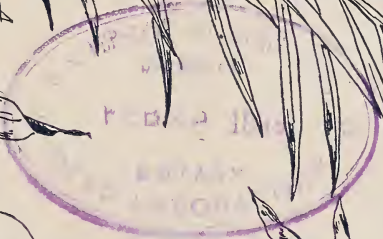


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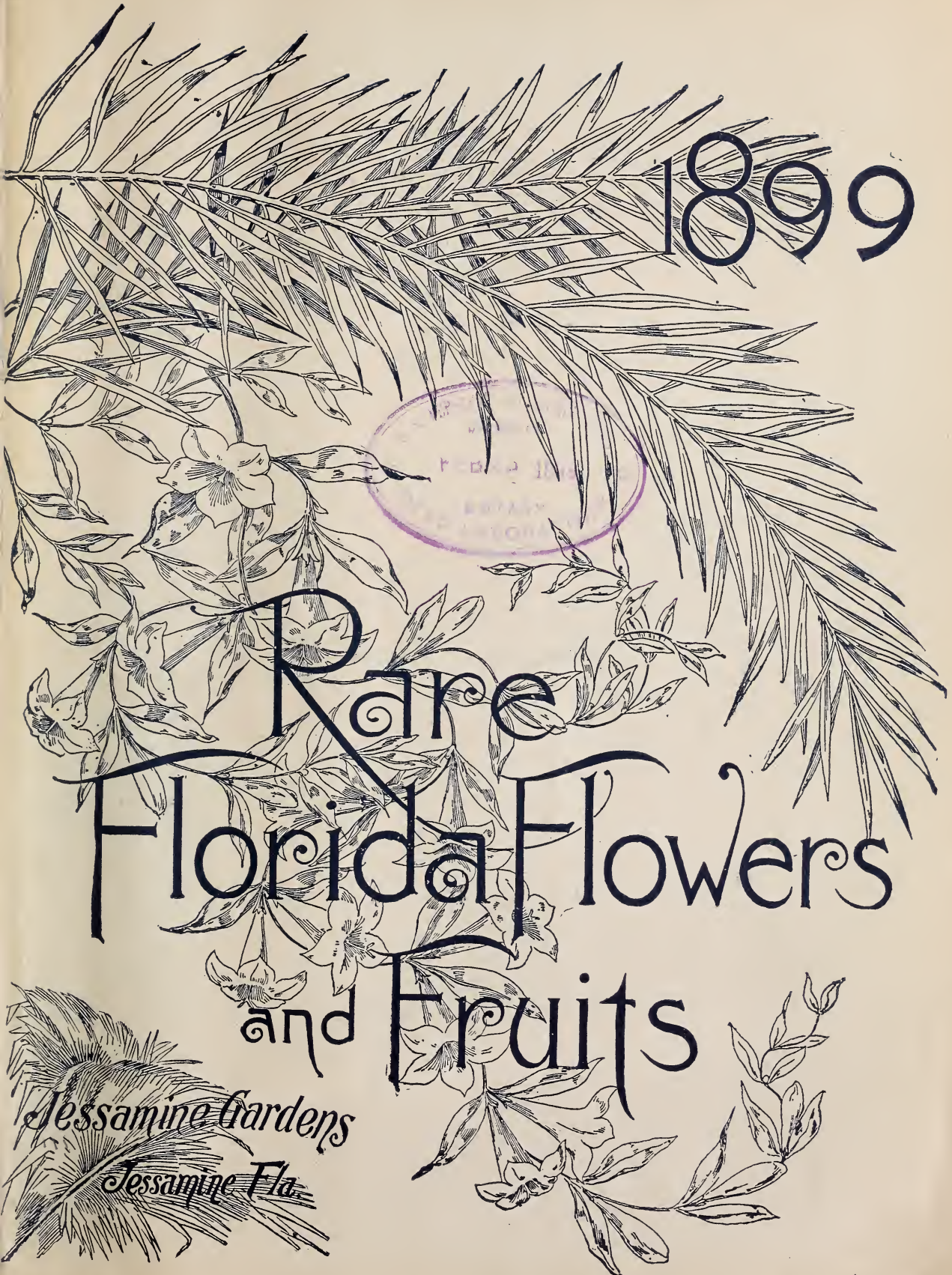


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### Phrynium Variegatum.

It is impossible to convey by plate, description or cut anything like a correct idea of the great beauty of this new ornamental foliage plant. Its habit of growth is almost precisely like the Canna, and it grows from a tuber, which may be wintered dry—like a Gladiolus—if desired, or it may be kept growing the year around as a pot plant. The Canna-like shoots grow from a foot or 18 inches to 3 feet high, and the leaves, which are spreading blades of oblong-lanceolate form, are from 6 to 10 inches long and 2 to 5 inches broad. They are bright pale green, beautifully variegated with pure white and rich cream, the variegations being extremely diversified; indeed in our beds of thousands of the plants it is almost impossible to find two leaves exactly alike. In some leaves the whole area is pure white or rich cream color, in others only one-third or one-half, in others again it is reduced to a few stripes or faint lines—and all these variegations in one plant. It is very free growing and one of the most ornamental plants imaginable, either for pot culture or for bedding out. It is a grand plant to border Canna-beds with, standing the full force of the sun's rays; indeed the fiercer the sunshine the more perfect are the variegations of the leaves. The variegations grow constantly better and more varied as the plant grows older and larger. It is managed with the most perfect ease and is absolutely sure to delight all who grow it. Price, 15c. each, 3 for 40c.



PHRYNIUM VARIEGATUM.

### Rambler Roses.

#### Four Magnificent Hardy Climbing Roses.

When the *Crimson Rambler*—the forerunner of this magnificent class of hardy climbing Roses—was first introduced it did not seem possible that all the claims made for it could be true, but time has proved that it was in no way overpraised and that in reality it would be impossible to over-laud its many sterling qualities. Three other distinct varieties, *Yellow*, *White* and *Pink*, have since been introduced and the four form a magnificent quartet of perfectly hardy Climbing Roses which should have a place of honor on every homestead in the land. They are so cheap that the humblest lover of flowers can afford to plant the entire set; and if planted near together so their long, luxuriant branches may intertwine, they will transform the lowliest cottage existing into a bower of crimson, yellow, white and pink loveliness for weeks during every summer.

**Crimson Rambler**—This superb Rose originated in Japan and is of the Polyantha or Multiflora class, perfectly hardy without the slightest protection in Massachusetts, and therefore probably so in every state in the Union. It is of free, rambling habit, growing 8 and 10 feet in one season and completely covering itself with great pyramidal panicles or trusses of about 1½ inches in diameter and remaining perfect on the plant for upwards of three weeks with their freshness of color unimpaired. In the state of Massachusetts the past summer a *Crimson Rambler* Rose only 3-years planted produced at the very lowest figure 11,750 flowers. There were 235 bunches in all, with an average of at least 50 flowers to the bunch. *The largest bunch bore 123 flowers!* While it will climb to a great height if allowed to do so, it may be grown in bush-form, if so desired, by cutting back; or if pegged down it will form a bed of itself. Often begins flowering when only a foot or two high. Fine plants, 15c.

**Yellow Rambler**—(*Aglaia*.) This is the first (and thus far the only) hardy climbing Rose with yellow flowers to be introduced. It originated with a prominent German rosarian who carefully tested it for some eight years before offering it to the public. Unprotected year-old plants have withstood without injury ten degrees below zero, and a continued temperature of from zero to two degrees below. It is of the same strong vigorous habit of growth as *Crimson Rambler*, and produces its clear, decided yellow and very sweet-scented flowers in the same handsome pyramidal shape, often as many as 150 flowers in a bunch, and lasting from 3 to 4 weeks before fading. The plants do not bloom at quite so early an age as *Crimson Rambler*, but make up for this as soon as well established by the profusion and magnificence of the flowers they produce. The superb effect of these two magnificent Roses blooming side by side or with branches intertwined must be seen to be appreciated. Fine strong plants, only 15c. each.

**White Rambler**—(*Thalia*.) Of German origin and a blood relative of *Crimson Rambler*, which it resembles in habit of growth, foliage, manner of blooming, form of flowers and hardness. Its flowers are pure white, sweetly scented and remain upon the plant from 3 to 5 weeks. Fine plants, 15c.

**Pink Rambler**—(*Euphrosyne*.) This may be described the same as *White Rambler* except the color of its flowers are pure shiny-rose—the partially open buds being bright, light carmine, thus producing a strong and pleasing contrast; and the numerous yellow stamens lend an additional charm to the flowers. Fine plants, 15c. each.



CRIMSON RAMBLER ROSE.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—In order that every one may afford to plant these superb Roses we will send the set of 4, amounting at catalogue prices to 60c., postpaid to any address for only 50c.



## Cherokee Rose, or Rosa Sinica.

This beautiful *Chinese Climbing Rose* is of the greatest value for hedge making throughout the South. Will grow in the poorest soil, the canes often attaining a length of 10 or 12 feet in one season, and are beset with numerous large spines or prickles. The leaves are in threes, smooth and glossy, shining as though varnished, and the large, single, snowy white flowers measure about 3 inches across, with a heart of fluffy golden stamens. Lovely for training over verandas, windows, etc., and ornamental at all times, but particularly so when white with bloom. Reliably hardy as far north as Washington at least. Nice plants, 15c. each. For regular list of Roses see page 31.

## Glimbing White Pet Rose.

A new everblooming climbing *Polyantha Rose* which for rapidity of growth has no equal in the climbing class, while for freedom of bloom it surpasses any other variety known. Its vigor is simply remarkable; under ordinary cultivation young plants will the first year make finely formed bushes with numerous shoots 12 to 16 feet in length. The flowers are pure snowy white in color, of medium size, very double and full, and borne in trusses after the fashion of *Crimson Rambler*. They are borne continuously throughout the season and in astonishing numbers—just as freely as any *Polyantha* variety. The flowers have the additional charm of being highly fragrant, emitting a cherry-like odor, both delicate and delicious. It will prove hardy in the coldest climates with moderate protection. It flowers the first year after planting and is a true *everbloomer*. Fine plants, only 10c. each.



CHEROKEE ROSE (ROSA SINICA)

other spikes have started out in the same leaf axil, and it is thus always in bloom—January to December. Even tiny plants in thumb-pots bloom, though of course the spikes are proportionately smaller. This plant was discovered in New Guinea by the botanist Monsieur Micholitz, springing not simply from the ground, but also from the tops of the mud huts of the savages. He at once collected specimens of the plant, and travelled with them three thousand five hundred miles to Singapore, to ensure safe shipment, so certain was he that their great beauty would excite admiration among plant lovers. We are propagating it for spring delivery, and will book all orders for it to be filled in rotation as fast as the plants are ready. Price, 35c. each.

## Strobilanthes Dyerianus.

A very beautiful foliage plant which surpasses the finest *Coleus Begonias* or *Bertolonias* in the exquisite coloring of the leaves. It forms a compact plant, 18 inches high with opposite leaves 6 to 9 inches long, 3 to 4 inches wide, tapering at both ends and smooth. The undulation on the surface of the foliage is furnished with a bluish metallic hue, shading into bright rosy purple in the center, with light green or grayish-green edges. As is well known, few handsome foliage plants have flowers of any value whatever. But the *Strobilanthes* produces terminal erect flower spikes 6 inches long, and at a time—in midwinter—when they will be most appreciated. It is just as easy to grow as *Coleus* and bedded out in the hottest sunshine thrives to perfection and colors up grandly. Nice plants, only 15c. each.



CHENILLE PLANT (ACALYPHA SANDERI).

## Chenille Plant.

(*Acalypha Sanderi*).

This is the most remarkable and sensational plant novelty which has been discovered and introduced for a generation. The *Acalyphas* hitherto known to plant lovers are remarkable for their highly colored and beautifully marked foliage (see page 43), in which they rival the *Coleus*; but *Acalypha Sanderi*, to which we have given the very fitting name of *Chenille Plant*, is one of the most gorgeous and peculiar flowering plants thus far discovered. It grows up a straight, stout stem clothed with large green leaves of good substance, and out of the axil of every leaf grows a spike of blossom, glowing crimson-scarlet in color, 20 to 30 inches long, as large around as a person's finger and looks exactly like a long piece of crimson-scarlet chenille cord.

They grow on the plant exactly as our cut shows, and on plants a foot high the lower flower spikes will hang below the bottom of the pot, and they continue to lengthen as the plant grows larger. They last for weeks before fading, and before they fall off from one to two or three



STROBILANTHES DYERIANUS.



## Velvet Plant.

(*Gynura Aurantiaca.*)

This is a plant of the greatest beauty and just as easy to grow as a *Coleus*, yet it is very scarce and but little known. No other name could be so appropriate as *Velvet Plant*, for so close is the resemblance that on first sight the plant is almost invariably taken to be artificial. Its stems and leaves are entirely covered with glistening purple hairs and to the touch are as soft and downy as a piece of rich velvet. They shine and glisten and reflect many shades of color, every time the plant is moved the color of the foliage seeming to change. The leaves are about the shape and size of those of the *Coleus*, but several times thicker and long lasting, while the plant itself is a strong, free grower. The beauty of the plant is further enhanced by clusters of brilliant orange flowers which are produced when it has attained good size. It thrives under exactly the same culture as does the *Coleus*, but the more sun it receives the darker the color of its foliage will be. A grand plant and one of the easiest growth. Price of plants, 20c. each.



GYNURA, OR VELVET PLANT.

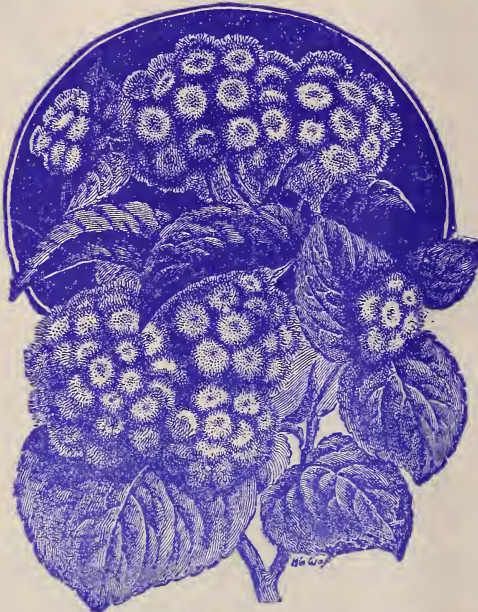


SWAINSONA ALBA.

## Melon Papaw.

(*Carica Papaya.*)

The economic qualities of this remarkable tropical fruit plant will be found described on page 41. It is introduced here as a magnificent bedding plant for all parts of the country—North and South—and as easy to grow as a *Castor Bean*. It forms a branchless, Palm-like trunk clothed with the grandest leaves, each 2 to 3 feet in diameter, deeply cut and divided, of a rich dark green color, with white midribs and veins, forming a beautiful contrast. If set out in good soil after all danger of frost is past, it will grow with amazing rapidity, attaining a height of 10 feet or more and standing the longest droughts with impunity, always looking fresh and vigorous. The male and female flowers are produced on different plants; those on the male plants are produced in long racemes, are pale yellow and wax-like and exquisitely fragrant. As a pot plant the *Melon Papaw* is highly decorative and very unique. It grows from seed with perfect ease; they should be sown early in the window and grown on in pots until time to bed out. In transplanting be careful not to bruise either the roots or



AGERATUM PRINCESS PAULINE.

stems. We send out the plants with the ball of earth about the roots intact. Several plants can be grown from a single packet of the seed, and with them a wonderful tropical effect obtained in the garden or on the lawn. Price of fresh seeds, 10c. per pkt. Price of plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

## Swainsonas.

The *Swainsona* or *Swanflower* is a beautiful everblooming plant of recent introduction and equally adapted for house culture or bedding out. The individual flowers strongly resemble *Sweet Peas* and are produced in elegant sprays. The foliage, too, is exceedingly beautiful, being Fern-like and very deep green, forming a lovely setting for the exquisite blossoms. It is of the easiest culture as a pot plant, flowering beautifully throughout the winter months, and bedded out in fully exposed situations it will bloom all summer long.

**S. Alba**—Flowers pure ivory white and exquisitely beautiful. 15c. each.

**S. Rosea**—Exactly like *Alba* except the color of the flowers, which is a deep shiny pink. Very beautiful. The two colors make a lovely combination. 15c. each.

## Ageratum Princess Pauline.

A new and most distinct and novel variety of dwarf compact habit, rarely exceeding 5 inches in height. A peculiarity of this sort is that both colors, blue and white, are combined in the same flower; the body of the flower being white, while the stamens are of a light sky-blue, giving the flower a very pretty variegated appearance. A very profuse bloomer. Price, 20c. each.

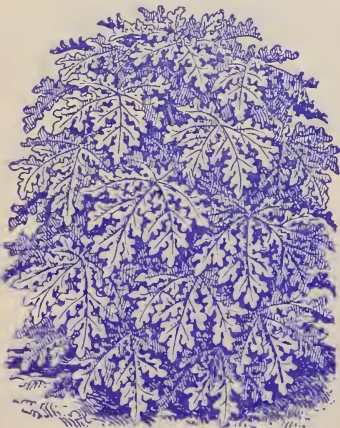
## Dwarf Umbrella Plant.

(*Cyperus Gracilis.*)

This is a remarkably dwarf form of the regular *Umbrella Plant* (described and illustrated on page 64.) It grows only about a foot or less high, with slender stems like knitting needles, crowned with tiny fairy-like "umbrellas." It makes a fine aquarium plant and for table decoration is especially valuable. It succeeds under almost any conditions and will please all who give it a trial. Price, 15c. each.



DWARF UMBRELLA PLANT.



MELON PAPA W.

## Giant Umbrella.

(*Cyperus Strictus.*)

A truly magnificent and gigantic species fine for growing in conjunction with *Water Lilies* and magnificent "umbrellas" 2 feet or more across and of the darkest, richest green. Two or three of these "umbrellas" cut and placed in a jar or vase of water are as decorative as the finest *Palm*. Price, 15c. each.

other aquatics. In rich soil and shallow water, or a very moist spot, it will grow 6 or 7 feet high, with more across and of the darkest, richest green. Two or three of these "umbrellas" cut and placed in a jar or vase of water are as decorative as the finest *Palm*. Price, 15c. each.



## Two Splendid Solanums.

**Solanum Wendlandii**—As a summer climber, this plant is simply glorious. It is doubtful if any other climber will cover so much space in so short a time, while from June until its growth is checked by frost the profusion of its flowers is simply remarkable. The flowers are produced in immense cymes at the end of pendulous branches. These cymes, or heads of bloom, are from 8 inches to a foot in diameter, containing from 25 to 40 open flowers, but as buds keep opening in succession each head lasts perfect for at least a month, and often much longer. Each individual flower is from 1½ to 2 inches in diameter, and lasts several days. When first opening the color is dark blue, but this changes to a light lilac in the center, with a darker edge, and gives flowers of various shades of blue and lilac at the same time. The hotter the situation given it, the more glorious the display it will make. It should be treated as a summer grower only, being deciduous and going dormant in winter. It may be cut down in fall and only the root lifted and wintered. In the lower South the roots are hardy if mulched with trash of some kind. Nice plants only 15c. each.



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SOLANUM WENDLANDII.

**Solanum Rantonetti**—The True Blue Solanum. This is a shrubby sort which bears flowers of the very deepest and clearest blue, which is brought out more vividly by a yellow center. It forms a neat little bush about 2 feet high, which is covered with bloom during the entire summer and almost until Christmas. As easy to grow and flower as a *Geranium*, either in pots or in the garden. (See cut at bottom of page.) Price, 15c. each.

## Butterfly Orchid.

(*Epidendrum Venosum*.)

This exceedingly beautiful Florida Orchid is in reality immensely superior in beauty to many a \$5.00 species. It is very hardy, standing quite severe frosts, and will thrive anywhere that a *Geranium* will. All it requires is to be fastened onto a rough block of wood or bark and be dipped into water frequently. The plant is composed of a mass of green bulbs and stiff, thick, waxy leaves. In summer it produces long spikes of showy flowers, an inch or more in diameter, of beautiful shades of pink and greenish-chocolate color, changing with age to rich yellow and chocolate. May be grown in pots of peat, moss and charcoal mixed, as well as on wood. Nice plants, 15c. each; or nicely blocked and ready to hang up, as shown in the illustration, 35c. each. Very fine, large clumps (unblocked), 30c. each.

The blocking is very easily done with a piece of wire and tacks.



BUTTERFLY ORCHID

## Spanish Moss.

The long, graceful, silver-gray festoons of this beautiful Air Plant—*Tillandsia Usneoides*, erroneously called a moss—hang like long streamers from the limbs of the trees, producing an indescribably beautiful effect as it waves back and forth in every passing breeze. In the North it can be used with the most charming effect for draping over picture frames and rustic work, in living rooms, and for decorating Christmas trees and booths at church fairs, etc. It remains fresh and beautiful for months, and if occasionally taken down and thoroughly wet will remain fresh and growing for an indefinite period. The longest and most perfect strands, 20c. per pound. (To Canada, price 30c. per pound.)

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## Camphor Tree.

(*Cinnamomum Camphora*.)

The Camphor Tree or Camphor Laurel of China and Japan, from which the gum camphor of commerce is obtained. A beautiful evergreen, hardy in the lower Gulf States. Leaves smooth and a rich, shining green, the newer growth tinged with a beautiful wine color, making a striking contrast. One of the most symmetrical trees imaginable, forming a perfect cone from the ground to the summit. It should be extensively planted in Florida as an ornamental tree for yards or streets, and at the North as a pot or tub plant, on account of its very ornamental character and its very aromatic leaves and berries when bruised or crushed. May be wintered in the cellar or pit, if it is so desired. Fine plants, 15c. each; extra large and fine, 30c. each.

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## Hibiscus Southern Beauty.

This is the plant we have heretofore catalogued under the fanciful but meaningless name of "World's Fair Beauty" (the name under which it came to us.) It has so impressed us with its great beauty and desirability that we decided to re-christen it with a name worthy of it, and to present a cut showing it both as a garden and a pot plant. In the open ground it will grow to the height of 8 or 10 feet if allowed to do so, but it is better to keep it pinched back to a height of 4 or 5 feet. Every limb and twig is clothed with deeply 5-cleft leaves, the segments toothed and crimson-margined. In late summer and fall (until checked by frosts) it covers itself with extremely handsome and very striking flowers, in color deep crimson, shading deeper in the throat, which is almost black and velvety. As a pot plant it commences to bloom while very small, and we have had them in thumb-pots carrying flowers larger than the plants themselves. May be wintered in a pit or cellar. Nice plants, 15c.



SOUTHERN BEAUTY HIBISCUS.

## Palm Grass.

(*Panicum Excurrans*.)

A very elegant grass from Natal, which makes an exceedingly fine decorative pot plant. Few would think it a grass, for it much more closely resembles the seed leaves of some Palms, particularly the *Cocos*. It also strikingly resembles *Curculigo recurvata*, which is so much used for decorative purposes, but is much handsomer, more easily and quickly grown. Each leaf is a foot or more in length, two to three or four inches wide in the centre, tapering each way and ribbed lengthwise. A plant quickly forms a clump of stems fifteen inches to two feet high, each bearing several of these leaves, which arch gracefully outward, and form a very beautiful object. The blades work up excellently in church decorations, etc., as they do not wilt rapidly, and have a very distinctive appearance. The cut does not do it justice, as the plant is much more attractive and ornamental than the cut indicates. May be wintered in the window, pit or cellar. Does splendidly in the open ground in Florida. Price of fine plants, 10c. each.

## Alocasias.

Rare and very choice foliage plants belonging to the *Caladium* family, and very striking and beautiful either as pot plants or bedded out in summer. Of very easy culture and management, thriving in any soil but preferring considerable moisture. Elegant for vases and piazzas. Splendid tropical effects can be obtained by grouping *Alocasias* in conjunction with *Bananas*, *Caladiums*, *Cannas*, etc.

**Bataviensis**—Has the same general habit of growth as *Caladium Esculentum*; the leaves are a peculiar shade of very dark green, while the leaf stems are purplish-black, covered with a whitish bloom. A very handsome and desirable plant. Tubers, 25c. each.

**Illustris**—Leaves bright green but so heavily blotched with black-purple that the green appears in the form of broad veins and bor-



PALM GRASS.



ARROW ROOT.

## Arrow Root.

(*Maranta Arundinacea*.)

This is the *Arn* or true *Arrow Root* plant from which the arrow root of commerce is obtained. It is not only a very interesting plant, but a very beautiful foliage plant, and produces pretty small white flowers. It soon fills a pot, making a fine specimen, quite distinctive and tropical in appearance, and is very effective among other pot plants. It may also be bedded out, if desired, and will flourish in any position, no matter how poor the soil. Fine tubers, 10c. each. (See *Check*.)

**Maranta Massangeana**—A beautiful and most useful dwarf growing variety, especially adapted for use in connection with *Ferns* for filling Fern pots, jardinières etc. It has beautifully mottled foliage arranged in a charming manner. 25c. each.



ALOCASTIA JAVANICUM.

ders. One of the most beautiful and striking sorts of all. Attains a height of 3 or 4 feet, and will grow in shallow water, or a very wet place, hence is a very useful plant to grow with aquatics. Also does finely as a pot or lawn plant. Tubers, 15c. each.

**Javanicum**—Another equally rare and beautiful *Alocasia* and a fine companion to the above. Its leaves and stems are of a bluish color; entirely different from the above, and, with its big shield-shaped leaves, it presents a strikingly tropical appearance. A choice plant and handsomer than the cut looks. Tubers, 15c.

*Alocasias* may be dried off in the fall and the bulbs kept over winter in perfectly dry soil, sand or sawdust, in the cellar or a closet free from frost. For illustrations and descriptions of *Caladiums* and *Callas* see page 34; *Cannas*, 7, 22 and 23; *Bananas*, 40, 41

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## The "Shell Lily."

(*Alpinia Nutans*.)

This is not a true *Lily*, but belongs to the same family as the *Banana*, and, when fully developed, is one of the grandest tropical foliage plants imaginable. In a low, marshy corner of the *Jardín d'Acclimatacion*, in Havana, Cuba, may be seen a great mass of it, 10 or 12 feet in height, with large, deep green leaves, and terminal racemes 2 feet long of brilliant yellow, orange and white flowers; it is also seen in equal beauty in parts of Florida, where there is not much frost. Each individual flower is much like an exquisite crinkled shell—hence its popular name, "Shell Lily."—and the colors, yellow, orange and white, are as delicately combined and as strikingly contrasted as the flowers of some of the finest *Orchids*. The foliage has a delightful aromatic odor, for which alone the plant is well worth growing. In pots it assumes a dwarf form of from 1 to 2 or 4 feet high (according to size of pot), the numerous stems arching gracefully and clothed from bottom to top with the rich green fragrant leaves. A pot full of it is almost as ornamental as the finest *Palm*, and it may be set in a dark corner of the room for several days in succession; while if the hand is brushed over its leaves they will give forth their delightfully spicy fragrance. *And if given good soil and plenty of water it will grow to perfection for anybody.* Price, 15c. each.



## The "Bird Cactus."

A curious West Indian plant, known botanically as *Pedilanthus tithymaloides*, not a true *Cactus* at all but belongs to the *Euphorbia Family*. Its stout round stems are clothed with fleshy leaves from the axils of which appear small red showy flowers. The latter look strikingly like little birds sitting back-to-back with the tops of their heads, wings and backs bright scarlet, and the stamens and pistils forming the tail feathers. A fine little pot plant of the easiest culture, blooming during the winter months. A fine companion plant for *Cacti*, etc. Price, 15c. each.



CANNA ALLEMANIA.

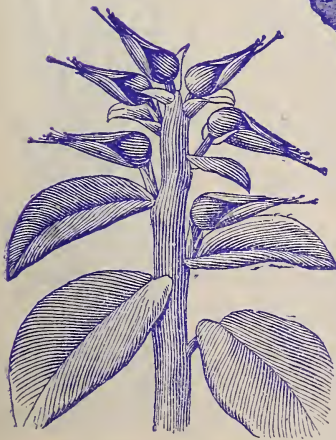
## Three Superb New Cannas.

**Allemania**—This is the grandest of the magnificent new Italian *Orchid-like* *Cannas* and is the most gigantic flowered sort yet obtained. Its flowers surpass in size even those of *Canna Italia*; the petals are a bright yellow, with large blotches of vermilion-orange, these blotches heavily mottled with scarlet, making a gorgeous *Orchid-like* flower of the greatest magnificence. Foliage majestic, being glaucous and *Banana-like*. Originally issued at \$5. each. Our price, only 25c. each.

**America**—Another of the *Orchid-Flowering* type and ranking above both *Austria* and *Italia*; the foliage is stronger and tougher and in color one harder to get in *Cannas*—dark bronzy-red, with irregular and conspicuous dashes of lighter, greenish color. The tall, strong flower stems bear large spikes of flowers of the form and size of those of *Italia*, but of a most rare and striking color—a sort of brilliant apricot-red, faintly spotted with darker salmon, the center canary-yellow marked with the apricot-red. An exceedingly rich appearing flower. Also originally issued at \$5. each. Our price, only 25c. each.

**President Cleveland**—An American sort and a genuine Gibraltar among *Cannas*. Height only 3½ feet; but the strongest, heaviest grower in the family, crowned with numerous immense trusses of large rich orange-scarlet flowers. A grand sort which promises to distance all other orange-scarlets. Price, 25c. each.

For descriptions and illustrations of other Cannas see pages 32 and 33



"BIRD CACTUS."

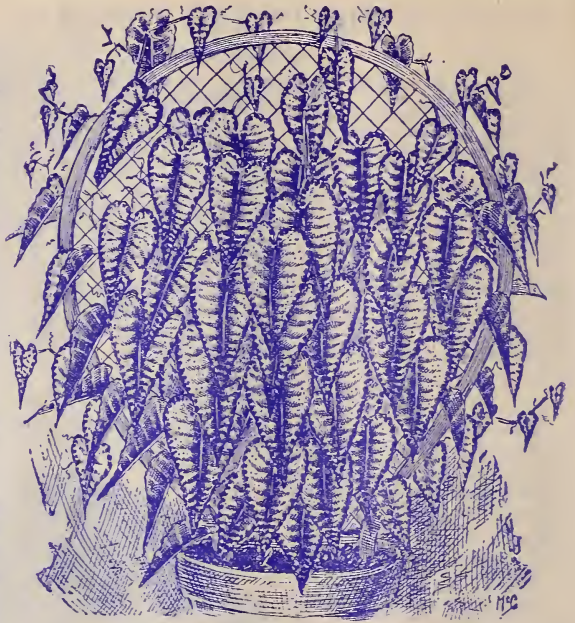


## Cissus Discolor, or Trailing Begonia.

This is not a species of *Begonia* but is called *Trailing Begonia* from the coloring and marking of its leaves. It is undoubtedly the most beautiful leaved climbing plant in cultivation; in fact no known plant can exceed its rare beauty in the matter of foliage. The leaves are long, heart-shaped and as richly colored as the finest *Begonia Rex*. The mid-rib and slightly toothed edges are red, while the rest of the upper surface is silver and bronze-green—the

latter very dark along the crimson mid-rib, and looks like bronze-green velvet. The under sides of the leaves, the leaf-stems, and the young vine-stems are transparent wine-red. For trailing over the sides of a window box or hanging-basket, to train up around a window, or to grow on a trellis, as shown in the illustration, it is one of the most odd, useful and beautiful plants. It will cover a trellis completely all over, the elegant leaves overlapping each other like shingles. It is a very easy plant to manage, but the warmer it is kept and the more sun it gets the richer the coloring will be. Where sufficient heat cannot be given it during winter its leaves will ripen and gradually

fall off and the vine remain in a dormant condition until spring when it will start into growth at every joint and make a magnificent display all the summer and fall. During its dormant or resting period only enough water should be given to keep its roots from drying out, and it may be set back in some corner where there is only partial light,—such a corner as most living rooms afford. We know a lady in New York state who grows this plant in this manner with the grandest success. Price, 15c. each.



CISSUS DISCOLOR OR TRAILING BEGONIA.



THE KUDZU VINE. A PERFECTLY HARDY CLIMBER.

## The Kudzu Vine.

(*Pueraria [Dolichos Japonicus] Thunbergiana.*)

This Japanese climber is the most rapid growing vine known, sometimes 13 inches in one day. It has a tuberous root, which is perfectly hardy everywhere, and in spring sends up vigorous shoots which will quickly shade an entire piazza front, and clamber to the top of the house if allowed to. It was first brought to Philadelphia at the time of the Centennial, by the Japanese who planted it in their department of the exposition to produce the quickest possible effect. Its foliage is very luxuriant—much like immense Bean leaves—and its rose-colored or purple and fragrant flowers are produced in large clusters. For covering porches, arbors, fences, stumps, dead trees, etc., with a luxuriant curtain of foliage and in the shortest possible space of time there is no climber that can equal it. In Japan it is valued as an economic plant of the greatest importance. The leaves are used as fodder for the cattle, an excellent starch is made from the tuberous roots, and the stems are prepared in various manners and a kind of cloth is made of them. In the village of Taka-Mura alone, it is said, over \$50,000 worth of this cloth is made annually. Nice plants, only 15c. each.



SANSEVIERIA

## Sansevieria or Zebra Plant.

If a plant is wanted to grow anywhere, in or out of the sun, to stand drought, dust and heat, and always look fresh and healthy, order one of these *Sansevierias*. They are beautiful plants, splendidly adapted for the decoration of rooms and halls, for the centres of vases, baskets, etc., as they stand all manner of abuse (except freezing) with impunity, even preserving their cheerful look when you have forgotten to water them for a month.

- S. Zealanica—Zebra Plant**—This is also known by some as *Alligator Lily*. Leaves grow to a length of 3 to 4 feet, and are beautifully striped and variegated crosswise with white on a very dark green ground. Native of India, where it is known as *Murra*. 15c. each
- S. Guineensis—African Bow-String Hemp**—Very ornamental, and a fine companion plant for the above. Its long, straight, sword-shaped leaves, growing from 3 to 6 feet long, and from 2 to 3 inches broad, are beautifully mottled gray and edged with brown. Native of Africa. From the leaves a very superior quality of fibre is obtained. Price, 15c. each.



## Butterfly Lily or Garland Flower.

(*Hedychium Coronarium*.)

This magnificent East Indian plant is one of the most desirable acquisitions to a collection of flowers imaginable. While the cut gives an excellent idea of the general appearance of the plant, it conveys but a slight idea of the chaste beauty of the large, snow-white and exquisitely fragrant flowers looking almost like a bevy of large, white butterflies hovering over the plant. Both plant and root are *Canna*-like, the shoots attaining a height of from two to five feet and surmounted by large terminal clusters of the beautiful flowers, more than one crop of which are produced from the same flower stalk. Like the *Canna* it cannot be given too rich a soil or too much heat and moisture when growing. As a pot or tub plant it is truly magnificent, and if given a large pot or tub as it becomes older, it will form a dense clump of stems and be covered almost continually with a mass of its beautiful and fragrant flowers. Frequent applications of liquid manure are beneficial, and also keeping the pot standing in water two or three inches deep. The roots may be wintered in a dormant condition (in the soil) if stored in a warm, dry situation; or if kept moist and warm enough the plant will flower the whole year around. Fine roots, only 10c. each.

