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It is with pleasure I submit my Annual Catalogue of Dahlias for 1932. I wish to call particular attention to my Seedlings listed within, also to my Green Plants described in the back of this catalogue.

Thanking my many customers for their patronage and kind letters of appreciation.

Sincerely,

F. W. C. ALMY.

# Abbreviations

I. D.—Informal Decorative S. C.—Semi Cactus. C.—Cactus. P.—Peony. P. D.—Peony Decorative. Dec.—Decorative.

(Descriptions are in Most Cases the Originators)

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# Seedlings

#### **NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1932**

SUPREME MONARCH, I. D. An immense, deep, brilliant red with a reverse of pearly white - always - which shows on face as petals twist slightly. Will average larger than Elite Glory (its seed parent), and much more prolific, and more beautiful in formation. One of my earliest bloomers and retains its great size and tight center till frost. The giant blooms are held erect, and facing on stems, like cane, that are 2 to 3 ft. tall. Immune from borer damage and insect pests. Will stand strong soil without injury to tubers, and flowers may be grown to enormous size. Absolutely the most spectacular dahlia in my gardens and attracting more attention than any other variety. Roots \$10. Plants \$5.

**EXQUISITE. I. D.** Almost a hybrid cactus as petals are quite long and pointed. This, as its name indicates, is a flower of exquisite beauty and charm. A delicate lemon yellow, shading to cream at tips of petals, with a very slight pink suffusion which, with its long, twisting and sharply pointed petals, makes a flower of rare charm and beauty. It is a strong grower, prolific, and with an absolutely closed center, always, and very long, cane stiff stems. Blooms not immense, but of good exhibition size, and wonderful keepers either cut or on the bush. The foliage and stems are almost identical to Kathleen Norris, and the flowers are equally as beautiful. I fully intended to price "Supreme Monarch" at \$15; it is certainly worth it and fully as good as some I paid \$25 for, but after carefully considering the hard times and scarcity of money I put the price at \$10, and shall make the same reduction on "Exquisite". A big \$10 value for Roots \$7.50. Plants \$3.75.

**ROYAL GLORY, I. D.** A bloom of large Exhibition size but very difficult to describe. It is an extremely rich and brilliant scarlet maroon with violet shadings at the tips and a slight purple suffusion over all. A truly royal flower, whose formation is equally as beautiful as its color and almost equally as hard to

picture. The pointed petals incurve slightly at the extreme tips, making a very odd and beautiful pattern. Combined with deep gold varieties this makes a stunning combination, or shown next to such. The foliage is a black green which sets off the gorgeous blossoms to fine advantage. The stems are long and rigid and hold the blooms above the plant which is low and branching and requires no stakes. **Rocts \$7.50. Plants \$3.75** 

# Our Previous Introductions

SUPREME GLORY, I. D. On the Honor Roll for 1930, and the most prolific large dahlia Fifty-two blooms and buds showing grown. color have been counted on a single plant at one time, several over 9 inches, and it has been grown to 111/2 inches without forcing. Six to ten, 10 inch blooms on a plant at one time are common. Mr. Hart said of it; it was literally covered with large, perfect blooms, golden yellow with blushes of scarlet on the face of the flower, with deeper scarlet tones on the reverse of the petals. In some blooms the scarlet is more pronounced than in others and when that is the case it is really a color gem, as the red and yellow blend perfectly. without the sharp contrast so often shown. It is not a tall grower, but a heavy foliaged, sturdy plant, and withal, a very impressive Dahlia."

With me it grows about 5 ft. tall and throws up a very unusual number of flower stalks with rigid stems two to three feet long. Practically immune to insect pests—as is every one of my seedlings, both 1931 and 1932 introductions A large stock and an unusually fine crop of roots enables me to put the price within the reach of all. Combines very effectually with "Royal Glory," also with "Supreme Monarch." **Roots \$5. 3 for \$12. Plants \$2.50, 3 for \$6.** 

**SAKONNET QUEEN, I.D.** This dahlia is the most vivid and gorgecus pink I know, and slightly different in shade from any pink grown. Of good exhibition size and a center always closed. I never saw an open center on this variety, and the pointed, and slightly in

curved petals makes a very beautiful formation. Plant medium tall with black green foliage, a striking contrast to the flowers. Stem rigid. A grand keeper. **Roots \$5. Plants \$2.50.** 

**PURITY. Peo.** I know peonies are not popular, but I will defy anyone to see this, when grown to perfection, and not like it. Imagine a 10 inch bloom (and very deep) with a deep gold center as large as a silver dollar and surrounded with curly petaloids. The white is a **pure snowy white**, with no greenish tinge and the center is the **deepest gold**, resembling a gigantic white daisy. The stems are very long and cane-like. Beautiful always, with liberal disbudding and pruning, it is a wonder. To me it is the most beautiful white of any formation and absolutely unbeatable in peony class. **Rcots \$5, 3 for \$12. Plants \$2.50, 3 for \$6.** 

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AMERICAN LEGION, S.C. (Amer. D. Farms) Named in honor of the wounded Veterans of the World War. American Legion is the Largest and most perfect of all Dahlias. The gorgeous, bright yellow, semi-cactus blossoms are held on perfect, long, stems over a tall, robust bush. American Legion measuring  $13\frac{1}{2}$  in. in diameter and 9 inches in depth, was shown at the Atlantic City Flower and Garden Pageant, winning the Pageant Gold Medal and \$100 for the best undisseminated seedling open to all; Honorary President's Gold Medal, and \$50 for the best new Dahlia of New Jersev origin; The American Home Achievement Medal for the Dahlia, or Dahlia exhibit which contributed most to the progress of the Dahlia in a class of 710 entries. The highest award ever won by any Dahlia. At Camden won the Gold Medal for the largest and most perfect Bloom. I was fortunate in securing a small supply of this most wonderful creation. Roots \$15. Plants \$7.50.

