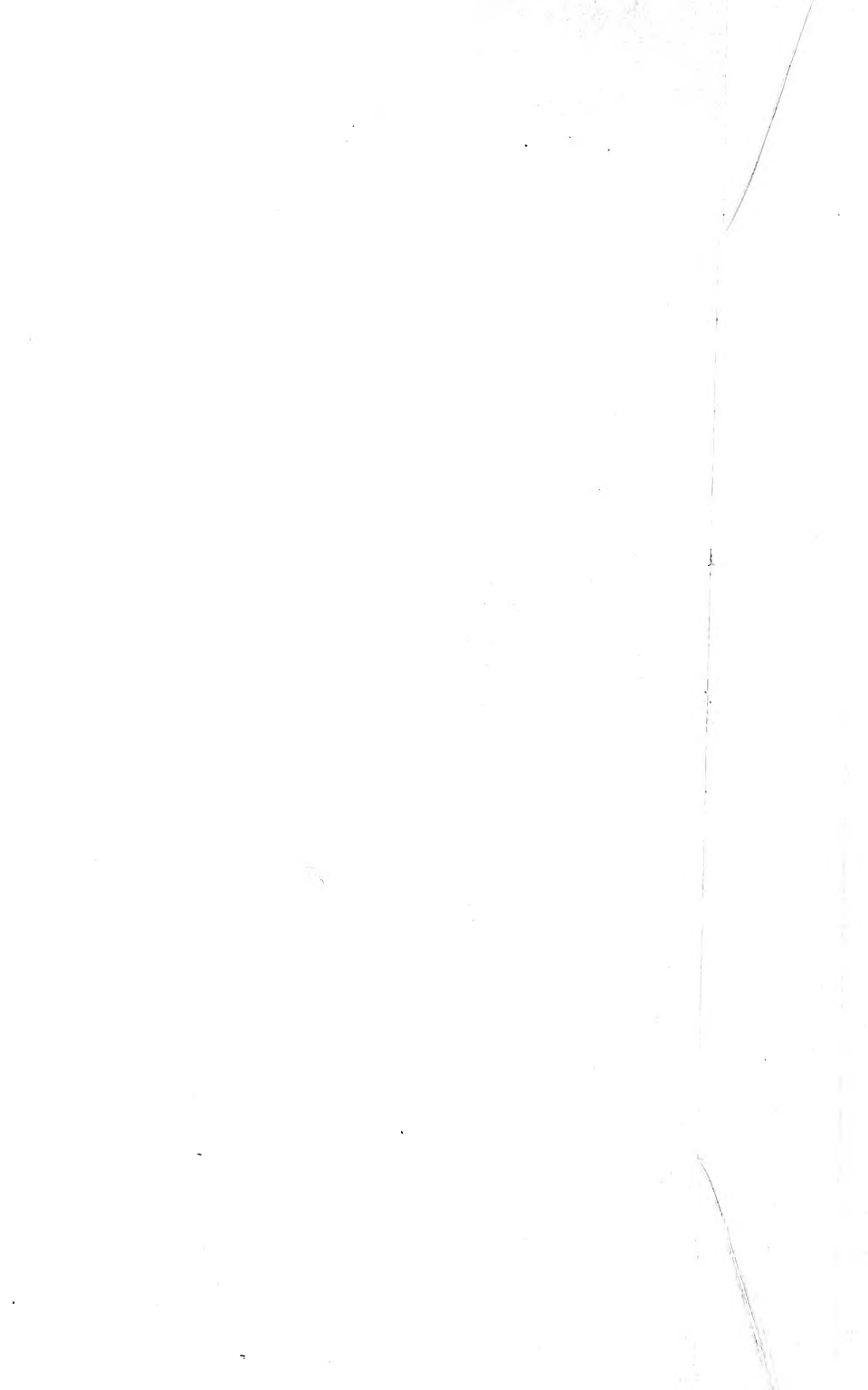


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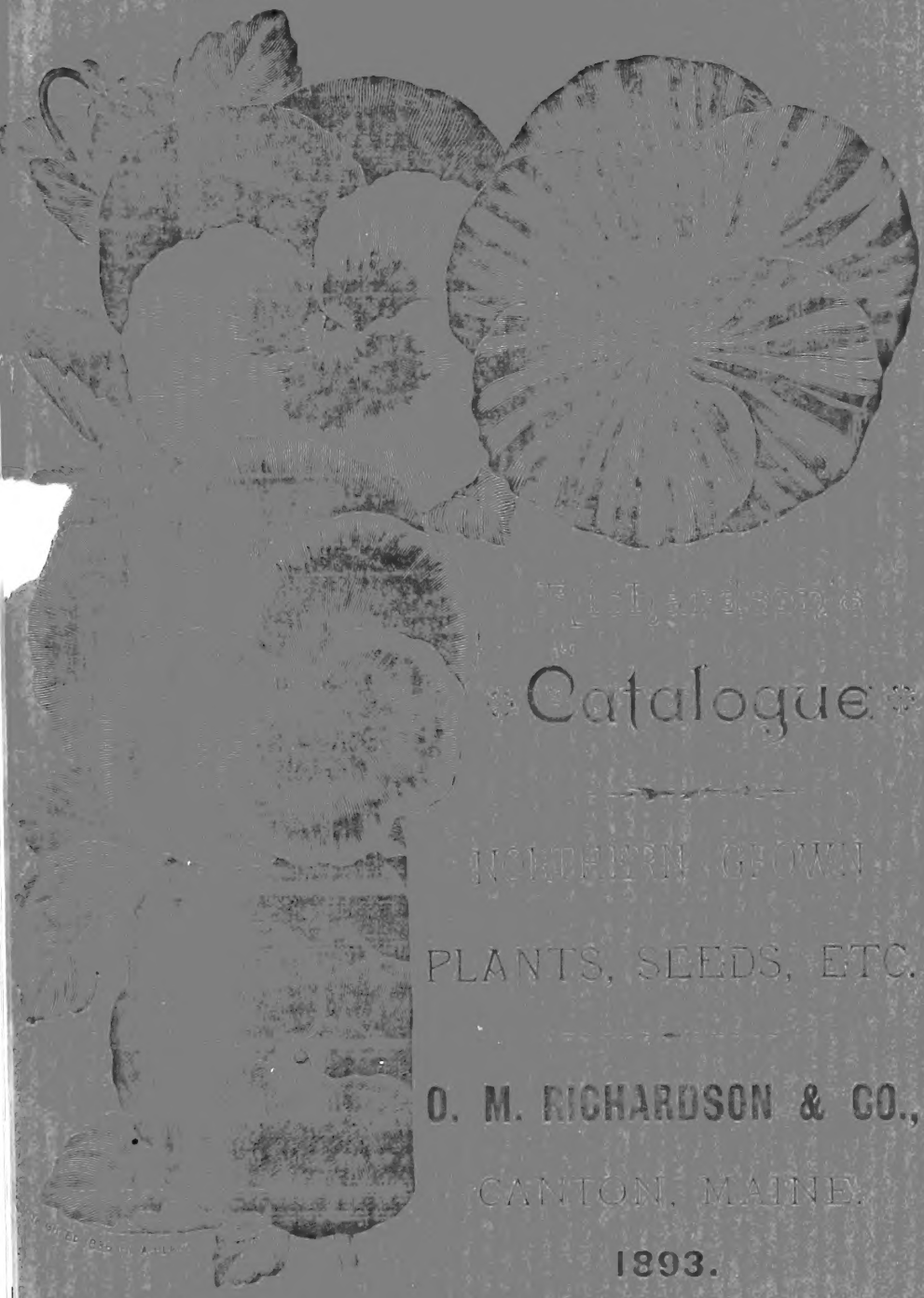
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OUR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

fOR those who are not particular as to varieties, we offer these special low-priced collections, enabling them to get more for their money than it would be possible in any other way. The plants are in every way equal to any sent out, and are packed and labeled just the same. We are enabled to sell cheaper in this way, as it gives us the advantage of selecting varieties of which we have the largest stocks. All collections sent post-paid on receipt of price.

Dollar Collections.

- No. 1.—15 Choice Geraniums, all different.
- No. 2.—18 Carnations, 5 Geraniums and 5 Begonias.
- No. 3.—12 Verbenas and 6 Petunias.
- No. 4.—10 Choice Everblooming Roses.
- No. 5.—5 Chrysanthemums and 6 Fuchsias.
- No. 6.—15 Choice Window Plants, all different.

Two Dollar Collections.

- Collection A.—2 Geraniums, 4 Chrysanthemums, 5 Begonias, 2 Fuchsias, 2 Lantanas, 2 Petunias, 2 Everblooming Roses, 2 Verbenas, 2 Heliotropes, 2 Passifloras.
- Collection B.—4 Carnations, 1 Marigold Vine, 2 Chinese Hibiscus, 1 Begonia, 1 Arbutus, 2 Abutilons, 12 Verbenas, 6 Geraniums, 2 Lilies, 6 Coleus.
- Collection C.—15 Choice Window Plants, all different, including many choice and rare plants.

Our Cemetery Collection.—Price \$1.00.

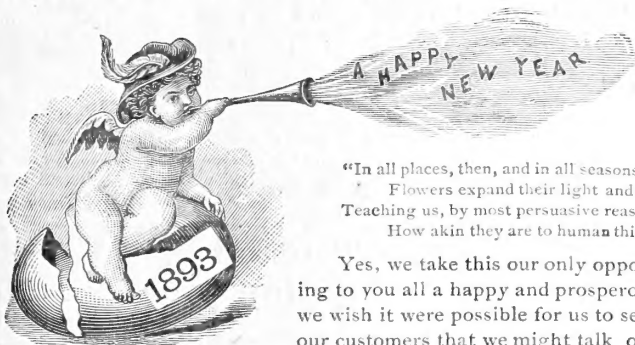
- 2 Double White Pevernias, 6 Pure White Fuchsias, 2 Lantanas, 12 Carnations, 2 Double White Petunias, 6 Pure Ball Daisies.

Also the following beautiful collections so read prepared at prices specified:

- 10 pkts. Flower Seeds, all different, all first class and sorts 30 c.
- 5 Summer flowering bulbs and 5 plus 4 more seeds 30 c.
- 4 Passifloras, four different sorts 50 c.
- 5 Fine new plants 50 c.
- 10 Coleus, five new seedlings 50 c.
- 6 Choice Begonias, all fine sorts 50 c.
- 6 Tuberoses and 6 Gladiolus 50 c.
- 4 pkts. Vegetable seeds, 4 pkts. choice flower seeds 25 c.
- 8 Choice Chrysanthemums, all different 50 c.

A Fine Box of Plants Almost Free

It being impossible to receive any amount of plants sent, we are going to sell of each variety in order to have a few more sent to those who are interested in the plants of the season. To all who send us a collection of one dollar sent at the same time, we will send (about June 30) in receipt of 25 cents, a box of choice plants, a collection of plants worth it to allow to receive the same amount.



"In all places, then, and in all seasons,
Flowers expand their light and soul-like wings,
Teaching us, by most persuasive reasons,
How akin they are to human things."

Yes, we take this our only opportunity for extending to you all a happy and prosperous new year. How we wish it were possible for us to see the faces of all our customers that we might talk over the successes and failures in the cultivation of our flowers for the year past. What a grand meeting it would be, representing every part of this great country. Many have patronized us from the beginning of our business and the familiar handwriting, as it comes to us from year to year, makes them seem like old friends.

Flowers are living preachers. In bestowing the beauty of their blossoms and delicious perfume on all alike, they teach us charity. By their bloom of a day they teach us that this is not our abiding place. They joyously minister to us in our happy moods and sympathetically whisper words of comfort when darker clouds gather on the zenith of life's horizon.

"And with child-like credulous affection
We behold their tender buds expand;
Emblems of our own great resurrection,
Emblems of a bright and better land."

IT CANNOT BE DISPUTED

That Plants and Seeds grown in the cold North-east are much hardier, healthier and better adapted for all sections of the country than those grown farther South; this has been proven beyond dispute and has become an established fact.

In growing flowering plants for window culture, we keep our greenhouses as near the temperature of the ordinary living-room as possible; thus the plants experience no change when taken out and carried to the window garden, but keep right on growing. Our plants are also grown in soil containing no fertilizer, of any kind, which makes them stocky, strong, and in every way far superior to the tender sprouts sent out by most florists, which are forced so much that they are apt to wither and die, even if given the best of care.

READ BEFORE ORDERING.

Remittances may be made by registered letter, P. O. money order or Postal note. There is little danger of loss however in sending small sums in silver wrapped up in a piece of paper. One and two dollar bills usually come safely if plainly addressed.

Distances Plants may be Sent. We are often asked how far plants will go safely by mail. We have sent plants to every part of the United States, British America, West Indies and the far off islands of the Pacific Ocean, and we have yet to hear of a single instance where they have not arrived in good growing condition. Our system of packing is unsurpassed. Read the following:

WAIALUA, OAHU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, August 5th, 1891.

O. M. RICHARDSON & CO.:

The case of plants you sent to me, June 26th, reached me last night. The letter came some time before. The plants must have been delayed in San Francisco. I think they will grow, as the roots seem quite fresh and the leaves of the ivy quite green.

Yours respectfully,

MRS. R. HALSTEAD.

This box of plants being delayed was in the mail just forty days.

Treatment of Plants on Arrival. As soon as the plants reach their destination they should be unpacked and sprinkled with warm water and potted in small pots or dishes; they should be thoroughly watered and shaded for a few days, allowing the soil to become somewhat dry on the surface before the second watering.

Kind of Soil. Take one part sand, one part old well rotted manure, and one part good garden soil, mix all together and nearly all kinds of plants will thrive in it.

Insects Affecting House Plants. The Aphis or green lice are the most troublesome of any kind of insect indoors. The best way to get rid of them is to make a strong solution of whale oil soap and warm water and souse the plants in it; this also proves to be a good destroyer of all other insects affecting house plants.

Notice the many words of praise given by our customers. We give their full address and you are at liberty to write to any of them.

7 GROVE PLACE, MALDEN, MASS.

MR. RICHARDSON:—I must allow that I was greatly surprised when our Postman left a package containing a bulb of *Lilium Auratum*, for I neither asked or expected one, as I supposed you were out of them. Thank you for it; also it will prove no detriment to your business you may be sure. The *Sou. de Miranda* you sent me has been seen by about 20 people, and they one and all pronounce it the finest geranium they have ever seen; it now has two large bunches of blossoms and they are beautiful. If next year you will send me a number of your Catalogues I think it would be the means of sending you a number of orders

JOHN S. FISHER.

