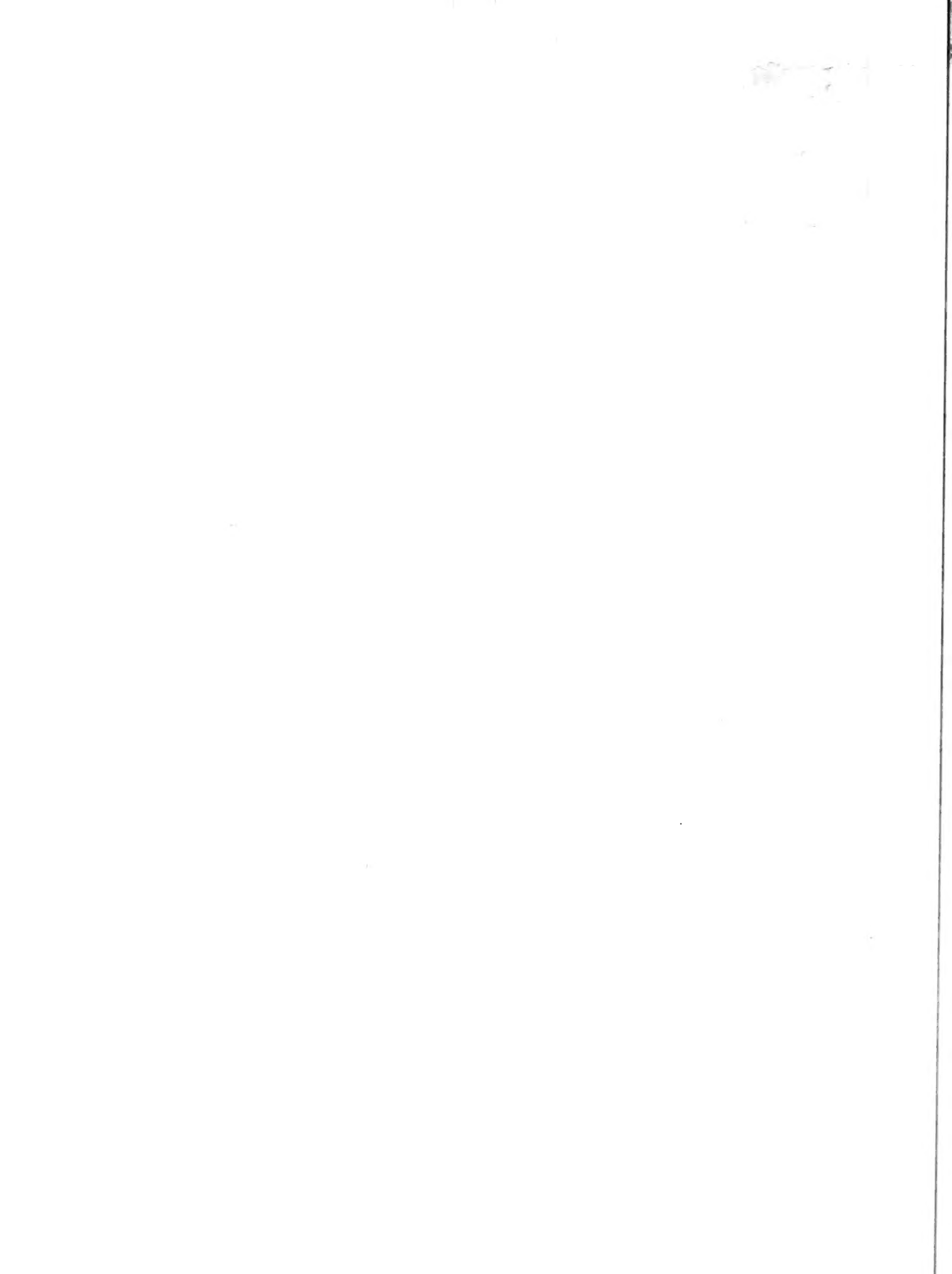


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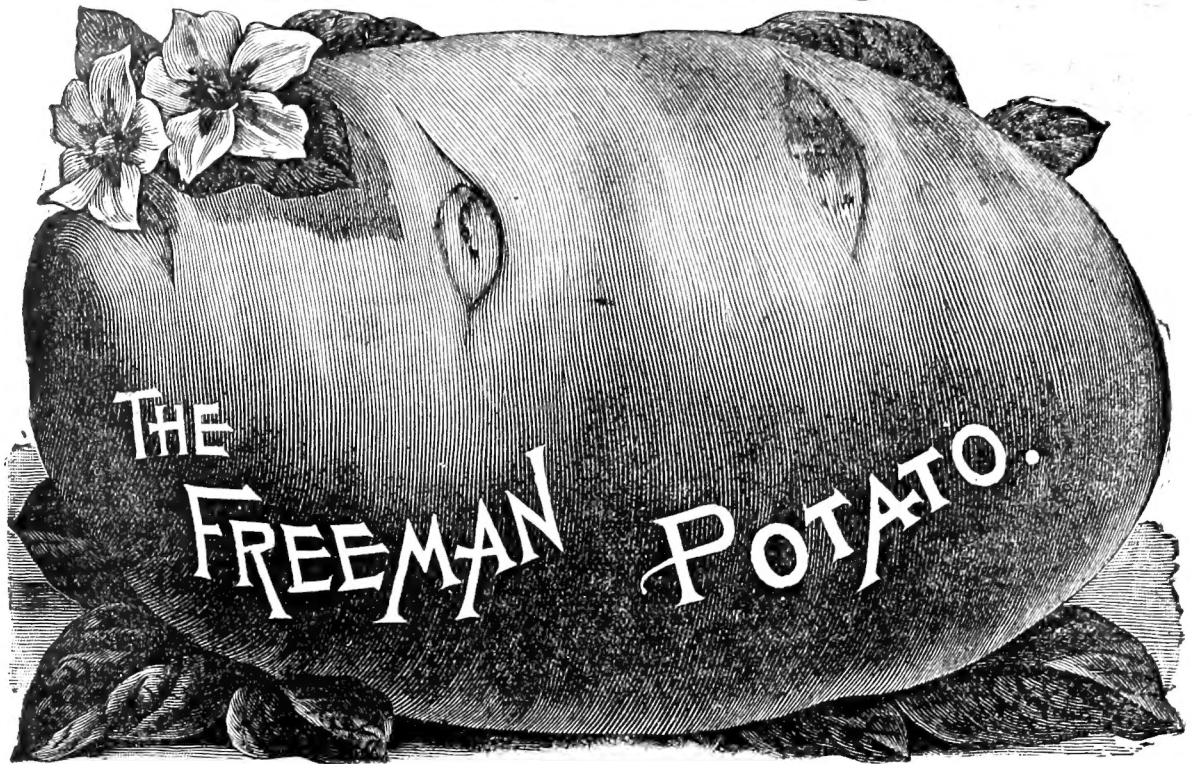


WILSON'S GRAND PRIZE COLLECTION FOR 1893.

\$10.00 Worth of the Choicest and Best Seeds for \$5.00.

THE GREAT FREEMAN POTATO GIVEN AWAY

With \$100.00 in Cash Prizes for the Largest Yield.



Our object in sending out this collection of seeds is to deal directly with large gardeners, and to give them the benefit of our wholesale prices. In order to do this we have put up boxes of our best and choicest Garden, Field and Vegetable Seeds and have selected such kinds as are most generally used in large families. These boxes are all put up and ready to ship, consequently we can make no changes in them. The seeds are all warranted fresh, genuine, true to name, and if bought at our regular catalogue rates would cost over \$10.00. They will all be nicely labelled, carefully packed in strong light boxes and sent to any address on receipt of \$5.00.