"I put the Butterfly Lily into a big tub, out-of-doors in a hot, sheltered location, and made the soil very rich. I gave it lots of very warm water—in fact, kept the soil soaked,—and to repay me I have had 3 flower stalks in bloom continually since Sept. 1st. On quiet evenings the odor is noticeable for 30 feet away. Heat, rich soil and warm water are the secret of blooming."—S. S. ROPER, N. J.

## Three Splendid Thunbergias.

**Thunbergia Erecta**—A beautiful shrubby species introduced from West Africa, and one of the most handsome of all the *Thunbergias*. When cultivated in pots it assumes a dwarf compact habit, and is covered almost throughout the year with large tubular flowers which are a very rich bright purple in color, with an orange-yellow throat. It is especially fine for winter forcing, as its exquisite flowers can be obtained then in great abundance. Catalogued at the North at 75c. each. Our price of nice plants only 15c. each, larger, 30c. each.



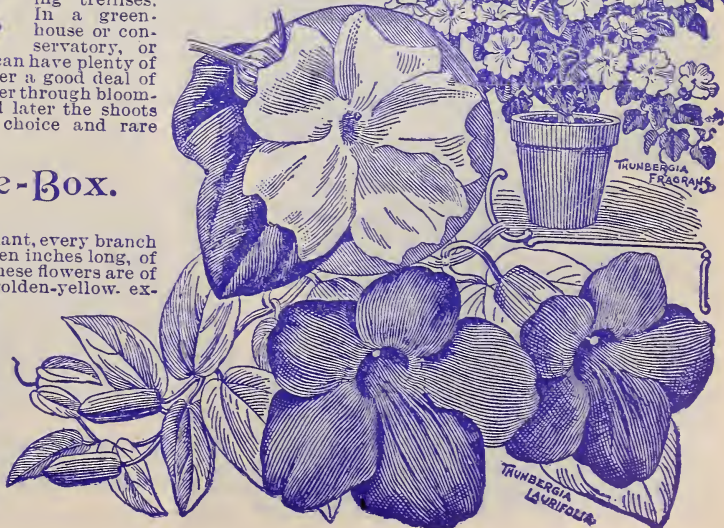
THUNBERGIA ERRECTA.

In the open ground in this State, where it can have plenty of room to spread itself, it will quickly cover a good deal of space and make a wonderful display. After through blooming the vine should be well cut back, and later the shoots thinned and regulated. An extremely choice and rare plant. Price, 25c. each

## West India Rattle-Box.

(*Crotalaria Retusa*.)

A low-growing, profusely branching plant, every branch and branchlet ending in racemes six to ten inches long, of beautiful large *Sweet Pea*-like flowers. These flowers are of thick substance, fragrant, and in color golden-yellow. except the keel in the centre, which looks like brown velvet, and are as large as the finest *Sweet Peas*. The flowers are followed by clusters of short, smooth pods, in which, when shaken, the seeds sound like a child's rattle, hence its common name. In the latitude of New York City it will be best to start the seed in the window or hot-bed, first soaking them in warm water. It is an annual for the garden, and few other plants will furnish such a display of rich color. (See illustration on page 23.) Seeds, 5c. per packet. Nice plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 6 for 50c.



THUNBERGIA LAURIFOLIA.



BUTTERFLY LILY.

**Thunbergia Fragrans**—The annual climbing *Thunbergias* are well known to most flower lovers, but this magnificent perennial species is known to but very few, though it was first discovered in India a full century ago. It is of a slender, graceful, climbing habit—much like the annual sorts—with deep green waxy leaves which are cordate or hastate at the base, giving them a very distinct appearance. But its crowning feature is its flowers which are produced in the great profusion. Each one is as large as a silver dollar, of the purest waxy whiteness, with a delicate lemon yellow spot in the center or throat. The plants begin to flower while quite small and continue almost incessantly. It is equally valuable for open ground or pot culture, and after growing all summer it may be cut back and potted for the window in winter. No one should fail to grow this lovely vine. Fine plants 15c. each.



THUNBERGIA FRAGRANS.

**Thunbergia Laurifolia (Harrisii)**—An East Indian winter-blooming climber of easiest culture and most lavish in the production of its flowers, which are borne in good-sized clusters, are tubular in form, two inches in length, of a bright porcelain blue, with a yellow throat. They are large and exceedingly showy in conjunction with the deep green, waxy, *Laurel*-like leaves of the vine and are produced in the greatest profusion from November to May. The vine is a rapid grower and is excellent for covering trellises. In a greenhouse or conservatory, or



## The "Queen Lily."



"QUEEN LILY."

Through a misunderstanding, this plant was described in our Catalogue last year as *Strelitzia Reginae*, together with a cut of the latter. Instead, the "Queen Lily" is a species of *Curuma*, which belongs to the same great family which includes the *Banana*, *Canna*, *Shell Lily*, *Butterfly Lily*, etc. We herewith present a true cut, which gives some idea of the beauty of the foliage and flowers of this plant. It grows from a small tuber, which sends up numerous broad-bladed, rich green leaves, which are broadly veined and beautifully arched. If it never bloomed it would still be as decorative as a *Palm*, but in August or September a remarkable flower-head is sent up; this is torch-shaped and consists of numerous large bracts, which are pure white in color, beautifully tipped and tinted with pink. Just under these bracts the true flowers appear, a single one of which is shown in the lower left-hand corner of the cut. These are yellow (sometimes white or pink), and look something like little birds with raised wings. As they fade, others come out in the same places, forming successive crops of flowers. But the beautiful bracts remain perfect and unfaded throughout the blooming season, lasting in perfection a full month and often much longer. It is utterly unlike any other plant in cultivation and sure to attract everybody's attention. It grows to perfection in a pot of any good soil, or in summer may be planted in a partial-shaded location in the garden. In winter withhold water and store the pot of dry soil and tubers in a warm closet or cellar. In the latitude of New Orleans the tubers are hardy in the garden over winter. Price of fine tubers 10c. each.

## Gloriosa Superba, or Climbing Lily.

A very rare and extremely showy plant of the *Lily* family, sub-climbing in habit and requiring a light trellis for support. Under favorable circumstances it will attain a height of 6 to 8 feet and bloom profusely the entire summer. Flowers axillary. In racemes at the ends of the stems, which bear leaves remarkable in having tendril-like apices. The flowers bear as close a resemblance to *Lilium Philadelphicum* as to almost any other form, are curiously shaped, the petals narrow, turned back and up, erect, deeply undulate, and of a rich orange and red color. It is its brilliant flowers which gives it its name—from *gloriosus*, full of glory. Should be grown in a pot of light sandy soil, with good drainage, giving plenty of heat and moisture in summer. As the growth ripens in fall water should be gradually withheld, and during winter the soil must be kept quite dry and the pots in a warm place (a closet for instance). Exposure to cold when at rest is a point specially to be avoided. Separate the bulbs only when repotting in the spring to start into growth, as the roots are very brittle and break easily. The seasons of growth and complete rest in a warm place, are most important considerations in its culture. When the flowers first open they are apt to be disappointing because of the predominance of green, but the green, in a great measure, soon changes to bright orange, and the plant then is indeed "full of glory." Price of tubers, 25c. each.



JUSTICIA VELUTINA.

## New Dwarf Justicia Velutina.

This new dwarf *Justicia* is a very great improvement on the old *Justicia Carnea* in that it is much more dwarf in habit and a remarkably profuse bloomer. Plants will begin to flower when they have but three or four leaves and continue to bloom almost constantly. If pinched back occasionally it will make a very dwarf, stocky and shapely plant, frequently covered with 20 to 50 large flower-heads, lasting a long time. The flowers are a beautiful soft pink and the foliage is highly ornamental, being heavy in texture and very *velvety*. It makes a lovely pot plant, for which purpose

the Parisian florists grow it in great quantities. And during the past summer we saw it used in New York as a bedding plant with great success and charming effect. Beds were filled solidly with it alone and bordered with *Strobilanthes Dyerianus*. The *Justicias* were a mass of flowers, looking at a little distance remarkably like spikes of exquisite pink *Hyacinths*, while the purple tones of the *Strobilanthes* heightened the effect wonderfully. It possesses all the merits necessary to make it one of the most popular of all window and bedding plants. Price, 20c. each.

## Anthericum Picturatum.

Here is a plant just as easy to grow as a weed, yet a plant of a very ornamental character. It should not be confounded with the old *A. variegatum*, of which it is a much superior form. A broad band of creamy white traverses the center of the entire leaf, which is margined with an irregular band of bright green, streaks of the green sometimes running in through the white. In fact it is white where the old form is green and green where the old form is white, while the markings are much brighter. It possesses all the good standing qualities of the older form, and the additional one of being more compact. Its gracefully recurved foliage makes it a handsome pot plant for room decoration, and it is also useful for vases, window-boxes, etc. Although grown principally for the beauty of its foliage it produces good sized spikes of white flowers. It thrives in light, moderately rich soil, quickly becomes pot-bound and should be liberally supplied with water. Price, 20c. each.

Do not overlook the fine assortment of Palms offered at low prices on pages 36, 37 and 38.





## Edible Oranges and Lemons Budded and Dwarfed on Trifoliata Stock.

The large-fruited and large-growing Oranges and Lemons budded on the *Trifoliata Orange*, dwarfs them into lovely little bushes for pots or tubs; but they will be just as fruitful and floriferous, and bear just as large and fine flavored fruit as the big trees here in Florida. These miniature trees loaded with full-sized fruits are exceedingly ornamental. They also begin blooming at a very early age. In fact these dwarf trees begin to bloom when no larger than a *Geranium*; and plants only 15 inches high have produced at one time 150 buds and blossoms. But care must be taken on these little plants will kill themselves bearing. All the fruits except 2 or 3 should be picked off until the trees are 3 years old. They will thrive and fruit indefinitely—nobody knows how long, for there are pot-grown specimens in Europe 300 years old. May be wintered in the cellar if desired, or kept up for flowering in February and March. The best soil for Oranges and Lemons when grown in pots or tubs is a moderately heavy loam, to which a liberal portion of well decayed manure and sand has been added. During the growing season a rather weak solution of liquid manure may be given regularly, but as soon as growth declines this should be gradually stopped. All who want flowers and fruit should grow only budded stock, as seedling trees will not flower before they are several years old.



LEMON ON TRIFOLIATA STOCK.

**Satsuma Orange**—One of the hardest-budded on *Trifoliata* stock 20" above zero does not injure it—and the earliest ripening Orange. Fruit matures from September to November. Belongs to the "Kid Glove" class, but is entirely distinct from the *Mandarin*; is very productive and of the very highest quality and desirability. Price, 40c. each.

**Trifoliata Orange**—For an illustration and description of this hardy Japanese Orange see page 15.

**Lemons**—These dwarfed Lemons make the finest of house plants, begin to bear almost at once, and produce fruit and flowers in great profusion. Flowers white tinged with pink; very fragrant. Everybody should have a Lemon tree. We have the finest varieties. Price, 40c. each.

**Note**—We can supply several other choice named budded Oranges of the large fruiting varieties, at 40c. each.

"The budded Orange I ordered from you two years ago has three oranges on it. In March and April the tree was just beautiful, it was white with bloom and oh, so sweet!"—MRS. B. F. BALES, Missouri.

"The Lemon tree received from you has three little lemons on it."—MRS. C. A. SMYTH, Texas.

### The Otaheite Orange.

(See cut on the 4th page of Cover.)

This wonderful Orange is a regular natural little dwarf, growing no larger than a good specimen *Geranium*, and equally easy to manage. Incredible as it may seem, it has produced flowers and ripened its fruits perfectly in a 2-inch pot. Its beautiful blossoms are produced in the greatest abundance, are as fine and large as other Orange flowers, and possess the same delicious fragrance. The fruits are about half the size of ordinary oranges, but of an insipid flavor. It is not unusual for the plant to produce a full crop of its exquisite flowers while yet full of its pretty fruits. It is a plant of remarkable beauty, and has received unstinted praise from every quarter. Fine mailing plants, large enough to bloom, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

"Mrs. Wickersham has an Otaheite Orange that last year matured one orange and it now has some thirty oranges growing on it and is in second bloom, having some 500 blossoms on it."—From the *Fairfield* (Ill.) Press.



ORANGE ON TRIFOLIATA STOCK.

**Kumquat, or Kin-Kan**—This unique and wonderfully beautiful Orange is a native of Japan, where it is known as *Kin-Kan*, which means *Gold Orange*; its other name—*Kumquat*—is Chinese for the same meaning. It bears in the most marvelous profusion little miniature oranges no larger than a *damson plum*, of a rich golden color and glittering amid the dark foliage like burnished gold. The whole fruit, rind and all, is eaten, and people become extremely fond of them. The rind is sweet and the pulp agreeably acid, making a piquant combination. They are also delicious preserved and crystalized. The plants begin to bear just as soon as they have wood enough to hold fruit; and are loaded with fruit and flowers every year. We have little bushes only 20 inches high carrying upward of 100 oranges. We have put in dormant buds in the fall that started growth the following March, bloomed and set fruit in June, which ripened in the fall—only one year from the time the buds were inserted! A small tree, not more than six feet high and five feet through, bore over 2,000 fruits, and this is by no means an extraordinary yield for this sort. The branches are slender, without thorns, the leaves narrow and oval and the plant assumes a fine shape. As a pot plant it will create a sensation everywhere grown. Price, 40c. each.

**Bouquet Orange**—Flowers unusually large and produced in clusters, forming perfect little bouquets, hence the name. Fruit delicious, and large like the Florida oranges in markets. Should not be confounded with the "*Bouquet des Fleurs*," which produces worthless fruit and is grown for its flowers only. Price, 40c. each.

**Mandarin Orange (Willow Leaved)**—One of the dainty and elegant "*Kid Glove*" Oranges, so called because the skin and sections part so readily that they may be eaten without removing one's gloves. Fruit small and flattened, yellow, spicy and very delicious. Elegant for pots. (See cut on page 12.) Price, 40c. each.



DWARFED KUMQUAT OR KIN-KAN ORANGE.



## New Dwarf Geranium "Mars."

THE FREEST BLOOMING AND DWARFEST GERANIUM EVER INTRODUCED.

Next to the *Chenille Plant* (offered on page 3) this new dwarf everblooming *Geranium* is the most remarkable plant novelty of the present time; and it will probably appeal to a greater number of people, for who is too humble or too great to love the *Geranium*? and this variety is so well suited to the needs of the great mass of plant lovers. *Mars* is the dwarfest *Geranium* thus far introduced. Plants two years old are but 10 inches high; and it never makes a tall unsightly growth as other *Geraniums* do, therefore it makes an ideal house *Geranium* and a most valuable border for beds of plants of any kind. It is also the freest blooming *Geranium* ever introduced. Our illustration was made from a photograph taken March 3d, of a plant growing in a 5-inch pot and bearing 22 flower-stems; but larger plants have produced as high as 50 flower-stems at one time. This wonderful freedom of bloom is kept up the year around, and one plant of *Mars* will produce as many flowers as 25 ordinary *Geraniums*. It is simply the case of a *Geranium* which devotes the maximum of its energies to blooming and the minimum to growth of stems and leaves. Its flowers are single, borne in large clusters well above the dark green, brown-zoned foliage, and are of a charming color, a deep salmon-rose which deepens at the center but changes to pure white on the edges. In winter this color is always distinct, but in summer sometimes it will throw up spikes of flowers of a solid deep salmon-rose color. Very small plants are just as floriferous as when older and larger, and

the freedom with which plants of all ages and sizes produce their flowers

is simply astonishing. Its dwarf, compact habit and its remarkable freedom of blooming make it the peer of all pot *Geraniums*; but it does equally well in the open ground, being perfectly sun-proof and making a grand bedding and bordering sort. Everybody who grows a flower of any sort should have this new *Geranium*. Price, only 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



NEW DWARF GERANIUM "MARS."

## Passiflora Quadrangularis Variegata.

THE VARIEGATED-LEAVED PASSION FLOWER.

This is a magnificent climber, a beautifully variegated form of the *Large Granadilla* of South America which is one of the most esteemed of the edible fruited *Passifloras* in the tropics. Its stems are four-sided (quadrangular) and its large leaves, the size of one's hand, are bright green covered with exquisite white and gold variegations, rendering it so striking an object as to compel instant attention and admiration. It produces beautiful white and purple flowers which are highly odorous, followed by large and delicious greenish-yellow edible fruits 6 inches in diameter and 14 to 16 inches long. A rare and highly desirable climber for the open air in summer and the window in winter. Only 15c. each.



VARIEGATED LEAVED PASSIFLORA.

## Rhododendron Maximum

(Rose Bay, or Great Laurel.)

A superb hardy shrub, or low tree, growing from 10 to 30 feet in height, having dark green, thick, glossy evergreen leaves from 4 to 10 inches long, the finest of all the species. Its large white blossoms, with a shade of pink and a spot of yellow or light red, appear profusely in large trusses in July, the latest of all the *Rhododendrons*—a quality which adds greatly to its value as an ornamental. If it never flowered it would still be well worth planting on account of its lovely waxy foliage, which is beautiful the year round, but in winter is particularly cheerful. Without doubt the noblest of all our native shrubs, and absolutely hardy in Maine and Vermont. 20c. each.



RHODODENDRON MAXIMUM.



## New Hybrid Moonflower.

This is a great improvement in several respects on the famous Moonflower or Evening Glory of the tropics. It begins to bloom from 30 to 45 days earlier, has much larger flowers, from 5 to 7 inches across, which are produced in even greater profusion, have a charming fragrance, open earlier in the evening and remain expanded until the next forenoon. Both foliage and flowers vary in form on different plants, some flowers being scalloped, others perfectly round, while others are five-pointed or star-shaped; the foliage varies from the original shape to Oak-leaved and heart-shaped forms, which is an added charm and interest. In a warm sunny position the plants will grow with the greatest luxuriance and rapidity to a height of 50 feet, and in the soft moonlight the hundreds of immense saucer-like flowers of pearly whiteness produce an effect as indescribable as it is grand. Fine plants, 15c. each.

For other varieties of *Ipomoeas*, see page 59.

## Fancy Galadiums.

Among ornamental foliage plants there are none more beautiful in design or gorgeous in coloring than the *Fancy-Leaved Cal-*



FANCY-LEAVED CALADIUMS. I

*adiums*. They are simply wonderful in the colorings and markings of the leaves, embracing every degree and shade that can be formed of pure white, deep green and intense crimson. Some idea the manner of these variegation may be formed from our cut but an artist's brush could portray the exquisite colors an marvelous combinations. On variety may be regularly dotted with round raised spots of white on a ground of emerald green; another be ribbed with pink or scarlet and sprinkled with silver spangles, while a third may be splashed and marbled with white or shaded almost black. As the tubers become old enormous specimens may be produced. They are of special value for pot culture and for window and piazza boxes. When the foliage dies down in the fall, let the soil in the pots go dry, then set them away in a warm, dry, frost-proof closet, without disturbing the tubers. In the spring turn them out and re-pot in fresh, sandy soil. Or first, they may be quickly and easily sprouted in damp moss set in a warm situation. Most of the varieties planted about



NEW HYBRID MOONFLOWER.

June 1st in partially shaded borders, succeed admirably as bedding plants. Fine tubers or plants (according to season), 15c. each; 3, all different, 35c.

## Weeping Lantana.

This is in reality the old but rare *Lantana Delicatissima*, being reintroduced at the North as a new weeping variety. However, it is one of the very best, and should be grown by everybody. Fine for baskets, vases, pots or window boxes. Produces a great abundance of delicate, drooping, leafy vines, covered nearly all the time with large clusters of lovely lilac flowers with white eye. Only 10c. each; 6 for only 50c.



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## The "Boston Fern."

(*Nephrolepis Exaltata* var. *Bostoniensis*.)

This glorious Fern received its name on account of the immense quantities of it grown by the florists of Boston and vicinity. No other Fern ever attained such wide-spread popularity and the demand for it seems unending. It is in reality simply a weeping and very much improved form of the *Nephrolepis Exaltata* or *Sword Fern*, which we offer on page 39. Like the *Sword Fern*, the "Boston Fern" is as easy to grow as a *Geranium*, flourishing alike in full sun or deep shade. Our cut of it is absolutely true to life, having been made from a photograph of a plant belonging to a lady acquaintance in New York state. The photograph was taken about a year ago when the plant was less than two years old. It is now much larger and constantly growing. We saw the plant the past fall and measured and counted its fronds. There were between 90 and 100 of them, and the longest ones measured



DAVALLIA STRICTA.

5 feet and 6 inches in length and 4 to 5 inches broad, arching over in the most graceful manner on all sides and their tips just escaping the floor. Only 2 years ago this (1898) Christmas it was presented to her, a tiny plant in a silver Fern-dish for the table. It has been grown ever since in a furnace-heated sitting room, and has received no other attention than an occasional repotting and regular watering. Price of nice mailing plants, 15c. each.

### Davallia Stricta.

This is a newly-introduced Fern of great beauty from the Malayan Archipelago, yet it has been in cultivation long enough to fully test its perfect adaptability to window culture. As the accompanying cut shows, it is entirely distinct in appearance from the *Boston Fern*, and it is equally easy to grow in the living room. In fact it is, perhaps, the easiest of all Ferns to manage. It thrives finely in a shady window, and the fronds being finely cut and feathery—yet of a strong texture—and a beautiful shade of green it makes an exquisite table plant. It is also fine for cutting for bouquets and is one of those Ferns which "sells on sight." Does not grow over 2 feet high ultimately, but as a pot plant usually remains much smaller. Everyone will be delighted with it. Fine plants, 25c. each.

For a general list of Ferns see page 39.



"BOSTON FERN."

### Venus' Fly Trap.

(*Dionaea Muscipula*.)

Our cut gives a good idea of this most strange of all strange and curious plants. As shown, its leaves are furnished at the ends with a curious trap-like arrangement, the inner surface of which is covered with hair-like sensitive organs so that the instant an insect lights upon them they instantly close up and he is held a prisoner until dead. It is one of the so-called "carnivorous plants," which are believed to feed upon the insects they capture. It is a highly interesting plant, and produces a spike of beautiful white flowers. It is easily cultivated as a window plant if given an abundance of water which should always stand in the saucer; it also likes plenty of sun and muck or peaty soil, and does better if a glass tumbler is turned over it, which should be lifted occasionally and the moisture wiped from the inside. It is extremely rare, being found in but one place in the world. Price, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

### Thalia Divaricata.

We are not aware that the *Thalias* have ever been offered by Northern florists. They are appreciated in Europe where they are used in sub-tropical bedding with grand effect, but in America they are practically unknown. This species is a native of Florida and is a magnificent ornamental leaved plant deserving of extensive cultivation. It forms large clumps, sometimes reaching a height of 10 feet, surmounted by panicle spikes of small purple flowers. In general appearance it resembles the *Canna*, to which it is closely related, but is much more tropical looking. It will grow in ordinary soil or in shallow water (like the *Cat-tail*) and may be treated in every respect like the *Canna*. The richer the soil and the more water it has the more luxuriantly it will grow. It is a very desirable plant for growing with aquatics, and for the centers of beds of *Cannas* and foliage plants, or as a tub plant for the lawn. Fine strong roots, 15c. each.



VENUS' FLY TRAP.



## Tecoma Capensis.

As its specific name indicates this is a native of the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, from where so many choice floral gems have come. It is a close relative of the *Trumpet Creeper*, but smaller and more delicate in stems, leaves and flowers. The latter are tubular, orange and scarlet, and borne in dense racemes on the ends of the branches. The leaves are pinnate and of a beautiful dark shining green, contrasting finely with the glowing heads of flowers and seeming to intensify their brilliancy. The plant may be trained as a climber by furnishing it with support, or as a shrub by cutting it back occasionally when it will assume the form shown in the accompanying cut. Treated in this way it makes an elegant pot shrub, beginning to flower while in 2½-pots and the plant very small, and its period of blooming is very prolonged,—in fact it is almost a perpetual bloomer. It is very fine for training in front of piazzas in Florida. Price, 20c. each; larger, very fine, 30c.



TECOMA CAPENSIS.



TECOMA SMITHII.

## Tecoma Smithii.

This also belongs to the *Bignonia* or *Trumpet Creeper* family and is a native of Australia. It grows in dwarf bush-form—like a *Geranium*—and is a very profuse bloomer. As many as 100 flowers are sometimes produced on a single shoot the total height of which is not more than 18 inches. The flowers are tubular in form, nearly 2 inches in length, of a rich lemon and dark orange shade combined. Too much cannot be said in favor of this comparatively new plant, but which has been introduced long enough to test and prove all the claims made in its favor. In Philadelphia it bloomed in the open ground from seeds planted in the spring. In England it has been awarded a first-class certificate. Nice plants, 20c. each.

## Crotons.

The *Crotons* are among the finest decorative foliage plants known. They combine the gayest and brightest colors with the most wonderfully diverse forms, their varied hues far surpassing any of those autumnal

effects which artists are so fond of painting. The leaves of all are more or less margined, sometimes entirely variegated with shades of yellow, orange and crimson. Some have long, narrow leaves, arching gracefully fountain-fashion, others broad and short, oak-leaved, etc.; some recurve very much, while others are fantastically twisted, corkscrew-like, and all are lovely. They make elegant jardiniere plants and are ideal plants for table decoration. They love heat, sunshine and moisture and should be given as warm a position as possible in winter. In summer they may be bedded out in full sun, plunging them pots and all. Their great value as summer bedding plants has only recently been discovered, and they are fast becoming formidable rivals of the *Coleus*, as they revel in the hottest sunshine and are far more beautiful and gorgeous in their coloring. *But do not bed out until settled warm weather.* By plunging the plants in the pots there is much less danger of them dropping their leaves when lifted in the fall, which must be done before the first frost.

**Aurea Maculatus**—Small leaves, neat habit, deep bright green, profusely spotted with bright yellow. 15c. each.

**Disraeli**—A lobed-leaved variety with golden yellow ribs and spots. 15c. each.

**Irregular**—Leaves irregular in shape, often changing in form. Has different shades of yellow, orange and crimson. 15c. each.

**Multicolor**—Dark green foliage, marked with yellow and crimson. 15c. each.

**Nestor**—The finest of all *Crotons*. Olive ground, pink midrib, and cream spots. 20c. each.

**Spirals**—Leaves twisted, making a perfect spiral. 20c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—We will send the four 15c. varieties postpaid for only 50c.; or all 6 varieties, amounting to 90c., for only 75c.

## Eranthemum Pulchellum.

A fine pot plant for winter blooming, producing lovely, deep blue flowers very freely from Christmas until spring. It grows in nice, bushy shape, with many side branches, terminated with a spike of numerous blossoms; leaves dark green and wrinkled. It is of the easiest culture, requiring but little care, and this, combined with its rare color, will make it very popular. Also fine for open ground culture in Florida, blooming profusely all winter. 10c. each.



CROTON.



## The "Blue Spiræa."

(*Caryopteris Mastacanthus*.)

Not a *Spiræa* at all, but belongs to the *Verbena* family, though it is a hardy *Spiræa*-like shrub. It is a Chinese plant, and unmistakably one of the finest shrubs introduced in recent years. The flowers are a rich lavender-blue, a color so rare among flowers, and are closely clustered around the stems, as shown in the cut. The leaves are strongly aromatic, and the flowers are also slightly fragrant, and bees are exceedingly fond of it. It is perfectly hardy in the latitude of Philadelphia, and in dry and favorable positions it has survived ordinary winters as far north as Boston. But wherever the top will not survive, it may be treated as a hardy herbaceous perennial. While it will succeed as a pot plant, flowering profusely in 2½ inch pots, it is as a hardy shrub that it will give the greatest satisfaction. It finally attains a height of 6 feet or more, and is one of the last shrubs to come into flower, opening out about the first half of September, and lasting several weeks. Heat and



BLUE SPIRÆA.

drought have no effect upon it, and, blooming at the time of year it does, it is a decided acquisition to any garden. Price, 15c. each.



ALLAMANDA WILLIAMSI.

## Allamanda Williamsii.

This magnificent variety is entirely distinct from all others and it should have a place in every collection of flowering plants. It is naturally quite dwarf and as a pot plant forms a compact little bush with trusses of bloom at every point. There will be from two to four expanded blooms on each extremity at the same time and buds innumerable. The flowers are thick and waxy, of a very rich yet delicate tint of golden yellow, and are deliciously scented. The flowers are from 3¼ to 4¼ inches across and contrast magnificently with the deep green waxy foliage. Begins blooming while very small, in 2½-inch pots, continues flowering all summer, and, with

proper management, in winter also. Nice plants, 15c. each; larger, very fine, 30c. each.

For illustrations and descriptions of other varieties of *Allamanda* see pages 43 and 57.

## Pineapple Air Plant.

(*Tillandsia Utriculata*.)

Bears a striking resemblance to a *Pineapple* plant, minus the fruit. In full-grown specimens the leaves are two inches or more wide, 2 or 3 feet long, and beauti-

fully recurved. Grows on a block or limb the same as an *Orchid*. Pour water in it frequently. Makes a most unique hanging plant. 15c. each; extra large and fine, 25c. each.

## Bougainvillea Glabra Sanderiana.

*Bougainvillea glabra* and *B. spectabilis* are the glory of tropical and semi-tropical gardens, where they are not restricted in either root or top growth. In roomy conservatories they also make a grand display, but are useless for window culture on account of the great size they must attain before flowering. But this difficulty is entirely overcome in the variety *B. glabra Sanderiana*, the difficulty being to get the plants to grow to any size before they burst into bloom. When it was first introduced and exhibited before the Royal Horticultural Society (London) it was awarded a first class certificate, on account of its extraordinary floriferousness. Plants grown in 4-inch pots had stems a yard or so long, wreathed from top to bottom in bright rosy-crimson flower-bracts and yellow blossoms. It begins flowering in even smaller pots, and continues in the greatest profusion from May to December. Fine plants, 20c. each.



BOUGAINVILLEA GLABRA SANDERIANA.



## Asparagus Sprengeri.

This is one of the most distinct of all the indoors species of *Asparagus*, the cut conveys almost no idea of its exquisite beauty and it is simply impossible to overpraise it. It is not at all like the other two species offered. Its plume-like growths, of a fresh, light or apple-green hue, are thrown up in a free manner to a length of 3, 4 or even 8 or 10 feet, drooping gracefully and naturally from pot or hanging-basket. It remains fresh and fair all the year round and in winter adds the charm of numerous red berries. For all indoor decorative purposes it is invaluable. In water it will remain quite fresh for six weeks after cutting, and we have had it remain fresh on the walls perfectly dry for two weeks. It has practically superseded the *Smilax* among floral decorators, and in the short time since its introduction has attained a greater degree of popularity than was ever enjoyed by that old favorite in its palmyest days. It succeeds perfectly as a house plant and everybody should grow it. Nice plants only 15c. each; larger and very fine, 30c. each.

## Asparagus Plumosus Nanus.

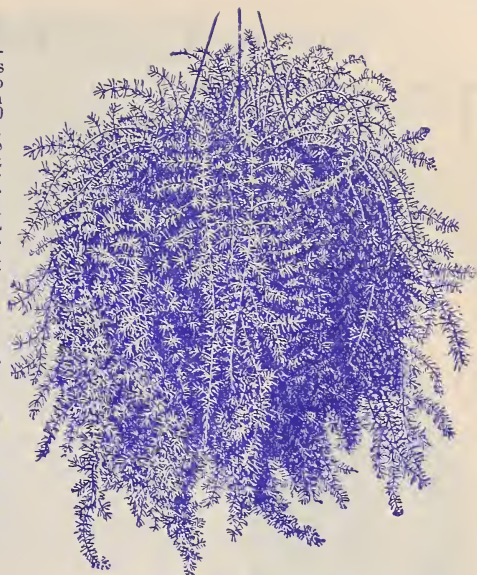
An elegant dwarf variety with stems tufted. The leaves or plumes are very dark green, as finely woven as the finest silken mesh, and flat in form like a *Fern*-frond. It is one of the handsomest and most delicate-appearing of all foliage plants, surpassing *Maiden Hair Ferns* in grace, fineness of texture and richness of color. Yet in spite of its filmy, delicate appearance it is a sturdy, dust and gas-proof plant which will flourish in any apartment. Cut sprays retain their freshness in water for three or four weeks and for "bouquet green" its mazy fronds are simply exquisite. If kept in a starved state it will assume a dwarf form 6 inches to a foot high and well furnished with feathery growth. But give it rich soil and root room and it assumes a climbing habit, clinging to strings or other support like *Smilax*. Trained on a globe-shaped trellis, as shown in the cut, it will form an object of exquisite beauty which must be seen to be appreciated. Nice plants, 15c. each; larger and very fine, 30c. each.

See page 58 for other *Asparagus*.

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ASPARAGUS PLUMOSUS NANUS.



ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI.

## Lily of the Palace.

The above name is a very appropriate one for the *Agapanthus* (or *African Lily*, as it is sometimes called,) for it is a royal plant and flower in every sense. Each crown produces an abundance of dark green, waxy, *Amaryllis*-like leaves which last for years, and throws up flower stalks 2 or 3 feet tall, crowned with immense umbels of from 80 to 100 exquisite long-tubed *Lily*-like flowers which remain unfaded for weeks. It may be confined to a good-sized pot, pan or keg, but if not divided will finally fill a tub, as shown in the cut, and produce 30 to 40 stalks of flowers at one time. One of the grandest pot plants in cultivation. Should be given an abundance of water in summer, while growing and flowering, but allowed to rest over winter in cellar or pit.

**Blue Agapanthus**—Flowers a lovely sky-blue color. Fine plants, 20c. each.

**White Agapanthus**—Just like the *Blue* in every respect except the color of the flowers, which is pure white. A very rare sort, hardly known outside of the very choicest collections of plants. Fine plants, 25c. each.



LILY OF THE PALACE, OR AGAPANTHUS.

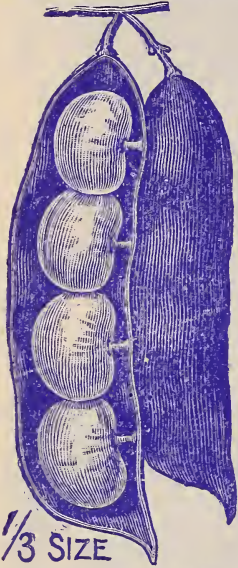


# Some Vegetables of Special Value.

THE seeds offered in the following 4 pages are just what the above heading indicates,—they are vegetables of special value for every home vegetable garden large or small. Most farmers' wives know the value of "greens" for the table, and all would be healthier for a more liberal diet of them during the spring, summer and fall. If grown in variety they may be had in constant succession and without tiring of them. For the purpose see *Swiss Chard*, *Chinese Mustard*, *Endive*, *New Zealand Spinach* and *Seven-Top Turnip*. We would also call especial attention to our *Mixtures* of certain kinds of vegetables—*Peppers*, *Summer Squash* and *Preserving Tomatoes*. A variety of these are desirable in every garden both for private use and to exhibit at Fairs, etc.; but to buy the seeds in separate varieties would cost a considerable sum, and would give a far greater quantity of seed than is wanted. These *Mixtures* contain a complete range of varieties and are sure to become very popular. The *Providence Sweet Potato* is so early that it can be grown with perfect success all over the North, and the same is true of the *Early Sweet* or *Spanish Peanut*. Be sure to plant some of the latter for the children.