NEWPORT, N. H.

O. M. RICHARDSON & Co.:

DEAR SIR:—The plants mailed to me from your house a few days ago came in excellent condition. Such thrifty, well rooted plants I never saw from any other florist. I am more than satisfied. Please accept my thanks for the nice extras, they are just what I wanted. I shall recommend your plants and seeds to all my friends who buy. Inclosed you will find 25 cts. for which please send me your 25 ct. collection at the close of the season, as you advertise to do.

Very respectfully yours,

MRS SUMNER T. MITCHELL.

SPECIALTIES IN PLANTS.

Under this heading we offer some of the choicest flowering plants known. We do not confine ourselves to new varieties, but we have selected what we consider the very best, whether new or old. The descriptions given are exactly as the plants grew on our own grounds the past season.

THE RICHMOND ROSE.



The most beautiful and wonderful new rose ever introduced to the flower lovers of America is the "Richmond." It is large and full and of an exquisite shade of silvery pink with a most delightful tea fragrance. It is a most profuse bloomer being hardly ever without flowers. The edges of the petals are beautifully crimped giving the flower a crape-like appearance. The half open flower cannot be surpassed in form and texture. The foliage is larger and of a darker green than any other tea rose; but its greatest and chief quality is the ease with which it may be grown; it will grow and thrive where any other rose would die; it is just as easy to grow as a geranium, and any one who has given up growing tea roses on account of their failing to thrive is *sure* to succeed with the "Richmond." It will grow luxuriantly in spite of you. The new foliage is of a rich red in color, changing to the darkest glistening olive green. If tea roses have been a failure with you in the window garden, you should try the "Richmond"

and you will be surprised and delighted at the ease with which you can grow a profusion of lovely flowers. Nice plants 25c. each, five for \$1.

ABUTILON ECLIPSE.

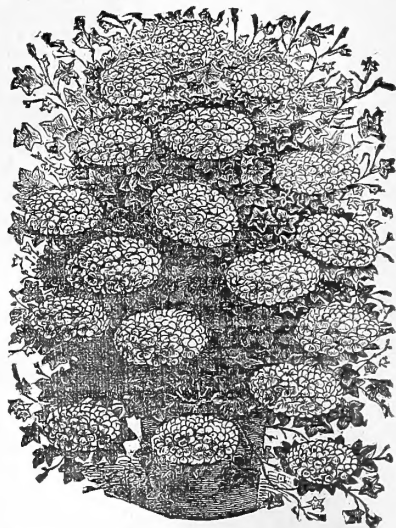
The Leopard Abutilon. A beautiful and odd trailing variety, the foliage being a lively green thickly spotted with bright yellow, making a most beautiful foliage plant, and add to this the fact that it is never without flowers, and you have a plant of great value. The flowers are of a light orange color and borne in great profusion, both winter and summer. For hanging baskets it cannot be surpassed. While in the garden it always attracts attention. Fine plants, 20 cents each.

Single Geranium, Perle.

The most beautiful pure white variety in the world. Petals thick and of great substance, flowers and trusses of the most beautiful shape, being perfectly round and symmetrical. The color is of the purest white, not being tinted in the least by the hottest sun. Fine plants, 20 cts. each.

THE GRAND NEW IVY GERANIUM, (Souv. Chas. Turner.)

The grandest and handsomest Ivy Geranium ever produced. Florets $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, in trusses 6 inches across, and of a most beautiful shade of deep, bright pink, approaching scarlet in color; the upper petals feathered with maroon. Plant a strong, free grower with bright, glistening foliage. Everyone who visits our green-houses exclaims at its great beauty, which must be seen to be appreciated. This sort has been awarded numerous certificates of merit in Europe and America. Nice plants, 20 cents each.



Souv. Chas. Turner.

LINUM FLAVUM.

An interesting and pretty plant for winter blooming. Flowers about one inch in diameter, and of a beautiful shade of orange. Easily grown. 15 cents each.

NEW HARDY CARNATION, (Marinette).



Flowers fully two inches across and of the most beautiful shade of pink with a circle of crimson in centre. A very rapid grower and profuse bloomer, being filled with buds and blossoms the entire season and lasting for weeks after all tender plants are destroyed by "King Frost." The flowers are beautifully fringed and delightfully fragrant. Imported from France two years ago, and named by us. Nice plants, 15 cents each.

New Tri-color Geranium (Isis).

Foliage much like Mad. Pollock, many of the leaves having four colors, but un-

like the Mad. Pollock it is a strong, vigorous grower which we consider a vast improvement on that variety, while the foliage is fully as pretty. All lovers of fancy leaved Geraniums cannot help being pleased with it. Strong plants. 20 cents each.

THE BEAUTIFUL MANETTIA VINE.

We consider this the most desirable and one of the most beautiful of climbing plants. When grown in the house it is in bloom every day in the year, and when trained around the window, nothing can be more attractive. In the open ground it will grow ten feet or more in a season, covering a large trellis and constantly filled with its fiery blossoms tipped with yellow. It begins to bloom from the smallest cutting, and from then on is constantly filled with flowers at all times. No plant is easier to grow and it attracts admiration from everyone. The plants readily sold for fifty cents each on sight last season. We offer strong, well established plants, in bud and bloom, for the very low price of 15 cents each.



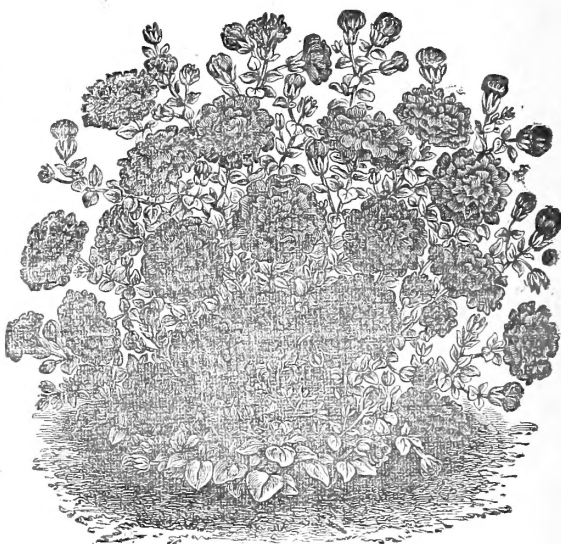
BEAUTIFUL NEW GERANIUM, Souv. de Mirande.

A nice grower, with brilliant green foliage of fine texture; just the right shade of green to show the flower to the very best advantage. The body of each petal is pure satiny white, with a distinct, sharply defined band of brilliant carmine running about each, and narrowing to the center. When brought indoors the carmine predominates in each petal, leaving but small, white centers. Everybody exclaims at sight of the bloom. It proves a thorough surprise, being so totally distinct from other varieties. 20 cents each.

Petunia, Pink Pet.

Although we have catalogued this among our general list of plants for the past two years, we have decided to give it a place among our specialties this season. It is not a new sort but is very scarce and but little known; the more we see this charming variety the greater becomes our admiration for it.

DESCRIPTION.—The Pink Pet is a perfect Carnation, flowered Petunia, the flowers being about two inches in diameter, perfectly double to the center, and of the most lovely shade of silvery pink imaginable. The plant is of dwarf habit and is a living bouquet of these deliciously



Petunia Pink Pet.

fragrant flowers the whole season. This beautiful little gem has been the admiration of every visitor at our green-houses this season. It is entirely different from any other Petunia grown. Price, strong plants in bud or bloom, 20 cents each.

Richardson's Mammoth Verbenas.

We have a large stock of all colors from darkest crimson to the purest white, striped, splashed and sweet-scented. The flowers are of mammoth size, often as large as a silver quarter. A bed of verbenas is always a gorgeous sight, and we offer them so cheap that all can afford to have them. Price 35c. per doz., \$3 per hundred.

New White Verbena, Snowbird.

A new pure white, sweet-scented variety of the celebrated mammoth strain. When in full flower it is beautiful beyond description. It is as the fragrance of the *Arbutus*. For cutting for bouquets it has no equal. Price 10c. each, 75c. per doz.

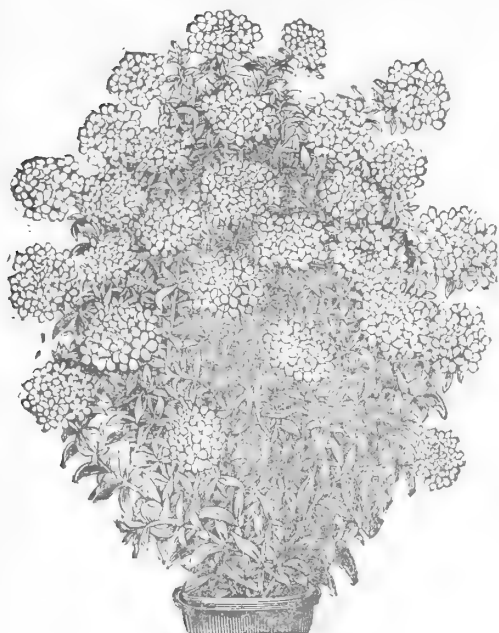
Abutilon, Golden Bells.

No Abutilon in cultivation comes up to this in elegance and rare beauty, the flowers are of the richest golden yellow in color and hanging as they do in clusters among the large green maple leaves, it is hard to find a prettier plant anywhere. They are ever-bloomers, being never without flowers either summer or winter. They make fine specimens for either the lawn or window garden. Price 20 cts. each.

Begonia, Manacata Aurea.

A new and scarce variety of the Rex habit of growth, leaves large, light green and clouded with cream white, the stems being covered with red hair. Flowers light pink. Very odd and beautiful in appearance. On account of its great scarcity the price is necessarily high. Price 40 cts. each.

Solanum Jasminodes Grandiflora.



Sol. Jas. Grandiflora.

A most beautiful new plant which inclines to a trailing or climbing habit, but never attains a greater height than 3 to 5 feet, and can be pinched back to a bush form. Its flowers are star-shaped, like a Clematis, and borne in panicles or clusters. In color they are pure white with a violet tinge on back of petals, and on the buds. In pots it is a fine bloomer, both summer and winter; but its grandeur for outdoor culture when trained against a wall or trellis, and showing hundreds of these magnificent panicles of bloom, cannot be described. It is a free and constant bloomer, commencing when only a foot high, and like the Manettia, its flowers keep perfect a long time before fading. No more beautiful object can be seen than these two vines growing side by side and mingling their profusion of bloom. Strong plants, 20 cts. each.

The Celebrated Black Rose.

This is the darkest rose known, the centre is dark crimson and outside petals black. The flower is very large and double and has the fragrance of the old fashioned garden rose. The foliage is peculiarly striking and beautiful, the leaves being nearly round and deeply notched and dark emerald green in color. The most attractive and sweetest of the ever blooming or tea roses. Price for nice plants 25c each, five for \$1.

Brugmansia Arborea, Giant Ghost Flower.

THE DOUBLE EVERBLOOMING VARIETY.—The most wonderful plant within our knowledge. Although not a new plant it is always exceedingly rare. The flowers are pure white, deliciously fragrant and of gigantic size, bell shaped, often measuring a foot in length by eight inches in width. A plant now growing in our green-house is nine feet high and had 83 of these mammoth blossoms open at one time this season. The plants begin blooming quite small and are scarcely ever without flowers. They can be trained in the form of a tree and when in bloom nothing can equal them in magnificence and surpassing beauty. Large stocky plants 25 cts. each, five for \$1.

O. M. RICHARDSON & Co.:

SOUTH ALBANY, VT.

DEAR SIR:—I received the plants in good order and was surprised on looking to find so many extras. I do not think that there is another seed or plant house in the United States that treats their customers as well as you do. Thanks for your liberality and promptness in filling my small order.

Yours truly,

MISS AMANDA E. CALDERWOOD.

The Beautiful Marguerite Carnation.

The grand new perpetual blooming carnations are a new wonder in the floral world. The flowers are magnificent, very large and coming in rich, solid colors of deep crimson and black to the loveliest shades of pink; also white splashed with crimson, variegated and bizarre, and of the richest clove fragrance. The plants are strong growers and profuse bloomers. They make a grand display in the garden during summer, and if taken up in the fall will bloom all winter in the house. We have 10,000 plants of all colors mixed, having raised this large stock for the purpose of giving our customers a great bargain in them. The exceedingly low price of 50 cts. per doz. buys them, or \$4.00 per hundred. These are exactly the same plants as are being sold for 20 cts. each. We want everyone to try a dozen or more of them.

Hibiscus Chrysanthus.

A variety of Hibiscus with striking and richly colored, wide open flowers, about four inches in diameter, bright yellow with dark maroon centre; always attracts attention everywhere, one of our best selling plants here at the greenhouses, where they are seen in bloom. Price 20 cts. each.

Aloe Variegata.

Somewhat resembles the century plant in habit of growth. The leaves are thick and fleshy of an olive green color thickly spotted and striped with white. This plant is very scarce and hard to equal in point of beauty in anything of its class. Often called "Partridge Cactus." Price 25 cts. each.

The Damask Rose.

This is the rose that has in times past become world-famed for its rich red color and fragrance which cannot be distinguished from the wild rose. The flower is large, cup shaped and semi-double, the half open flower being exceedingly beautiful. A very rank grower and profuse bloomer belonging to the monthly or ever blooming class. Good thrifty plants 20 cts. each.

CANTERBURY STATION, N. H.

MR. RICHARDSON & Co.—Plants received in good condition, am very much pleased with them; many thanks for the extras, did not expect them. I have sent to a number of places this spring for plants, but I can give you the praise for the best ones. The first ones I ordered of you this spring have all blossomed and are growing splendid.

In haste,

MRS. C. A. BOYNTON,

13 CROMWELL PLACE, YONKERS, N. Y.

O. M. RICHARDSON & Co.:

GENTLEMEN:—Just a few lines to thank you for the extra plants that you sent to me (for 25 cts. sent earlier in the season), those and the other plants are doing very nicely indeed. I have only got a little flower bed, but with the plants from you it is as good as any of the larger ones round here; and if at any time I can, I will recommend your firm to my friends and neighbors.

