
Boston Florists' Double White. Flowers pure white . . . . .	.15	5.00
Boltz's Dwarf Bouquet. Finest mixed . . . . .	.10	3.00
Dwarf Pyramidal Bouquet. Finest mixed . . . . .	.10	3.00
Dwarf Chrysanthemum-Flowered. Finest mixed . . . . .	.10	3.00
Dwarf Victoria. Finest mixed . . . . .	.25	5.00
Dwarf Pæony-Flowered Perfection. Finest mixed . . . . .	.15	4.00
Large Rose-Flowered. Finest mixed . . . . .	.10	4.00
Victoria Needle. Finest mixed . . . . .	.10	4.00
Cocardeau, or Crown. Finest mixed . . . . .	.10	3.00
Washington. Finest mixed . . . . .	.15	

BALSAM (*Lady's Slipper*).

Double Camellia-Flowered. Finest mixed, extra . . . . .	.15	3.00
Double Rose-Flowered. Finest mixed . . . . .	.10	1.50
Boston Florists'. Pure white . . . . .	.10	1.50
Fine Mixed05	.60

BALLOON VINE (*Love in a Puff*).

Pure White. Very pretty climber05	.50
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BARTONIA.

Aurea. Golden yellow05	.60
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BEGONIA.

Double Mixed. (<i>tuberous-rooted</i>)50	
Single Mixed. (<i>tuberous-rooted</i>)50	

BELLIS PERENNIS (*Daisy*).

Double White. Purest white . . . . .	.15	6.00
Longfellow. Dark rose, flowers large . . . . .	.25	
Extra Choice Mixed. Finest mixed sorts . . . . .	.15	6.00

BROWALLIA.

Cerviakovskii. Blue, white centre, beautiful . . . . .	.05	1.00
Extra Fine Mixed. Choicest mixed varieties . . . . .	.05	1.00

CACALIA (*Tassel Flower*).

Aurea. Golden yellow . . . . .	.05	.50
Coccinea. Scarlet, very pretty . . . . .	.05	.50

STANDARD FLOWER SEEDS.

CALCEOLARIA.

	PKT.	OZ.
Finest Mixed Varieties. Finest varieties in cultivation	\$0.50	

CALENDULA (*Pot Marigold*).

Prince of Orange. Deep orange, beautiful . . . . .	.05	\$0.50
Meteor. Light golden yellow, very desirable . . . . .	.05	.50

CALLIOPSIS, or COREOPSIS.

Bicolor. Yellow and brown . . . . .	.05	.50
Coronata. Yellow, with crimson spots . . . . .	.05	.50
Drummondii. Dwarf yellow . . . . .	.05	.50
Finest Mixed. Mixture of all sorts . . . . .	.05	.50

CAMPANULA MEDIUM (*Canterbury Bells*).

Double Mixed. Fine mixed . . . . .	.10	1.00
Single Mixed. Choicest mixed . . . . .	.05	.75

CANDYTUFT.

Flesh Color. Very delicate color . . . . .	.05	.50
Dark Crimson. Rich dark crimson . . . . .	.05	.30
White Rocket. Large white heads . . . . .	.05	.30
Fragrant White. Sweet scented, pure white . . . . .	.05	.30
Purple. Fine for bedding . . . . .	.05	.30
Finest Mixed. All sorts in splendid mixture05	.30

CANNA (*Indian Shot*).

Finest Mixed. A fine mixture10	1.00
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CELOSIA (*Cockscomb*).

Tall Mixed. Finest mixed sorts05	1.50
Dwarf Mixed. Finest mixed sorts05	1.50
Tall Crimson. Fine variety . . . . .	.10	3.00
Dwarf Crimson. Very desirable sort . . . . .	.10	2.50

CENTAUREA.