## Burpee's Bush Lima Bean:

There have been introduced several so-called *Bush Lima Beans*, but this is the only bush form of the true large *Lima Bean*, and is universally pronounced the most valuable vegetable novelty ever introduced. There is absolutely nothing in the *Bean* line to compare with it and it should not be confounded with any other so-called *Bush Lima*. The bushes grow 18 to 20 inches high, of stout growth and always erect, yet branching so vigorously that each plant develops into a magnificent circular bush from 2 to 3 feet in diameter. It is an immense yielder, each bush bearing from 50 to 200 of the handsome large pods, well filled with very large beans identical in size and luscious flavor with the well known large *Pole Limas*. Think of doing away entirely with the labor and expense attached to the use of poles. Try this *Bush Lima Bean* once and you will never grow any other. Per pkt. 10c.; per 1/2 pint, 20c.



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BURPEE BUSH LIMA BEAN.

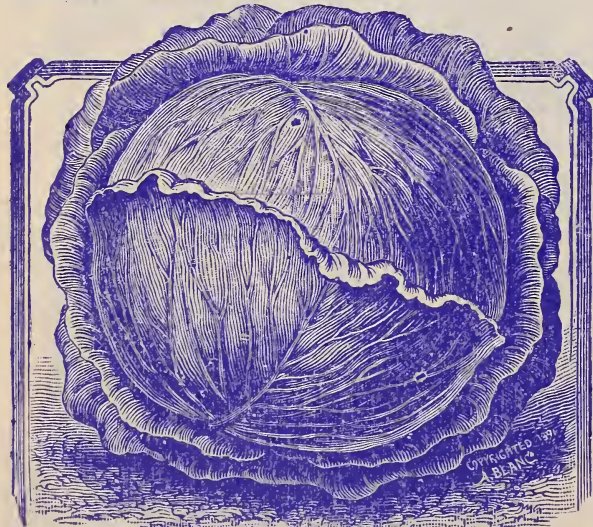
## Swiss Chard or Silver Beet.

(Large-ribbed White Silver.)

A distinct vegetable and much superior to the common beet for "greens," through its roots are of no value as beets. Sown early in the spring it makes a rapid growth of leaves, and is fit for use for greens sooner than any other variety. Later the leaves grow very large, with broad, flat, beautifully white, wax-like stems and mid-ribs which may be cooked like asparagus or made into most attractive pickles. *Swiss Chard* and *Sorrel* are often used together for greens, the chard modifying the acidity of the sorrel. Per pkt. 5c.



SWISS CHARD, OR SILVER BEET.



ALLHEAD EARLY CABBAGE.

## Allhead Early Cabbage.

This is the earliest of all the large Cabbage, and fully 1/4 larger than any other early *Summer Cabbage*. It is wonderfully adaptable—really an all-the-year-round Cabbage—and may be planted for first, early, intermediate, and late. The deep, flat heads are remarkably solid, and the most uniform in color, shape, and size of any variety. The heads grow so compactly and free from spreading leaves that fully 1,000 more heads can be obtained to the acre; and as tenderness is the result of rapid growth, it surpasses all others in this respect. It is also the best Cabbage for all parts of the country, as it stands cold, heat and drought much better than other sorts, and from the far North and lower South alike come highest praises in its favor. Per pkt. 5c.

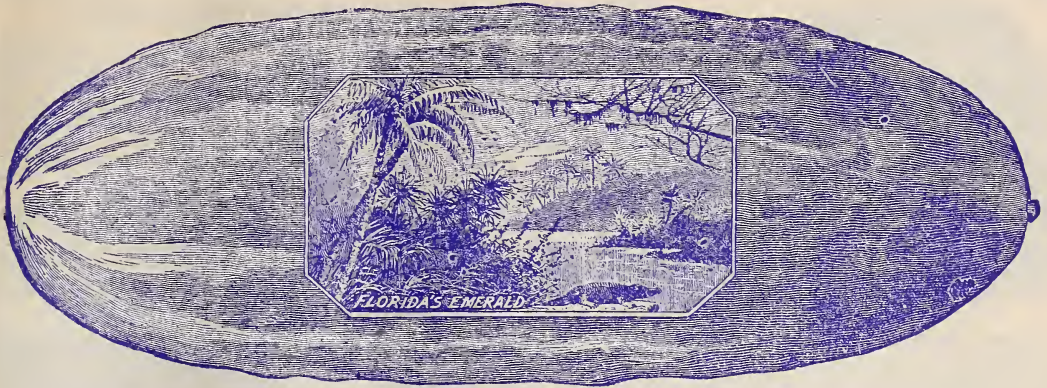


CHINESE MUSTARD

## Chinese Mustard.

In a green state *Mustard* is a refreshing salad, mixed with *Cress Lettuce* or other salad plants, lending a pungent flavor. It also makes delicious "greens" cooked the same as *Dandelions*, *Spinach*, etc. The *Chinese Mustard* forms a compact, bushy plant with leaves twice the size of the ordinary white *Mustard*, very thick, finely curled and of a pleasantly sweet, pungent flavor, having none of the rank, strong flavor of other kinds. It is very slow to go to seed, and is pronounced by all who have tried it the very best sort for greens. Also known as *Chinese Cabbage-Leaved Mustard*. Per pkt. 5c.





### Choice Cucumbers.

**Florida's Emerald.**—This beautiful new *Cucumber* is a seedling of the *White Spine* and retains all the good points of its parent, with the addition of a very dark green skin almost entirely free from warts and spines. The long, straight, handsome fruits are produced early and abundantly, and are strictly evergreen, retaining their dark green color until fully ripe. Flesh tender, crisp and fine flavored; a most excellent sort for both table and market and a great favorite in the South for shipping. Per pkt. 5c.

**African Horned.**—A remarkable, curious, beautiful and delicious *Cucumber* raised from seeds sent from West Central Africa by a medical-missionary. May be allowed to trail over the ground, or if given a trellis will make an immense amount of ornamental vine and dense shade. The fruit is one of the most curious and ornamental objects imaginable. It is oblong in form, somewhat three-sided, and covered with strong protruding points or horns. For eating green it is tender and delicious, of a distinct sparkling flavor, and relished by those who cannot bear ordinary green cucumbers. When the fruits ripen they turn a brilliant orange and yellow, in speckled and clouded effects, and keep sound and perfect for weeks. The Africans eat only the pulp of the ripe fruit, which is sub-acid and very refreshing in hot weather. Here in South Florida the vines grow luxuriantly and fruit profusely all summer long, after other *Cucumbers* have died out, and nothing seems to trouble it, either bug, worm, or blight. It cannot be too highly commended and everybody should grow it. Of special value to the entire South. The green fruits are fine for pickling, and fowls eat the ripe fruits greedily. Per pkt. 5c.; 3 pkts. for 10c.

**Japanese Climbing.**—This remarkable Japanese *Cucumber* has proved perfectly adapted to open air culture throughout Europe and America, and as it climbs on a trellis, wire netting, brush, fence or any support provided, it is especially valuable for small gardens where space is precious. The vines are of strong, vigorous growth and cling so tightly that wind or rain does not prostrate them. Comes into bearing quickly and continues to set fruit abundantly throughout the season. The fruits are of large size, from 12 to 16 inches in length, thick, tender and of delicate flavor, fine for slicing and pickling; the flesh is pure white and the skin dark green. From 40 to 60 cucumbers have been counted on a single plant. This is also of special value for the South as it stands the full heat of the summers uninjured. Grows all summer here in South Florida, along with the *African Horned* variety. Per pkt. 5c.



JAPANESE CLIMBING.



AFRICAN HORNED CUCUMBER.

### Cauliflower.

**Early Snowball.**—The finest *Cauliflower* in existence. Heads perfect, snow-white, averaging 9 inches in diameter. Our supply of seed is from the most noted Long Island, N. Y., *Cauliflower* seed grower. There is none superior. Per pkt. 13c.

### Egg Plant.

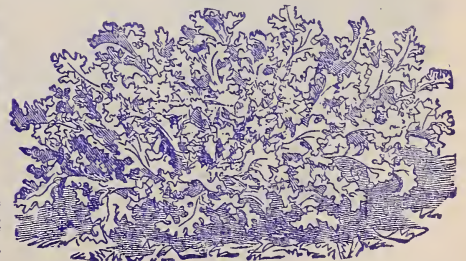
**Pearl (White).**—A new and very novel sort which originated in Georgia. Produces magnificent "eggs" as large and fine as any of the purple sorts, but having a beautiful ivory-white skin. The plants are remarkably productive and the fruits are of the finest quality either baked or fried. Fine to contrast with the purple sorts at fairs, etc. *Egg Plants* are just as easy to grow as *Tomatoes*. Per pkt. 5c.



PEARL EGG PLANT.

### Endive, Green Curled.

This is one of the most refreshing and attractive of all the autumn and winter salads, for which purpose it is largely grown; but very few seem to be aware that *Endive* makes the most delicious of "greens" which can hardly be distinguished from the best *Dandelion* greens; and they may be had throughout the summer and fall season, after *Dandelions* have become too tough and bitter for use. Per pkt. 5c.

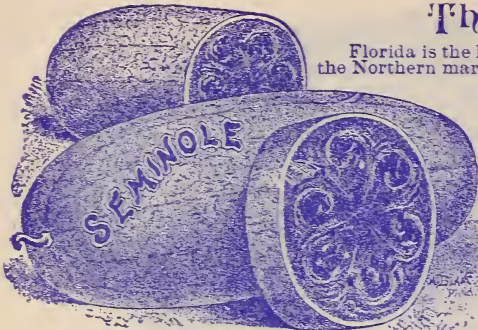


GREEN CURLED ENDIVE.



## Three Splendid Watermelons.

Florida is the land of the *Watermelon* as well as of flowers. The very first melons in the Northern markets come from this State, from which they are shipped by carloads. Hundreds of acres are also grown for the seeds alone for the Northern seedsmen.

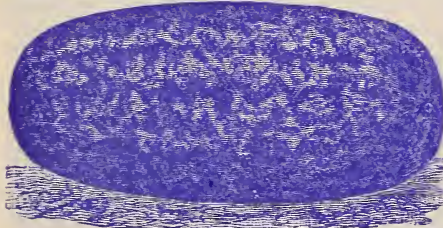


**Seminoe**—This splendid variety originated in Florida, and possesses four distinguishing qualities; it is *extra early*, *extra large*, *enormously productive*, and of *most delicious flavor*. It sports from gray to light green in color—often both colors on the same vine—but all are of the same size, shape, flavor, etc. Flesh a vivid crimson color; crisp and sugary. Per pkt. 5c.

**Blue Gem**—A long looked for *blue Kolb Gem* and regarded by the Southern growers as the coming shipping melon of the United States. Possesses the shipping and keeping qualities of *Kolb Gem* while it is infinitely better in quality, and will keep longer than any known melon. Very heavy and solid, specimens which would not impress one as being more than ordinary will weigh 40 lbs. each. A superb sort and a high priced novelty last year. Per pkt. 5c.

**Florida Favorite**—This also originated in Florida and is a remarkable melon in every way. In shape it is oblong; in coloring, green and white stripes blended; flesh, light crimson, crisp and deliciously sweet; generally acknowledged to be the *finest table melon extant*. It is enormously productive and very early, ripening 10 days earlier than *Rattlesnake Kolb Gem* and *Iron-Clad* when planted at the same time. Its earliness and luscious flavor will make it a great favorite with all who grow melons for their own tables. Per pkt. 5c.

**Note**—For earliest use, plant *Florida Favorite*, for intermediate, the *Seminoe*, and for later and keeping, the *Blue Gem*.



FLORIDA FAVORITE WATERMELON.



PEPPERS IN VARIETY.

## Prizetaker Onion.

A very large yellow globe *Onion* and one of the if not the best of the huge foreign varieties. Skin yellow, flesh white, very handsome, and of mild, fine flavor. It yields immensely and under special culture single specimens have grown to weigh 3 lbs. Everyone who has a garden should grow it. Per pkt. 5c.



PRIZETAKER ONION.

## Pepper Mixture.

The uses of *Peppers* are not half understood and appreciated by Americans. Fine for using to flavor salads, soups, meat, oysters, pickles, etc., also for stuffing (mangoes),

pepper-hash, and the mild sorts may be sliced and eaten with pepper and vinegar, like cucumbers or tomatoes. Strange to say the smaller sorts are the hottest and the largest the mildest. Our *Mixture* includes a wide range of varieties, from the smallest to the largest. Fine for Fair exhibits, etc. Per pkt. 5c.



WHITE VELVET OKRA.

## White Velvet Okra.

In the South there is hardly any other vegetable so esteemed as *Okra* or *Gombo*. The long seed-pods while young and tender are used in soups and stews, also boiled, fried, made into fritters, etc., and are very wholesome and nutritious. Any cookbook will furnish directions for cooking them, and everybody will speedily become extremely fond of this delicious and healthful vegetable. Sow at the usual time for all tender vegetables, or start early in hotbed and transplant in hills 2 1/2 feet apart, 3 plants in a hill. *White Velvet* is the finest sort, pods very large, perfectly round, white and velvety. Per pkt. 5c.



PROVIDENCE SWEET POTATO.

## Providence Sweet Potato.

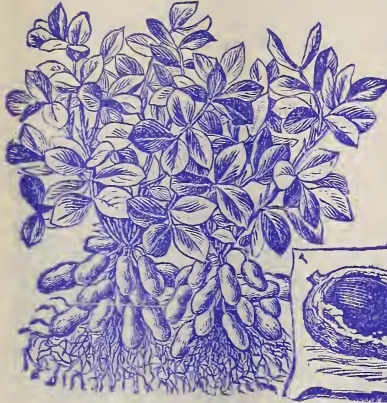
A very early and productive sort which is as easily grown at the North as the *Irish Potato*. The vines are short and bushy, leaves heart-shaped, the tubers large, oval and of fine quality. Will be very popular at the North on account of its quick growth, and it should be grown in every garden. The tubers should be bedded to sprout, and the sprouts pulled off and planted after the weather becomes thoroughly warm and settled. Orders for plants we shall book, and send them to the various States at the proper time for planting. Tubers, 2c. per lb.; 3 lbs. for 75c., postpaid. Per peck (freight or express at expense of purchaser), 75c.; per bu. \$2.50; per bbl \$5.00. Plants (to be booked and sent to the various States at the proper time for planting), 25 for 40c.; 50 for 75c.; 100 for \$1.00, postpaid. Per express, at purchaser's expense, \$4.50 per 1,000.

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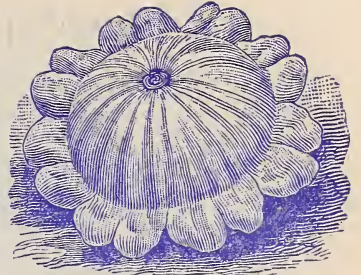


## Early Sweet or Spanish Peanut.

It is just as easy to raise *Spanish Peanuts* anywhere in the North as corn, and those who have never tasted the nuts of this particular variety have no idea how delicious a peanut can be. They are smaller than the common peanut, but remarkably solid, no pops, and the flavor delicate and most delicious. Peanuts are excellent boiled instead of roasted. Boil two or three hours in water containing about a double portion of salt, as the shells absorb a part of the salt. Grow some of them for the children; they will be delighted with them. Carefully shell the peanuts in order not to break the brown skin that covers the kernel. Plant the last of May or early in June, in hills about 2 feet apart, 3 or 4 kernels to each hill, and cover about 2 inches deep. Soil should be warm and made fine and mellow. Cultivate shallow, and after the plants bloom draw the fine soil well up to them each time. Per large package, 10c.; per pint, 20c.; per quart, 30c., postpaid.



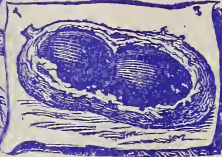
EARLY SWEET OR SPANISH PEANUT.



SUMMER SQUASH.

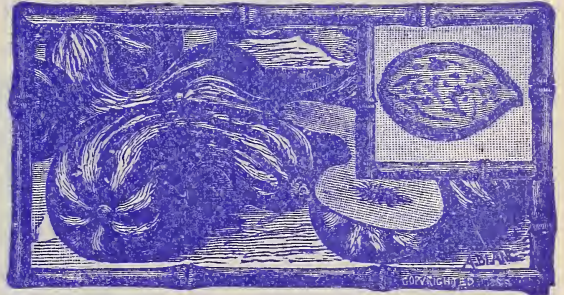
## Japanese Pie Pumpkin.

Japan is always surprising the world with something remarkable in the vegetable kingdom. Now it is a *Pumpkin* with seeds covered with what look like Japanese letters, and a very small seed cavity, *all the balance being solid meat throughout*. It is very productive, the pumpkins ripen early, weigh from 15 to 20 lbs. each, and are good keepers. The flesh is a rich salmon color, unusually fine-grained, and when cooked is almost as dry and mealy as a sweet potato. The flavor is exceedingly fine, and for making pies, custards, etc., is unequalled. Containing but little water they can easily be cut and dried, like dried apples, and used for pies and sauce during winter. Its flavor is more refined than that of any other *Pumpkin*, in fact it is considered superior in quality to the old *Hubbard Squash*; and one enthusiastic grower of it says: "We will venture to say that pies made from the *Japanese Pumpkin*, without eggs, are fully as good as pies made from any other variety when eggs are used." Per pkt. 5c.



## Summer Squash Mixture.

The *Summer Squashes* are very desirable and wholesome vegetables which may be served up in a variety of ways and make a welcome addition to the bill of fare. There are several varieties and all desirable, but very few want to go to the expense of buying a package of each kind, or to devote space to several plants of a kind. To meet this objection we have prepared a *mixture of seed of all the best Summer Squashes*, so that a packet of seed will furnish at least 8 or 10 varieties, and will prove the best investment that can be thought of for the summer and fall table. Most of them are *Bush* varieties and require but little space in the garden. Per pkt. 5c.



JAPANESE PIE PUMPKIN.

## Tomatoes.

**Station Tree**—Very distinct; stout, erect grower. Very early and fruit of very fine quality, handsome, solid and with the fewest seeds of any known variety. Extra fine for pots as well as for the garden. More plants can be grown in a small space, owing to its tree habit. Per pkt. 5c.

**Preserving Mixture**—This consists of the little red and yellow fig, plum, pear, and cherry-shaped *Tomatoes* which make beautiful and delicious preserves and pickles. Includes *Burbank's Preserving, Red and Yellow Cherry, Red Pear, Yellow Plum*, etc. Try a packet; you will be delighted with them. Pkt. 5c.



ENVELOPE TOMATO.

## N. Z. Spinach.

This New Zealand plant (*Tetragonia expansa*) is but little known to vegetable growers, yet it grows as easily and rankly as a weed and supplies the place of the ordinary *Spinach* during the hottest months of the year. Is excellent cooked in the same manner. Grows tall and branching, and the plants may be cut back every few days. Per pkt. 5c.

## Seven-Top Turnip.

A rare variety grown only for its leaves to use for "greens." Turnip greens are very popular in the South and are truly delicious; and this variety will prove a favorite sort for the purpose. Per pkt. 5c.

## Envelope Tomato.

This is not a true *Tomato* but a species of *Physalis*, and is variously known as *Husk Tomato, Ground Cherry, Winter Cherry*, etc. Fruit like a yellow plum, enclosed in a husk in which it will keep nearly all winter if stored in a cool place. Easier to grow than a *Tomato*, enormously productive and of luscious flavor. They make fine sauce and pies, and when dried in sugar are said to be much better than raisins for cakes and puddings, while preserved they are simply *delicious*. A few plants will produce a bushel of the fruit, and some should be grown in every garden. The improved sort we offer should not be confounded with the old wild *Ground Cherry*, as it is much larger and better in every way. Per pkt. 5c.

"Envelope Tomatoes make the most delicious preserves I ever tasted."—DR. C. H. STOKES.



STATION TREE TOMATO.



SEVEN-TOP TURNIP.



# Choice Specialties in Flower Seeds.

**U**NDER this heading we offer a selection of Choice Seeds of the most decided merit. Some of them are novelties—but thoroughly tested and their desirability fully proven and established—while the others are standard sorts but so desirable and meritorious that no garden is complete without them. A very special and valuable feature, and one to which we wish to call particular attention, is our *Mixtures*. Of such flowers as *Asters*, *Balsams*, *Mignonette*, *Pansies*, *Sweet Peas*, etc., there are a great many distinct strains, varieties and colors existing, all of which it is desirable to have in one's garden. But to buy them in separate packets, as they are offered, would cost a considerable sum and give a much greater quantity of seed than one has need of or room for, while as a general rule the "mixed colors" offered yield only a limited variety of the commonest sorts. To form our *Mixtures* we procure all the distinct colors, strains, etc., in separate quantities and then mix them ourselves. Generally there is much more pleasure to be derived from a bed of mixed flowers than from one of a single color, and where our *Mixtures* are used a double pleasure will result.



ASTERS IN MIXTURE.

## Gleome Alba.

A pure white form of the pink *Spider Flower*, and of superior merit for the garden. Blooms profusely from the first of July until frost, bearing its snowy white flowers in very large *Hydrangea*-like panicles, with long spider's leg-like stamens standing out in all directions, suggesting its common name.



BALSAMS.

## Aster Mixture.

Nothing in the flower garden will give so much pleasure during late summer and fall as a bed of *Asters* of all kinds and colors. We have prepared a grand *Aster Mixture* including (*quilled German*, *Large Globe Flowered*, *Peony Flowered Globe*, *Truffaut's Peony Flowered Perfection*, *Comet*, *New Rose*, etc., etc., in all their various forms and colors—which will make a superb bed that would cost at least 75 cents or \$1.00 to buy the seeds in separate varieties. Per large pkt. 10c.

## Balsam Mixture.

What we have said of the *Aster* applies equally to the *Balsam*. We have made up a mixture of all the *Rose* or *Camellia Flowered* sorts in their entire range of coloring—selfs, spotted, flaked, striped, etc. as shown in the cut. The flowers are quite as double and beautiful as *Roses* or *Camellias*. Per pkt. 5c.; per large pkt. 10c.



TUBEROUS-ROOTED BEGONIA.

## Tuberous Begonia.

The rare beauty of the *Tuberous-Rooted Begonia*, with its beautiful foliage and superb flowers of such brilliant colors, and many of them of gigantic size, is acknowledged by everyone who has seen or grown them. We offer a superb mixture of seeds from the choicest French, English and German strains, whose superiority of form, size and color is unsurpassed. They will produce both double and single varieties, running through a vast range of colors and shades—many of the single varieties producing flowers from 3 to 5 inches across. The seeds may be sown any time from February to May, but the earlier the sooner the plants will begin flowering. Several dollars' worth of tubers can be grown from a single packet of our seeds. Per pkt. 10c.



Flourishes alike in wet or very dry weather and is very desirable as a tall-growing annual. Per pkt. 5c.

**Pungens**—Identical with *Alba* in every way except color, which varies from light pink to deep crimson. Per pkt. 5c.

## Cosmos Extra Early.

The only drawback to the *Cosmos* has been its lateness of flowering, the frost almost always cutting it down just as it gets ready to bloom. *Cosmos Extra Early* is a strain recently developed which begins flowering in July and continues uninterrupted until frost. The past season the first flowers on the originator's plants in New York opened July 1, and we ourselves saw his plants in full bloom during the months of July and August. The flowers are exactly the same in size and coloring, ranging from pure white to deep crimson, as in the old type, but the plants are more dwarf and compact, growing only about 4½ instead of 6 to 7 feet tall,—a most decided advantage. Don't fail to give them a trial. Per pkt 5c.



COSMOS EXTRA EARLY.



## Crotalaria Retusa.

(West India Rattle-Box.)

For full description of this annual see page 9. Per pkt. 5c.



CROTALARIA RETUSA.

## Chrysanthemum Mixture.

Sown in the spring in hotbed or boxes of fine soil in the window, *Chrysanthemum* seed will produce large, vigorous plants by fall, which will give a great profusion of fine flowers. They are very easy to grow, and from our *Mixture* one will get all colors, shapes, sizes and varieties of the different types of *Chrysanthemums*, from the dainty little *Pompons* to the great ragged *Japs*. (See cut.) Probably no two will be exactly alike, and there is always a chance of some of them proving very distinct and valuable. Per pkt. 10c.

**Annual Chrysanthemum Mixture**—These annual varieties are grown in the garden as easily as *Balsams*, etc., and the intensity of their coloring and the manner in which they are belted and zoned has earned for them the name of *Painted Daisies*. Our *Mixture* includes the most elegant colors of both the *Double* and *Single* sorts, growing from a foot to 18 inches high. Per pkt. 5c.



CHRYSANTHEMUMS IN MIXTURE.

## Candytuft.

**New Empress**—A new, pure white and most beautiful *Candytuft*. It forms a low, dense, bushy plant of spreading habit, composed of a series of candelabra-shaped branches, each producing a large truss of pure white flowers, presenting a perfect pyramid of snowy bloom. Per pkt. 5c.



COBÆA SCANDENS.

## Marguerite Carnation.

This was and still is one of the greatest flower seed novelties of the times. It is a strain of *Carnation* adapted alike for either pot or garden culture, and which begins to flower in from 3 to 4 months from the seed. This means that by starting the seeds early in hotbed or window one may have an abundance of lovely *Carnations* in the garden from July or August on, and all winter by lifting the plants. At least 80 per cent. of the flowers will come double, large and perfect, and include all the various colors from white to scarlet, in self and striped, mottled, flaked, etc. We offer a grand *Mixture*. Per pkt. 5c.

## Chinese Lantern Plant.

As a hardy herbaceous perennial for the garden or border this is of great value. It is perfectly hardy everywhere, and gets larger and stronger with age, producing an annual crop of its large and intensely brilliant scarlet lanterns which last for weeks. Per pkt. 5c.

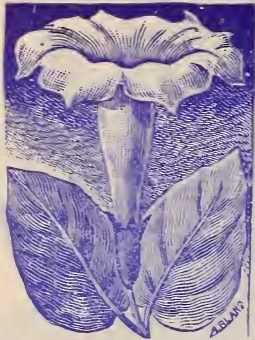


THE MARGUERITE CARNATION  
BLOOMS IN 4 MONTHS FROM SOWING THE SEED.



## Daisy, Giant Snowball.

The *Daisy* is too well known and beloved by all to require description or praise, but the *Giant Snowball* is so distinct and such an improvement over all other sorts that it deserves more than passing mention. Well grown specimens of its flowers will cover a silver dollar, are of purest white, full double to the center, and borne on stout, stiff stems from 6 to 19 inches long. Splendid for edgings, borders and low beds, also for pots and for the cemetery. If seed is sown early in the hotbed or window it will bloom the same season. Per pkt. 5c.



DATURA.

## Datura Sweet Nightingale.

One of the finest garden flowers, sure to please. Plants bushy, of rapid growth, and filled with great *Lily*-like flowers a foot in length, like an enormous trumpet, snow-white and so deliciously scented that one plant in bloom will scent a whole garden. Per pkt. 5c.



GIANT SNOWBALL DAISY.

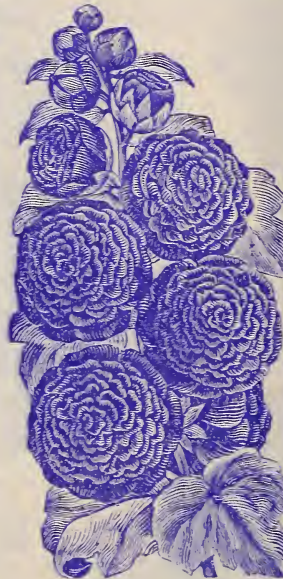


FIRE-ON-THE-MOUNTAIN.

## Fire-on-the-Mountain.

(*Euphorbia Heterophylla.*)

A splendid half-hardy annual growing 3 to 4 feet tall, very branching, and with very deep green and glossy fiddle-shaped leaves. The leaves are at first all green, but about midsummer flower heads appear at the end of every branch, and the bases of all the leaves surrounding these heads are of the most brilliant vermilion scarlet, so that the whole plant is a perfect blaze of color, resembling in miniature the flaming heads of the *Poinsettia pulcherrima*. The effect of a mass or bed of these plants is simply indescribable, and the display is kept up until frost. South of the latitude of New York seeds may be sown in the open ground in May, but farther North it is better to start the seeds early in the hotbed or window, for the earlier they are started the sooner will the colored leaves appear. Per pkt. 5c.



HOLLYHOCK.

## Gourd Mixture.

Everyone who has room should grow a few *Gourds*. They grow almost without care after the seed is planted, and are fine for covering outbuildings, fences, brush-piles, etc. Some of their fruits are fantastic and grotesque in the extreme while others are exquisitely beautiful, and they never fail to interest the children; also make excellent exhibits at Fairs. Our *Mixture* includes all shapes and colors. Pkt. 5c.

## Hybrid Gloxinias.

The *Gloxinia* is one of the most lovely pot plants imaginable, and can and should be grown by everybody. Through hybridization a race has been obtained which bears flowers of a gigantic size, and held nearly erect so that the border and throat, where the greatest beauty of the flower lies, are plainly visible. These hybrids are vastly improved in color as well as form, and the flowers are produced in much greater abundance than with the parents. The leaves of all are of a velvety texture and a deep dark green, so that the plants are very ornamental at all stages of growth. The flowers are tubular and tinted, mottled and marked with the most delicate and rich colors imaginable. Crimson, scarlet, violet, rose, white, etc., form the ground colors, and these are tinged, spotted, veined and bordered with other colors and shades in a most fantastic and charming manner. The seeds which we offer are a superb mixture of all the newest and choicest hybrid strains, and from a single packet of it anyone can raise several dollar's worth of bulbs. Per pkt. 10c.



MIXED GOURDS.

## Hollyhock Mixture.

The improved sorts of today, such as our *Mixture* is composed of, will prove nothing short of a revelation. The magnificent long spikes are crowded with double flowers, each 3 to 4 inches across, and embracing every color and shade from pure white and pale lemon to almost coal black. The petals are like the finest silk and each flower as double and perfect as a *Camellia* blossom. Per pkt. 10c.



HYBRID GLOXINIA.



## Ipomœa.

**Japanese Morning Glories** (*I. Imperialis*)—Those who have not seen this new race of *Morning Glories* can form no true conception of their magnificence. They are truly *imperial*, and before their glories the old time varieties pale into insignificance. They are very rapid and robust growers, attaining a height of 25 to 30 feet during the summer, and are highly attractive from the start on account of the great variety of color, marking and form of the foliage. The leaves range from dark green to golden, many of them marbled, mottled, margined and streaked with silvery white, green and gray. Coming to the flowers we find variety run riot and utterly beyond the power of pen to describe or the imagination to conceive. They are gigantic in size and in colors run from pure white through all the different shades of pink, rose, red, carmine, crimson, blue, royal purple, maroon, etc., some of them with throats of one color and margins of another, others striped, spotted and splashed in an endless variety of styles. Evidently there is no end to the combinations of variegations which they assume and one may visit them every morning with the assurance of finding a new and delightful surprise born overnight. Finally, they are just as easy to grow as the old fashioned sorts. We offer a grand *Mixture* of the best selected strains. Per large pkt. 10c.

**New Star Ipomœa** (*I. Gracilis*)—This is a little jewel. The flowers are nearly an inch across, of a bright crimson-scarlet color with a large orange-colored star in the center, and remain open all day. They are borne on long forked racemes and in such profusion as to entirely cover the vine, giving it a red glow. The vines are graceful and delicate, branching and climbing to a height of 15 or 20 feet, beginning to bloom in June and continuing until frost. Fine for screens, trellis, arbors fences, etc. Per pkt. 5c.

## Early Luffa.

This is an early fruiting variety of the *Dish Rag Gourd* or *Vegetable Sponge* of the tropics, and will ripen its fruits all over the North. It is a very rapid growing climber with ornamental deeply cut leaves and an abundance of large and very showy golden yellow flowers. It bears fruits which look much like immense cucumbers but which, when ripe, are filled with a beautiful lace-like net-work of fibre which is useful for a variety of purposes, such as dish cloths, bath sponges, etc., and from which bonnets and a great variety of fancy articles may be made. A most interesting plant and product, and sufficiently ornamental as a climber alone to be worthy of general cultivation. Per pkt. 5c.



JAP. MORNING GLORY.

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NEW STAR.



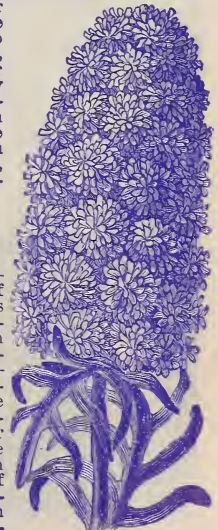
HYBRID MIMULUS OR MONKEY FLOWERS.

## Mimulus Mixture.

The new hybrid *Monkey Flowers* are much larger than the old sorts and of the richest coloring and markings, ranging through velvety crimson, maroon, yellow, white and pink, spotted and blotched in the most beautiful manner, and many of them double, or "hose in hose." They make charming pot plants, and also do nicely bedded out in summer, standing the sun much better than their parents, though they all prefer a semi-sunny, moist position. Seeds should be started in pots, pans or boxes. We have prepared a grand *Mixture* from all of the choicest new Hybrids, and they will produce a magnificent display. Per pkt. 10c.

## Mignonette.

This is perhaps the most popular annual grown, on account of its deliciously fragrant flowers which are indispensable for bouquets. There are now more than a dozen distinct varieties of *Mignonette*, each possessing distinguishing characteristics and all desirable. But the most of these varieties are catalogued separately at 10c, per packet, while our *Mixture* includes them all at the price of a single packet. One can hardly imagine the amount of pleasure that a bed of this *Mixture* will yield until it has been given a trial. Don't fail to include it in your order. Pkt. 5c.



MIGNONETTE.



EARLY FRUITING LUFFA OR VEGETABLE SPONGE.



## Nasturtium Mixtures.

The *Nasturtium* needs neither praise nor description.—it is simply indispensable to everybody who makes a garden, no matter how large or small. They bloom more profusely in poor soil than in rich, and a child can grow them. We have prepared a grand *Mixture* which includes *all* the most distinct named sorts and colors of the *Tom Thumb* varieties. This *Mixture* should not be confounded with the usual offers of mixed *Tom Thumb Nasturtium* which include only a limited number of the most common colors. Our *Mixture* contains more than *twenty* distinct sorts procured separate and mixed by ourselves. Per large pkt. 10c.; per oz. 20c.