CHAMPOEG. Dec. (Crites-Kemp) The Dahlia beautiful. This wonderfully beautiful Dahlia, is so very unusual in its color, that it is without a competitor.. The color is waxy, canary yellow at center, shading to salmon pink, giving a color combination as beautiful and evenly distributed as the painted by hand. The pink deepens as the weather becomes cooler. Backs of petals pale yellow, overcast with a veil of white. Even the unfolding bud is beautiful. More **fragrant** than any other Dahlia I know of. Flower is supported by strong, sturdy, stems which hold it facing well above the bush. Flowers average 9 to 10 inches in width and 31/2 in. deep. A prolific bloomer. Plant about 5 ft., very sturdy with many laterals. Thick, rough foliage not affected by insect pests. Blooms of this Dahlia were shipped from Oregon to Madison Square Garden, and then shown in excellent condition. News-papers featured this as being outstanding and worthy of a place in the list of the most beautiful Dahlias in existence. Roots \$10. Plants \$5.

**GIRL OF HILLCREST (Scott-Kemp).** The color of this most excellent variety is a brilliant Mikado Orange. The flowers **average** 9 to 10 inches across, of great depth, and are borne on long, stiff stems high above the foliage. Plant is a strong and vigorous grower, attaining to a height of 7 to 8 ft. and 1s one of the most prolific bloomers we have ever grown, being loaded with its large blossoms from early to late. One of the most brilliant as well as one of the most beautiful Dahlias we have ever grown. You should add this Dahlia to your collection by all means. Score 84. Roots \$10. Plants \$5.

HALLOWE'EN I. D. (Chappaqua Dahlia Gardens). Blooms 10 to 12 inches. Here 18 one of the most unusual color effects we have ever seen in a Dahlia. The flower gives a definite two-toned effect, with the face a clear buff, and the reverse a bright salmon. As the petals open the reverse side shows in a definite roll, and, as they unroll, they open into buff. In line with its name, it is like a glorious October sunset in a sky of brilliant golden buff." Description by Derrill W. Hart upon placing this Dahlia on his Honor Roll for 1931. Rects \$15. Plants \$7.50. JEAN KEEFER, I. D. (Keefer Kemp). This beautiful Dahlia was originated by Dr. Keefer, of So. Mountain, Pa. and named for his little daughter, Jean. The color is brilliant rosepink, flowers average 8 to 9 inches wide and 6 to 7 inches deep, and are held above the foliage on slender, but rigid, wire-like stems that can be cut 4 to 6 ft in length. Plants grow from 8 to 9 feet, many branched and very prolific of bloom. Very healthy, and practically insect proof. A Dahlia of noble appearance, and greatly admired by visitors to our gardens. Winner of First Prize in the undisseminated Seedling Class at Atlantic City and twice winner at Baltimore. Roll of Honor 1931. Score of 85 at Storrs. **Roots \$10. Plants \$5.** 

KAWEAH. (Giant I. D.) (Meussdorffer) It is the concensus of opinion of growers, originators, and, in fact, all who have seen this monster, that it is the largest and most wonderful Dahlia introduced to date. (A friend of mine, who visited Miss Meussdorffer's gardens last Fall, measured 3 blooms that were each over 15 inches in diameter). Size, however, is only one of its good qualities as it has splendid stems, form and substance, glorious color, and is a wonderful keeper. It has been shipped by train 500 miles, and then exhibited for two days, in good shape. Color is hard to describe, a deep, clear, rose-cerise, center of petals shading to a rich, velvety cardinal toward the center of the flower, and when fully matured, shade lighter toward the tips of the petals, almost mauve or orchid. Blooms of 15 inches diameter, and very deep, are common, and these tremendous flowers are held perfectly erect on very long, extra strong, stiff stems, 18 to 20 in. to first lateral. The largest Dahlia ever produced. I believe I am the only one offering plants of this wonder for 1932. Plants only very limited, \$10. net.

MYPA HOWARD. I. D. (Glutzbeck-Dahliadel) Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal at the A. D. S. Show in New York. Also winner as Best Buff or Orange, and for Bert Pen Plooms any variety, at Rockville Certer. A grand Dahlia in every respect and should be read with such varieties as Kathleen Normal Jane Cowl, Ft. Monmouth, Watching Wonder, Margaret E. Bromall, and the other big fellows of spectacular coloring and large size. Just naturally a big flower, and one of the most attractive plants we have seen with uniform, thrifty growth and plenty of bloom, with long stems. The color is a glowing combination of saffron and gold, with tints of salmon, coinciding with Ridgeway's ochraceous orange. A seedling of Jane Cowl, and like its illustrious parent in 1927, we think it has earned the honor of heading the novelties in its year, 1931. **Plants, only, \$7.50.** 

WATCHUNG SMOKE. I. D. (Smith) A giant big flower, and the most unusual color among the new Dahlias at New York. A very clear and attractive pink, flushed with silver gray. The reverse shows a rose-red, giving the flower a fine warmth o f color. The petals are a bit regular for an informal classification, but those at the back of the flower show a decided roll. Created a lot of favorable comment from those looking for the unusual at N. Y. Ranks with Watching Wonder etc. **Roots \$10. net. Plants, \$5.** 

THE COMMODORE. I.D. (Scott-Kemp) This great yellow Dahlia was originated by Dr. Scott, in Fairmount, W. Va., and, we believe, it is the largest and most spectacular yellow Dahlia (Dec.) ever offered, and with American Legion and Kaweah make up a trio of the largest Dahlias in the World. It is a brilliant lemon yellow, overlaid with a golden sheen. It is simply immense in size, many blooms attaining to 14 in. and over, across, of goo'd depth, and the giant blooms are held high above the foliage on long, stiff stems. Plants medium height, wide spreading, of sturdy growth and is tremendously prolific, the plants being literally covered with bloom from early to late. A Dahlia of noble and spectacular appearance. Winner of first prize in the undisseminated Seedling Class at Baltimore, Md., and Red Bank, N. J. and on Honor Roll, 1931. Scored 85 at Storrs. Roots, \$10. Plants, \$5.