The Great Freeman Potato Given Away. No other potato since the introduction of the **Early Rose** has caused as much sensation in this country as the **Freeman**. When first introduced in 1891 they sold readily at \$3.00 a pound, and all who bought them, even at this price, were well pleased with the investment. We have always taken pride in introducing good new potatoes, and have probably done as much in this line as any house in America. On page 16 in our '93 catalogue will be found a full description of this wonderful new potato. As we believe it is destined in the future to be worth thousands of dollars to the people in this country, we are anxious to have it introduced as widely as possible. Therefore, to any one who sends us \$5.00 for our \$10.00 box of Seeds, we will make them a present of five pounds of the great **Freeman Potato**. These potatoes will be carefully wrapped in frost-proof paper and warranted to reach you in good condition. **AND FURTHER THAN THIS**, in order to encourage the introduction of this grand new potato and to see what it will do with the best cultivation, we will give **\$100.00 in Cash Premiums** for the largest yields from the five pounds contained in our prize collection box. Competition is open to all. You can't all get the premiums, but you will all get the potatoes, which in a year or two would be worth more than the whole \$100.00. ~~The~~ The buyer must pay all express or freight charges.

Our \$10.00 Collection Box for \$5.00 Contains the Following Seeds:

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| 1. Box, 31 pkts. seed and White Lily potato. (See next page on this circular)..... | \$2 20 | 18. One ounce Best Early Cucumber..... | 10 |
| 2. One peck Early Golden Prolific Field Corn. (See page 7, catalogue)..... | 75 | 19. One ounce Best Pickling Cucumber..... | 15 |
| 3. One peck Thousand-Fold Oats. (See catalogue)..... | 50 | 20. One ounce Best Early Head Lettuce..... | 25 |
| 4. One quart Wilson's Extra Early Peas..... | 25 | 21. One ounce Best and Sweetest Watermelon..... | 15 |
| 5. One quart best Medium-Late Peas..... | 25 | 22. One ounce Best Flavored Muskmelon..... | 15 |
| 6. One pint King of Garden Lima Beans..... | 20 | 23. One ounce Silver King Onions. (Page 40)..... | 30 |
| 7. One pint Best Early Wax Bush Beans..... | 15 | 24. One ounce Best Red Onion..... | 25 |
| 8. 2 pkts. Dreer's Bush Lima Beans..... | 20 | 25. One ounce Best Yellow Onion..... | 25 |
| 9. 2 pkts. Burpee's Bush Lima Beans..... | 30 | 26. One ounce Best Parsnip Seed..... | 10 |
| 10. One pint Best Early Sugar Corn..... | 15 | 27. One ounce Best Early Radish..... | 10 |
| 11. One quart Best Medium Late Sugar Corn..... | 25 | 28. One ounce Best Summer Radish..... | 10 |
| 12. One quart White Multiplier Onions..... | 50 | 29. One ounce Early Mayflower Tomato Seed..... | 25 |
| 13. One pint Savatilla Peanuts..... | 25 | 30. One ounce Livingston's New Stone Tomato..... | 30 |
| 14. One ounce Best Early Turnip Beet..... | 10 | 31. One pkt. Ponderosa Tomato..... | 15 |
| 15. One ounce Best Winter Beet..... | 10 | 32. One ounce Best Early and Late Squash..... | 15 |
| 16. One ounce Best Winter Cabbage..... | 25 | 33. One ounce Strap Leaf Turnip Seed..... | 10 |
| 17. One ounce Best Early Cabbage Seed..... | 25 | 34. One ounce Cleome Pungens, greatly valued for bee pasture and highly ornamental..... | 50 |

THE WHOLE LIST AT CATALOGUE PRICES COMES TO.....\$10 00

All will be sent on receipt of \$5.00 and five pounds of Freeman Potatoes put in free.

