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.. CATALOGUE OF ..

STANDARD GARDEN

SEEDS,

From ..

W. B. LONGSTRETH, GRATIOT, OHIO.

The Farmer Feeds All.

THE king may rule o'er land and sea,
The lord may live right royally,
The soldier ride in pomp and pride,
The sailor ride o'er the ocean wide;
But this or that, whate'er befall,
The Farmer he must feed them all.

The writer thinks, the poet sings,
The craftsmen fashion wondrous things;
The doctor heals, the lawyer pleads,
The miner follows the precious leads;
But this or that, whate'er befall,
The Farmer he must feed them all.

The merchant, he may buy and sell,
The teacher do his duty well;
But men may toil through busy days,
Or men may stroll through pleasant ways;
From king to begger, whate'er befall,
The Farmer he must feed them all.

The Farmer's trade is one of worth;
He's partner with the sky and earth,
He's partner with the sun and rain,
And no man loses for his gain;
And men may rise, and men may fall,
But the Farmer he must feed them all.

God bless the man who sows the wheat,
Who finds us milk and fruit and meat;
May his purse be heavy, his heart be light,
His cattle and corn and all go right;
God bless the seeds his hands let fall,
For the Farmer he must feed us all.



GRAHAMING

Gratiot, Ohio, January 1st., 1887.

“May seed-time leave your doubts no room,
The summer find your fields a-bloom,
The harvest, as 'tis gathered in,
Crowd every barn, and every bin.”

KIND FRIENDS AND PATRONS:

Again I have the pleasure of presenting you my Catalogue of Standard Seeds for the Spring of 1897; and I wish first of all to thank you for the kind words and patronage of last year, and trust, as it has been my aim to please, that I may have your confidence and orders in the future.

My catalogue is not so elaborate or showy as some you may receive, but if you will compare the prices you will undoubtedly find the balance in favor of my modest effort.

If you have not already tried my seeds, please send me a trial order, even if it is only for a single packet, and be convinced that I can, and do, sell as good seed, and as large packets, as the expensive catalogue firms do, for from 30 to 50 per ct. less money.

Important to Customers. TERMS:—Cash must be sent with the order. Remittances may be made at my risk by the following methods: Post Office Money Order on Brownsville or Zanesville, Ohio; Bank Draft; Express Money Order, or cash by Registered Letter. Postage stamps, if ones or twos, and in good condition, accepted for fractional parts of a dollar.

Guarantee. Complaints made that seed are not good should quite at often be attributed to other causes as to the quality of the seeds. While I exercise the greatest care to have all seeds pure and reliable, I do not give any warranty, expressed or implied, in any respect, that they will produce a crop, as there are so many things to prevent the crop from being secured, such as sowing too deep; too shallow; in too wet or dry soil; wet or dry weather; hail storms; frost; insects &c. But I guarantee them to be **NEW SEED**, of strong germinating power, and that they will grow if properly planted, inasmuch if such should not be the case, and the customer has good reasons to think the fault lay with the seed, AND NOT WITH ANY OF THE CONTINGENCIES ABOVE MENTIONED, I will refill the order free of charge.

Everything advertised in this catalogue is sent by mail at prices given, and the safe arrival of same guaranteed.

I would be pleased if customers on arrival of their orders would inform me promptly, as to condition of same, also to report the after growth, whether good or bad.

If you receive an extra copy of my catalogue please present it to a friend or neighbor who is interested in planting good seed.

By Sending the the names and addresses of ten or more of your friends who plant garden seed, you may select 15c. worth of seed of your own selection, *free*, providing you enclose not less than 25c. for other seed. Please Remember to write your NAME, POST-OFFICE, COUNTY and STATE very plainly.

Awaiting the commands of my esteemed friends and patrons both old and new,

I remain, Yours Most Truly,

**W. B. LONGSTRETH, Box 69,
Gratiot, Licking Co., Ohio.**

P. S. Subscriptions for all Newspapers and Magazines received at our office, or if sent by mail will receive our prompt attention. We can supply almost any Periodical published in any country or in any language, and in many cases will give best club rates on two or more. Send for our large 32 page Price-List, *free*.



"Standard garden seeds are we,
And we wish you all to know,
That we know a thing or two,
LONGSTRETH'S SEEDS WILL GROW."



