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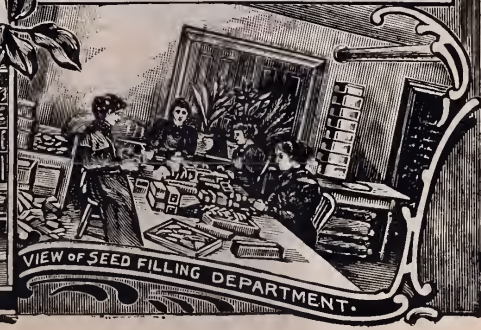
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Miss C. H. Lippincott,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:-

Interesting as the new woman is at all times, in the present day, there is no more interesting phase to her character than ^{the} ~~she~~ ^{she} assumes to compete in business with those of the opposite sex. It seems from recent reports we have just received that you are one of the largest flower seed dealers, not only in Minnesota, but in the United States. We wish to make you the subject for a newspaper article, and would like further particulars as regards your life, how you came to take up your present business, in fact, anything that would help us in getting up our article. We would very much like to have you send us a photograph of yourself, and any interesting photographs of your business, ^{and} we will return them in good condition, in case you wish them back.

The account will appear in the best and leading papers of the country, and we know you will be pleased with it. If you wish a copy upon publication let us know when sending particulars.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, and hoping for an early reply, we are,
Very truly yours,



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Miss C. H. Lippincott,
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Dear Madam:-

We believe that the good work you have accomplished in your chosen field of effort, and the bearing your present endeavor has upon the best interests of the race entitles you to a place in our forthcoming book "Women of America".

For this reason we write asking that you please be kind enough to send us your photograph, (cabinet size preferred), autograph signature, and data for biographical sketch of yourself for use therein.

We enclose prospectus.

You will please remember that there will not be any cost or charge of any kind connected with this matter as far as you are concerned.

"Women of America" will be a first-class volume in all its details. It will contain the portraits and biographies of several American women now deceased; but will be devoted more particularly ~~to~~ to living persons. It will contain the biographies of women of recognized character and standing only. Samples of the high grade half-tone portraits which will be used exclusively, are shown in the enclosed prospectus. It will be well worthy a place in any library.

Asking you for an affirmative response at your earliest convenience, and wishing you many more years of an honorable and useful life, we beg to be and remain,

very respectfully yours,

Dictated to H. R. T.



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Magnificent flowers, massive and showy, with regular overlapping petals clear to the center. The flowers measure four inches and over across, and are of rich and varied colors. The plants grow very evenly, pyramidal in form, about eighteen inches high and carry from twenty-five to forty flowers. Over twenty colors; mixed. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 5 cts.**

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**PERFECTION
ASTER**

One of the most perfect and deservedly one of the most popular of all Asters; very double, large and beautiful flowers, with incurved petals; height, 18 inches to 2 feet; nearly thirty distinct colors mixed. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

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New Comet Aster.

NEW COMET ASTER.

The plants of this new variety are perfectly true in character, growing twelve to fifteen inches high and covered with large, double flowers, as shown in the illustration. The flowers measure from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, resembling in shape and artistically curved and twisted petals, the finest Chinese Chrysanthemums. Mixed colors. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 5 cts.**

NEW WHITE COMET ASTER.

Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cts.

NEW QUEEN ASTER.

Very dwarf, bushy plants, growing from ten to twelve inches high, excellent for pot culture as well as for bedding. The flowers are of extraordinary size, perfectly double and resemble the finest Victoria Asters in form. Finest mixed. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 5 cts.**



New White Branching Aster.

NEW WHITE BRANCHING ASTER.

The magnificent, large, double white flowers, quite four inches in diameter are borne upon long stems, making them excellent for cutting. It is quite different in several respects from any Asters known, and it is only necessary that the character of the plant should be known to make it a favorite with amateurs and florists. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 5 cts.**

HARLEQUIN ASTER.

A striking Aster of great beauty, upright habits and profuse bloomer. This new race produces odd flowers of the most handsome and attractive appearance, and continues in bloom a long time. In the gardens of Paris they are considered the most valuable of all varieties on account of their long duration in bloom and remarkable bright and conspicuous colors. Composed of pure white petals, quaintly interspersed, in irregular manner, with deep blue and bright red petals. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 5 cts.**



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The Most Brilliant Aster Ever Introduced.

And the nearest approach to scarlet yet obtained, a color previously unknown in this popular flower, which for an autumn show of flowers few others equal. Habit very compact, not more than twelve inches in height, with large, beautifully incurved flowers, and makes a charming companion to "SNOW-BALL." Pkt., 75 seeds, 5 cts.

ASTER, Snowball.

A Most Distinct and Handsome Variety Equally Valuable for Pot Culture and Cut Flowers.

It is a most profuse bloomer, a single plant often producing as many as twenty-five to thirty *pure snow white flowers*, globular in form and of extraordinary size. Pkt., 75 seeds, 5 cts.

NEW YELLOW ASTER.

The form of the double flower is a perfect ball, the quills are close together and of *the brightest sulphur yellow*, not a mere indication of the color, as in all former productions. The border petals are broad and of a lighter tint, seeming to enclose the flower like an old-fashioned bouquet paper. The flowers are borne upon long, erect stems, excellent for cutting. The plants, twelve to fifteen inches high, are of compact, bushy growth, and most abundant bloomers. Pkt., 75 seeds, 6 cts.

ASTERS, FINEST MIXED.

Of all the best varieties, such as Victoria, Perfection, Comet, Harlequin, New Queen, etc. Pkt., 150 seeds, 6 cts.

ASTERS, GOOD MIXED.

Many bright colors. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.

Jessie B. Greer, Callaway, Neb., March 17, 1897, writes:—I have used your seeds for two years and consider them to be unsurpassed.

Mrs A. H. Engle, Coupeville, Wash., Feb. 20, 1897, writes:—The seeds received from you last year were fine. I had the largest Asters that have ever been grown here, some measured 4½ inches across.



Alyssum, Little Gem.

ALYSSUM, LITTLE GEM.

The plants are very dwarf, each spreads so as to completely cover a circular space twelve to twenty inches in diameter. They soon become one mass of white, remaining in full bloom from spring to fall—being densely studded with the beautiful miniature spikes of deliciously fragrant flowers. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cts.**

ALYSSUM, SWEET.

Its pure white fragrant flowers are produced from early spring till killed by frost; very useful in all kinds of bouquets. **NOTE.**—For a Cemetery Plant, nothing is more suitable than Sweet Alyssum—requiring but little care and attention, and a continuous bloomer throughout the summer. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.**



Acroclinium.

ACROCLINIUM, (EVERLASTING.)

One of the most beautiful and valuable of the everlasting flowers, called by some "Pink Daisies," very effective in borders during the blooming season, and possesses the additional advantage of being available for winter decoration, for which purpose it is now extensively grown. The densely double flowers are faultless both in shape and color; the flowers are somewhat larger than the single, and, from the seed I offer, about 75 per cent will be double. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 3 cts.**

**CRAB'S-EYE VINE,
(ABRUS PRÆCATORIUS.)**

A most beautiful climber, either for pot culture or the open ground in summer; bears clusters of bright yellow flowers, followed by bunches of pods, which, when dry, burst open, disclosing brilliant red seeds with black eyes, used for making beads and other ornaments, for which purpose they are exceedingly pretty. **Pkt., 15 seeds, 6 cts.**



**ABRUS,
OR CRAB'S-EYE
VINE.**



Abutilon.

**ABUTILON,
FLOWERING MAPLE.**

A very popular perennial shrub with bell-shaped, drooping flowers; well adapted to house culture, easily raised from seed, and if sown before April, under glass, plants will bloom the first season. For winter flowering, plant in September. Finest mixed. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 5 cts.**

AMBROSIA.

A hardy annual with long spiral stems, bearing an abundance of small round, greenish - yellow buds and blossoms which are *exceedingly fragrant*. It is as desirable as the Rose Geranium as a plant with fragrant foliage, and for making up into bouquets and other floral work. Its long, beautiful, fringy spirals of lovely green are unsurpassed. It is one of the easiest plants to grow, and seed may be sown early in open ground. **Pkt., 250 seeds, 4 cts.**



Angel's Breath, or Gypsophila.

ANGEL'S BREATH, OR GYPSOPHILA.

An annual that should be in every garden, for it thrives everywhere, and furnishes the loveliest material for all kinds of bouquets. The tiny little flowers are borne in abundance on long, graceful, branching stems which lend a most graceful, light appearance to any bunch of flowers. **Pkt., 250 seeds, 3 cts.**

AQUILEGIA, OR COLUMBINE.

Very handsome, ornamental, hardy perennial plants, of easy cultivation and bearing in profusion large flowers of novel shape and in a great variety of color. **Double Mixed, Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**



ANCHUSA
CAPENSIS.

**ANCHUSA CAPENSIS, or CAPE
FOR-GET-ME-NOT.**

A hardy annual of more than ordinary beauty. It grows about two feet high, branching freely and bearing a profusion of the most lovely flowers, similar in all respects to the Forget-me-not, though the blooms are much larger and of finer color. It is always taken for a beautiful, large-flowering Forget-me-not, and for bouquets and cut flowers it is indeed superior to it. Its color is a deep, clear, brilliant blue with a pure white eye; one of the rarest and most lovely shades of that color. It blooms early and continues all summer. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

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Arabis Alpina.

ARABIS ALPINA.

The pure white flowers grow so uniform and thickly that it gives the effect of a sheet of snow. Plants perfectly hardy. The earliest, prettiest spring flower. The spreading tufts are densely clothed with neat, lively green leaves and covered with pure white flowers of the most lovely effect, conspicuous in great distance, especially in large masses on rockeries or broad edgings for parkroads, having the advantage of braving the greatest drought during summer, and always looking neat. **Pkt., 150 seeds, 4 cts.**

Mrs. R. J. Taylor, Scotland, S. Dak., Mch. 11, '97, writes:—I think your seeds are the best.



Antirrhinum, Tom Thumb.

ANTIRRHINUM, TOM THUMB, (Snapdragon.)

Very dwarf, growing only 8 inches high, thickly studded with beautiful spikes of gay colored flowers, orange, scarlet, rose-white, maroon, striped, etc. **Pkt., 250 seeds, 3 cts.**

ANTIRRHINUM, NEW GIANT.

