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CATALOGUE

— OF TESTED —

GARDEN SEEDS.

— GROWN AND FOR SALE BY —

A. T. COOK, SEEDSMAN, HYDE PARK,
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK.



ANNUAL GREETING.

"May seed-time leave your doubts no room,
The summer find your fields a-bloom.
The harvest, as 'tis gathered in,
Crowd every barn, and every bin!"



KIND FRIENDS:—In sending you my SEED CATALOGUE I take this opportunity of thanking you for the liberal patronage bestowed on me, and for the many kind letters and testimonials, in regard to the good quality of my seeds. I am happy to say I do not know that I have a single dissatisfied customer; but should there be any such, if they will write to me, I will do my best to render satisfaction. I do not boast of having the largest seed house in the country, or of issuing the most magnificent Catalogue, filled with illustrated beauty; and bewitching rhetoric, (which all understand the customer really has to pay for in high-priced seeds.) But rather, I am glad to say that what I do, I mean to do well, and by personally growing most of the seeds, carefully testing them, and putting them up myself I KNOW WHAT I AM SELLING; and am able to supply GOOD-SIZED PACKETS at a reasonable price.

My business the past season has been greatly in excess of any previous year; and I find people fully understand the great advantage of buying tested seeds direct from the grower. I now have a very large and carefully selected stock of seeds to offer. To strangers, I would say—

YOU WILL NOT FIND IN MY CATALOGUE

"store seed" venerable with years, and of unreliable quality, seed saved from all the odds and ends of various crops; seed saved from unsalable melons, and onions; headless cabbages, sprangling carrots; refuse corn, beets, and vegetables of all sorts. But if you want Northern seed, honestly raised, home grown, carefully tested: seed warranted to give satisfaction [or order re-filled gratis], then I should be pleased to count you among my customers



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"Sowing in the sunshine,
Sowing in the shadows;
Fearing neither clouds, nor
Winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest,
And the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing,
Bringing in the sheaves."

Take the
Farm Journal
50 Cts. a Year

It will be sent one year to any one ordering seeds or plants from this catalogue to the amount of \$2.00 or over.

Be sure and say you want it.

SPECIAL OFFER TO ALL.

MONEY MADE EASILY AND RAPIDLY.



ANY ONE—even Girls and Boys can make good wages selling my Packet seeds. Take orders at my regular catalog rates, (see page 10) and remit \$1.00 for each \$1.50 ordered (you keep one-third for your trouble;) I also send the Farm Journal to any address one year free for each \$2.00 you remit.

BETTER STILL—If you get orders for \$10.00 worth (or more) of packets you may keep one-half for your pay, (no Farm Journal with this offer.) Now I want my seeds introduced in your neighborhood and you can make money helping me, so please take this catalog and sample pkts. if you have them, and go among your friends and neighbors and see how easily you can get up a club; almost everyone will order a few packets at least, and many will give you large orders, and very soon you will secure \$10.00, \$25.00, or \$50.00 worth or more, and have one-half in cash for your trouble. I hope you can send me many large clubs, but get up a club anyway—no matter how small. My packets are so neat, so large and well filled, and withall my price is so low that your success must be certain.

Remember I always add many new and valuable seeds gratis—fill all orders promptly,—send everything postpaid, and guarantee entire satisfaction. Tell this to your customers.

THE ABOVE offers are on **PACKETS** seeds only. On seeds by weight and measure, Collections, Cinnamon Vines and Potatoes you may keep one-fourth for your trouble—provided your order amounts to \$5.00 (not otherwise.) I will send additional Catalogs, Order Sheets etc. free if you can use them to advantage. Wishing you much success, I remain,
Very truly yours,
A. T. COOK.

Please Read, and Remember That

My seeds are raised for My Customers.

Terms, strictly CASH with the order.

I send no seeds on credit, or commission.

Postage-stamps taken same as cash when not convenient for you to remit otherwise.

HYDE PARK, N. Y. is my Money-Order Office,

I put in extra packets with every order.

Everything in this Catalogue carefully packed and sent by mail prepaid, at prices given.

I guarantee entire satisfaction in everything I offer, in so far that, should any prove otherwise, I will refill the order gratis.

HOW TO SEND MONEY ETC.

Although letters sent in the usual way very seldom get lost, it is, perhaps, best,—when \$1.00 or more is enclosed, to send by one of the following methods, (which may be done at my risk,) Registered Letter; Post-Office Order; Bank Draft, or by Express-order. I always put in more than enough extra packets to pay expense of ordering.

I **GUARANTEE** that all seeds sent out by me, shall reach their destination in good condition, and will replace any that may be lost or injured on the way:—thus I warrant everything but the crop, and make the purchase of seed the safest investment possible.

ORDER EARLY. Please send your orders early as possible, before the rush, while my stock is complete: I will have more time to add extra packets, and you will have the seeds on hand just when you want them. Should you receive more than one of my Catalogues, or Circulars, please hand to some friend, and thus do both them and me a favor.

WHAT I PROPOSE TO DO. 1st. To furnish my customers the very best seeds at a reasonable price. 2d. To furnish large size, well filled packets. 3d. To fill all orders promptly.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION. If any of my customers the past season purchased seeds of me that did not give entire satisfaction, will kindly mention it when ordering this season, I will be pleased to give them anything they wish of equal value.

FLOWERS.



"Plant in your garden some flowers to cheer you,
To gladden your view thro' the long summer days;
They will cheer you when sadness comes stealing upon you,
And lighten your cares as in childhood at play."



CHOICE FLOWER SEEDS

is one of my specialties, and my trade in them,—always large,—is rapidly increasing. My customers can rely upon getting those of the very best quality and finest strains. I warrant my FLOWER SEEDS as fully as I do my Vegetable Seeds, and I guarantee all to be fresh, true to name, and of good vitality.



"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

MY VEGETABLE SEEDS are confined to the very best sorts, and are all that can be desired for a family garden; they are far above the ordinary grades. Nothing is a greater comfort or more profitable than a good garden. My seeds are noted for their extreme earliness and uniform good types. They are grown for the most critical buyers.

Specialties, Novelties. and Improved Varieties.

The following list of Specialties, new, and improved varieties of Vegetable seeds, etc. have been mostly grown, and fully tested by me, and found to be worthy of all the praise I have given them; and my customers will find them all of great value and merit.



HENDERSON'S NEW BUSH LIMA BEAN.

Think of raising Limas without poles! They grow 18 inches high, in a compact bush form, and produce enormous crops of delicious Lima Beans; (a single plant has produced 270 pods.) The beans are the size of the Sieva or small Lima, and of delicious quality. It is two weeks earlier than the common Lima. This fact alone would stamp it as a most valuable novelty; but when in addition we realize that it is a true BUSH BEAN, requiring no supports, some idea of its great value can be obtained. Pkt. 10c. 3 for 25 cents.

THE EARLIEST TOMATO IN THE WORLD



IGNOTUM TOMATO.

All should plant the new Ignotum Tomato. A "priceless paragon" in the Tomato line; the earliest, most solid and valuable Tomato ever introduced. It will wipe out fifty old sorts at a sweep. Why grow a poor sort when you can have such a variety as this? My stock seed came from Fountain-head, (Cornell Agricultural College.) Seeds are few in the fruits, and necessarily expensive. Pkt. 10c. 3 for 25c.

SHOE PEG SUGAR CORN.

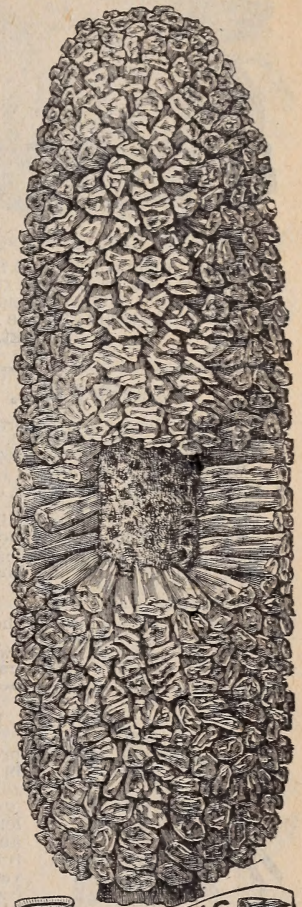
This new variety, is the sweetest and choicest sort grown, has sold at double the prices of all other varieties. It has the deepest grain and smallest cob of any. The cut is from nature—reduced in size.

The stalks are of medium height, sometimes yielding as many as 5 ears. The kernel is small, very long, white, exceedingly tender, sweet and of a rich flavor; in maturing it is medium late. It possesses so many desirable qualities that no market or private garden is complete without it.

Pkt. 10 cts; 3 for 25 cts. qt. 45 cts.

"The SHOE PEG corn is the best we ever ate." C. Weckesser, Sanborn N. Y.

"Of the 6 kinds of sweet corn grown this year, the Shoe Peg was best. It was so sweet and delicate-flavored that some of the household would touch no other—while this was to be had." A. J. Wilson, Macedon, N. Y.



You may be

disappointed in not finding in my catalogue varieties that are largely boomed by other seedsmen. If they are omitted there is a reason for it. It is not cheaper for you to be disappointed now than at harvest time? All unwholesome sorts are left out of this catalogue.

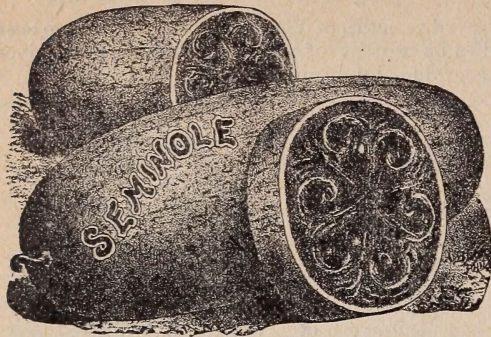
WHITE VELVET OKRA.

Why not try Okra this year? You will like it especially if you try this splendid new variety. It is very early, distinct and of attractive white velvet appearance, of superior flavor and tenderness. The young pods are nice for soups, stews, etc., and also much liked when pickled. The pods are of extra large size, and produced in great abundance. Packet 10c.



CLUB AGENTS and all others should remember that \$1.00 pays for seeds IN PACKETS to the amount of \$1.50—and that \$2.00 will pay for \$3.00 worth—and the FARM JOURNAL one year thrown in. Bear in mind I send everything prepaid and guarantee safe arrival—no matter whether you live in Maine or California. See opposite page.

I KNOW there is not as much paint, not as many exaggerated descriptions in my catalog as many have [neither is my price as high;] but my cabbages will head as well, and my flowers be as beautiful and smell as sweet as theirs. By printing a plain catalog I can give you better bargains in seeds.



SEMINOLE WATERMELON.

This new melon originated in Florida, the land of melons. It is extra early, extra large, enormously productive, and of most delicious flavor. All lovers of fine melons should give the New Seminole a trial. Pkt. 10 cts., 3 for 25 cts.

FLOWERS.

"God might have made the earth bring Enough for great and small, [forth The oak-tree and the cedar-tree. Without a flower at all. He might have made enough, enough For every want of ours, For luxury, medicine, and toil, And yet have made no flowers. Our outward life requires them not, Then wherefore had they birth? To minister delight to man. To beautify the earth! To comfort man—to whisper hope When'er his faith is dim, For He who car-th for the flowers Will care much more for him!"