BEANS. (Dwarf, or Bush).

Lightning Early Valentine. This variety is well named, as it is *lightning* quick in ripening in comparison with any other stock of this popular bean. The pods are large, it is very productive, and when young, entirely stringless. It cannot be recommended too highly to those who wish an *early* bean. Sure to give satisfaction. Large pkt, 6 cts.

Early Red Valentine. The leading and most generally cultivated of all green podded bush beans. Early; vines very uniform, making little top growth, setting its fruit low, ripening uniformly and producing enormously; pods very tender, fleshy and brittle. Pkt, 5c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ pt, 10c.; pt, 18c.; qt, 35c.

White Valentine. This variety is a complete union of all qualities necessary to make a dwarf green pod bean perfect. The pods being rounder, smoother, plumper, more meaty and entirely stringless, than almost any other variety of beans. It possesses the peculiar and valuable quality of remaining in a tender cooking condition longer than any other green podded variety. This together with its *EXTREME EARLINESS* makes it an exceedingly valuable sort for spring or fall planting. The beans when ripe are pure white, and might well be called an "All purpose bean." Pkt, 5c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ pt, 12c.

Early Yellow Kidney. Quite early and productive; pods long; very desirable for family use. Pkt, 5c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ pt, 10c.; pt, 18c.

Early Round Pod; or, Six Weeks. Extra early; a vigorous grower and very

productive. Beans round, and when matured are yellow in color, and are at least one week *EARLIER* than the Yellow Kidney. Large pkt, 6 cts.

Dwarf White Navy, (or Prolific Tree Bean, as advertised by many firms). The most valuable variety, the most productive and heavy cropping bean known, growing from 18 to 24 inches high, branching out in all directions and bearing an abundance of well-filled pods. On one vine have been counted 156 PODS, WHICH CONTAINED 864 BEANS. The beans are small, very white, resembling the Navy, but cooks in much less time and is of better flavor. They should be planted in rows $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet apart and 18 inches apart in the rows, so as to secure a large yield; they should not be allowed to crowd each other. They are much easier cultivated than small growing varieties, and much easier harvested. The mature reasonably early; ripen very evenly, and will meet your most sanguine expectations. Pkt, 5c., $\frac{1}{2}$ pt, 10c.; pt, 18c.; qt, 35c.

Henderson's Bush Lima. A perfect bush, growing very stocky, about 18 inches high, with many branches; maturing its first beans at least two weeks before any Pole Lima, and continuing to bear its load of well-filled pods until stopped by frost. Its productiveness is marvelous; the pods usually have three, but often four, beans, the size of small Pole Limas, and are very tender, cooking quickly and unsurpassed in their delicious quality. To get full satisfaction from this bean it should be grown on a light soil inclined to sand. Pkt, 5c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ pt, 12c.; pt, 20c.

BEANS. (Pole, or Running).

Dutch Case Knife. An old stand-by. Excellent for shelling, one of the earliest pole beans in cultivation; an excellent variety to plant with the corn. Plant two in a hill. Pkt, 6c.

German Cluster Lima. Early and very productive; pods produced in clust-

ers of six to ten in a cluster, and from four to six beans in a pod. Pkt, 6c.

Zanesville, O. April 17th., 1896.

"I received my seeds yesterday all O. K. I thank you very much for your prompt attention to my order."
G. E. Walters.

BEETS.

Early Blood Turnip. The standard early sort; blood red, turnip-shaped, with small top and tap-root; smooth, very tender and good for early use and late keep-

ing. Pkt, 5c.

Eclipse. Grows very smooth, short top, sweet and tender, red flesh, globe shape and very early. Pkt, 5c.

CABBAGE.

Early Jersey Wakefield. Undoubtedly among the best, *if not the best*, cabbage grown. Its merits are many, among which may be mentioned its large size heads for an early sort; small outside foliage, and its uniformity in producing a crop. The heads are pyramidal in shape, having a blunted or rounded peak. *Sure To Give Satisfaction.* Pkt, 5c.

Late Flat Dutch. An excellent winter variety, producing large, round, very solid heads, flat on top and of a beautiful bluish green color, with but few outside leaves. The quality is fine and flavor excellent. Pkt, 5c.