Cyanus (<i>Bachelor's Button</i>). Mixed colors, also called Blue Bottle . . . . .	.05	.50
Moschata (<i>Sweet Sultan</i>). Mixed colors, good for bouquets . . . . .	.05	.50
Candidissima. Silver leaved foliage . . . . .	.25	6.00
Gymnocarpa. Very graceful silvery foliage . . . . .	.15	2.00

CHRYSANTHEMUM.

Frutescens (<i>White Marguerite</i>). Very popular, of early culture . . . . .	.10	
Frutescens Etoile d'Or (<i>Golden Marguerite</i>). Large golden yellow flowers . . . . .	.10	
Chinese. Finest mixed; large flowered sorts . . . . .	.25	
Pompon. Finest mixed; flowers small, very pretty . . . . .	.25	
Japanese. Finest mixed; long, loose petals . . . . .	.25	
Double Mixed. Annual varieties of all colors . . . . .	.05	.75
Single Mixed. Annual varieties in splendid mixture . . . . .	.05	.75

CINERARIA.

Extra Choice Mixed. Best sorts in cultivation . . . . .	.50	
Fine Mixed. Very fine mixed25	

CLARKIA.

Finest Mixed. Double and single varieties05	.60
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STANDARD FLOWER SEEDS.

		PKT.	OZ.
CLIANTHUS (<i>Glory Pea</i>).			
Dampieri.	Flowers scarlet25	
COBÆA.			
Scandens.	A rapid growing climber, purple flowers . . . . .	.10	\$1.00
COLEUS.			
Extra Choice Mixed.	Saved from choicest varieties . . . . .	.25	
CONVOLVULUS (<i>Morning Glory</i>).			
Tall Mixed.	Beautiful climbers, all colors . . . . .	.05	.20
Dwarf Mixed.	Fine for beds or borders . . . . .	.05	.20
COSMOS.			
Choice Mixed.	Best sorts in mixture . . . . .	.25	
CYCLAMEN.			
Extra Choice Mixed.	Very best varieties in mixture . . . . .	.50	
CYPRESS-VINE.			
Scarlet.	Very brilliant scarlet . . . . .	.05	.60
Rose.	Very delicate color . . . . .	.05	.60
White.	Pure white, a great favorite . . . . .	.05	.60
Finest Mixed.	All colors in splendid mixture . . . . .	.05	.60
DAHLIA.			
Choicest Mixed Doubles.	All varieties . . . . .	.15	
Extra Fine Single Mixed.	Saved from splendid sorts . . . . .	.25	5.00
DELPHINIUM (<i>Larkspur</i>).			
Formosum.	Dark blue, white centre (<i>Perennial</i>) . . . . .	.05	1.00
Nudicaule.	Scarlet (<i>Perennial</i>) . . . . .	.10	.60
Double Dwarf Rocket.	Fine mixed (<i>Annual</i>) . . . . .	.05	.50
Double Tall Rocket.	Fine mixed (<i>Annual</i>) . . . . .	.05	.50
DIANTHUS (<i>Pink</i>).			
Caryophyllus (<i>Carnation Pink</i>).	Saved from choicest double mixed . . . . .	.50	
Caryophyllus (<i>Carnation Pink</i>).	Very fine mixed . . . . .	.25	
Double China Pink.	Extra mixed . . . . .	.05	.50
Double Diadem Pink.	Finest mixed . . . . .	.10	3.00
Heddewigi.	Fine double mixed . . . . .	.05	1.50
Heddewigi.	Fine single mixed . . . . .	.05	1.50
Plumarius.	Double mixed. (<i>Hardy Garden Pink</i>) . . . . .	.10	5.00
Barbatus (<i>Sweet William</i>).	Double mixed . . . . .	.10	2.00
Barbatus (<i>Sweet William</i>).	Single mixed . . . . .	.05	.60
DOLICHOS (<i>Hyacinth-Bean</i>).			
Lablab.	Purple and white . . . . .	.05	.50
ELICHRYSUM (<i>Everlasting Flowers</i>).			
Double and Single.	Finest mixed . . . . .	.10	1.00
ESCHSCHOLTZIA (<i>California Poppy</i>).			
Californica.	Yellow, orange centre . . . . .	.05	.50
Carminea.	Beautiful carmine . . . . .	.05	.75
Crocea.	Orange . . . . .	.05	.75
Mandarin.	Deep orange, splendid . . . . .	.10	1.00
Extra Fine Mixed.	Tall varieties mixed . . . . .	.05	.50

STANDARD FLOWER SEEDS.