Flowers double the size of the older sorts, more closely set on the stems and colors more clear and brilliant. Plants very compact and bushy, growing about twelve inches high. All colors mixed. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 6 cts.**

ANTIRRHINUM, QUEEN OF THE NORTH.

The finest and most beautiful of all the Snapdragons. The plants grow into handsome, regular bushes, 12 inches high, covered with large white flowers of a deliciously sweet perfume. Suitable for bedding or pot culture. **Pkt., 150 seeds, 6 cts.**



Ageratum.

AGERATUM, IMPERIAL DARK BLUE.

A plant that blossoms constantly all summer in the garden and makes a pleasing contrast of color with more brilliant varieties. I offer seed of the new **Imperial Dark Blue** as best and most showy. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.**

AGERATUM, DWARF WHITE.

A new variety, very dwarf and compact, pure white. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cts.**

BEAN, SCARLET RUNNER.

A Favorite Old - Fashioned Climber.

One of the very few beans that is both ornamental and useful. It grows rapidly to a height of ten or twelve feet, and is covered from July until heavy frost with clusters of beautiful scarlet flowers. **Pkt., 10 seeds, 4 cts.**





Bird of Paradise.

BIRD OF PARADISE, (POINCIANA GILLESSI.)

The color of the flower is a golden yellow, measuring two and a half inches across, with shape as shown in illustration, and are produced in very large trusses. The most beautiful part of the flower is the large pistils, which are spread out in fan-like form, and are of bright crimson color. The foliage is also highly decorative, reminding one of a very delicate Acacia. If the seed is started early, it will produce blooms in great profusion the first year. **Pkt., 10 seeds, 8 cts.**

BALSAM APPLE.

A beautiful climbing plant with apple-shaped fruits, which, if preserved in alcohol, make a most useful liniment. **Pkt., 10 seeds, 3 cts.**



Defiance Balsam.

DEFIANCE BALSAM, (LADY SLIPPER.)

The most perfect in form and largest double flowered Balsam yet developed, and by careful growth and selection has attained a standard that will be found hard to improve. **The Mixture**, which I offer, is composed in nearly equal proportions of eight colors. Rose, Rose White Spotted, Pink, Scarlet, White Tinted Violet, White Spotted, Scarlet White, Spotted and Purple; each having been grown separately. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 4 cts.**

BALSAM—Good Mixed. A splendid strain, good colors and large double flowers; not equal to "Defiance," but gives good satisfaction. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 3 cts.**



Bachelor's Button.

BACHELOR'S BUTTON, DOUBLE.

It has been so perfected that fully eighty per cent of the flowers are double and semi-double; are also increased in size and present many bright colors and distinct markings which have hitherto been unknown in this old-fashioned favorite flower. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 3 cts.**

BACHELOR'S BUTTON, SINGLE.

Mixed, including dark and light blue, purple, pink, rose, white, etc. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 3 cts.**

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On each and every order to the amount of 50 cents, the purchaser may select 15 cts. worth extra. Thus, any one sending 50 cents, can select any seeds wanted to the value of 65 cents, for \$1.00 seeds to the value of \$1.30 and so on.

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BRYONIA, LACINOSA.

A beautiful climbing annual of rapid growth and easy culture, with handsome cut-leaved foliage bearing attractive green fruits which change in color as the season advances, to bright scarlet striped with white. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 3 cts.**



Begonia Vernon.

BEGONIA VERNON.

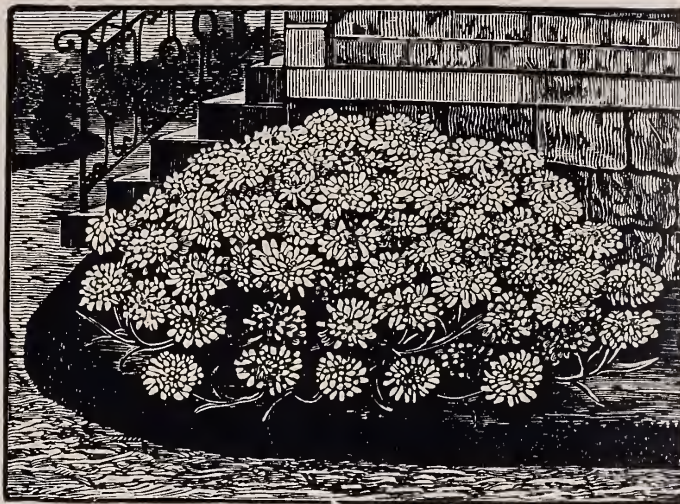
One of the most satisfactory pot plants for the house; and a popular bedding plant for the garden or lawn. It blooms with the greatest profusion throughout the summer. Flowers a brilliant orange carmine with bright yellow centers, and the foliage waxy and glossy. It is easily raised from seed, and comes absolutely true. Valuable for bedding and general culture. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

BEGONIA.—Tuberous rooted, single mixed. Seed saved from finest colors. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 8 cts.**

BEGONIA.—Tuberous rooted, double mixed, from the finest and best colors. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 10 cts.**



Canary-Bird Flower.



Candytuft, Snow Queen.

CANDYTUFT, SNOW QUEEN.

A valuable and distinct species of great beauty. It is an annual variety and grows very rapidly, quickly coming into bloom, remaining in full flower for about three months. It bears but little foliage, and the mass of white produced makes it useful for borders. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

CANDYTUFT, NEW CARMINE.

A dwarf annual with beautiful carmine flowers, blooming profusely throughout the season. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

CANDYTUFT, MIXED.

All colors. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.**

CANARY-BIRD FLOWER. (*Tropæolum Canariensis*.)

One of the most beautiful annual climbers, with bright-green foliage, delicately cut and very ornamental. The flowers are bright golden-yellow, bearing a fanciful resemblance to birds with expanded wings. Succeeds best in a cool, slightly shaded situation, also does well as a pot or basket plant for the window or conservatory. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 4 cts.**

CROZY'S NEW DWARF CANNAS.

One of the most popular of bedding plants, while even single specimens are most attractive in the garden. They will bloom the first year from seed, if you soak them in boiling water over night; sow singly in small pots as soon as convenient, and grow as rapidly as possible. 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. **Pkt., 12 seeds, 4 cts.**

CANNAS, TALL.

Old Type.

A mixture of all the best tall growing varieties. **Pkt., 12 seeds, 3 cts.**

Mrs. A. M. Kirchoff, 209 Hulett St., Schenectady, N. Y., Apr. 17, '97 writes:—From the fact that I again favor you with an order, you may see, that your seeds which I have used for the past three years have given entire satisfaction.

Blanche J. Foote, Pembroke Shore, Nova Scotia, Apr. 6th, 1897, writes:—I was much pleased with the seeds I received from you last year, and with the way they grew and blossomed.



Crozy's New Dwarf Cannas.



New Double Calliopsis.

CALLIOPSIS, OR COREOPSIS SINGLE.

Very handsome and showy plants of the easiest culture; require no care and thrive in any garden. Produce flowers in nearly every shade of yellow, orange, crimson, red, brown. It is one of those flowers which will grow in any situation and always be greatly admired. Mixed colors. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.**

CALLIOPSIS, NEW DOUBLE.

A handsome double variety, flowers a rich golden yellow color, with wine-maroon spots. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cts.**

Maggie McDaniel, Sinks Grove, W. Va., Mch. 13, '97, writes:—This is the fourth season I have ordered seeds from you, and must say I am very much pleased with all.

Mrs. Victor Wilson, Walla Walla, Wash., Apr. 26, '97, writes:—Seeds bought of you last year were highly satisfactory.



Carnation Perennial.

CARNATIONS, (PERENNIAL VARIETIES.)

Indispensable plants for both pot culture in the greenhouse, window garden and open ground culture in summer; of innumerable colors and delicious perfume. The plants may be set in the open ground during the summer, where they will flower as profusely as when grown in pots in the house. Half hardy perennials.

DOUBLE MIXED, producing many double flowers of all shades and colors. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cts.**

EXTRA FINE DOUBLE MIXED, seeds saved from the finest and choicest German, French, Italian and English stocks. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 8 cts.**

GRENADIN SCARLET, very early, habit dwarf and compact, brilliant double scarlet flowers. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 8 cts.**

GRENADIN WHITE, double early flowering, white. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 8 cts.**



CHRYSANTHEMUM, (OR FRENCH MARGUERITES.)

Annual varieties much grown for cut flowers. The plants grow twelve to eighteen inches high and produce on long stems beautiful large flowers of many bright colors. They flower all summer in the garden, and make elegant pot plants for winter flowering. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

CHRYSANTHEMUM, (INODORUM PLENISSIMUM.)

Although a perennial, it flowers abundantly the first year from seed, each plant producing hundreds of beautiful, perfectly double, snow-white flowers; unsurpassed for bouquets. It remains in bloom all summer, and is in all respects one of the handsomest and most valuable of flowers. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

CHRYSANTHEMUM, (FANCY PERENNIAL.)

From the best Incurved, Pompon, Japanese, Chinese and Anemone—flowered varieties. Seeds sown in the hot-bed in February or March, or even April, will give plants that will bloom in August or September, and cannot fail, with proper care, to give magnificent flowers in a wonderful variety of colors and forms. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 8 cts.**



CALENDULA, DOUBLE YELLOW.

Flowers extra large and very double, slightly imbricated, while those of the center are incurved like the petals of a Pæony. Color, bright golden yellow or orange. From seed sown in the open ground it comes into flower early. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

CALENDULA, DOUBLE WHITE.

Similar to the yellow except in color, which is pure white, and flowers smaller. It is equally as free blooming, and the fine double flowers are very showy. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**



Cineraria, Hybrida.

CINERARIA, HYBRIDA.

One of the most popular of all green-house plants, and what a splendid display they make when well grown. I know of no plant so easily grown as the Cineraria. The secret of growing well is to grow fast; never allowing them to receive a check, either from being pot bound, dryness of root, or attack of insects; the cooler they are kept the better. In colors they range from crimson, magenta, violet, purple and variegated. Large flowering mixed. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 8 cts.**

GLIANTHUS DAMPIERI, (GLORY PEA.)