Yours truly,

WM. MOLINEAUX.

SO LANCASTER, N. H.

O. M. RICHARDSON & Co.:

GENTLEMEN:—We received the plants O. K. May 30th, and they are growing finely. Will send another order soon. Thanks for your kindness.

E. A. STEELE, P. M.

EAST HIRAM, ME.

O. M. RICHARDSON:—Inclosed please find a small order. Early in the spring I bought four packages of seeds from you. Every seed planted, by actual count, has grown. We call that good enough!

ANNETTE KIMBALL.

GENERAL COLLECTION OF PLANTS.**Abutilons.**

Sometimes called Flowering Maple or Chinese Bell Flower, are among the easiest grown and most satisfactory of window plants. They are ever bloomers, being seldom without flowers. Their dainty bell-shaped blossoms intermingled among the rich green maple-like foliage, gives them a charming appearance during the entire year. They seem to smile at the darkest days of our long and dreary winters. Price 10 cents each.

A. Besson.—Rich scarlet flowers with darker veins, leaves pointed and cut like our sugar maples.

Gen. Logan.—Flowers extra large, color red, a strong grower and free bloomer.

Pluton.—Leaves pointed but not cut like the foregoing, color red with a purplish tinge and darker veins.

Etenard.—Flowers bright scarlet and opening very wide. Foliage heavy and large. A fine sort.

Eclipse.—See specialties.

NOTE.—Abutilons should be pinched back to make them bushy. They all do finely, bedded out, in summer, flowering freely and making a fine appearance.

Begonias.

Always pretty and interesting, they require but little sun and are therefore among the easiest plants to grow in the window garden. Beautiful in both leaf and flower they attract admiration from every eye. They do best in a soil of leaf mold and sharp sand, mixed with a little old manure and loam from the garden. Prices except where noted, 10 cents each.

Metalica.—Leaves rough with darker veins overspread with a peculiar metallic-like lustre, giving the plant a most beautiful and odd appearance. The plant is a strong, rank grower, making a splendid specimen in a comparatively short time. Flowers bright pink.

Semperflorens Gigantea Rosa.—A new variety and one of special merit. A wonderfully free bloomer, flowering profusely from October till May. It has rich tropical leaves and magnificent cardinal flowers. It will command attention wherever placed, being round and bushy in form and a true winter bloomer. It has the largest flowers of any of its species. Price 15 cents.

Rubra.—Though not a new variety it is still one of the best. Leaves of the darkest green. Flowers rose color, glossy and wax-like. A winter bloomer. Always good.

Alba Pieta.—A new and odd variety perfectly distinct. It is shrubby in habit and of compact growth, having long, slender, pointed leaves of glossy green thickly spotted with silver, the spots graduating in size from the centre to the margin. The branches are upright and curving. Flowers greenish white and produced in great profusion, different from all others and one of the most charming and beautiful Begonias, of recent introduction. Price 15 cents each.

Hibrida Multiflora.—Foliage small and glossy giving it the appearance of having been varnished. Flowers pink and produced during the winter months.

Weltoinensis.—An old and well-known sort, very easy to grow, making fine specimens in a short time. Branches bright red covered with rich, green, maple-like leaves. Flowers pink and very free, giving it the appearance of a huge bouquet when in bloom.

Silver Fleece.—Foliage small and elegant, light green in color with narrow dark edge. Flowers of the purest silvery white. Free grower and altogether one of the prettiest white sorts.

Coury.—Foliage very small, leaves round and bright green. Upright in growth. Flowers bright pink.

Manioata Aurea.—Light green foliage beautifully mottled with gold. The most beautiful of all variegated plants. Very scarce. 40 cents each.

Pond Lily Begonia.—Leaves resemble pond lily pads, flowers light pink. Pretty and interesting.

Palm Begonia.—Leaves large, light green in color and borne on tall stalks. Beautiful and majestic in form and habit. Large clusters of pale pink flowers. Price 15 cents each

CHRYSANTHEMUMS. (The Queen of Autumn).



Those who have never seen these grand new sorts in bloom can form no idea of their great beauty. For autumn flowers nothing else can compare with them, coming as they do when other flowers are scarce. They are at present the most popular flower not excepting even the rose. They should be set in the open ground during summer in a rich place and the branches nipped back to make them bushy, until the middle of August, when they should be lifted and potted, disturbing the roots as little as possible, and placed in a cool room. They should not be subjected to fire heat any more than is necessary to keep out frost. After blooming they should be cut down and placed in the cellar until spring.

New Japanese Varieties.

John Lane.—Color rose-pink with peach shadings on under side of petals, ends of centre petals tipped with gold. Considered a grand novelty. Price 25 cents.

Lillian B. Bird.—Splendid for cut bloom. Color pale flesh. Long tubular petals of perfect form. Claimed by some to have flowers twelve inches in diameter, but we do not make such mistakes, although the flowers are very large. Price 15 cents.

Mrs. Richard Elliott.—A grand yellow, form regular and very double. Price 15 cents.

Mrs. Levi P. Morton.—Very unique and distinct. Flowers large and of a charming silvery pink. Price 15 cents.

Christmas Eve.—One of the most charming and beautiful Chrysanthemums on our list. Color of the purest white, with long feathery petals; flowers about four inches across and borne in immense quantities. Everyone who grows Chrysanthemums at all, should have this variety. Price only 10 cents each.

W. H. Lincoln.—A variety of striking beauty and magnificence. Color the most beautiful deep, golden buttercup yellow, with long, twisted petals. Grand. Price 15 cents each.

Puritan.—One of the choicest and largest grown. Silvery pink changing to pure white. Very early. 10 cents each.

Minnie Palmer.—Outer petals very long, decreasing in length toward the centre. Pure ivory white. 10 cents each.

Blanch Neige.—(See cut). Small, very double, incurved, pure white flower. Fine for corsage bouquets. 10 cents each.

Rubra Striata.—Centre Creamy white, outer petals pink, reflexed and beautiful. 10 cents each.

Mrs. Alpheus Hardy.—The Ostrich Plume Chrysanthemum. Pure white in color with wide petals, which are covered with fine hairs. Highly recommended by some florists, but of inferior quality with us. 20 cents each.

Ada Spaulding.—Certainly one of the grandest Chrysanthemums ever introduced; took the national prize—a splendid silver cup—at the great Indianapolis Show as the best New Seedling of the year; immense globe-shaped flowers, 6 to 7 inches in diameter; large, broad petals; color, very novel and distinct, lower half of the flower being rich, deep pink, shading in upper portion to the purest pearl white. Very handsome and remarkable. 15 cents each.

Carnations.

The Carnation is grown and admired in every civilized country. There is a tradition relating to the origin of the Carnation as follows: The first florist was a lady and for a time she did a large and profitable business. Soon she had a rival in the shape of a man who opened business in the same city. Angered by this she killed her rival and from his blood, so the story goes, sprang the crimson Carnation. They thrive well in any good soil and are perpetual bloomers. From our own experience we have selected the following as the best. Price 10 cents each.

Anna Webb.—Rich dark crimson in color, a good grower and very fragrant.

Century.—Color a most beautiful bright carmine, and one of the strongest growers in the list.

Silver Spray.—A new, pure white variety. Free bloomer and fragrant.

Portia.—Similar to Century. A well-known variety and needs no commendation.

Heinze's White.—The best known and most generally cultivated of white Carnations. Fine, large flower, sometimes changing to a faint lemon shade in centre, beautifully fringed, and has a delightful clove fragrance. Grown more extensively for cut flowers than any other sort.

Ida May.—This we consider the prettiest variegated sort we have ever seen. The ground-work of the flower is a rich cream color, beautifully striped with bright crimson, a scarce variety and unlike all others.

Chester Pride.—Fine, large flowers of the purest white, streaked with carmine. A favorite sort.

Pres. Garfield.—A dwarf, compact grower. Flowers large and fine form, highly fragrant and of a bright English vermilion in color.

Pride of Penhurst.—Pure lemon yellow in color very scarce and beautiful. Price 20 cents each.

Cacti.

Epiphyllum Truncatum.—This is the well-known crab or lobster Cactus, the branches composed of short jointed pieces and drooping. The flowers are bright crimson, very showy, and at times borne in endless number. 15 cents each.

The Queen Cactus—(Phyllocactus Latifrons).—This grand Cactus grows several feet high, with large, flattened stems. The flowers appear at evening and last all night, and are the grandest of all night blooming plants, being of enormous size, nearly one foot across, and of the purest white color, delicately shaded pink outside, with a most lovely form and texture. It is not unusual for a large plant to have 30 to 100 of these enormous flowers at once. It blooms freely every year, and is indeed a rare plant for anyone to possess. We have a very fine stock, and offer strong plants at the extremely low price of 50 cents each.

Cereus Triangularis.—This is not a free bloomer, but the great beauty of its flowers make up for this scarcity. Flowers pure white, measuring 12 to 14 inches across and are followed by bright scarlet fruit the size of a goose egg and of a flavor like the strawberry. It has often been called the strawberry pear. 25 cents.

Phyllocactus Speciosa, much like Latifrons, except the flowers are smaller and light pink in color. A lovely free bloomer. 25 cents each.

Cereus Flagelliformis, under the popular name of Rat-tail Cactus, this plant is well known. The stems are very slender, about half an inch in diameter, and they grow to the length of four or six feet, being of pendulous habit. When flowering, this has a most striking effect, the bright, rosy-colored flowers, which are produced in spring and early summer, being extremely attractive. Owing to its pendulous habit this species is generally seen to a better advantage growing in a hanging pot or basket than in any other way. It is a fine species which everyone should possess. 20 cents each.

Try our goods this year and you will never buy elsewhere. Their earliness and hardness is unequalled.

Fuchsias.



The Fuchsia is a native of South America, and named in honor of Leonard Fuchs, a botanist. In its wild state, the Fuchsia bears an abundance of purple berries which are preserved in sugar and eaten by the natives who inhabit the country to which it belongs. Fuchsias delight in a rich soil and shade from the noonday sun.

Phenomenal.—The giant Fuchsia the flowers of which are twice the size of any other sort in cultivation. We have actually had flowers that measured over three inches in diameter. In growth it is very robust, growing tall and strong. Color of corolla purple, sepals bright carmine. A most wonderful variety. Price 15 cents each.

Mrs. E. G. Hill.—This is undoubtedly the finest pure white Double Fuchsia ever

produced. Raised by Victor Lemoine of France and but recently imported into this country. It resembles Phenomenal in all save color. Flowers extra large, full and double, and of the purest snow white, tubes and sepals bright crimson. A variety that must become a general favorite. Price 15 cents each.

Storm King.—(Frau Emma Topfer).—This grand new Fuchsia is as good as ever, and is what is known as the perpetual flowering Fuchsia, blooming a greater part of the year. The foliage is of a glowing green and the plant has a beautiful weeping habit. In profusion of bloom it is indeed remarkable; we have counted over two hundred buds and blossoms on a plant at one time. Tube and sepals glowing carmine, corolla white streaked and tinted with carmine. Very large and double. Price 10 cents each.

Cleopatra.—Very large and double corolla of an azure blue color passing to dark violet. Extra full. Price 10 cents.

Elm City.—Sepals rich crimson in color, enclosing the violet purple corolla forming globular balls. Very double and one of the best. 10 cents each.

Lustre.—The freest grower we have ever seen. The rapidity with which it will grow if given a good chance is remarkable. We had a plant of Lustre in one of our green-houses that had one hundred and six full blown flowers on it at one time. Flowers single, tube and sepals white, corolla carmine. Price 10 cents.

Duke of Albany.—A strong growing single variety with bright crimson tube, sepals and corolla, sepals reflexed. Price 10 cents.

Venus Vitrex.—Upright in growth, tube and sepals white, corolla dark purple. Price 10 cents each.

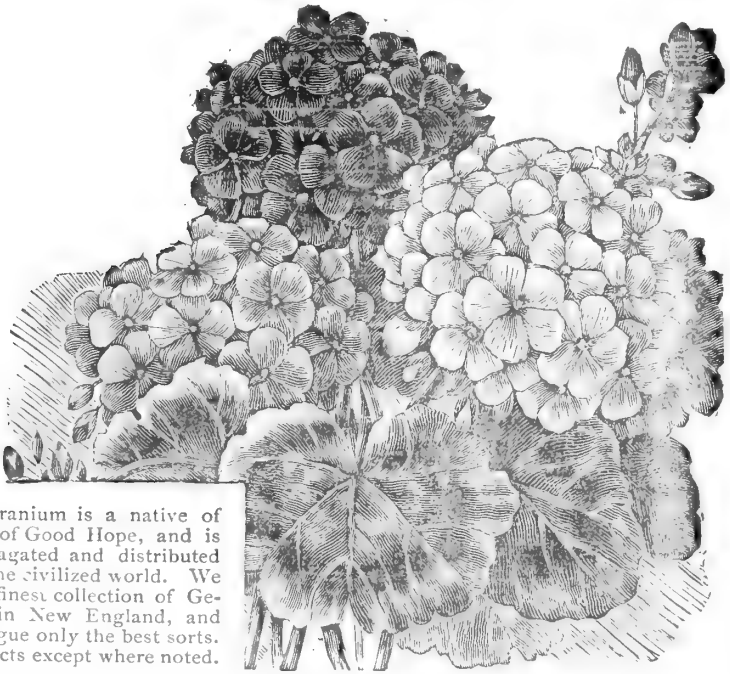
Countess of Aberdeen.—Tube, sepals and corolla all pure white. Novel and interesting. Price 25 cents each.

Agave Americana or Century Plant.

The variegated Agave or Century plant is not often seen. It grows to a large size and makes one of the most ornamental plants for the lawn or veranda during summer. In the winter it can be kept in the cellar or any place away from severe freezing. Fall frosts do not hurt it and it can be left out till late in November. It has long, thick leaves, which are green, with wide borders of yellow. It is a fine thing to grow with a collection of Cacti and other rare plants. It will never die with the roughest kind of treatment, and when once had will increase in size and beauty each year. 25 cents each.

☞ The above Cacti are fine established plants.

Geraniums.



The Geranium is a native of the Cape of Good Hope, and is now propagated and distributed all over the civilized world. We have the finest collection of Geraniums in New England, and we catalogue only the best sorts. Prices 10 cts except where noted.

Anna Scott.—Single. Large, perfect trusses of the most dazzling crimson.