GIRLS & BOYS
A chance for you to make money.
Get up clubs for the Cinnamon Vine.
It is easily done see pages 13 and 18.

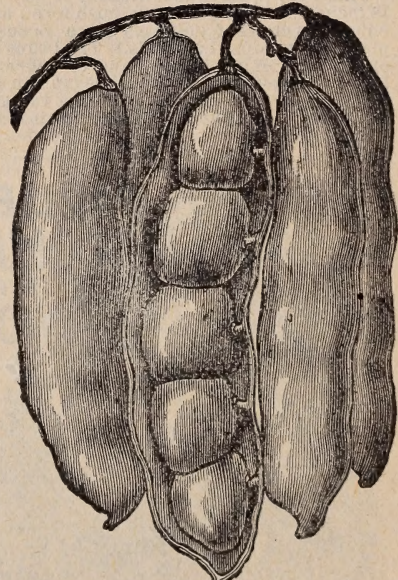


I offer this season, "THE PRINCESS" a new Muskmelon of extraordinary value, which after a thorough trial has proven of unsurpassed quality. My engraving, made from nature, shows their shape, which is nearly round, with heavily netted dark green skin; the flesh is of a rich salmon color, thicker than in most melons, and in flavor is SWEET AND LUSCIOUS BEYOND DESCRIPTION. They ripen early, and grow to good size, frequently weighing eight to ten pounds each. The vines grow vigorously and are very productive, often producing six to eight perfect melons on a single vine. Pkt. 5 cts. 6 for 25 cts.



BEANS: New Golden Prize.—Early, and very productive: pods long, brittle, and ENTIRELY STRINGLESS; of a rich golden wax color. Excellent both as a snap bean and a shell bean for winter use. The plants grow very uniform; are exceedingly hardy, and I have never known them to blight, or rust in the least. I consider them decidedly the best dwarf bean, I ever raised. Pkt. 10 c. 3 for 25 c. qt. 45 cts.

GIRLS! Do you love flowers? If so be sure and order a Gem Collection—12 pkts. for only 30 cts. Better still get up a club of 10 (all your friends will want it) and keep \$1.00 for pay. See page 18.



[CUT ONE-THIRD NATURAL SIZE].

COOK'S IMPROVED LIMA.—Best Lima Bean grown, either for home use or market, very productive. It is the most tender and delicious of all the bean family; is the result of long and careful selection. 10 days to two weeks earlier than other sorts. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

DRUMHEAD SAVOY CABBAGE.



Few are aware HOW EXCELLENT are the Savoy Cabbages. They are of much finer flavor and quality than the best of other sorts. Every family should grow some for their own use. The Drum-head I offer is the best of its class, and is aptly called "Perfection." The heads are large, finely curled, very compact, and of most superior flavor. It is an excellent winter keeper. My strain of seed is unusually choice and far superior to the imported, [which I could furnish for half my prices.] Pkt. 5 cts. 6 for 25 cts. one-fourth lb. 75 cts. lb. \$2.50.

CARROT. New Oxheart. This carrot comes from France, and is a decided advance in shape, and is easily harvested; it is very thick, attaining from three to four inches in diameter. It is of fine quality, and will prove of great value both in family and market gardens. Pkt. 5 c.



LARGE SUGAR PARSNIP:—Roots long, white, smooth, tender, sugary, and of excellent flavor. Parsnips are improved by remaining in the ground exposed to frost during winter. Pkt. 5 c.

H. A. Mc.QUISTON, Fair Haven, Ohio, May, 30 th, 1889, writes:—The last three years I have planted Cook's seeds side by side with those of our most reliable seedsmen such as * * * and many others; and Cook's always come out ahead. I have watched it closely and it has surprised me greatly: the difference must be in the vitality of seed.

MANGEL-WURZEL BEET.
GOLDEN TANKARD. This is decidedly the finest mangle in cultivation; the flesh rich golden yellow, exceedingly nutritious. It is a very heavy cropper. Pkt. 5 cts. 1-4 lb 20 cts. lb. 50 cts.

WHAT YOU WANT is the best seeds and the most favorable price. Send me your orders. You will get Good Seeds, Good Measure, Good Extras and plenty of them. It is easy to make selections from my Catalog. My seeds are "lucky seeds" all the unlucky seeds are left out. I sell seeds that grow and only varieties that IT PAYS to grow.

ORDER EARLY. The best time to order is just as you receive my Catalog. I can always give your orders more of my personal attention if they come in before the rush. I THINK I can serve you as well as any. Order now and I will TRY HARD to give you a pleasing surprise in the amount of seeds (and extras) you get.



BONNET, OR DISH-CLOTH GOURD.

This remarkable climber came from Japan. The fruit grows from one to two feet in length, and the vine is very ornamental; producing clusters of large yellow blossoms, in pleasing contrast with the silvery shaded, dark green foliage.

A natural dishcloth, and a most admirable one is furnished by the peculiar lining of this fruit which is sponge-like, porous, very tough, elastic and durable. Many ladies prefer this dishcloth to any prepared by art. As a substitute for sponges in the bath, and for many other toilet purposes, they have no equal. For fancy work they should be gathered before they get fully ripe and dry; the lining then is of a delicate cream color resembling embossed antique lace. Beautiful card baskets, bonnets fans etc. can be made from it. In the North this variety requires to be started in a hot-bed. Packet, 10 cents.

MAMMOTH SILVER KING ONION.



matures early, and is of perfect form. It should be in every family and market garden. Pkt. 10c. 3 for 25 c.

POWELL'S PROLIFIC POLE BEAN.

This wonderful new variety, [first introduced by me,] originated in North Carolina—a few seeds were kindly sent me for trial by Prof. R. S. POWELL, who writes:—"They are an extraordinary snap bean surpassing anything ever seen in our section—bearing profusely, and continuing until frost; they are very tender and palatable—six hills enough for a family."

I have found this bean a most rampant grower, one plant filling a pole with a mass of vines—densely loaded with luscious beans. I do not claim too much when I say they are fully TWICE AS PRODUCTIVE as any other variety in existence. They are a sight worth seeing; almost a solid mass of pods from the bottom to top of the pole. The handsome green pods average 8 or 9 beans to the pod, grow very uniform, about 6 inches long; perfectly stringless, very thick meated, tender, rich and buttery; possess an exquisite flavor when cooked—many calling it without exception the very best bean grown. It is a late variety and continues in bearing so long it might well be called "everbearing." I only offer it in packets.

Pkt. 15 cts. 2 for 25 cts. 5 for 50 cts. 12 for \$1.00.

S. E. GWINN, Mt. Ida, Fayette Co. W. Va. writes: From 6 VINES of the Prolific Beans I sold 3 bushels—a family of 9 eat from them liberally, and there is still a bushel on the vines. I never saw anything to compare with them. All your seeds done well.

AMY THOMPSON, Pine Grove, Ohio, Oct. 23d. writes:—I raised 1800 Powell's Prolific beans on ONE VINE; which was the greatest yield I ever saw.

Mrs. C. E. LISSFORD, Kinards, S. C. writes:—from five vines we ate beans all the summer, and then gathered over one-half gallon of seed. They were the admiration of the neighborhood; I have

picked a full mess of beans for dinner, without changing position at the vine. Our summer was dry,—but the vines continued green and bearing, while all other kinds of beans dried up, they are the best bean I ever saw grow, and I cannot command words to express the true value of such a garden treasure.



POWELL'S PROLIFIC POLE BEAN.

15 VARIETIES
— OF THE FINEST! —
WATERMELONS.

Comprising the largest, earliest, sweetest and best in cultivation, including all the following:

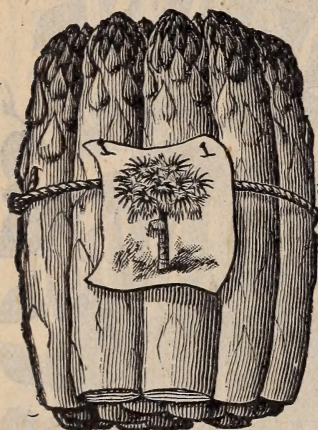
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| Cuban Queen, | Green and Gold, | Vick's Early, |
| New Dixie, | White Gem, | Mam'th Ironclad, |
| Extra Early, | Honey, | Pride of Georgia, |
| Kolb Gem, | Christmas, | Etc., etc. |

In separate packets these seeds would cost more than \$1.00. All are VERY CHOICE, grown separate and carefully mixed. Full directions on every packet—giving best methods of planting, cultivating, etc., to obtain the best results. Large Packet, 15 cts. 2 for 25 cts. 5 for 50 cts.

P. Bliss, Luther, Mich. writes:—We had lots of watermelons, both early and late. We raised about 800, some weighing 30 lbs., each—all from one packet of your mixed seed. (See side lines on this page.)

NEW PALMETTO ASPARAGUS.

This new variety is the finest ever cultivated in this country. After four years trial in nearly all sections, it is pronounced by all to be far in advance of others. Growing side by side with Conover's Colossal, under exactly the same treatment, the Palmetto proves to be at least a week earlier, the stalks are heavier, thicker, and of finer flavor. It is remarkably tender, rich and buttery when cooked, and very free from any tough or woody fiber. Every family should have a supply of this healthful and delicious vegetable, and I am sure all would, if it were known how easily and quickly it can be grown.



My seed, is genuine "Palmetto," and if well planted and cared for, will produce larger and finer asparagus at TWO YEARS of age, than other varieties at five. Cultural directions on every packet.

Large pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. 1/4 lb. 50 c. one-half lb. 85 cts. pound, \$1.50, postpaid.

TRULY A GIANT ASPARAGUS.—A bunch of the Palmetto Asparagus grown by Robert Nichols, a Philadelphia gardener, beats anything of the sort ever heard of. The bunch, composed of about fifty shoots, weighed 31 pounds. It was a growth of only three days. — ED. AMERICAN GARDEN.



NEW DWARF CHAMPION TOMATO.

This variety is entirely distinct; it is very dwarf in habit, and can be planted as close as three feet. It has proven itself remarkably early; ripening its large fruit as early as July 1st. It is an immense cropper. Price 5 cts. per pkt.

EMERALD GEM MUSKMELON.

This variety possesses many fine qualities. It is prolific. The flesh is salmon color, very thick, of a rich delicious flavor. It is pronounced one of the sweetest, as well as the earliest small muskmelons grown. Pkt 5 cts.



JACKSON WONDER BUSH LIMA BEAN.

Here is "something new under the sun." A wonder indeed. The seeds have been sold for \$1.00 per dozen. It is a combination snap and Lima (or butter) bean, grows about two feet high, and is immensely productive—7 quarts having been grown from 25 seeds. When the pods are young they make excellent snap beans, and later are shelled and used same as other limas. Their flavor is very rich and delicious. They are early, and continue in bearing until frost. None but favorable reports have been received. Packet 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

NEW SEEDS FREE FOR TRIAL.