GAILLARDIA.

	PKT.	OZ.
Picta Lorenziana (<i>New Double Gaillardia</i>). Mixed	\$0.10	\$1.50
Picta Single Mixed. Very rich colors . . . . .	.05	.50

GLOBE AMARANTHUS (*Gomphrena*).

White, Purple, Orange, and Variegated. Each05	.50
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GERANIUM.

Finest Show Varieties. Saved from prize flowers50	
Apple Scented. Very fragrant25	

GLOXINIA.

Extra Choice Mixed. Choicest mixed50	
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GODETIA.

Finest Mixed. Very choice mixture05	.75
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GOURDS.

Fine Mixed Varieties. Including all desirable sorts10	1.00
Named Sorts. Bottle, Orange, Dipper-Shaped, etc. Each10	1.00

GYPSOPHILA.

Elegans. White (<i>Annual</i>) . . . . .	.05	.60
Paniculata. White, for bouquets (<i>Perennial</i>) . . . . .	.05	.60

HELIANTHUS (*Sunflower*).

Russian Mammoth. Single, very large . . . . .	.05	.15
Globosus. Large double yellow, fine . . . . .	.05	.50
Oscar Wilde. Single, small flowers05	.50

HELIOTROPE.

Finest Mixed. Profuse flowering, and very fragrant10	3.00
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HOLLYHOCK.

Chater's Prize. Finest varieties in cultivation25	
Choice Mixed. Choice mixed sorts10	

IPOMCEA (*Convolvulus*).

Bonna Nox (<i>Evening Glory</i>). Large, blue flowers . . . . .	.05	.50
Coccinea (<i>Star Ipomæa</i>). Scarlet, very free bloomer . . . . .	.05	.50

LATHYRUS ODORATUS (*Sweet Pea*).

(See *Specialties also*.)

Eckford's New Hybrids. The best of Mr. Eckford's introductions . . . . .	.10	
Adonis. Bright rosy carmine pink . . . . .	.05	.15
Black Purple. Beautiful, dark purple . . . . .	.05	.15
Black Purple Striped. A very desirable sort . . . . .	.05	.15
Butterfly. White ground, tinted lavender . . . . .	.05	.15
Captain Clark. Tricolor . . . . .	.05	.15
Cardinal. Shining crimson-scarlet . . . . .	.10	.25
Crown Princess of Prussia. Delicate pale flesh color . . . . .	.05	.15
Dark Red. Fine dark red . . . . .	.05	.15
Duchess of Edinburgh. Scarlet splashed with white . . . . .	.10	.25
Fairy Queen. Rose and white . . . . .	.10	.25
Grand Blue. New and very choice . . . . .	.10	.25

STANDARD FLOWER SEEDS.

Lathyrus Odoratus (*Sweet Pea*).—Continued.

	PKT.	OZ.
Imperial Blue. Blue and purplish crimson	\$.10	\$.25
Indigo King. Dark purple and blue . . . . .	.10	.25
Invincible Scarlet. Brilliant scarlet, one of the best . . . . .	.05	.15
Invincible Scarlet Striped. Scarlet, with white stripes . . . . .	.05	.15
Invincible Carmine. Brightest carmine, very fragrant . . . . .	.10	.25
Light Blue and Purple. A very pretty pea . . . . .	.05	.15
Princess Beatrice. Beautiful flesh color, perfectly charming variety . . . . .	.10	.25
Princess of Wales. White, striped blue and purple . . . . .	.10	.25
Queen of the Isles. Scarlet and white . . . . .	.10	.25
The Queen. Rosy, pink, and light mauve . . . . .	.10	.25
Red Striped. Should be in every collection . . . . .	.10	.25
Painted Lady. Pink and white . . . . .	.05	.15
White. Purest white . . . . .	.05	.15
Vesuvius. Rose, spotted crimson and violet . . . . .	.10	.25
Queen Victoria. New . . . . .	.10	.25
Violet Queen. Light violet . . . . .	.15	.30
Collection. Ten distinct sorts . . . . .	.50	
Faxon's Boston Mixture. Finest named sorts, mixed	pkt., .05; oz., 15; lb., 1.50	

