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NO. 4 WREATH ..... \$4.25

THE AIKEN NURSERIES, PUTNEY, VERMONT

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# NATURAL BALSAM

## *CHRISTMAS WREATHS*

These wreaths are all made of fragrant Balsam, the evergreen with the delightful and lasting fragrance. This material we gather painstakingly **after the natural shedding of needles has taken place**. Trimmed with various evergreen cones and with bright berries, our wreaths are strongly made and will last for much more than the usual period of time. Many of our patrons keep them for the entire year in order to fully enjoy their lasting fragrance.



**GARLAND WREATH**

The 20-inch Garland Wreath is one of the handsomest we make. Several large cones and sprays are arranged in a design at the bottom, other cones and red berries enliven the whole wreath and a big, red ribbon bow is placed at the top. **\$5. each—3 for \$12.00**



### BASKET WREATH

An unusual little wreath, about 12 inches across, made and decorated to look like a Balsam basket filled with berries and cones. The handle is wound with Balsam and trimmed with red ribbon. **\$2.50 each**

### BASKET WREATH "JUNIOR"

A tiny wreath with little ribbon bow exactly like our big Basket Wreath. Just the thing for the friend who should have something between a greeting card and a gift. About 8 inches across. **\$1.50 each**



### NO. 0 WREATH

**No. 0 Wreath:** This plump little 8-inch wreath of Balsam, trimmed with cones and red Winterberries is just the thing for use indoors above fireplaces, at windows and other special spots. **\$1.50 each**



### NO. 1 WREATH

**No. 1 Wreath:** 12-inch wreath with cones and sprays of red berries. **\$1.75 each**

### NO. 3 WREATH

**No. 3 Wreath:** 20-inch wreath with 5 large cones and 5 sprays of berries. **\$3.25 each**



### NO. 5 WREATH

**No. 5 Wreath:** A large 30-inch wreath built on a rigid frame, designed for use where special strength is desirable. Particularly adapted for store or bank use, in a church scheme or any large setting. Decorated with cones, catkins and berries, this is an exquisite thing. **\$9.00 each**

Red ribbon bow, 75c extra

### CEMETERY WREATH

A 20-inch wreath decorated with 5 large cones and 5 sprays of red berries. Built on a frame, it is designed especially for memorial use. **\$4.50 each**



### NO. 2 WREATH

**No. 2 Wreath:** A 15-inch Balsam wreath trimmed with 5 sprays of cones and 5 sprays of red berries. **\$2.00 each**

Red ribbon bow, 25c extra

### VERMONT APPLES

In the hill orchards of Vermont are grown the most superbly flavored and brilliantly colored apples. They are famous everywhere for quality. Three varieties: **McIntosh, Northern Spy** and **Delicious**. Specify variety desired.

Per cardboard carton of 96 3-in. apples individually packed for

	<b>\$5.50</b>
48 Individual pack	<b>\$3.50</b>
12 Individual pack	<b>\$1.25</b>





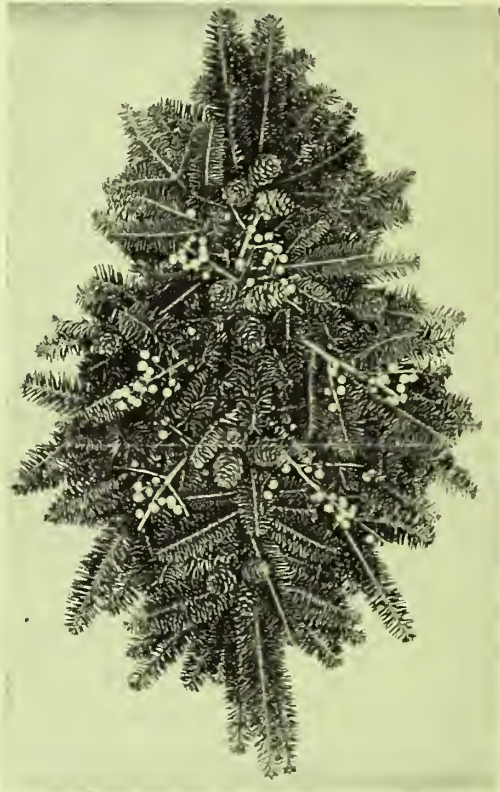
# CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

*Beautiful - - Fragrant*



### CONE SPRAY

A dainty spray of large and small cones woven together with Balsam and wired ready for hanging. Ten inches long. **\$1.50 each**



### BALSAM DOOR SPRAY

**Door Spray:** Novel for hanging on doors instead of the conventional wreath. It is 25 inches long, made of Balsam decorated with cones and red Ilex berries. **Each, \$2.75**