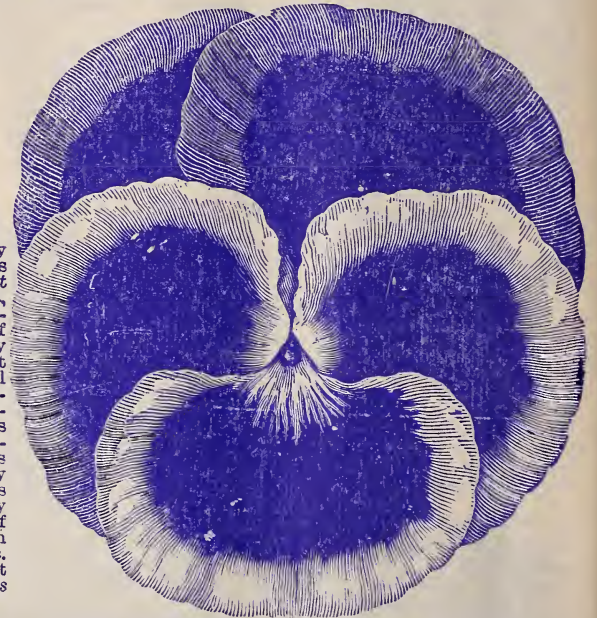
**Climbing Nasturtium Mixture** (*Tropaeolum Lobbianum*)—These are strong and rapid growing climbers, but may be used as bedders by pegging the long shoots to the ground. Petals frimbriated and colors intensely rich and striking. Fine for covering trellises, fences, etc. Per pkt. 5c.



NASTURTIUMS IN MIXTURE.

## Nicotiana Affinis.

This magnificent night-blooming plant grows 3 feet high, branching and producing hundreds of white, tubular, star-shaped fragrant flowers which are 3 inches across, and fill the atmosphere, particularly at night, with a peculiar odor, similar to that of *Lilium Longiflorum*. The flowers are exquisite for bouquets, and if cut in the evening and kept out of the sunshine they will remain perfect a week, filling the room with perfume every evening. Sow early and transplant to 3 feet apart. Fine for the centers of beds of evening-blooming flowers. Per pkt. 5c.



TYPE OF GIANT COMBINATION STRAIN PANSY.

## Pansies.

### Giant Combination Strain.

This strain is a grand mixture made up from perfectly fresh seeds of all the choicest and most beautiful strains and distinct sorts. *Oddier or Blotched, Trimardeau or Giant Pansies, Non Plus Ultra, Striped and Mottled, Snow Queen, Emperor William, King of the Blacks, Fire King, Lord Beaconsfield, Yellow Gem,* and almost every other variety of merit are represented, so that for a small outlay of money you can have a splendid *Pansy* bed, representing a vast range of forms, sizes and colors, such as would cost several dollars if purchased from other catalogues, where the various colors and strains are listed separately and never offered in one *grand mixture*. Besides no one catalogue offers as many distinct strains as are included in our *Giant Combination Strain*. The flowers are of the most enormous size, of great substance, keeping perfect for a remarkably long period, and presenting an array of gorgeous colors and exquisite blendings and combinations, which is simply bewildering. In short no such extensive combination of distinct strains, varieties and colors has ever before been merged into one grand mixture and offered to the public. We assure every one who tries these grand *Pansies*, that they will be more than pleased with them. *Get your friends*

and neighbors to send with you and all have a bed of these magnificent *Pansies*. Per pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.; 7 pkts. for 50c.

## Phlox Drummondii Grandiflora

A new and greatly improved strain of the universally popular *Phlox Drummondii*, the flowers very much larger, as large as those of the *Perennial Phloxes*, and perfectly round, the petals overlapping each other, giving them a very beautiful and entirely distinct appearance. The colors, too, are exceedingly brilliant and clear, including pure white, chamois-rose, brilliant scarlet, blood red, red-striped, white, crimson with white eye, etc. Pkt. 5c.



MIXED POPPIES.

## Poppy Mixture.

Our grandmothers never dreamed of the degree of perfection and wide variation in form and coloring to which the *Poppy* has been brought. *Roses* are not more double than many of them, nor any other flower more pure and brilliant in coloring. A packet of our *Mixture* will make a bed which will prove a constant source of surprise and delight for weeks. It includes all the distinct strains of merit. Per pkt. 5c.



NICOTIANA AFFINIS.

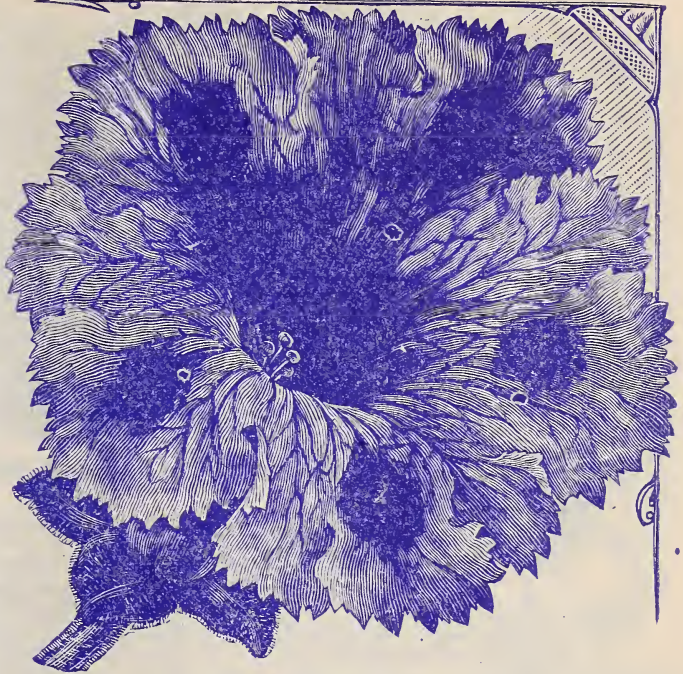


## Peerless Petunias.

This strain is most happily named and is composed of seed obtained direct from the greatest *Petunia* specialists of both Europe and America, who grow annually thousands of the plants solely for the purpose of producing the highest quality of seed. This strain or *Mixture* will be found to as far surpass the common mixtures of *Petunias* as day surpasses night. The colors of the rainbow are hardly more vivid; the sizes of some are small and delicate, while others are simply enormous: there are both double and single, some of them the most beautiful shades of crimson, white, rose, maroon, etc., others blotched, striped, veined bordered, marked and fringed in the most exquisite and unique manner imaginable.

**Single**—Of the most symmetrical shapes and splendid and very attractive colors. A large percentage will be striped, blotched and veined, and many beautifully fringed. Pkt. 10c.

**Double**—In addition to their charming colors, 35 per cent, or more of the flowers will be perfectly double. To produce this strain the flowers are fecundated with the most scrupulous care, so that much of the seed costs the grower not less than \$200 per ounce. Pkt. 15c.



TYPE OF PEERLESS PETUNIA.

## Portulaca Mixture.

**Double Rose Flowered**—These brilliant flowered dwarf annuals are indispensable to every garden. They bloom profusely all summer until autumn, no matter how hot or dry the weather may be, and scarcely any other flower will make so dazzling a display. Fine for edging beds of other annuals. They thrive best in rather rich light loam or sandy soil, and exposed to the full sun. The seed we offer is saved from the best double blooms only, and is just such seed as is usually catalogued at 10 and 15 cents per pkt. Per pkt. 5c.

## Miniature or Cucumber-Leaf Sunflower.

(*Helianthus Cucumerifolius*.)

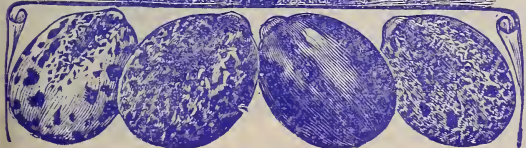
This is an exceedingly beautiful little *Sunflower* deserving of a place in every flower garden, or even on the finest lawn. There is nothing about it suggestive of the big, coarse, common varieties; instead it makes a symmetrical little bush, pyramidal in form, about 3 feet high, with very dense foliage and covered with hundreds of dainty little single flowers which are of the brightest orange color, with a black center. Its leaves are very distinct, in shape like a *Cucumber* leaf, small, bright and *wax-like*. The flowers are very graceful for cutting, to combine with either its own foliage or other green. Give it a trial and see what a dainty beauty it is. Pkt. 5c.



MINIATURE SUNFLOWER.

## Ricinus Zanzibarensis.

A new and entirely distinct class of the *Castor Bean*, which surpasses in size and beauty all the varieties hitherto known. There are several different varieties of this new class and all are characterized by extra large and handsome leaves, and compact branching growth, forming a perfect pyramid of elegant foliage. The different varieties included in the *Mixture* have light and dark green leaves and some of coppery bronze changing to dark green with reddish ribs. Whether grown as single specimens on the lawn or in large groups they present a splendid aspect, and are exceedingly effective in any position in which they are placed. But their beauty does not center wholly in their foliage and habit of growth—the seeds are exceedingly beautiful in themselves, being of various colors and most uniquely marked. While some are jet black others are various bright colors which are so curiously arranged as, in some varieties, to resemble hieroglyphic characters. Well worth growing for the beauty of the seeds alone. Per pkt. 5c.



RICINUS ZANZIBARENSIS.

**Ricinus Mixture**—This *Mixture* includes all the desirable sorts of *Castor Bean* except the *Zanzibarensis* varieties. They embrace a wide range of colors and forms of foliage, and are of great value for scenic effects. Per pkt. 5c.





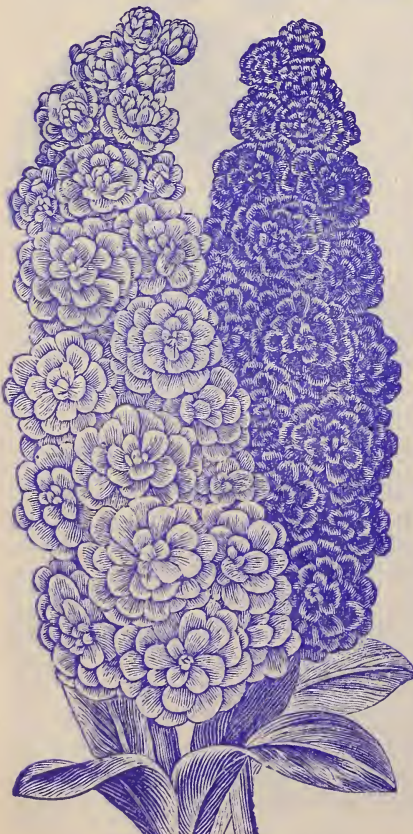
### Sweet Peas in Mixture.

SIXTY DISTINCT VARIETIES FOR ONLY 10 CENTS.

Of the making of *Sweet Peas*, like books, there seems to be no end. New varieties are being constantly brought out, and some florists catalogue as many as 150 named varieties. While many of these are very distinct, a good many have only minor points of difference. The common mixtures are unsatisfactory because they include mainly the old sorts and in limited variety, while a packet each of

not even a very lengthy list of the named sorts costs a considerable sum and gives one a great deal more seed than is needed. To meet this objection we have selected sixty of the most distinct varieties and put them up in a *Mixture* containing one seed of each variety. That is, a packet contains just 60 seeds in 60 distinct varieties. Price, only 10c.

**Pink and White Cupid Mixture**—The *Cupid Sweet Peas* are a new and totally distinct race. They never show any tendency to climb, but from the start spread out from the root, forming



GERMAN TEN WEEK STOCK.



CUPID SWEET PEA.

a close mat from a foot to 18 inches around and not over 6 to 8 inches high. The flowers are borne on upright stems about 6 inches long, 3 to 4 flowers together close to the end of the stem. Splendid for borders and edging. Two colors, White and Pink, mixed. Per pkt. 10c.

### Stock Mixture.

We offer an exceedingly fine *Mixture* of the ever popular *German Ten Week Stocks*. The plants are all dwarf but large flowered, bearing great spikes of perfectly double sweet scented flowers which embrace a wide range of distinct and exceedingly beautiful colors,—pure white, canary yellow, crimson, chestnut, blood-red, carmine, rose, light blue, shining purple-carmine, etc. Suitable for either garden or pot culture. It is best to start the seeds in the house and transplant to the garden about the first of June at the North. Per pkt. 5c.



DOUBLE SCABIOSA.



## Scabiosa Mixture.

The *Scabiosa* or *Mourning Bride* is one of the most useful and beautiful of all annuals for bouquets, etc., and one of the very easiest to grow. It has been vastly improved over the old-time single sorts, and our *Mixture* includes only the *Improved Double Flowered* varieties. They embrace a wide range of colors, including pure white, golden yellow, lilac, dark purple, maroon, cherry-red, purplish claret, and brick-red, with such combinations as white and lilac, black-purple and white, white tipped with black, maroon, pink, etc. Per pkt. 5c.

## Salpiglossis Grandiflora.

The *Salpiglossis* is one of the most beautiful and most easily grown of our flowering annuals, and these new large flowered varieties are vastly superior to the old sorts. The plants grow about 18 inches high, with slender, grass-like foliage, and produce an abundance of *Orchid-like* flowers, measuring from 2 to 2½ inches across, of many odd and beautiful velvety colors which are laced, veined and stained in the most exquisite manner. They range through all shades of red, pink, purple, blue, yellow, white, etc., and are borne high above the foliage, producing a most pleasing effect as they nod to and fro with each passing breeze. A few out and placed in a vase make an exquisite effect. Pkt. 5c.



## Schizanthus Mixture.

(The Butterfly Flower.)

The richly colored blooms of this fine annual look like little butterflies, and are borne in such profusion that each branch is an immense panicle of lovely bloom resembling some species of *Orchids*. The cut conveys but a slight idea of the beau-

tiful and curious manner in which the flowers are marked, and no idea of their soft and beautiful colors and shadings. They are not only fine for the summer garden but perfectly exquisite for blooming in pots in the winter. Sow the seed in October or November and they will bloom beautifully in the window from January to May. Per pkt. 5c.



THUNBERGIA.

## Thunbergia.

Slender, rapid-growing climbers with large and beautiful flowers borne in the greatest profusion; in colors buff, white and deep orange, both with and without a deep brown eye. Beautiful for forming low screens, or if allowed to trail on the ground they make beautiful beds. Also fine for hanging baskets, window boxes, etc. It is best to start the seed in the house. Fine mixed, per pkt. 5c.



SCHIZANTHUS.

## Verbena Mixture.

Like the *Aster*, *Balsam*, *Pansy*, etc., the *Verbena* is indispensable to every garden, and also of great value for winter flowering in pots. For constant and profuse flowering, and for brilliancy and beauty of colors it has few equals and no superiors. If good seed is obtained a supply of plants is very easily raised and such plants are far more healthy and vigorous in growth than those raised from cuttings. If the seeds are started early in the hotbed or window, so as to have good strong plants to put out, they will begin to bloom in June and continue to flower profusely until after heavy frosts; and if set in good rich soil each plant will completely cover a space 3 to 4 feet in diameter. As fast as the flowers begin to fade they should be cut off and not allowed to go to seed if the greatest profusion of the most perfect flowers is wanted. Our *Mixture* contains all the very largest and best flowered strains, and will give flowers ranging from the purest white to the deepest blue and most brilliant scarlet, together with all the combinations of variegations, striped, white-eyed, etc. Per large pkt. 10c.



VERBENA PLANT AND TYPES OF FLOWERS.



## Zinnia Mixtures.

This gorgeous summer and autumn flower has been so improved as to bear no resemblance whatever except in leafage to the old single varieties, or *Youth and Old Age* as they were called. The flowers are perfectly double, showing no center, and as perfect in form as the finest double *Dahlia*s. They bloom during the entire summer and fall, each plant a mass of gorgeous flowers and each flower lasting perfect for six weeks before fading. We do not offer the tall sorts as the dwarf ones produce just as fine flowers and take up much less room in the garden, a valuable consideration with gardeners.



POMPON ZINNIAS.

**Dwarf Mixed**—These bear flowers of the same colors and equally as large as the tall growing sorts, but the plants are not near so large and therefore require much less room. They embrace a wide range of colors—white, yellow, crimson, purple, salmon, scarlet, violet, etc. Per pkt. 5c.

**Pompon or Lilliput Mixed**—These have long cone-shaped flowers only about half the size of the above sorts, of the most perfect and beautiful form and vivid colors. The plants are small and bushy in growth and each one bears scores of the beautiful little blossoms. Per pkt. 5c.



BETTER THAN THE STREETS.

## Children's Seed Collection.

Someone has truthfully said: "Remember that the children of to-day are to be the gardeners and florists of a generation hence, and aid them all you can." Nearly all children would love to have a little spot for a garden of their very own, which they could tend and work to their liking; and if furnished with such a spot and some easy growing seeds and encouraged to plant and tend them parents would find it easier to keep their children out of the streets and away from evil companions. Children should be furnished only such seeds as are perfectly easy to grow, and as they want a variety and would plant them hit-or-miss anyway, it is just as well to get them mixed all together. We have prepared a *Mixture* especially for the children, containing a large variety of the very easiest grown and brightest flowered annuals, and confidently recommend it to all parents of young children. Per pkt. 10c.

## Window Seed Mixture.

There is a long list of window or pot plants which may be easily grown from seed, and besides being an economical way in which to secure a selection, there is a great amount of pleasure and fascination in watching their development from the seed to the fully matured and blooming plant. But such seeds are too expensive for a good many people to buy separately so we have prepared a *Mixture* which includes a few seeds each of a wide variety of house plants, and which we believe will be very popular. When ready to transplant from the seed pans or boxes they will be showing distinguishing characteristics. To purchase as many varieties in separate packets as our *Mixture* contains would take a neat sum. *Tuberous Begonia* and *Glorinas*, which we offer elsewhere, are not included in this *Mixture*. Per pkt. 10c.

## Hardy Perennial Mixture.

The cheapest way to procure a collection of hardy perennials is to raise them from seed. This is perfectly easy to do, and if started early many will bloom the first year, and all will the second. We have made up a *Mixture* composed of about all the hardy garden perennials, from which anyone can raise a supply of plants which



WINDOW GARDEN FLOWERS.

would cost several dollars to buy. Start seeds in hot-bed, boxes or a nicely prepared bed in the garden, and as soon as they are beyond the seed-leaf stage the different sorts may be readily told and transplanted to permanent quarters in beds or the border. Per large pkt. 10c.

## Wild Garden.

This is a *Mixture* of 100 or more kinds of flower seeds for sowing together in a large bed or border, wild-garden style. Such a bed will furnish not only a constant source from which to gather flowers for bouquets, but something new almost daily, and will prove to be the most fascinating spot in the garden. Sure to please. Per large pkt. 10c.



FLOWERS FROM THE WILD GARDEN.



# Roses and Miscellaneous Plants.

## Begonia Argentea Guttata.

This beautiful sort has the silvery blotches of *Alba Pieta* and the grace and beauty of growth of *Obbia*, and is a cross between the two. Leaves purple-bronze, oblong in shape, with silver markings; flowers white, in bunches on ends of growth stems. A most beautiful *Begonia* and an *exceptionally tough and rugged one*. 15c. each.

## Geraniums.

The following set of 5 *Double Geraniums* are varieties of exceptional beauty and merit. See *Numbers on the cut*.

**La Favorite (No. 1)**—Trusses very large, flowers purest snowy white, even in the open ground; remarkably free bloomer. The best double white. 10c. each.

**Princess Eulalie (No. 2)**—Bright salmon, with the elegant form of the double *Bruant* type of floret. Of fine habit. A splendid sort. 10c. each.

**Pink Beauty (No. 3)**—Remarkable for its stout, robust growth, and for its immense trusses of bloom; as many as 60 florets have been counted on a single truss. Color richest deep pink, the base of upper petals creamy-white. Magnificent. 10c. each.

**Bruant (No. 4)**—Dense, compact, growth, with exceptionally large trusses and florets, the latter often the size of a silver dollar; in color a most pleasing shade of clear vermilion red. The finest bedder known. Recently a high priced novelty. 10c. each.

**James Y. Murkland (No. 5)**—Salmon rose in the center, shaded to white and nicely veined or stained. 10c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—All 5 varieties for only 40c.

### SCENTED-LEAVED VARIETIES.

**Balm-Scented**—Leaves have a delicious balm fragrance. 10c. each.

**Rose-Scented**—The popular variety grown for the delicious scent of its leaves. 10c. each.

**Scarlet Flowering Rose Geranium, Mrs. Taylor**—A distinct variety with a strong rose fragrance and large, deep scarlet flowers of the *Hybrid Perpetual* class, combining free-flowering qualities with fragrant foliage. For a winter pot plant cannot be surpassed, and fine for bedding. 10c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—All 3 varieties for only 25c.

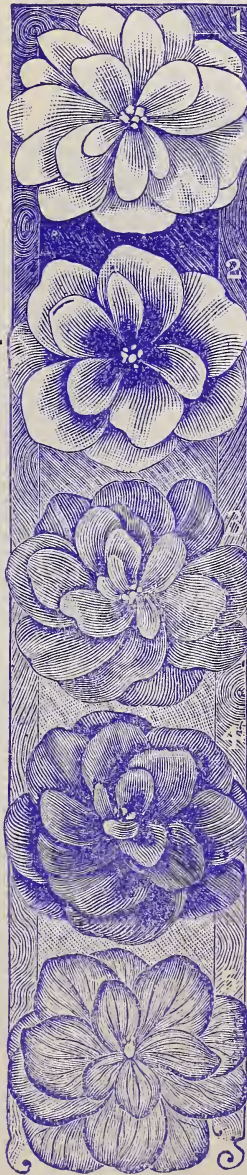
## Rare Roses.

### FIVE GRAND NEW SORTS.

**Beaute Inconstante**—A wonderful sort which bears at the same time coppery-yellow, deep rose, bluish pink, mottled yellow and apricot, light and dark crimson roses; and these beautiful colors will sometimes be mottled in a single flower. Should not be confounded with *Childs' Jewel*, as it is entirely distinct. A free grower. 15c. each.



ROSE GERANIUM, MRS. TAYLOR.



DOUBLE GERANIUMS.

**Gen. Robt. E. Lee**—Color an orange-yellow, after the style of *Ma Capucine*, only richer and better. Elegant buds, borne on long stems and in the greatest profusion. 15c. each.

**Maman Cochet**—A glorious *Rose* with *Mermel*-shaped buds borne on long stiff stems; the flower very double. Color deep rose-pink, the inner side of the petals a silver-rose, shaded and touched with golden yellow. 15c. each.

**Mosella, or Yellow Soupert**—A stronger grower and flowers a little larger than *Clothilde Soupert*, but appear the same way in clusters and on single stems. Color chrome-yellow in the center, getting creamy-white on the edges of the petals. A fine bedder and perfectly hardy. 15c. each.

**Souvenir de President Carnot**—In beauty of form simply unsurpassed, and in color the loveliest combination of pink and white tints imaginable. The finest *Rose* introduced in many years and admired by all who see it. 15c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—The above 5 grand *Roses*, amounting to 75c., sent postpaid to any address for only 60c.

### OLDER STANDARD ROSES

**Bridesmaid**—A grand variety and the most popular pink *Rose* ever introduced.

**Chromatella (or Cloth of Gold)**—The true variety. Clear golden yellow, very double and highly fragrant. A fine pillar *Rose*.

**Cornelia Cook**—Clearest, snowiest white and faultless in form.

**Etoile de Lyon**—Considered one of the finest yellow bedding *Roses* for outside. Equals *Marchal Neil* in size.

**J. B. Varrone**—Color a soft China rose, changing to bright, deep carmine.

**Mad. Elle Lambert**—Rich creamy white, faintly tinted with pale golden yellow, exquisitely bordered and shaded with rosy flesh.

**Mad. Joseph Schwartz**—White, beautifully flushed with pink. Fine for either pots or bedding.

**Mad'lle Cecile Bruner (Polyantha)**—Rose salmon, shading to creamy-white. Exquisite.

**Monsieur Furtado**—Deep sulphur yellow. The best yellow pot *Rose*.

**Perle d'Or (Polyantha)**—Coppery-gold, changing to fawn. Lovely. The *Polyanthas* bear the most exquisite tiny buds and flowers.

**Princess Hohenzollern**—A bright, deep, satiny-red, with lighter center.

**Princess Sagan**—Medium sized flowers of the brightest scarlet and velvety texture.

**Rainbow**—A beautiful pink *Rose*, streaked with crimson. A very distinct sort.

**The Queen**—Pure, snow white. Finely formed buds and very sweet.

**PRICES**—10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 14 for \$1.00.

For other *Roses* see pages 2 and 3.



TYPE OF EVERBLOOMING ROSE.



## Superb Flowering Dwarf French Cannas.

**N**OTHING attracted so much attention among the Floricultural Exhibits at the World's Fair at Chicago, as the display of *Dwarf French or Crozy Cannas*, in front of the Horticultural Building facing the Lagoon. Those who saw them there for the first time were more than astonished, and could hardly believe the evidence of their own eyesight, that the *Canna* had been brought to such a state of perfection. The spikes of large flowers somewhat resemble *Gladiolus*, being equally large, but in colors they are far more brilliant, ranging from deepest crimson, orange-scarlet and salmon, to light lemon, many being beautifully mottled and streaked, and showing grandly against the rich tropical foliage which seldom exceeds four feet in height. Our prices for these plants will be found to be extremely low. *More detailed descriptions of these Cannas can be found in most of the prominent catalogues, especially those of two or three years ago.*



CANNA ITALIA ONE-HALF  
NATURAL SIZE.

that the plant is always in bloom. No lover of flowers should fail to grow this magnificent *Canna*. 10c. each.

**Miss Sara Hill**—Flowers a rich carmine, of good size and the umbel large and compact. Foliage green;  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet high. 10c. each.

**Paul Marquant**—A grand variety of a bright salmon scarlet, passing to a rosy carmine with a peculiar silvery lustre, which lights up the salmon very brightly. In habit it is very dwarf, growing from 3 to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet high, and foliage dark green. 10c. each.

**Queen Charlotte**—The best of all the German introductions in *Cannas*. Habit of growth similar to *Mme. Crozy*; the petals are broad and reflexed, the center of each being a brilliant scarlet surrounded by a broad and distinct band of golden yellow, which gives a very unique and novel effect, as if gold-laced. 15c. each.

**Sophie Buchner**—Undoubtedly the strongest growing *Canna* of the *Crozy* type in cultivation, with broad, massive, rich-green foliage similar to that of the Abyssinian Banana. The flowers, which are of a good size, are of a bright scarlet overlaid with orange and are produced in heavy, bold, compact spikes. 10c. each.

**Souv. d'Antoine Crozy**—The very finest of all the gilt-edged varieties. Color dazzling crimson scarlet with broad laced border of bright gold. A marvelously profuse bloomer and stands the hottest sun without burning. Height, 3 feet. Better even than *Mad. Crozy*, which is highest praise. 15c. each.

**Sunbeams**—Plant remarkably dwarf and compact, averaging about  $2\frac{1}{4}$  feet in height; foliage bright green. Flowers very large, in finely developed trusses, the color a clear and brilliant yellow, marked with spots of orange so faint as not to be seen at a distance of ten yards. 15c. each.

**Surprise**—A gem among *Cannas* and a good substitute for *Star of '91*, which we are unable to supply this season. It is very dwarf, rarely growing over 2 feet high, an early and continuous bloomer, flowers of the largest size, bright crimson scarlet, distinctly and evenly bordered, deep golden yellow. Elegant for pots, blooming when not over 12 to 15 inches high. 15c. each.

**Trocadero**—Bright crimson scarlet overlaid with orange; foliage green. Grows 5 feet high. A fine sort for brilliant effect. 10c. each.

**Charles Henderson**—The finest *Canna* introduced since *Mme. Crozy*. Equally well adapted for the garden in summer and the window in the winter. Of a dwarf, compact habit, rarely exceeding  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet in height in the garden and less in pots. None of the varieties so far sent out excel it in the dazzling crimson color, the individual flowers are very large and of admirable form, and a yellow marking in the centre adds to their attractiveness. 10c. each.

**Camille Bernardin**—Green foliage, attaining a height of 5 to 6 feet, and producing very large salmon colored flowers with broad, shell-like petals. Very distinct. 15c. each.

**Childs or Tiger Canna**—A very choice yellow spotted with red sort. 10c. each.

**Charles Moore**—A very free-flowering variety, with medium-sized flowers of a bright yellow so closely covered with large, deep orange spots as to give the entire flower the appearance of being a solid orange when seen from a short distance.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet high; foliage green. 10c. each.

**Comtede Canay**—An entirely distinct variety, growing 3 feet high; foliage green. The flowers, which are large, are of a deep salmon edged with yellow, while the reverse of the petals is almost entirely yellow, giving the trusses a peculiar mottled appearance. 10c. each.

**Egandale**—Especially valuable as a bedding variety, having dark bronzy foliage similar to the old *India* varieties, but with large, bright cherry-red flowers of good shape and substance. Height, 4 feet; one of the best bronze *Cannas* in cultivation today. 15c.

**Explorateur Crampbell**—Foliage green, height four feet. Flowers of good size, in color a bright orange crimson, with deep crimson markings. 10c. each.

**Florence Vaughan**—In color a bright, rich golden yellow, spotted with bright red. The flowers are of the largest size, of great substance and perfect form, borne in large heads and the greatest profusion. Plants rarely exceed 3 feet in height. 10c. each.

**Kaiser, Wilhelm**—Of German origin, and one of the very best of its color for massing on account of its uniform, symmetrical, dwarf habit of growth and exceedingly floriferous character. Flowers a brilliant red color, and of very good size and shape. 10c. each.

**Madame Crozy**—This is one of the grandest of all the *Dwarf French Cannas*. The color of its flowers is a brilliant vermilion scarlet, bordered with a deep golden yellow, the petals very wide and broadly rounded, making a flower as large as a fair-sized *Gladiolus* bloom. It rarely attains a height of over four feet; the flowers commence appearing when it is only a foot high, and from then on are produced in such rapid succession



TYPES OF DWARF FRENCH CANNAS.



## Other Desirable Cannas.



CANNA FLACCIDA.

**Flaccida**—A native Florida *Canna*, with flowers so large and lovely that no varieties in cultivation can excel it in delicate beauty, not even the magnificent *French* and *Italian Cannas* which have created such a sensation. Its blossoms are from a rich golden yellow to a pale straw color, are over two inches in diameter the narrowest way and five or more inches the widest way. The petals are very delicate, with edges beautifully crimped, the blossoms resembling the *Orchid* or *Iris* flower in shape and appearance more than a *Canna*. The plant is dwarf in height—from two to four feet—but grows vigorously and blossoms profusely all summer. It is especially valuable as a foreground in groups and beds of tall growing *Cannas*, *Ricinus*, etc. It seems content in any soil, but, like all *Cannas*, will amply repay liberal treatment. The roots should be wintered in a box of half-dry earth in the cellar, or may be kept up for winter flowering. Price of fine pot-grown roots which will bloom this summer, 10c. each.

**Ehemanni**—The *Fuchsia-Flowered Canna*. An old sort of great beauty and merit. Flowers lovely brilliant rosy crimson, drooping like a *Fuchsia*; foliage very tropical, resembling a *Banana*. Grows 6 feet high. 15c. each.

**Pink Ehemanni** Like the above in every way except the color of its flowers which is a clear, deep pink. 15c. each.

**Nepalensis**—A fine and rare old sort growing 7 to 9 feet tall; leaves a peculiar shade of green; flowers yellow, very showy and produced profusely all summer. A fine sort for centers of beds. 10c. each.

**Robusta**—The finest of all foliage *Cannas*. Leaves gigantic, dark bronze and greenish; with good cultivation will grow 10 to 12 feet tall. Flowers bright scarlet. 10c. each.

## Giant Orchid-Flowered Cannas.

When the *Dwarf French* or *Crozy Cannas* were introduced it was thought that the very acme of *Canna* improvement had been attained; but an Italian grower crossed the native Florida *Canna Flaccida* with the *French* variety *Mme. Crozy* and obtained as a result two varieties—“*Austria*” and “*Italia*”—of almost unparalleled splendor in the floral kingdom. They are most distinctive and majestic in appearance, growing to a height of about 5 feet, with large bright green leaves which are strong in texture and lend the plants a strikingly bold subtropical effect. Added to this the plants bloom with a freedom not surpassed by any *Canna*, and produce flowers at least twice the size of the largest previously known.

**Italia**—Flowers very large, from 5 to 6 inches in diameter, the three exterior petals bright golden yellow spotted orange with a large blotch of the same color running from centre to base of each; the two inner petals orange with light margin of yellow, the lower petals usually two inches and over in width. (See cut on opposite page.) The heads of flowers are compact and very large. 15c. each.

**Austria**—The outstretched petals of the flowers of this variety measure the enormous size of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to 8 inches across. Three of the petals are of a beautiful clear golden yellow, and the two inner ones profusely spotted deep orange-yellow and carmine. Fine plants. 10c. each.

**Burbank**—A wonderful new California hybrid *Canna* with giant *Orchid*-like flowers. On the same order as *Austria* and *Italia*, but distinct and even superior to either. Its flowers are of gigantic size, the three upper petals spreading fully 7 inches; a rich canary yellow with a few carmine spots in the throat. The outer segments are entirely free from any red, and there is much less red in the flower than in *Italia*. The flowers are also firmer in texture and after a spike is cut the buds continue to open for a week. It is of a most vigorous growth and keeps on blooming late in the season, after all other sorts take on a seedy look. A magnificent novelty. 15c. each.



**SPECIAL OFFER.**—We will send 1 dozen of any one variety of *Canna* listed at 10c. each, for only \$1.00.

For other rare *Cannas* and illustration of the grand new *Canna Allemania* see page 7.

BURBANK.



# Caladium Esculentum, or Elephant's Ear.

The Taro of the South Sea Islands.

This grand foliage plant is as easy to grow as a potato and will flourish anywhere, in or out of water, but thrives best on very rich, moist soil, and in such a position will grow from four to six feet tall, and produce leaves three feet long by two feet broad. It will attain this size even in ordinary garden soil if made very rich. The treatment suited to the Dahlia, with free manuring and watering never neglected, meets the wants of this plant precisely. It delights in warm, sandy soil, and may be left out until frost cuts down the foliage before taking up for the winter. As a pot plant, grown in a place sheltered from winds in the summer, it grows to the height of four feet, and, with its immense leaves, lends a tropical appearance to collections which is exceedingly effective; and for the centre of vases it is almost without a superior, provided it receives rich soil and much water. It would be difficult to find another as beautiful and imposing decorative plant, that will accommodate itself to such various courses of treatment. The bulbs are kept over winter dry. Price, 15c. each; 3 for 40c. Very large bulbs, 25c. each; 3 for 65c.



SPOTTED CALLA.