As has been my usual custom for many years, I have again put up thousands of packets of new and improved varieties of Vegetable and Flower Seeds, and will in all cases add a liberal number free for trial among my customers.

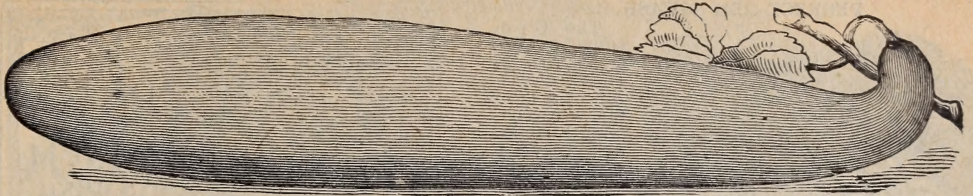
THE FARM JOURNAL is also sent free for one year to all whose order amounts to \$2.00 or more. If you do not need \$2.00 worth, get a friend to send with you. It will pay.

BOYS and GIRLS and even grown people can make good wages selling my seeds. See the liberal discounts and Premiums I offer on page 2. Catalogs, Order Sheets, etc. free.

Our muskmelons grew large; we raised between 300 and 400 from one packet of mixed seed. The Vegetable Peach grew well, bore abundantly, and businels got ripe; we preserved them, they were splendid. I want your seeds, and our nabors who saw our garden want some also. Please send Catalog.

P. BLISS, Luther, Mich. writes:—Mr. A. T. Cook, Dear Sir, Your seeds gave good satisfaction last year. There were two kinds of long melons; the banana measured 28 inches long and 6 in. diameter. The Husk Tomatoes were excellent, and so were the other Novelties.

Do not omit the Extra Early Beet; there is no other to compare with it, in extreme earliness and good quality. See page 9.



NEW BANANA MUSK-MELON.

This new variety originated with one of our best growers in South Jersey, and is pronounced by him the most profitable variety he has ever grown. He realized an average of forty cents each for his entire crop, as they were eagerly sought after in the Philadelphia markets, on account of their great oddity of shape and appearance. They grow from 20 inches to 2 feet long, are very productive, with deep yellow flesh, by many preferred to any other variety, and a great curiosity. Pkt. 5 cts. 6 for 25 cts.

Plant the Everlasting Flowers and Grasses, enjoy them in summer, dry them for winter and you will thank yourself for going it.



EARLY WINNIGSTADT.

A well known and very popular variety, heads large, decidedly conical, remarkably solid and hard, even in summer. This is a sure header, a good shipper, and suffers less from the cabbage worm than any other sort, valuable for both summer or winter use. Market gardeners and all others desiring a choice strain of this desirable cabbage should try my selected seed. Pkt. 5 cts.

I will be glad to send Catalogs, Order Sheets, and envelopes if you can use them to advantage. Write for what you need.



TOMATOES.

BEST VARIETIES MIXED.

Few are aware of the great improvement made in Tomatoes in the last few years. This desirable packet contains a liberal quantity of seed of each of the following new, earliest, and best varieties; Livingston's Beauty, Perfection, Favorite, Dwarf Champion, Mikado [Turner's Hybrid], Potato Leaf, Golden Trophy, Golden Queen, Ignotum, New Peach, and 7 others.

In separate packets these tomatoes would cost at least \$1.00. Every seed is grown and selected with the greatest care. Pkt. 15c. 2 for 25c.

Mrs. D. McLIN, Hillsboro, Oregon, writes:—Your garden seeds are very good, I know by experience, and I can get them from you for just half what I pay here: and about twice the amount in a packet.

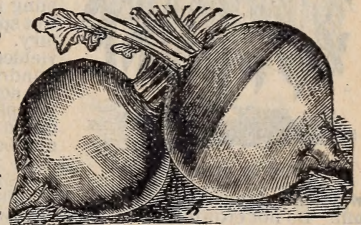
J. T. DUBBERLY, Surrency, Ga. writes:—I have tried your seeds, and am well pleased with them. They ALL grow, and I get more seeds for the money than from other dealers.

PLANT THE FREEMAN Potatoes this year and sell your surplus to your nabors for seed; there will be a BIG demand for it. See last page.

- Do not overlook
- the side lines of
- this catalog, they
- will interest you.

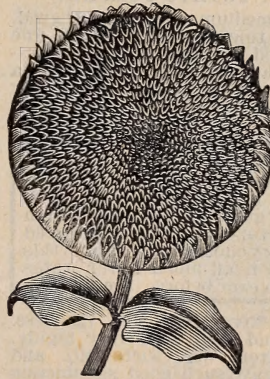
IMPROVED PURPLE-TOP YELLOW RUTA-BAGA.

This variety cannot be too highly recommended and no sort will produce such handsomely formed roots, or greater yield. It is extra fine quality very solid, of a beautiful orange color, with a handsome purple top; it is the result of many years of careful selection. Pkt. 5 cts.



SUNFLOWERS.—GIANT VARIETIES.

This packet contains ALL the LARGEST AND BEST varieties:—Black Giant, Hybrid, Mammoth Russian, Jumbo, and Arctic:—selected seed, grown separate and carefully mixed. ALL REAL PRIZETAKERS. Heads measure from 12 to 22 inches in diameter, loaded with seed, which is excellent food for horses, a small quantity fed daily, keeping them sleek, glossy and fat. It is the VERY BEST EGG-PRODUCING FOOD known for poultry: they eat it greedily, fatten upon it, and it gives them a bright and lustrous plumage.



Large packet 10 cents; 3 for 25 cents.

Pop Corn Growing.

Of course the Boys and Girls must have pop-corn. They like it so well, it is so healthful, and they get such an amount of fun out of it during the long winter evenings that no family should neglect raising all that may be wanted. My varieties are so easily grown and produces such immense crops make them VERY PROFITABLE to grow for market. It always brings good prices. This is well worth looking after by boys as well as older people. Try a large patch this year and report results. See page 8.

S. G. CAMPBELL Tappan Ohio writes:—Last Spring I got three packets of Pop Corn from you; and I raised 3 1/2 bushels, sold 2 1/2 bushels for \$3.75 have 1/2 bu. to sell yet, and enough left for winter.

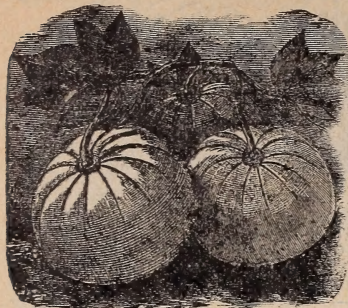


I PLANT POP CORN.

MY CATALOG IS FREE to every one who buys seeds. Please send me a list of the best names you know, and I'll send catalogs.

EVERY THING I OFFER IS CAREFULLY PACKED AND WARRANTED TO REACH YOU SAFELY.

PERFECT GEM SQUASH.



The Gem squashes are from 4 to 6 inches in diameter, of a light straw color, slightly ribbed and have a thin smooth skin; very productive—24 squashes having been grown on a single vine. It is an excellent keeper. The flesh is unusually

sweet, dry and fine-grained when cooked, and I consider them the best squash in cultivation. Pkt. 5c.

NEW PROLIFIC TREE BEAN. A new and valuable variety, and by far the most prolific dwarf



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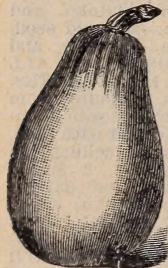
bean known; growing about twenty inches in height, branching out in all directions, bearing its pods so high that they do not touch the ground, enabling it to stand a wet spell without injury. They have yielded over one hundred bushels to the acre; and a single plant has produced the enormous number of 399 full sized pods. Plant in rows 2½ feet

wide and 15 inches apart in the row, one bean in the hill. Do not crowd them. 4 quarts will plant one acre. They are of fine flavor. Packet, 10 cents.

MY LIST of Vegetable and Flower Seeds contains the cream of everything worth planting.

TENNESSEE SWEET POTATO PUMPKIN.

Of medium size, pear shaped, flesh thick, creamy white, fine grained, dry, and of most excellent flavor. Hardy, productive, a good keeper. A superior variety for pies, and cooking purposes. Packet 5 cents.



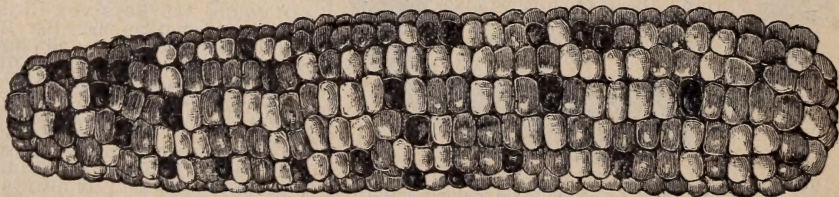
TRY your hand at raising seedling potatoes, you will find it very interesting, and may grow a new variety worth a fortune. My Hybridized seed is very choice and I offer it this season at much lower rates than ever before. See page 14.

K. MAARTMAN, Park River, Dak. Feb. 7th, 1889. writes:—I can recommend your seed very highly. Last spring I had seeds from Wis. Mich. Mo. and Dak.—but none of them gave such good satisfaction as yours. All of yours done nicely. I was the only one in the town that grew any cabbages. I raised 200 fine heads from one packet of your seed.

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It will be sent one year to any one ordering seeds or plants from this catalogue to the amount of \$2.00 or over. Be sure and say you want it.



VARIEGATED POP CORN. (One-half natural size.)

Never before has such an attractive Pop Corn been offered as this superb variety, introduced by me. Indeed the ears are so handsome they are often used for parlor ornaments. It is very early immensely productive, (producing 3 to 6 ears on a stalk,) a splendid popper, bursting out very large, white as snow; tender, and delicious. The ears are of good size and beautifully variegated, red, white, and blue colors blended. It is without question the handsomest Pop Corn ever seen and will be sure to secure prizes at your Fair. Boys and Girls, as well as older ones, can get a nice income growing this corn for market as it sells at fancy prices. Packet, 15 cts. 2 for 25 cts. 5 for 50 cts. pint 40 cts. qt. 75 cts.



ROSY GEM RADISH. This new Radish has won golden opinions in all sections of the country. The illustration is perfect from nature, and will give some idea of their great beauty. It is absolutely the earliest radish in cultivation; their shape is perfectly globular, with rich deep scarlet top; equally desirable for either the market or home garden, and should be planted by everybody. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

THE BEAUTIFUL CINNAMON VINE.



LEAF.

You should surely order a liberal number of the Cinnamon Vines. They are very easily grown, and once planted will last a lifetime. Your arbor, window and veranda will all be incomplete without this charming climber. There is nothing will give a home a more homelike and cosy appearance, or be a surer index of refinement and culture than Beautiful Vines twining about the porch and trellises. See page 18 for prices.

PEPPER. Golden Dawn Mango. The earliest, sweetest, handsomest and most productive pepper grown: entirely free from fiery flavor. For beauty of growth this pepper is worthy of a place in the flower garden: my plants averaged 15 full-grown mangoes each. Pkt. 5 cts.



THE FREEMAN POTATO

astonishes everybody by their extraordinary productiveness and great beauty. They are the handsomest and smoothest potato I have ever seen and their quality is superb. Plant the Freeman this year. You surely cannot afford to grow old run-out varieties that produce but half a crop, or less. Every dollar invested in the Freeman is sure to make a big return. Read last page.