### SPECIAL RED SPRUCE SPRAYS

**Wired for Hanging**

18-24-inch long, thickly studded with beautiful brown cones and tied with gorgeous red ribbon. Use instead of a Greeting Card or on the door as a wreath. **\$1.50 each**

### BUTTERNUTS

Remember how you used to work the old hammer and anvil, or maybe it was the flatiron. Well, we have a pretty good supply of butternuts, so you can renew your youth and harden your muscles if you wish. **4 lbs., \$1.00; \$3.50 per bushel**

### NORWAY PINE DOOR SPRAY

A very graceful door spray, similar to the one illustrated on our front cover, made of Norway pine branches having long dark green needles. This door spray is trimmed with a red ribbon bow and is hung with coppery Christmas bells which ring a greeting whenever the door is opened. See spray in picture on opposite page. **18-20 inches long, \$3.50 each**

### WHITE PINE BRANCHES WITH CONES

This year there is a profusion of perfect White Pine Cones. These we are wiring to long, graceful, White Pine sprays and may be had as follows: **12-18 in., \$3.50 per 12.**

## EVERGREEN CROSSES



**18-Inch Cross**

These attractively decorated crosses of Balsam may be lighted for home or church decoration if desired. They are strongly made on frames and will retain their beauty throughout the winter.

**18-inch size, \$5.00 each**

## DECORATED SPRAY BASKETS



**Twig Basket:** Like the one in the picture, filled with moss and woody winter bouquet. These baskets may be used afterward for porch or vine baskets. **\$3.50 each**

## BALSAM PILLOWS

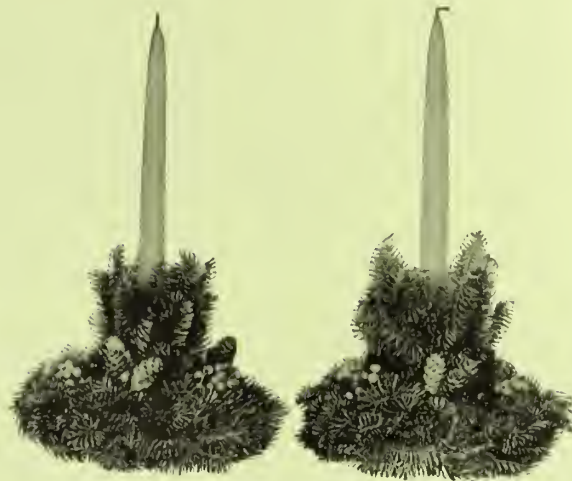
Fragrant Balsam pillows handmade and hand decorated.

**\$1.50 each**

**Chopped Balsam:** The fine twigs of the Balsam chopped into small pieces for filling pillows. The fragrance of your old pillow may be renewed at small expense.

**75 cents per lb.; \$6.50 for 10 lbs.**

## CHRISTMAS CANDLESTICKS



Made of Balsam tips, red berries and cones on a sturdy frame. About 9 inches across, furnished with 10-inch candles.

**\$2 each, \$3.50 per pair**

## CHRISTMAS STARS



**18-Inch Christmas Star**

Like our wreaths, these stars are made of fragrant Balsam and decorated with appropriate cones and berries. Many people wire them for electric lights, which make them exquisitely beautiful at night.

**18-inch size, \$5.00 each**

## BERRIED SPRAYS

**Red Cedar with Berries:** Lovely rich blue berries thickly set among the dark green needles. **\$1.50 per 12**

**Juniper with Berries:** Blue and green berries thickly stud the silvery green branches. **\$1.00 per 12**

**Winterberry:** The vivid red berries are indispensable for Christmas decorations. **\$1.50 per 12**

**Bittersweet:** Brilliant orange berries with lighter orange reflex. Fine for all kinds of winter decorations as well as window boxes, as they last well indefinitely. 12-18-inch sprays.

**\$1.00 per 12**

## BEAR PAW POPCORN

Genuine old-time Bear Paw Popcorn very much superior to any other Popcorn grown, but it is almost unobtainable in the markets. We are selling this corn on the ear so that you may be sure that you are getting the genuine Bear Paw, except in California which admits shelled corn only.

**25c per pound, 8 pounds for \$1.75**



## EVERGREEN ROPING



**Balsam Roping:** The finest material for indoor use, as it does not shed its needles as does Spruce, nor curl like Holly or Laurel, and will serve for weeks, if desired. Its fragrance accentuates its value.