One of the most gorgeous plants in cultivation, with clusters of pea-shaped bright scarlet flowers, each flower marked with intense black spots in the center. Plant grows about three feet high. **Pkt. 15 seeds, 8 cts.**



Centaurea Marguerite.

NEW CENTAUREA MARGUERITE.

The most Fragrant and Longest Keeping Cut Flower.

One of the most valuable introductions of late years. The flowers are the size of a medium Carnation, freely produced on long stems, which renders them valuable for cutting; color pure white, pale sulphur yellow and lavender. The flowers are sweet scented, and their lasting quality after being cut is remarkable. The plants grow about eighteen inches high and are of the easiest culture; from spring sown seed they commence to flower in July and continue until late in the autumn. This novelty is entirely distinct from all other Centaureas, and undoubtedly the most beautiful variety known. **Pkt., 40 seeds, 4 cts.**

CENTROSEMA GRAN-DIFLORA.

A hardy perennial vine which will bloom in June or July from seed sown in April, and bears in the greatest profusion inverted pea-shaped flowers. from 1½ to 2½ inches in diameter, ranging in color from a rosy violet to a reddish purple, with a broad feathered white marking through the center, while the large buds and back of the flowers are pure white, making it appear as if one plant bore many different colored flowers at one time. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 4 cts.**

COCCINEA INDICA.

A remarkably pretty climber. Ivy-like foliage, bright and luxuriant, never troubled with insects, and admirably adapted for trellises, arbors, etc. The small flowers are soon followed by numerous fruits two inches long, which turn to brilliant scarlet, spotted with white, rendering the vine very pretty. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 4 cts.**

COBÆA SCANDENS.

Although it does grandly outside, it is also a splendid house climber, and will do well running over windows in the house, and will reward the grower with an abundance of beautiful, large, bell-shaped flowers, green at first, but rapidly changing to a beautiful deep violet blue. A well established plant will run thirty to forty feet in a season. **Pkt., 12 seeds, 4 cts.**



Cobæa Scandens.

Miss Edith M. Moore, East Springfield, Pa., March 8th, 1897, writes:—This is the third year we have ordered our flower seeds of you, our Sweet William's were beautiful and so double they looked like Geraniums. Cobæa Scandens was magnificent, growing nearly 75 feet in length and completely filled with buds and blossoms until frost.



CALCEOLARIA, HYBRIDA.

A favorite and universally admired plant, remarkable for their large, beautifully spotted blossoms, which are very showy, and from which an almost countless number of hybrids have been raised. They are perennial, are grown in pots in the conservatory, greenhouses and gardens. Mixed colors. **Pkt., 150 seeds, 8 cts.**

Mrs. C. J. Roberts, Irvington, Va., April 13, '97, writes:—I have never seen better seed than those I bought of you last year. My yard was beautiful.

Mrs. John H. French, Hartford, Vt., Feb. 17, '97, writes:—The seeds I purchased of you last year were more than satisfactory.

Miss Laura Hopkins, SouthNorthfield, Vt., Feb. 20, '97, writes:—I have used your seeds two or three years and have been very much pleased with them.

Miss Maude McElroy, Waupun, Wis., Mch. 3, '97, writes:—I think your seeds are the best I ever had, because every seed grows.

Mrs. James Eaton, Morris, N. Y., Apr. 7, '97, writes:—Have used your seeds for three years with good success.



CAMPANULA, CANTERBURY BELLS.

Well known popular perennials, producing bell-shaped flowers of many different colors very freely throughout the summer. **Single Mixed, Pkt., 150 seeds, 3 cts.**

CAMPANULA, DOUBLE MIXED.

NOTE.—The seed saved from double flowers will always produce some single flowers, no matter how careful the selection. **Pkt., 150 seeds, 4 cts.**

Mrs. D. E. Crabill, Toms Brook, Va., Feb. 9, '97, writes:—We have the best of success with your seeds. Last summer our Asters, were a perfect curiosity, especially the Comet and Yellow Quilled, our Primroses are just grand, words cannot describe them.



CLEOME PUNGENS.

THE GIANT SPIDER PLANT.

A robust plant, growing vigorously four to five feet high, unaffected by wind or weather, and flowering profusely and continuously for months. In fact, it is a *perpetual bloomer*, the spikes continuing to increase in size as the plant grows, until they reach upward of two feet in length. The flowers are very showy, bright rose color; grows freely from seed sown in the open ground, thrives luxuriantly, and blooms all summer, no matter how unfavorable the season may be. *It is also one of the best honey producing plants*, and should be planted liberally by all bee-keepers. **Pkt., 150 seeds, 4 cts.**



COSMOS, HYBRIDUS.

Seed sown in April or May and transplanted to open ground will produce plants five or six feet high by September, and from then till November will be covered with hundreds of blossoms three inches across, resembling single Dahlias. All colors mixed. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

COSMOS, WHITE PEARL.

Large, pure white flowers, very valuable for florists. **Pkt., 75 seeds, 4 cts.**

COSMOS, PURE PINK.

Beautiful, large flowers of a clear, delicate pink color. **Pkt., 75 seeds, 4 cts.**

CYCLAMEN, PERSICUM.

Well known bulbous-rooted plants, universal favorites as pot plants for winter and spring blooming, producing handsome red and white flowers, with beautiful variegated foliage, in different shades of green. The seed should be sown in the spring, and by autumn will produce a bulb which will blossom the following spring. Mixed. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 5 ts.**

CYCLAMEN GIGANTEUM.

Flowers of extraordinary size, and of great substance. The leaves are proportionately large and beautifully marked. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 8 cts.**

CYPRESS VINE.

A most beautiful vine with delicate fern-like foliage and beautiful star-shaped rose, scarlet and white flowers. Seed very slow to start growth. All colors mixed. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 3 cts.**

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Coleus.

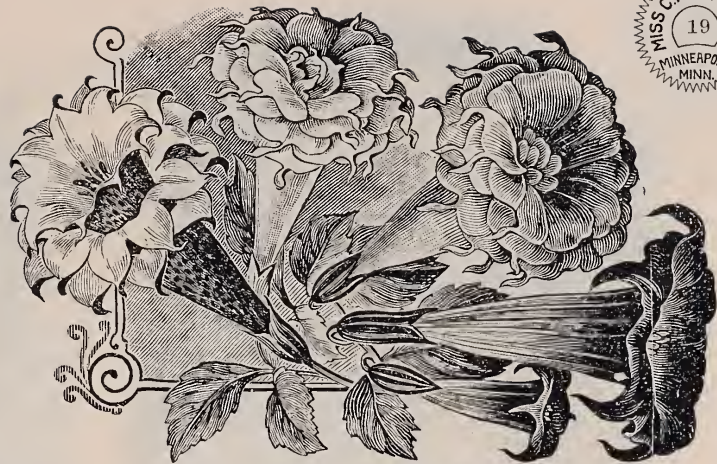
COLEUS.

One of the best known and most universally admired ornamental foliage plants, in an endless variety of colors and shadings, indispensable for ribbon and carpet bedding, or as single specimens. Coleus seed germinates easily, and success is as sure as with an ordinary annual. **Pkt., 150 seeds, 5 cts.**

COCKSCOMB, QUEEN OF DWARFS.

This is the best dwarf-growing Cockscomb; the plants only grow about eight inches high, are firmly set in the crown with well-balanced, large heads, ten to twelve inches across. They grow very uniformly and present an unusually solid effect in color, which is a rich, ruby red, of extreme brilliancy. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

COCKSCOMB—Mixed. Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.



Datura Cornucopia.

DATURA CORNUCOPIA, "HORN OF PLENTY."

Discovered in South America in 1892 by a collector of Orchids. The plant is of robust habit, with thick, dark brown-purple, shining stems. The branches are numerous, spreading three or four feet; thick, large, dark green colored leaves. The flowers are trumpet-shaped, measuring eight to ten inches in length and five to seven inches across the mouth, and form *three distinct flowers growing each within the other*, the mouth of corolla is a most delicate white, beautifully marbled with royal purple. A single plant gives from 200 to 300 fragrant blooms during the season, followed by a large thorny seed-vessel, which adds to its beauty; is of the easiest culture; plant at the end of May in a warm, rich soil; can be cultivated as an isolated specimen, in masses, for centers of beds, or to fill barren places, and produces a striking effect. **Pkt., 15 seeds, 4 cts.**

DATURA, OR TRUMPET FLOWER, MIXED.

Large branching plants, producing handsome double and single trumpet-shaped blossoms, white, blue, yellow and lilac, of exquisite fragrance. The blossoms open during the night, remaining open one day and then perish. They bloom freely from seed sown in the open ground the first season, and the roots can be taken up and kept over winter. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 3 cts.**



Snowball Daisy.

DOUBLE DAISY, *BELLIS PERENNIS*.

Daisies are easily grown from spring sown seed and come into flower in a very short time. The flowers are white, pink, red and variegated. *Not all will come double from seed.* Finest mixed. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

NEW SNOWBALL DAISY.

A beautiful white flowered variety having very long stems with large double flowers; about 80 per cent of which are extremely double. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 5 cts.**



The Blue Daisy.

THE BLUE DAISY, (*AGATHEA CÆLESTIS*.)

The flowers are the very counterpart of the Paris Daisy, which is sky blue with a blue disc. It makes a very pretty object for summer decoration in the flower garden, of easy growth and the plant may be had in flower all the year 'round. It is allied to *Cineraria*, and requires about the same treatment. A fine winter bloomer. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

DOUBLE QUILLED DAISIES.

These pretty plants are seldom seen in our gardens in as great abundance as they deserve to be. They should be grown in a shady and rather cool border. "Double Quilled" is a new strain, the flowers of which are composed of petals as round as a knitting needle; very pretty and curious. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.**

Mrs. J. W. Weaver, Waco, Texas, Jan. 13, '97, writes:—The seeds bought of you last year were very satisfactory, your method of doing business is also satisfactory.



Delphinium, or Larkspur.

DELPHINIUM, OR LARKSPUR.

Well known annuals of great beauty and remarkable for the richness of their colors, and for large gardens are invaluable. Mixed. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

DELPHINIUM, FORMOSUM.

A hardy perennial variety, flowers bright blue with a white center. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

DOLICHOS, HYACINTH BEAN.