I CAN MAIL seeds right to your door CHEAPER than you can buy at the store; because I sell for CASH, and the seedsman that supplies the storekeeper sells on credit and gives about one-half to the storekeeper to pay him for handling them. My prices this season are lower than ever before. Read pages 2 and 10 and get up a club.

NEW SHORT-STEM DRUMHEAD CABBAGE.



FINEST STRAIN OF LATE DRUMHEAD IN CULTIVATION.

The New Short-Stem Drumhead combines, to a wonderful degree, all desirable requisites. It has a very short stem and grows very compactly. The heads are EXTRA HARD, SOLID, round, flattened on the top; they grow very uniform in size and shape, and present the handsome appearance so well depicted in the above illustration. The heads frequently attain twenty or thirty pounds in weight, and are always of the finest quality. For reliability of heading, this variety is, from long-continued selection, also remarkable. From each 100 plants set out, at least 98 large solid heads may confidently be expected. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 25c.



THE CINNAMON VINE.

I am the largest grower of this vine in the world, and have an immense crop of the finest roots, and offer them this year at one-half former prices. Do not fail to order now. See page 18.

EXTRA EARLY BEET

After a careful trial for several seasons, I am pleased to offer this new variety as one of almost inestimable value. How many of my Market Gardening friends believe that there is anywhere in existence, a nice, smooth garden beet, of deep red color, which will produce roots of suitable size for market TEN DAYS in advance of the Early Egyptian? Well friend this variety does that very thing: I was incredulous until I planted the seeds side by side; watching the growth almost daily, and saw a finely formed root develop on every plant of this new variety, fully ten days before other early kinds began to bottom! Price of Extra Early Beet; pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25c. 7 for 50 cts. 15 for \$1.00.



CHAMPION PEANUT. This new variety is the result of years of the most careful cultivation, and will be found to far surpass any other variety. It is early, of large size, and extremely prolific—having yielded 100 bushels per acre. Directions for planting etc. on each packet. Large pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. 7 for 50 cts.



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GENERAL LIST OF

Vegetable, and Flower Seeds.



I have taken much pains to give a select list of only the best varieties, rather than a bewildering long one. I hope every one who has not planted my seeds, will give me at least a trial order. [And then you will receive my Catalogue next year without writing for it.]

SPECIAL PREMIUMS, AND LIBERAL DISCOUNTS.—As an inducement for the formation of clubs, or to market gardeners and those who order larger quantities than usual for their own use, I make the following liberal

DISCOUNTS ON SEEDS IN PACKETS.

YOU MAY SELECT seeds in packets to the value of \$1.50 for EACH dollar you send me. (25 cents worth of Flower Seeds may be selected as a Premium for a 50 cent order.)

The above liberal rates are ONLY on seeds IN PACKETS; and not on seeds by weight or measure, Collections, Potatoes or anything else.

MY GREAT PREMIUM ON \$2.00 ORDERS.

IN ADDITION to above liberal discounts, I will send the excellent FARM JOURNAL [to any address—or addresses desired] ONE YEAR FREE, for every \$2.00 order for anything in my Catalogue—two subscriptions to Journal for a \$4.00 order,—three for a \$6.00 order, etc.

WHY I CAN AFFORD TO GIVE SO MUCH FOR \$2.00.

I have a large list of Customers which I have secured by giving Extra Good Bargains, and I not only want to keep every one, but mean to have them so overflowing with satisfaction that they will tell their friends and neighbors, and in this way advertise my seeds, I always issue a neat little Catalogue at small expense—offering a select list of best varieties—mostly grown by myself; and in this way can give my Customers REAL BARGAINS that cannot be approached by large City Dealers who issue gaudy Catalogues and then must charge their patrons high prices to pay tremendous advertising bills. Is not this so, friends?

ALL SEEDS SENT BY MAIL POSTPAID ON RECEIPT OF PRICE.

(And a liberal number of extras—new Vegetable and Flower Seeds added free to every order.)

ASPARAGUS.		SWEET CORN.		WATER-MELON.	
New Palmetto, pkt.	10	Cook's Extra Early,	10	Cuban Queen,	5
BEANS [Dwarf].		Improved Evergreen,	10	Early Peerless,	5
New Golden Prize Wax,	10	Mammoth Sugar,	10	Christmas,	5
New Prolific Tree,	10	Shoe Peg,	10	Hungarian Honey, (early,)	10
Henderson's Bush Lima,	10	POP CORN.		Seminole,	10
Jackson Wonder Lima,	10	Cook's Improved Egyptian	10	15 Best varieties mixed,	15
BEANS [Pole].		Variiegated,	15	COLORADO PRESERVING	
Cook's Improved Lima,	10	CUCUMBER.		Melon, or Citron.	10
Golden Butter Wax,	10	Early Green Cluster,	5	OKRA White Velvet,	10
Powell's Prolific, pkt. only,	15	Nichol's Medium Green,	5	ONION.	
BEEF.		Everbearing,—New,	5	Large Red Wethersfield,	5
New Extra Early,	10	Japanese Climbing,	10	Yellow Danvers,	5
Early Eclipse,	5	Best Varieties Mixed,	10	Yellow Oregon,	10
Long Smooth Red,	5	CRESS.		Mammoth Silver King,	10
Best varieties mixed,	10	Curled, or Pepper-grass,	5	Best varieties mixed,	10
MANGEL, Golden Tankard,	5	GARDEN DOCK.	10	PARSNIP.	
CABBAGE.		EGG-PLANT.		Large Sugar, or Hollow-	
Early Jersey Wakefield,	5	Improved N. Y. Purple,	10	Crown,	5
Early Winnigstadt,	5	KOHL RABI.		PEAS.	
Fotler's Imp'd Brunswick,	5	Early White Vienna,	5	American Wonder,	10
Premium Flat Dutch,	5	LETTUCE.		Ever-bearing,	10
Drumhead Savoy,	5	Early Prize Head,	5	PARSLEY.	
New Short-Stem Drumh'd,	10	New Queen,	10	Extra Fine Curled,	5
Best varieties mixed,	10	MUSTARD. White French,	5	PEPPER.	
CARROT.		MUSK-MELON.		New Golden Dawn,	5
New Ox Heart,	5	Emerald Gem,	5	Ruby King,	5
Improved Long Orange,	5	Princess,	5	Coral Gem Bouquet,	10
CAULIFLOWER.		New Banana,	5	PUMPKIN.	
Early Snowball,	15	Osage, or Miller Cream,	10	Early Sugar,	5
CELERY.		Winter Pineapple,—New,	10	Tennessee Sweet Potato,	5
Boston Market,	5	Best varieties mixed,	10	King of the Mammoths,	10
New Rose,	5				
White Plume, self-blanch'g,	10				
Best varieties mixed,	10				

for you in planting the Freeman Potatoes. Every one should give it a trial. No praise is TOO STRONG for its merits. Seed for 100 hills cut ready for planting for only \$1.00, 225 hills for \$2.00 and Farm Journal gratis. MY SEED IS GENUINE. See last page of this catalog for description.

THERE IS MONEY

(Older ones may look also;) you can earn lots of spending money canvassing for my packet seeds, Take orders among your friends and neighbors at my regular Catalog prices and keep one-third for your trouble. Please read pages 2 and 10 carefully and go ahead at once. **GIRLS and BOYS LOOK HERE.**

RADISH.		RUTA-BAGAS.
Early Scarlet Turnip,	5	Imp'd. Purple-Top Yellow. 5
New Chartier,	5	
White Strasburg,	5	VEGETABLE PEACH. 10
New Rosy Gem,	10	
Above varieties mixed,	10	
Chinese Rose Winter,	5	
RHUBARB. (Pie Plant), 5		MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS,
SALSIFY, (Vegetable Oyster.) 5		ROOTS, ETC.
SPINACH. Long Standing, 5		
SQUASH.		BROOM CORN, Evergreen, pkt. 10
Summer Crookneck,	5	CHINESE TEA PLANT, 15
Perfect Gem,	5	WEST INDIA GHERKIN, 5
Hubbard,	5	CHAMPION PEANUTS, [early] 10
Fordhook,—New,	10	GARDEN LEMON, 5
TOMATO.		NASTURTIUM, Dwarf Mixed, 5
Livingston's Beauty,	5	CHUFAS, or Earth Almonds, 10
Dwarf Champion,	5	POTATO SEED, (very choice.) 15
Golden Queen,	5	GOURD. Sugar Trough, 5
Ignotum [new,]	10	" Dipper, very useful, 5
15 Large varieties mixed,	15	" Japanese Nest-Egg, 10
15 Small varieties mixed.	10	" Bonnet, or Dish-cloth, 10
STRAWBERRY TOMATO-		SAGE, 5
[Golden Husk, or Ground-		SUNFLOWER, Mixed, 10
Cherry,]	10	COLLARDS, True Georgia, 5
PURPLE HUSK TOMATO, 10		5 CINNAMON VINE ROOTS, .25
TURNIP.		100 POTATO EYES, Freeman, \$1.00
White Egg,	5	
Yellow Aberdeen,	5	HERBS.

Flower Seeds.

THIS LIST is the cream of the flower world, embracing the finest varieties in cultivation, and mostly of easy culture. If properly cared for they will surround your home with the most beautiful flowers the entire season.

1 pkt. each of all the varieties \$1.00.

Aster, Finest double mixed,	10
Amaranthus, (Love lies bleeding)	5
Agrostemma,	5
Balsam, Finest double mixed,	5
Candytuft, Fragrant,	5
China Pink, Finest double mx'd.	5
Chrysanthemum, fine mixed,	5
Cockscomb, best mixed,	5
Cypress Vine, fine mixed,	5
Helianthus, (Cucumerifolius,)	5
Hollyhock, Finest double mx'd.	10
5 Morning Glory, mixed colors.	5
Pansy, Best mixed, all colors,	10
Petunia, Fine mixed,	10
Phlox, Choicest mixed colors,	5
Poppy, double mx'd.	5
Portulaca, mixed,	5
Salvia,	10
Sweet Peas, All colors mixed,	10
Sweet Rocket, (Dame's Violet,)	5
Sweet William, Choicest colors,	5
Verbena, Best varieties mixed.	10
Zinnia, Double, mixed colors,	5
Everlasting Flowers and Grasses, All finest varieties mx'd.	10
Mixed Flower Seeds, over 300 choice varieties in one large package. I am putting up a greater assortment than ever before, which adds much to their attractiveness.	15

Beans, Peas, and Sweet Corn, by the Quart, Seeds by the Ounce &c.

ALL DWARF BEANS; PEAS, AND CORN, PINT 25 cts. QUART 45 cts., POSTPAID.
BUSH LIMA BEANS, pint 30 cents; quart 60 cts; two quarts \$1.00—postpaid.

Asparagus; Beet; Carrot; Cucumber; Parsnip; Radish; [except Rosy Gem,] Spinach; Turnip; Ruta-baga; Musk-Melon, (except Princess, and Banana); Water-Melon, (except Christmas, Honey, and Seminole); and Squash; Ounce 10 cts. 4 ounces 35 cts.