Medium Grade 5-yard strips, \$3.00 each; 10 yds., \$5.00  
Light Grade 5 yds., \$2.00; 10 yds., \$3.50

**Fireplace Roping:** A 6-ft. strip of dainty roping made of balsam and trimmed with sprays of other evergreen, cones, and berries. In the center, to be attached over fireplace, is an ar-

rangement of large cones and berries with 3 ft. of roping on each side. \$6.00 each

**White Pine Roping:** An attractive roping made of the blue-green White Pine. 5 yds., \$1.50; 10 yds., \$2.50

**Hemlock Roping:** A very beautiful graceful roping, fine for outdoor decorating, but will last for only a few days indoors. 5 yds., \$2.00; 10 yds., \$3.50

**Arbor Vitae Roping:** Beautiful light green festooning, decidedly aromatic. 5 yds., \$2.00; 10 yds., \$3.50



## DO YOUR OWN DECORATING

**SPECIAL SPRAY BOXES:** These are boxes of 50 evergreens and berried sprays and cones to delight the artistic homemaker. The sprays are 12 to 18 inches long. One of these boxes sent to city-dwellers makes an unusual and appreciated gift.

This year evergreens are heavily laden with nut brown cones. We are able to offer lovely coned sprays and brilliant red Mountain Holly berries in long clusters. **Price per box (evergreens with cones, Balsam Fir, Silvery Juniper and red berries), \$4.50.**



### AN OLD NEW ENGLAND FIREPLACE

#### Decorated with the Complete Fireplace Set (left)

The fireplace is the center of family life at Christmas time, as well as in the long winter evenings ahead. We have several things to offer which make it still more attractive.

**Complete Fireplace Set:** 5 yards of Beautiful Balsam Roping, 1 No. 1 Wreath, 2 Christmas Candlesticks and 2 bushels of Cones for burning. You can see what an attractive arrangement results from this set. Until you have tried it you will have to imagine the delicate spicy aroma which accompanies it to permeate the entire house and to remind you of the glorious northern forests. **\$8.00 per set**

**Balsam Needles for Burning:** When burned in the fireplace, they fill the house with a delightful fragrance. **50c a pound**

**Fireplace Cones:** Ideal for burning in fireplaces for their glow and fragrance. Put up in two-bushel sacks at **\$2.00 per sack**

**Juniper for Burning:** When holiday time comes and you are sitting in front of your blazing fire, try throwing on a little Juniper. Its cheery crackling and delicious fragrance are the very essence of Christmas. **50c per pound, 5 pounds for \$2.00**

### EVERGREEN SPRAYS WITH CONES

One of the most delightful gifts of the forests to mankind is a wealth of nut-brown cones nestling against their sheltering background of green. The crop is good this year.

**Red Spruce:** Cones one to two inches long cluster against the rich dark Christmasy green of the needles. 12-18-inch selected sprays **\$2.50 per 12**

**\$20.00 per 100**

**Putney Baskets:** Lacquered in maple with 2 handles

Approx. 16" long x 9" wide x 8" deep **\$1.25**  
 Approx. 18" long x 10" wide x 9" deep **\$1.75**  
 Approx. 22" long x 11" wide x 10" deep **\$2.50**

### BOUTONNIERES OR FAVORS

Used also for tying in the ribbon around your gift packages. Balsam and other evergreen sprays interwoven with red and blue berries. The ends are wound with wax paper and tied with red ribbon. **35c each; 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per 12**

### BELLS AND BALSAM

We have found that it is much more in the Christmas spirit if we add some copper bells to our various sprays. Here is a list of those things which you may have with copper Xmas bells.

Basket Wreath                      Door Spray  
 Cone Spray                              Any Wreath  
 Any Roping per yard