LANTANA.

Finest Mixed Hybrids. Free flowering, bedding plants10	1.00
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LOBELIA.

Erinus Crystal Palace Compacta. Blue, much used for bedding10	3.00
Gracilis. Blue. (<i>For hanging baskets</i>) . . . . .	.10	2.00
Fine Mixed. Choicest mixed sorts . . . . .	.10	2.00

MARIGOLD (*Tagetes*).

African, Lemon. Double, lemon color . . . . .	.05	.50
African, Orange. Double, orange color . . . . .	.05	.50
African, Finest Mixed. All colors in mixture . . . . .	.05	.50
African, El Dorado. Large flowers, orange to lemon, desirable . . . . .	.10	1.00
French Dwarf. Finest mixed . . . . .	.05	.60
French Tall. Finest mixed . . . . .	.05	.60

MATRICARIA (*Feverfew*).

Double Pure White. Pure white, fine for bedding10	1.00
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MAURANDYA.

Purple, Scarlet, White and Finest Mixed. Each10	4.00
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MIGNONETTE (*Reseda*).

Miles' Spiral. Long spikes, a good sort10	.75
Machet. Best for pot culture10	1.50
Parson's White. Large and very fragrant . . . . .	.10	.60
Sweet Mignonette. The old favorite	per lb., \$1.50	.05 .15

MIRABILIS (*Four o'clocks*).

Choicest Mixed (<i>Marvel of Peru</i>).05	.40
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MYOSOTIS (*Forget-me-not*).

Fine Mixed. A very choice mixture10	3.00
Palustris (<i>True Forget-me-not</i>). Blue10	4.00

NASTURTIUM (*See Tropaeolum*).

STANDARD FLOWER SEEDS.

NEMOPHILA.

Fine Mixed. Dwarf compact, glowing annuals, all colors	PKT. \$0.05	OZ. \$0.50
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PANSY.

(See Specialties also.)

Superb Giant Five Spotted. Flower of large size and beautiful colors50	
Superb Giant Striped. Perfection of all striped varieties, mixed . . . . .	.50	
Superb Prize. Flowers of all colors, large and fine . . . . .	.50	
Fancy Varieties. Choicest mixed, very fine . . . . .	.25	8.00
Show Varieties. A very choice mixture. . . . .	.25	8.00
Extra Choice Mixed. Very fine strain, beautiful colors . . . . .	.25	8.00
Fine Mixed. Fine mixed varieties . . . . .	.10	3.00
Good Mixed. A good mixture . . . . .	.05	1.50

PAPAVER (*Poppy*).

Oriente. Scarlet (<i>Perennial</i>) . . . . .	.10	1.00
Umbrosium. Rich vermilion (<i>Annual</i>) . . . . .	.05	.75
Mixed Annual Varieties. Good mixture of all sorts . . . . .	.05	1.00

PETUNIA.

Striped and Blotched. Large flowered, mixed . . . . .	.25	
Finest Mixed. From a collection of fine flowers . . . . .	.10	4.00
Double Striped and Blotched. Very choice strain . . . . .	.50	
Double Fringed. Various colors, superb mixed . . . . .	.50	
Mixed. Very good varieties . . . . .	.05	1.50

PHLOX DRUMMONDII.