# Spotted Calla Lily.

The leaves of this beautiful *Calla* are very sharp pointed, deep green, and thickly spotted with pure white, as shown in the cut. Unlike the common *Calla*, it is strictly a summer plant, its foliage dying away in the fall and the bulb resting like a potato during the winter. It may be grown in a pot, or planted directly in the open ground, where it will flourish finely and bloom profusely, as it does not require an abundance of water, like the common sort. Its flowers are rather small, exquisitely formed, and partic-

ularly fine for cutting and wearing. While it grows freely in any decent soil, if it is given a good, rich, mellow soil, and copiously watered whenever dry, it will produce results well worthy of the extra attention. Fine bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

# Little Gem Calla.

This is a perfect dwarf *Calla* growing only 8 inches to a foot high and producing the most perfect and exquisite little pure white flowers which are just of a suitable size for cut-flower work. It grows very rapidly and a specimen in a 6-inch pot, only 8 or 10 inches tall and bearing perfect little miniature *Calla* flowers is one of the loveliest, most striking and unique objects imaginable. It was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Royal Horticultural Society of England in 1890, and first introduced the year following. Unfortunately other dwarf varieties, but which grow at least twice as large and tall and are inferior in every way, have been sold as *Little Gem*. Our stock is genuine. Price, 15c. each.



CALADIUM ESCULENTUM.



LITTLE GEM CALLA

# Calla Lily.

This lovely plant hardly needs a word of description, it is so well known, so universally loved and admired and so indispensable with every flower lover and cultivator. It is most universally grown as a winter plant, its stately appearance, its waxy-white, golden-tongued flowers, and its power of flourishing under almost any treatment, except freezing, rendering it a general favorite for the purpose. As it is naturally an aquatic, it is an impossibility to give it too much water. Fine, strong plants, 15c. each.

# Gladiolus.

**Croce New Hybrids**—These are grown from seed saved from the cross-fertilized or hybridized flowers of a mammoth collection of the most beautiful and choicest named varieties in cultivation; and the flowers of these hybridized seedlings present a marvelous display of beauty which cannot be conceived of by those familiar with the old sorts only. Sent postpaid at the low rates of 12 for 25c.; 25 for 50c.; 50 for 80c.; or 100 for \$1.50.

**Childs**—Undoubtedly the finest strain of *Gladiolus* ever introduced. Flowers enormous and showing such strange new colors as smoky-grays and purple-blacks. Mixed colors, 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 6 for 60c.; 12 for \$1.00.



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CALLA LILY.



## Tuberoses.

**Excels or Pearl**—The most superior variety in the world. Fine flowering bulbs, 5c. each; 3 for 12c.; 12 for 40c. Select bulbs of the largest size, 7c. each; 6 for 30c.; 12 for 50c.

**New Variegated**—Leaves bordered with creamy white. Flowers exquisite, single but very large and delightfully fragrant. The same bulb continues to bloom year after year. Fine bulbs, 7c. each; 3 for 20c.; 6 for 35c.; 12 for 65c.

## Hardy Ornamental Grasses.

**Eulalia Japonica Variegata**—The graceful leaves of this variety are marked lengthwise with alternate stripes of creamy-white and green. Grows 6 feet high and perfectly hardy. 15c. each.

**Eulalia Jap. Zebrina (Zebra Grass)**—Leaves very dark deep green, striped or marked across instead of lengthwise, with bands of cream-white, producing a very peculiar and beautiful effect. 10c.

**Eulalia Jap. Cracillima**—Totally distinct in appearance from either of the above. Leaves very long and very narrow, of a beautiful green color with a silvery white mid-rib. All are perfectly hardy. 10c.

**Erianthus Ravenae**—A very stately tall-growing, Reed-like Grass from South Europe. Sends up stout stems 6 to 8 feet high, bearing fine, graceful plumes in abundance. Rarely seen but ought to be in every garden. 10c.

**Arundo Donax Variegata**—A magnificent Bamboo-reed, a full description and illustration of which appeared in our 1896 catalogue. (The cut below does not do it justice.) As easy to grow as a Dahlia and quickly producing a splendid oriental effect. Perfectly hardy in the latitude of Washington, D. C., and also in New Jersey and on Long Island, N. Y., if the roots are covered with manure or litter. Farther north the clump of tuber-like roots may be lifted and wintered in a box of soil in the cellar. 15c. each; strong large roots, by express, 30c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—Beautiful beds or groups may be formed by planting the above three Eulalias, and the Erianthus and Arundo in conjunction. We will send one each of the five, amounting to 60c., for only 50c.



EXCELSIOR PEARL TUBEROSE.



GLADIOLUS.

across, well opened and almost pure white with a deep crimson eye. The cut doesn't do it anything like justice. Thrives in poor dry soil but will well repay a better location. We do not know whether the roots will prove hardy at the North, but are inclined to think they will if set deep and well mulched in winter. Or roots may be wintered in a box of soil in pit or cellar. 15c. each.

**Sweet Gum Tree**—A native tree of great beauty, very rapid growth, and perfect hardiness. In autumn its leaves turn to rich tints of purple, scarlet, orange and yellow. A fine lawn or street tree, much more rapid growing than the Maple. 15c. each; larger, 30c.

**Yucca Filamentosa**—(Thread and Needle Plant.) Too well known to need description. Extremely tropical appearing; perfectly hardy everywhere. A splendid plant for the cemetery and rock-work. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.



YUCCA FILAMENTOSA.

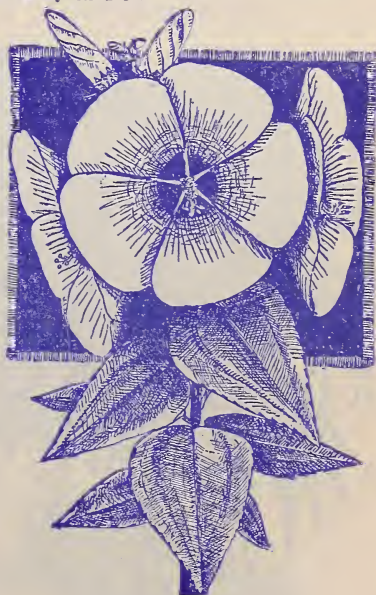


ARUNDO DONAX VARIEGATA.



EULALIA ZEBRINA.

**Azalea Nudiflora**—A lovely native shrub bearing fine large bunches of sweet-scented, pure white flowers. Perfectly hardy in New England. 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.



HIBISCUS GRANDIFLORUS.



# Palms for the People.

*Grown Without Artificial Heat and Especially for Window Culture.*

FOR ornamental and decorative purposes few plants can equal the grand and stately *Palms*. They succeed finely as pot plants in living rooms and every year of their age adds to their size, beauty and usefulness; but, as with Orchids, the high prices at which they are held prevent them from being universally grown, and they can hardly be found outside the conservatories of the wealthy. We are happy to be able to offer the following collection of elegant, desirable and easily managed sorts at prices which will put them within the reach of all. They have been grown in latticed houses and are much harder and vastly superior, for window culture, to those grown under glass at the North. In potting *Palms* the soil should be packed about the roots very firmly and rather small pots used, shifting to larger sizes only when the pots become filled with roots. They do finely in a soil of loam and sand. Leaf mold does not seem to suit them as well as a heavier soil. There is more danger of using too large, rather than too small pots. The drainage should be perfect and there should not be a lot of unused soil about the roots to become sour. Do not re-pot until the old pots are filled with roots, and instead of using *wide* pots use *deep* ones, as the roots prefer to go *down* rather than *out*. They enjoy some sunlight, though most sorts will do better in complete shade than in hot sunshine. Keep the leaves clean by sponging or washing them, and water the soil the same as Geraniums, Roses, etc. Unhealthy yellow leaves are most frequently caused by imperfect drainage, and this trouble may be avoided by careful potting. The scale, which is almost the only insect which attacks *Palms*, if it appears, which is rarely, may be easily removed by scrubbing the stalks and leaves with a stick or old toothbrush dipped in soapsuds. *All Palms are sent postpaid at prices quoted except those quoted by express.*

**Areca Lutescens**—One of the handsomest and most useful *Palms* for house culture to which it adapts itself readily. Once established it makes a regular growth, and if given a fair amount of light it will prove superior to very adverse conditions. Its beautiful leaves are pinnate and gracefully arched, rich shining green, and very firm in texture. The stems and sheathing petioles are perfectly smooth, as if polished, yellow in color, mottled with black, forming an elegant contrast with the deep green

leaves. Slenderer than the cut (see next page) looks. Flourishes best in the shade. Strong plants, 20c. each; larger and finer, 50c. each; plants 1½ to 2 feet high, by express, \$1.25 each.

**Chamærops Excelsa**—Hardest of all *Palms*, said to have endured three degrees Fabr., with only a slight covering. A quick-growing fan-leaf *Palm*, particularly desirable for window culture. (See cut on next page.) Price, 20c. each; larger and finer, 30c. each.

**Cocos Weddelliana**—A perfect little gem; one of the most elegant and graceful little *Palms* that has ever been introduced. The plant is dwarf and very neat; leaves whitish-green on the underside, and arching out most gracefully. It is finely adapted for decorations of all sorts and easily endures the hardships usually falling to house plants. Beautiful little plants, 25c. each; larger and finer, 50c. each; very fine, 15 to 18 inches high, 75c. each. (These prices are very low for this *Palm*.)

**Corypha Australis**—An Australian fan-leaf *Palm* of great beauty and extreme hardness, showing striking characteristics while in a very young state, which greatly augments its value as a pot plant. Here in Florida it is almost as hardy as the *Cabbage Palm*, and this hardness and its robust constitution render it the more valuable for pot or house culture, successfully withstanding both a low and a high temperature. Its fan-like leaves are very dark green, deeply split, and supported upon brown stems, which are armed at their edges with stout spines. It is of very compact habit under pot culture. Strong plants, 20c. each; larger and finer, 30c. each.

**Euterpe Edulis**—The *Asai Palm* of Brazil. A rare and handsome pinnate-leaved *Palm* of rapid growth. Probably the handsomest of all the feather-leaved *Palms*, and should be in every collection. Our cut—which was made from a plant only about a year old—shows its character perfectly and how ornamental it is at an early stage. Nice mailing size. 25c. each; plants 1 foot high, very fine, 50c. each.

**Kentia Fosteriana**—An elegant decorative *Palm* of easy culture and should be included in every collection of house plants. It is robust but compact in its habit and growth and thoroughly distinct. The leaves are broader in all the their parts and darker in color than those of other *Kentias*, and the divisions of the leaves always hang down as shown in the cut (see next page.) Fine mailing plants, 25c. each; larger, 15 to 18 inches high, with five leaves, by express, 75c. each.

**Latania Borbonica**—The *Chinese Fan Palm*, from which the palm-leaf fans of commerce are made. The most popular *Palm* in cultivation for decorative work; stands neglect well and also a considerable amount of cold. If grown in partial shade while young the leaves will be of a richer, darker green. Fine plants, 15c. each; larger, 40c. each; very fine, 15 inches to 2 feet high, by express, 60c. each.

**Livistonia Rotundifolia**—A miniature fan-leaf *Palm* of the most exquisite form and appearance imaginable. The leaves are shaped like those of *Latania Borbonica* but are tiny in comparison and are produced on very short



PHENIX RUPICOLA.



EUTERPE EDULIS.



COCOS WEDDELLIANA.

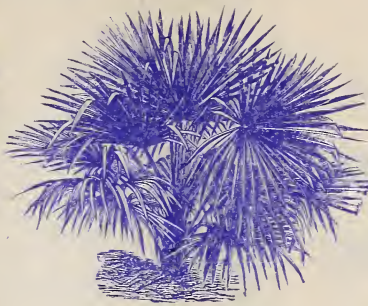


CORYPHA AUSTRALIS.





KENTIA FOSTERIANA.



LATANIA BORBONICA.



PHENIX PALUDOSA.

foot stalks. A plant only a foot high will have as many as a dozen well developed, perfect leaves, and such a specimen is lovely for table decoration. It is very scarce and rare, is especially adapted for house decoration and will delight every body who possesses it. Fine little plants, 25c. each; larger and exceptionally fine, 60c. each.

**Phoenix**—All the species of this genus here offered are perfectly hardy in Florida and should be extensively planted for lawn and avenue ornamentation. They are equally well adapted for pot culture at the North, being exceedingly beautiful and standing a great variation of temperature.

**Phoenix Cycadifolia**—A rare species with leaves resembling those of a Cycas in form and arrangement. Very rare in cultivation. Strong plants, 20c. each; larger, 35c. each; fine plants from 5-inch pots, 20 to 24 inches high and well characterized, *by express*, 75c. each.

**Phoenix Farinifera**—Very rapid grower and said to stand the winter climate of Southern France without protection. Leaves of a deeper green than the common *Date Palm*. Berry shining black, with sweet mealy pulp. A kind of sago-like substance is obtained from the trunk by the natives of Hindostan, which is used for food, hence the specific name *Farinifera*. Splendid plants, 20c. each; larger, 35c. each; much larger, 60c. each; fine plants from 5-inch pots, 1½ to 2 feet high and well characterized, *by express*, 65c. each; very strong plants from 6-inch pots, 2 to 2½ feet tall and in full character, *by express*, \$1.00 each.

**Phoenix Paludosa**—A rather short-stemmed species with very long, gracefully spreading leaves; the pinnules long and drooping. Native of India. Nice plants, 20c. each; larger, 35c. each; much larger, 60c. each; plants 1½ to 2 feet high, *by express*, 65c. each; very strong plants from 5-inch pots, 2 to 2½ feet high and well characterized, *by express*, 80c. each.

**Phoenix Pumila**—A handsome and remarkably quick growing species; will grow in any well fertilized soil, 15c. each; larger, 40c. each; much larger, 60c. each; plants, 1½ to 2 feet high, *by express*, 65c. each.

**Phoenix Reclinata**—A very beautiful and hardy South African species. Leaves gracefully reclined. Largely grown as a pot plant for the house, for which purpose it is especially suitable. 20c. each; larger, 50c. each.

**Phoenix Rupicola**—One of the most exquisitely graceful amongst Palms, in elegance taking a similar place to that of the *Cocos Weddelliana*. With its wide-spreading, arching pinnate leaves it is a most valuable acquisition. (*See cut on opposite page.*) Plants, 25c. each; larger and finer, 30c. each; plants from 4-inch pots, strong and well characterized, 60c. each.

**Phoenix Sylvestris**—One of the hardiest and a very rapid growing Palm, forming magnificent specimens. Leaves grayish-green, very ornamental. 20c. each; larger, 35c. each; very much larger, 60c. each; plants, 1½ to 2 feet high, *by express*, 65c. each.

**Seaforthia Elegans**—A most graceful Palm, very popular for decorative purposes. Famed the world over for the feathery elegance and graceful character of its dark green, perfectly smooth, pinnate leaves. 20c. each; much larger and finer, *by express*, 50c.



SEAFORTHIA ELEGANS.

## Palms Cheap!

On the following page will be found some very cheap offers of desirable varieties of Palms of which we have a surplus stock. These we have made up into special collections at special low prices. Every one is a bargain.



CHAMÆROPS EXCELSA.



ARECA LUTESCENS.



PHENIX RECLINATA.





COONTIE, OR ZAMIA INTEGRIFOLIA.

## Cycas Revoluta.

The Rare and Beautiful Sago Palm.

This is the so-called *Sago Palm*, and is sometimes called the *Japanese Fern Palm*, which is a very appropriate name. In young plants the stem is bulb-like, but develops into a stem or trunk as it grows older. The leaves, which are like elegant Fern-fronds, are remarkable for their great beauty, which is retained for years, as the leaves do not die and drop off every year, as they do on most plants. While the frond-like leaves are of most graceful appearance, they are also of a firm, strong texture and difficult to injure. They are of a dark, deep green, and look as if varnished, which gives them a beautiful shiny appearance. The leaves are in great demand for floral decorations, and often sell for two dollars each. It may be well termed a "Family plant," as it lives to a great age and can be kept in the family from generation to generation, growing finer and more valuable every year, proving an indispensable decoration for all occasions. As a decorative plant, both for indoor and outdoor (summer) use, it is without a rival, for its noble and majestic habit is most impressive; and it is very hardy, its heavy, glossy fronds resisting alike the gas, cold and dust to which decorative plants must frequently be exposed. It is suited with any good garden soil. Pots should be well drained, and water applied sparingly during the winter. Northern florists catalogue this plant at from \$2.50 to \$100 each, according to size, which, of course, keeps it out of the hands of flower lovers in general. We are glad to be able to offer large and very fine plants, *by express*, at \$1.00 each; second size, averaging six to seven leaves apiece, 15 inches to two feet long, *by express*, \$1.50 each; third size, plants with 20 leaves, each leaf 20 to 30 inches long, *by express*, \$5.00 each. (No mail size can be supplied this year.)

**Note**—We have beautiful specimens of all sizes up to plants with 100 leaves. Particulars as to prices, sizes, etc., will be cheerfully furnished on correspondence.

## Cheap Palm Collections.

As we have very large stocks of some of the most desirable kinds of Palms which we catalogue, we have decided to offer some of them in especially cheap collections in order that everyone may possess at least a few of these elegant decorative plants. This is an excellent opportunity for flower lovers in the same community to club together and get some fine Palms cheap.

**Palm Collection A**—Four Palms, 1 each of *Phoenix Farinifera*, *P. Paludosa*, *P. Pinnata*, and *P. Sylvestris*, amounting at catalogue prices to 75c., sent postpaid to any address for only 50c.

**Palm Collection B**—Same 4 Palms but second (larger) size, amounting at catalogue prices to \$1.45, sent postpaid to any address for only \$1.00.

**Palm Collection C**—Same 4 Palms but third (60c. each) size, amounting at catalogue prices to \$2.40, sent postpaid to any address for only \$2.00.

**Palm Collection D**—Same 4 Palms but fourth size, beauties  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 feet high, amounting at catalogue prices to \$2.60, sent *by express* at purchaser's expense for only \$2.10.

**Palm Collection E**—Consisting of 4 Palms, 1 a fan-Palm, either *Latania* or *Chameroops*, and the remainder (3) *Phoenixes* of our selection from the 4 sorts named in Collection A. This gives a collection of 1 fan-leaved and 3 distinct pinnate-leaved Palms. Sent postpaid to any address for only 50c. *This is a rare bargain.*

## Coontie, Zamia Integrifolia.

A Rare South Florida Cycad.

This strikingly beautiful and interesting *Cycad*, a native of the extreme southern part of Florida, is something between a Palm and a Fern, but is neither, and is of extreme statelyness and beauty. The leaves are pinnate and Palm-like, but coiled in the bud like Ferns, and retain their beauty for some years. The beautiful flower-head is like a wine cone in shape, appearing as if stamped out of rich maroon velvet. When ripe it bursts and exhibits its glossy, rich yellow seeds, which change to red. It makes a magnificent decorative pot plant, standing heat, dust, and almost any amount of abuse, and is a fine companion for the rare *Sago Palm*, which it somewhat resembles though entirely distinct. In Europe the *Coontie* is so rare and highly prized as to be catalogued at from \$10 to \$15 each. The plants we offer are all pot grown, beautiful specimens, with fine fronds (leaves) and an abundance of roots, ready for immediate effect, and all sure to live and thrive. First size, with nice foliage, 35c. each, postpaid; second size, larger and exceedingly fine foliage, 50c. each, postpaid; third size, much larger and finer, *by express*, 75c. each.



CYCAS REVOLUTA, OR SAGO PALM.

## Some Palm Testimonials.

"The Palm I got from you about 18 months ago has grown splendidly."—E. HOLT, Ohio.

"The *Latania Borbonica* you sent me is finer than any I can get here for three or four times the price."—HERBERT D. WHITE, Mass.

"The two Palms arrived yesterday, and go so far beyond my expectations that I cannot find words to express my delight."—GUY E. CONRATH, Pa.

"I received the 2 plants of *Cocos Weddeliana*. They were in splendid condition, and such large specimens for the price."—REV. J. SCHURZ, Ill.

"The *Cycas* I ordered from you was received Friday in excellent condition, and I must say was beyond my expectations and was certainly the finest and the best value for the money I ever received from any florist."—THOS. ADAMS, Texas.

"I was agreeably surprised on receipt of the Palms I ordered of you, to find them so large and magnificent; I had no reason to expect them to be nearly so tall and handsome for the price and I am grateful to you for sending me such handsome plants."—GEO. G. PLEHN, Wis.

"The plants ordered from you March 25th received in excellent condition and I am much pleased with them. The Palms (*Latania Borbonica* and *Kentia Fosteriana*) are much finer than I expected to get for the price; my husband, (Dr. Meadows), says that I could not have done so well anywhere else. I will do all for you, in your line, that I can, believing that it is justly due you."—MRS. L. B. MEADOWS, W. Va.



## A Few Choice Ferns for Window Culture.

EVERYBODY should grow Ferns, both in the garden and in the house. They flourish to perfection in shady positions where many other plants refuse utterly to grow. A soil composed of equal parts of leaf mold and loam, with plenty of sand, suits them admirably. They are like Palms in the respects that they grow better as they grow older, and well established specimens are exceedingly decorative. The following varieties are all very choice and mostly easy to manage.

**Adiantum Cuneatum**—One of the most beautiful of all the *Maiden Hair Ferns*, and the one most popular and most generally grown by florists for decorations. 20c. each.

**Adiantum Farleyense**—The grandest of all the *Maiden Hair Ferns* and impossible to adequately describe. The delicate plummy fronds, which are pinkish while young, turning to light green, droop around the pot in the most elegant manner. Must never get dry. 25c. each.

**Adiantum Fulvum**—An erect growing New Zealand species with fronds 9 to 12 inches long, 6 to 8 inches broad and deltoid in general outline; young fronds reddish. A fine sort. 15c. each; larger, 40c. each.

**Adiantum Pubescens**—A peculiar and beautiful Fern, having a very soft appearance from the brown pubescence which covers the stems. Fine for baskets and Fern-dishes. 15c. each; larger, 40c. each.

**Aspidium Tensemenii**—A lovely little Fern not yet generally introduced and sure to become a great favorite when better known, for it will stand almost as much abuse as a Geranium. On account of its persistence and durability it is of great value for Fern-dishes and jardinières. Everybody should grow it. 15c. each.

**Cyrtomium Falcatum**—One of the best decorative species for growing in the window. A strong grower with drooping fronds 12 to 30 inches long and 4 to 8 inches broad, the segments very large and the upper side a deep, glossy green. Makes a splendid specimen. 15c. each.

**Boston Fern**  
**Davailla Stricta**—See *Choice Specialties in Plants and Bulbs*.

**Dicksonia Barometz**—A quick-growing and very beautiful *Tree-Fern* from China. The long fronds a light bluish-green, the pinnae so fine as to appear almost like fine lace-work. Very choice, 20c. each; larger, 35c. each.

**Lygodium Scandens**—The beautiful *Japanese Climbing*

*Fern*; as easy to grow as Ivy or Smilax. Beautiful on a slender trellis. 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

**Lastrea Opaca**—A very pretty species with dark green triangular fronds. 20c. each.

**Nephrolepis Exaltata**—The true *Sword Fern*. In well grown specimens the fronds attain a length of 6 to 7 feet, but only 1 to 3 inches wide. Will grow either in deep shade or full sun. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 5 for 50c.

**Osmunda Regalis**—The *Royal or Flowering Fern*. Perfectly hardy everywhere, and one of the very best of the large hardy Ferns. Fronds from 2 to 6 feet tall and 1 foot or more broad. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

**Polypodium Aureum** (*Hare's Foot Fern*).—A noble sort with large glaucous fronds which are of a bluish tint, deeply cleft and borne on stout brown stems. 15c. each.

**Pteris Adiantoides**—An Adiantum-like species and very rare in cultivation. Fronds very dark green. 15c. each.

**Pteris Cretica Albo-Lineata**—An old but very hardy and useful dwarf species, with a whitish stripe in the fronds. A grand sort for pots and baskets. 15c. each.

**Pteris Serrulata**—One of the easiest Ferns to grow and very pretty. The leaves are queerly divided making it unique and interesting. 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

**Pteris Serrulata Cristata**—A beautiful crested Fern, fine for baskets, Fern-dishes and for cutting. 15c. each.

## Selaginellas.

Curious and delicately beautiful plants which require about the same treatment as Ferns. Some are erect with large, spreading Fern-like fronds, invaluable in cut-flower work, while others are prostrate and creeping, forming an excellent ground-work for Ferneries. We can supply several very handsome species at 10c. each; or 5, all different and very choice, for only 40c.

## Some Fine Companion Plants to Palms and Ferns.

### Rubber Plant.

The *India Rubber Tree* or *Ficus Elastica*—A magnificent pot plant of great decorative beauty to contrast with Palms and other plants. Has very large, smooth, leathery ever-green leaves which stand heat and dust with impunity. One of the most popular room plants in Northern cities but generally very expensive. When it becomes too tall it may be cut back and made to assume a perfect tree-shape. Fine plants, 35c. each; larger very fine 50c. each.

### Pandanus Utilis.

The *Screw Pine*. One of the most noble, beautiful and useful decorative plants that can be grown, while its vigorous constitution enables it to stand more neglect, without serious injury, than almost any other plant we know of. Whether in the window garden, the center of a vase, or hanging basket, or among the piazza plants in summer, it fills a place for which it seems especially adapted. The sharply serrated edges of the leaves are bright red and the body of the leaf green. Fine plants, 20c. each; much larger, very beautiful specimens, 60c. each.

### Dracenas.

**Terminalis Rosea**—A magnificent decorative plant, with gorgeous shades of bright carmine, bronzy-green and pink on the foliage. It ranks among the most beautiful foliage plants, and in either large or small state it is alike elegant and attractive, its richly colored leaves giving a splendid tropical effect. Makes a beautiful piazza plant in summer and window plant in winter, growing freely in any good sandy potting soil. Likes plenty of water. Price, 25c. each; larger and very fine, 35c. each.

**Amabilis**—A strong growing variety with long, rather broad leaves of bright glossy green, prettily variegated with creamy white and pink or pale violet turning to rose. Nice plants, 20c. each; larger, 35c. each.

**Metallica**—Erect, arching leaves which are coppery purple when young, changing to dark purplish bronze. Nice plants, 25c. each; larger, 40c. each.



DRACENA TERMINALIS ROSEA.



RUBBER PLANT.



PANDANUS UTILIS, OR SCREW PINE.



# Tropical and Semi-Tropical Fruits.

IN THIS department will be found a fine selection of the most desirable and easily grown representatives of this interesting class of plants lately become so popular at the North. They are far more easily grown than has hitherto been supposed, and form a most desirable addition to any collection of plants. All plants of this class offered at the North are obtained from this State, and we are certain that our customers will appreciate the privilege of obtaining them direct from where they are grown, and also that they will appreciate obtaining them at the extremely low prices we offer them at. To prove how very low our prices are for these plants, we will quote some of the prices of a Northern firm, making a specialty of this class of plants, whose Catalogue we have by us: Figs, 50c. to \$4.00 each; Bananas, \$1.50 to \$10.00 each; Trifoliata Orange, \$1.25 each; Cattley Guavas, \$1.00 each; Mango, \$1.50 each; Pineapples, \$1.00 to \$3.00 each; Pomegranate, \$1.00 to \$2.00 each, and Sapodilla, \$1.00 each. The varieties we offer are carefully selected as the very easiest to grow and give satisfaction. They are every one specially adapted for cultivation in pots or tubs, as they dwarf themselves readily under those conditions and fruit nicely. All except the Pineapple may be wintered in the cellar if desired to do so; but the majority are so beautiful in form, leaf, flower or fruit that they are well worthy a prominent position both summer and winter. They are no more difficult to grow than the average run of pot plants in cultivation.



HART'S CHOICE.

CAVENDISH.

ORINOCO.

## GROUP OF BANANAS.

The Jessamine Gardens, Jessamine, Florida:—"I sent to and received from you last March 3 Banana bulbs. They all grew and have done well; are now (Sept. 26) from 6 to 10 feet high."—D. H. Hoover, Ohio.



## Bananas.

Almost everybody has seen and tasted the fruit of the *Banana*, but very few know that the plants can be grown in the North as successfully as either *Cannas* or *Corn*. Such however is the case, and there exists no good reason why everyone should not possess their own *Banana* "tree" and annually enjoy its magnificent growth. They make grand decorative plants when grown in large pots, kegs or tubs of rich soil, and they are particularly valuable for open ground culture in the centers of beds of foliage plants, moist situations, etc. The cut on the opposite page gives some idea of the splendid form these plants assume, while the testimonial at the bottom of the same page tells of the success which an Ohio customer attained with them the past summer. An Illinois gentleman tells in the following words how easily they are grown in the open ground: "Last May I set out a very small plant of *Hart's Choice* variety, not over 15 inches high, in an entirely unprotected situation. By fall it was 7 feet high and had leaves 6 feet long and 18 inches broad; the stalks measured over 20 inches in circumference at the ground." But both of these records have been greatly outdone at the North where small plants of the *Orioco Banana*, set out in May, have attained a height of 15 feet by the first of October, with enormous leaves 10 feet long and 2 feet wide. Of course these plants were set in very rich soil and given an abundance of water and liquid manure. In planting dig a good sized hole, 18 inches or more deep, fill with rich soil and plenty of well decayed manure (they thrive wonderfully in muck soil), set the plants in this, and keep well watered during the summer, and they will make an astonishing growth. Just before frost cut all the leaves off (but do not cut the stalk) dig them up and place the roots in a box of earth, and keep them quite dry (to prevent growth) and they will winter as easily as a *Canna* or *Dahlia*. The second summer they will bloom and then you will behold a sight you may never have dreamed of. Sometimes they bloom early enough in the season to mature their fruits. If you want to see the grandest plant that ever grew, plant a *Banana*. It will be the wonder of your neighborhood. And if you wish to "astonish the natives," remember that you cannot make the soil too rich for it nor give it too much water. If you faithfully attend to these two points, you will say, in the fall, that it has paid. If possible, set the plants in some sheltered position—the hotter the better—where the wind cannot strike them and whip the magnificent great leaves, tearing and disfiguring them.

**Dwarf or Cavendish Banana** (*Musa Cavendishii*)—An extra fine sort; dwarf, but very strong and robust, attaining a height of only 6 or 8 feet. The magnificent leaves look as though sprinkled with blood. Yield of fruit enormous, sometimes as many as 200 or 300 in a bunch. Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; larger, by express, 25c. each; 3 for 65c.

**Orioco Banana** (*Musa paradisiaca* var. *sapientum*)—A grand sort for bedding out; grows very large, producing a magnificent effect. Very hardy and should be grown everywhere as an ornamental plant. Price, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; larger, by express, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

**Hart's Choice** (*Musa Orientum*)—Of medium height, stalk and mid-rib tinged with red. Bears early and is very hardy for a *Banana*. Fruit unsurpassed in flavor. Price, 25c. each; 3 for 70c.; larger, by express, 30c. each; 3 for 80c. The three sorts would make a magnificent clump in any yard.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—For only 50, we will send postpaid, one tuber of each of the above three varieties of Bananas (amounting to 60c.)

## Cattley Guavas.

The common *Guava* is a most delicious fruit after one has formed a taste for it, but it possesses a musky odor unbearable to some. They are affected by the slightest frost, and must be of considerable size before they will fruit. But in the two following varieties we have something entirely distinct. No musky odor or flavor, the plants hardy enough to stand any temperature above 20°, and for fruitfulness surpassing anything we ever saw. A plant 18 months old has borne 500 fruits; we have had plants less than 18 inches high carrying 165 fruits and a plant which could be covered by a box 4 feet square and 2½ feet deep held 1,005 fruits, blooms and buds at one time. They are everbearers after they become established, bearing buds, flowers or fruits in some stage every day in the year. Evergreen with beautiful, shining, thick, *Camellia*-like foliage they would make grand ornamental pot plants if they never bloomed or fruited. Can be wintered in the cellar at the North or kept growing the year round. Should be planted in the open ground by everybody where the temperature does not go below 20 degrees above zero.

**Red Cattley, or Strawberry Guava** (*Psidium Cattlejamum*)—Fruit rather smaller than an English Walnut, of a fine claret color, and a flavor resembling that of a Strawberry; makes a beautiful colored jelly.

**Yellow Cattley Guava** (*Psidium Lucidum*)—Foliage hardly distinguishable from the *Red*, but the fruit yellowish green, about the size of a guinea egg, and of a slight acidulated flavor; also fine for light colored jelly. Considered even harder than the *Red* species.

**Prices**—Fine mailing plants of either sort, 15c. each; 3 for 40c. One of each sort, mailing size, for only 25c. Larger, 25c. each; one of each, large size, for only 40c.

"The two Cattley Guava plants received from you last year are flourishing and are now covered with fruit."—  
MRS. GEORGE G. KLAPP, Miss.

## Carica Papaya.

(Melon Papaya.)

For an illustration of this remarkable tropical fruit plant see "*Choice Specialties in Plants and Bulbs*," where it is also described and offered as an ornamental. Aside from its highly ornamental character it possesses many remarkable qualities, one of which is its peculiar property of making tough beef tender! This is commonly practiced in the tropics, where the plant is universally grown. The meat is sliced and wrapped up in the bruised leaves for half an hour or so, or rubbed with the rind of the fruit. The ripe fruit also possesses wonderful digestive qualities and has been called *vegetable pepsin*. It is said that a slice eaten for dessert will prevent indigestion, while it is recorded that stubborn cases of dyspepsia have been cured by a continued indulgence in the fruit. The ripe fruit is sliced and eaten as one would a melon, and has a very peculiar flavor, exceedingly rich and spicy. When in fruit the plant is a most striking object. The trunk, without branches, forms a column set around thickly with melons, in tiers one above another, the lower ones ripening first. Plants are male and female, and at least one male plant must be grown to obtain fruit. Fresh seeds, 10c. per pkt. Plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



CATLEY GUAVA.



## Downy Myrtle.

(*Myrtus Tomentosa.*)

A very handsome small evergreen shrub, from Northern India, bearing beautiful pink five-petaled flowers, resembling in size the *Dog Rose*. The flowers appear in such wonderful profusion that the leaves of the plant are almost completely hidden, and the branches weighted to the ground. The flowers are followed by fruits about the size of a gooseberry, red in color and of an agreeable sweetish taste; fine for jam, etc. It should be grown in every Florida garden for its fruit, and at the North as an elegant pot-shrub. (See cut and further description on page 47.) Price of fine plants, 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

## The Fig.

The Fig is a fruit so delicious, and so easily raised, and the whole plant so ornamental and interesting that it should be grown everywhere. Those who have never eaten any but the dried figs of commerce cannot form any conception of the lusciousness of a fresh fig, or preserved figs and cream. They make splendid tub plants for the North, and are as easy to grow as a Geranium. They usually bear some fruit the first season, and thereafter will be literally loaded. Figs may be grown in the open ground as far North as Rochester, N. Y., where they are perfectly hardy when treated as follows: On the approach of cold weather tie the branches together closely, then bend the body of the tree downwards as close to the ground as possible and fasten it there by tying to stakes. Then cover over and around with boards, over these a thick layer of straw, and over the straw a covering of four or five inches of soil. Very large bushes or trees may be protected in this manner, as the stems are very flexible. It is best to plant Figs in as warm a position as possible, such as the south side of a building or tight



FIG GROWING IN A POT.

board fence. They may also be very successfully grown as pot or tub plants and be wintered in the cellar or pit.

**Celestial or Sugar Fig**—Small, pale violet; very productive, and so exceedingly sweet that in favorable weather they will preserve themselves on the tree. Fine plants, 20c. each; larger, by express, 30c. each.