### Honor Roll and Outstanding Introductions of 1931

ASBURY PARK. Dec. (Wood-Burpee) A big prize winner in the East. A giant bloom of copper-salmon, borne on long, rigid, stems over a tall growing plant. Flowers from 9 to 11 in. Foliage dark green and insect resisting. Honor Roll of 1930. Roots, \$7.50. Plants, \$3.75.

ANDREA ERICSON. I. D. (F. & M.) Another 1930 Roll of Honor Dahlia. A beautiful **pure** white, with broad, oval petals, pointed and slightly twisted at the tips. Blooms 9 to 12 in. with an always tight center. Stems long and straight. Foliage dark green and insect resisting. A constant winner in the East, and a successful grower in all sections. **Rcots, \$7. Plants, \$3.50.** 

**BAGDAD. I. D. (Redfern).** An immense flower of flaming scarlet-red borne on long, stiff stems, high above a tall, robust plant. Winner in numerous Eastern shows as Best Californian, in hot competition. A splendid variety, very striking in the garden on account of its brilliant color and enormous size, which continues all season. Center always closed **Roots, \$6. Plants, \$3.** 

**CAPTAIN COSTE. I. D. (Waite-Curran)** A daring, big flower, on extra long stems, with as bright a color as any of the yellows to date —a clear wax-like gold. A large, wide flower and an impressive Dahlia, worthy of the French hero, aviator. Winner of numerous prizes. **Roots** (very limited) **\$10. Plants, \$4.** 

**DWIGHT W. MORROW. I. D. (Maytrott)** An immense, rich, crimson-red flower on a giant plant. One of the most spectacular in my gardens and described by Mr. Maytrott as "the finest Dahlia we have ever introduced." Blooms 10 in. by 6 in. are common and on the best stems. Grown for Exhibition it attains huge dimensions. One of the most popular in my garden. Roots, \$10. Plants, \$4.

**EAGLE ROCK FANTASY. I. D. (Broomall-Success)** Another 1930 Honor Roll Dahlia and winner of a Certificate of Merit at Storrs. This giant is a clear, mallow pink with no shadings. It has great depth, with its immense diameter, and is bound to be a real contender in the Largest and Most Perfect Bloom Class. Mr. Derrell W. Hart describes it as another wonder origination from a Dahlia wizard, and among the very finest of the 1930 Dahlias. Last year it sold for \$25 per root and still scarce. **Roots** \$15, very limited. **Plants, \$7.50.** 

EAGLE ROCK WONDER. H. C. (Bromall-Success) This monster flower, in color a tawny orange, flushed with gold and salmon, shading to pure gold at the center, has been a constant winner in the Specimen Bloom and Largest Bloom Classes. Remarkably prolific and center always closed. Bush 5 ft. Plants only, \$5.

**GOV. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. Dec. Locust Valley Dahlia Farms)** A beautiful and striking Dahlia of flaming crimson with shadings of the Jacqueminot Rose. The stems like cane and 3 ft. in length—hold the large, brilliant flowers well above a tall bush. Very prolific and one of the best cut flower varieties and fine for Exhibition on account of its fine keeping qualities. **Roots, \$10. Plants, \$5.** 

**IMPERIAL PINK. I. D. (Lyndora)** A magnificent colored Dahlia of a rich, bright, true pink, with no lavender or mauve tints, but with shades of primrose toward the center of the flower, and then a darker, rose-pink center. Large blooms, with long, twisted petals, around the edges. Winner of numerous prizes including Specimen Bloom Classes. **H** lents only, \$3.75.

JIM MOORE. I. D. (Loller) A seedling of Watchung Sunrise and Siskiyon, it has the beautiful, soft colors of the former and the long spiky petals of the latter with a far better center than either. Flowers always large and of perfect form, with extra long, stiff stems. An outstanding 1930 introduction. A soft, gold, flushed with salmon. A deep bloom over a very sturdy plant, with dark foliage. Always of Exhibition size. Rcots, \$5. Plants, \$2.50. NANCY CARROLL. S. C. (Locust Valley Dahlia Farms) This Dahlia named for the celebrated actress, is described by the introducers as the exact color of Nancy Carroll's hair and can be grown to 15 inches in diameter half as large again as Jane Cowl. With us it was a golden buff, or copper buff. A grand novelty on long stiff stems. Roots, \$10. Plants \$5.