The following Cash Premiums will be paid to those who raise the largest amount in pounds from the five pounds of Freeman potatoes, enclosed in our \$10.00 box of seeds, as follows:

To the one raising the largest amount from the five pounds, we will pay \$40.00; second largest amount, \$30.00; third largest amount, \$15.00; fourth largest amount, \$10.00; fifth largest amount, \$5.00.

All must be weighed in the presence of three responsible persons, whose reliability must be vouched for by your postmaster. All reports must be sent in before December 1, 1893, when all premiums will be paid.

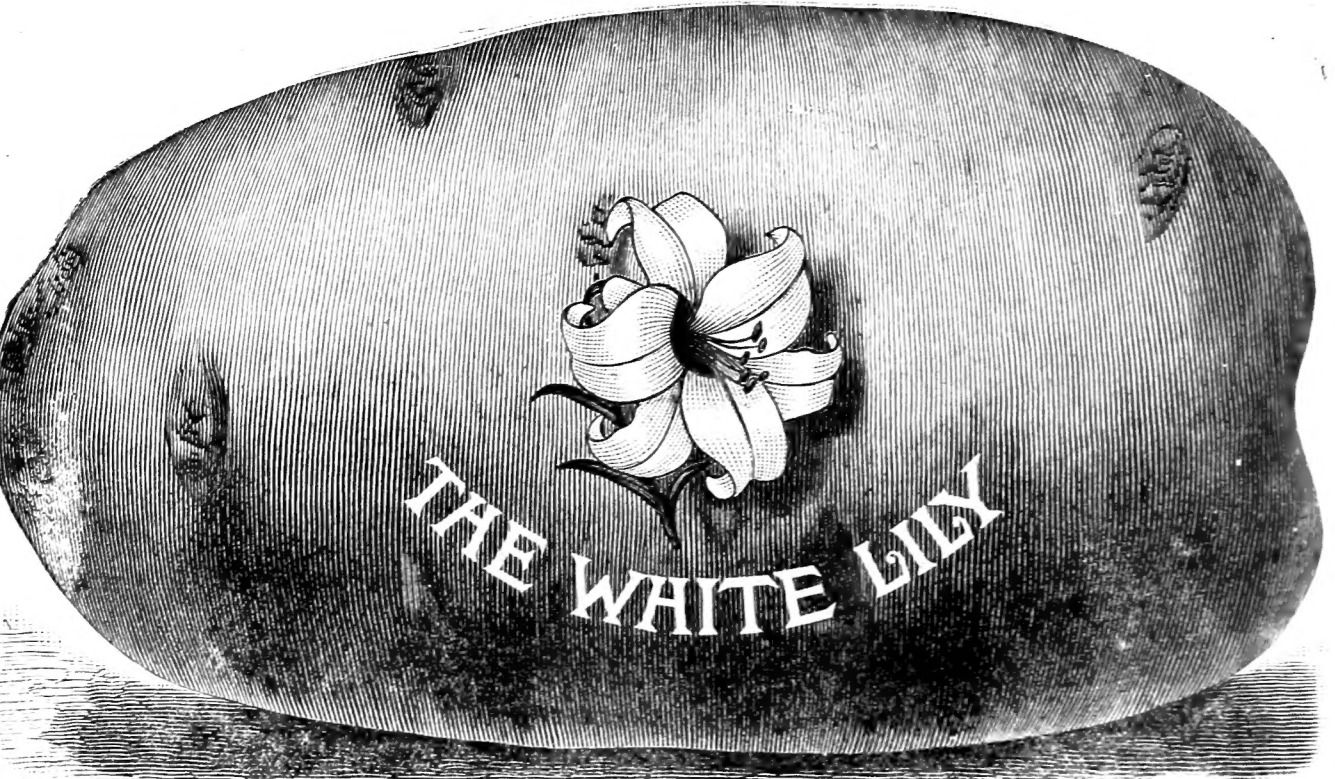


Seeds at your at Wholesale Prices

BUY THEM DIRECT FROM THE GROWER.

31 PACKETS AND ONE WHOLE POTATO

By mail, for \$1.00. Regular retail price, \$2.20.