Grandiflora Mixed. Large flowered varieties . . . . .	.10	1.50
Choice Mixed. Mixed from the finest varieties . . . . .	.05	.80

PORTULACA.

Extra Double Mixed. All colors in splendid mixture . . . . .	.10	
Extra Single Mixed. Very finest mixed varieties05	.75

PRIMULA.

Extra Choice Mixed. Saved from exhibition flowers50	
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PYRETHRUM.

Parthenifolium Aureum (<i>Golden Feather</i>). Golden foliage, a splendid bedding plant10	1.50
Hybridum. Finest mixed. (<i>Perennial</i>) . . . . .	.25	

RICINUS (*Castor-Oil Bean*).

Barboniensis. Dark green foliage . . . . .	.05	.30
Sanguineus. Blood-red foliage and fruit . . . . .	.05	.30

SALVIA.

Coccinea Hybrida. Scarlet (<i>Annual</i>) . . . . .	.05	1.50
Patens. Blue . . . . .	.25	
Splendens. Brightest scarlet . . . . .	.10	3.00

SALPIGLOSSIS.

Large Flowering Mixed. Very beautiful, of all colors10	2.00
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STANDARD FLOWER SEEDS.

SCABIOSA (*Mourning Bride*).

	PKT.	OZ.
Finest Double Mixed. All colors in mixture	\$0.05	\$0.75
Dwarf Double Mixed. Very choice mixed . . . . .	.05	.75

STOCKS.

German Ten-Weeks, White, Crimson, Canary Yellow, Rose, Violet, Carmine, and Dark Red. Each . . . . .	.10	4.00
Finest Mixed. Above sorts in mixture . . . . .	.10	4.00

SWEET PEA.

(*See Lathyrus Odoratus.*)

THUNBERGIA.

Finest Mixed. A very free blooming climber05	.75
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TROPÆOLUM (*Nasturtium*).

(*See Specialties also.*)

Lobbianum (<i>Climbing Nasturtium</i>). Finest mixed10	.40
Majus (<i>Tall Nasturtium</i>). Finest mixed per lb., \$1.50	.05	.15
Tom Thumb (<i>Dwarf Nasturtium</i>). Finest mixed per lb., \$2.50	.05	.25

VERBENA.

Extra Choice Mixed. Finest kinds in cultivation . . . . .	.10	4.00
Fine Mixed. A good mixture . . . . .	.05	1.50

VIOLA (*Violet*).

The Czar. Light violet, large and fragrant . . . . .	.10	2.00
Sempferlorens. Sweet scented, blue10	2.00

WALLFLOWER.

Finest Mixed Branching. Double and single in variety15	4.00
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ZINNIA.

Elegans, Double Mixed. Very finest mixed05	1.00
Elegans, White, Yellow, Scarlet, and Purple. Each05	1.00
Dwarf Double Mixed. Dwarf variety, very desirable . . . . .	.05	1.00

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.

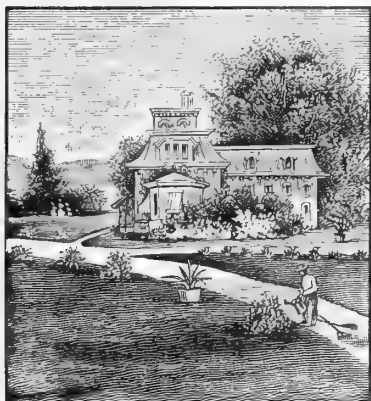
Animated Oats (<i>Avena Sterilis</i>) . . . . .	.05	.50
Quaking Grass (<i>Briza maxima</i>) . . . . .	.05	.50
Job's Tears (<i>Coix Lachrymæ</i>) . . . . .	.05	.40
Love Grass (<i>Eragrostis elegans</i>) . . . . .	.05	.60
Feather Grass (<i>Stipa pennata</i>) . . . . .	.05	1.00

WILD GARDEN SEEDS.