SHAHRAZAD. I. D. (Newsom) Mr. Newsom's great \$25 Dahlia, described as the **Pink** Jane Cowl, which it resembles very much in size and formation, and is destined to be equally as popular. A very soft, beautiful, clear pink, with wavy petals, huge in size, held on best of stems over a tall sturdy plant. One of the **best** in the Pink Class which contains such wonderful creations as Kathleen Norris, Dorothy Stone, Romance, Imperial Pink, etc. etc. Extremely scarce here in the East. **Roots**, (very limited) **\$15. Plants \$7.50.** 

TANG. I. D. (Downs). Mr. Hart described this, last Fall, as "a magnificent Dahlia, the equal of Jane Cowl in every way (except stem, perhaps a bit shorter) and even more beautiful. A bright, tawny, orange-flame shading to copper-orange on the outside, with gold tints at the center of the flower. Outside petals have a clear buff reverse, and, as they curl and twist, the color effect is about as attractive as any Dahlia we have ever seen. Shaped like Jane Cowl but builds up to a higher center. A top notcher." High praise from a competent authority, but borne out by our own experience last Season. No roots available in 1931 and only a limited supply for 1932 which are bound to be quickly exhausted. So act promptly if you want this grand novelty. Roots, \$10. Plants, \$5.

### Roll of Honor and Prize Winning Novelties of Recent Introduction

AMERICAN TRIUMPH. Cac. (Amer. Dahlia Farms). Winner of American Home Achievement Medal at New York, 1929. A true cactus of immense size and extra long, rigid, stems. A clean, brilliant, oriental red without a trace of any other color. A wonderful keeper and a distinct addition to this class, in which there are so few good Exhibition varieties. **Roots**, **\$4. Plants, \$2.** 

**BUCKEYE BRIDE. Dec.** (Peck). Roll of Honor Dahlia of a wonderful pink shade and of surpassing beauty. Large flowers, on long, perfect stems, prolific of bloom and a splendid keeper. Color, a beautiful geranium pink, unique in Dahlias. For exhibition or cutting it is unsurpassed, with a rating of 94. Roots, limited, \$5. Plants, \$2.50.

**CARDINALIS. Dec. (Kennedy).** An immense brilliant, cardinal (almost cerise) red, which somewhat resembles Elite Glory, but a brighter color, which does not fade in sunlight. Great prize winner. **Roots,** limited, **\$5. Plants \$2.50.** 

**DR. JOHN CARMAN. Dec.** This is one of the giants among Dahlias. Very large, broad petaled, deep flower. A beautiful tyrian-rose tipped petunia and silver. Stems long stiff and heavy. **Roots**, limited, **\$3.50. Plants \$1.75.** 

**DOROTHY STONE. I. D. (F. & M.)** A large brilliant pink, brighter and richer in color than Kathleen Norris, between which there is keen rivalry. Both are wonderfully beautiful and it is just a choice of shades of pink. Roots, \$5. Plants, \$2.50.

DAD. Dec. A very large red of attractive formation. Stems good. Roots, \$3.50. Plants, \$1.75.

ELIZA LONDON SHEPARD, I. D. (Peacock) An immense and very attractive Dahlia. A clear, rich, orange-gold in color, with reflex a deeper shade of same color. Carried facing to upright, on long, stiff stems. One of Peacock's best creations. **Roots**, limited, **\$7. Plants, \$3.50.** 

EDWÁRD THOMAS BEDFORD. Dec. — (Brock). A giant bloom and one of the largest purple Dahlias to date. Blooms held aloft on long, cane-like stems. The plant is medium tall and fairly covered with the giant blooms. Roots, limited, **\$5, Plants, \$2.50.** 

EL. REY. Dec. (O. & C.). A large flower of a delicate, golden orange, shading to deeper orange at the center. A vigorous grower, on long, rigid stems. Winner of A. H. Achievement Medal 1929. Also first prize in Three Year Seedling Class, at both Santa Monica and San Leando. Rocts, 5. Plants, \$2.50.

**ESCHOL. Dec.** (Newsom). A gorgeous bloom of rich, velvety, reddish bronze, with a reverse of dark, reddish, wine-color maroon. No other Dahlia has such colorings. Extra large, and of gorgeous beauty, on long, stiff stems, over a dark green, medium tall bush. Thrifty and prolific. A fine novelty. **Roots, \$7. Plants, \$3.50**.

FRANK MILLER. Dec. (Burch). One of the finest yellow Dahlias to date. An immense flower of picric yellow, on 4 ft. stems, stiff as canes. On sunkissed Honor Roll and winner in numerous shows and classes including Best Fifty Blooms (the smallest of which was 10 inches in diameter) and Best Keeping Variety. Always sturdy and vigorous and very prolific. A splendid variety. Roots, \$4. Plants, \$2.

**GOV. MORGAN F. LARSON, I. D. (Lyndora)** The only 1929 Dahlia approaching Kathleen Norris as a winner on Gov. Larson's cup at Trenton, also as Best Yellow in the Open to All Classes at Camden, and many other prizes. An impressive Dahlia of immense size. A clear bright gold. **Roots, \$5. Plants, \$2.50.** 

GOV. ALVIN T. FULLER. I. D. (Beatrice). A beautiful rich, deep pink of large size and way under-priced. Very prolific, long, stiff stems and holds size and center all season. A grand variety for a small price. Rcots, \$2. Plants, \$1.

HAWAIIAN NIGHTS. I. D. (Newsom). One of Newsom's best 1930 introductions. A most intense scarlet, with orange suffusion, reverse striped with gold which shows toward center of flowers, which are huge in size and very deep, stems absolutely stiff and strong. **Roots**, limited, **\$5. Plants, \$2.50.** 

JEAN TRIMBER. I. D. (Trimber-Waite). This beautiful Dahlit is native of Canada and is yet scarce in the U. S. Color is a rich petunia violet. Flowers immense (12 in. or more) and beautiful and graceful formation—almost a hybrid cactus. Very prolific and a grand novelty. **Roots,** limited, **\$7.50. Plants, \$3.50.** 

LOS FELEZ. I. D. (O. & C.). A huge, loose petaled flower seedling of Elite Glory—of a rich, deep red, center almost black. Stems extra long and stiff. Beautiful in color and formation. Roots, \$5. Plants, \$2.50.