Cabbage; Celery, Lettuce; Onion; Tomato; Rosy Gem Radish; Christmas, Honey, and Seminole Water-Melon; and Princess Musk-Melon; Ounce 25 cts. 4 ozs. 75 cts.

☞ Prices for larger quantities, given on application.

STRAWBERRY TOMATO.—I am headquarters for the true Strawberry Tomato, [Golden Husk, or Ground Cherry,] seed.



This distinct husk tomato, is unequalled for canning, preserving, and pies. Dried in sugar, as Raisins, or Figs, or to use in fruit cake, they are unexcelled. They are a handsome golden color.—the size of large cherries, enormously productive and will keep (if left in husks) all winter: they have a strawberry flavor, and many esteem them fully equal to that fruit to eat out of hand. This tomato is indispensable where fruit is scarce or likely to fail.

Directions for planting—preserving, etc. on each packet. Selected seed, Pkt. 10 c. 3 for 25 cts.

SWEET CORN.—Cook's Extra Early. The VERY BEST, and earliest sweet corn grown: ears 6 to 8 inches long: very productive, and sweet.

☞ Especially valuable for the market-gardener, to completely control the early markets. Pkt. 10 cts.

SUGAR TROUGH GOURD. These Gourds are very useful for many household purposes, such as buckets, baskets, nest-boxes, soap and salt dishes, and for storing the Winter's lard. They grow to hold from 4 to 10 gallons each, have thick hard shells, very light, but durable, having been kept in use as long as 10 years.

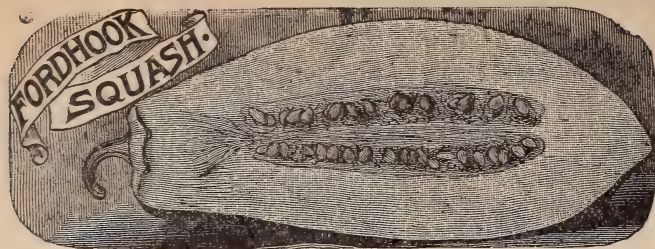


GOLDEN QUEEN TOMATO.

One of the very best tomatoes ever introduced. It is solid, very smooth, free from ridges, large in size, ripens up early, and is by far the most beautiful yellow variety ever sent out. None is better for preserving or slicing: the handsome, golden yellow slices make a beautiful contrast in a dish with red tomatoes. It has very little acid.

Pkt. 5 cts., 6 for 25 cts.,

THE FARM JOURNAL has a circulation of 200,000. It is devoted to The Farm, The Garden, The Household, The Poultry Yard, Fruit Growing, Our Young Folks etc., etc. It is furnished to subscribers at 50 cents per year. It is clean and pure, and deserves a million readers. I have only room for the following—from W. H. Bowers of Camden Maine who writes me "I take six papers now and the Farm Journal is worth all the rest" (See opposite page.)



FORDHOOK SQUASH.

The engraving from a photograph, shows the shape and solidity of this variety. It matures far north where scarcely any other varieties ever ripen, and will keep till June. It is immensely productive, far outyielding any other squash. The flesh is very dry and sweet and squashes can be used at any stage of their growth. It is almost absolutely bug-proof and should be tried by all my customers who have from any cause failed to grow a perfect squash.

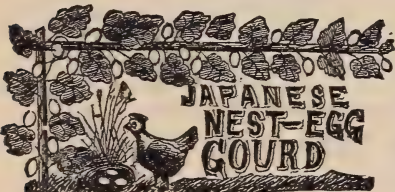
Packet 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



MAMMOTH SUGAR Corn: The largest eared, and one of the sweetest known: ears weighing from 2 to 3 pounds each: it remains in season a long time. Your garden will be incomplete without this splendid late variety.

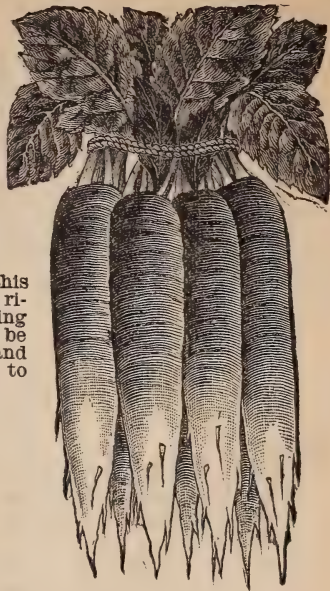
Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. quart 45 cts.

JAPANESE NEST-EGG GOURD.



This new and beautiful variety, varies in size from a pigeon's egg up to a goose egg, but mostly the size of hens eggs, and so exactly the color and shape, as to almost deceive the eye. The shells are hard and durable, and make the very best nest-eggs, as they neither freeze or crack. The largest ones, (when sawed into), make excellent pots for starting tomato, strawberry, and other plants.

The Nest-Egg Gourd, is a rapid and desirable climber: quickly covering old sheds or any unsightly object with a mass of green foliage, thickly dotted with beautiful white eggs. Boys you can make lots of money growing this gourd, and selling them to your neighbors, for nest-eggs. pkt. 10 c. 3 for 25 c.



NEW CHARTIER RADISH.

This valuable introduction, is far superior to any long variety now in cultivation. In quality and flavor unsurpassed: early, handsome, unusually crisp, tender and juicy; and remains good a long time without running up to seed.

Packet 5 cents.



NEW ROSE CELERY.

This is better in many respects than the white, being harder, more solid and crisp, keeping better in winter, and having to a greater degree that delicious nutty flavor so desirable in Celery.

The New Rose is best of all the pink varieties, and is very ornamental for the table with its beautiful rose-colored heart and pink stems.

Pkt. 5 cts. 6 for 25 cts.

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COLORADO PRESERVING MELON.

This is quite distinct from the ordinary preserving citron, the seeds being of a light green color. It is immensely productive; one vine produced 25 fine melons, weighing from 10 to 30 pounds each. The flesh is very firm and solid, with few seeds, and makes beautiful, clear, transparent preserves of surpassingly fine flavor.

Pkt. 10 c. 3 for 25 cts.

COOK'S SEEDS GROW.



GARDEN DOCK.—This rare, distinct, and valuable variety, grows to a gigantic size. It is rich and tender, and of the finest flavor. This is by far the earliest of all greens, being ready for the table fully two weeks before asparagus; and considered by many superior to that popular vegetable. A bed once started, will last many years.

pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

COULD YOU not induce 1 or 2 of your nabors to send with you for seeds? By taking advantage of my premiums and discounts it will pay you well—and I will be grateful for your kindness.

PLANTING, CULTIVATING, AND STORING CELERY FOR WINTER.

A concise treatise plainly telling the best methods of managing this important vegetable—sent free (if requested) to all who order two or more packets of Celery seed.

TO DAY while you are reading this, make out a list of such seeds as you desire from my Catalog. This is the safest plan as it avoids all possible delay, and you will feel better to have the seeds early, and ready to sow just as soon as the weather permits. Order to-day, do not delay; it don't pay to be late. Extras free with every order.

MONEY FOR ALL



who will make a little effort. The Cinnamon Vine is one of my great specialties and I supply most of the leading Seedsmen in the United States and Canada. Buy at Headquarters; my prices—always low, have this year been CUT DOWN ONE-HALF. A beautiful colored plate furnished for 10 cts. or free with an order for 100 roots. With this to show, any one—even children—can make big wagers taking orders for roots, as everybody will want them. Begin at once. See page 18 for particulars and prices.



EARLY SNOWBALL CAULIFLOWER.



The earliest, the surest header, the best and most profitable of all cauliflowers. It is hardly necessary to describe this variety at all, as its name has become a household word wherever this delicious vegetable is grown. Snowball Cauliflower is the standard everywhere for superb quality with all market and private gardeners. It is

a very compact grower and is absolutely certain to form a good sized head when the conditions are right; is good the entire season, and is rapidly driving out the later sorts for fall use. Cauliflowers are easily raised and every family should grow a supply.

My seed is American grown and very choice.

Pkt. 15 cts. 2 for 25 cts, 5 for 50 cts. per oz. \$3.00.

IMPROVED EVERGREEN SUGAR CORN.

This is an early Evergreen coming immediately after the early sorts, and before the mammoth sugar, it is very productive, has large well filled ears, and small cob; very sweet, and sells higher in market than most other corn. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 c. quart 45 cts., postpaid.



EARLY GREEN CLUSTER CUCUMBER.

One of the best early varieties, growing in clusters, of good size, extremely productive, and remains in bearing condition longer than any other early sort.

Pkt. 5 cts. 6 for 25 cts.



NEW QUEEN LETTUCE.

The illustration correctly shows the magnificent shape of this fine variety. It grows to a large size, forming close, compact heads; does not become bitter and is slow in running to seed. Of quick growth, remarkably tender and crisp, and of rich flavor, remaining for weeks of finest quality. Deep green in color, changing near the centre to a creamy white.

Packet 10 cts. 3 for 25c.

HUNGARIAN HONEY WATERMELON.

This new variety is the richest and sweetest I have ever tasted. Flesh bright red, solid very crisp, and sugary; they ripen exceedingly early, are very productive, and grow of uniform size.

This splendid melon should be included in every order as it gives universal satisfaction.

Pkt. 10c. 3 25c.

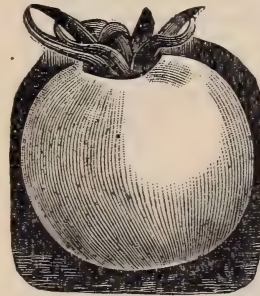


TOMATOES.

15 Small Varieties.

This packet contains the New Zealand Fig, red and yellow Plum, Pear, Grape or Cherry, Currant, Nesbit's Victoria, Wonder of Italy, White Apple, and other choice varieties useful for pickling, preserving making tomato figs, etc. These are the finest small varieties in cultivation.

Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



CHUFAS, OR EARTH ALMONDS.

These very closely resemble in sweetness and richness of flavor a cocoanut or almond. They are much grown in the South to fatten swine, poultry, etc. They succeed perfectly at the North: my plants yielding from three to six hundred fine chufas each.

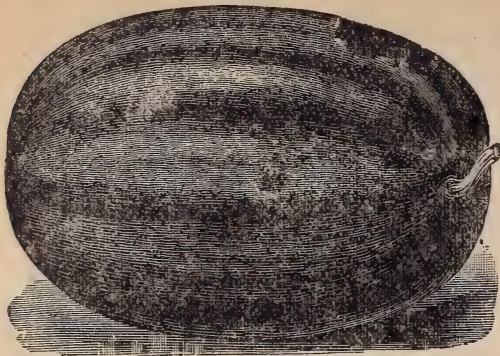
They are a rich and healthy food for poultry of all kinds. Directions for planting etc. on each packet.

Pkt. 10 cts.



DISCOUNT on seeds IN PACKETS. It takes almost as much time and labor to fill an order for 10 or 20 cts. as one for \$1.00 or more. Hence I am able to discount larger orders [FOR PACKETS ONLY] and will send \$1.50 worth of packets for EACH dollar remitted; and the excellent FARM JOURNAL one year free for a \$2.00 order.