This beautiful annual climber should have a place in every flower garden. It is of very rapid growth. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 3 cts.**



Dolichos, (Hyacinth Bean.)



Orange Daisy.

ORANGE DAISY, (ERIGERON AURANTICA.)

A beautiful perennial plant somewhat resembling an Aster, but having the ray-florets in several series; flower heads flat, about two inches across, bright orange color, on strong, stout stems. They are of very easy culture in common garden soil and form excellent subjects for mixed borders. In a moist, well-drained situation, will flower the first season if started early in the house. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.**

Mrs. Nettie Bittinger, Benedict, Neb., Feb., 1897, writes:—I was highly pleased with the seeds purchased from you last season, the Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums being particularly fine.



DIANTHUS, OR CHINESE PINKS, BEST MIXED.

One of the most useful and desirable plants, and for beauty and variety of colors and markings cannot be surpassed, ranging from pure white to the most delicate pink and glowing deep crimson. A bed of these in the flower garden will make a grand display at small cost. The mixture I offer includes, besides the standard sorts, all the new and brightest colors in spotted, striped and handsomely fringed varieties of late introduction, both single and double. I guarantee it will give satisfaction with any other strain offered. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4c.**

DIANTHUS, OR CHINESE PINKS, GOOD MIXED.

Many distinct and beautiful marked varieties. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3c.**

DIANTHUS, DWARF FIREBALL.

The most brilliant annual pink in cultivation; the plants are constantly covered with blood-red, perfectly double lacinated flowers until checked by severe frost. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

DIANTHUS, DWARF SNOWBALL.

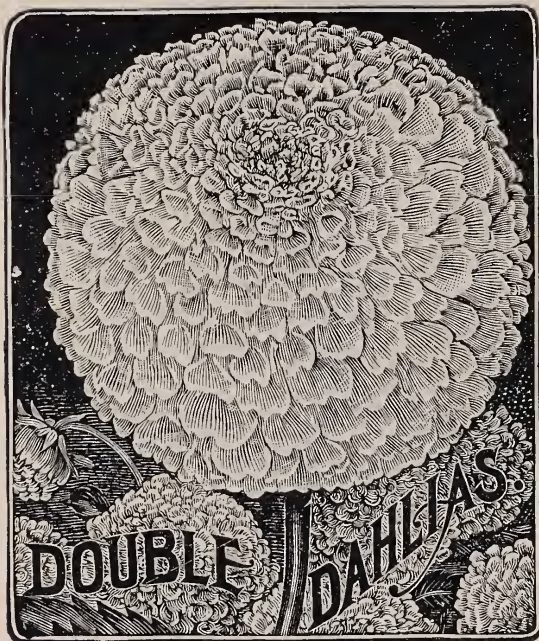
This beautiful dwarf variety belongs to the Heddewigii class of Dianthus. The plants are very compact dwarf growth and are covered with lovely, spotless, snow-white flowers, very full and double. From its dwarf growth it is very attractive for edgings, while the flowers are also very useful for cutting for bouquets. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

NEW LARGE-FLOWERED DWARF DOUBLE HYBRID PINKS.

The plants grow only nine to ten inches high, with extra large double flowers, frequently measuring three inches across—of perfect form and brilliant colors, ranging from pure white to deep crimson, while many are beautifully variegated and fantastically marked. Blooming freely the first season. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.**

DIANTHUS, PLUMARIUS. (Pheasant's-Eye Pink.)

Dianthus, Plumarius, is the old-fashioned Grass Pink. It is perfectly hardy, blooms very profusely in early summer, and is admirable on account of its delicacy, showiness and fragrance. Its use either as a cemetery or garden flower is always satisfactory. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**



DAHLIA, DOUBLE.

Everyone knows and admires the Double Dahlia, but comparatively few are aware that it can be grown so easily from seed and flowers so beautifully the first season, that the purchase of bulbs is a needless expense. Choice mixed. **Pkt., 40 seeds, 4 cts.**

DAHLIA, NEW STRIPED SINGLE.

The extra large single flowers, quite four inches in diameter, comprise a wonderful variety of colors, beautifully striped, flaked, mottled and dotted in a grotesque and charming manner. **Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.**



ESCHSCHOLTZIA-CALIFORNIA POPPY

Hardy annual, growing about one foot high, bearing a profusion of rich, yellow flowers about two inches in diameter, making a blaze of color in the sunshine and fully as valuable as the common poppy for garden ornamentation, and as easily grown. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.**

FRAGRARIA INDICA, CHINESE STRAWBERRY.

Hardy perennial, herbaceous creeper, from India, with yellow blossoms, and bright red fruit, like small strawberries. Elegant for rock work or hanging baskets. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

FEVERFEW DOUBLE, MATRICARIA EXIMIA.

A fine, old-fashioned bedding plant; also suitable for pot culture. It grows about eighteen inches high, with numerous branching flower-stems, and are literally covered with very double, pure white flowers an inch in diameter. The great profusion of fine flowers with long, slender stems, makes it valuable to grow for cut-flowers and as desirable as a good Aster. Blooms until frost. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.**



Fuchsia.

FUCHSIA, DOUBLE AND SINGLE MIXED.

Fuchsias are as easily grown from seed as cuttings, and from seed many new varieties are obtained. They will flower freely the first year in the open ground, while the plants can be taken in the house in the winter, where they will flower still more freely. The seed I offer has been saved from the very finest double and single varieties. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 8 cts.**

CAPE FUCHSIA, (PHYGELIUS CAPENSIS.)

Plants bear from ten to twenty bold, long spikes, completely crowded with showy scarlet, drooping flowers. It is a good bedding plant, grown singly or in masses. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cts.**

Mrs. A. Bohn, M. D., 415 Third st., Defiance, Ohio, writes:—The Sweet Peas of last year bloomed for me until Thanksgiving, the vines growing so thrifty and strong and being a perfect crown of beauty until hard frosts killed them. The Asters likewise, were all that heart could wish.

Mrs. L. E. Woodward, Mecklenburg, N. Y., writes:—My Royal Show Pansies have been the admiration of everybody, both for size and beauty; and have yielded an immense show of blossoms, which have been picked by the hundred.

Chas. S. Towne, Esq., Rochester, N. Y., writes:—The Carnation seed I ordered of you has done well and I now have fifty fine plants from 1½ to 3 inches high.

Mrs. M. B. Earl, Howell, Mich., writes:—The seeds we had from you last year were perfect and the flowers from them were the admiration of all my friends, especially my Carnation.

Mrs. T. C. Budd, Akron, Ohio, March 31, '97, writes:—I had a lovely bed of Pansies last year from seeds bought of you. They were immense in size and beautiful in color.

Miss Beulah Lobaugh, Gustavus, Ohio, Mch. 27, '97, writes:—I used your flower seeds last season and was pleased with the results, particularly with the Pansies.

Miss L. E. Hart, Manchester Bridge, N. Y., Mch. 22, '97, writes: I was much pleased with the seeds I had from you last year.



Forget-me-not, "Victoria."

FORGET-ME-NOT, "VICTORIA."

Of stout and bushy habit of growth, bearing umbels of large, bright, azure-blue flowers, with central double blooms, and when fully grown is quite globular in shape and perfectly covered with flowers. This beautiful Forget-me-not is the best for carpet bedding, edgings and masses, and for growing in pots. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

GAILLARDIA, NEW DOUBLE.

Large, double flowers, valuable for cutting. The colors embrace sulphur, golden-yellow, orange, amaranth and claret. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

GAILLARDIA, SINGLE.

Valuable annuals; single mixed. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

Mrs. Thos. McCaw, Carleton Place, Ont., Canada, Jan. 26th, 1897, writes:—The seeds I purchased from you last season were very good indeed, my White Branching Asters were lovely.



GERANIUM, FINEST MIXED.

The most popular plant grown, either for pot culture in winter, or for bedding out in summer. No flowering plants are more grown, and certainly none are more suitable for large beds, where a mass of bloom is desired, or for single specimens in pots for the house. But few are aware that they can be grown easily from seed, and flower the first season if sown early, and will frequently reward the cultivator with charming new varieties; in fact, **propagation by seed is the only sure way to obtain new varieties.** The seed I offer has been saved from twenty-five of the finest varieties grown. There can be no finer mixed Geranium, and it cannot fail to bring forth some splendid new varieties. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 8 cts.**

GERANIUM—Good Mixed. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 3 cts.**

GERANIUM—Apple scented. Leaves delightfully fragrant, highly prized for bouquets. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 8 cts.**

Mrs. A. M. Gracie,
243 Belmont Street,
Manchester, N. H.,
Apr. 12, '97, writes:
I had splendid success with your flower seeds last year. My garden was the admiration of every one, and many a beautiful bouquet I cut from it. It was my first success—for although a great lover of flowers, I never had good luck planting seeds before.

Mrs. J. E. Stevenson, Mayesville, S. C., February 23, '97, writes:—I have used your seeds for the past two years and have been very much pleased with all of them. This past year my Cockscombs (dwarf) were things of immensity and beauty and my scarlet sage bore spikes from 10 to 12 inches long and bloomed until the middle of September. My Balsams have been beauties and very double.



Godetia.

GODETIA, FINEST MIXED.

Beautiful, hardy annuals, remarkable for the delicacy of their very fine large blossoms; flowers deep rose pink, rosy carmine, snow-white, with bright carmine rose spots, carmine crimson, lilac with purple and white. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.**

GOURDS, (ORNAMENTAL.)

Tender, annual climbers, with curiously shaped fruit in various colors, many of which are peculiarly marked. **Pkt., 25 seeds, 3 cts.**

GOMPHRENA, (GLOBE AMARANTH.)

A desirable everlasting, valued for its handsome globular flower heads. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**





Heliotrope.

HELIOTROPE.

Heliotrope is a universal favorite on account of its delightful fragrance and duration of bloom, flowering equally well as bedding plants in summer, or as pot plants in the house during the winter. Seed sown in the spring makes fine plants for bedding out, and are as easily grown as Verbenas. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**



HOLLYHOCK, PRIZE DOUBLE.