LA PALOMA. S. C. (O. & C.). An immensebeautiful, creamy white Dahlia, which somewhat resembles Star of Bethlehem, but much larger. Stems extra good. A high class flower and one of the best Semi-Caetus yet introduced. Roots, \$5. Plants, \$2.50.

MONMOUTH CHAMPION. I. D. (Kemp). Here we have one of the most beautiful and outstanding Dahlias of the present day. The only Dahlia of its color and the biggest Prize Winner of 1931. A glorious flower of a brilliant, orange flame, that fairly glistens. Immense size, very prolific, grand stems and an air tight center, always. In addition, plant is an extra vigorous grower, immune to all pests. No collection complete without this grand variety. Our price is extremely low. **Roots**, **\$4.50, 3 for \$12. Plants, \$2.** 

MARK HANNA. Dec. (Good & Reese). Here we have another top notcher tho', perhaps, not so well known. One of the best reds on the market. Few varieties ever attracted more attention in our Gardens or elicited more favorable comment. Blooms are simply huge and easily grown to 12 and 13 inches across, with perfect centers and good stems. Color, brilliant, vermillion-red, like the Ricard Geranium. Mark Hanna is one of the finest, the par excellence of red Dahlias. Priced way below its worth. Roots, \$5. Plants, \$2.50.

**ORINDA. I. D. (Newberry).** The best new Dahlia at Boston Show, 1929. Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal and **two** other firsts. Immense flower, of a rich, deep mauve pink. Plant tall and very vigorous and insect and disease proof. Extra long, stiff stems. Rocts, limited, **\$7.50. Plants, \$3.50.** 

THOMAS A. EDISON. Dec. (Maytrott). A gorgeous, royal purple, of exhibition size and

quality, with staghorn petal formation. The plant is dark green, with insect resistant foliage and cane-like stems. Named for, and by the permission of Mr. Edison. **Roots**, **\$7.50**. **Plants**, **\$3.75**.

W. H. T. Dec. (McCarroll-Schling). A new, giant, super exhibition Dahlia, of an unusually brilliant, deep, old rose, with faint traces of mauve on the reverse of the petals. Very vigorous grower on best of stems. Petals extra rich and long and recurving to the stem, making a bloom of **immense depth**, as well as diameter, and rarely beautiful. Lovely and attractive, and very free bloomer. **Roots, \$6.** Plants, \$3.

VIRGINIA RAE. I. D. (Plager). A beautiful golden yellow, with bronze on tips of petals. An immense bloom somewhat resembling Jane Cowl, but not so deep. Of fine formation, the always closed centers, show the bronzy tints wery strikingly. One of the best and most striking Dahlias, with stems, heavy, and absolutely stiff, at all times, and may be cut 3 ft. or more in length. A grand, new, novelty. **Roots, \$5. Plants, \$2.50.** 

#### A NUMBER OF OTHER OUTSTANDING NEW VARIETIES, SECURED TOO LATE TO CATALOGUE.

If you miss any you want, write us, we, likely, have them.

### Roll of Honor and Prize Winning Novelties

A. O. KENNEY, Dec. (Darling) — A large, deep flower, on good stems. A beautiful, golden buff, with the always full center, slightly tinted with bronze. D. W. Hart says of it,—"Never, on any flower, have I seen more gold dust on the petals". IRoots, \$5. Plants, \$2.50.

**BETTY IVINS**, Dec. (F. and M.)—A large and very full flower of a salmon, overlaid with an amber glow, reverse rosy pink. Stems long and stiff. An unusual color, and beautiful. Roots, \$3. Plants, \$1.50.

**BARBARA REDFERN, Dec.** (Redfern) — One of (California's best introductions. A combination of old rose and old gold in color. Large flowers, early and continuous bloomer, on extra good stems. Roots (\$1. Plants, \$1. **BROCKTON BEAUTY, Dec.** (Carver)—A very large flower of extreme depth and size, outstanding in garden or showroom. Color is pinkish lavender, shading to a creamy white center with lavender reverse. Carried well above the bush, on long, stiff stems. Certificate at Storrs. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

CHEMAR'S U. S. A., Dec. (Chemar)—A large deep flower, with airtight center, stems long and canestiff. Color like old U. S. A. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

COQUETTE, Dec. (F. and M.)—An immense flower and a beautiful combination of red and gold. Face of petals, musketeer red, blending with gold; reverse, gold. n immense, thick, fluffy flower, with curled and twisted petals. A fine exhibition variety. Flower at least a foot above first pair of leaves. Stems very long and rigid. Leathery, dark green foliage. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

EDNA FERBER, H. C. (F. and M.)—An exhibition hybrid cactus of huge size, (up to 11 inches and very deep) on long, stiff stems. A glistening coral shading to old gold at base of petals, which are beautifully twisted. A grand novelty. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

EMILY GASS. Dec. (Dr. Gass)—A large and beautiful flower of white, with a delicate pink suffusion. Plant is a giant, 7 to 8 feet in height and the 8 to 11 inch flowers are held rigidly erect on 4 foot stems. Free bloomer. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

ELKRIDGE, H. C. (Griffiths)—A very fine bloomer of large hize, on good stems. Color pure white, Good. Roots \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

ELITE GLORY, Dec. (Kennedy) — A monstrous flower of brilliant red, on cane-like stems. One of the most spectacular Dahlias ever grown and considered by Hart one of the six best Dahlias of Eastern origin. Grown to 14 inches. Roots \$1. Plants \$1.