Baron Duranteau.—Double. A magnificent dark crimson variety with purplish tinge.

Bruantii.—Color light vermillion, trusses large and carried well above the foliage. Double.

Emily Lemoine.—Double. A very bright pink.

Evening Star.—Single. Pure white with a beautiful carmine centre.

Evangeline.—Double. Pure white in color.

Fire Ball.—Double, and of the most intense fiery red.

Gullion Mangelli.—Double. Trusses as large as coffee cups, color rich crimson.

Gilded Gold.—Double. Bright orange, nearest approach to yellow.

- Golden Dawn.**—Similar to the above.
- Jewel.**—Very Double. Dwarf and compact, color bright scarlet.
- Loraine.**—Single, orange salmon, very free.
- M. A. Hunt.**—Double, orange salmon, with capucine and bronzy shades.
- Maiden's Blush.**—Double. White suffused with rose. Beautifully fresh and delicate.
- Mad. Hoste.**—Double. Ground color of flower pure white, with a bright rose centre. The plant is of dwarf habit, with distinct coloring. Very fine for bedding. Price 15 cents.
- Lady Reed.**—As a companion to Souv. de Mirande and the Perle, it is the most beautiful of single geraniums, the flowers are blush with a circle of white around the edge, and the truss is larger than any geranium we have ever seen, often seven inches across. The flowers do not fall to pieces soon after opening as is the case with many single geraniums, but keeps perfect a long time. It is also one of the most profuse in bloom, often being so full of flowers as to hide the foliage. As a bedding geranium it is simply grand, enduring heat and frost and growing and blooming in almost any situation. It has few equals and one must see it to appreciate its beauty. Price 15 cents each.
- Victor Eugene.**—The rose flowered geranium, the flowers are beautiful crimson in color, and so double and perfect as to resemble miniature roses. Price 15 cts.
- New Life.**—Single. Flowers bright scarlet tipped with white. Always interesting.
- Princess Maude.**—Single. Bright scarlet with white eye. Beautifully formed flowers.
- Queen of the Fairies.**—Double. A bi-color variety. Rich flesh color mottled with white. Fine.
- Satisfaction.**—Double. Bright blood crimson, one of the most dazzling colors we have ever seen.
- Double Apple Blossom.**—Light pink, a well known sort.
- White Swan.**—Double. Color of the purest white. Considered the finest double white Geranium. 15 cents each.

Fancy Leaved Geraniums.

- Silver Geranium, Mad. Salleroi.**—Leaves round and of a beautiful silvery green, edged with pure white. Seldom grows more than six inches in height. One of the finest plants known for edging flower beds. 10 cents each.
- Mount of Snow.**—A strong grower branching freely, leaves notched and ruffled and light green in color, edged with white. Flowers scarlet. 10 cents each.
- Happy Thought.**—The improved sort. Centre of leaf white, with green edge. Flowers scarlet crimson. 10 cents.
- Tri-color Geranium, Isis.**—See novelties.
- Cloth of Gold.**—Foliage beautiful canary yellow. 10 cents.

Scented Geraniums.

- Rose.**—The well-known rose Geranium. 10 cents.
- Fern Leaf.**—Leaves finely divided. Has the strongest and most delightful fragrance of any sort we have ever seen. 10 cents.
- Variagated Pennyroyal Scented.**—Leaves light silvery green, edged with white and beautifully cut and ruffled. 15 cents.
- Plush Leaved Pennyroyal.**—Leaves bright green, maple shaped and over-spread with a thick fur-like plush. Pennyroyal scented, 10 cents each.

No. WOODSTOCK, N. H.

The seeds we got of you last year were as ever, good. I think every seed grew, and grew well.

MRS DANIEL CLARK.

Pelargoniums.

Victor.—A beautiful dark maroon flower with crimson centre and margin. 20 cents each.

The Bride.—A most charming pure white flower, much admired.

Lady Mary.—Large, crimson with maroon centre.

Tom Thumb.—Blossoms small, pink veined with rose. Plant very dwarf.

Lantanas.

One of the best summer-flowering tribe of plants for our climate; equally fine in dry or wet weather, sun or shade. There are few bedding plants that bloom more continuously or afford a greater variety of color than the Lantana. When grown with a single stem and trained as standards, with fine bushy tops and straight stems, besides being in bloom all summer, they present on the lawn or piazza an effect that is not surpassed by any other plant.

Innocence.—Pure white flowers, wonderfully free, of strong growth, best white. 10 cents each.

Jacques Minot.—It is impossible to imagine a more showy or gorgeous plant than a Jacques Minot Lantana in full bloom; its flowers are bright yellow when first opened and brilliant orange when fully matured, finally passing to a dark rich red as they near the fading point. No plant in our green-houses so quickly arrests the attention of visitors as this, being literally covered with flowers of three different colors as they appear at different stages, is sure to cause exclamations of surprise and admiration on all sides. It is an ever-bloomer and may be grown in the garden or on the lawn in summer, and then taken up in the fall, when it will bloom all winter in the window garden. Every one who grows plants for pleasure or profit should include this in their collection. Fine plants only 15 cents each.

Ivies.

"Creeping where no life is seen,
A rare old plant is the ivy green."

German.—One, if not the most rapid growing climber in the world, often growing at the rate of six inches a day, and may be trained around the room, or over pictures etc., serving as a beautiful and attractive ornamentation. 10 cents each.

English.—This is the variety with which the crumbling ruins of the Old World are covered, the variety spoken of in Dickens' celebrated poem, "The Ivy Green." It clings tenaciously to stone or wood and is a beautiful variety for parlor culture, growing around the ceiling without support. One of the prettiest wreaths we have ever seen was made entirely of the leaves of the English Ivy woven together. 10 cents each.

Variiegata.—Foliage marked white. 15 cents each.

O. M. RICHARDSON & Co.:—The plants ordered from you April 11th reached me on the 16th, so they could not have been more than two days on the way. They are fine plants and in perfect condition. Many thanks for the extra Sol. Jas. Grandiflora.

Very truly,

MRS. HENRY HASKELL.

1505 BOLTON ST. BALTIMORE, MD.

SIRS:—The seeds and plants you sent me came all right. From every appearance they will do well. I am delighted with them, and in the Fall, no doubt, I shall send you a large order, but probably from another city. Accept my thanks for the great care you have taken considering the small remuneration.

MRS. H. A. REDGRAVE.

WEST ROXBURY, MASS.

MR. RICHARDSON, DEAR SIR:—Plants received in good condition, look very thrifty. Am well pleased. I think they do much better by not having the earth all washed from the roots before packing.

Yours truly,

MRS. A. G. GATES.

Ivy Geraniums.

Horace du Choisel.—Flowers of grand size, petals imbricated, pale blush, bordered with white and salmon. Very free flowering. 10 cents each.

Jeanne d' Arc.—Flowers very large and double, and of the purest white, fine spreading habit and free flowering. Distinct and fine. 15 cents each.

L' Elegante.—Leaves light silvery green, edged with pure white. A most beautiful plant. 15 cents each.

La Rosiere.—Double. Glistening rose color; a beauty. 10 cents each.

Souv. Chas. Turner.—See specialties.

Bronze Geraniums.

Prince Bismark.—Leaf, light yellowish green with rich chocolate zone. Flowers single and salmon in color. 10 cents each.

Corrinne.—Leaves yellow with narrow zone. Flowers double, large and perfect and of the most dazzling orange scarlet. Extra fine, 15 cents each.

Double Petunias.

Our strain of Double Petunias are very fine and are admired by every visitor to our green-houses. Price 10 cents each.

Gem.—Mottled, purple and white.

Snowdrift.—Large, pure white flower.

Murillo.—White, mottled, crimson.

Pink Pet.—See specialties.

Heliotropes.

The Heliotrope is a native of South America and is most common in Peru, and in ancient times great healing powers were erroneously ascribed to it in cases of cancer. Heliotrope delights in a light, rich soil, with plenty of root room and all of the sunlight possible.

Albert Deleaux.—A very rank grower, foliage variegated green and yellow. Trusses large and rich lavender in color. Very free flowering. One of the best. 10 cents each.

White Lady.—Flowers extra large and of the purest white. 10 cents each.

Sapphire.—Light Lavender. Producing immense quantities of bloom. The finest of its color. 10 cents each.

Richardson's Beautiful Passifloras.

Emperor.—When in bloom, this is one of the most charming and magnificent of all climbing plants. Leaves large and of the darkest green, and so thickly set on the vine as to form a perfect screen. The flowers are beautiful beyond description, being from four to five inches in diameter and of a deep azure blue color shading to pure white on the ends of the petals, underside of petals pink and white, and of delicate and pleasing fragrance. The plants begin blooming when quite small and the flowers are borne in countless numbers, a bud forming at every leaf joint. Always beautiful in the window or flower garden. 20 cents each.

Edulis.—Flowers small and pure white in color, followed with a fruit about the size of a goose egg, having an acid though not unpleasant flavor. The leaves are light green in color and so glossy as to appear varnished. Interesting and beautiful. 20 cents each.

Constance Elliott.—A most valuable novelty. Vine a rapid grower, short jointed and quite hardy. It will winter in the ground as far north as Massachusetts, with slight protection. The flowers are of medium size, ivory white in color and exquisitely fragrant. It commences to bloom when very small, and the smallest plants will bloom in a very short time after planting. Grand as a pot plant for window culture, 20 cts. each. One fine plant of each of these beautiful Passifloras by mail postpaid, for 50 cents.

Ever-Blooming or Monthly Roses.

Culture.—The principal essentials in the successful cultivation of Monthly roses in the house, is rich soil and moisture and a reasonably warm situation; with these three essentials properly applied, Roses may be grown as easy as Geraniums or Fuchsias.

Soil.—Take two parts good rich loam dug from the garden, and one part old, well rotted cow manure; mix thoroughly together. It is best to put the plants when first received from the florist in small pots just large enough to well accommodate the roots and then change to larger pots after they get well to growing. When the plants are first potted, they should be shaded from the hot sun and watered sparingly (though not allowed to dry up), until they show signs of growth, after which they should be kept moist and never allowed to get dry, especially during the summer months. Sprinkling or rinsing of the foliage on warm, sunny days is always beneficial and serves to keep the plants healthy. The most beautiful and desirable varieties are embraced in the following list:

Marie Van Houtte.—We place this at the head of our list as the most desirable Tea Rose of which we are acquainted, the Richmond only excepted. It is a strong, rank grower with an abundance of large beautifully-notched, leaves, which are easily distinguished from any other variety; the flowers are of extra large size and of a delicate cream color. From the time the bud commences to open until the flower is fully expanded, words cannot describe its beauty; it has a delightful tea fragrance, and is a most profuse and constant bloomer. 20 cents each.

The Bride.—The buds are very large and of exquisite form, and the full flower is very double, measuring from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to four inches in diameter. The color is a delicate creamy white. The blooms will last in a fresh state, after being cut, longer than any other white variety. 15 cents each.

Perle des Jardins.—Without doubt the finest yellow Rose in cultivation. Canary or golden yellow; flowers large and beautifully formed; handsome in every stage of development, from the smallest to the open bud. No Rose of its color ever cultivated for cut flowers up to the present time is now so valuable as this. 15 cts. each.

Niphotos.—An elegant Tea Rose. Very large and double; deliciously sweet. Color pure snow white. This variety is extensively grown where large, pure white, pointed buds are in demand. 15 cents each.

Mme. Marthe du Bourg.—One of the most exquisite of the new Roses. The habit and foliage are beautiful, denoting a ready grower: the flower is large, perfectly double, and of rounded form; the outer petals recurve at the edges, showing a nicely pointed centre; the color is creamy white, touched with carmine or pale heliotrope on the edges; texture heavy. 25 cents each.

Madame Hoste.—Another season's trial has proved this grand Rose very valuable and exceedingly beautiful; extra large flowers and superb buds, very full and delightfully perfumed: color, soft canary yellow, deepening at centre to pure golden yellow, beautifully flushed with pale amber; edges and reverse of petals rich creamy white; has proved excellent both for garden and pot culture. 20 cents each.

Mad. Devacout.—A magnificent Rose; beautiful clear canary yellow; delicious tea fragrance; large, very double and full; beautiful in bud and flower. 15 cts. each.

Queen Natalie of Servia.—A queenly Rose; the flowers large, deep and full, with a rich luscious fragrance; color, lovely shell pink, finely tinted with rosy salmon; profuse bloomer; very beautiful. 15 cents each.

Monthly Cabbage.—This fine old variety is still in great demand; the flower is bright rosy pink, and remarkably full and fragrant; a constant bloomer; known also as the Hundred-leaved Rose. 15 cents each.

Hardy Roses.

Are very beautiful, and though considered entirely hardy in ordinary situations, a light covering of straw or leaves is always desirable during Winter, particularly for the Hybrids, but both Mosses and Hybrids will bear a good deal of hardship and neglect and yet bloom regularly in Summer, and occasionally during the Autumn months. The flowers are mostly of large size, very double and fragrant, and of rich, bright colors, including all shades of red, white and pink, but no yellow.

Preparation of the Ground.—Roses will do well in any ordinary fertile ground, but are much improved in fragrance and beauty by rich soil, liberal manuring and good cultivation. The ground should be well spaded and pulverized to the depth of a foot or more, and enriched by digging in a good coat of stable manure or any fertilizing material that may be convenient.

How to Plant.—When the ground is thoroughly prepared—fine and in nice condition—wet the roots of the Roses so that the earth will adhere to them—make holes of suitable size, put in the plant slightly deeper than it was before, spread the roots out evenly in their natural position, and cover them with fine, moist earth, taking care to draw it closely around the stem, and pack firmly down with the hand. It is very important that the earth be tightly firmed down on the roots.

When to Water.—If the ground is dry when planted, water thoroughly after planting, so as to soak the earth down below the roots, and if hot or windy, it may be well to shade for a few days. After this not much water is required unless the weather is unusually dry. Plants will not thrive if kept too wet, and planting should never be done when the ground is muddy or soggy.

We have selected these as the finest of the hardy Hybrid Perpetuals. 20 cts. each.

Captain Christy.—A magnificent Rose; extra large flowers; very double and full; color, a lovely shade of pale peach deepening at the centre to rosy crimson; very beautiful, and one of the finest roses of recent introduction.