The introduction of these has proved a most marked success. Any one who has planted and cultivated flowers in neatly laid-out beds is aware of the amount of labor and constant attention necessary to produce the desired effect. To those who cannot give this care, the "Wild Garden" presents a substitute which, for its unusual and varied effects; for cheapness and the small amount of labor necessary for its construction, has no rival. "Wild Garden Seeds" are a mixture of over one hundred varieties of hardy flower seeds. No one who has not seen such a bed can form an idea of its possibilities, the different seasons of bloom insuring something new almost every day. Half-ounce packets, 25 cents.

Faxon's Grass Seeds.

LAWN GRASS SEED.



SOWN WITH FAXON'S LAWN GRASS.

Our Lawn Seed is the result of several years' careful experimenting, and as we now offer it, the mixture is *unequaled*.

Our mixture is made up of the very best grasses obtainable for Lawns, and we also add to every bushel a good proportion of the finest white clover.

As you will see below, this seed is put up in various size packages, from one pint to two bushels. Special quotations for large acreages.

Everyone wishes a beautiful Lawn, and it can only be had by sowing the best seed.

“ FAXON'S HARVARD LAWN GRASS SEED ” IS PURE, CLEAN AND HEAVY.

Per pint, 10 cents; quart, 20 cents; half-peck, 75 cents; peck, \$1.00; bushel, \$4.00; two bushels, \$8.00. (Half-bushel at bushel rate.) If by mail, add 5 cents per quart for postage.

Directions for Sowing—The ground should be smooth and as mellow as possible, with all sticks and stones removed from the surface.

It is not advisable to use stable manure unless thoroughly decomposed. Some good commercial fertilizer, like Sturtevant's Tobacco and Sulphur, is much better, or a light dressing of wood ashes, if thoroughly worked in, will give good results. Great care should be taken in sowing to scatter the seed evenly. Work into the surface lightly with a garden rake. This should be done as early in the spring as the ground can be easily worked, though on moist soil, or where watering is practicable, the seed may be sown at any time. The quantity required for making new lawns is 5 bushels per acre, or for renovating old lawns, 1 to 2 bushels. For a plot 15 x 20 (or 300 square feet), 1 quart is required for new, or 1 pint for renovation.

CLOVER SEEDS.—(Prices subject to the variations of the market.)

Medium Red	Lb. .18	White Dutch	Lb. 40
Northern Red	„ .19	Alsike	„ 30
	Lucerne, or Alfalfa		Lb. 30

GRASS SEEDS.—(Prices subject to the variations of the market.)

Timothy	Bush. \$3.00	Qt. .20	Kentucky Blue	Bush. \$2.50	Qt. 15
Red Top	„ 1.00	„ .10	Orchard	„ 2.50	„ .20
Rhode Island Bent	„ 3.00	„ .20	Lawn Grass	„ 4.00	„ .20

MILLETS.—(Prices subject to the variations of the market.)

Hungarian Grass	Bush. \$1.50	Common, or Italian Millet	Bush. \$1.50
		Golden, or German Millet	Bush. \$2.00

Horticultural Sundries.



instead of a side cut. Neatly and strongly made, of the best steel, and very much liked by all who have used it.

THE Weeder is made with a band which passes over the back of the hand when in use, thus permitting the free use of the fingers to thin out plants or other weeds without the necessity of laying it down. It is small, very light, and so constructed that it gives a draw in-

Price, postpaid, 30 cents each.

INSECT DESTROYERS.

(Add 16 cents per lb. in all cases when ordered by mail.)

HAMMOND'S SLUG SHOT. As a general purpose insecticide, probably the best thing on the market. Either kills or drives away nearly all insects found on garden plants.

Price, 5 lb. packages, 30 cents; 10 lb. packages, 50 cents.

PERSIAN INSECT POWDER. Destroys cabbage worms, ants, roaches, flies, etc.

Price, small cans, 15 cents. By mail, 20 cents.