On the first page of this circular we offer a \$10.00 box of our best Seeds for \$5.00, and also offer to give free five pounds of the great Freeman Potato, with a \$100.00 cash premium attached, for the largest yield. As there are many among our customers who do not care to invest \$5.00 in garden seeds, we here make another

REMARKABLY LOW OFFER.

For \$1.00 in postage stamps or money we will send a box by mail, post-paid, containing thirty-one packets of our best and choicest Seeds named below and one whole potato, THE WHITE LILY, and warrant them to reach you in good condition.

THE WHITE LILY POTATO.

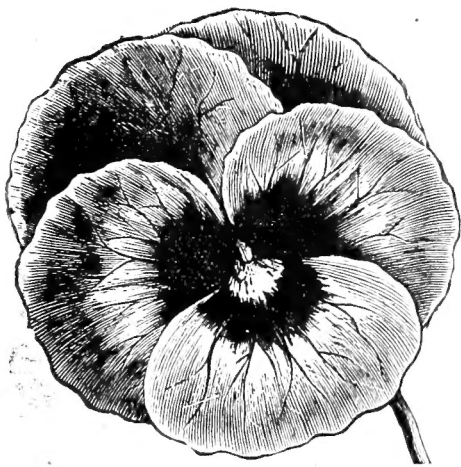
On page 63 of this catalogue we illustrate and describe this excellent, productive and valuable new potato, which we introduced to our customers last Spring for the first time. Among the many good potatoes that we have introduced, we consider the White Lily among the best, not only in point of yield, but in beautiful appearance and extra fine table qualities. Knowing that there are thousands of families who know how to appreciate a good potato for table use and who want none but the best, we take this means of introducing to them this excellent variety. For further description of the White Lily Potato see page 63, this catalogue.

The following are the varieties of Seeds contained in our dollar box, with one medium size tuber of the White Lily Potato, given free for trial. These seeds are all warranted to grow, and first-class in every respect. They are one hundred per cent. better than old commissioned seed that are bought from stores, etc. We have selected them to suit all climates, all classes, and all gardens.

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| 1. Wilson's Early Blood Turnip Beet. Best early | 5 | 19. New Japanese Pie Pumpkin. Best pie pumpkins | 10 |
| 2. Bastian's Half Long Winter Beet | 5 | 20. Extra Early Scarlet Turnip Radish | 5 |
| 3. Best Early Snap-short Bush Beans | 10 | 21. New Half Long Strasburg Radish. Best Summer variety | 5 |
| 4. Best and Sweetest Early Sugar Corn | 10 | 22. Improved Cocozelle Squash. Good for Summer or Winter | 5 |
| 5. Extra Early Express Cabbage. Best and earliest. (See page 5) | 10 | 23. Wilson's Improved Hubbard Squash | 5 |
| 6. New Drumhead Cabbage. Best for Winter use. | 10 | 24. Early Dwarf Champion Tomato. Best early for small gardens | 5 |
| 7. New Kalamazoo Celery. (See page 27) | 5 | 25. The Matchless Tomato. (See page 48) | 5 |
| 8. Wilson's Early Green Cluster Cucumber | 5 | 26. Improved Purple Strap Leaf Turnip | 5 |
| 9. Long Green Pickling Cucumber | 5 | 27. Golden Globe Ruta-baga. For table use | 5 |
| 10. Improved Early Hanson Lettuce. Best for heading or cut Lettuce | 5 | 28. Barbadoes De Jacqu (Cape Gooseberry). A new fruit, excellent for pies, etc. | 10 |
| 11. Best of All Early Watermelons | 5 | 29. California Golden Top Corn. An excellent and beautiful variety | 10 |
| 12. The Dixie Watermelon. Largest and sweetest of any; sixty pounds and over. (See page 9) | 10 | 30. One packet best German Pansies, mixed | 10 |
| 13. Best and Finest Flavored Muskmelon | 10 | 31. One packet Wilson's Superb Mammoth English Balsams. Two feet high, double as roses | 10 |
| 14. New Mammoth Pompeii Onion. Grows three pound onions from seed first year | 10 | | |
| 15. Large Red Wethersfield Onion | 5 | | |
| 16. Mammoth Ruby King Pepper. (See page 43) | 5 | | |
| 17. Ideal Hollow Crown Parsnip | 5 | | |
| 18. Wilson's Extra Early Peas | 10 | | |
| | | And one whole potato, the White Lily. | |
| | | Whole amount at catalogue prices comes to | \$ 2.20 |