The perfect doubleness of the magnificent, large flower will please the most critical. All the best colors from deep yellow, red rose, light buff, carmine scarlet, flesh color, creamy white tinted with rose, purple, yellow on dark ground, crimson flaked with salmon, cherry red, cream on violet ground, lilac on brown ground, dark crimson to pure white, also black. If sown early in March or April the plants will bloom the first year. All colors mixed. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 4 cts.**

HELIANTHUS, SUNFLOWER. (*Globosus Fistulosus*.)

The best and most effective of all annual sunflowers; flowers immense, from twelve to fifteen inches in diameter, globular and extremely double. For a background to a lawn or to hide unsightly places it is especially adapted. Of easy culture as well as showy. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 3 cts.**



Humulus Japonicus.

HUMULUS JAPONICUS, (JAPANESE HOP.)

One of the most rapid climbers grown, seed can be sown in the open ground in spring and it will attain enormous dimensions very quickly. The foliage is luxuriant and it is one of the best plants for covering verandas and trellises. Heat, drought and insects do not trouble it. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 4 cts.**

HEUCHERA SANGUINEA.

Truly a floral gem and one of the most valuable additions to the list of hardy flowering plants that has appeared in a long time. The foliage, which is evergreen, is beautifully cut and marbled and is very abundant. The flowers are borne in large, open, clean-stemmed panicles, and are of the most clear, bright, cheerful and charming scarlet imaginable. Although the flowers are small, yet they are so numerous in each panicle, and the panicles are thrown up in such profusion as to produce a most brilliant effect. Blooming as it does for a period of several weeks, and as each plant frequently sends up a dozen or more stems of its lovely flowers at a time, some idea of its beauty and value can be formed. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.**

Fannie E. Jones, Proctor, Tex., Jan. 16, '97, writes:—I have used your seeds for two years and was delighted with them, my bed of Petunias was magnificent.

Mrs. H. L. Lyon, Monroeton, Pa., writes:—I purchased seeds of you last season and was well pleased. The Asters and Balsams were especially fine.

Laura E. Taylor, Clarksburg, W. Va., March 11, 1897, writes:—Your seeds have always been of the very best, wishing you continued success.

Mrs. E. M. Murray, Blair, Neb., February 3, 1897, writes:—I have always had the best success with your seeds and I wish you the best success in the seed business.



Helichrysum.

HELICHRYSUM.

A very popular everlasting, large, full double flowers of various colors, from bright yellow to scarlet, shaded and tipped. Handsome bouquets may be formed of them for winter, if blossoms are gathered when on the point of expanding. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

ICE PLANT, MESEMBRYANTHEMUM.

A handsome and curious plant, for hanging baskets, rock work and vases. The leaves and stems appear as though covered with icy crystals and look like rock candy. The whole plant is peculiarly brilliant in the sunshine. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.**

IMPATIENS SULTANI.

This most distinct and beautiful plant is almost a perpetual bloomer. The flowers are of a brilliant rose scarlet color, and are produced so freely that a full grown specimen appears to be a ball of flowers, and continues in full beauty several months. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 4 cts.**





Linaria.

LINARIA, (KENILWORTH IVY.)

A very pretty and well-known hardy perennial trailing plant, for covering rock work, and very useful for hanging baskets. The flowers are small but pretty, and for a drooping plant nothing can be better, as it is easily grown from seed. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

LINUM, (CRIMSON FLAX.)

Excellent for clumps or edgings and one of the best and most showy hardy annuals for bedding. May be raised in any quantity from seeds sown in March or April, where the plants are intended to flower. They are not at all fastidious regarding soil, doing well in any ordinary garden. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

Mrs. E. F. Furbush, 13 Dennett St., Portsmouth, N. H., Jan. 11th, 1897, writes:—I have grown some of your seeds for a number of years and like them very much.



Lobelia, Star of Ischl.

LOBELIA.

A very valuable and beautiful class of mostly dwarf growing plants; their delicate drooping habit, and the profusion of their charming little blue and white flowers, render them exceedingly ornamental for vases or hanging baskets and rockeries, blooming from June to November, while for border cultivation they are equally effective. Mixed colors. **Pkt., 300 seeds, 3 cts.**

LOBELIA, Star of Ischl.

Of very dwarf, erect growth, forming dense balls of charming azure blue flowers. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cts.**

LOBELIA, White Gem.

The best dwarf white variety. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cts.**



Lantana.

LANTANA.

Well-known shrubby plants, with clusters of verbenalike flowers, and producing their pink, yellow, orange and white heads in great abundance. They have an agreeable aromatic perfume. Mixed. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 4 cts.**

MAURANDIA.

A beautiful, rapid, graceful climber, for greenhouse, parlor, basket, or out-door purposes, with rich purple, white and rose, fox-glove shaped blossoms. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**



Lavender.

LAVENDER, OLD-FASHIONED SWEET.

A well known, sweet scented, hardy perennial bearing long spikes of blue flowers. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

MARVEL OF PERU, (FOUR O'CLOCK.)

It is one of the most brilliant and showy plants that can be grown with little or no trouble. Finest Mixed. **Pkt., 25 seeds, 3 cts.**

MARVEL OF PERU, DWARF CARMINE.

A very handsome, compact, dwarf, bushy plant, with brilliant carmine flowers. **Pkt., 25 seeds, 4 cts.**



Mignonette, Machel.

MIGNONETTE, MACHET. (TRUE.)

An entirely new and distinct sort of great merit. It is of dwarf and vigorous growth, with massive spikes of deliciously scented red flowers. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

MIGNONETTE, GOLDEN QUEEN.

Very fine variety, flowers of golden hue; highly effective; of dense pyramidal habit and deliciously fragrant. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.**

MIGNONETTE, NEW GIANT RED.

The flower spikes are of the largest size, unequalled by any other variety, while the color is uniform and strikingly distinct red. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.**

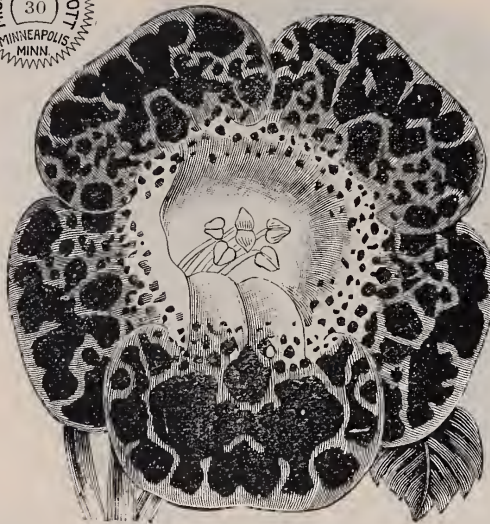
MIGNONETTE, GIANT WHITE.

Similar to Giant Red in size of spikes, but in color pure white, and is quite showy in growth; not as fragrant as the colored varieties. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.**

MIGNONETTE, SWEET. (RESEDA ODORATA.)

A favorite on account of its fragrance. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.**





Mimulus, Monkey Flower.

MIMULUS, MONKEY FLOWER.

Tender-looking plants, with singularly shaped and brilliantly colored flowers, blotched and spotted in every conceivable manner. Excellent for baskets or vases, while they thrive well in the open garden. Fine hybrid mixed. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

MIMULUS MOSCHATUS, (MUSK PLANT.)

A well-known and favorite plant. Cultivated on account of the musky odor of the plant. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

MIMOSA, (SENSITIVE PLANT.)

An interesting and curious plant. The leaves will close and droop at the slightest touch. Mostly grown as a curiosity. **Pkt., 12 seeds, 3 cts.**

MARIGOLD, LEGION OF HONOR.

Dwarf Single.

The blooms are of medium size, rich golden-yellow, with the center of each petal broadly marked with velvety crimson-brown, and with clustering stamens in bright shades of orange-yellow. Blooms abundantly from July until cut down by frost. So easily raised from seed that I strongly recommend it to everyone **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

Mrs. Wayne Church, Owasco, N. Y., April, 1897, writes:—I had grand luck with your seeds last year.

Annie Palmer, Windsor, Mo., Oct. 13, 1897, writes:—My flower garden won the admiration of the whole community. I was very much pleased with my success and anticipate much more next summer.



Eldorado Marigold.

MARIGOLD, THE ELDERADO.

The large, bushy plants are each a ball of brilliant colors, many single plants having seventy-five flowers in bloom at one time. The flowers are from three to four inches in diameter, imbricated, and perfectly double. They embrace four shades of color—the lightest primrose, lemon, golden yellow, and deep orange. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

DWARF MARIGOLD, GILT EDGE.

The center of the flowers is rich, velvety, deep black brown surrounded by a bright golden ring. The edges of the petals are slightly undulated which greatly adds to its pleasing appearance. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

MARIGOLD, FRENCH MIXED.

A class of showy and extremely effective plants, with fine double flowers of rich and beautiful colors; very well adapted for large beds and bordering. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

MINA LOBATA.

Half hardy Mexican climbing annual. The buds are at first of vivid red, but turn to orange yellow immediately before they open, and when fully expanded the flowers are of a creamy-white shade. **Pkt., 12 seeds, 4 cts.**



IMPERIAL JAPANESE MORNING GLORIES.

The Surpassing Charm of these IMPERIAL JAPANESE MORNING GLORIES lies in the Entrancing Beauty and Gigantic Size of the Flowers.

They measure from four to six inches across, and their greater substance causes them to remain open much longer than ordinary Morning Glories. The colors of the flowers, shadings and markings are limitless, and are really wonders of nature, of such incomparable beauty that descriptions are inadequate. **Pkt., Single and Double Mixed, 50 seeds, 6 cts.**

TALL MORNING GLORIES, FINE MIXED.

Seed of the well-known Morning Glory is so cheap, the flowers so bright, and the vines of such rapid growth, that it should be largely planted to cover trellises and unsightly out-houses. All colors mixed. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.**

DWARF MORNING GLORY, ROSE QUEEN.

A beautiful plant of trailing habit, rose colored flowers with white center, growing twelve inches high, fine for borders. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 3 cts.**

NICOTIANA AFFINIS.

When its large, pure white flowers are fully expanded in the evening and early morning, it has a most striking effect, and so fragrant that a small bed will perfume the whole surrounding atmosphere. If the plants are taken up in the fall, cut back, and potted, they will bloom freely all winter in the house. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts**

NIGELLA, LOVE-IN-A-MIST.