Price (bulk), one-quarter lb., 25 cts.; one-half lb., 50 cts.; lb., 75 cts.

WHALE-OIL SOAP. One of the most effective, simple, and cheapest preparations for the preservation of house and garden plants from the ravages of insects.

Price, half lb. boxes, 10 cts. (by mail, 20 cts.); 1 lb. boxes, 15 cts. (by mail, 30 cts.); 3 lb. boxes, 35 cts. (by mail, 80 cts.); 5 lb. boxes, 50 cts. Directions for use with each package.

TOBACCO STEMS. For fumigating; per bbl., \$1.00.

HELLEBORE. Particularly for rose slugs and currant worms.

Price, one-half lb., 15 cents; lb., 30 cents.

PARIS GREEN—PURE. This is an active poison and cannot be sent by mail.

Price, one-half lb., 15 cents; lb., 25 cents.

GRAFTING WAX. Very best quality. Per pound, 40 cents; by mail, 56 cents; $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. at lb. rates.

CANADIAN UNLEACHED HARD WOOD ASHES. \$2.50 per bbl.

WIRE POULTRY NETTING, all widths. \$1.00 per 100 square feet,

VERBENA BASKETS. \$2.00 per 100; \$18.00 per 1000.

ROFFIA. A splendid tying material. 25 cents per lb.; by mail, 40 cents per lb.

TRELLISES, PLANT STAKES, WOOD POT-LABELS, AND STANDARD FLOWER POTS. Prices on application.

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☞ We wish to especially remind our customers that, as usual, we can supply everything needed in Horticultural and Agricultural Tools. Plows, Harrows, Horse Rakes, Mowing Machines, Cultivators, Lawn Mowers, Wheelbarrows, Garden Tools of every description, in fact, everything needed on the farm, garden, or lawn. If you will write us your wants we will send you special circulars, quote lowest prices of the tools needed, and correspond fully with you, gladly giving you any advice in our power. ☞

Fertilizers.

It gives me much pleasure to again inform my friends and customers that I can offer them the *Bowker Fertilizer Company's* goods.

OUR PRINCIPLE: "To State what we Sell,
and Sell what we State."



OUR MAXIM: "Feed the Plant, and the Plant
will Feed You."

Bowker's Lawn and Garden Dressing.—A special fertilizer, prepared from chemicals. Free from weed seeds, odorless, and so clean that any member of the family can apply it. It is extensively used on the Boston public parks and lawns by Mr. William Doogue, Superintendent.

10 lb. bags, for	1,000 square feet	\$0.50
25 "	2,500 "	1.00
50 "	5,000 "	1.75
100 "	one quarter acre	3.00
Stockbridge	Potato Manure, per bag of 100 lbs.	2.25
"	Vegetable Manure, "	2.25
"	Fruit Manure, "	2.25
"	Asparagus Manure, "	2.25



Bowker's Ammoniated Food for Flowers.

A Dressing made expressly for plants grown in the house, garden, or conservatory. Clean, odorless, and producing early and abundant blossoms of rich and brilliant color, and healthy, luxuriant plants, free from vermin.

Small package, 15 cents; by mail 25 cents.
 Large " 25 " " 50 "

Fertilizers.

STURTEVANT'S
Granulated Tobacco and Sulphur,
FOR FERTILIZING AND OTHER PURPOSES.



MANUFACTURED expressly for Lawns, Flowering Plants, Gardens, and the Field; also for Trees, Shrubs, and Vines, and the destruction of insects and vermin. It is a perfect insecticide and fertilizer combined.

Tobacco as a fertilizer has been known for years, and its virtues are familiar to most people. Never before, however, has the crude stem been manufactured so it could be placed where most needed, and where it would do the most good.