ELLINOR VANDERVEER, Dec. (Seal) — A big bloom of rose pink, on fine, long stems. Roots \$1.

FLORENCE KLEIN, Dec. (F. and M.)—One of the largest. A very deep, full flower, of a gorgeous salmon-orange color. Vigorous plant, dark green, leathery foliage, stiff stems. An exhibition bloom of exquisite brilliancy. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

FORDHOOK MARVEL, Dec. (Burpee)—The best of their Prize Winners at New York. A huge flower, of a bright, rich, salmon, shading to terra cotta red, on grand stems. Plant tall and robust and insect proof. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

FORT MOMMOUTH, H. C. (Kemp) — One of the giants of the Dahlia World, growing 13 to 14 inches over a tall robust plant, 7 to 8 feet in height. Very prolific, frequently 5 or 6 immense blooms open at one time, on stems 3 to 4 feet long and stiff as canes. A rich, crimson maroon and a fine keeper. A most spectacular Dahlia and a constant winner in Largest Bloom Class. Won for us as Largest and Best Bloom, at Portsmouth. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.59.

FRANK GALVIN, Dec. (Galvin)—A very large and deep flower, of beautiful, soft pink, on long stems. Runner up for G. and H. Prize at Boston 1927. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

GALLI-CURCI, Dec. (Lyndora)—An immense, curly petaled flower of a brilliant salmon-orange, intensified with gold tints, and a beautiful sheen. A giant plant, with extra long stiff stems. Very prolific. A great prize winner and a grand variety. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

GOLDEN EMBLEM, Dec. (White) — A perfect Dahlia. Has size, beautiful color and formation and wonderful keeper and grand stems. Golden yellow, held high and facing. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

GLORY OF SUNRISE TRAIL, H. C. (Babylon)— Another very striking Hybrid Cactus. A large beautiful flower of maise yellow, tipped violet, with lavender reverse. Strikingly beautiful. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

GRACE RECORDS, Dec. (Records-Maytrott)—An outstanding novelty of 1929, giving Kathleen Norris a close run at Camden Show. A very large flower of artistic formation, tipped and suffused lavender on white ground. Petals cleft. A tall strong grower. Roots \$5. Plants \$2.50.

JERSEY'S GLORY, Dec. (Waite)—Another of Mr. Waite's beautiful 1929 introductions. A sparkling orange, mingled with yellow. Long, stiff stems which arch gracefully. Large and free with stems as long as Jersey's Beauty. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

JERSEY'S BEAUTY, Dec. (Waite)—The old glorious pink that has never been surpassed and is still unbeatable in its class. Roots \$1.

JERSEY'S MASTERPIECE, Dec. (Waite)—This is a beautiful strawberry pink, suffused gold at base of florets. A beautiful and outstanding variety, somewhat similar in formation to Insulinde, of extreme size and very prolific, on long, sturdy stems. Fine. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

JERSEY'S BEACON, Dec. (Waite)—Huge flowers of Chinese scarlet with tan reverse. Great stems. Striking. Roots \$1.

JERSEY'S MAMMOTH, Dec. (Waite) — Rightly named, 12 to 14 inch flowers. Golden mahogany. Roots \$1.

JANE COWL, (Down's) — This massive decorative has been, and still is, one of the greatest prize winners of all time. An immense flower, frequently  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches across and 7 inchest deep, on cane stiff stems 3 to 4 feet long and holding the huge flowers well above the foliage, some facing up. Wonderfully beautiful. A warm buff and old gold, blending to salmon at the perfect center. A magnificent variety which every one should grow. Always robust and very prolific. Roots \$2. Plants \$1. JEAN HARE, H. C. (F. and M.)—A beautiful flower and an unusual formation—nearly cactus. Opens golden yellow, which changes to apricot buff, outer petals, golden bronze. Great size (11 inches) and beauty, rigid, upright stems. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

JACK O'LANTERN, Dec. (Success)—Introduced in 1928 and scoring 87 at New Jersey Trial grounds. Flower scarlet, reverse pure yellow, large and very striking. Stems the best. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

KATHLEEN NORRIS, Dec. (F. and M.)—Another season has but added to the lustre of this most wonderful Dahlia. The judges of four leading shows gave it the highest awards in 1929, but its winnings in 1930 and 1931 were legion. It won in practically every show entered, in its class. Blooms are of gigantic proportions, a true rose-pink, later deepening to mallow pink. Broad overlapping petals with twisted ends, and center always full and on stems that hold it right up to be admired. Foliage dark green and leathery and positively insect proof. One of the most beautiful Dahlias ever introduced. A limited number of Roots \$5. Plants \$2.50.

KING MIDAS, Dec. (Peacock)—A gorgeous, deep, golden yellow and considered by Derrill W. Hart as one of the six greatest exhibition Dahlias of Eastern origin, and a constant winner. Will produce 6 to 8 immense exhibition blooms at one time and on perfect stems. Roots \$4. Plants \$2.

**KEMP'S VIOLET WONDER, Dec. (Kemp)**—Bright, royal purple, an unique and absolutely new shade. An impressive flower with its great size and depth carried on grand stems. Winner everywhere. **Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.** 

MARSHALL'S MATCHLESS, H. C.—A giant flower, easily grown 11 inches across. Spinel pink or bright Cattelya, held erect on 3 foot stems and a splendid keeper. Petals have sharp points. Roots \$5. Plants \$2.50.