"The Fig I got of you last January is about one foot high, and is now (Oct. 30th) loaded with fruit; and we are almost on top of the Rockies. It is a great curiosity here."—MRS. SUSAN EZEKIEL, Colo

## Mango, or *Mangifera Indica.*

One of the most productive and rapid-growing tropical fruit trees known. Its fruit is larger than an egg, kidney-shaped, and so deliciously flavored that a small boy has been known to eat twenty-five at a sitting. It is an evergreen, with beautiful Laurel-like leaves from six to ten inches long and two or more inches broad, the new growth of a rich wine color, changing to a dark shining green. A most ornamental pot or tub plant for the North. Should be planted by everybody in South Florida, as it sprouts readily from the root if cut down by frost. Though it makes an immense tree in the tropics, it bears in two years from the seed, and five-year old trees in this State have borne thousands of mangoes. Fine plants, 25c. each.

## Oranges and Lemons.

Fine varieties of budded Oranges and Lemons will be found offered among "Choice Specialties in Plants and Bulbs."



MANDARIN ORANGE.

## The Pineapple.

It was this delicious fruit a Huguenot priest described more than 300 years ago as being of such excellence that the gods might luxuriate upon it, and that it should only be gathered by the hand of Venus. It is one of the most beautiful decorative plants imaginable, and is well worth growing on that account alone; but it will fruit in a greenhouse, or a window. Should be reported frequently during the first year.

**Red Spanish**—The Pineapple of commerce. Ruddy yellow when ripe; sub-acid, sparkling. Price, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

**Egyptian Queen**—Very showy, of fine flavor, and most prolific, bearing more surely than any other sort. Flavor something like that of a wild Strawberry. Rare. Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

## Sapodilla or Nascberry.

The *Achras Sapota*, of spreading tree-form, with thick, glossy leaves. The fruit can be compared to a russet apple, with the taste of a rich, sweet, juicy pear, with granulated pulp; almost equal to the mango, and the taste does not have to be acquired. Very choice and rare; fine for pot culture. Price, 30c. each.



PINEAPPLE.



# Half Hardy, or Pot Shrubs.

**T**HIS magnificent class of plants used to be very popular, but was crowded out for a time by the craze for "bedding plants." But they are coming in for their share of attention, and well do they deserve it. They can be grown in pots, boxes or tubs, grouped about the lawn, or piazza, where they will bloom profusely all summer, and be wintered in the cellar, if desired. Each passing year will only add to their size and value. There is no class of plants which will furnish so much enjoyment in return for so little care. All they require is good soil and liberal waterings.

## Achania Malvaviscus.

(Bishop's Mitre.)

One of the most satisfactory house plants grown, as it is always in bloom and never attacked by insects of any kind. It covers itself with a profusion of brilliant scarlet axillary flowers which contrast beautifully with its green, heart-shaped leaves. Also very valuable for bedding out, standing the hottest sun and drought. 15c. each; larger, 30c.



ACHANIA.



ACALYPHA.

## Acalyphas.

Elegant shrubby foliage plants, as showy as *Coleus* and easier to grow. Fine for pots and beds.

**Tricolor**—Leaves bright red, with blotches of crimson below. A beautiful plant. 15c. each.

**Triumphans**—Ovate-pointed leaves; very bright red marbled darker red; very fine. 15c. each.

## Ardisias.

**Crenulata**—A handsome evergreen shrub, producing a profusion of white flowers and clusters of vermilion colored berries which remain on the plant a long time. Being evergreen and covered the year round with either berries or flowers, or both, the plant is always beautiful. 20c. each; larger, by express, 75c. each.

**White Berried Ardisia**—Like the above in every way except that the berries are pure white. 20c. each; larger, very fine, 50c. each; still larger, by express, 75c. each.

## Australian Silk Oak.

(*Grevillea Robusta*.)

A splendid Ferny-leaved evergreen plant (not a true Oak), which should be grown by everybody as it makes a magnificent pot plant for all sorts of decorative purposes. The cut gives but a faint idea of its beauty, for it possesses a peculiar airy gracefulness and a satiny sheen and texture which it is simply impossible for the engraver to successfully reproduce. In conjunction with Palms and Ferns, or in an ordinary collection of house plants, it is at once striking and graceful. The dust, heat and gas of living rooms have no visible effect on it and it will thrive where a Geranium will exist. Price, 15c. each; larger and finer, 30c. each.



ARDISIA CRENULATA.



CHEROKEE BEAN.

## Allamanda Neriifolia.

This is an elegant shrubby species with Oleander-like leaves borne in whorls of four, and producing clusters of tubular yellow flowers, the throat streaked with dark orange. It does finely as a pot plant either in the window or on the piazza in summer, and will bloom finely bedded out in the open ground. In the latter position it rarely exceeds 3 feet in height, and in this State it forms an elegant garden shrub, sprouting up readily if frozen down. The flowers are followed by very curious seed-pods. Price, 20c. each; larger, very fine, 30c. each.

For other *Allamandas* see page 57 and also "Choice Specialties in Plants and Bulbs."

## Cherokee Bean.

(*Erythrina Herbacea*.)

A Florida plant having a large, fleshy, carrot-like root, which sends up strong shoots bearing beautiful leaves and immense racemes of the most intense fiery scarlet flowers; these are followed by brown pods which burst, revealing the bright red "beans," and remaining on the plant for months. If desired the root can be put in the open ground in the spring, and wintered in a box of dry soil. Fine pot-grown tubers, 20c. each.

## Cinnamon Tree.

The bark from the young shoots of this tree (*Cinnamomum Zeylanicum*) forms the cinnamon of commerce, and the leaves yield a fragrant oil. It is perfectly hardy in the South and should be planted both for its usefulness and beauty. And as a pot or tub plant for the North it will prove very interesting as well as beautiful. Give the same conditions and treatment as *Camphor Tree*, (which see in "Choice Specialties in Plants and Bulbs.") Price of strong plants, 25c. each; extra large, by express, 40c. each.



ALLAMANDA NERIIFOLIA.



GREVILLEA ROBUSTA

AUSTRALIAN SILK OAK.



## Cape Jessamine.

(*Gardenia Florida fl. pl.*)

One of the most beautiful and desirable evergreen shrubs in existence, producing large, double, white, exquisitely fragrant flowers from May until September. Hardy throughout the lower South. Our cut shows the form of the exquisite Camellia-like flowers, but the real flowers must be seen in order to appreciate their waxy texture and delicious perfume. The plant grows in very beautiful form and with its dark shining leaves is highly ornamental at all times. 15c. each; 3 for 40c; larger, 30c. each.



CAPE JESSAMINE.



COFFEE.



CESTRUM ARQUI.

## Gestrum Parqui.

This is the famous *Night-Blooming Jessamine*, producing beautiful white flowers in clusters, and the greatest profusion, overpoweringly sweet at night. It is said to be the most valuable of all perfume plants. Thrives to perfection in the open ground in Florida, quickly forming a large, dense shrub, and sprouting up readily if frozen down. It is a lovely pot plant, and is of easiest culture, thriving to perfection in good loam and sand. 10c. each; larger, 30c. each.

**Cestrum Diurnum**—*Day-Blooming Jessamine*. A handsome, quick-growing evergreen shrub, producing quantities of sweet-scented, white flowers, valuable for cut-flower work, and somewhat resembling Candytuft. A fine pot plant of the easiest culture, and for the open ground in Florida 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

## Clerodendron Fragrans Flore Pleno.



CLERODENDRON FRAGRANS PL. PL.

The accompanying little cut conveys some slight idea of the great beauty of this much-neglected plant. It is of low shrubby growth, with large tropical-looking leaves, dull green above and dusty appearing beneath. From the axils of the leaves appear compact heads of the most exquisite waxy white flowers, exactly like miniature Camellia blooms, and of the most delicious fragrance, at times giving a pleasing banana-like odor. The flowers are produced in such a compact head as to resemble a bouquet. Given a rich soil it blooms profusely; can be wintered in the cellar or kept up for winter blossoms. If cut down by frost it sprouts up readily and vigorously from the root. Price, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

**Clerodendron Fœtidum**—A handsome Chinese shrub for either pots or the open ground. The roots are hardy as far north as Long Island, if planted deep, the stems shooting up in spring and flowering in August. Flowers sweet-scented, of a handsome lilac-rose color and borne in dense terminal corymbs or heads. Leaves large, pubescent, heart-shaped and toothed. Attains a height of 5 feet in the open ground. 15c. each.

## Coffea Arabica, or Coffee.

The true *Arabian Coffee Plant*, native in the mountains of Southwestern Abyssinia. This is a beautiful evergreen shrub, with waxy, shining dark green foliage and sweet-scented white flowers disposed in axillary clusters which are succeeded by bright-red berries which contain the coffee-kernels. A fine companion for the *Tea Plant*. Give ample room and plenty of water. Everyone in South Florida should have at least one Coffee shrub growing in their yard, for a curiosity if nothing more, though well worth growing for the beauty of foliage and flowers alone. If frozen down to the ground they sprout again from the roots, if they are planted deep, and are soon of good size. 25c. each.

## Grape Myrtle.

(*Lagerstrœmia Indica.*)

What the *Lilac* is to the North the *Grape Myrtle* is to the South. It thrives anywhere and everywhere and blooms all summer long. Were it but known what a grand plant it is everybody in the North would grow it. Our cut shows the appearance of one individual flower, but we leave it to our customers to imagine the appearance of a bush completely covered with large panicles consisting of such flowers. The petals of the flowers look like crape, and the panicles of bloom are larger than those of the *Lilac*. It can be set in the open ground in the spring, where it will bloom freely, and in the fall be dug up, put in a box and wintered in a cellar, or it can be kept in a box or tub the year round. As far north as Philadelphia the roots are hardy in the open ground, shooting up freely in spring and blooming the same summer. Doubtless it may be treated the same much farther North by planting deep, and mulching the roots heavy in the fall!



GRAPE MYRTLE FLOWER.

**Light Pink**—A favorite. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.  
**Scarlet**—Very fine. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.  
**Purple**—Choice. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Express size of the above three sorts, 30c. each.  
**White**—Very rare and exquisitely beautiful. 25c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One each of the above 4 sorts for 60c.



## Golden Dew Drop.

(*Duranta Plumieri*.)

A handsome evergreen pot shrub bearing racemes of lovely, delicate blue flowers in great profusion. They resemble the flowers of the *Forget-me-not*, but are larger, are produced for at least three months and are rapidly followed by clusters of beautiful golden berries which hang on for six months, so the plant is ornamental three-fourths of the year. Price, 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.



HAMELIA PATENS.

## Hamelia Patens.

Almost no idea of the great beauty of either flowers or foliage of this plant is conveyed by the cut. It is a plant which should be as common in Northern windows as the *Geranium*, and have an honored place in every Florida yard where it blooms all the summer and fall. In pots if pinched back occasionally it will make a fine shrubby plant and bloom from one year's end to the other. Its bright orange-red tubular flowers are borne in dense clusters and remain perfect for weeks. In addition, in fall its leaves assume most beautiful autumnal hues which last all winter. Native of extreme South Florida where it forms a woody shrub 5 to 12 feet high. Price, 15c. each; larger, 25c. each.

## Hydrangeas.

Largely grown for Easter and for summer decorations. Among the most elegant plants for piazzas, steps and lawns. Begin flowering while very small; may be confined to small pots, or grown as grand large specimens in tubs.

**Monstrosa**—One of the most valuable new plants introduced in years. Trusses of flowers are of enormous size, even on quite small plants. Color, intense deep rose, and the plant is a mass of bloom the whole season. The best of all the *Hydrangeas*. 20c. each.

**Otaska**—The old favorite variety bearing big bunches of pink flowers which change to blue in soils containing iron. 15c. each.

**Red-Branched (*Ramis Pictus*)**—A beautiful sort with dark red branches that brighten to a clear crimson color as they near the flower trusses. Plant of robust habit, and produces freely immense heads of deep rose-colored flowers. An especially desirable sort. 15c. each.

**Thomas Hogg**—A pure white variety, with trusses of flowers measuring 15 inches in diameter. Plants when full grown have a height and width of 6 feet. It is perfectly hardy and one of the finest plants for cemeteries. 15c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—We will send the entire set of 4 varieties amounting to 65c., postpaid for only 50c.



GROUP OF DATURAS.

## Daturas.

**Datura Arborea**—This grows in a fine miniature tree-form and completely loads itself with pure white drooping bell-shaped flowers a foot long, 6 or 8 inches wide, of the most over-powering sweetness, and the same flowers opening for several days in succession. 15c. each.

**Double Datura**—This is a very rare sort, entirely distinct from the above. Its leaves are velvety and of a darker green, and the double flowers look as if one very full flower had been drawn inside of a smaller one. It is a very free bloomer. 20c. each.

**Datura Cornucopia**—The flowers of this sort are shaped much like those of the *Double Datura*, but the inside white while the outside is a fine lilac spotted darker, which makes a striking combination. 15c.

**Datura Chromatella**—A grand new *Datura*, which has been very appropriately called *Golden Queen*. It produces quantities of very large flowers which are of a clear, rich golden-yellow, with three or four distinct corollas, looking as though



GENISTA, OR SHOWER OF GOLD.

golden-yellow, with three or four large flowers had been drawn one within the other. Strong plants, 20c. each. Seeds, 5c. per pkt.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One plant of each of these four magnificent *Daturas*, amounting to 70 cents, sent postpaid to any address for only 60 cents.

## Genista.

(*Shower of Gold*.)

May be grown in form of a perfect miniature tree, and in the late winter and early spring months is loaded with drooping racemes of lovely golden yellow and exquisitely fragrant pea-shaped flowers. In a 5 or 6-inch pot it forms a nice little specimen, exactly as shown in the cut, and keeps perfect a long time. May always be had in flower for Easter. 30c. each.



GOLDEN DEWDROP.



HYDRANGEA.





TYPES OF CHINESE HIBISCUS.

## Habrothamnus.

This is a genus of Mexican plants very closely related to the *Cestrinus*, and of easy cultivation. They will thrive in any good potting soil and are among the gayest and most showy of pot plants with their panicles of richly colored flowers which are borne in profusion. Both of the following varieties are fine winter bloomers.

**Habrothamnus Coccineus**—A very choice sort with bright scarlet or rich dark pink flowers which are pendulous, or tassel-like, and borne in profusion, followed by purplish-red berries (not edible). Very handsome. 10c. each.

**Habrothamnus Elegans**—Flowers bright carmine or purplish-red, freely produced in dense terminal cymes. Branches and under side of leaves downy. May be grown as a climber or trained into bush-form. Price, 10c. each.

## Chinese Hibiscus.

These magnificent flowering plants give unbounded satisfaction either as pot plants or bedded out in summer. They bloom the year round, completely loading themselves with gorgeous flowers.

**Auriantica**—Large, double, orange-colored flowers. An early and profuse bloomer.

**Carminiatus Perfectus**—Full, round flower, of perfect shape, of a rich carmine rose, with a deep crimson eye.

**Colerii**—A remarkable new, distinct variety, introduced from the South Sea Islands. Flowers buff yellow, with a crimson scarlet base, and peculiarly handsome.

**Decorus**—Foliage very large and lobed. Flowers enormous, on long stems, of a beautiful rosy carmine color; stamens and pistils very showy; the stigma is large, circular and golden yellow.

**Grandiflora**—Rich glossy foliage, blooms profusely, during the summer, literally covering the plant with scarlet-crimson, single flowers.

**Miniatus Semi-Plena**—Large, semi-double, brilliant and attractive; bright vermilion scarlet. Ought to be in every garden.

**Rosa Sinensis**—Flowers red and very large, averaging nearly five inches in diameter.

**Sub Violaceus**—Flowers of enormous size, of a beautiful carmine, tinted with violet; probably the largest flower of the Hibiscus family, and an unusually free bloomer. We take great pleasure in recommending this fine plant.

**Versicolor**—A variety combining in its flowers all colors of the whole family, being handsomely striped crimson, buff, rose and white.

**Zebrinus**—Petals scarlet, edged and striped with creamy yellow and white. A unique variety.

Price of all the above varieties—15c. each; any 3 for 40c.

**Hibiscus Chrysantha**—Said to be a hybrid between the *Hibiscus* and *Abutilon*. Flowers 5 or 6 inches across, flat or saucer-shaped, in color a clear, bright canary-yellow, with a brown-black center which greatly heightens the effect. The plants begin blooming when only 3 or 4 inches high, often bearing an expanded flower which is larger than the plant and pot combined, and blooms constantly, whether in a pot in the window or bedded out in summer. Price, 20c. each.

## Jasminum or Jessamines.

This class of *Jessamines* is noted for the combined beauty and fragrance of all its varieties. They are great favorites, and as easy to grow as a *Geranium*.

**Grandiflorum** (*Catalonian Jessamine*)—One of the most desirable of the species. The plant is of a shrubby, half-climbing habit, with very delicate foliage, and its small star-shaped, fragrant flowers are produced in the greatest profusion all the year round. 15c. each; larger, 30c.

**Cracillimum**—A new *Jasminum* and remarkable for its freedom of bloom. Of graceful habit, long slender branches springing out near the ground and curving over on all sides. A flower shoot is produced at every joint, which terminates in a cluster of pure white flowers. Is in bloom from October to February. 15c. each; larger, 30c.

**Grand Duke**—This sort is very easily grown. Even small plants bear a profusion of very double creamy white flowers having a powerful and delicious perfume. It is a magnificent plant and one of the most valued and popular pot plants wherever known. 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

**Hirsutum**—Flowers in umbels, pure white, large, fragrant; petals 6 to 9. Grows in the form of a miniature bush. An exquisite pot plant. 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

**Lucidum**—Twiner, with shiny, evergreen leaves and clusters of white star-shaped flowers. 15c.; larger, 30c.

**Maid of Orleans**—A very attractive new *Jasmine* with shining pale green foliage and good size double flowers, blooming profusely all summer. A very beautiful and desirable sort and very easy to grow. 15c. each; larger, 30c.

**Nudiflorum**—A perfectly hardy climber from China. Its flexible green branches are wreathed with golden flowers very early in spring, and if set south side of house will frequently bloom at Christmas. Thrives any where and grows with great rapidity; blooms all winter south of Washington. Very desirable. 15c. each.

**Officinale**—Another perfectly hardy sort, but like *Nudiflorum* reaches greatest perfection in a sheltered location. May be trained either as a bush or climber; flowers fine white and delightfully fragrant. Blooms from June to September. 15c. each.

**Poetica**—A very rapid grower which may be trained either as a climber or in bush-form. Foliage handsome and glossy and plant covers itself with a perfect cloud of airy, stary white fragrant blossoms, smaller than those of the *Catalonian Jessamine* but blooms in larger clusters. A lovely pot plant. 15c. each.

**Revolutum**—Yellow flowered, growing readily to the height of from 10 to 20 feet in the open ground. In pots makes a fine little bush. Exquisitely fragrant, and hardy north to Maryland. 15c. each; larger, 30c.

**Sambac** (*Arabian Jessamine*)—The most deliciously fragrant of all. Flowers single, white, and borne in cymes. Plant climbing and blooming all the year around. 15c. each; larger, 30c.



JASMINUM GRANDIFLORUM.



## Justicias.



LANTANAS.

**Carnea**—A strong, rapid grower, throwing up long stems terminating in splendid plume-like bunches of pink flowers, the end of each petal drooping in a most charming manner. Literally covers itself with flowers, and does equally well in the house or bedded out. 15c. each.

**Coccinea**—An upright-growing pot-plant of free growth, with large glossy green leaves and terminal spikes of bright coral-red flowers which look as if made of wax, and crown the plant nearly the whole year. Few flowers are so brilliant. Does finely in the open ground all the year round in this State, or bedded out in the summer at the North. Price, 15c. each.

## Lantanas.

One of the best plants for bedding out in summer or for pots in winter; equally fine in dry or wet weather, in sun or shade. There are few plants that bloom more continuously or afford a greater variety of color. The finest new named sorts, 10c. each; 3, all different, for 25c.



LION'S TAIL.

## Lemon Verbena.

This fine old pot-shrub is too well known to need description. Indispensable for the delicious fragrance of its leaves which somewhat resembles the odor of lemons but is more refined, sweet and agreeable to everybody. Price, 15c. each.

## Lion's Tail.

(*Leonotis Leonurus.*)

An old plant but lost to cultivation until re-introduced a few years ago. A very showy plant, as easy to grow as a Geranium and constantly in bloom during the entire winter. The bright, orange-colored flowers look as if made of plush, and are produced in curious whorls. Fine for pots. North and a grand plant for South Florida gardens. 10c. each.

## Melia Floribunda.

A small evergreen shrub growing three to four feet high, with straight stem and symmetrical crown of dark green leaves. Its upright panicles of purple and white flowers are exquisite, and so fragrant that they will perfume a large room, and are almost constantly produced, the plant blooming when only a foot tall. It makes a delightful pot plant and is one of the very best of the new plants. 20c. each; large, by express, 40c. each.

## Melastomas.

A genus of beautiful evergreen shrubs of great beauty for pot and tub culture and found in this country only in the rarest collections. They bear large, showy flowers, purple, violet, rose, rarely white, shaped like those of the *Peroma* (offered on page 50) which belongs to the same family or order. We can supply two species, as follows:

**Melastoma Candidum**—The young stems and leaf stems are wine red and covered with soft white hairs, giving a peculiar appearance. The red color also extends about half way along the five strong and prominent veins underneath the leaves. The leaves are deep green and covered above and below with silky white hairs, giving them a beautiful appearance and velvety texture. Flowers large and purple. Native of China. Price, 15c. each.

**Melastoma Sanguineum**—Crimson bristles clothe the stems of this species, adding much to the plants' appearance. The leaves are green above and shining, but red at the nerves beneath, and are very distinct and ornamental. The branches terminate in clusters of very large delicately-soft pink or rose-colored flowers. Also native of China. Price, 20c. each.

## Myrtus Tomentosa.

(*The Downy Myrtle.*)

A very handsome and distinct species bearing beautiful pink five-petaled flowers, resembling in size the Dog Rose. The flowers appear in such wonderful profusion that the leaves of the plant are almost completely hidden, and the branches weighted to the ground. A beautiful pot-shrub for the North and valuable fruit-bearing shrub for Florida. See further description on page 42, under *Tropical and Semi-Tropical Fruits*. Price, 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

**M. Communis**—This is the true Myrtle or Bridal Myrtle which was so great a favorite among the ancients, and was sacred to Venus. It makes a beautiful pot plant of erect shrubby habit, with fragrant evergreen foliage, and is of the easiest culture in the window. It also bears small white flowers freely, which are scented like the foliage. Highly valued for use in wedding and funeral bouquets, etc. Hardy in the open ground in Florida. 20c. each.



MELASTOMA SANGUINEUM.



MYRTUS TOMENTOSA.



## Magnolia Grandiflora.

The wondrous *Magnolia* of the South, the most magnificent of all our Southern broad-leaved evergreens. Leaves very large, much like those of the *Rubber Tree*, dark shining green above and a beautiful rusty brown beneath, forming a striking contrast. Flowers six to eight inches across, creamy white, waxy and powerfully fragrant. Forms a majestic tree sixty to eighty feet high. Not considered hardy north of Washington, though a well protected specimen in Philadelphia blooms annually. But as it begins blooming when quite small, it can be treated as a tub plant and wintered in the cellar. Price of fine pot-grown plants, which are sure to live and grow off finely, 20c. each; larger, 35c. each.

**Magnolia Fuscata** - (*Banana Shrub*.) A Chinese dwarf evergreen species growing only from 2 to 4 feet tall and exceedingly fine for pot culture. Completely covers itself with small cream-colored erect flowers of the most exquisite fragrance, similar to that of a ripe banana. So powerfully scented are they when the sun shines that one or two will perfume a large room. Perfectly hardy in the South, where it is universally loved by all who know it. Nice plants, 25c. each; larger, 35c. each.

**Magnolia Glauca** - (*Laurel Magnolia* or *Sweet Bay*.) A beautiful shrubby species entirely distinct from the others. Leaves small, glossy green above and silvery white beneath, forming a most beautiful object when stirred by a breeze. Flowers about the size of a silver dollar, creamy white, and delightfully fragrant. Perfectly hardy in Massachusetts, but can be treated as a tub plant farther north. Price of nice plants, 15c. each.

## Trifoliate Orange.

A beautiful Japanese Orange (*Citrus Trifoliata*) which has proved perfectly hardy—without any protection—at least as far north as Philadelphia. A grand tub plant for all points farther north. It differs from other Oranges in having trifoliate or clover-shaped leaves, larger flowers, which are produced in the greatest profusion and over a much longer season, frequently blooming two or three times during



TRIFOLIATE ORANGE.



MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA.



MAG. FUSCATA.

in their axils appear, in the greatest profusion, flowers in the shape of small yellow fuzzy balls, of the most delicate fragrance, from which a popular perfume is distilled. Fine plants, 15c. each; larger, 30c. each.

## White Opoponax

Plants of this variety are much more dwarf than the above sort, but the leaves and balls of white flowers are much larger. The flat brown seeds are very beautiful, and useful in a variety of fancy work. A valuable pot plant for the North, or for the open ground in Florida. Fine plants, 15c. each; larger, 30c. each. Seeds, 5c. per packet.

## Olea Fragrans.

An elegant little pot shrub known as *Sweet Olive*, from the powerful and delicious fragrance of its small clusters of delicate cream-white flowers which are produced in great profusion during the fall and winter. Foliage deep green, similar to a *Camellia*. Very desirable. Fine plants, 25c. each.

the summer. These are followed by orange-red fruits, about the size of a *Mandarin* orange, which makes an excellent marmalade. It is a dwarf plant, forming a beautiful shrub, from 4 to 12 feet high. It is the very best sort as a stock on which to bud or graft and dwarf the larger growing varieties. As a hedge plant, either for ornament or defense, its value is unlimited. For a hedge set the plants from 18 to 20 inches apart in a single row. Planted even further apart they will form a hedge which no animal can force. Strong, young, thrifty mailing trees, 15c. each 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 12 for \$1.25; 100 for \$6.50. Fine plants, 2 to 3 feet tall, by express, 25c. each; 3 for 70c.; 6 for \$1.25; 12 for \$2.00

## Opoponax.

(*Acacia Farnesiana*.)

Prof. Fraas has recognized in this *Acacia* the ancient plant, which should give it great interest even if it were not, as it is, one of the most beautiful plants in cultivation. Its little leaves are as delicate and beautiful as lace work, and



OPOPONAX.





PARIS DAISIES.

**Yellow**—A golden yellow variety of fine form and large size. Much prized for corsage bouquets. 10c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—We will send one each of these five fine Oleanders (amounting to 90c.) to any address for only 75c.

### Paris Daisies.

(Marguerites.)

The *Paris Daisies* or *Marguerites* are largely grown in the cities for winter bouquets and decorations, for which purposes they are very popular. They are as easy to grow as Geraniums, and make splendid pot plants for winter and for bedding out in summer.

**White**—Has a row of narrow white petals around a salmon disc. Very graceful and charming. 10c. each.

### Pomegranates.

The dwarf or ornamental flowering *Pomegranates* are exceedingly beautiful pot shrubs. The outside, or calyx, of the flowers looks as if cut out of very thick sealing wax, while the inside, or petals, look like crape or crimped tissue paper.

**Alba Plena**—Creamy white flowers, very double. 15c. each.

**James Vick**—A very dwarf variety with flowers large and most brilliant orange-scarlet. Very desirable. 15c. each.

**Variiegata**—Flowers very large and very double, yellow, flaked with scarlet. A magnificent variety. 15c. each.

### Poinciana.

(Bird-of-Paradise Flower.)

The *Poincianas* are among the chief glories of tropical and semi-tropical gardens, and are exceptionally fine pot-shrubs on account of their elegant foliage and brilliant flowers. They make magnificent window plants, combining the beauty of *Mimosa* leaves with gorgeous flowers, and blooming continually upon the new growths.



OLEANDER

**Poinciana Pulcherrima**—A beautiful shrub with finely pinnated *Mimosa*-like leaves. The new growths completely covered all the time with delicate orange and red flowers, the stamens and pistils very long and curving upward, giving the flower a most curious appearance. A perfect blaze of glory when in bloom. Is easily grown and begins blooming when only a foot tall. 15c. each; larger, 30c.

**Poinciana Pulcherrima, var. Flava**—This variety seems to be practically unknown outside of the West Indies and So. Florida. Flowers bright clear yellow. A fine companion for the orange and red. Price, 15c. each; larger, 30c.

**Poinciana Regia**—The *Royal Poinciana*, or *Flamboyante* of Madagascar and the West Indies. One of the most beautiful trees known, having immense compound leaves of a very dark, rich green, giving a striking tropical effect. As a pot plant it is as effective as any of the finest Palms, and growing among other pot plants will lend a tropical effect hard to obtain with any other plant. It is just as easy to grow as a Geranium, and all who purchase it may rest assured that they have a plant as rare as it is beautiful. Fine plants, only 15c. each.



DOUBLE

POMEGRANATE



POINCIANA PULCHERRIMA.

## Oleanders.

The *Oleanders* are too well known to require extended description. No plant is easier to manage; the flowers possess a fragrance almost rivaling the Rose, and a well grown specimen in bloom is an object of great beauty. In the fall they may be removed to the cellar.

**Rosea Splendens**—Double pink, a soft exquisite shade, and very fragrant. A beautiful variety, producing its flowers in great abundance. Price, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

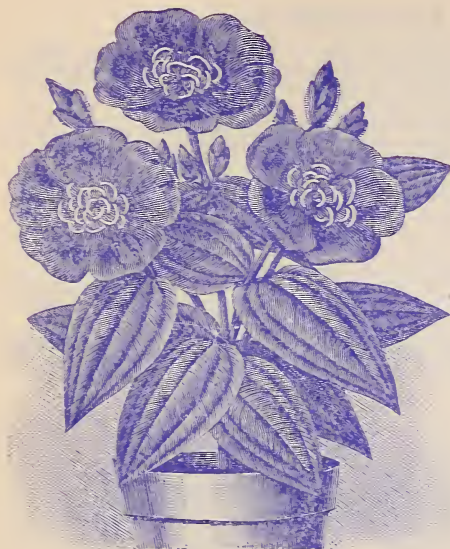
**Double Red**—Deep rich color, inner petals more or less marked with narrow white stripe; flower not quite so large as the double pink. Price, 15c. each.

**Double White**—Beautiful beyond description, forming a lovely contrast with the pink and red varieties. Price, 25c. each.

**Single White**—This is the most profuse flowering shrub we know of, and certainly one of the most beautiful. It loads itself with such quantities of exquisite flowers that the foliage is almost completely hidden. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; fine large plants, 30c. each.

**Carneum**—A very free-flowering and exceedingly beautiful variety. Flowers single, pure white with deep pink lines in the throat, producing the most exquisite effect imaginable. 20c. each.





PLEROMA SPLENDENS.

beautiful variety is a cream white. A very choice and desirable companion to the above. 15c. each.

**Larpenæ**—(*Lady Larpent*.) A perfectly hardy sort of low, herbaceous growth, springing up from the roots each spring. Makes a splendid border plant. Flowers deepest, darkest blue. Succeeds everywhere, North or South. 15c. each.

**Sanguinea**—A pretty winter blooming sort, producing large spikes of rosy carmine blooms, which last a long time. A splendid house plant. 15c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—We will send one plant of each sort of *Plumbago*, amounting at catalogue prices to 60c., for only 50c.

## Parkinsonia Aculeata.

The *Jerusalem Thorn*. Known in Texas and Mexico as *Retama*. A highly ornamental evergreen shrub of great beauty. Has extremely curious leaves, consisting of a mid-rib 15 or more inches long, bearing tiny leaflets each side of its entire length. The leaves close up at night, hanging down in a graceful manner and giving the plant a beautiful weeping appearance. Its beautiful, showy yellow crimped flowers, with a sweet, woody odor, are disposed in short, loose, axillary racemes. Perfectly hardy as far North as Beaufort, S. C., where it forms a tree 25 feet high. When grown as a pot-plant it should be well drained. A plant which will attract attention anywhere. Plants, 15c. each.



RUELLIA FORMOSA.

## Pleroma Splendens.

A rare and exceedingly beautiful pot shrub, flowering almost the entire year round, especially valuable for winter decoration. The plant grows in the symmetrical shape, like a miniature tree, covered with beautiful leaves which feel and look as if cut out of lovely green velvet, and bears in great profusion the most showy flowers, in size larger than a silver dollar and in color a rich deep royal purple—a shade almost unknown among flowers. The plant is never too small to bloom, while good-sized specimens present a display charming to behold. It may be treated as a pot plant the year round, or planted out in the open ground during the summer, like a Geranium. Nice plants, 20c. each.

## Plumbago.

The *Plumbagoes* should be cut back hard after flowering, and may be rested during the winter by keeping them rather dry. Here they bloom almost constantly and withstand drought, water and hottest sunshine. No Florida garden or Northern window garden should be without a representative of all four of the following sorts offered. They will bloom constantly for months in succession, and then again after a good cutting back and brief rest.

**Capensis**—One of the very finest flowering plants in cultivation, not only on account of its delicately colored and beautiful flowers, but it is completely covered with blooms throughout the year. The color of its flowers is a most delicate and quite indescribable shade of light blue, rarely found in any other flower. Equally desirable as an all-the-year round pot plant, or for bedding out during the summer. 15c. each.

**Capensis Flora Alba**—A new and rare plant, the exact counterpart of *P. Capensis*, except in color, which in this



PLUMBAGO CAPENSIS.

## Ruellia Formosa.

A very desirable and free flowering plant, blooming continuously and of the easiest culture. Flowers very rich scarlet. *Salvia*-like, but larger and borne in great profusion. Thrives in any light rich soil, and is fine for either pot-culture or bedding out in summer. 15c. each.

## Ruellia Tuberosa.

This is in reality a rare and very desirable novelty sent to us from Europe, and so far as we know has never been offered in this country by others. It is of very bushy dwarf growth and covers itself with beautiful *Bignonia*-like flowers which stand above the foliage and are of the same lovely shade of blue as the *Cornflower*. Bedded out in summer it will flower from July on till Christmas if potted before frost. 20c. each.

## Rhaphiolepis Ovata.

(*East Indian Hawthorn*.)

A grand little evergreen shrub which is perfectly hardy at Washington, D. C. Well worthy a place in the window on account of its very dark green, ovate or almost round, leathery leaves which stand heat, cold, dust and gas with impunity. It is dwarf in habit, not attaining a height of over 4 feet in the open ground and much less in pots, and assumes a beautiful rounded shape. It belongs to the same family as the Hawthorn and produces in profusion terminal panicles of Hawthorn-like flowers, each about three-quarters of an inch across, color varying from pure white to various shades of pink, sweet scented and followed by black berries about the size of peas. Blooms from February to August. Should be in every Southern garden. Fine large plants, 25c. each.





TEA PLANT.

### True Tea Plant.

(*Camellia Thea.*)

This is the true *Chinese Tea Plant*, which makes a beautiful little evergreen pot shrub, covered with lovely single white flowers, each with a profusion of golden-tipped stamens. Truly beautiful as well as novel, and of the easiest cultivation. It is perfectly hardy throughout the Gulf States, where it makes fine hedges and good tea may be prepared from its leaves. Nice pot-grown plants, 20c. each.