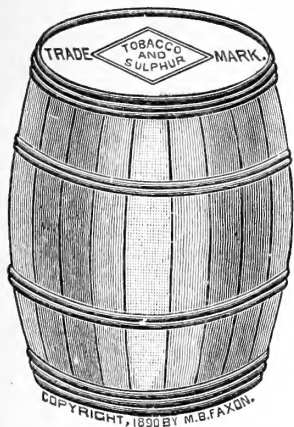
As regards the use of stems upon lawns, it has been customary to spread them on the grass, let them remain through the winter (an unsightly object), and then rake them off in the spring. In this process all the good that is obtained is simply the leach, the mulch, which is the most essential, being removed. By being granulated the leach and mulch are both retained. Application may be made at any time when the frost is not in the ground, and the result will be almost immediate.

This being a vegetable product, and undecayed, decomposition must take place after application. Thus you have a gradual food for the grass or plant, tree, vine, or shrub, and this will continue until all is consumed.

Being odorless and clean, and without foreign seeds, it has no equal as a lawn dressing. It is convenient in form, easy of application, and will not burn or injure the lawn. For all garden or field purposes it stands at the head of all fertilizers in the market. It is less in cost, is double in bulk, and will do all work better. There is no vegetable which cannot be

Fertilizers.

successfully grown by this product. For flowering plants of all descriptions there is nothing in the world that will produce such a fine growth and luxuriant flower. In flower beds or in potting plants the granulated tobacco stems, mixed with the soil in a proportion of about one part to five of soil, will produce lasting effects for the entire season.



Wherever you may use this fertilizer you will find the foliage of a dark-green color, and a healthy, vigorous growth.

In the heat of summer, when the moisture from the spring rains is gone, your lawn will become brown and almost bare. If then you apply a liberal quantity of our Tobacco and Sulphur Fertilizer, just before a shower, you will find the grass growing again in a very few days as bright and green as ever. As there is no odor to this Fertilizer, it may be kept in the cellar of the house or in the barn

any length of time without being offensive. No family should be without a barrel for immediate use when occasion requires. In a medium dry place it will keep for years and not deteriorate in value. Cut the lawn before application.

Approximate Quantities to be Used.

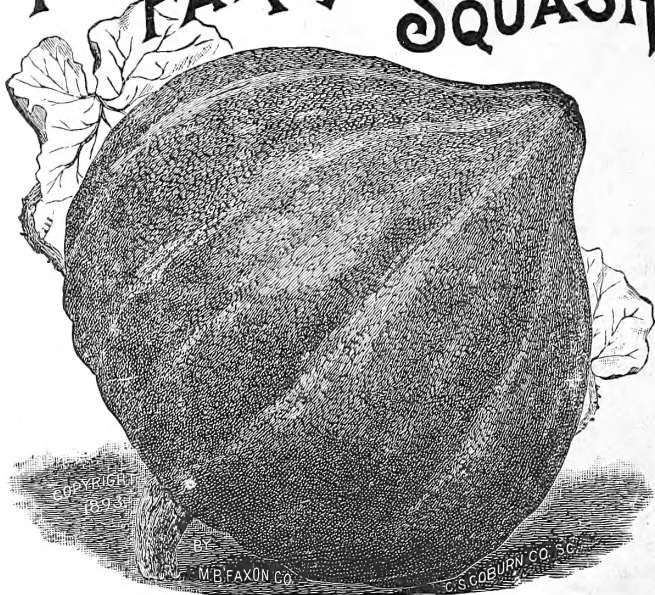
For Lawns and Grass Lands, for say 2,000 square feet, 100 pounds. Per acre, 1,000 to 2,000 pounds. Half a pint in a hill of potatoes or corn. This Fertilizer will destroy all grubs that infest potatoes, and produce a larger and more rapid growth than any fertilizer in the market.

P R I C E .

Granulated,	Barrels of 200 pounds	\$5.00
"	" " 100	"	"	"	2.50
"	Bags " 50	"	"	"	1.50
"	" " 25	"	"	"	1.00
"	Small Quantities,	5 cents per pound.			

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THE FAXON SQUASH



Your Garden will not be complete without this delicious vegetable.

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