Comte de Paris.—A new rose of great promise, bright, vivid crimson when first opening, becoming darker and delicately shaded with violet purple as the flowers expand; very large and full; petals of good substance and very sweet; a magnificent rose.

Coquette des Alps.—One of the finest White Hybrid Perpetuals; a profuse bloomer; flowers, pure white, sometimes shaded with blush; large, very full and fragrant.

Paul Neyron.—We recommend this grand Rose, and ask special attention to it; the flowers are immense; it is probably the largest Rose grown, and one of the finest; bright, shining pink, very clear and beautiful; very double and full, finely scented; blooms the first season and all summer. No collection is complete without this magnificent variety,

Hardy Climbing Roses.

Mrs. Gunnell.—Soft rosy blush, becoming almost white; large clusters, full and double: one of the best; much admired. 25 cents each.

Triumphant.—An excellent variety; flowers large, very double and compact; color, deep rose, changing to pale carmine; beautifully shaded and variegated. 25 cents each.

Moss Roses.

Raphael.—Beautiful buds; very large and densely covered with lovely moss; color pinkish white, shaded with rose; large, full and sweet; very distinct. 25 cts.

Luxembourg.—Color bright crimson scarlet, beautifully toned; large, deep, well built up flowers, with long, thick moss, delightfully perfumed; very fine. 20 cts.

Remember all hardy shrubs and hardy roses will be sent out at the proper time of planting, about May 10th, but all orders must be received before that date.

Hardy Shrubs.

We offer below a few of the most beautiful flowering shrubs which are perfectly hardy. As shrubs and hardy roses are grown in the open air, they cannot be sent before May 2nd, but all orders for them must be sent in BEFORE THAT TIME. This is important as they are grown for us on contract. This stock is from one to two years old, large and healthy, and ready for immediate bloom.

The Hydrangea Grandiflora continues to be one of the best and most handsome Hardy Ornamental Shrubs ever grown. It blooms finely the first year and gets better and grows larger with age; it grows three to four feet high, is perfectly hardy in all parts of the country, needs no protection in winter, blooms in July and August, when other flowers are scarce, and remains in bloom two or three months. The flowers are pure white, afterwards changing to pink and rich coppery red, and are borne in immense pyramidal trusses, more than a foot long and nearly as much in diameter; the plant is of bushy and compact growth, and when laden with its great masses of bloom is exceedingly striking and attractive; it is deservedly popular, and in great demand for lawn, park and cemetery planting wherever known. 25 cents each. No special treatment is required; the Hydrangea will grow and thrive in all ordinary situations; the bush should be cut back every spring, at least one-half of last season's growth, dug around and well manured. The finest flowers are borne on the new or young wood, and are largest and best when the plant has made a strong, vigorous growth.

White Lilac.—The rare and beautiful White Lilac is much sought after, but is very scarce. We have now ready a fine lot of strong plants, which we offer at lowest price. 20 cents.

Mock Orange or Syringa.—A rapid growing, medium-sized shrub, with very fragrant white flowers. 20 cents.

Spirea Prunifolia.—(Bridal Wreath).—Very beautiful; flowers pure white and perfectly double, like little daisies. Price 20 cents.

Weigela Candida.—New and fine; pure snow-white flowers, borne in great profusion. Good autumn bloomer. 20 cents.

Weigela Rosea.—This is one of the most charming shrubs in cultivation; it cannot be too highly recommended; the flowers are large and of a rosy color; they are borne in such profusion that the whole plant appears a mass of lovely bloom. 20 cents each.

Wisteria Frutescens.—An elegant climbing vine, hardy and vigorous, and blooms much earlier than the other varieties; pretty violet-purple flowers, borne in large clusters and very fragrant. 20 cents.

Evergreen Sweet-Scented Honeysuckle.—A hardy, vigorous grower; blooms nearly all the season; deliciously fragrant: flowers buff, yellow and white; very desirable for veranda and trellis work. 20 cents.

N. B.—Don't fail to try a *Hydrangea Grandiflora*, it is the finest hardy shrub in the world.

Hardy Phlox.

Hattie Hulse.—This is one of the most desirable and beautiful of all hardy plants; they require no protection whatever in the coldest climates, and their large bunches of charming pure white flowers are unsurpassed if equalled by any other hardy or perennial plant. For cemetery planting it is hard to find anything more desirable as when once set out it requires little or no care and lasts for years and its period of bloom lasts nearly all summer. Price 15 cents each.

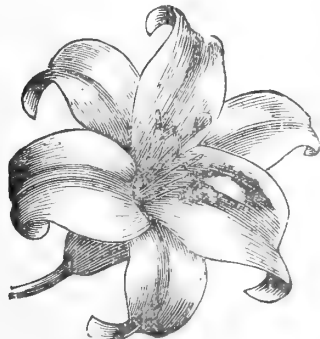
Richardson's Magnificent Summer Flowering Bulbs.

Summer flowering bulbs seem to supply a place which cannot be filled by anything else. They are easy to grow, and should find a place in every garden. The beautiful and deliciously fragrant tuberose and the gladiolus with its rich, varied and dazzling tints, are things we can hardly afford to get along without. And we offer them at such low prices that all can afford to have them.

Richardson's Beautiful Lilies.

THEIR CULTURE.

Lily bulbs should be planted quite deep, say not less than six or eight inches. They do not require very rich soil like most flowers. They thrive best in a partially shaded situation and are entirely hardy, requiring no protection whatever, though perhaps in very much exposed situations it might be advisable to give a slight covering of leaves or other litter. Lilies should be left undisturbed to increase in size and beauty from year to year. They



Lilium Candidum.



Lilium Auratum.

can be planted in spring or fall, as preferred. We offer a few which we believe to be the finest sorts only, for our climate.

Lilium Auratum, The Golden Rayed Lily of Japan.

This magnificent variety is the finest of all Lilies; a clump of it in full bloom is worth going a long way to see. The strong, straight stocks grow three to six feet in height, and are well able to bear the superb clusters of great blossoms they produce; the magnificent flowers are often a foot across. The color is pure white, exquisitely spotted with rose, and rayed and banded with golden yellow in the most beautiful manner; maroon-tipped stamens in high contrast with the flowers. This noble Lily is certainly one of the most valuable and ornamental of flowers, and should be planted by every one. 25 cts. each.

The Lovely Bermuda Easter Lily.

Too much cannot be said in praise of this grand flower; its pure color and delicious fragrance are unsurpassed, and so easily grown and sure to bloom. While in great demand for winter flowering, this superb variety is almost equally valuable for general planting. North of Washington, D. C., should have protection during winter. Prices—large bulbs, 20 and 25 cents each.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—The bulbs we offer are the TRUE BERMUDA EASTER LILY (*Lilium Harrisii*) specially grown by the most experienced growers in Bermuda. We call attention to this, as some dealers are sending out the ordinary Japanese Longiflorum for the Bermuda Lily.

Candidum.—The old white garden Lily. Large, pure white flowers, in clusters; blooms earlier than others, but not always the first year. 20 cents each.

Longiflorum.—The well known Easter Lily. A very early flowering variety with lovely pure white trumpet-shaped flowers about six inches in length. Excellent for pot culture and admirably adapted for the open garden. Nice bulbs, 20 c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER.—We will send one bulb of each of these four splendid Lilies for 75 cents, and include FREE a bulb of the Excelsior Pearl Tuberoses.

Tuberoses.

Tuberoses are among the most desirable of summer flowering bulbs. They should be set so that the top of the bulb will be just below or about even with the surface of the ground.

Excelsior Pearl.—The finest sort in the world. Perfectly double, pure white, and very fragrant. Nice bulbs, only 6 cents each; 60 cents per dozen.

Gladiolus.

We have an unusually fine strain of mixed Gladiolus, embracing many fine colors and markings. Gladiolus should be planted about three inches deep, in good soil, when they will make a most gorgeous display the latter part of the summer. Prices—fine mixed bulbs, 5 cents each; 50 cents dozen. Finest *Lemoine Hybrids*, 10 cents each.

Tuberous Rooted Begonias.

The tuberous rooted Begonias are among the most beautiful and desirable of all bulbous plants. As summer flowering bulbs in the garden they are not always a success unless planted in the shade, and protected from severe winds and storms. In such a situation they are likely to give unbounded satisfaction. They are however, grown most commonly as pot plants either in conservatories or windows or on protected verandas. As pot plants for summer blooming few bulbs except the *Gloxinia*, which can be treated in exactly the same way, will prove so satisfactory. The bulbs can be potted in April, May or June, in good rich soil, and growth and bloom will commence almost immediately and their profusion of bloom during the summer will be surprising if they continue in a healthy condition. When the foliage dies down in September or October they should be set away in a warm, dry place to remain until planting time the following spring. Our strain of both double and single is superb, and must not be judged by ordinary bulbs. Those who plant our Begonia bulbs will be astonished at the great size and brilliancy of the flowers.

White, Yellow, Pink, Dark Crimson, single, 25 cts. each. Double, 50 cts. each.

Miscellaneous Plants and Vines.

Ageratum.—A pretty, rapid growing plant, either for bedding or pot culture. Flowers bright blue and produced in marvelous quantities. Price 10 cents.

Jassemine.—A graceful vine, justly celebrated for its pure white star shaped and fragrant flowers. Nice grower and free bloomer. Price 15 cents.

Cigar Plant.—Flowers red, tipped with white, resembling lighted cigars. Price 10 cents.

Primroses—Chinese.—Among the most useful and desirable of plants for house culture. They delight in a cool, partly shaded place. Care should be taken not to give too much water. White, 10 cents. Pink, 15 cents.

Tradescantea.—(Wandering Jew).—A well-known trailing plant, sure to thrive under the most adverse circumstances. Green foliage, 10 cts. Silver, green and purple foliage, 10 cts.

Ruella Formosa.—A pretty window plant. Flowers bright scarlet and borne on long stems. 10 cents each.

Feverfew.—Too well known to need comment. Flowers about the size of a silver quarter, pure white, double and produced in endless quantity. 10 cts. each.

Farfugium Grande.—Foliage plant. Leaves round and feathery and covered with bright yellow spots, giving the whole plant an odd appearance. 20 cts. each.

Heath.—(Sage Fern).—Foliage finely cut and very fragrant. A fine basket plant. 10 cents each.

Dew Plant.—A rapid growing plant for baskets, foliage sparkling as though covered with dew. Flowers pink. 10 cents each.

Oleander.—As a rich plant this has no rival. All the improved varieties bloom from May till October, very profusely. They can be kept over winter in any kind of cellar or pit in which it does not freeze. They love plenty of water and rich ground well manured. If the plants grow too high, plant them out in open ground and cut down two or three feet, and hundreds of young shoots will come up, forming nice bushy plants. Double pink, the best of all. 25 cents.

Gloxinia.—White with purple throat. Fine flowering bulbs. 20 cents.

Madeira Vine.—One of the most rapid growing and desirable of window vines, grows from a bulb. Fine bulbs, 5 cents each.

Wax Plant.—Has thick, fleshy leaves, growing moderately fast, and bearing umbels of beautiful flesh colored flowers, from which are exuded large drops of honey-like liquid. One of the best plants for house culture, as it stands the extremes of heat and cold better than most plants, and is not easily injured by neglect. It can be trained to climb on trellis work to almost any height, and when in bloom, which continues for upwards of five months, is a most interesting plant. 10 cents each.

Calceolaria.—Another exceedingly showy house plant, which when in bloom, is, indeed a rare beauty, having hundreds of showy pocket-like flowers of various colors. Give plenty of water and partial shade. Gold spotted with crimson. 10 cts.

Calla—(Lily of the Nile).—Should be in every collection. It grows freely and requires an abundance of water, and produces large, pure white blossoms during the winter and spring. The resting period during June and July can be given by turning the pots on their sides, without watering, in a shady place. Price from 10 to 30 cts.

Cobea Scandens.—Handsome, free-flowering, climbing plants, growing rapidly, with large, bell shaped flowers. They are among our best summer climbers, and are excellent for training in the green-house and conservatory. 15 cents each.

Bedding Plants.

We offer here a few Annuals and other plants suitable for the flower garden. We make the prices low and no doubt they will give satisfaction.

	Per Doz.	Per 100.		Per Doz.	Per 100.
Geraniums —Our selection,	.75 cts.	\$5.00	Zinnias,	.25	1.75
Verbenas —Mixed colors,	.35	2.50	Pansies —Good strain,	.35	2.50
Pansies —Mix'd colors, fine strain	.50	3.00	Coleus —Many varieties,	.50	3.50
Asters —Mixed colors,	.30	2.00	Petunias —Mixed colors,	.50	3.50
Dianthus Pinks —Colors,	.30	2.00	Heliotropes —Mixed colors,	.75	5.00

Vegetable Plants.

These can be easily sent by mail and always grow and give good results. They will come very handy to people who live away from green-houses and desire early vegetables.

Tomato Plants.—Good stocky plants about one foot high, of the following varieties: PERFECTION, CANADA VICTOR, CARDINAL, ACME, MAYFLOWER, AND GOLDEN QUEEN. Price 40 cts. per dozen, by mail; \$2.50 per hundred by express.

Celery Plants.—Nice plants transplanted and cut back, of the following sorts: GOLDEN HEART, HENDERSON'S WHITE PLUME AND BOSTON MARKET. Prices 15 cts. per dozen; 60 cts. per hundred postpaid.

Cabbage Plants.—EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD, FOTTLER'S BRUNSWICK, ALL SEASONS AND SUREHEAD. Price 20 cts. per dozen, postpaid; 75 cts. per hundred, by express.

Cauliflower Plants.—SNOW BALL AND EARLY PARIS. 30 cents per dozen; \$2.00 per hundred, by mail.

Pepper Plants.—BELL AND SWEET MOUNTAIN. 40 cts. per dozen.

Lettuce Plants.—TENNIS BALL AND BOSTON MARKET. 20 cts. per dozen; 60 cts. per hundred, postpaid,

Four Choice Plants.

Miniature Calla.—A dwarf form of the common Calla growing only about eight inches high, with flowers of correspondingly small size. An interesting novelty. Has been extensively advertised. 35 cts. each.

Pink Fairy Lily.—Belongs to the Amarillis family. Has very pretty bright pink, trumpet shaped flowers. 25 cts. each.

Amarillis Johnsonii.—A summer blooming bulb. Flowers of the most dazzling bright scarlet. 20 cts. each.