All the above will be sent in one box by mail, post-paid, for \$1.00; six boxes for \$5.00. In each box will be found one medium size tuber of the White Lily Potato, free.

We will send by express, not prepaid, thirteen boxes for \$10.00, or thirty boxes for \$20.00, to one address.



Pansy.



Phlox Drummondii.



Asters.



Dianthus.



Helianthus Argophyllus.

Wilson's Grand Columbian Collection

Of Choice, Rare and Beautiful Flower Seed.

21 pkts., retail price, \$1.75. By mail, post-paid, for 50c.

Flower seeds are one of the main features of our business, and we grow them by the pound, by the bushel and by the acre. One of our seed farms is especially devoted to this purpose. We have made up a collection of some of our choicest and best varieties, of which we have a surplus stock on hand, and offer them to our customers for prices actually lower than our wholesale rates. We do this in order to extend our trade, and to have our seeds introduced into every house and garden in the United States. These rates apply only to the varieties named in this collection, and do not in any way conflict with prices in the body of our catalogue. For terms and discounts in our regular list of flower seed, see page 81.

The twenty-one varieties are all done up in separate packets, with directions for growing on each packet.

1. **Pansies** (*Large Flowering Imperial German*). These are undoubtedly the finest strain of pansies in the world. Seed from the best growers in Germany..... 10
2. **Balsams** (*Wilson's Mammoth English Balsams*). Two feet high, covered with large flowers, double as a rose. 10
3. **Adonis** (*Superbus*). An improved strain of this old but neat and attractive flower..... 5
4. **Dianthus** (*Chinese and Japanese Pinks*). Best mixed, comprising many beautiful marked varieties, exceedingly showy, rich in colors and fragrance..... 10
5. **Petunias** (*Extra large flowering*). All rich self colors, pure white striped, splashed and blotched..... 10
6. **Poppy** (*New Golden Gate*). Nothing can surpass the richness and splendor of the showy flowers..... 5
7. **Poppy** (*Pride of Asia*). A great novelty, introduced by us last year; flowers six inches across; intensely double, and fringed; all bright colors..... 10
8. **Mignonette** (*Giant White Spiral*). A beautiful, hardy perennial; blooms first year from seed; flower spikes fifteen to eighteen inches long..... 5
9. **Phlox Drummondii** (*Wilson's superb strain*). The finest strain of all phloxes; extra large florets; eight distinct colors and markings; mixed..... 10
10. **Asters** (*Best and choicest, mixed*). **New Crown, Pyramidal Bouquet, Victoria, German Quilled, etc.**..... 10
11. **Helianthus Multiflorus** (*Miniature Sunflower*). Attractive and showy plants; three feet high, covered the whole season with neat little flowers, valuable for cut flowers and buttonhole bouquets..... 10
12. **Paris Daisies**. Neat and charming; blooms the whole season..... 5
13. **Eschscholtzia** (*California Poppy*). A showy plant, covered with rich golden orange and white flowers, two to three inches across; always in bloom..... 5
14. **Delphinium** (*Dwarf Double Larkspur*). Old but always popular; valuable for its great profusion of flowers..... 10
15. **Hibiscus** (*Grand New Imperial*). A great novelty, from the Island of Bermuda; large flowers, six inches across; rich cream color, with a purple centre; a profuse and constant bloomer; three feet..... 10
16. **Marigold** (*Eldorado Superbus*). Nothing can equal the magnificence of this large, immensely double flower..... 5
17. **Verbena** (*Wilson's New Mammoth*). A splendid strain, fine trusses, and florets nearly as large as a twenty-five-cent piece; mixed colors..... 10
18. **Cleome Pungens** (*Giant Spider Plant*). Three feet, covered the whole season with lilac colored flowers..... 5
19. **Smilax**. The most neat and charming of all climbers, either for hanging-baskets, vases or rock-work; desirable for window gardening, keeping its beautiful foliage all Winter..... 10
20. **Helichrysum Monstrosum**. The most beautiful of all everlastings. The rich varied colored flowers, if cut before fully in bloom and dried in the shade, will keep their bright colors all Winter..... 10
21. **Zinnias** (*New Dwarf Double Pompon*). A rare treat to all who admire these showy flowers. Much superior to the old-fashioned Zinnias. The bush is more compact, covered with rich, bright-colored flowers, intensely double, from one-and-a-half to two inches in diameter, shades of pure white, bright yellow, deep red, etc..... 10