MINNIE EASTMAN (Eastman)—Classed as a Decorative, to my mind it is a true Hybrid Cactus. A striking red and gold flower, up to 10 inches in size and on 3 foot (or more) stems. A large and vigorous plant and a most prolific bloomer, holding good size all the season. Very striking in the garden and fine for exhibition. We won a blue on vase of 12 of these at Portsmouth. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

MISS LONGVIEW, H. C. (Tyler)—The best of Miss Tyler's 1929 introductions. This huge Dahlia is bright canary yellow, reverse jasper red, which suffuses the many outer rows of petals as they mature, giving them a soft, salmon tone, while center retains its yellow color. The whole flower has a glisten and sheen, and grows 10 inches across and 6 inches deep without disbudding—and on long, canelike stems. A worthy rival of the great Marmion. Roots \$4. Plants \$2. MRS. ALFRED B. SEAL, Dec. (Seal)—Described by the originator as follows:—"Undoubtedly the largest and finest pure, rich, glowing, old rose Dahlia ever produced—nothing we have ever seen can even remotely approach it. Such an unusual coloring—the softest, richest shade of pure, glowing old rose imaginable. The flowers are huge, measuring with Siskiyou, and of great depth and substance, and held proudly erect above a tall, strong bush. It won at Palace Hotel, the Garden and Home Builder Achievement Medal for Best New Dahlia, originatd west of the Rocky Mountains. New for 1929 and the outstanding Western Dahlia of the year. Roots \$4. Plants \$2.

MY COUNTRY, Dec. (Murphy)—The big noise in the red and white class. A 9 to 10 inch bloom, of great depth, on stiff stems, facing. The 2 inch wide petals are pure white, edged with deep garnet, later turning to all garnet at base tippd white. Thrifty grower, but not tall and needs no stakes. Prolific. A striking novelty. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

MY MARYLAND, H. C. (Downs) — A beautiful bright pink, each pe.al tipped ivory, both at center and on outside of flower. Many prizes including Garden and Home Achievement Medal. Large flower on strong stems. Roots (limited) \$4. Plants \$2.

MARGARET WOODROW WILSON, Dec. (F. & M.) A lovely flower of opalescent pink, face a creamy white, reverse phlox pink. Large and deep on fine stems. Prolific. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

MARMION, Dec. (Tyler)—A giant plant and giant flower, 11 to 12 inches across and 6 inches deep and holds its size and center. Pure golden yellow with bronzy tints, held aloft on 4 foot stems, like cane. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

MRS. DINGEE, P. D. (Brock)—Another giant variety, with beautiful foliage and extreme vigor. Flowers are lovely, a combination of salmon-rose, soft pink and gold and of extreme size. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

NANAQUAKET, Dec. (Richards) — An immense bloom of extraordinary beauty. One of the three best pink grown. A delicate shade of orchid pink, each petal bordered with a hair line of deeper orchid pink. Easily grown to 10 and 12 inches with ordinary disbudding. Long, stiff stems. Very striking. Roots \$2. Plants \$1. Special price in quantity.

ORANGE WONDER, Dec. (Truesdale)—Beautiful golden orange, shading to burnt orange in center. An 11 inch flower on strong stems over a robust plant. An impressive flower, winner of several Certificates and Medals. Roots \$4. P.ants \$2.

OVSTER BAY BEAUTY, Dec. (Chemar)—A rich, dark red and most prolific of its color, carrying 25 to 30 large blooms at one time. Striking and beautiful. Stems good. Plant very sturdy and branching and requires no staking. Roots \$1. Plants \$1. **PRIDE OF STRATFORD, Dec.** (M. & S.)—A strikingly beautiful Dahlia of large size, on long, sturdy' stems. A brilliant cadmium orange, shading slightly to orange yellow in center. Always in demand-**Roots \$1. Plants \$1.** 

**PRIMULA REX**, Dec. (Broomall)—Has won many prizes in the Specimen Bloom and Largest Flower classes. Clear primrose yellow of distinctive appearance on long, rigid stems. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL, Dec. (Burns)—A giant flower of pure, glistening yellow and unique formation, petals very wide and buttercup shape. Stems extra long and rigid. Many prizesin Largest Bloom Class. Roots \$1. Plants \$1.

**REGAL, Dec. (Bessie Boston)**—Her largest introduction and a Gold Medal Dahlia. Grown up to 16inches in California. Many huge Dahlias are rather shy bloomers, but Regal is very prolific. The crown blossom will be at least 12 inches, and other flowers of this immense size may be obtained by disbudding. A beautiful combination of Autumn shades, bronze, heavily suffused with dull old rose and shading togold at the base of the petals. One of my best sellers. **Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.** 

**ROMANCE**, Dec. (Schling)—An immense and wonderfully beautiful flower of rich, clear, pink, charmingly interblended with lighter pink. One of the most beautiful Dahlias in existence and a worthy rival of Kathleen Norris. The flowers are deep, as well as very large and on long, cane-stiff stems. An early and prolific bloomer and a grand Dahlia in every way. I consider Romance, Kathleen Norris and Nanaquaket the three finest pinks grown and Romance is by no means the least of these. Roots **\$5. Plants \$2.50**.

**ROBT. SCOTT, Dec. (Brock)**—An older variety but still wonderfully fine. Extra large flowers are produced in great abundance and on perfect, extra long stems. Frequently 6 to 8 huge flowers open at once and it is one of the first to bloom. A fine variety at a small price. Roots \$1. Plants \$1.