**Bunches of 3, 75c**

### EVERGREEN SPRAYS WITHOUT CONES

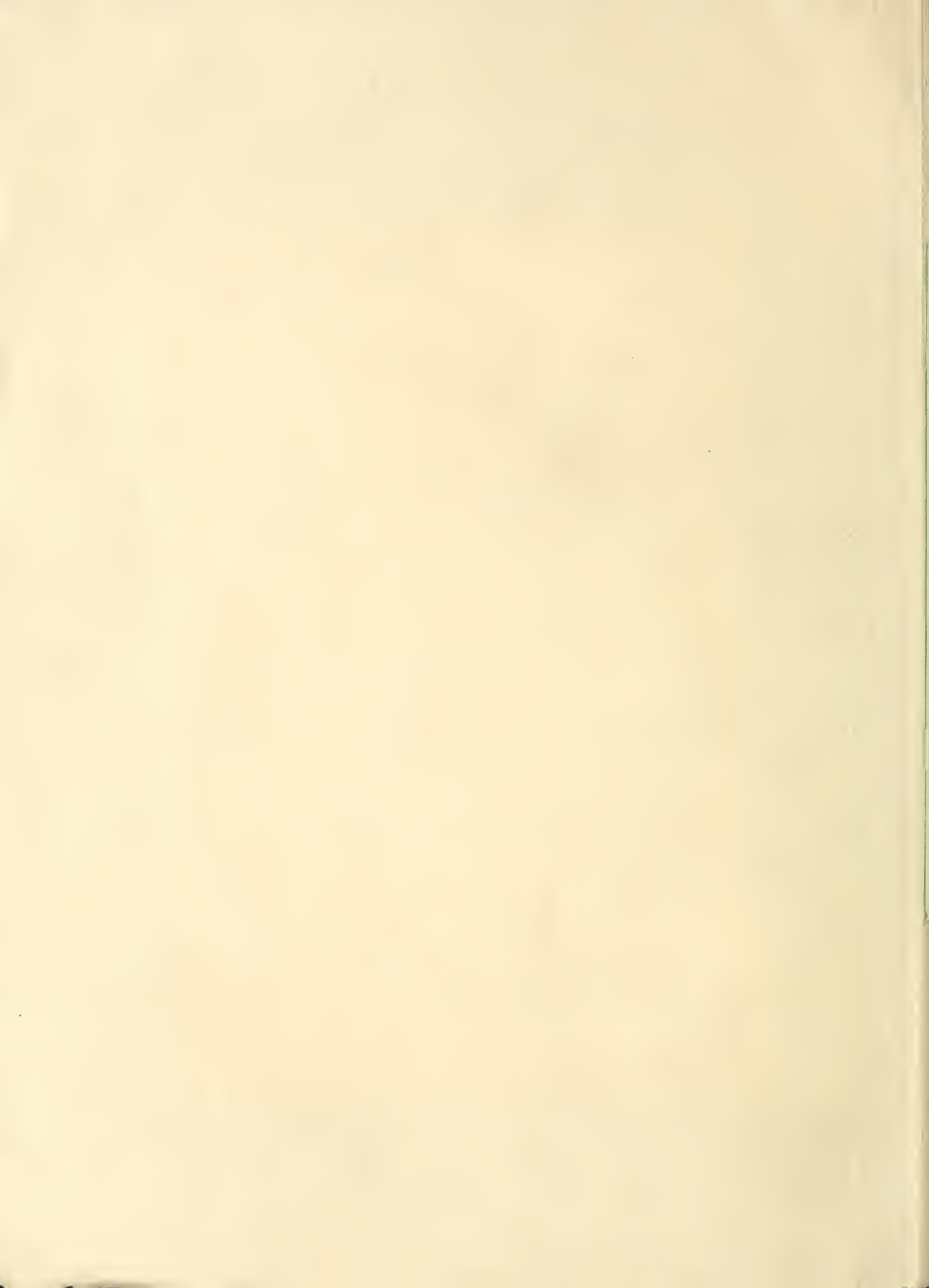
**Balsam:** Its spicy fragrance and failure to shed its needles wins preferred status for indoor use. **\$1.00 per 12**

**Hemlock:** Handsome, dark green, glistening foliage in flat sprays suitable for table decorations. **\$1.00 per 12**

**Juniper:** With bronzy brown sprays which makes them ideal for baskets and bowls. After it is discarded as a decoration, burn it in your fireplace for its pungent fragrance. **\$1.00 per 12**

**Red Cedar:** Dark green, graceful sprays, attractive from all sides. Fine for baskets or bowls. **\$1.00 per 12**

**Red Spruce without Cones:** Rich bright green. A vivid Christmas shade. **\$1.00 per 12**





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**Pioneering with Wildflowers:** A best seller in the field of gardening literature. Its beautiful illustrations from photographs are alone worth the small price of the book. The text expressly written to answer the many questions yearly addressed to the author by wildflower experts and amateurs, tells a great deal about our native wildflowers, their habits and haunts and how to make them happy in gardens.

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**TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS, OLD AND NEW, WE WISH A HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

### TREES—SPRUCE OR BALSAM

18 in.-24 in.  
2 ft.-3 ft.  
3 ft.-5 ft.

50c each, \$4.50 per 12  
60c each, \$5.50 per 12  
80c each, \$7.50 per 12

**Balsam Lace:** Dainty evergreen strips about 3 inches wide, woven of tiny balsam tips, small brown cones and brilliant red berries. Just the thing to place between 2 Candlesticks or

along the sides of your Xmas dinner table or mantlepiece. One yard long. **Each \$2.50; 5 or more for \$10.00**

**Hemlock Lace:** Woven of the daintiest of evergreen sprays—the hemlock. These rich green lacy tips are their own decorations—green only. **1 yd. \$1.50; 5 yds. or more for \$6.25**  
Trimmed with cones and berries.

**1 yd. \$2.50; 5 or more for \$10.00**

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