Hardy annual, known as "Devil-in-Bush," and "Lady-in-Green," because the blossoms are partially concealed by the abundance of finely cut foliage. The plant and flower are both handsome, and require but little care. **Pkt., 75 seeds, 3 cts.**

NOLANA.

Beautiful trailing plants, almost equal to the Portulaca for growing in masses, and unsurpassed for baskets, pots, vases or rock work. The flower is similar in shape to a Morning Glory, **Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.**

Mrs. C. H. Piper, Unionville, Conn., writes:—I had lovely flowers from your seeds, my pansies were very fine, I measured several and they were between 2½ and 3 inches across. My Dianthus were enormous and such lovely colors, and my Sweet Pea trellis was a picture and the envy of all my friends—it is about 10 feet long with a row of blossoms on each side. They grew two feet above the six foot wire fence, and sent them everywhere and then did not know what to do with the rest. From a fourth of a packet of White Perpetual Stock I raised 15 nice plants, all but two bore double blossoms of the purest white, very large and fragrant, some of them blossom stalks 18 inches long, and 21 stalks of buds on one plant.

Mrs. C. A. Stevens, Jobstown, N. J., writes:—This is the second year I have planted your seeds, they are sure to come up if treated right, I find them bright and good—had 16 different varieties, almost all came up and more than repaid me for the care I gave them.





NASTURTIIUMS, DWARF, FINEST MIXED.

The best ever produced and not surpassed for gorgeousness of colors and brilliancy of effect, embracing every known good sort, including Aurora, Empress of India, Lady Bird, King Theodore, Pearl White, Ruby King, New Brilliant, Yellow and Spotted King. In Dwarf Nasturtiums I consider my special mixed the best that money can buy; the price may appear high for this strain, but it is made up especially for critical buyers that have the money to spend for THE BEST ONLY. Dwarf Nasturtiums now rank with Sweet Peas and Pansies as a favorite and fashionable flower. **Pkt., 25 seeds, 4 cts.; oz., 14 cts.; ¼ lb., 45 cts.**

DWARF NASTURTIIUMS, GOOD MIXED.

The same grade as is usually sold, and very fine. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 10 cts.**

DWARF NASTURTIIUMS, AURORA.

The ground color is a chrome-yellow, the upper petals being of a somewhat lighter tint, while the two lower petals are *spotted and veined with purplish-carmine*. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 4 cts.**

DWARF NASTURTIIUMS, EMPRESS OF INDIA.

The leaves are of a dark purplish-blue color, making a suitable back ground for the brilliant crimson-scarlet flowers. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 4 cts.**

DWARF NASTURTIIUMS LADY BIRD.

The ground color of the flowers is rich golden-yellow, each petal barred with a broad vein of bright ruby-crimson. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 4 cts.**

DWARF NASTURTIIUMS, SPOTTED KING.

Rich orange spotted with maroon. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 4 cts.**

NEW CLIMBING NASTURTIIUMS, Madame Gunther's Hybrids.

(See cover page of catalogue for illustration in colors.)

A new section obtained by artificial hybridizing, and distinguished by dark-colored foliage and flowers of a richness and variety of coloring not to be found in any of the different classes of Nasturtiums heretofore grown. Colors in these new hybrids include various shades of rose, salmon, bright red, pale yellow, etc., either self-colored or spotted, mottled, striped and margined. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.**

TALL NASTURTIIUMS, FINEST MIXED.

I also offer a special mixture of the Tall, or climbing Nasturtiums, made up on the same basis as the Dwarf Variety finest mixed, from the best named and brightest colors only. **Pkt., 25 seeds, 4 cts.; oz., 12 cts.**

TALL NASTURTIIUMS, GOOD MIXED.

Free bloomers and many bright colors. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.**

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.

All the annual varieties mixed, many of them being really handsome in growth, and all of them desirable for winter bouquets, if cut while green and dried in the shade. **Large Pkt., 4 cts.**

GENOTHERA, (EVENING PRIMROSE.)

Saucer-shaped flowers of various colors and enormous size, often as large as a Moonflower; very striking and fragrant. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

OXALIS.

It is not generally known that these annual varieties of Oxalis are fully equal for edgings to the variety grown from bulbs. Mixed colors. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**



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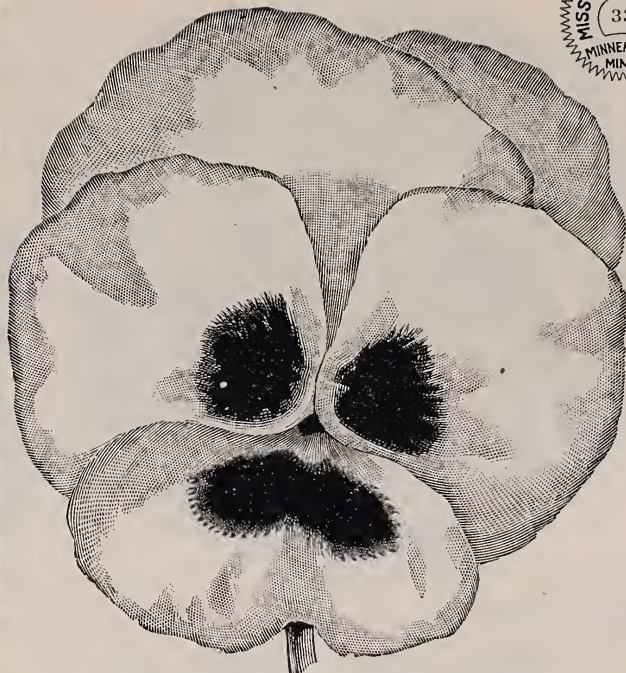
PRINCE
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GIANT YELLOW PRINCE PANSY.

The color is pure golden yellow, shaded canary sometimes with the three lower petals marked with purplish, or red blotches and hair lines. It is impossible to reproduce by means of the printer's art the grand depth of brilliant color presented by this beautiful Pansy when well grown. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 8 cts.**

EMPEROR FREDERICK PANSY.

The first color is deep, velvety brown, shaded into a narrow band of deep golden-yellow, which borders each petal. The perfect flowers show a distinct face marking of rich gold and deep brown. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**



GIANT WHITE SPOTTED PANSY.

The flowers are very large, pure white with a violet blotch on the three lower petals, of good form and substance. This is the first season I have been able to offer this fine strain separate. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 8 cts.**

NEW RED MIXED PANSY.

The most brilliant Pansy Mixture ever offered, made up from a collection of all the best red and fiery shades which have been produced up to date by the expert Pansy Growers of Europe and America. If you want *red pansies* try this mixture. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.**



Specimen Royal Show Pansy. Actual Size, 2½ inches.

ROYAL SHOW PANSIES

Is a mixture especially prepared by myself from separate strains and colors of all the largest flowering and finest varieties that can be secured in Europe and is *unsurpassed in beauty, colorings and markings.* Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cts.; Pkt., 100 seeds, 10 cts.

BLACK PRINCE PANSY.

A distinct pansy of sterling merit. The rich, glossy black has a peculiarly soft, velvety appearance, the magnificent large flowers are of fine circular form and carried upright well above the foliage; the plants are of very compact, bushy habit, and flower so profusely that a bed of the Black Prince makes a sight not often equalled. Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.



Sweet Scented Pansies.

SWEET SCENTED PANSIES.

The Perfume of the Violet. The Beauty of the Pansy.

This new class is the result of crossing the Pansy (*viola tricolor*) with the Sweet Violet (*viola cornuta*); the resulting hybrids, in addition to retaining the delightful Violet Perfume, produce the most beautiful Pansy-like blossoms, 2 to 2½ inches across, of great substance and of an endless variety of colors. They are not all equally fragrant, though the majority are as highly scented as the sweetest Violet, and the other high merits of this new strain, aside from their perfume, destine them to wide popularity. Mixed colors. Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.

Mrs. F. E. Hoover, Croton, Ohio, January, 1897, writes:--I have used your seeds several years and they have always given general satisfaction, especially the Pansies and Sweet Peas.



FIRE KING PANSY

SNOW QUEEN

QUEEN

PEACOCK PANSY

FIRE KING PANSY.

This novelty comes almost absolutely true, scarcely a plant bearing flowers at variance from the type, which is very distinct and striking. The three lower petals each have a large blotch of deep brown-red or magenta margined with yellow, while the upper petals are of a bright reddish brown, of a *real fiery shade*, warranting the name FIRE KING. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

SNOW QUEEN PANSY.

Pure satiny white with yellow dot in center of flower, sometimes marked near center with faint blue or purple lines; altogether the least picturesque of any of the different classes of Pansies; it is very highly prized by a great many pansy lovers for just that reason. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

METEOR PANSY.

Color bright canary-yellow; the three lower petals are variously spotted with mahogany-brown. while the two upper petals vary from reddish-brown to dark purple, narrowly margined with gold or silver. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

PEACOCK PANSY.

A beautiful variety of ultramarine blue in the upper petals of the flower, edged with a thin white line, within which is a space of purplish-crimson, passing into a rich central blotch of deep blue, shading to black, named "Peacock" because the blending colors resemble the feathers of a peacock. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

NEW IMPERIAL GERMAN PANSY.

This mixture embraces seed of over fifty colors and markings, and is **guaranteed** to equal any strain offered as Imperial German. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 5 cts.**

NEW GIANT TRIMARDEAU PANSY.

Remarkable for the extra large size of the flowers, which, however, are not so circular in form as the "Imperial German" or the "Royal Show." **Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.**

PANSY.

GOOD MIXED. Fine for bedding, many rich colors. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**



GIANT PETUNIA, Crimson Queen.

(See Cover Page for Illustration.)

Immense flowers, four to five inches across, with fringed edges and deep veined throat. Color a beautiful rich crimson. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 14 cts.**

SINGLE PETUNIA, SNOWBALL.

Grows about eight inches high with pure satiny white flowers, and makes a beautiful edging or bedding plant. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.**

NEW STAR PETUNIA.

An exquisite variety either for the garden or pot culture, each flower having distinct white, star-like stripes, on rich purplish-red ground. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

PETUNIA, HYBRIDA, Finest Mixed.

A splendid mixture, embracing all colors. They are excellent for bedding or massing. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 5 cts.**

PETUNIA, HYBRIDA, Good Mixed.