Chinese Hibiscus.—An exceedingly showy hard wooded shrub, to be grown like an Oleander. Flowers of immense size, double, and crimson in color. 25 cts.

One of each of the above sent postpaid for 75 cents.

Salvia, Scarlet Sage.

Splendens.—One of the finest of fall blooming plants, being completely covered in autumn with long spires of dazzling scarlet flowers, remaining in bloom until cut down by frost.

SEEDS, NOT CHAFF.

Richardson's Sound, Northern Grown Seeds Cannot be Excelled. Grown in the cold Northeast, they are Earliest, Hardest and Best.

A POINTER.

Perhaps there is no business in which so much deception is practiced as in the seed trade. The general practice among most of the seedsmen is to mix the seeds left over from year to year with the new crop, which accounts for the fact that about half of the seeds planted fail to germinate. Now we want it distinctly understood that all seeds remaining in our warehouses at the close of the season are immediately burned.

WE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPETE WITH CHEAP SEEDS.

Hints on Sowing Seeds.

The best soil for growing most flowers from seed is a rich mellow loam with enough sand to prevent baking of the surface after a rain. Success in the flower garden greatly depends on sowing the seed properly; as a general rule the smaller the seeds the nearer the surface they should be planted, while the finest seeds should be sown on the surface with just a little fine soil sifted over them and pressed down lightly. The surface should never be allowed to become dry until the plants get a start. It is a good plan to cover the places where fine seed is planted with inverted boxes or old newspapers weighted down with stones, as it is much better to confine the warm and moist vapors than to let the soil become dry and then water it, as in the latter case many of the seeds would be washed away. If heavy rains should occur before the plants are up it is well to cover the beds with boards or other material. As soon as up they require all light and air. Many kinds may be started in a box in the window where they can be better cared for, and then transplanted to the garden when of sufficient size.

Grand Premiums Free.

All sending an order from this catalogue, large or small, enclosing the coupon which we send you, will receive absolutely free, their choice of either of the following rare and beautiful flower seeds, the value of either one of which is 20 cents. This is in addition to any other premiums to which you may be entitled.

New Japanese Hop.—Probably the most rapid climber grown; in 3 or 4 weeks' time attaining a height of 20 to 30 feet; resembling the common hop, but, being an annual, attains full perfection the first season. The foliage is luxuriant, making a dense covering. It is one of the best plants for covering verandas, trellises, etc. Heat, drought and insects do not trouble it.

The Dahlia Sunflower.—This resembles a sunflower only in name. The flowers are about the size of a dahlias and so double as to be a perfect ball. The plant branches freely and when covered with its beautiful bright yellow flowers, is a grand thing. One of the most beautiful annual flowers within our knowledge.

Discounts on Seed Orders.

For a remittance of \$1.00 you may select seeds to the value of \$1.25. For \$2.00 you may select \$2.60, and for \$3.00 you can buy \$4.00 worth. This applies to seeds in pkts. only.

\$1.00 Collection.

For one dollar we will send 25 pkts. of seeds, a good assortment of both vegetables and flowers, making a complete garden. In making up this collection we select such varieties as, in our judgement, are best adapted to the locality from which the order is sent.

50c. Collection.

For 50c. we will send postpaid a beautiful collection of flower seeds, embracing many rare and choice kinds 15 packets in all. Or we will send the same number of packets well assorted vegetable seeds for the kitchen garden.

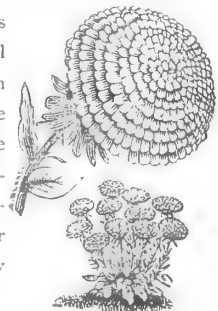
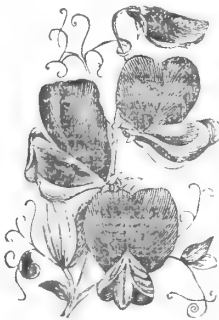
SPECIALTIES IN FLOWER SEEDS.

We have made a careful selection of the most beautiful and rare kinds of Annuals and offer them under this heading. They are all lovely sorts and no end of pleasure may be derived from their cultivation.

Sweet Peas.

Richardson's Grand Boquet Collection.—This is by far the most beautiful mixture of sweet peas ever offered for sale; it seems almost impossible to conceive of such a display of colors and markings and forms as this collection represents, from purest white to almost black and almost an endless variety of the most gorgeous and beautiful colors, striped, spotted, blotched in every imaginable and beautiful way. All of the following grand new varieties are mixed in and therefore represented in this collection,—Adonis, Bronze Prince, Autumn Tints, Fairy Queen, Imperial Blue, Indigo King, Invincible Carmine, Princess Louise, Princess of Wales, Queen of the Isles, Venus, Violet Queen, Splendid Lilac, and many others. If you wish to have some sweet peas that will be a surprise to yourself and neighbors, try Our Grand Boquet Collection. We have done our best and think we have succeeded in making this the most beautiful collection of sweet peas in the world. Price for the collection, about one oz. only 25 cts.

Richardson's Grand Collection of Asters.—This collection embraces every known variety of Asters, with all their different colors and mixtures; every one selected from the very finest strains possible to obtain in any country. The reds, blues, whites and crimsons are extremely beautiful, while the other colors that go to make up the collection are so varied, and of so wide a range as to make it impossible to describe them here. Nothing offered in mixture by any other seedsman can equal their perfect form, beauty, and brilliancy of color. This Grand collection packet only 25 cents.



Our Superb New Double Poppies.

Poppies have been among the favorites for the garden for many generations. They begin to bloom early in the season and make a most gorgeous display for months. The large double ones rival the peony in size and form, while in color nothing surpasses them in dazzling and satiny brilliancy. The new sorts of recent years are much more beautiful than the old varieties. Poppies are so easy to grow and always give such pleasure and satisfaction that no garden is really complete without them.

Snowdrift.—A very fine large flowered, double, pure white variety, fine for bouquets, being extremely pure and beautiful. 10c. pkt.

Crimson King.—Large, full and double as a peony, and the richest bright crimson color, petals glistening like satin. 10c. pkt.

Carnation Flowered.—All colors mixed, flowers small and as double as a carnation, and borne in endless numbers. 5c. pkt.

Iceland Poppies.—These are hardy perennials and bloom profusely year after year when once planted. Flowers yellow, orange, white, etc. Very fine and desirable. 10c. pkt.

Peony Flowered.—Produced after many years of high cultivation. Grows about three feet high; the flowers are large and double and of many bright colors. 10c. pkt.

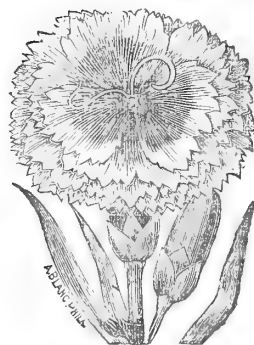
Common Mixed.—The old fashioned garden poppies, mixed colors. 5c. pkt.

Shirley.—A novelty put out two years ago, and it is one of all Poppies yet seen. The flower seems to have a charming grace and delicate beauty peculiar to itself. The colors are mostly light, many having wide margins on the petals. The flowers are large, single and extremely showy. It will give great satisfaction. For brilliant, dazzling colors, these Poppies are equaled only by the Tulip.

Superb Poppy Collection.—For only 15 cents we will send a magnificent mixture of Poppies, including all of the above varieties and many others, in one packet. These will be a rare and beautiful sight when in bloom, the many varieties, forms and colors mingled together, with their constantly changing hues; always something new appearing to charm the eye and impress the imagination. Price for this exquisite collection packet, only 15 cents.

New Dianthus Pinks.

Rare and Beautiful Columbian Collection.



The Dianthus Pink is fast becoming one of the most popular of flowers, blooming the entire summer, continuing until frozen solid and covered with winter's snowy mantle. They live over winter and bloom as well the second summer as the first. As pot plants they are about as satisfactory as Carnations, blooming continually winter and summer and furnishing a large supply of richly colored flowers, many of which are delightfully fragrant. This collection consists of about seventeen of the finest sorts mixed together; many of the flowers are nearly three inches across, perfectly double and of all shades of red, crimson and pink, pure white and variegated, many of them having been secured in France and Germany at considerable expense. This collection packet, only 15 cents.

BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

O. M. RICHARDSON & Co.:

GENTLEMEN:—The plants arrived this afternoon in fine condition, not a leaf broken, the *Solanum* blossoms bright as stars. Many thanks for your generosity in extras. You are at liberty to quote from my letter at your discretion; it was but well deserved praise. I expect fine pansies again this year, as I saved seed very carefully from largest flowers of your Woodbury Prize strain.

Respectfully,

GERTRUDE BENSON.

Richardson's seeds and plants grown in the cold North-East are the earliest, hardiest and healthiest in the world.

Pansies.

THEIR CULTIVATION.



The Pansy is a popular flower with both florists and amateurs, giving abundance of bloom until after severe frosts, enduring our hard winters with safety, and greeting us in the early spring with a profusion of bright blossoms. It will flower better in the middle of summer, if planted where it is somewhat shaded from the hot sun, and especially if furnished with a good supply of water, but in almost any situation will give fine flowers in the spring and autumn. Pansy seed may be sown in the hot-bed or open ground; if sown in the spring, get in early as possible, so as to secure flowers during the early rains. Seeds sown in a cool place in June or July, and well watered until up, produce fall flowering plants. To have good flowers, the plant must be vigorous, and make a rapid growth. Young plants give the largest flowers. Old worn-out plants should be replaced. If the plants come into bloom in the heat of summer the flowers will be small at first, but as the weather becomes cooler they will increase in size and beauty. Often plants that produce flowers two and a half inches in diameter during the cool showery weather of spring, will give only the smallest possible specimens during the dry weather of summer.

Richardson's Choicest Pansy Seed.

Famous Woodbury Strain.— See illustration on first page of cover. Flowers three inches across and of every shade and color known in this lovely flower, petals heavy, velvety and of great substance. The best authorities who have seen this strain, pronounce it superior to any other ever sent out. Price per pkt. of 100 seeds, all colors, mixed, 20 cents.

Bordered, Mixed, every flower having a beautiful and distinct border. 20 cts. per pkt.

Pure White per pkt. 25 cents.

French Pansies.

DARK PURPLE, INDIGO BLUE, GOLD MARGINED, LIGHT BLUE, PURE YELLOW, SILVER EDGED. Any of the above 10 cents per pkt.

Large Flowering German.

Lord Beaconsfield,	pkt. 10 cents	Prince Bismark,	pkt. 15 cents
King of the Blacks,	pkt. 10 cents	Snow Queen,	pkt. 10 cents
Emperor William,	pkt. 10 cents	Delicata,	pkt. 10 cents
Aurora King, Black Giant, Silver Prince, Royal Prize, each 25 cents per pkt.			

Grand Collection Packet of Pansies.

We will send for 25 cents, a pkt. containing 20 seeds each of the above 15 varieties of rare Pansies. This pkt. will contain 300 seeds of every known color and marking found in this lovely flower. The finest and largest collection of Pansies ever put into a single pkt.

Special Offer.

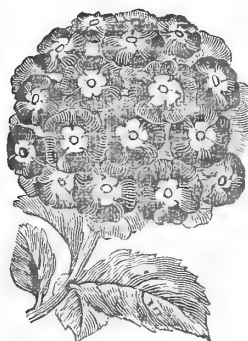
For 95 cts. we will send postpaid one packet each of our five choicest flower seed collections, viz: Sweet Peas, Asters, Poppies, Pinks and Pansies. These will make a grand and most beautiful display.

New Marguerite Carnation.

Perpetual blooming Carnation that flowers from seed in three months. This is a new wonder in the floral world. Here is a carnation that blooms from seed soon as an annual, while the flowers are magnificent, very large and coming in rich, solid colors of deep, velvety black to the loveliest shades of pink; also white, splashed with crimson, variegated and bizarre. Plant a strong grower, profuse bloomer. Will bloom all winter in the house. 10 cents per pkt.

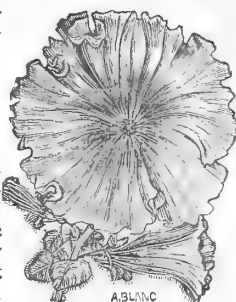
Our Mammoth Verbenas.

A more beautiful strain of verbenas does not exist. The flowers are often three fourths of an inch in diameter and of all colors, from purest white to darkest purple. Pkt 15 cents.



New Fancy Petunias.

The flowers of this wonderful strain often measure five inches across, many of them stained and striped. The seeds are expensive but their great beauty will many times make up for that, one that has never seen them in bloom can



form no idea of their magnificence. Mixed colors, pkt. 20 cents.

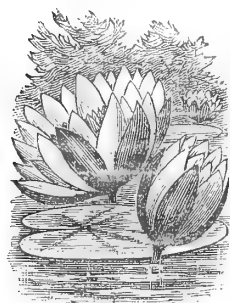
Dahlia Seed.

The finest and most beautiful Dahlias may be easily raised from seed. We offer seed of both double and single, mixed, that will produce many new and beautiful varieties. Price per pkt. 10 cents.

German Fringed, or Star Phloxes.

Flowers deeply fringed and notched, many of them resembling long pointed stars. A countless number of shapes and colors. When first introduced into this country it caused a decided sensation, being so totally different from all other varieties. Price 15 cents per pkt.

Red, White and Blue Lilies.