ALWAYS REMEMBER that I pay the postage on everything offered in this Catalog, and guarantee safe delivery to your Postoffice.



CHRISTMAS WATERMELON. A valuable new and distinct variety which has attained great prominence on account of its wonderful keeping and shipping qualities, it being not uncommon to have them in good condition two or three months after being harvested. Hundreds of customers state they keep until Christmas in perfect condition. The flesh is of a beautiful rich scarlet, very solid, and of delicious sugary flavor. The vines are hardy and vigorous and very productive. Its uniform size and handsome, fresh appearance make it one of the most salable of watermelons. Price per pkt. 5 cts. 6 for 25 cts.



**SALSIFY,
OR OYSTER PLANT.**

A vegetable that is sure to be called for where it is once introduced. It is a good substitute for oysters, having a very similar flavor: it is very wholesome and nutritious. The roots are either boiled or mashed, and made into fritters, in which form they are delicious. For an oyster stew; cut the roots into small pieces, cook until tender, then add the other ingredients same as for oysters. The roots are perfectly hardy: may remain in the ground all winter. No garden should be without this splendid vegetable. Pkt 5c.

Invest a small sum and have a beautiful Flower Garden.

EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD CABBAGE.



This is preeminently the best extra early cabbage in the world. It is of large size for so early a kind, and is well deserving its popularity. It heads up remarkably hard and solid; can be planted close and is very desirable for early market.

Pkt. 5 cts.

All of my cabbage seed is very choice, being raised from the best hard heads, carefully selected.

Gardeners! plant them this year and you will agree with the verdict that "they are the best in the world."

All varieties of cabbage seed (except Short-Stem.) are 5 cts. per pkt. 25c. per oz. 4 ozs. 75 cts. lb. \$2.50. Short-stem cabbage. oz. 35 cts. 4 ozs. \$1.00, lb. \$3.50.

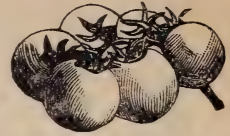
ASPARAGUS.

Have you an asparagus bed? If not, plant one this spring. No vegetable is grown with greater ease and certainty, and none is better relished. It is the earliest and best the garden affords, and a bed well made will last a lifetime. Plant it now. "The Palmetto" is a wonderful improvement on the old sorts, being earlier, much better, and will yield double. My seed is TRUE and VERY CHOICE. Plant a pound and sell plants to all your nabors at a big profit. See page 6.



Hybridized Potato Seed.

I have the pleasure of offering a very choice strain of Potato Seed—the product of numerous hybridizations between many of the best new and old varieties in cultivation. Growing new sorts from the seed-ball seed is a very interesting employment for old or young.



SEED BALLS.

There is the widest range of difference in color, shape and general characteristics between the different seedlings; every one is more or less unlike every other. Great success has already attended the attempt to improve this valuable esculent, and the end is not yet—many varieties will yet be found which will bring a golden harvest to the fortunate growers, and prove of inestimable value to the world.

Price, 15 Cts. per Pkt. 2 for 25 cts. 5 for 50 cts. Directions for planting, cultivating etc. on each pkt.

Jesse Green, DAYTON, ILL. writes:—Out of 30 varieties raised from your seed, I selected the earliest and best, and planted them at same time, and in same field with Early Ohio, Early Rose, and Beauty of Hebron. They have been from one to two weeks ahead of all these kinds, and are now (July 12th.) fully ripe, while the others are still green. They are very productive; and the best eating potato we have. I think I will have 200 bushels.

WM. M. JOHNSON, of Tampico, Ind. writes:—"The packet of Potato-Seed you sent me done well. Some look like the peach-blow,—some are a beautiful pale pink, large and long for a seedling the first year, they are a beauty. Some large white, purple eyes—some round, pale red, 30 to 50 in a hill—some pale blue—some white, flat, and three inches or more long;—two hills of black potatoes, &c. &c. I never saw so many different colors and shapes. If they grow in the same ratio another year, they will be the largest ever raised in this section."



POP CORN.—Cook's Improved Egyptian. I have been improving this corn, for many years, and now offer a strain of seed that cannot be surpassed. Every one who keeps poultry, should raise a supply for feeding chickens, nothing can be better. I send out only EXTRA SELECTED seed.

Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. quart, 60 cents.



FOTLER'S IMPROVED BRUNSWICK CABBAGE.

This is the earliest and best of the large hard-heading Drumheads, and combines in a wonderful degree all desirable requisites. The heads are very large, often weighing 20 to 30 pounds each; very hard and firm; it will ripen in 85 days, and is a good keeper; quality very fine. No variety has more rapidly grown in public favor than this. It is a sure header; My seed is grown from the original John Fotler's strain and cannot be surpassed. Pkt. 5 cts. oz. 25 cts. ¼ lb. 75 cents. per lb. \$2.50 postpaid.

MY LIST is short—I have left out the poor varieties. Is it not better so? I try to avoid extravagant descriptions, as I want my list to be plain, truthful and trustworthy. MY SEED is not such as is usually left around at the stores in boxes to be sold on commission. I could sell such at half my prices, (and they would be dear at that.)

The Great Prize Pumpkin.
KING OF THE MAMMOTHS.

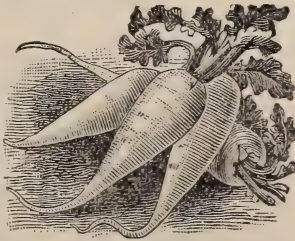
This grand, colossal variety is without a rival, astonishing everybody by its mammoth size and heavy weight. Indeed no other pumpkin has ever attained such enormous weights, or been awarded as many prizes. Think of it a single pumpkin weighing 295 lbs. (See Cut.) Is not this the greatest of all pumpkins? In France they have been grown to still greater size, and, as many of my customers have as good, rich soil as there is in



France or anywhere else on the face of the earth, I see no reason why they cannot be grown much larger here. The flesh and skin of this monstrous pumpkin is a bright golden color, very fine grained, and of excellent quality; notwithstanding its enormous size, it is one of the best pie or table pumpkins ever grown, and is a splendid keeper. I hope all enterprising pumpkin growers will give this variety a trial. You will be sure of a prize at your County fair. Full directions on every packet, giving best methods of planting etc. to secure the largest specimens. Seed saved from EXTRA LARGE pumpkins. Packet, 10 cts., 3 for 25 cts., 7 for 50 cents.

WHITE STRASBURG RADISH.

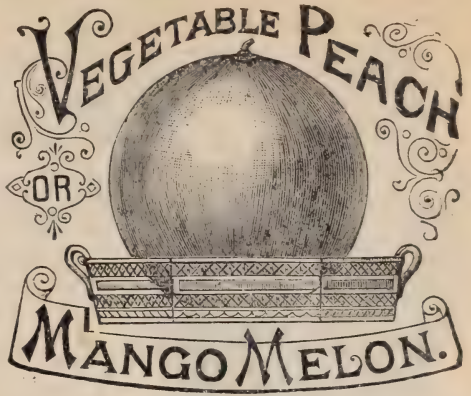
Suitable alike for private and market gardens. It is of a tapering shape, skin and flesh both pure white. It is an excellent summer variety, being tender, crisp, and of fine flavor, and a quick grower. It possesses the most desirable character of retaining its crispness even when the



roots are old and large. Pkt. 5 c.

MIXED FLOWER SEEDS.

THIS IS A SUPERB COLLECTION of mixed flower seeds;—over 300 varieties in one large packet. I am putting up a larger variety than ever before, which adds greatly to their value. If carefully sown and cared for will produce an astonishing variety of flowers. No one who has not seen such a bed can form an idea of its dazzling brilliancy or great beauty, the different seasons of bloom, showing something new every day. Pkt. 15 cents; 2 for 25 cts. 10 for \$1.00



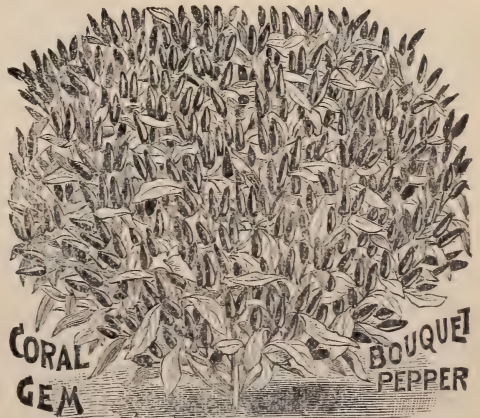
VEGETABLE PEACH. This unique Novelty first introduced by me: is one of the most beautiful vegetables grown. They grow on vines same as melons, are a beautiful golden yellow, almost exactly resembling oranges in color, shape, and size. The flesh is snow-white, and makes most excellent, and handsome preserves. Fried as Egg Plant, when green they are delicious, and for "Mangoes," they are so perfectly adapted I know of nothing better. They will keep in good condition two months after being picked from the vines. Very productive, early, and hardy,—have ripened their fruit in Canada—planted in June. I hope no one will fail to try this novelty. I have never grown anything in my gardens that called forth so much interest and admiration. Directions for growing,—use of fruit, etc. on each packet. Packet, 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. 7 for 50 cts.

WHITE PLUME. CELERY.

This is one of the best the so called Self Blanching varieties, as it needs but little banking up. Its eating qualities are equal to the best of the older sorts, being crisp, solid, and of a pleasing nutty flavor, while its white feather-like foliage places it ahead of all others as a table ornament. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



HAVE YOU tried to get up a club for COOK'S seeds?



CORAL GEM BOUQUET PEPPER.

Is the finest of the small varieties. When grown in pots, for which it is most suitable, it is the prettiest thing out, and delights every lover of the beautiful. Besides its great beauty, it serves the housekeeper in a most convenient way when pods are wanted for seasoning. In the open ground the plant grows to a height of 24 to 30 inches, so densely set with pods as to bend its branches down. With so many desirable qualities it will become the most popular, as well as profitable in the manufacture of pepper sauce. Pkt. 10 cts., 3 for 25 cts.

MY MIXED Vegetable seeds are worthy of special mention. In no other way without great outlay can so large and varied an assortment be obtained for the garden. The packets are all extra large; the varieties choice; all grown separate and carefully mixed. Try at least the mixed water-melon and tomatoes, 15 choice varieties in each packet.

WINTER PINEAPPLE MUSKMELON.

The Winter Pineapple differs from other muskmelons, in shape and appearance of the fruit and its wonderful keeping qualities. The melons weigh from 9 to 11 lbs. each. It is a most valuable novelty.



These splendid melons do not ripen on the vines like other muskmelons, but have to be picked in a green state, before frost; lain away in a cool, dry place where they will keep sound and sweet for several months. When wanted for use bring them in a warm room, where they will ripen in a few days and be ready to eat. The flesh is unusually thick, solid and melting; a light green color and has the most delightful flavor imaginable, being rich, spicy and delicious, with an agreeable pineapple taste.

The artist, (Mr. Blanc, of Philadelphia,) who has made engravings of, and tasted nearly all the new melons introduced in the past ten years, says: "Winter Pineapple, is decidedly the finest flavored muskmelon I have ever tasted." I can only offer it by the packet. Large pkt. 10 c., 3 for 25 c., 7 for 50 c.