ROSE STILSON, Dec. — The lovely blooms are a deep old rose, touched with violet, shading to gold at base of petals. Flowers of great size held well above a medium bush on long, stiff stems. Roots \$5. Plants \$2.50.

SUNRISE, Dec. — Another of Murphy's good ones, which I consider his best introduction. Flowers are gorgeously beautiful, two-tone salmon pink, with gold variations and tips in soft pastel tones. Truly named, it resembles a gorgeous sunrise—or sunset. Giant blooms up to 11 inches, deep and full, held high above a sturdy bush, on best of stems. An addition to any collection. Roots \$3. Plents \$1.50.

SILVERADO, H. C. (Seal)—Almost a cactus and the largest of its class. I grew it 11½ inches last season. Immense, feathery blooms of white, shading to delicate, silvery, lavender at the center. Bush tall and well branched with blooms held well above it, on extra long, stiff, stems. Roots \$2. Plants \$1. SULTANA, Dec. (Beatrice)—A giant flower whose predominating color is tan, with rose and mulberry shading at all times. Prolific and 10 to 12 inches across. Stems O. K. Roots \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

SANHICAN'S NYMPH, Dec. (F. and M.)—Large exhibition flower outstanding for size and beauty. Petals quilled and never open at center. Color rich primrose yellow, reverse touchd with faun-rose. A unique and beautiful flower, with perfect stems. **Roots \$4.** Plants \$2.

SANHICAN'S QUEEN, Dec. (F. and M.)—Visitors are always attracted by the unusual and beautiful colorings of this Dahlia which is almost impossible to describe. It is blending of apricot, faintly tinted carmine rose, deepening toward the tight center. Extra fine keeper, either for cutting or exhibition. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

SHOE CITY, Dec. (Carver)—Pure, golden bronze all through, with quilled petals. A prolific producer of large exhibition flowers, which never show a center and carried on wonderful stems, above the foliage. Splendid keeper. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

THE TELEGRAM, Dec. (Marshall)—Unusual and beautiful flowers of pale orange, tipped pure white. Medium size. Very striking. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

**THE LEMONADE**, Dec. (Ward)—One of the best yellows and a New England production. Has size, beautiful formation and long, rigid stems. A clear lemon yellow and a splendid keeper on the bush or exhibition table. Roots \$2. Plants \$1.

THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS, Dec. (Carver) — Winner of Achievement Medal at Boston. A superb flower of wonderful beauty. Color different, nearest to the American Beauty Rose. Free bloomer, flowers very large and deep. Roots \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

THE SURPRISE, Dec. (Marshall) — Light wine, blended chamois. Large, grand stem. Roots \$1.

THE BASHFUL GIANT, Dec. — Largest Dahlia grown, buff and amber. Roots \$1.

**TRENTONIAN, Dec. (F. and M.)**—Giant bloom and cane stems. Reddish bronze, with gold and coppery tints. Roots \$1.

THE WORLD, Dec. (Maytrott) — This wonderful flower was selected and named for the N. Y. World. Color is unusual—deep, rosy, magenta, overlaid garnet, with silver shadings on edges of petals. A rich and beautiful combination of colors. Flower 8 to 10 inches across and half as deep, center and stems perfect. Roots \$4. Plants \$2.

**TREASURE ISLAND, Dec. (Maytrott)**—One of the brightest autumn shade Dahlias. Bright apricot, with gold and rose suffusion and shadings. Flowers 10 inches by 5 inches deep, on long, stiff stms. **Roots \$4. Plants \$2.** 

VALENTINO, Dec. (B. Boston)—One of her most beautiful introductions. A beautiful soft salmon pink, shading to a creamy center, on long, upright stems. Has great size and attractive formation. An outstanding variety. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

WATCHUNG WONDER, Dec. (Smith)—One of the wonders of the Dahlia world. Flowers  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches and 7 inches deep are common, on stems that are absolutely stiff. Royal red, with a touch of gold at center which is always full. A spectacular flower and a sensation at New York and Newark. Roots \$5 net. Plants \$2.

WESTERN GIANT, Dec. (Lee)—A giant of giants and even larger in diameter than Marmion. Also very prolific, with 5 to 7 huge blooms open at once on 3 foot rigid stems. Sure winner in Big-Bloom Class. Color, bright orange, with tint of gold, reverse salmon-rose. A good one. Roots \$4. Plants \$2.

W. J. ERWIN, Dec. (Brock)—A lavender pink of immense size and perfect stem. Low grower. Roots \$1.

WALDHEIM SUNSHINE, Dec. (Peacock) — This giant hybrid decorative is one of the best. A true deep yellow, with darker reflex and rich, golden suffusion around the high center. Sturdy grower and free bloomer, held upright on strong, erect stems. Roots \$4. Plants \$2.

WATCHUNG MAROON, Dec.—Another of Smith's good ones. A giant flower, almost black, resembling Ft. Washington, but larger and darker. Tall grower and long, stiff stems. Roots \$4. Plants \$2.

YELLOW BEAUTY, Dec. (Wood-Waite)—Seedling of Jersey's Beauty, having same splendid stem, perfect form and habit of growth. Color pure empire yellow. Roots \$4. Plants \$2.

YELLOW PRINCESS, Dec. (Frazer)—A sensation, and one of the best yellows grown. Flowers 10 to 12 inches on stiff stems. Many prizes and medals and sure winner in Largest Bloom Class. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

YANKEE KING. Dec. (Wood's)—Very large, and held over a tall vigorous bush on extra fine stems. Winner of many prizes at New York and elsewhere. Color an intense flame, with rose reverse. Certificate at Storrs. An outstanding variety. Roots \$3. Plants \$1.50.

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