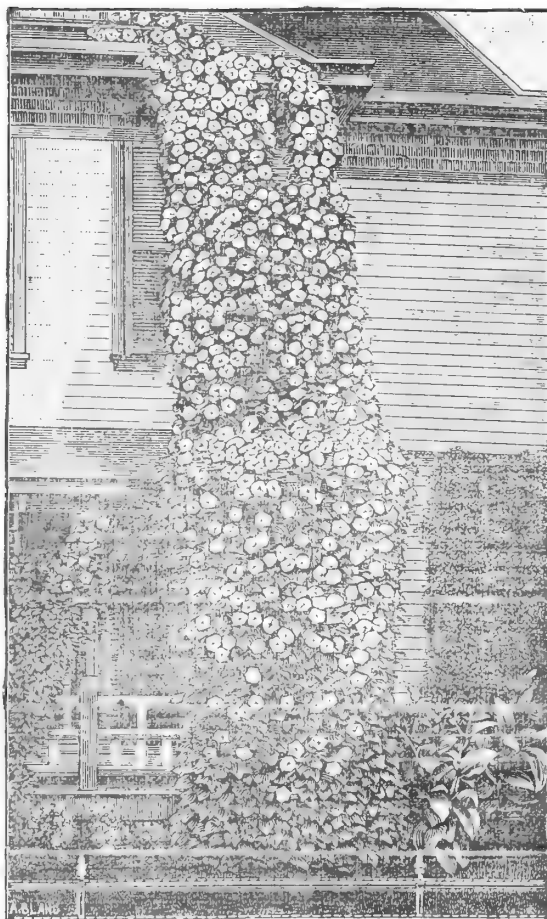


No class of plants introduced into the public parks all over the country during the past two or three years has created such a decided sensation as the three following magnificent ever-blooming Red, White and Blue Water Lilies which can be grown from seeds as readily as Poppies or Balsams. Seeds planted from the first to the middle of March in teacups of soil and water, will make fine little plants by the first of June, and if planted out then, either in tubs or a pool, will begin blooming in July, and continue to produce a profusion of flowers every day until frozen up in the fall. The leaves are very ornamental, having serrated edges and are very different from those of the common Water Lily.

Blue Zanzibar Water Lily (*Nymphaea Zanzibarensis azurea*).—Plants from the seed of this magnificent variety will yield flowers varying from a light to a very dark, deep blue.

Red Zanzibar Water Lily (*N. Zan. rosea*).—This is a superb and very rare

Moonflowers.



scented. Perfectly hardy in any climate, The cut on this photo of a plant of this variety grown in Pennsylvania. Price of tubers 25 cts. each.

Centrosema Grandiflora, "Look at me."

Entirely new, never before offered. It is a perennial vine of rare and exquisite beauty. Seeds sown in April begin blooming in June and bear the greatest profusion inverted pea shaped flowers, from one and a half to two and a half inches in diameter, and ranging in color from rosy violet to reddish purple, while the large buds and back of the flowers is pure white. The flowers are produced in clusters of six to eight, and are delightfully fragrant. It is perfectly hardy at the North, grows from six to eight feet in a season, and blooms until frost. Can also be grown as a house plant in pots with good success. This is one of the most beautiful vines in the world and will become very popular. Price per pkt. 15 cents.

Rapid growing summer climbers, among our prettiest for covering trellises, pillars, etc. Most rapid and luxuriant for warm sunny situations in the garden during the summer. Large beautiful flowers.

Grandiflora, "The Moon Flower" or "Evening Glory."—One of the grandest summer climbers grown, bearing immense pure white fragrant flowers in great profusion, opening in the evening and remaining open until noon the following day, and if cloudy, all day. 10 cts.

New Hybrid Moonflower.—The flowers are 5 to 7 inches across and bloom about 30 days sooner, opening earlier in the evening. Foliage and flowers vary in form on different plants, some flowers being scalloped, others perfectly round, others star-shaped; the foliage also varies from the original shape to oak-leaved and heart-shaped forms, thus adding charm and interest to this grand climber. 15 cents.

Large Flowering Ipomœas, Mixed sorts, 10 cents.

Hardy Moonflower.—Grows from a tuber like a dahlia; flowers pure white and sweet

Fire-on-the-Mountain, Euphorbia Hetero.

This splendid annual is a native of Mexico and South Florida and is undoubtedly one of the finest acquisitions that has been introduced for years, and it has already become immensely popular. The plants grow from three to four feet tall, the leaves being glossy green at first, but about mid-summer the flower heads appear at the end of each branch and the leaves surrounding these heads are of the most brilliant scarlet color, so that the whole plant is a blaze unlike anything else in the world. The effect produced by a bed of these plants is simply indescribable, and the display is kept up till frost. We would advise starting the seeds early in the house as the earlier the seeds are started the sooner the colored leaves will appear. After danger of frost is past, transplant to the garden. This is also an excellent plant to grow in pots for house culture. Price per pkt. 10 cents.

Molucca Balm or Shell Flower.

It grows from two to three feet high, sending up a strong central stem, with numerous branches, each of which is so completely surrounded by flowers as to leave scarcely any room for leaves. The flower is very curious, unlike anything else; its large shell-like calyx is green and delicately veined, containing within it the very small corolla, which is white, striped with purple. When cut or broken it emits a delightfully strong fragrance of balm. So easily grown, so interesting and curious a plant should be in every garden. Price per pkt. 10 cents.

New Giant Spider Plant.

Seeds sown in May begin blooming in July and continue to flower till cut down by frost. The blossoms are produced in the greatest profusion in great panicles as large as Hydrangeas and in color are a deep purplish pink, changing to light pink as the flower fades; the stamens are several inches long, which give it the name of Spider Plant. It grows to a height of six feet. No annual surpasses it in magnificence. Price per pkt. 10 cents.

Select List of Choice Flower Seeds.

In selecting flower seeds for our large trade we do not confine ourselves to growing or obtaining all kinds in the same locality as most others do. We have found by experience that it is impossible to grow first-class seed of all varieties in the same climate. Most of our flower seeds are grown in America, while there are certain kinds that mature much better in the sunny climate of France and Germany. Thus we have obtained the purest, freshest and best from all countries, and as a whole they cannot be equaled.

Annals That Bloom First Season.

NAME.	PRICE PKT.	NAME.	PRICE PKT.
Aster.—Peony Flowered Perfection, mixed,	.10	Hollyhock.—Choice double varieties, mixed,	.05
“ German Quilled,	.05	Larkspur.—Sow early. Extra fine, mixed	.05
“ All colors, mix. of many varieties,	.05	colors,	.05
“ Dwarf Bouquet, all colors, mixed,	.05	Lobelia.—A trailing plant, mixed colors,	.05
“ Pure White, extra fine strain,	.10	Mãrigold.—Double African, mixed,	.05
Antirrhinum.—(Snap Dragon).—Spikes of gay		“ French striped, mixed,	.05
colored flowers. They usually survive	.05	Migonette.—Sweet scent, new sorts, mixed,	.05
the winter and flower the second season,	.05	Mimulus.—Beautiful Tigered flowers, fine,	.05
Sweet Alyssum.—Fragrant, fine for bouquets,	.05	Mirabilis.—Four O'Clock, or Marvel of Peru,	.05
Amaranthus.—Ornamental foliage,	.05	Myocotis.—For-get-me-not flowers, blue, hardy,	.05
Balsam.—Fine, double, mixed colors,	.05	Phlox Drummondii.—All colors, finest mixed,	.05
“ Dwarf, double, mixed colors,	.05	Pansy.—Good quality, all colors, mixed,	.05
Bartonia.—Large, yellow flowers,	.05	Poppy.—Single flowered, mixed,	.05
Calliopsis.—Mixed colors, good for a mass of		“ Double flowered, mixed,	.10
color,	.05	Petunia.—Small flowering, single, mixed	.05
Candytuft.—A highly prized Annual, mixed,	.05	colors,	.05
Clarkia.—Likes a cool situation, hardy,	.05	Petunia.—Double flowering, mixed.	.20
Cockscomb.—Three sorts, mixed, a curious		“ Large flowering, mixed,	.15
flower,	.05	Portulacca.—Single, all colors mixed,	.05
Dianthus.—The Chinese and Japanese Pinks,	.05	“ Double, all colors mixed,	.15
Datura.—Double, mixed colors,	.05	Ricinus.—(Castor Oil Bean).—Mixed,	.10
Dahlia.—See specialties in seeds.		Sweet William.—Hardy Perennial,	.05
Everlasting Flowers.—All varieties mixed,	.05	Stock.—(Ten Week).—Best double, mixed	.05
Gourds.—All ornamental sorts mixed,	.05	colors,	.10
Gdoetia.—Fine mixed,	.05	Scabiosa.—(Mourning Bride).—Mixed,	.05
Grasses.—Ornamental, for decoration,	.05	Sensitive Plant.—Mimosas,	.05
Helianthus.—(Sunflower).—Russian, double,		Tropæolum.—(Nasturtium).—Common mixed,	.05
yellow,	.05	“ “ Dwarf “	.05
“ Miniature,	.10	Zinnia.—Elegant, finest double, mixed.	.10

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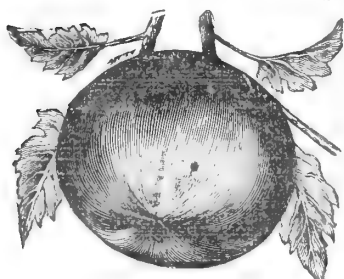
Cobea Scandens.—A beautiful vine, bell shaped flowers, .10	Ipomea.—(Moonflower).—Very beautiful, mixed, .05
Canary Bird Flower.—Beautiful cut leaves, yellow flowers, .10	Sweet Peas.—An elegant and fragrant climber, mixed, oz., .15
Convolvulus—(Major).—Mixed, all colors, Morning Glory, .05	Sweet Peas.—Scarlet Invincible, oz., .20
Cyprus Vine.—An elegant vine, white and scarlet flowers, .05	“ “ Vesuvius, oz., .15,
	“ “ Fairy Queen, oz., .15,
	Climbing Nasturtium, .05
ECKFORD'S SWEET PEAS.—Flowers of mammoth size and rich and beautiful colors. Pkt. 10c., oz. 20c.	
Genuine Gilt Edge Strain. SWEET PEA, Blanche Ferry, pink and white. Pkt. 10c., oz. 20c.	

For Green-House or Window Culture.

Abutilon.—Choice Hybrids, .15	Carnation.—Choice, mixed, .15
Coleus.—Extra fine, mixed, .20	Primrose—(Chinese).—Pink and white, .20

TESTED VEGETABLE SEEDS.

SPECIALTIES.



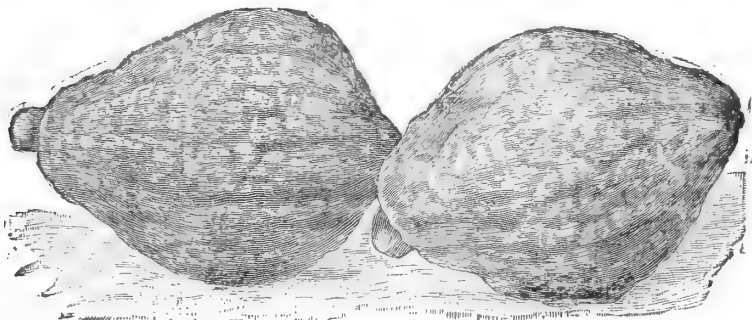
Richardson's New Osceola, the finest tomato of the age.—The Osceola tomato is offered for sale this season for the first time, though it has been grown by the originator for years. It is the earliest tomato in the world to ripen a large amount of fruit; planted side of the "Extra Early Advance" it proved a week earlier and produced a larger amount of fruit. The plant is of rather dwarf habit, bushy and branching freely, and so prolific as to appear a mass of fruit. The tomatoes are of medium size, bright scarlet in color, perfectly smooth and round, and so uniform in size that from the entire fruit of a plant, it would be hard to distinguish one from another. They are solid, mild and delicious in flavor. Instead of ripening one at a time like most other sorts, a large amount of fruit ripens at once, making it unsurpassed as a market variety or for canning. We grew this tomato on our own grounds this season along with twelve other varieties and in point of earliness, productiveness and beauty of form, it surpassed them all. For

all who live in the cold north and require a variety that will get ripe before frost, the Osceola is the kind for them to plant, while market growers who require an extra early variety will find it money in their pockets to give it a trial. This tomato originated with Mr. David B. Woodbury, the well known specialist of Paris, Me., who has spent much time to bring it to its present perfection. We have bought the entire control and genuine seed can only be obtained from us. We have a large supply of seed, and as we are anxious to have everybody try it, we have put the price very low for a novelty of such great merit. Price per pkt. 10 cents.

Peach Tomato.

Early and wonderfully productive. The fruit bears some resemblance to a peach in form, size and color. Eaten raw it suits our taste the best of any Tomato we have ever eaten, being very mild and pleasant. Per pkt., 10 cents.

Three Extra Fine Squashes.

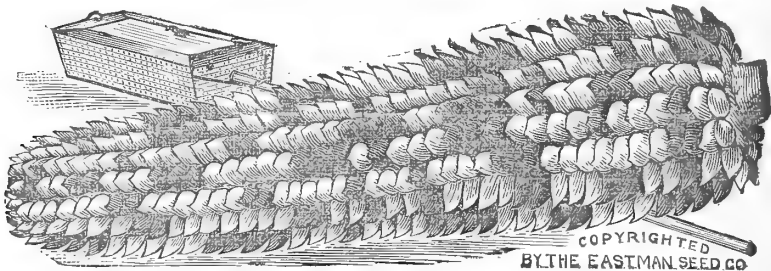


Woodbury.—In form and color, somewhat resembles the Hubbard, but is larger and of much finer flavor. When baked it is rich, dry and delicious; it is very thick meated, and is an extra good keeper. Pkt. 10 cents.

Metcalf.—(See cut.) This new sort resembles the Boston Marrow, being of the same type, and is of a deep, rich orange color, extremely dry, fine grained and sweet. It is one of the finest eating squashes we have ever seen, and keeps well into the winter. Pkt. 10 cents.

Ford Hook.—The size is most convenient for family use, and the appearance is extremely handsome, of a bright yellow outside, and a straw yellow within. Flesh is dry and sweet, making it the best quality of all winter squashes. It seems incapable of rotting, and placed in a cool, dry room, keeps in a perfect condition throughout the winter and spring, until late in June. Pkt. 10 cts., oz. 25 cts.

Tattooed Yankee Popcorn.



In this new corn, we have a curious and interesting novelty, the ears are pale yellow beautifully tattooed and mixed with kernals of a dark color, producing a most novel and odd appearance, and unlike anything ever before seen in the shape of corn. For exhibiting at fairs nothing else can compare with it, and it is sure to attract the attention of all visitors and take first premium. For popping it ranks among the very best, being exceedingly tender and having a rich nutty flavor. This variety is among the very earliest, and most productive of any, and taking it all in all one of the choicest novelties sent out for many years. Price per pkt. 10 cts.

Golden Tom Thumb, Richardson's Choicest Selected.—This is one of the most valuable varieties for popping of which we are acquainted; the kernels expand to a large size and are a perfect ball of snow, sweet, tender and delicious in flavor. This sort grows only about eighteen inches high, and is exceedingly early, being usually ready to gather by August 1st. It is very productive, often three or four ears growing on a stalk. We have the finest strain of this corn in the market. Per pkt. 5 cts., pint 25 cts., quart 40 cents.