Many colors and a good bedding variety. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

PETUNIA, DOUBLE.

Finest varieties carefully fecundated with best double flowers, and will produce from twenty-five to forty per cent of double flowering plants. Some double, fringed in all shades of colors existing in Petunias and the blossoms that come single will be of the grandiflora type. **Pkt., 40 seeds, 10 cts.**

PETUNIA, LADY OF THE LAKE.

Some magnificent double, pure white, beautifully fringed, can be obtained from this strain. Produces about twenty to thirty per cent of double flowers. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 14 cts.**

Glady Potter, Wonewoc, Wis., writes:—I am very glad to say that I never had a prettier bed of Pansies than those grown from your "Royal Show." As for the other flowers, I was well satisfied.



PETUNIA GRANDIFLORA, LARGE FLOWERING. Mixed.

The largest flowering and richest colored variety in cultivation. Single flowers frequently measure over five inches in diameter, ruffled or fringed on the edges and beautifully veined, with various shades of purple, rose, lavender, yellow and crimson. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 8 cts.**



Phlox Drummondii Grandiflora.

PHLOX DRUMMONDII GRANDIFLORA.

Their long duration in bloom, combined with their almost unequalled richness of color, renders them of invaluable service in the flower garden. The colors range in every conceivable shade; producing flowers twice the size of common Phlox. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cents. Large Pkt., 200 seeds, 6 cts.**

Mrs. S. S. Wright, DeGrasse, N. Y., Apr. '97, writes:—I have had splendid luck with your seeds, my Phlox and Sweet Peas were the finest I ever raised.

PHLOX, LARGE FLOWERING BRILLIANT SCARLET.

A most effective color for bedding. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

PHLOX, LARGE FLOWERING PURE WHITE.

Large, round flowers of splendid substance. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4c.**

PHLOXES, "STARRED AND FRINGED."

These "*Starred and Fringed Phloxes*" are really entitled to rank as a *new race*. In the *Fringed Flowers* the petals are partly fimbriate and partly three-toothed, in more than twenty distinct shades. In the *Starred Phloxes* the pointed central teeth of the petals are five to six times as long as the lateral ones and project beyond them like little spines, giving the flowers a *star-like form*. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

PHLOX, HORTENSIA FLOWERED.

These are undoubtedly one of the handsomest species of the Phlox family. The flowers are borne in large umbels, just like a Hydrangea. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 5 cts.**

PHLOX DRUMMONDII, GOOD MIXED.

Invaluable for bedding and cut flowers; an excellent strain. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

PHLOX, DOUBLE FLOWERING.

A very desirable class. Flowers are double and semi-double and last much longer than those of the single Phlox. The white is especially valuable as a cut flower. All colors mixed. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.**

PHLOX, PERENNIAL, CHOICEST MIXED.

The varieties of the perennial Phlox are among the choicest of our flowers for bedding and border plants. They are hardy and need no protection; will flourish in any soil, succeeding better, however, in deep, rich, rather moist ground. **Pkt., 25 seeds, 5 cts.**

PORTULACA, DOUBLE FLOWERED.

One of the most showy and beautiful annuals, with abundant, highly-colored flowers. For baskets, beds, masses or edging it is invaluable. The seed I offer has been saved with extra care from the finest colors and will give a good proportion of double flowers. **Pkt., 300 seeds, 4 cts.**

PORTULACA, SINGLE.

A great variety of colors mixed. **Pkt., 300 seeds, 3 cts.**





PRIMULA SINENSIS.
(CHINESE PRIMROSE.)

Many persons seem to think Primulas are successfully propagated only in a greenhouse, hence we find amateurs often reluctant to attempt their culture. They are unequalled as winter bloomers, easily grown, if the right conditions are observed, and give a succession of flowers throughout the season, and are prized for both the beauty and their delicate fragrance. **Single fringed, finest mixed, pkt., 40 seeds, 8 cts. Good mixed, pkt., 40 seeds, 6 cts.**

PRIMULA, DOUBLE.

Best mixed of all colors. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 14c.**

PRIMULA OBCONICA.

Primula Obconica is as near an everblooming plant as it is possible to obtain. It has been known to flower for over twelve months without a break. **Pkt., 40 seeds, 4 cts.**

Susie E. Maston, Roscoe, O., March, 1897, writes:—I have planted your seeds several years with very good results.

POPPY, THE SHIRLEY.

It is perfectly hardy and flowers the first season from seed. The flowers are large, exceedingly graceful and elegant; the colors are pure, soft and varied, and range from bluish white rose, delicate pink and carmine, through innumerable tints to bright sparkling crimson. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cts.**

NEW CARDINAL POPPY.

The plants grow about sixteen inches high, and are well furnished with deeply-cut, dark green foliage, which shows off the enormous, double glowing cardinal-scarlet flowers. On close inspection, each of the perfectly fringed petals will be found lined with white, while on the back of the flower a white Maltese cross stands out in sharp relief. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cts.**

**NEW POPPY,
WHITE SWAN.**

One of the most effective and valuable Poppies introduced for years. The plants are about eighteen inches high, grow in very pretty bush form, crowned with flowers of enormous size, perfect form, very double and of the purest snow-white. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cts.**

FAIRY BLUSH POPPY.

The immense globular flowers are perfectly double, and measure from ten to thirteen inches in circumference; the petals are *elegantly fringed* and *pure white*, except at tips, where they are *distinctly colored with rosy-cream*. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 4 cts.**

Miss Bertha Cahill, Paxton, Neb., writes:—I was well pleased with the seeds received from you last season. The Petunias did remarkably well.



Double Poppies—Mixed.

DOUBLE POPPIES MIXED.

For dazzling richness and variety of colors, the flowers are unequalled. Simply scatter the seeds in the open ground and a mass of beauty will result which will be a constant source of pleasure. **Pkt., 200 seeds, 3 cts.**

ICELAND POPPIES.

These fine perennial poppies produce flowers in great abundance the first year from the seed. The colors range from the purest white and yellow to the deepest glowing orange scarlet, and have a delicious fragrance. For vase or house decorations they rank among the loveliest. **Mixed colors. Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.**

Mrs. H. W. Gordon, Orange, O., Mch, '97, writes:—I have planted your seeds for 3 years and have had good success with them.



CHINESE LANTERN PLANT.

(**PHYSALIS FRANCHETTI.**)

The plant produces numerous, large, inflated husks, much the shape of Chinese lanterns, at first a beautiful green color, changing to a yellowish hue and then to brightest scarlet, and as they hang suspended among the green foliage they present a most novel and strikingly beautiful appearance. Branches cut and dried retain their rich and brilliant color, and make most beautiful winter bouquets when used with dried grasses or leaves. The plant grows from one and one-half to two feet in height. Treated like a Tomato it grows and fruits freely from seed the first season, yet the plants are perennial and may be wintered in the cellar or grown in pots as a window plant. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 6 cts.**

Wm. Bennet, Manager J. C. Wilson & Co., Montreal, Canada, writes:--I received your catalogue and seeds in due course and was very much pleased with both, and congratulate you especially on the catalogue. I think it well and artistically got up, comparing it with your competitors of which I have an array--some 26 before me, yours certainly is the most interesting, although not by far the largest.

Mrs. Anna Richards, 225 S. High St., Steubenville, O., March, 1897, writes:--Your seeds have always given me great satisfaction.

Miss J. C. Bedford, Madison, N. J., writes:--I tried your seeds this year and have been very much pleased with the result. I never had such beautiful Sweet Peas. My 'Nicotinas' are the admiration of all beholders.

Mrs. M. B. Townsend, Freeport, Me, writes:--I tried your seeds last year for the first time, and was very much pleased, so shall order again of you. I raise my flowers for the State Fair and I want the best I can get. I send you the list of my exhibit at State Fair for which I received premiums to the amount of \$23.25. The ones marked with * 1st premium and the others 2d premium. * Dahlias, * Asters, * Zinnias, * Phlox, * Petunias, Tuberous Begonias, Foliage Begonias, * Coleus, * Gloxinias, Cut Flowers.



Ricinus Zanzibariensis.

RICINUS ZANZIBARIENSIS.

An entirely new class from Africa, with leaves often measuring two feet across; the seeds are marbled, speckled and spotted. **Pkt., 6 seeds, 4 cts.**

RICINUS, CAMBOGIENSIS.

Large palm-like leaves of a brilliant, bronzy-red maroon color, with large red veins. **Pkt., 6 seeds, 4 cts.**

RICINUS. CASTOR-OIL BEAN.

Many choice varieties mixed. **Pkt., 6 seeds, 3 cts.**



New Dwarf Rose.

NEW DWARF POLYANTHA ROSE.

Roses from Seed the First Year.

This remarkable little plant is a native of Lyons, the home of Roses, and promises to be the first of a new race of remontant, or **Ever-Blooming Polyantas**; they bloom in four months after sowing, so that seed sown in February in the house may be had in bloom in June in the open ground, where they *continue to bloom throughout the season*, giving about an equal proportion of single, semi-double and double flowers borne in clusters. The plants grow about one foot high; very hardy and may be treated as annuals. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 6 cts.**

ROSE, MULTIFLORA TRUE.

A much dwarfer growing variety than the "Polyantha" blooming more freely the first season from spring-sown seed, and contain all the tints and colors of cultivated Roses. Seed rare and scarce. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 10 cts.**

RHODOCHITON, VOLUBILE.

A splendid climber, growing about ten feet high and a pretty subject for trellises. The flowers are about two inches long, curiously formed, and of a rich claret red, and hang on long graceful stems.

It flowers freely from seed the first season. **Pkt., 20 seeds, 8 cts.**

SMILAX.

One of the most desirable window vines on account of its charming, glossy green, elegant and graceful foliage, and will grow several feet high the first season; Started in the spring it affords elegant trellis plants

for the house in winter; also fine for hanging baskets. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 4 cts.; ¼ oz., 18 cts.**



Salpiglossis.

SALPIGLOSSIS, GRANDIFLORA.

The graceful flowers, borne on long stems, range in color from the most delicate shades of light blue and straw color to the deepest purple and richest brown and maroon. The quaint funnel-shaped flowers somewhat resemble those of the petunia, and are borne on long stems in great profusion. The metallic gloss and distinct veining of the petals present almost the appearance of jeweled enamels. Large Flowering Mixed. **Pkt., 150 seeds, 3 cts.**

SWEET ROCKET, (HESPERIS.)