The Chinese Tea Plant.

I have seed of the genuine Chinese Tea Plant grown on American soil. This plant can easily be grown in this country and, is hardy south of forty degrees north latitude. There is no reason why my customers should not raise their own tea. A few seed raised of this valuable plant would soon make trees that would furnish all the tea a family would want, and equally as good as the best tea of commerce. In the north this plant may be grown in pots or tubs, as a curiosity. I have only a limited supply to offer. Each seed is as large as a small chestnut.



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Pkt. of 5 seeds, 15 cts. 2 pkts. 25 cts.

NEW GARDEN LEMON.

It resembles the Vegetable Peach in manner of growth and shape of fruit, is somewhat smaller, has thinner flesh, and decidedly more acid. Pkt. 5 cts.

PURPLE HUSK-TOMATO.— This new, and beautiful variety produces fruit in great abundance, from one to two inches in diameter, enveloped with a husk. In sections devoid of fruit, many esteem them highly; a great curiosity. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

GOOD PAY FOR DOING GOOD.
—O—
MONEY EARNED EASILY.

Do you want

a Watch, Organ, Bicycle, Sewing Machine or other useful article? You can soon earn enough getting up clubs for my seeds to obtain them. No especial talent is required, industry is all that is needed.

Any one—even children can do well if they try. Many workers earn from \$2.00 to \$10.00 per day. You should do as well. You will also do your nabors a favor by selling them seeds as good and cheap as mine. Read page 2 and go ahead; and I wish you success.

FLOWERS.

Plant flowers carefully, from house to the roadside, To make every passer-by gaze with delight; You can pick them for bouquets or entwine in your tresses, And beautify home from morning 'till night.

BOYS,

YOU CAN MAKE LOTS OF MONEY growing and selling Vegetable Plants: I know you can for I used to do it myself. I have sold over \$50.00 worth of celery plants alone to my nabors in a single season. Cabbage, tomato and celery plants sell best: there is also a good demand for pepper, cauliflower, lettuce, strawberry-tomato, and egg plants. Asparagus plants always sell well and at big prices.



You can soon build up a very profitable business in plants if you try, for there is everywhere a good demand for them at paying prices. After you have your early beds all made and planted, and have sent in your club for Cook's Seeds, you may go



SWEET PEAS.

This is a gilt-edge mixture, containing all of Eckford's Finest Hybrids and many other choice varieties. My strain of seed won first prize at Chicago Worlds Fair.

They are a very beautiful free flowering, highly ornamental plant, easy of cultivation, and flourishing in any good soil; will continue blooming till destroyed by frost. The great popularity of this flower has led me to take great pains in making this collection. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. 7 for 50 cts.



NICHOL'S MEDIUM GREEN CUCUMBER.



A new variety; early, exceedingly prolific, growing very uniform, handsome straight and smooth, — dark green in color. — medium in size. — quality the very best. It has already become a standard sort wherever it has been introduced among large pickle growers, market men, and for the family garden.

Per pkt. 5 cts.

My Introduction Box of Vegetable seeds and Gem Collection of flower seeds, is designed expressly for new customers, the seeds being offered at a mere nominal price for trial. My old customers may also have the advantage of these low priced collections I only asking as a favor that they use their influence in introducing my seeds among their friends.

I WILL gladly send my Catalog to all your friends, who PURCHASE SEEDS. I think I can save them money. Please send me a list of best names you know (on a separate sheet of paper) and I will remember your kindness. You will also do me a great favor by telling your friends about my seeds. They are all carefully tested.

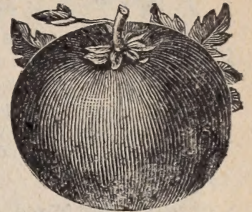
— A. T. COOK'S —

SPECIAL INTRODUCTION BOX

OF CHOICE, TESTED
VEGETABLE SEEDS

—FOR THE—

FAMILY GARDEN.



20 FULL SIZE PACKETS FOR ONLY 60 CTS.

In order to induce thousands of new customers to give my seeds a fair trial, [knowing from experience that they then become regular customers], I make the following liberal offer. I will send free by mail on receipt of 60 cents, [cash or stamps,] my INTRODUCTION BOX OF SEEDS, for the FAMILY VEGETABLE GARDEN, containing 20 of my large regular-size packets of **ALL THE BEST VARIETIES.**

I can make this special offer, only by growing and papering the 20 varieties in immense quantities;—doing all my own printing and manufacturing; and selling ONLY FOR CASH.

I can positively make no changes, the Boxes are already packed awaiting orders.

LIST OF SEEDS CONTAINED IN EACH BOX.

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|---|--------|
| 1 BEANS, New Golden Prize. Earliest and best dwarf wax bean grown: never rusts. | 10 |
| 2 BEET, Long Smooth Red. A standard winter variety: very tender and sweet. | 5 |
| 3 CABBAGE, Six Best Varieties Mixed. A valuable packet,—all sure hard-heading sorts. ["P. S."] | 10 |
| 4 SUGAR-CORN, Shoe Peg. A new and excellent variety, very distinct and valuable. | 15 |
| 5 CELERY, Best Varieties Mixed. Golden dwarf, New Self-Blanching, Boston Market, etc. | 10 |
| 6 WATER-MELON, Johnson's Dixie. A novelty; without a peer in fine quality and productiveness. | 15 |
| 7 LETTUCE, Early Prize Head. Very early, very tender, and of finest flavor. | 5 |
| 8 OKRA, White Velvet. New, earliest and best Okra. | 10 |
| 9 SQUASH, Winter Crookneck. A standard variety. | 5 |
| 10 PARSLEY, Extra Fine Curled. Of exquisite form and color. | 5 |
| 11 TOMATO, Fifteen Small Varieties Mixed. Useful for preserving, pickling, making Tomato Flgs, etc. | 10 |
| 12 SALSIFY, Vegetable Oyster. A delicious vegetable. | 5 |
| 13 CRESS, or Peppergrass. A useful pungent little salad. | 5 |
| 14 CUCUMBER, Early Russian. Earliest of all. Hardy, prolific, and much esteemed for pickling and early table use. | 5 |
| 15 PARSNIP, Guernsey. Extra fine flavor, and perfect form. | 5 |
| 16 PUMPKIN, Tennessee Sweet Potato. Pear shaped; medium size, flesh very thick; superior for pies, etc. | 5 |
| 17 GARDEN-DOCK, New, distinct, fine quality, very early. | 10 |
| 18 RADISH, Best Varieties Mixed. All the newest and finest Summer varieties. | 10 |
| 19 MUSK-MELON, Osage, or Miller Cream. A new variety. Flesh thick, salmon color, very sweet. | 10 |
| 20 TOMATO, Golden Queen. Large size, solid, very smooth, ripens early, handsome golden color, and without exception on the best in quality of any tomato I ever raised. | 5 |
| 20 PACKETS IN ALL, (besides "extras,") amounting at regular catalogue rates to | |
| | \$1.60 |



I WILL SEND ALL THE ABOVE SEEDS CAREFULLY BOXED, BY MAIL POSTPAID FOR
60 CENTS, TWO BOXES FOR \$1.00, FOUR BOXES \$2.00, TEN BOXES \$4.00.

This unparalleled offer is made solely to introduce my TESTED SEEDS in every section of the country where gardening is known. I can only afford it by preparing vast quantities of these Boxes in the Fall and early Winter, selecting varieties of seeds of which I have had most bountiful crops, and relying on the future business which this advertising will bring. Please show this to your friends and get them to send with you. By getting up a club of TEN at 60 cents each, you will have \$2.00 for your trouble.

I guarantee entire satisfaction, and that everything I offer shall reach you in good condition. My Illustrated Catalog of Vegetable and Flower seeds accompanies every box. Remit by Registered Letter, Post Office Money-Order, Bank Draft, or Express Order. Postage Stamps taken for parts of \$1.00.

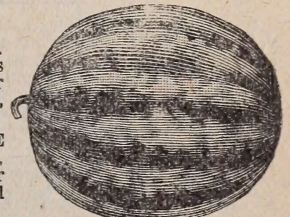
ADDRESS, A. T. COOK, HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK.

[UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS.]



SEWARD BEARD, Economy, Indiana, March 26th. writes:—Friend A. T. COOK. We have used thy seeds for three or four years and will say that we never dealt with any seedsman that sent out such good seed, so neatly packed, and in such liberal quantity.

The Editor of the excellent "FARMER'S MAGAZINE and RURAL GUIDE" PARKESBURG, Pa. April 5th. writes:—Altho we have opportunities of getting our seeds elsewhere; we have tested yours for several seasons and like them too well to give them up.



W. S. BRITE, Pierce City, Mo. writes:— "Introduction Box" of seeds received. I am pleased, as there are more seeds in the box than I could get in Pierce City for \$2.50.

C. BROADBENT, Crookston, Neb. writes:— I received the garden seeds in good shape, and every one in the club is well pleased, I never saw so many "extras" sent before.

T. J. HART, Lyons, N. Y. March 12, 1890. writes:—I am well pleased with your seeds they are the best I ever used.



C. P. SHURMON, Franklin, Tex. writes:— Please send 10 Introduction Boxes of garden Seeds. Your seeds have given the greatest satisfaction; I cannot say too much in their favor.

From Prof. L. B. CUSHMAN, Orangeburg, N. Y. The seeds you sent me last year were an UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

Wm. F. SCHMIDT, Blanco, Cal. writes:— Your Introduction Box of Garden Seeds contains FOUR TIMES the quantity I could get here for the same amount of money.

A GOOD POINT! I offer ONLY the best varieties, and my customers will not be confused and misled by a large list of sorts, (many of them comparatively worthless,) I am thus much better able to get, grow and sell strains of superior excellence, that my customers can rely upon. My seeds are fully warranted; see pages 2 and 10.

"MAKE HOME BEAUTIFUL."

THE CINNAMON VINE.

A. T. COOK'S

Gem Collection
OF THE MOST BRILLIANT
Flower Seeds.



My FLOWER SEEDS are equally as fine quality as my Vegetable Seeds, and to introduce them also to new customers, I offer the following superb Collection—for only 30 cts. which will give a continuous bloom during the entire season.