### The Tomato Tree.

(*Solanum Betaceum.*)

A fine ornamental tub or pot shrub from South America, where it attains a height of 12 or 14 feet. It grows in a fine tree-like form, the branches spreading and clothed with large handsome, tropical-looking leaves, making it a showy plant for the house in winter or lawn in summer. But it is most valued for its delicious fruit, which hangs pendent in clusters below the foliage; is the size of a large egg, and of a beautiful orange-salmon color when ripe. It has a delightful subacid taste, slightly resembling the Tomato and is jam it is very fine. It will keep for weeks as it does not bruise on account of its very tough skin and the solid nature of the fruit covering the seeds. In Southern California it is highly valued for its fruit, and in Ceylon and India it is extensively grown, and is known as the "*Poor Man's Fruit.*" It is as yet a rare plant in this country, being almost unknown outside of Southern California. Nice seedlings plants, 15c. each.



TABERNÆMONTANA CORONARIA FL. PL.

### Russelia Juncea.

(*The Coral Plant.*)

The cut conveys a very slight idea of the great beauty of this splendid basket plant. Its habit of growth is neat and very graceful. It forms a great mass of slender, rush-like, stems, which are completely covered almost the whole year round with the most beautiful, tubular, bright scarlet flowers, which are very conspicuous—a color which is scarce in basket plants. One of the finest plants imaginable for Florida gardens, where it flourishes like a weed and looks when in bloom like a fountain of crimson and green. Price, 10c. each.



CORAL PLANT.

### Salvias.

**Purpurea**—A very fine sort with flowers of a rich royal purple color and borne in large graceful spikes. A fine and very large sort which every body should grow. 10c. each.

**Splendens**—The well known scarlet variety which makes such a dazzling show bedded out. Fine for bordering beds. 10c. each.

### Tecoma Stans.

Known in this State as *Yellow Elder* and *Yellow Bignonia*. It is a magnificent shrub which in the winter is a "glory of golden yellow flowers," which are large, tube-shaped, and completely cover the plant, often weighing the branches to the ground. Something entirely new for a pot or tub plant at the North and sure to become a great favorite. Very valuable in this State as a screen for unsightly fences, buildings, etc., sprouting readily from the root if cut down by frost, and blooming the same season. 15c. each, 3 for 40c. larger, 30c. each.

### Tabernæmontana

### Coronaria Flore Pleno.

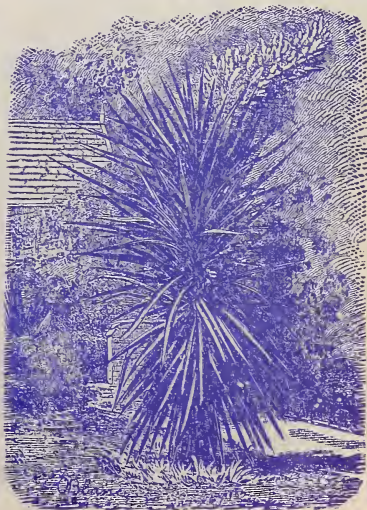
(*Adam's Apple. East India Rose Bay.*)

This is not a new plant, but has only lately come into general cultivation; but now that its great beauty has been recognized the demand for it seems unlimited. It forms a neat shrubby plant—somewhat like a *Cape Jessamine*—and for months at a time is completely covered with the most beautiful double, waxy-white flowers, with elegantly crimped petals, fragrant at night. One of the very choice things that can be procured from but few sources. Fine plants, 25c. each; larger, 50c. each.

### Yucca Aloifolia.

(*The Spanish Dagger.*)

One of the most imposing and tropical-appearing plants with which we are acquainted, and it will stand any amount of neglect, except too severe freezing; but it is hardy as far north as South Carolina. It is always ornamental from its smallest size until it becomes an imposing specimen. Leaves very dark green, stiff and pointed, forming a fine head. Begins blooming while quite small, producing an immense head of creamy, bell-shaped flowers. As a decorative plant it cannot be surpassed, being fully as desirable as the finest Palms and even more striking in appearance. Fine mailing plants, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; larger and very fine, 40c. each.



SPANISH DAGGER.

### Yucca Gloriosa.

This truly *glorious* Yucca is very rare in cultivation though it is hardy in the open ground as far north as Philadelphia. In time it makes a trunk 2 to 4 feet high, crowned with a head of magnificent tropical-looking foliage from the midst of which shoots up in late fall an immense pyramidal panicle of white bell-like flowers, lasting in bloom for three weeks or more. As far north as Philadelphia the late fall frosts usually cut off its blooming in the open ground, but as a tub or vase plant—for which purpose it is especially fine—it may be removed to the piazza or into the house and its exquisite flowers enjoyed at a time when the garden has been desolated. May be watered in pit or cellar. Price, 20c. each.

For *Yucca Filamentosa* see page 35.



## Bulbs of the Amaryllis Family.

**W**E wish to call special attention to our collection of this class of magnificent flowering bulbs, not that the collection is complete by any means, but never before have such beautiful and desirable sorts been catalogued at such extremely low prices. Not more than two or three of the Crinums we offer can be obtained anywhere in the North, and they would be catalogued there at much higher prices than ours, and it is acknowledged by all who have dealt with us that our bulbs of this family are the largest and finest ever sent out by any concern, and we are proud of the reputation they have made for us.

**Culture**—Nearly all members of the Amaryllis family require a season of rest from September or October until February or March, during this period giving just water enough to keep the large fleshy roots from drying up and dying. At the close of the resting period, water copiously and keep the plants growing vigorously until the beginning of the next resting season. At the beginning of the growing season remove the top soil down to the roots and replace with fresh soil containing a liberal quantity of well-decayed manure; also water with liquid manure frequently during the growing and flowering period, and shift the plants to larger pots when they become crowded.

### Amaryllis Equestre.

One of the most beautiful species of Amaryllis in cultivation, of the easiest management and invaluable as a winter bloomer, flowering very soon after the bulbs are potted. As shown by the cut here presented the flowers open out very flat and are nodding, instead of being in the form of most Amaryllis. Flowers 5 or more inches across, bright, sparkling orange-red, with a most beautiful green and white star in the center. The bulbs should be ordered previous to April 1st, as they bloom here in March and April in spite of all we can do. No matter if we lay the bulbs on a dry board in the sun, they bloom just the same without roots or leaves. We know of no bulb so absolutely sure to bloom and please customers. It is offered at the North under the name of *Regina*. We offer full grown, blooming size bulbs, of our own raising, at the remarkably low price of 10c. each; very large and fine, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



AMARYLLIS JOHNSONII.

### Amaryllis Formosissima.—(Jacobean Lily.)

For richness and intense color nothing can surpass, even if approach, the flowers of this rare old Mexican bulb. In shape its flowers differ from all other species of Amaryllis, and in color they are a deep, velvety, intense scarlet, the rarest, richest and deepest we have ever seen in a flower. At a distance they look blackish, and when the sun shines on them they have the appearance of being sprinkled with gold. The bulbs may be kept dry over winter, and in the spring set in the open ground, where they will quickly begin flowering. They are also fine for pot culture, and for growing in water, like Hyacinths, requiring the same treatment. (See cut on next page.) Fine flowering bulbs, 10c. each; very large, 20c. each.

### Amaryllis Aulica Platypetala.

This is one of the most noble and beautiful of all the various species of Amaryllis. The bulbs grow unusually large, sending up strong evergreen leaves which are a deep, waxy green and arch over and outward in a most beautiful and ornamental manner. Two and three flower scapes appear at one time, bearing immense flowers with very broad spreading petals which are sharply pointed and highly colored, rich crimson, checkered with veins of a deeper blood crimson. The bases of the petals are a beautiful green, forming a star in the center of the flower, and above the green is a maroon blotch. It is entirely distinct from all other Amaryllis both in appearance and time of blooming, producing its flowers in November and early December, when flowers are so scarce. This season we have only very large and heavy bulbs to offer, but they will bloom grandly. Bulbs 6 to 7 inches in circumference, 60c. each; 8 to 10 inches in circumference, \$1.00 each, postpaid.



AMARYLLIS EQUESTRE.

### Amaryllis Johnsonii.

This magnificent Amaryllis, although one of the earliest hybrids, is surpassed by very few of the new and costly varieties, and still remains a favorite house plant with all who know it, not only on account of its handsome foliage and gorgeous flowers, but because of its easy cultivation and its absolute surety to always bloom freely and profusely. Indeed, it might well be termed "Old Reliable," for, with ordinary attention, it will flower twice each year—in winter and in summer—the bulbs sending up two, three or four strong flower scapes at one time, each bearing five or six large, brilliant velvety crimson flowers, each petal striped through the center with a broad band of pure white and delicately fragrant. This bulb is one which has well defined seasons of growth and rest. From the time growth commences it steadily advances until the blooming period is past, and then, after a few weeks, the bottom leaves begin to turn yellow. When this occurs, withhold water almost entirely, giving only enough to keep the soil from going dust-dry. After the bulb has rested a sufficient length of time it will begin to show signs of growth; then water thoroughly and freely.

Our bulbs of this Amaryllis are exceptionally fine and strong—the largest we ever saw—and every one of them will produce two, three, or even four strong flower-scapes at one time, each holding five or six gorgeous Lily-like flowers. Price of fine blooming bulbs, 25c. each; monstrous bulbs, which will produce three and four flower stalks at each blooming, 45c. each.

Mrs. E. K. Baright, N. Y., wrote, under date of March 15th, that her Amaryllis Johnsonii, bought of us, was in bloom with twenty-four flowers.



## Am. Prince of Orange.

A magnificent sort which should have a place in every collection. Flowers very large and of great substance; in color a beautiful orange-scarlet. One of the finest and rarest. Fine bulbs, \$1.00 each.

## Am. Belladonna Major.

This is an *Amaryllis* of remarkable beauty, but is little known among amateur flower cultivators. Its season of flowering is the latter part of August, while the plant is absolutely destitute of leaves (though for convenience both leaves and flowers are shown in the cut). After the flowers fade the leaves spring up and should be allowed to grow vigorously until they die down again, then keep the bulbs dormant (in pots) until the next flowering season. The flowers are large, trumpet-shaped—like a *Longiflorum Lily*—of a clear, soft, lovely pink color, with a fragrance like Apricots, and a number are produced together in an umbel. Of exquisite beauty. Fine bulbs, 25c. each.

## Glivia Miniata.

This is also called *Imantophyllum*. A magnificent member of the *Amaryllis* family, highly decorative whether in or out of bloom. Foliage rich and very deep, dark green, lasting all the year around. Blooms twice a year—once in mid-winter—two flower stalks at each blooming and each crowned with a bunch of often as many as 35 lovely lilies uniquely and gorgeously colored. Each lily is two or more inches in diameter of a rich salmon or light flame color tinged with orange, and very fragrant. Each cluster is a perfect bouquet of most gorgeous but harmonious coloring, and lasts perfect a long time. In habit of growth and flowering it is quite



GLIVIA MINIATA.

## Crinum.

A great interest has lately been taken in these magnificent bulbs, and the demand for them is rapidly increasing as people learn what grand bloomers they are, and how easily managed. Since we first catalogued them, Northern dealers have awakened to their great value and beauty, and we supply them with the bulbs of *C. Americanum*, *C. Kirkii* (?) and *C. Fimbriatum* (*Milk and Wine Lily*) by thousands. Unfortunately *C. Kirkii* (?) is being offered under a variety of names, among them *C. Kirkley*, *C. Ornatum* and *C. Nobile*. But no matter what it is called, it is one of the loveliest and sweetest of all flowers. A stately and magnificent plant, and undisputed Queen of Bulbs. Like most members of the *Amaryllis* family the *Crinum* bloom best when they are somewhat pot-bound. May be wintered dormant by letting the soil go nearly dry.

## "Grandolia," or Crinum Augustum.

This may truthfully be said to be the stately and most magnificent *Crinum* known to cultivation, and for true beauty is unsurpassed. A specimen on our grounds when only three years planted had leaves as tall as a man's head, four to six inches wide and the ends gracefully drooping out and downward. Ordinarily this species produces an umbel of thirty or more flowers, larger than a half bushel measure, but an old bulb has produced an umbel so large that when carried in a covered buggy it completely hid the person in the seat. The buds are of a deep purplish-red color, and the flowers when open are blood-red outside and a delicate satiny blush inside. The petals are broad and from six to eight inches long, making a flower of an immense size. It only remains to state that the flowers are deliciously fragrant and we have feebly described the grandest *Crinum* yet discovered. The bulbs bloom when quite small, and in a large pot or keg it makes a grand display. Immense bulbs, *by express*, \$3.00 each. Mailing size, \$1.00 each.



AMARYLLIS BELLADONNA MAJOR.

like the *Agapanthus* except that its leaves are a much darker, richer green, and the flower heads are produced on shorter and stouter stems. Its elegant foliage renders it a highly ornamental plant at all times—in or out of bloom—and in London and Paris it is one of the most popular decorative house plants. Fine plants from 3-inch pots, 40c. each, extra large, 7-inch pots, *by express*, \$1.25.

## Cooperias.

(Giant Fairy Lilies.)

Charming summer-flowering bulbs closely allied to the *Zephyranthes* but distinct in appearance. Have Primrose-scented, Lily-like white flowers on stems 10 to 15 inches high. Equally desirable for pot or open ground culture. We can supply three varieties—*Pedunculata*, *Drummondii* and *Obernetteri*—at 5c. each; or 3 of each, 35c.



AMARYLLIS FORMOSISSIMA.



COOPERIAS, OR GIANT FAIRY LILIES.



## Crinum Americanum.

An evergreen species and of the easiest culture, is best grown as a pot plant and can be wintered in the cellar if the soil is kept nearly dry. Its large white, exquisitely fragrant, Lily-like flowers are produced in an umbel and borne on a tall scape. A striking plant and far more beautiful than many of the high priced Amaryllis, and in cultivation blooms several times a year. It grows naturally in swamps where the soil is rich muck and very wet. It can be kept growing and blooming (at intervals) the year round. Give an abundance of water when growing and blooming. Blooms best when somewhat pot-bound. Our bulbs are collected in one particular locality where they grow much finer and larger than any we ever saw offered in the North. We offer fine blooming size bulbs at the extremely low price of 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; extra large, 25c. each; 3 for 65c.

"My *Crinum Americanum* bloomed this summer. I think it a very beautiful plant and flower and am very much pleased with it."  
--MRS. J. S. BRUBAKER, Iowa.

## Crinum Eubescens.

This is a rare tropical species but seldom seen in cultivation and probably never elsewhere offered for sale in this country. It is of very free growth, among the very easiest to manage, and presents a most distinctive appearance. The very dark green leaves grow long and drooping, three or more inches broad, and with edges slightly scabrous. The stout peduncles are crowned with umbels of as many as twelve flowers, which are Lily-shaped, claret-purple outside but soft pink within, and the filaments bright red. It is a very free bloomer and a desirable addition to every collection of Amaryllis. Very fine large bulbs, sure to bloom grandly, \$1.00 each.

## Crinum Moorei.

One of the very choicest of all the Crinums, a native of South Africa, and perfectly easy to grow and manage. The true variety is very rare in cultivation and is usually catalogued as *C. Ornatum*. The bulbs grow very large and round, like *C. Kirkii*, with 12 to 15 bright green leaves 2 to 3 feet long and 3 to 4 inches broad. The flowers are produced in umbels of from ten to a dozen, in color soft delicate blush, with a pink bar through the center of each petal, and deliciously sweet scented. Each flower has a curved tube 3 or 4 inches long, which gives the entire



CRINUM AMERICANUM.

umbel of flowers a most graceful, drooping appearance. No collection of Crinums can be considered complete without this rarely beautiful species. Fine bulbs, guaranteed to be true to name, 75c. each.

## Crinum Capense Rosea.

A species of great beauty and value, and probably the very easiest of the whole genus to manage. In the Missouri Botanical Gardens, at St. Louis, it is left in the open ground the year around, simply mulched with a little pine straw, and proves perfectly hardy, blooming profusely during the summer months. Anywhere it may be treated exactly like a *Dahlia* or *Gladiolus*—set in the ground in summer and dug up and wintered dry. So hardy are the bulbs that they may even be kept out of the ground two years and suffer no injury. Flowers, many in an umbel, shaped like a Lily, white flushed with pink, a deeper pink stripe running through each petal. The cut does not do the flowers justice as the pink stripe is not so decided as the impression given; the petals are flushed with pink all over, merging or intensifying into a decided stripe in the middles. Everybody should grow it. First size bulbs, 25c. each; second size, very large and strong, 50c. each.

## Christ-and-the-Apostles.

(*Crinum Scabrum*.)

When or by whom the above fanciful name was bestowed on this Crinum we cannot tell, but we learn that it was given because the plant usually produces *thirteen* flowers to each umbel, one in the center surrounded by the other twelve, representing Christ and the twelve apostles. It is an exceedingly choice and beautiful sort, of which the supply of bulbs is limited. We have been collecting and propagating it since it first came under our notice, until now we have the largest stock of it in America. It produces an abundance of pale green foliage with delicately crimped or curled margins, and usually two flower scapes at one time. The flowers are shaped much like those of the old Annunciation Lily, but have a much longer tube, so that the outer row droops in a very graceful manner. The six broad petals are a pure, sparkling white, with a light red stripe down the outside, and on the inside a faint, delicate peach-blow tint. It makes an exceedingly satisfactory pot-plant, being managed with perfect ease, and will certainly delight all who possess themselves of it. Strong, flowering bulbs, by mail, 40c. each; very large bulbs, which will flower grandly, 75c. each.



CRINUM CAPENSE ROSEA

Do not overlook the fine assortment of beautiful Palms, Ferns, Dracænas and other rare decorative plants offered on pages 36 to 39. Our prices for these rare plants are surprisingly low.

"The Crinum Bulbs are just huge and grand, -nothing like them was ever before seen here."--MRS. O. S. VAUGHAN, Texas.



## Crinum Kirkii (?)



CRINUM KIRKII.

This magnificent flowering bulb frequently attains the size of a child's head, and produces flowers of the greatest beauty. A blooming plant appears exactly as in the cut here presented. Usually two flower stalks, each two or more feet tall, and of a dark purplish color, are sent up at the same time, each bearing a large umbel, consisting of a dozen or more large Lily-like flowers of the greatest beauty and fragrance. The petals are broad and pure white, with a deep reddish-purple stripe down the center of the outside of each, and showing through faintly on the inside. Each individual flower is about the shape and size of those of the beautiful old *Lilium Candidum*. It is a plant which gives unbounded satisfaction to all who possess it, and never fails to create a sensation wherever and whenever in bloom. It may be grown as a pot plant or bedded out in the spring, and in the fall lifted and kept dry over winter, like *Gladioli*, etc., in a warm, dry place. We grow them by the thousands, and undoubtedly send out the largest and finest bulbs, at a lower price than they can be obtained for anywhere else. Fine bulbs, first size, 3 inches in diameter, 30c. each; second size, much larger, 50c. each.

**READ THIS:**—"The package of mammoth bulbs came safely and as quick as if I had ordered them from Chicago. And such elegant, monstrous, large bulbs! I did not know before that the *Crinum Kirkii* ever grew to so large a size. And you sell it so cheap, too. Eastern florists are not 'in the swim' at all with you in raising bulbs. But they are in selling, for had I ordered from them this size *Crinum Kirkii* would have cost \$2.00 or \$3.00 instead of 50 cents, your price,—that is if they were ever so lucky as to possess or even see one this size. I doubt they ever did. I am regretting very much that I did not send you my orders long before this."—MRS. A. H. HEWITT, IOWA.

"The mammoth *Crinum Kirkii* bulb came safely and I am amazed and more than pleased,—amazed that you can raise such bulbs and pay the postage on them at 30c. each."—E. EMMA ROBINSON, Mo.

## Crinum Fimbriatum.

(Milk and Wine Lily.)

A grand sort, almost as beautiful as the *Kirkii*, but its bulbs do not grow as large, and its strong growing foliage is more erect and sword-shaped. Flowers in umbels, very large and showy, three to four inches in diameter, striped with white and carmine and very fragrant. Nice bulbs, 20c. each; largest size, 30c. each.

"I must tell you that *Milk and Wine Lily* has done famous work. I think it has developed nine fine blooms and there are two unopened buds. We therefore gave it a free ride last Sunday (July 20th.) to our chapel services. I filled in dark gay flowers at the base of the stalk, which measures fifteen inches in height. There were Bostonians and people from various towns to admire and enjoy it."—MRS. E. ADAMS, Mass.



MILK AND WINE LILY.

## Crinum Pedunculatum.

(St. John's Lily.)

King among *Crinums*, mature plants having reached a height of three to six feet, and a corresponding breadth of magnificent foliage. Much like a giant form of *Crinum Americanum*, having the same kind of flowers only larger and in an immense umbel of twenty to thirty or more, borne on a scape three or more feet tall. Flowers pure white, very fragrant and produced at intervals throughout the year. The cut gives some idea of the general appearance and habit of this plant, but conveys a very poor impression of the form and great beauty of the pearly white, purple-anthered flowers. Full size bulbs are large and stumpy-like, and can be sent by express only. Our stock is limited, and has cost us nearly as much as we charge. First size, by mail, 40c. each; second size, by mail, 60c. each; very large blooming bulbs regular giants, by express only, \$1.25 each.

"We thought that perhaps you would like to know how very much pleased we are with the *Crinum Pedunculatum*, or *St. John's Lily*, you sent us last spring. It has now (September 22nd) two blossom-stalks with 18 lilies on them, and the perfume is exquisite. The *Crinum Capense* *Rosea* has also sent up a blossom-stalk, but the lilies have not opened yet. We have now 25 different kinds of *Amaryllis* and *Crinums*, and those we procured from those you have given more satisfaction, generally speaking, than those we have had from other firms."—MRS. L. V. FLINT, Oregon.



CRINUM PEDUNCULATUM, OR ST. JOHN'S LILY.



## Giant Spider Lily.

(*Hymenocallis [Pancratium] Caribbaeum.*)



PINK SPIDER LILY.

easily grown as a potato, and will bloom magnificently after having lain dry for weeks. Fine blooming size bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 12 for \$1.25.

## New Hardy Spider Lily.

(*Hymenocallis Galvestonensis.*)

A *Spider Lily* which may be planted out in gardens all over the North like a *Paeony* and prove hardy is a novelty indeed, and a most valuable and welcome one. Such is this species, and it is now possible to have clumps of this elegant and charming flower in the yard with no trouble after once setting it out. They bear an abundance of white flowers equally as beautiful and fragrant as the tender species, and the beauty of a clump of them established in a yard or border is better imagined than described. The flowers are pure white, exquisitely beautiful in form and deliciously fragrant; produced in large umbels on tall stems, each umbel a whole bouquet in itself that will scent a whole yard or room. Also equally valuable for pot culture. In the open ground plant the bulbs 5 or 6 inches deep, and in a warm, sheltered spot. Fine blooming bulbs, 15c. each; 2 for 25c.; 5 for 50c.



## Japanese Pink Spider Lily.

(*Lycoris [Nerine Japonica] Radiata.*)

The spikes and flowers are produced in graceful umbels, and are most delicate and beautiful, varying in color from pinkish salmon to pink, vermilion and scarlet, with petals beautifully undulated, and by artificial light sparkling like jewels. The flowers suddenly appear during the fall months, after the leaves of the plant have died down. The bulbs may be kept in a pot the year round, withholding water almost entirely during the winter season, or kept dry over winter like *Gladioli* or potatoes, and bedded out in the spring. Large blooming size bulbs, 10c. each

## Zephyranthes, or Fairy Lilies.

The great *Amaryllis* family has given us many rare gems, but none that can surpass, if equal, these fair flowers, most happily styled *Fairy Lilies* or *Zephyr Flowers*. Fine for pots or open ground.

- Z. Atamasco**—(*Atamasco* Lily.) Flowers about 3 inches across, of dazzling whiteness, deliciously sweet scented and borne on scapes about a foot high. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 6 for 15c.
- Z. Candida**—(*Peruvian Swamp Lily*.) Also pure white, but smaller and in every way distinct from the above. Has fleshy Rush-like leaves and is a profuse bloomer. 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.
- Z. Andersonii Texana**—A dainty little species from Southern Texas, having beautiful little golden yellow flowers much like a *Crocus*. 5c. each; 6 for 25c.
- Z. Rosea**—(*Pink Fairy Lily*.) A very distinct form, with the most beautiful clear rosy pink flowers. A profuse bloomer, one of the most charming species in cultivation and very scarce. Like the other species of *Zephyranthes* it may be grown as a pot plant the year round, or planted in the open ground and the bulbs wintered dry. 5c. each; 6 for 25c.



ZEPHYRANTHES ATAMASCO.



Z. ROSEA.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—We will send 3 bulbs of *Zephyranthes Candida* and 1 each of the other three sorts for only 20c. Or 12 *Candida* and 3 each of the other three sorts for only 50c.



# Some Choice Climbing Plants.

SOME of the most beautiful creations of nature are wrought in vines. They beautify whatever they touch, be it the mansion of the wealthy or some dead and decaying monarch of the forest. The following assortment is a choice one, embracing perfectly hardy sorts for out-door planting, and delicate, tender sorts for the window garden. If you have a window or piazza to shade, a summer house to beautify, an unsightly fence to screen, or an old stump to hide, you cannot find anything better for the purpose than these climbers. Plant vines in abundance, their airy grace and beauty will prove a perpetual delight to all who behold them.

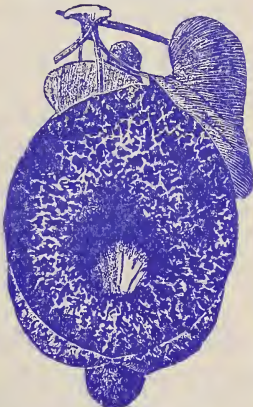
## Aristolochia Ornithocephala.

(The Bird Flower.)

The flowers of this species are very large, about four inches long, and of a truly wonderful appearance. It may be described as having the head of a hawk with the beak of a heron, giving it a singular bird-like appearance that will delight anyone with a taste for the odd and curious. In color the flowers are reddish-purple, veined and marbled with gray and brown. The plant is a rapid grower and flowers freely. Fine strong plants, only 15c. each.



ARISTOLOCHIA CYMBIFERA.



ARISTOLOCHIA ELEGANS.



ARISTOLOCHIA ORNITHOCEPHALA.

## Aristolochia Elegans.

This magnificent climber, imported from Brazil, is a beautiful free flowering species of neat habit, its growth rapid and very dense. The elegant flowers, which are produced in the greatest profusion, even on small plants, are borne on large stalks and have a slightly distended tube which is suddenly bent upwards into a cordate, cup-shaped flower of a rich dark purple, ornamented throughout with irregular branched markings of creamy white, and having a golden yellow eye surrounded by rich velvety purple. One of the handsomest flowers imaginable. Entirely distinct from the other two sorts we offer. Price, 15c. each.

Venetian Gondola—as shown by the cut—eight inches long, in color light green and creamy white, beautifully veined with brown and dark purple, the throat velvety black. It is a most remarkable flower and attracts great attention when in bloom. Strong plants, only 15c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—The 3 sorts, amounting to 45c., sent to any address for only 40c.

**NOTE**—These three *Aristolochias* grow as freely and easily as *Morning Glories*, either as summer climbers or in pots for window decoration. In the open ground give them a warm, sunny situation and they will make a fine effect.

## Aristolochia Cymbifera.

(The Boat Flower.)

An elegant and rapid growing climber, and a most profuse bloomer. Flowers large, in shape something like a



ANTIGONON LEPTOPUS.

the lobes are thick and waxy, tinged with brown on the outer surface. During the summer it may be grown on the piazza as a pot plant, or bedded out where its profusion of golden flowers will prove a source of wonder. 20c. each.

**Allamanda Nerifolia**—For description and illustration of this species see page 43.

**Allamanda Williamsii**—For description and illustration of this grand new *Allamanda* see "Choice Specialties in Plants and Bulbs."

## Antigonon Leptopus, or Rosa de Montana.

A splendid tuberous climbing plant of Central Mexico, described by its discoverer as one of the most beautiful climbers he had ever beheld. Its beautiful rose colored flowers are produced in racemes two feet long, and in such profusion as to give the resemblance of Roses at a distance; hence one of the Mexican names is *Rosa de Montana*, or *Mountain Rose*. In the North it should be wintered in the house or cellar, but in the South it is perfectly hardy, thriving wonderfully, and should be found in every yard. It is especially fine for piazza screens. Price of strong roots, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.



ALLAMANDA FLOWER.



## Agdesmia Clematidea, or Mock Clematis.

A very rare climber from Mexico and Brazil, almost unknown in cultivation, to which we have given the name of Mock Clematis. As its name indicates its flowers are Clematis-like, being almost exactly like those of Clematis paniculata, but smaller and more delicate in every way, pure white and of lace-like fineness and delicacy. The root is just like a Sweet Potato and produces a delicately beautiful vine, a good deal like Aristolochia elegans, with waxy foliage. It grows most luxuriantly and for freedom of blooming cannot be beat, completely covering itself with its loose sprays or panicles of flowers which are simply exquisite in cut-flower work. Blooms for months in succession either in the ground or in pots. Will probably bloom all winter in the window, or the tuber may be wintered dormant. Price of fine plants, 15c. each.



MOCK CLEMATIS.

## Asparagus Fenuissimus.

The fine foliage of the common vegetable Asparagus has always been admired. Imagine that plant transformed into a delicate climber with far finer and more filmy foliage, transforming everything it touches with the most airy and delicate greenery imaginable. It can be grown like Smilax, on strings or a trellis, and will attain a great length. For bouquets its foliage is simply indispensable, and will keep for several days after being cut, without wilting or changing color. Trained over windows or white curtains the effect is bewitching. Fine plants, 15c. each.

For other varieties of Asparagus see "Choice Specialties in Plants and Bulbs."

## Choice Bignonias or Trumpet Vines.

**Bignonia Alba**—An exceedingly beautiful species from Guiana. Flowers tube-shaped, pure white with yellow throat. A very rare plant which we do not think is offered by any other firm. It is not hardy at the North. Plants, 20c. each.

**Bignonia Capreolata**—A very beautiful evergreen climber, known as Cross Vine and is one of the few self-attaching vines. Flowers tubular, orange-red, very handsome, and produced in the greatest profusion over a period of four or five months in the year. Hardy as far North as Philadelphia. A fine trellis plant. Plants, 10c. each.

**Bignonia Chamberlaynii**—A very rare and exceedingly beautiful species from Brazil. Leaves ovate and shining above. Flowers tunnel-shaped, golden yellow, produced from April to October in racemes of from six to eight. Hardy in the lower South. 10c. each.

**Bignonia Magnifica**—A truly magnificent sort, with shining green foliage and long, drooping branches. Its very large Murrandia-like flowers are of a soft violet shade, beautifully veined with purple and black; blooms through the spring and summer. Hardy at Charlestown, S. C. Plants, 15c. each.

## Clerodendrons Balfouri and Thomsonæ.

**Clerodendron Balfouri**—A plant of the greatest beauty, which will bloom the year round, and may be grown as a climber or trimmed into bush-form. The flowers are bright scarlet, each encased by a bag-like calyx of pure white, presenting a most beautiful and striking contrast; the panicles of flowers upwards of six inches in width. If given a light rich soil, and shifted from smaller into larger pots as needed, it will bloom continually during the entire year. It makes a fine piazza plant during the summer, or may be bedded out in a partially shady spot. Fine, thrifty plants, 15c. each.

**Clerodendron Thomsonæ**—This possesses all the good points of the above sort, and in fact it is the parent of *Balfouri*. Its flowers are bright crimson, disposed in large panicles, the calyces pure white, and it is a constant and untiring bloomer without any coddling or petting. It is a great favorite as a climber in Europe on account of the brilliant color of its flowers and the freedom with which they are produced. 15c. each.

## Cissus Incisa.

(Marine Ivy, or Yerba del Bucy.)

An exceedingly choice and beautiful climber, and, although a native of the tropics, its roots are perfectly hardy at least as far north as Philadelphia. Leaves compound (three leaflets), thick, waxy, shiny and most beautiful. A very rapid grower, with slender and peculiar warty stems, sending down long air-roots. A curious and interesting vine. 10c. each.

## Clematis.

ASPARAGUS TENUISSIMUS.

**Clematis Cocinea**—Flowers bell-shaped, intense rosy scarlet; very fine. 20c.  
**Clematis Crispa**—Also bell-shaped, fine deep blue, with a white border, and delicately fragrant. Both sorts are perfectly hardy. 20c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—The two sorts sent postpaid to any address for only 35c.

**Clematis Virginiana**—(Virgin's Bower.) One of the most beautiful and desirable of perfectly hardy native ornamental vines. In summer it is smothered under a sheet of small white flowers, succeeded in autumn by seeds with conspicuous feathery tails. 15c. each.

## Gelsemium Sempervirens.

(The Carolina or Yellow Jessamine.)

Doubtless almost everyone has either read or heard of the famous Southern Yellow Jessamine—a pot-grown specimen of which is shown in the cut. Tourists go into ecstasies over it, and carefully press sprays of the exquisite blooms to carry to their Northern homes as mementoes of a winter spent in "The Land of Flowers." But it does not seem to be generally known that it is one of the easiest grown climbers in cultivation, succeeding in any soil—wet or dry, rich or



CLERODENDRON BALFOURI.





YELLOW JESSAMINE.

poor—though, like all plants, fully appreciating and repaying good cultivation. It is quick-growing, has beautiful shining evergreen foliage, and for several weeks in the spring is completely covered with its beautiful golden-yellow, exquisitely sweet-scented, funnel-shaped flowers. A large vine in full bloom is a sight never to be forgotten, and one beyond the power of pen to describe. North of Washington the vine should be laid on the ground in the fall and well covered with straw, evergreen boughs or rubbish. It may be grown in a pot or box, trained on a trellis and wintered in the living room or cellar, which would, perhaps, be the best plan at points far North where the winters are unusually severe. With slight protection it has proved perfectly hardy in Illinois, and also in Philadelphia. As a trellis plant for the window nothing can be more beautiful and desirable, as it blooms young and is ornamental at all times. A well grown specimen would create a sensation anywhere. Price of fine pot-grown plants, which are sure to grow off rapidly, 15c. each.

## Halliana and Red Coral Honeysuckles.

**Halliana**—An evergreen variety and one of the most valuable of the long list of Japanese introductions. It blooms almost continually from June till frost, and attains a height of 20 and even 30 feet. The flowers, which are very fragrant, are pure white when they first open, but assume a creamy tinge in a few days. 15c. each.

**Red Coral Honeysuckle**—A very handsome native climber, hardy everywhere, and blooming almost constantly, the flowers followed by very ornamental red currant-like berries. Flowers beautiful coral red outside and yellow within; long and tube-shaped, borne in large clusters, and drooping like a Fuchsia flower. The vine is an evergreen, a strong, rapid grower, and droops in a beautiful weeping form. If trained on a single stake on the lawn it will form a perfect fountain of green, scarlet and yellow. Very distinct from the Honeysuckles in common cultivation. 15c.