Aroostook Early Field Bean.—For a general crop, nothing compares with the Early Aroostook, for yield earliness and fine baking qualities. It matures several weeks ahead of the Yellow Eye and is nearly twice as productive; in fact it is so early that it can be gathered before the rains that come the latter part of summer; therefore it never has been known to rust. It is a pure white bean of medium size, and very attractive as a market variety. Will eventually supercede the old market varieties especially in the north. Pkt. 10 cts., pint 30 cts., quart 50 cts., postpaid.

New Pea, The Somerset.—One of our most valuable novelties is the Somerset Pea; in habit of growth it is a giant, in a good situation it will grow to a height of ten feet, being in this respect a wonder. We had two rows of them growing near the highway last season, and they attracted much attention from passers by. The Somerset is a medium to late pea and enormously productive, remaining a long time in bearing. In quality they are rich, sweet and delicious, ranking with the finest late varieties. The pods are of medium size, and the peas wrinkled. With the Alaska, Burpee's Early and Somerset, one may have a succession of green peas for the table from June to September. We believe it an impossibility for our patrons to be otherwise than delighted with this grand giant among peas. We control the entire stock and this sort can be had only from us. Our stock is so limited that we can sell in packets only. 15 cts. per pkt.

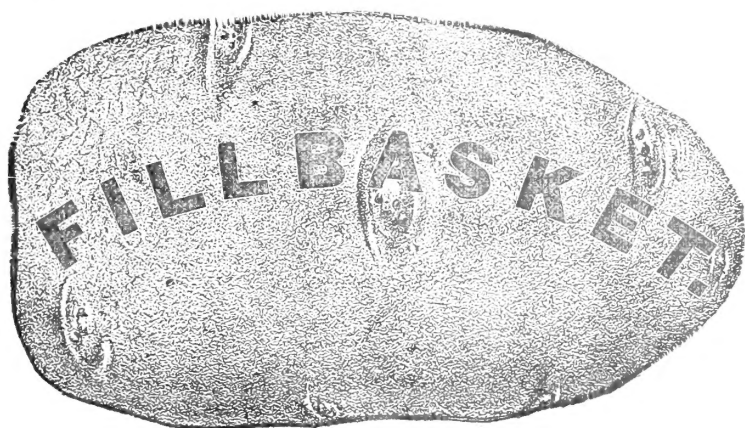
Onion Sets.—By planting the sets or topnot onions, an immense crop may be grown, often as high as 1000 bushels per acre. Price per quart 40 cents.

NORTHERN GROWN SEED POTATOES.

Maine grown seed potatoes are everywhere considered the best in the world, being early, vigorous, and free from disease and always yielding immense crops everywhere. The climate and soil being especially adapted for producing the very finest smooth, solid tubers, which are so much superior for planting to those grown in other parts of the country that no comparison can be formed between them. All potato growers recognize the importance of changing the seed occasionally to keep their stocks from running out. If you wish the best, buy Maine Grown.

Select List of the Finest Varieties.

Fillbasket.—Originated in the town of Paris, Me., a few years ago, and is largely grown in this State. The Fillbasket is a large potato and an enormous yielder, 468 lbs. having been grown from one-half pound of seed. Fine quality for the table and a good keeper. Ranks among the very best for market or home use. Price per lb., postpaid 25 cts.; pk. 85 cts.; bushel, \$3 00.



The Dandy.—This is the only known offspring of the good old Chenango, and has, I think, all the good qualities of the old patriarch except the purple and amber skin. Proven the largest yielder of any of the late kinds, and if it should do as well elsewhere as it does here it will be an exceedingly valuable potato. It is of excellent quality; is a vigorous, healthy grower with small leaves and pure white flowers. Lb. postpaid, 25 cts.; pk. 75 cts., by express.

Early Maine.—The Early Maine, is, I think, the best of the many seedlings of the old Early Rose, and like nearly all of them it is in color and shape nearly identical with its parent, though a trifle earlier. It is a vigorous new seedling, with all the good qualities of the Rose, and yields a large crop of handsome tubers. The Early Maine is the most productive of them all, and as good quality as any save the Ohio. Per lb. postpaid, 20 cts.; pk. 75 cts., by express.

Brownell's Winner.—STATEMENT OF THE ORIGINATOR:—"I originated No. 2000 or *Brownell's Winner*, in 1885 by hybridizing the White Star with the Peach-blow. I consider it of superior quality, either baked or boiled; it cooks even, white and dry. The vines are strong and healthy, and well calculated to resist the potato beetle. The tubers grow large, long, oval, slightly flattened, are very smooth and handsome, with few eyes, and these nearly even with the surface. The tubers grow compact in the hills, with few small ones. The color is a light rose-pink; it matures medium late, and is a great producer. The second year from the seed ball, six hills produced one bushel under field culture. I think it is superior in all respects to any variety that I have ever originated or grown."—E. S. BROWNELL. Lb. 25 cts.; pk. \$1.00 by express.

The Minister Potato—New 1890.—This is the *earliest* and *finest* of all potatoes. It originated way down in the north-east corner of the State of Maine. Unlike any other potato it does not have to be ripe to be good for cooking, for as soon as it is large enough, it is fine grained, dry and delicious, and seems to be absolutely rot proof. A decayed specimen has never been seen either in the hill or cellar, even when grown on the richest garden soil. It is wonderfully prolific. Its flavor is the *very best*, fine grained, dry and delicious, while for beauty it far surpasses all other sorts, having a smooth, delicate skin, and lovely pink eyes, which truly indicate the highest quality. The Minister is by far the most valuable new potato offered since the Early Rose. Beware of inferior stock; ours is pure and select, as grown by the originator in Maine. Lb. 30 cts.; pk. \$1.00 by express.

The Freeman, (Most wonderful new potato of the age.) The Freeman potato first brought to the attention of the public two years ago and sold for \$3.00 per pound. This variety is without doubt the most wonderful variety introduced since the Early Rose. Planted on June 4th, they were ready for the table July 13th, or 39 days from planting. Aside from its earliness it is a most wonderful keeper, bursting their jackets when boiled, and dry and white as a snowflake until new potatoes come the next season. Its large smooth russet tubers are produced in enormous quantities, averaging six to nine pounds to the hill. 305 bushels were grown last season from one barrel of seed. In all essential qualities, no other variety in the world to-day is its equal. All who fail to try it will make a mistake. Fine solid tubers, postpaid, 50 cts. per lb.

TESTED VEGETABLE SEEDS.

STANDARD LIST.

	PKT. OZ.		PKT. OZ.
Beet.		Turnip.	
Blood Turnip, sweet and tender, a fine sort,	.05 .10	Amber Globe, good keeper, firm and sweet,	.05 .10
Eclipse, best early sort,	.05 .10	White Egg, a new, large, smooth variety,	.05 .10
Lane's Improved Sugar, best for stock,	.05 .10	Carter's Imperial, best Ruta Baga,	.05 .10
Cabbage.		Lettuce.	
Fottler's Improved Brunswick, earliest large sort,	.05 .20	Black Seeded Tennisball, a popular sort,	.05 .20
All Seasons, good for summer or winter,	.05 .25	Hanson, large heads, fine quality,	.05 .25
Surehead, large, certain to head,	.05 .25	Boston Curled, highly esteemed for earliness,	.05 .25
Earley Jersey Wakefield, standard early variety	.05 .20	Melon (Water).	
Carrot.		Phinney's Early, very early, fine quality,	.05 .10
Long Orange, improved,	.05 .15	Vick's Early, another very early sort,	.05 .10
Danvers, a fine variety,	.05 .15	Mammoth Ironclad, large size,	.05 .10
Cross, curled,	.05 .50	Melon (Musk).	
Celery.		Montreal Nutmeg, large, fine and early,	.05 .15
Dwarf Golden Heart, finest flavored,	.05 .35	Surprise, a very good variety,	.05 .15
White Plume, self blanching,	.05 .40	Mustard.	
Cucumber.		White, best for salad,	.05 .10
Boston Pickling, immensely prolific,	.05 .10	Tomato.	
Green Cluster, early and productive,	.05 .10	Perfection, perfectly smooth, early,	.05 .40
Arlington, largely grown, good,	.05 .10	Canada Victor, an early, smooth sort,	.05 .30
Onion.		Golden Queen, best yellow tomato,	.05 .30
Yellow Globe Danvers, mild flavor, large,	lb. \$2.00 .05 .35	Pea.	
Large Red Wethersfield, early,	2.00 .05 .30	Burpee's Extra Early, good quality, early,	.05 .40
Parsnip.		Alaska, very early market variety,	.05 .40
Improved Guernsey, fine strain.	.05 .10	Black Eye Marrowfat, fine flavor, later,	.05 .40
Pepper.		Sweet Corn.	
Red Chili, best for pepper sauce,	.05 .30	Cory, one of the earliest,	.05 .40
Large Bell, large, bright red,	.05 .30	Boston Market, early, large ears,	.05 .40
Radish.		Early Minnesota, early tender and sweet,	.05 .40
French Breakfast, early, fine flavor,	.05 .15	Bean.	
Earliest Carmine, very early, good,	.05 .15	Golden Wax, stringless, fine quality, bush or dwarf,	.05 .50
Salsif.,	.05 .20	Giant Wax, an abundant bearer, pole or running,	.05 .60
Squash.		Horticultural, a fine shell bean, bush or dwarf,	.05 .40
Hubbard, the standard variety	.05 .10	Pop Corn.	
Marblehead, resembles Hubbard,	.05 .10	White Rice, best all around sort,	.05 .40
American Turban, a fall variety,	.05 .10		
Early Bush Crookneck, best summer sort,	.05 .10		

The Greenvale Famous Lawn Grass.—This is the finest lawn grass mixture in the world, and the kind mostly in use on the finest parks everywhere. It is quick growing, and produces a heavy velvety, plush-like sward. Per qt. 35 cts.; pk. \$1.50.

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Read how you can get a fine lot of Plants and Seeds for yourself Free.

For a club order of \$2.00 you may select 50 cents worth of anything here offered, to pay you for getting up the club. For \$3.00 you may select \$5 cents worth extra. For \$4.00 club orders, 75 cents extra, and 50 cents extra for each dollar sent, above \$4.00. Remember, this is for CLUB ORDERS ONLY. You will readily see that by getting your neighbors to send with you and combining the orders, you can get your own plants FREE. Surely a valuable will be experienced in getting up a club at such low prices as we sell goods, and we will warrant everything in most cases superior to goods sold by others at double the prices, as the following will show.

Sturgis, So. DAKOTA, April 30, 1892.

MR. RICHMOND,

Dear Sir:—My wife and I are very grateful to you for your possession of the plants, etc. They are just what we need. I am pleased to get them, and I do not think possible for them to come from any other source, but to be had from you, or from the others. Many thanks for your generous offer, and I am sure you will be pleased to hear from me again.

Very truly yours,

MRS. S. T. VOORHIES.

WAYNE, April 14th, 1890.

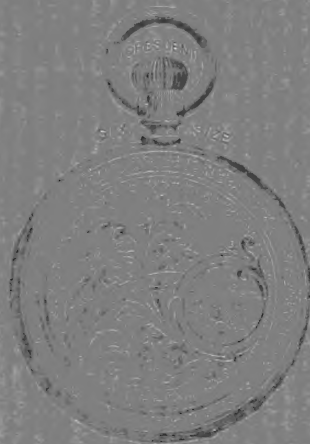
O. M. RICHMOND & Co.

Dear Sir:—The plants I have sent you are in the best condition, and are fine ones. I am sure you will be very much pleased with them, and I do not think it possible for them to be better than I was sending you.

Yours respectfully,

MRS. A. D. WING.

A BEAUTIFUL PRIZE TO LITTLE GIRLS.



To any little girl 10 years of age or under, who will get up a club of \$2.00 or over and send us, we will, in addition to the premiums offered above, give them a pack of Woodbury's Mammoth Pansies, and to the one raising the largest Pansy, from this pack of seeds, we will present a lovely gold watch. The flowers must be pressed and sent us by mail between two pieces of parchment.

The award will be made Nov. 15th, and all specimens must be sent in before Nov. 1st. The name of the lucky one will appear in our next year's catalogue. We will send a card present to all who try for the prize and do not get it.

A Little New Hampshire girl was the lucky one. Miss Dora A. Pelch, Ashuelot, won the gold watch offered last year, with a flower 2 1/2 inches in diameter. Now lets see who will be the lucky one for 1893.

SUNDRIES.

Richardson's Woodbury's Seed, as sold according to the directions is sure death to nearly all insects. Price per package 50c. postpaid.

Excess of Plant Food, or a surplus of Blood and keeps them in the healthy, growing condition, and makes the soil more fertile and the plants grow. It is the only artificial fertilizer that will be used in the most profitable way. It is just what has been wanted for a long time. It is used by adding a teaspoonful to a pint of water, and applying it to the soil in the same way as water. Price per package 50c. postpaid.

CUT FLOWERS.

We usually have to hand a large quantity of flowers which we make into wreaths, crosses and other articles of great elegance, suitable for funerals according to the various customs, and the mourning of the deceased. We can get them by express almost any day, and they will arrive in perfect condition. Bouquets for all occasions will be prepared to order. All orders for cut flowers should be addressed to
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N. P. C. can take orders for all kinds of flowering plants which will be ready to go in a day, and will be sent to all the customers of the season and all others who may desire.

A Few of our Large Orders of Cut Flowers, Plants and Seeds:

Messrs. O. M. Richardson & Co., Boston, Mass., Nov. 2, 1892.
Dear Sirs:—The cut flowers, plants and seeds ordered by you for the purpose of making funeral crosses and wreaths for the deceased have been received. Please accept our best thanks for the promptness with which you have supplied our order.
Yours truly,
A. B. AVOND.

Mr. Robert W. Cook & Co., Boston, Mass., March 1893.
Dear Sirs:—The bouquets and cut flowers ordered by you for the purpose of making funeral crosses and wreaths for the deceased have been received. Please accept our best thanks for the promptness with which you have supplied our order.
Yours truly,
M. H. HARRINGTON.

Mr. O. M. Richardson & Co., Boston, Mass., July 18, 1892.
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