All will be sent by mail, post-paid, for 50c; five collections for \$2.25; ten collections for \$4.00.



Helichrysum.



Paris Daisy.



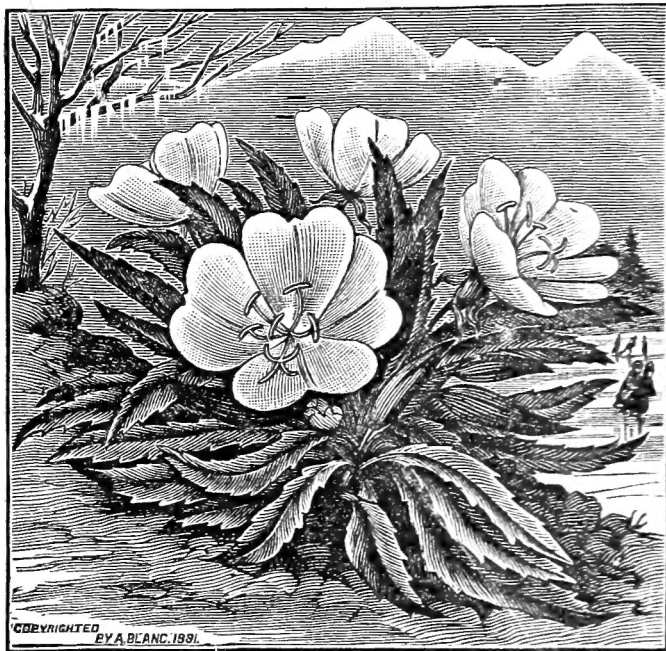
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WILSON'S GREAT COMBINATION COLLECTION FOR 1893

Of Choice Roses, Flowering Plants, Strawberry Plants, etc. (A Remarkably Low Offer.)



Tea Rose.



The Ice King Primrose.

The Ice King Primrose. The Child of the Frozen North.

The first emblem of Spring. Will even burst its snow-bound tenement to display its beauty in the chilly air. By mail, post-paid, each, 15c.; 2 for 25c.; 5 for 50c.; 10 for 75c.

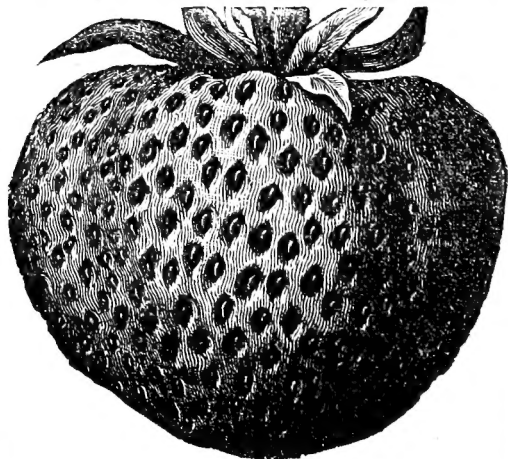
Besides growing Garden, Field and Flower Seeds, we are largely engaged in growing Choice Roses and Rare Flowering Plants, Small Fruits, etc. Having a surplus stock of some of these on hand this Spring, we have made up a collection of some of our most desirable sorts which we offer at less than one-half the regular retail price and which is barely enough to cover cost of packing, postage, etc. This we call our great combination collection and does not in any way conflict with prices in the body of our catalogue. No changes made.