The Sweet Rocket produces clusters of flowers which are very fragrant during the evening. The seed rapidly germinates in the open ground with very little care. Hardy perennial, one and a half feet high. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**



Scarlet Sage.

SCARLET SAGE (SALVIA SPLENDENS)

One of the grandest plants in cultivation—a bed of them surpassing the finest scarlet geraniums in brilliancy and continuous bloom; the flower spikes often measure ten to twelve inches in length, and there are as many as two hundred spikes on a well grown plant. From the time they first begin to flower, the plants are never out of bloom until killed by late frosts. It is easily grown from seed and the purchase of plants should be abandoned. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 4 cts.**

SALVIA FARINACEA.

The plants form dwarf, compact bushes, with long spikes of beautiful blue flowers, which makes a charming contrast when grown with the scarlet described above. **Pkt., 40 seeds, 4 cts.**



SNOWBALL SCABIOSA.

The flowers are very large, measuring fully two inches in diameter, of purest white and very double. It comes quite true from seed. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 4 cts.**

SCABIOSA, DOUBLE BLACK.

A new variety with elegant double black-purple flowers—so deep in color as to appear nearly coal-black. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 4c.**

SCABIOSA.—Mixed double, all colors. **Pkt., 75 seeds, 3 cts.**



Schizanthus.

SCHIZANTHUS, (BUTTERFLY FLOWER.)

Elegant and very free blooming annuals; of much interest and beauty, and when well grown rival in singularity of colors and markings of the orchids, large flowers spotted with crimson, lilac, purple and yellow, and the petals are cut in a picturesque manner. In pots in the conservatory or house few plants are more attractive; also elegant in a bouquet or vase, and fine for bedding. **Pkt., 150 seeds, 3 cts.**



Largest Flowering Stocks.

STOCKS, TEN WEEKS.

The Largest Flowering Globe Pyramidal.

Immense spikes of perfectly double flowers, pyramidal in shape, the individual blooms frequently measuring from 2 to 2½ inches in diameter, ranging in colors from crimson, rose, white, blue, lilac, brown and yellow. They are greatly prized for cut flowers on account of their fragrance and diversity of colors. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 4 cts.**

STOCKS, Dwarf German Ten Weeks.

Fine mixed. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 3 cts.**

STOCK, White Perpetual. (Princess Alice.)

The individual flowers are uncommonly large, of a fine, rosette-like shape, and of the purest possible white. If sown early will produce a great abundance of bloom from June until November. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 5 cts.**

STOCK, Peach Blossom.

The plants are of neat pyramidal habit of growth crowned with magnificent heads of beautiful shaped, perfectly double sweet scented flowers of a delicate peach blossom color. For beauty and long continuance of bloom, it is unsurpassed; and the delightful fragrance renders it very desirable for bouquets, etc. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 6 cts.**

Hartley Gisborne Civ. Engineer, Qu'Appelle Sta., Assa., N. W. T. Canada, writes:—That out of 52 varieties of flower seeds purchased from me, only six varieties failed to germinate satisfactorily with him. Most of the seeds were sown in a hot-bed heated by manure alone on the 20th of April, and transplanted outside in the first week in June. Seeds sown outside on and after the 20th of May.

Mrs. Geo. Wallace, Milton, East Quebec, Can., Sept. 22, '97, writes:—I am so delighted with my success with the seeds I received from you that I must tell you of it. I never saw such beautiful Sweet Peas, fully two-thirds double and such a variety of colors.



Senecio Elegans.

SENECIO ELEGANS.

A beautiful free-flowering annual, dense heads of bloom and is of a very compact and regular habit of growth, and when planted close together make an effective bed, as the flowers completely cover the plants. The flowers of a fine lustrous purple—red, bright crimson, rose colored and pure white, perfectly double and imbricated; very valuable for bouquets. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**



**BEST
NEW SWEET
PEAS**

APPLE BLOSSOM.—Bright rosy pink standards, blush wings.
Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.

BLANCHE FERRY.—Beautiful combination of pink and white;
very fragrant. Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.

BLUSHING BEAUTY.—Very fine and extra large; rich, soft, fleshy
rose. Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.

BOREATTON.—Deep dark, maroon blossoms, rich and velvety.
Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.

BRONZE KING.—Very novel and unique. Standard of a curious
terra-cotta tint, supposed to be bronze; wings ivory white.
Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.

BUTTERFLY.—Standards and wings white, faintly suffused lavender;
entire flower edged with blue. Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.;
oz., 8 cts.

CAPTAIN OF THE BLUES.—The nearest approach to blue. Of
large expanded form, standards purple-mauve, wings lighter,
shading to pale blue. Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.

COUNTESS OF RADNOR.—Standards light mauve, fading into a
soft lavender, wings of a lighter shade. Pkt., 40 seeds, 3
cts.; oz., 8 cts.

FIREFLY.—The best and brightest of all the scarlets. Standard
fiery scarlet, wings crimson scarlet. Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.;
oz. 8 cts.

GAIETY.—Bright and lively stripes of crimson on white ground.
Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.

GRAY FRIAR.—The flowers are of a hooded form, watered purple
on white ground. Pkt., 40 seeds, 4 cts.; oz. 10 cts.

LEMON QUEEN.—Color delicate blush tinted lemon. Pkt., 40
seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.

METEOR.—Standard bright orange salmon, wings pink veined.
Pkt., 40 seeds, 4 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

MRS. GLADSTONE.—Standards, soft blush pink, wings suffused
with a deeper carmine pink. Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.; oz.,
8 cts.

MRS. JOS. CHAMBERLAIN.—One of the largest and handsomest
of Eckford's latest Novelties. The color is very effective, the
whole flower having a white ground which is heavily striped
with rose. Pkt., 40 seeds, 4 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

PRIMROSE.—Distinct as the nearest approach to yellow in Sweet
Peas; of a pale primrose-yellow color. Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.;
oz., 8 cts.

PURE WHITE (Emily Henderson).—Extra large flowers, selected
stock. Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.

RAMONA.—Soft flesh-pink stripes on white ground, very dainty
and delicate. Pkt., 40 seeds, 4 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

VENUS.—Of the largest expanded form; color a rich salmon-buff.
Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.

WAVERLY.—Standard rosy-claret; wings blue, shaded and laced
with rose. Pkt., 40 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 8 cts.



NEW DWARF PINK CUPID SWEET PEA.

Pink Cupid bears generally three and sometimes four flowers to a stem. The illustration above was accurately engraved from a photograph, *exactly natural size*. The flowers are identical with the tall-growing *Blanche Ferry* and are *always fully equal in size*. The standard is a bright rose pink, while the wings are pure white or light pink. It will be without a rival as a bedding and border annual, for its color and fragrance make it a rare novelty. The seed I offer was secured direct from the introducer in **Sealed Packets**, containing **12 seeds**, **Price 15 cts. or 2 Packets for 25 cts.**

Mrs. Verta Johnson, Edmeston, N. Y., Mich., 1897, writes:—I was very much pleased with the seeds ordered from you last year, the Pansies and Sweet Peas were beautiful.

May Snively, Seven Mile, O., Mich. 1897, writes:—I have ordered flower seeds from you for three years and am always very well pleased with my flowers.



New Dwarf Sweet Pea—"Cupid." Flowers White.

NEW DWARF SWEET PEA, "CUPID." FLOWERS PURE WHITE.

Grows but five inches high and blooms so freely for months that it appears a perfect mass of white—the leaves being quite hidden. The flowers, of fine form and large size, are of the most perfect white, and the plants remain in full bloom two months longer than any other Sweet Pea. Useful for bedding. **Pkt., 30 seeds, 6 cts.**

PERENNIAL PEAS, (LATHYRUS.)

They do not have the delicious fragrance of the Sweet Peas, but they are equally as beautiful. They are perfectly hardy and live year after year bearing magnificent clusters of flowers and bloom early in the spring. **Pkt., 25 seeds, 3 cts.**

NEW DOUBLE SWEET PEAS.

Double Sweet Peas are of incomparable beauty. The plants are of extremely robust growth, producing a lavish profusion of richly fragrant flowers; the flowers are extra large, frequently measuring over two inches across.

They WILL NOT ALL COME DOUBLE, but if the plants are grown strong and luxuriant, they usually produce from 20 to 40 per cent of double blossoms. **Pkt., 40 seeds, 4c.**



Double Sweet Peas.

SWEET PEAS.

Best New Mixed.

Owing to a special demand for all the new and finer named varieties, I have selected all the large flowering and most distinct sorts, especially for those that can afford to pay for the scarce and rarer varieties that heretofore have been too expensive to include in a mixture, including in all some twenty-five or thirty named varieties. This I call my **BEST MIXED** and I can particularly recommend it as extra choice and fine. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 6 cts.; oz., 12 cts.; ¼ lb., 28 cts.; lb., 95 cts.**

SWEET PEAS.—FINE MIXED.

This strain, although not embracing the new seedlings, contains a beautiful assortment of the famous **ECKFORD SWEET PEAS**. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 4 cts.; oz., 8 cts.; ¼ lb., 22 cts.; lb., 65 cts.**

SWEET PEAS.—GOOD MIXED.

Pkt., 75 seeds, 3 cts.; oz., 6 cts.; ¼ lb., 15 cts.; lb., 40 cts.



Sweet William.

SWEET WILLIAM, (DIANTHUS BARBATUS)

The Sweet William is one of the finest flowering plants among the hardy perennials. The flowers have a wide range of bright colors and varied markings, including the finest auricula-eyed varieties. Single and double mixed. **Pkt., 100 seeds, 3 cts.**

SOLANUM, (JERUSALEM CHERRY.)

A miniature orange tree, covered all winter with a profusion of scarlet fruit. The foliage is very beautiful, but the fruit is the chief attraction. **Pkt., 50 seeds, 3 cts.**

THUNBERGIA, (BLACK-EYED-SUSAN.)

Very elegant, slender-growing climbers, rapidly covering wire trellises, and also useful for vases in the garden or house. The colors are pure white, light yellow and deep orange. They continue in flower all summer. **Mixed. Pkt., 20 seeds, 3 cts.**





Mammoth Verbena.

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