- 1 **PANSY.** Best Mixed. Largest and finest of these charming and universal favorites: all colors. 10c.
- 2 **ASTER.** Double Mixed. Finest French, German and China varieties—all the brilliant colors. 10
- 3 **SWEET PEAS.** Lovely and deliciously perfumed climbers: free and continuous bloomers: all colors mixed. 10
- 4 **AGROSTEMMA.** Coronaria. Handsome free-flowering plants of easy culture. 5
- 5 **POPPIES.** Mammoth double fringed, flowers of the most brilliant hues. 5
- 6 **PETUNIA.** Superfine mixed. All colors including striped blotched and veined. 10
- 7 **HELIANTHUS.** Cucumerifolius. Flowers 3 to 4 inches in diameter, orange with bl'k center. 5
- 8 **SWEET ROCKET.** "Damask or Dame's Violet." Mixed. Fragrant purple and white flowers. 5
- 9 **AMARANTHUS.** Caudatus. (Love-lies-Bleeding.) Long drooping chains of red flowers. 5

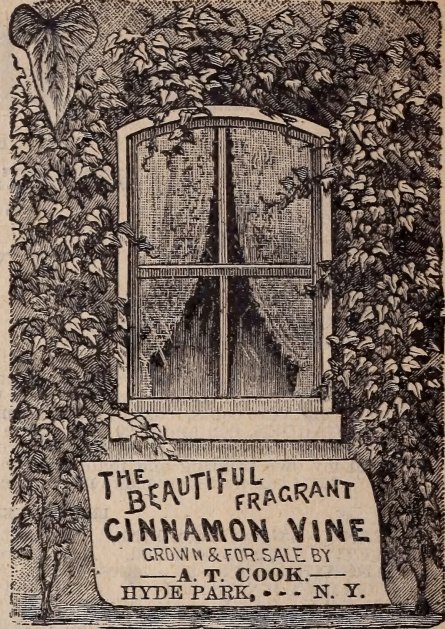


- 10 **SALVIA** Bracteala. Rare plants of great beauty. 10
- 11 **SWT WILLIAM.** Perfection mixed. All colors: bloom of great size. 5
- 12 **HOLLYHOCK.** Superb double. All varieties and colors. One of our grandest summer and autumn flowering plants. 10

To induce all to plant "BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS" I will mail the above entire Collection—12 regular size packets for only thirty cents, cash, or stamps; two Collections for 50 cents; four for \$1.00, ten for \$2.00.

Will you not help to introduce my Flower Seeds to your neighbors? The seeds are worth 90 cents at catalog prices, and almost every one would be glad of the chance to invest 30 cents in so valuable a trial collection. No changes can be made in these collections—seeds are already packed awaiting orders.

J. W. Haynes, Turnersville, Tenn. Feb. 1890, writes:—I have used your seeds for seven years and am more than pleased with them. I find them the VERY BEST that I can buy. Please accept thanks for your kindness in always sending me so many extra packets.



A beautiful and rapid climber possessing the rare quality of emitting from its flowers the delightful odor of cinnamon, and very appropriately called the "Cinnamon Vine." The plants are grown from bulbs or roots and are very nice for window ornaments, or out-door culture.

They are perfectly hardy; the stem dying down every autumn, but growing again in the spring so rapidly as to completely cover any trellis or arbor very early in the season. The vines often run 25 feet or more, and when trained over and about a door or window make an ornament much admired: while its many clusters of delicate white flowers sends out an amount of fragrance that is truly wonderful. It is easy to cultivate, has no insect enemies, and is not affected by drouth because it roots so deeply. The tubers are called "Chinese Yams;" [the botanical name being DIOSCOREA BATATAS;] they increase in size from year to year, are often two feet long at two or three years of age, and run straight down in deep soil;—flesh whiter than superfine flour and equally as good for table use as the very best potatoes.

When first introduced the roots sold for \$10.00 each. I have now grown this vine for 7 years; and have sent out many to every section of the country, and the only verdict is,—“One of the most desirable climbers in cultivation.”

J. P. RUNG, Tyrone, Pa., says:—“The vine has grown about eighteen feet, and was very full of bloom, with a delicious odor, scenting the air for a long distance. The foliage is very much admired.”

S. WILSON, Mechanicsville, Pa. Nov. 27th. 1889, writes:—“We think the Cinnamon Vine is one of the most desirable house plants for winter; it blooms as freely in the house as out doors, and they can be trained over and around a window, and will fill a room with a delightful fragrance in the cold and dreary winter months.”

JAS. E. BADJER, Jr., St. Joseph, Mo., says:—The Cinnamon Vine is a success. From one stem a dozen branches have started, ranging from twelve to twenty feet each, and blooming profusely; very fragrant.

PRICES OF THE CINNAMON VINE.

Having grown an enormous stock of the finest roots I can this year reduce my former low rates—one-half. Now is the time to order them.

I will mail 5 nice roots or tubers for 25 cents; 12 for 50 cents; 25 for \$1.00; 100 for \$2.50, (no order filled for less than 5 roots.) I pack carefully in boxes, and guarantee safe arrival. See page 13.

GRAND DOLLAR COLLECTION.

INTRODUCTION BOX of Vegetable Seeds—GEM COLLECTION of Flower Seeds—and three CINNAMON VINES—all mailed complete for \$1.00.

A PRESENT. I always add extra packets of choice seeds to every order: these collections will contain several. Do not fail to get them and see what a BARGAIN they are. My SEEDS is my BEST advertisement: I wish them to speak their own praises, and I give my customers the benefit, rather than spend vast sums in advertising. My Illustrated Catalogue free with each order.

A. T. COOK. [SEED-GROWER.]



DO YOU LOVE FLOWERS? Remember my Floral Beauties when you order. I know my seeds are unsurpassed. My Customers say that finer flowers are grown from my seeds, than from some dealers costing three times as much. A home is much more attractive when surrounded with beautiful Flowers, a small sum invested will do it.

TRY FOR A DAY, or a week—getting up clubs for my seeds, and you will be surprised at your success. If you cannot do this will you do me the favor to show my SPECIAL OFFER on page 2 to some club raiser, or canvasser,—or to any wide-awake Girl or Boy who is anxious to make money. You will do both them and me a kindness



LARGE YELLOW OREGON ONION.

I offer my customers a limited quantity of seed of my select strain of Yellow Oregon onion. This is a very handsome onion, thin yellow skin, white flesh, fine grained, firm and of extra flavor. It is the result of years of the most careful selection with a view to earliness, perfect shape, solidity and extra keeping qualities. It grows to a very large size, flattened but thick through as shown in the above illustration. It is an enormous yielder, and is in every way all that can be desired as a market or table onion. All growers who give it special care may expect extraordinary results. My grower in Oregon writes:

"I planted a measured half acre (Prairie soil) and gathered from the same 452 bushels of the finest onions, and now have them in my onion house a waiting planting time next spring. (This is at the rate of 904 bushels per acre.) One of my neighbor Gardeners made an exhibit of 17 varieties of onions at our State fair (from both foreign and home-grown seed,) took the first premium on the peck which he took from my ground—over all competitors."

Price per large packet 10 cents, 3 for 25 cents 7 for 50 cents, oz. 35 cents, ¼ lb. \$1.00 lb. \$3.00.



NEW EVERBEARING CUCUMBER.

I wish to call special attention to this entirely new and unique variety. It is of small size, very early enormously productive, and valuable as a green pickler. The peculiar merit of this novelty is that the vines continue to flower and produce fruit until killed by frost, whether the ripe cucumbers are picked off or not—in which respect it differs from all other sorts in cultivation. Cucumbers in every stage of growth will be found on the same vine. Be sure and include a packet in your order, Packet, 5c.; 6 for 25c.

Take the **Farm Journal** 50 Cents a Year. It will be sent one year to any one ordering seeds or plants from this catalogue to the amount of \$2.00 or over. Be sure and say you want it.

80 (K) MONEY SAVED.
 NONE OF THE large seedsmen can offer you such inducements as I do. Not one can give your order as much personal attention; none can give you as many seeds and as many extras. Their high city rents and taxes, high priced help, expensive catalogs and tremendous advertising bills all forbid it. I can save you money. Do not overlook my best offers.

THE FOLLOWING IS MY **80 (K) TRADE MARK**
 and it is printed upon every packet. Some can not read it but the seeds will grow just the same. My prices this year are lower than ever.



HAS NOT ONLY EQUALLED BUT
SURPASSED ALL CLAIMS
MADE FOR IT LAST SEASON.

THE
**FREEMAN
POTATO.**

UNANIMOUSLY PRONOUNCED BY ALL
WHO PLANTED IT
A PERFECT WONDER.

AGLANS-PHILA

The Freeman Potato.

No other potato since the introduction of the Early Rose has caused half as much sensation as the Freeman Potato; and where there are to-day hundreds extolling the Freeman as "the best of all," this time next year there will be many thousands.

The Freeman Potato is unquestionably the strongest grower ever seen, and has already shown such unusual development both in early ripening quality and enormous productiveness that no praise is too great for it. They are very handsome, perfectly smooth, eyes even with the surface, oval in shape, russet in color, flesh very white, fine grained and of the VERY BEST flavor. Among their greatest merits is their EXTREME EARLINESS and LONG-KEEPING qualities. From the time they are as large as hens eggs, until new potatoes come in next year, they burst open when boiled with their jackets on snow-white and floury. Planted June 1st, they were fit to use July 13th. THIRTY NINE DAYS FROM PLANTING.

The Freeman is certainly the greatest of all potatoes; and I am able to offer it at prices within the reach of all, and hope every one will give it a trial this season.

Price of POTATO EYES by mail.

For \$1.00 I will send 100 strong eyes of the Freeman.				
\$2.00	"	225	"	"
\$3.00	"	350	"	"
\$4.00	"	500	"	"
\$5.00	"	650	"	"
\$10.00	"	1500	"	"

I have received only the most favorable reports from all sections, from sending potato eyes. It is much the best and cheapest way to obtain new varieties. I cut the eyes from large potatoes, leaving a good sized piece of potato with each eye, one eye being sufficient for a large hill. I send them carefully boxed, and postpaid,—with full directions for planting and cultivating to best advantage to secure a large yield. All eyes warranted to reach you in good condition for growing. Orders booked as received, and sent soon as the weather will admit; or ders from the South, sent any time requested.

NOTE—should any prefer whole Potatoes, I will send 20 nice tubers of the Freeman for \$1.00, and a proportionate number for larger orders.

A FEW TESTIMONIALS.

Munn, Cedar Co., Ia., Oct. 12, 1893. Mr. A. T. Cook. Dear Sir:—I received 100 potato eyes from you last spring and grew from them 375 pounds (6 1/4 bushels). They are the best in quality, and the nicest, smoothest potatoes I ever saw.

Yours truly, John O. Mason.

Mr. T. D. Terry, the most noted potato grower in America, has cut all his seed potatoes to one eye for more than 20 years; he will plant nothing but Freemans. He says:—"We planted the Freeman on good ground, but no manure or fertilizer of any kind was used. The growth was wonderful; the hills bulged up like half a pumpkin. The potatoes were large, 20 filled a half bushel basket. They have but few eyes, are almost perfect in shape, smooth and nice; their eating quality is perfect, and either baked or boiled, are as good as any one could ask for. It is a wonderful potato."

Mr. T. Greiner (Joseph), the well known agricultural writer says:—"I do not remember ever having seen a lot of tubers equaling the Freeman in color, size, shape, and in beauty. The growth was so early and wonderfully strong, in pleasing and favorable contrast with any of the 50 or 60 varieties in the lot. The yield was far larger than that of any other early sort."

Mr. J. M. Smith, Green Bay, Wis., a well known market gardener, and a standard authority says:—"We have dug the Freemans and they are a sight to gladden ones eyes, as well as his pockets. I think our wives will surely fall in love with them. They are the most beautiful potatoes I ever saw, in form about perfect, and in quality equal to any I ever tasted."

Mr. H. Stewart, Highlands, N. C., writes:—"The Freeman yielded at the rate of 700 bushels per acre. They are smooth, and handsome, and excellent quality."

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