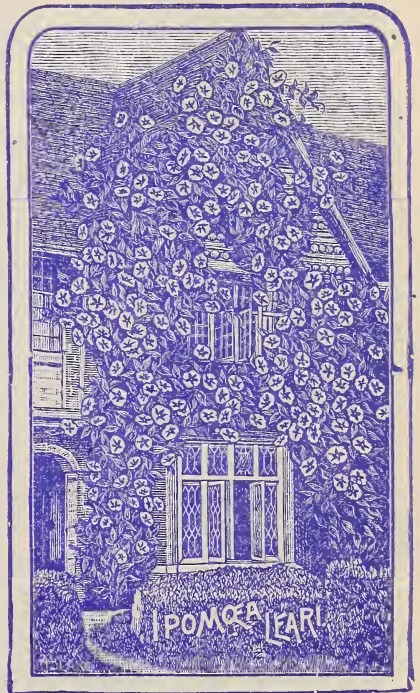
## Ipomœas or Moonflowers.

**Blue Dawn Flower** (*Ipomœa Learti*)—A magnificent, quick-growing perennial climber, the flowers produced in bunches of a half dozen; the individual blooms are trumpet-shaped, about four inches across, of a rich velvet blue, with purple rays. Grows about twenty-five feet in one season, and is a most attractive climber. 15c. each.

**Blushing Beauty Moonflower** (*I. Michauxii*)—A Florida tuberous-rooted *Ipomœa* of the greatest beauty, and a splendid companion for the *White Moonflower*. Its flowers are of exactly the same shape, but in color the most exquisite shade of blush, shading off into deeper purple in the throat. The flowers, which are borne in the greatest profusion, open just before sunset, and the effect is as if the sun had cast a most beautiful roseate hue over them. Tubers must be wintered in the cellar or pit in a box of soil. 15c. each.

**Ipomœa Mortonii**—A rapid growing perennial vine of great beauty and very rare. It is valuable either for screens or for drooping over the sides of baskets or vases. Although of great vigor it is exceedingly delicate and graceful in appearance. It will in a short time form a dense screen and holds its foliage well from the ground up. Leaves of a waxy appearance and deeply serrated; the flowers pinkish lilac. 15c. each.

**Ipomœa New Hybrid**—For description and illustration of this splendid new Moonflower see "Choice Specialties in Plants and Bulbs."



IPOMŒA LEARTI

**Noon Glory** (*I. Sinata*)—Vineslender and exceedingly graceful, covered their entire length with leaves much like a *Rose Geranium* leaf and exquisite as lace-work. Flowers small and bell-shaped, pure white with a purple throat, opening in the forenoon and remaining open all day. An elegant trellis plant. 15c. each.

**Hardy Tuberous-Rooted Ipomœa** (*I. Pandurata*)—This magnificent species is perfectly hardy all over the United States. Its growth is very neat and graceful; leaves heart-shaped, flowers very large, three and a half to six inches across, pure satiny white, with a pinkish-purple throat shading off deeper in the tube. Many flowers are produced on the same peduncle, greatly prolonging its season of bloom. The flowers, which are bell-shaped, not flat as are those of the Moonflower, together with the leaves, are produced in the greatest profusion from the root up, making a dense shade even down to the ground. *By ordering from us you will get fresh, sound tubers directly from the ground that will be absolutely sure to sprout and grow finely.* After being received they should be kept in a pot or box of moist soil until spring, and then planted out in a hole six or eight inches deep, but covering the tuber with only about two inches of soil, until it has sprouted and grown eight or ten inches—then fill the hole full of soil and it will require no further attention except to be supplied with something to climb on. Price of fine flowering tubers 10c. each; 6 for 50c. Extra large 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 6 for \$1.10.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—These five *Ipomœas* amount to 70c. at catalogue prices. For only 55c. we will send one of each, postpaid, to any address.

## Ipophospermum Scandens.

A handsome and rapid growing climbing plant with heart-shaped leaves and rose-colored, Gloxinia-like flowers. Of easiest growth and fine for training over a veranda or window, or for large vases or boxes on the lawn. Nice plants only 10c. each.



IPOMŒA MORTONII.



## Manettia Bicolor.

One of the most beautiful and desirable flowering vines in cultivation today. It blooms almost, if not quite, every day in the year, though the season of its greatest profusion of blooming is during all the winter months when flowers are so much desired. Begins to bloom while only two and three inches high, plants in thumb pots usually bearing three or four large, perfect flowers and numerous buds. The flowers, which are from an inch and a half to two inches long,

are of the most intense fiery scarlet, except the tip ends which are a bright clear yellow. They are covered with a moss or hairy substance exactly like the nap or plush on velvet cloth, which gives them an odd and exceedingly beautiful appearance. Being of great substance each flower

keeps perfect on the plant for weeks, and then does not fade but falls off. An exquisite trellis plant for either out door or window. Price, 15c. each.



## Manettia Cordifolia.

This is entirely distinct from *Manettia Bicolor* and is one of the most showy and attractive of summer vines. Of rapid growth, with deep green foliage and a wonderful profusion of crimson-scarlet tubular flowers one and a half inches long, which are borne on longer stems than the ordinary *Manettia*, and when grown on a trellis all the flowers grow outward so that the whole surface is a mass of crimson scarlet of a most pleasing shade, and of a sharp contrast to the foliage. The slightest breeze gives the flowers a graceful wavy motion, which adds wonderfully to their attractiveness.

Begins to flower early in July and continues one mass of bloom until cut down by severe frosts. The roots are tuberous and should be wintered in a pot or box of dry soil. Price, 15c. each.

Cultivated by J. J. ...

MANETTIA CORDIFOLIA.



MALAYAN JESSAMINE.

## Malayan Jessamine.

(*Rhynchospermum Jasminoides*.)

A most beautiful climbing plant with glossy evergreen foliage, and producing in the greatest profusion the

most delicate, sweet-scented Jasmine-like flowers of the purest white. A well-grown plant will be as completely smothered with flowers as our cut indicates. But one does not have to wait for the plant to attain size before having its exquisite flowers, for it blooms when very small, and we

have seen cuttings only two or three inches long, in thumb pots, bearing clusters of perfect flowers. The flowers are of a peculiar rotate form, something like a wheel, and several are borne together in a loose, graceful cyme. In the Southern States, from Florida to Louisiana, it is perfectly hardy. It is absolutely without faults as an ornamental flowering climber, having no insect enemies and requiring no coddling whatever, being abundantly able to cope with conditions which would kill outright many vines. Its most profuse season of flowering is during April, May and June. Fine strong vines, 15c. each.



MANETTIA BICOLOR.

## Passiflora, or Passion Flower.

**Passiflora Edulis**—The *Granadilla*, one of the best of the eight or ten edible Passion vines, and one of the most ornamental of all the genus. The vine is quick growing, with handsome, shining, evergreen, lobed leaves, which are never molested by any insect. The petals of the flowers are white, the crown whitish with a blue or violet base, a beautiful combination. Fruit as large as an egg and purple outside when ripe; the flesh is yellow and has an orange flavor that is delicious to the taste, cool and refreshing and very fragrant. 15c. each.

**Passiflora Incarnata** (*May Pop* or *May Apple*)—This beautiful *Passion Flower* bears a profusion of lovely purple and white blossoms followed by orange-colored fruits as large as an egg or an apple and filled with a delicious yellow pulp. When cut the fruit will perfume the atmosphere the same as a musk melon. One of the most desirable of all the *Passifloras* for general cultivation on account of its hardiness and early blooming qualities, beginning to bloom when only a few inches tall. The roots are perfectly hardy in the latitude of New York, if protected, or they may be wintered in the cellar; it is





PERESKIA ACULEATA.

strictly a summer growing and blooming vine. Fine for training around piazzas and windows. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.  
**Passiflora Pfordti**—One of the most beautiful and desirable for pot culture, as it begins blooming while very small, often when the vine is less than six inches long. The flowers are of exceptionally large size, often 5 or 6 inches across, the sepals pearly white, the petals broad and of a lovely violet-pink color. The numerous filaments are of a beautiful dark blue, with rings of white near the base, contrasting beautifully with the dark brown color below. 15c. each.

**Pereskia Aculeata.**

(Lemon Vine or Barbadoes Gooseberry.)

A climbing *Cactus* with true leaves, much like *Lemon* leaves, but more fleshy, with stout spines at the base of each leaf. Bears in the greatest profusion the most exquisite single white flowers, resembling white *Roses*, and of almost overpowering fragrance. These are followed by edible fruits about the size of a gooseberry. No one would ever mistrust from its looks that it belongs to the great *Cactus* family. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; larger plants, 25c. each.

"A small *Pereskia Aculeata Cactus* in a tomato can has 27 open flowers. I think it lovely."—MRS. M. E. C. PEARCE, La.



PASSIFLORA.

**Solanum Jasminoides Grandiflora.**

This is one of those accommodating plants which may be grown as a beautiful climbing vine, or in bush form if kept pinched back. As shown by the cut it completely covers itself with very large clusters of star-shaped *Clematis*-like flowers which are pure white with a violet tinge on the back. It begins blooming while very small, and is always full of flowers whether treated as a pot plant in winter or in the open ground in summer. Plants, 15c. each.

**Solanum Wendlandi.**

For an illustration and full description of this magnificent climber and *S. Rantonetti* see "Choice Specialties in Plants and Bulbs."



SOLANUM AZUREUM.

**The Blue Solanum.**

(*Solanum Azureum*.)

This is a beautiful, new and exceedingly rare species from the West Indies; one of the most beautiful we have ever seen and a lovely companion for the white. Its foliage is deeply and beautifully cut, and its lovely, star-shaped, fragrant flowers are the richest and most delicate blue, with bright golden stamens, and are produced in large clusters like great bunches of *Wistaria* flowers or clusters of grapes, and are followed by bright red berries as large as marbles, that remain on the plants for weeks. The plant is almost always in bloom, and the bright blue and yellow flowers and bunches of red fruit commingled form one of the loveliest objects imaginable. Fine plants, 15c. each.

**Trumpet Creeper, or Tecoma Radicans.**

For cultivation in all parts of the country this undoubtedly combines more good points than any other climbing plant at present known. In the first place it is hardy everywhere without the slightest protection. It grows with the greatest rapidity and in any soil or situation; it clings to wood, stone or brick with a tenacity that defies the wildest tempest; produces an abundance of beautiful foliage and for several weeks in summer the ends of every twig and branch are weighed down with great panicles of lovely, bright orange, tubular flowers, of a thick, waxy texture, and remaining in perfection for a long time. The buds, too, are quite as ornamental as the flowers, and add greatly to the beauty of the vine. It is as long lived as the forest trees, each passing year only serving to add to its grandeur and beauty; and for covering summer houses, dead or live trees, old buildings, or any unsightly object, we can heartily recommend it. If not wanted as a climber it can be grown on the lawn as a *Magnificent Weeping Shrub* by planting it at the foot of a stout stake, six or eight feet high, and as soon as it has run a few inches above the top, pinching it off, causing it to form a dense, bushy head. The side shoots from the ground up must also be kept off and attention paid to the head to see that it is well formed. By the time the stake has rotted away the stem will be large enough to support the head, which will be a perfect fountain of living green, and added to this for several weeks in midsummer, when it is in bloom it will be a perfect blaze of color. Price of fine plants, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c., 12 for \$1.25.



TRUMPET CREEPER.

**Tecoma Australis**—This is the *Wonga-Wonga Vine* of Australia, a tall, woody, half-hardy climber. Flowers in loose, terminal panicles, the corolla yellowish-white, tinged inside with purple or red. A very ornamental vine with beautiful leaves. Probably perfectly hardy throughout the lower South, and farther north with protection. Plants 15c. each.

**Tecoma Mackenii**—A magnificent species from South Africa. It has opposite, pinnate leaves, and bears in profusion racemes two to three feet in length of large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, fully 3 inches long and wide, in color an old rose pink, or bright rosy-lilac, with a few darker pencillings and a blotch of yellow in the throat. It is an extremely showy climber and a glorious picture when in flower. Hardy South, and succeeds admirably North when planted out during summer and lifted early in the fall (as doubtless will *T. Australis* also.) Plants, 15c. each.



SOLANUM JASMINOIDES GRANDIFLORA.





AN EXAMPLE OF AQUATIC AND BOG GARDENING.

## Aquatic and Bog Plants.

**F**EW are aware of the amount of enjoyment to be derived from the cultivation of this class of plants which are as easily grown as any. Tubs, artificial pools made of stones, brick or cement, fountain basins or natural bodies of water may be used for the purpose, and after once planting about all the care the plants require is to see that the supply of water is constant. The soil may be either good, rich loam and decayed cow or stable manure in equal parts, or rich mud or muck. Tubs should be set in the warmest, sunniest part of the yard; and they may be wintered in the cellar.

### Red, White and Blue Ever-blooming Water Lilies.

The growth of these three African Water Lilies is so wonderful and rapid that seeds sown in February or March will make nice little plants by June, and if planted out then will begin blooming in July and continue to produce a profusion of flowers every day until frozen up in the fall. They are as easily grown from seeds as are Balsams or Asters, and are best treated as annuals.

**TO CROW THEM FROM SEED.**—In February or March take old tea-cups and fill them about two-thirds full with fine, rich garden soil, press it down firm and scatter the seeds on the surface, half a packet or a full packet to each cup, covering them to a depth of an eighth or a quarter of an inch with clean sand. Fill up carefully with water, so as not to disturb the seeds, and place where they will keep at a temperature of 70 to 80 degrees until they germinate, which will be from six to fifteen days. After the plants have made leaves a quarter of an inch across, transplant them to two-inch pots, or other cups. Set one plant to each pot or cup, press the soil down firm and set them in a pan of water deep enough to cover the plants about an inch. They can be kept in greenhouse, hot-bed or warm sunny window in the house until time to plant out in the tubs. Do not put them in the open air until the weather has become quite warm, but they may be planted out several weeks earlier if the tubs are covered with glass.

### The Blue Zanzibar Water Lily.

Plants raised from seeds produced by this magnificent variety will yield flowers varying from a light to a very dark, deep blue, some will be light sky-blue, just the shade of the flowers of *Plumbago Capensis*, others of a rich deep azure blue, becoming lighter in a day or two, while others may be of a shade of blue so deep that it is not unreasonably called purple. The stamens of all are bright golden yellow, tipped with the same shade of blue as the petals. The flowers open at about 7 A. M., and close about 4 P. M., each flower opening four days in succession, and giving off a most delightful odor. Seeds, 10c. per pkt. Plants, 50c. each.

### The Red Zanzibar Water Lily.

This is a superb and very rare variety of the Blue, and like it in every respect except in color, which varies from rich pink to a deep rose, almost crimson in some specimens, yellow stamens tipped with the same shade of red as the petals. The two varieties make grand companions. The plants are never without flowers, from one to three or more every morning. Seeds, 10c. per pkt., or one packet of each for only 15c. Plants, 50c. each.

### The White Night-Blooming Water Lily.

This grand species, *Nymphaea Dentata*, unlike the *Zanzibarensis* varieties opens its flowers at about 8 o'clock at night, remaining expanded until noon the next day. They are pure pearly white with petals expanded horizontally so that the flowers are perfectly flat like a star, thus differing from all other varieties. With ordinary culture the flowers will be six or seven inches across, while if given plenty of room and a very rich soil it will produce flowers fully twelve inches from tip to tip of petals, and leaves twenty-five inches in diameter. Seeds, 10c. per packet. Plants, 50c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**—These three beautiful Water Lilies very happily represent our National Colors, "The Red, White and Blue," and in order that every one may grow them we will send one packet of each of the three sorts for only 20c.; or one plant each of the three sorts for only \$1.00.



NYMPHAEA DENTATA.



## Nymphæa Devonensis.

A brilliant rosy red *Night-Blooming Water Lily* of the greatest beauty, and should be grown by every lover of flowers. Planted out in a large tank of rich soil in one summer a single plant will cover a circle 20 feet across, with leaves 25 inches in diameter, and flowers a foot across. If confined in pans tubs or boxes the flowers will be smaller but otherwise just as fine. Leaves deep green with reddish shade, and serrated edges. The rosy red flowers have scarlet stamens, and by lamplight glow with an indescribable color. They stand on strong foot-stalks 10 or 12 inches above the surface of the water, begin to open about 8 o'clock in the evening and remain expanded until about 10 the next morning, each flower opening three nights in succession. An exceedingly free bloomer and if started early in spring begins flowering soon after putting outside. Winter in cellar pit or some other place free from frost. Price, 50c. each.



TUB-GROWN HARDY NYMPHÆA.

## Hardy Water Lilies.

The following species are perfectly hardy everywhere in the soil, beneath the water, where the frost cannot reach them, no matter how thick the ice forms on the surface of the water. Once established in a pond, lake, or any still body of water, they will spread from year to year and furnish quantities of their exquisite flowers. They can also be grown with perfect success in ordinary tubs in the yard, and bloom all summer. In tubs they should have the same soil as recommended for the preceding varieties. In planting the roots do not tie them to a stone and sink them, but push the roots carefully into the mud, after which they will take care of themselves.

## Nymphæa Odorata.

Our native *Water or Pond Lily*, the praises of which can never be too highly sung. Its lovely white and deliciously fragrant flowers appear at an advantage beside the most costly exotics. In very rich soil it will produce flowers 6 inches and leaves 13 inches across. Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

## Nymphæa Odorata Gigantea.

This is a gigantic form of the common white *Water Lily*, which we discovered in this State. We have measured leaves of it which were 22 inches in diameter, and flowers 8 inches across. The leaves are very thick and heavy and have their edges very curiously ruffled, and in some instances turned up, forming a rim after the manner of the *Victoria Regia*. Flowers fragrant, pure white with a golden-yellow center, and of a decided cup-shape, giving it a very distinct appearance. It begins to flower very early in the spring and continues to bloom profusely until frost. Fine roots, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 6 for 70c.; 12 for \$1.25.

## Nymphæa Odorata Rosea.

This is the rare and hitherto high-priced *Cape Cod Pink Pond Lily*, and is, without exception, the most lovely of all the hardy *Nymphæas*. It begins to bloom earlier in the season than *Odorata*, continues to bloom later, and is of an exquisite pink or rose color, almost exactly the same shade as that of the old *Hermosa Rose*. Growing among the white varieties its beauty is simply bewitching. It has long been held at high prices—\$2.00 and \$2.50 per root. We have a fine stock of flowering roots which we offer at 50c. each, postpaid, 2 for 90c.; 3 for \$1.20.

## Nymphæa Odorata Minor.

A dwarf variety of *Odorata*, possessing the same qualities of hardness and fragrance, but producing flowers only one and a half and two inches across; white, tinted with pink on the outside. The leaves are also correspondingly small. A perfect little gem. Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

## Nymphæa Flava.

A genuine yellow *Water Lily*, a native of Florida, and not found in any other part of the world. Its leaves and flowers are a little smaller than those of the common *Water Lily*. Leaves beautifully variegated with brown; flowers bright golden-yellow, and deliciously scented, something like Locust-tree blossoms. It is perfectly hardy in the North; but should have as warm a position as possible during the summer. It is best grown in a tub, wintered in a cellar or other warm situation, and started as early as possible in the spring. Price, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 6 for 70c.; 12 for \$1.25.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—We will send a root of each of the above five *Water Lilies*, amounting at catalogue prices to \$1.20, postpaid, to any address, for only \$1.00.

## Egyptian Lotus.

(*Nelumbium Speciosum*.)

The wonderful "*Sacred Lotus*," so famed in prose and poetry. One of the most tropical appearing plants in cultivation, but equally as hardy as our common *Water Lily*, though coming from a tropical region. In rich soil it will produce leaves 30 inches across on footstalks 5 to 6 feet in length, and flower stalks 5 to 7 feet tall. The flowers open like an immense Tulip, the base of the petals being creamy white, most beautifully and delicately shaded off toward the end into bright pink. They are delightfully fragrant, and in the last stages of their development measure from ten to thirteen inches from tip to tip of petals. It grows readily and rapidly and blooms finely in a tub; but the larger the tub the better the results. We offer roots at the very low price of 50c. each. No seed for sale.

## American Lotus.

(*Nelumbium Luteum*.)

A native of this country, but extremely rare. It is perfectly hardy, and flourishes under the same conditions as the *Egyptian Lotus*, from which it hardly differs, except in the color of the flowers, being a rich sulphur yellow, as large as a quart bowl, and having a strong fragrance. A large patch of them, with hundreds of buds and flowers, is a sight never to be forgotten. Just before planting the seed a hole should be filed through the shell to the kernel, but not into it. Price of fine roots, 55c. each. Seeds, per pkt., 10c.

"Last year I had a tub each of *Nelumbium Speciosum* and *Luteum*, and lots of blossoms. They were beauties."—MRS. B. PINKNEY, Kan.



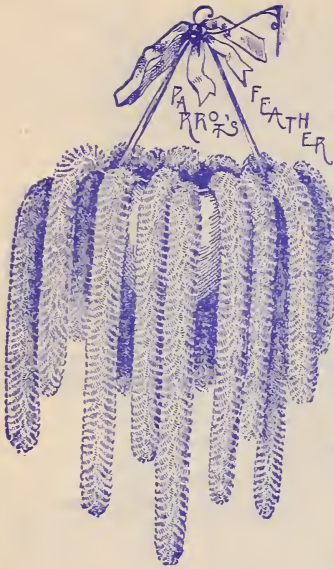
EGYPTIAN LOTUS.



## Parrot's Feather.

(*Myriophyllum Proserpinacoides.*)

An aquatic hanging plant is a novelty indeed, and we have it to perfection in this dainty little jewel. Its long trailing stems are clothed with whorls of the most exquisite foliage as finely cut as the leaves of the Cypress Vine, and much more delicate. Planted in a water-tight hanging basket so water can be kept standing on the surface of the soil, it will trail down over the sides in a most charming manner. In a tank or lake it prefers shallow water and will run about over the surface, the ends of the creeping stems standing erect, forming beautiful tufts or tassels. It can be grown in the tubs with other aquatics, and trained over the sides with beautiful effect. Price, 10c. each.

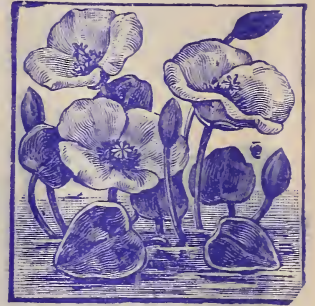


## Water Poppy.

(*Limncharis Humboldtii.*)

A charming and easily cultivated plant, with small, oval, floating leaves, and the most exquisite flowers of a bright lemon color, with black stamens, standing a few inches out of the water, and produced freely all summer. Easily grown in a pool, tub, or any shallow water. Must be wintered away from frost. Price, 10c. each.

"The Water Poppy in a tub two feet in diameter, had 144 blooms."—WILL B. POTTS, Ind.



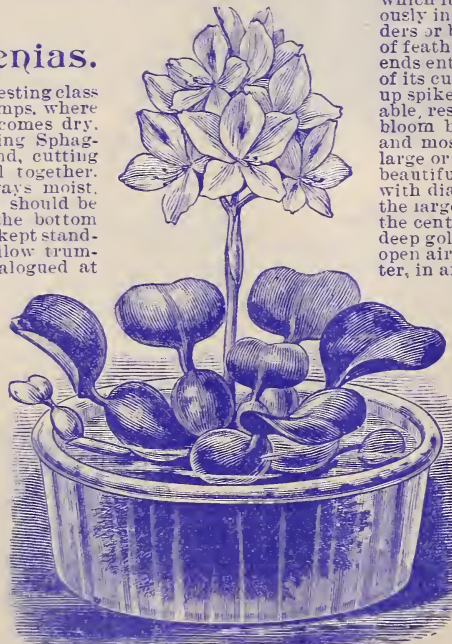
WATER POPPY.

## Water Hyacinth.

(*Eichornia [Pontederia] Crassipes Major.*)

This is one of the most remarkably curious and beautiful plants we have ever grown. Instead of growing in soil it floats on the water,

which it is enabled to do by means of its curiously inflated leaf stalks, which resemble bladders or balloons filled with air. A large mass of feathery blue roots grow downward, their ends entering the soil. It forms a lovely rosette of its curious shining green leaves, and throws up spikes of the most exquisite flowers imaginable, resembling in form a spike of Hyacinth bloom but as beautiful as many of the choicest and most costly Orchids. Each flower is as large or larger than a silver dollar, in color a beautiful soft lilac-rose sparkling as if covered with diamond dust. The upper petal, which is the largest has a large metallic blue blotch in the center and in the center of that a small deep golden yellow spot. Can be grown in the open air in summer and in the window in winter, in anything which will hold water. In the window the most beautiful effect is produced by using a glass vessel of some sort, with shells and white sand so arranged in the bottom as to conceal a small amount of soil. Our cut of the plant and flowers conveys but an imperfect idea of their combined oddity and beauty. The spikes of flowers are much longer and larger around than the cut indicates—like a Hyacinth spike. It created a great sensation in Eu ope, where it has received unstinted praise, and cannot fail to delight everybody who gives it a trial. Plants 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 6 for 60c.



WATER HYACINTH.

## Pitcher Plants, or Sarracenias.

A highly ornamental and interesting class of plants, natives of bogs or swamps, where the spongy, peaty soil never becomes dry. A suitable soil is prepared by using Sphagnum moss, leaf-mould and sand, cutting the moss up fine and mixing all together. In this pot the plants, keep always moist, and give but little sun. There should be plenty of drainage material in the bottom of the pot, though water may be kept standing in the saucer, and in the hollow trumpet-shaped leaves. Rarely catalogued at the North, and at high prices.

**Sarracenia Flava, or Trumpets**—This is the largest of all, its erect, trumpet-shaped leaves frequently growing three feet tall. They are yellowish-green, with a curious over-arching hood reticulated with purple veins. Flowers yellow and very large. 15c.

**Sarracenia Variolaris**—Pitchers from twelve to eighteen inches high, and very curiously hooded at the top, these hoods being beautifully spotted with white and reticulated with purple veins within. Flowers yellow and two inches wide. Very desirable. 15c. each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One plant of each sort sent for only 25c.



SARRACENIA FLAVA.

## Umbrella Plant.

(*Cyperus Alternifolius.*)

An ornamental and very striking Grass, as shown by the cut. It throws up slender, round stems from two to three feet high, surmounted at the top by a whorl of flat, ribbon-like leaves, diverging horizontally, giving the plant a very curious appearance. This curious effect is still further heightened when the odd, golden-green tassel-like flowers appear on the top of the whorls, as shown in the cut. It is a splendid decorative plant, being almost as ornamental as a Palm or Fern, and above all it is as easily grown as the commonest weed. As it will thrive in shade as well as sun it is an excellent plant for the dining room table. It is also fine for the centers of baskets, vases, Wardian cases, or as a water plant in very moist spots, or even in shallow water. It should have an abundance of water. 15c. each.



UMBRELLA PLANT.



## Florida Souvenirs and Curios.

WE offer here a list of some of the most useful, interesting and curious Florida Souvenirs and Curios for the benefit of our patrons. The articles composing this list we have carefully selected, after personal inspection, as the most desirable among the long list of Souvenirs and Curios for which Florida is justly famous, and which are so eagerly purchased by the thousands of tourists who, every winter, flock to "The Land of Flowers." Many of the articles here offered are especially appropriate for birthday gifts, party favors, holiday presents, etc., and their value to the recipients will be vastly enhanced on account of their associations with the land where it is always summer.

### Alligator Tooth Jewelry.

This very unique and popular jewelry is made from highly polished alligator teeth set in rolled gold, and produces a very pleasing effect.

Double Tooth Breast or Lace Pin.....50c.  
Gent's Scarf Pin, very pleasing.....30c.

### Fish Scale Jewelry.

This must be seen to be appreciated, as no pen can convey any adequate idea of its fairy-like beauty, its frosty whiteness and silvery sheen rivaling the famous Mexican flitree silver work. Particularly fine for evening wear.

Breast or Lace Pin.....30c.  
Orange Blossom Scarf Pin.....25c.  
Pansy Scarf Pin.....25c.

### Shell Napkin Ring.

This is cut out of a curiously-formed and beautifully-tinted sea-shell, making a most unique ring. The shell is of a beautiful pearl color, clouded or marbled with deep green. Very nice for souvenirs, birthdays, favors, etc. Price, either plain or painted ("Souvenir of Florida,") 30c. each.

### Jessamine Perfume.

The fragrance of the Jessamine is famous the world over, and as it is the flower after which our Nurseries are named, it is but fitting that we offer its distilled sweetness to our patrons. It is prepared especially for us and we consider it the most exquisite and lasting perfume made. 20c. per quarter oz.; 30c. per half oz.; or 50c. per oz. bottle.

## Beautiful Shells from the Gulf of Mexico.

There probably are no curios so popular with the majority as these "gems of the ocean's bed." Everybody admires sea-shells, and no cabinet collection of curios or "specimens" is complete without at least a few. Shells from the Gulf of Mexico are justly noted for their great beauty and variety of forms, and we offer them in collections at prices so low that everyone can possess a nice assortment. We have collected them from the Egmont Key, an island on the Gulf coast of South Florida, beneath the shadow of the great Egmont Lighthouse. It is not generally known that there lie buried on Egmont Key about one hundred Union soldiers of the late war, yet this is a fact, and an almost impenetrable thicket has grown up over the spot. This historic fact adds to the interest and value of the shells as souvenirs. A very wide variation is embraced in the forms, sizes, coloring, etc., of these shells, including all those shown in the cut and many others. Some appear as if highly polished or enameled, while others look as though chiseled out of purest marble. The collections we offer are of assorted shapes, sizes and colors, and specially selected for cabinets, brackets, mantels, etc. We send them postpaid at the following very low prices: 6 for 20c.; 15 for 40c.; 25 for 60c.; 50 for \$1.00.



### Pen Holder and Paper Cutter.

This is an ivory pen holder and paper cutter combined, nine inches in length, with six microscopic views of St. Augustine in the handle. Very neat and pleasing, and a nice keepsake. 20c. each.

**NOTE**--Everything will be sent postpaid at the prices quoted, but cannot be sent in the same package with Seeds, Bulbs or Plants, as the postage rate is one cent per oz.; while on the latter the rate is one-half cent per oz. We guarantee the safe delivery of everything which is purchased from us.

## Some Unsolicited and Telling Testimonials.

"The Palms and plants arrived in splendid condition and are all doing nicely. Thank you kindly for the extra Palm and plants."--W. A. PADLEY, N. Y.

"The plants came safely and are very large and fine. I thank you for the many fine plants you added gratis to my order."--MRS. M. W. CHURCH, Colo.

"I want to express my appreciation of the plants you sent me a few weeks ago. I have never received a package of plants in such fine condition. I shall send you orders in the future, for I am a great lover of plants. I will also say a good word for you as occasion offers."--MRS. E. W. SHIPPEE, R. I.

"We received the two plants you sent by mail, the Australian Silk Oak and the Cycas Revoluta or Sago Palm, in good condition. They were much larger than I expected to get and I was very much pleased with them. Thanking you for your kind attention."--MRS. HENRY ASHTON, R. I.

"My Palms, Silk Oak and bulbs reached me in fine condition, I was so much pleased with them. They are the finest plants I have received from any firm. I waited to acknowledge the receipt of these until I could report as to whether they had all lived after their trip. They are doing well."--MRS. M. M. HOWE, Ind.

"The Palms, were received in beautiful shape yesterday, and to say I was delighted with them but mildly expresses how I feel. I think they are the prettiest I ever have seen. The extras were all so fine that I scarcely know how to express my thanks. I was so surprised and delighted with them. I am in hopes to send you an order soon for several Palms."--MRS. E. H. WRIGHT, Iowa.

"The plants and bulbs reached me April 16 in fine shape. There was not a leaf crushed or broken or a plant wilted. Those bulbs were magnificent. I thank you for the extras, they were so nice. You will see what the Northern people think of the bulbs and plants by the order I shall send you next week. You certainly will get all of my orders in the future."--MRS. IDA REYNOLDS, Mich.

"The Palms and other plants arrived yesterday and were in very fine condition, without the least injury. If you could see them now you could hardly believe they had been shipped so far. I must say the Cycas is a beauty and far above my expectations. My wife is so struck with it that she said she would not part with it for double the cost. The Phoenix Pumila is also a fine specimen. I wish to express my best thanks to you for prompt and fair treatment and also for the extra plants,--the Palm and Cinnamon Tree."--FRANK BLUME, S. Dak.



# In the Land of Flowers.

A Booklet by Walter N. Pike.

(With Portrait of the Author.)

**D**URING 1894 Mr. Pike contributed a series of twelve articles, under the above title, to *The Mayflower*, which elicited so many favorable comments, coupled with suggestions that the articles be issued in the form of a booklet, for general circulation, that it was done. Mr. Pike revised the original chapters and added another, containing many valuable suggestions to those who contemplate making their future homes in Florida, or investing in the State in any way. The various chapters cover a wide range of highly interesting and very fascinating subjects. There are descriptions of trips on the St. John's, Ocklawaha and Indian rivers, containing vivid pen portrayals of the luxuriant vegetation lining their banks; descriptions of the rich tropical gardens of the Ponce de Leon and Tampa Bay Hotels, two of the largest and most famous hostleries in the world; an account of the marvelous and world-famed Silver Spring, and the beautiful Indian legend connected with it; a very interesting and instructive account of Orange and Lemon growing, with descriptions of several varieties of the Citrus family not familiar to inhabitants of the North; and many more equally as interesting subjects are fully treated in an instructive and interesting manner. Not the least interesting is a chapter describing the mammoth proportions attained in this clime by many of the common pot-plants of the North.

The booklet will prove of exceptional value to the prospective tourist or homeseeker, while to the great majority for whom there is no release from the rigors of a Northern winter, it will furnish an enchanting picture of a land "where it is Summer in the Winter-time." *Many who have long been familiar with Mr. Pike's Floricultural writings have expressed a desire for his picture, and he consented to allow it to appear as a frontispiece in the booklet. It is a fine half-tone likeness from a photograph taken especially for the purpose.* Price of booklet, 10 cents per copy.

*"Your booklet called 'In the Land of Flowers' is received and gives us much pleasure. I have read a dozen or more books about Florida. In comparison, I find one distinguishing excellence about yours which makes it unique; that is—it is peculiarly Floridian in its literary genius. Its easy, graceful style and its buoyant spirit seem the creation of sunshine and flowers. I have, for several years, known the parts of Florida you describe, and I find the information you give to be very comprehensive and accurate. Its masterful combination of the Esthetic and the Practical makes it a classical guide-book to the State. It is, for popular use, the best book about Florida that has yet appeared.*—CHARLES F. RUSSELL, N. Y.

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**W**E receive annually a great many inquiries about Florida which we turn over to Mr. Ellsworth to answer. He has been an all-the-year resident of Jessamine for the past 11 years, has no land for sale and is inspired in this work simply by his faith in the State and his desire to assist in building up this neighborhood.

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