- For 60c. we will send one each of the following beautiful flowering plants, by mail, or two collections for \$1.00.
1. One beautiful sweet-scented Everblooming Tea Rose (*Our own selection*). All noted for their fine flowers. 15
 2. One Ice King Primrose (*The Child of the Frozen North*). A new everblooming hardy Primrose. A plant of rare beauty and great fragrance. The first flower to raise its charming head in the Spring. The flowers are large, pearly white, delicately shaded with rose. They are borne upon stiff stems above the plant, showing to great advantage, will throw up its marvelous flowers day by day, from early Spring until freezing weather. Has withstood a temperature of 40° below zero. Every one should have this beautiful plant. See prices above for large quantities. 15
 3. Ageratum (*Cope's Pet*). A great improvement on the old varieties. Blooms all Summer; very sweet scented. 10
 4. Double Petunia (*Extra large flowering, double fringed*). Pure white, spotted, blotched and self colors. 15
 5. Fuchsia. All fine choice, single and double varieties, our own selection, but none but the most desirable sorts. 15
 6. Abutilon (*Flowering Maple*). A plant of great beauty, large bell-shaped flowers, suitable for out-door or pot culture 12
 7. Salvia (*Scarlet Sage*). The most showy plants in cultivation; covered with a mass of deep red flowers till frost. 12
 8. Passion Flower. The handsomest of all climbing plants; grows ten to twelve feet the first season; covered with a profusion of large beautiful flowers of a very attractive and curious construction; hardy, with slight protection. 15
 9. Geraniums (*Either single, double or sweet scented*). Good strong plants; best varieties. 12
 10. Nieremberger (*A beautiful basket or vase plant*). Blooms all Summer; flowers delicate blue; charming. 10
 11. Rex Begonia (*Ornamental leaved*). A class of plants fast becoming in great demand. Grown for their large and handsome leaves, which are banded and flaked with silvery white. Brilliant green and red. 15
 12. Heliotrope (*Extra sweet scented*). Always in demand for cut flowers and noted for their delightful fragrance. 10

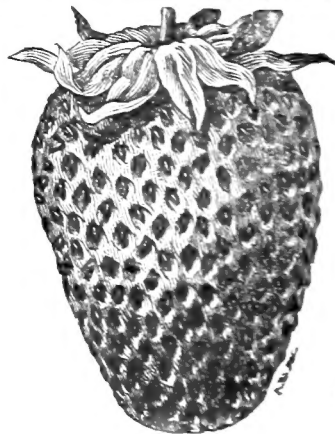
In all, 12 beautiful flowering plants for 60c., costing at retail \$1.56; two collections for \$1.00.

Another Liberal Offer.

In connection with the above grand collection of flowering plants, 12 for 60c., we will make this additional offer: For \$1.00 we will send 12 good, strong plants of either the Oregon Everbearing Strawberry, or 15 good strong plants of the Parker Earle, and all the above 12 choice flowering plants, all by mail, post-paid. These two varieties of strawberries, which we offer in connection with the above list of flowering plants are the best, most productive and most valuable kinds in cultivation and should be in every garden. For further description of the Parker Earle and Oregon Everbearing, see page 65, this catalogue. For \$1.30 we will send the above 12 collections of Flowering plants, 12 Oregon Everbearing and 12 Parker Earle Strawberry Plants (all by mail in one box)



Oregon Everbearing Strawberry.



Parker Earle.