Sure-Head. This very popular variety is rightly named "Sure-Head." It never fails to make a remarkable fine, solid large head, with few outer leaves, even on poor soil, but the richer the soil the lar-



SURE-HEAD.

ger and finer the head. IT IS THE VERY BEST CABBAGE FOR THE MAIN CROP. Very uniform in size, heads being unusually hard and sweet-flavored. Keeps well and is just the variety to suit all LOVERS of a good CABBAGE. Pkt, 5c.

CELERY.

Golden Self-Blanching. This is undoubtedly the best celery for general use. Plants of a yellowish-green color when young, but as they mature the inner stems and leaves turn a beautiful golden yellow.

In closing the stalks by simply drawing soil up against the plant and pressing it together THE WORK OF BLANCHING IS COMPLETED. It is quite early, crisp, brittle and of a delicious flavor. Pkt, 5c.

White Plume. Requires but little banking up. Simply drawing a little soil against the plant and tying the tops to-

gether is all required. Early, crisp and tender. A good keeper, but not equal to the Golden Self-Blanching. Pkt, 5c.

CARROT.

Early Scarlet Horn. One of the most popular of all varieties. Quite early. In color it is a beautiful orange, flesh finely

grained and delicious flavor. Grows well in shallow soil. Pkt, 3c.; two pkts, 5c.

SWEET CORN.

Early Bonanza. One of the best medium early varieties. Has large, fine ears in great abundance, bearing two or three ears to the stalk. Pkt, 5c.

very productive, exceptionally tender and sugary, and remains for a long time in an edible condition. Pkt, 5c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ pt, 10c.; pt, 18c.

Stowell's Evergreen. This variety is more largely grown by market gardeners, canners and private families than any other on account of its large size. It is

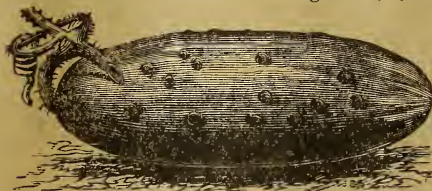
Ripley, Ill., March 15th., 1896.
"I received the seed I ordered some time ago promptly. All the seed I ever got from you came up and done well."

Mrs. Mattie Clark.

CUCUMBER.

White Snow. One of the handsomest Cucumbers in cultivation. Large size,

exceedingly crisp, of MOST SUPERIOR FLAVOR. The vines are quite vigorous in growth and IMMENSELY PRODUCTIVE. Pkt, 5c.



WHITE SNOW.

and always of a BEAUTIFUL WAXEN WHITE from the time they set out until matured. The flesh is very solid, pure white and is

Cool and Crisp. Among the earliest, *if not the earliest*, and most prolific of all pickling cucumbers, unsurpassed for pickling, also an excellent variety for table use, the flesh being exceeding crisp & tender. Pkt, 5c.

Long Green. A fine, long fruit of excellent quality, dark green in color, crisp and tender. Pkt, 5c.

LETTUCE.

New York Market. A superior summer lettuce, remains a long time without going to seed; heads very large, often weighing three or more pounds; solid; crisp; tender; of excellent flavor and free from bitterness. ONE OF THE VERY BEST IN ALL RESPECTS. Pkt, 4c.

Longstreth's Prize Head. An excellent variety, produces a mammoth, solid head, even the outer leaves are rich and tender. It retains its good table qualities for a long time. Pkt, 5c.

Salamander. An excellent summer

variety, withstanding drought and heat to a remarkable extent; forms medium-sized compact heads; light green outside, white within. Pkt, 4c.

Lanesboro, Minn., June 13th., 1896.
"The seeds were received promptly in good

condition, and will say I have eaten Lettuce and Radishes grown from the seed in three weeks. It beats all. You should advertise more to sell your first-class seeds. It pleases me to deal with you. Use this as you like."

James Thompson, Jr.

MUSK MELONS.

Tip-Top. { In Quality.) This
 { In Appearance.) new
 { In Productiveness.) melon
is claimed to be without exception one of the most uniform good quality; every one good, sweet, juicy, finest flavor, flesh beautiful yellow; firm, but not hard; eatable to the very outside. In shape it varies from round to slightly oblong; skin pale green covered with handsome net-

ting. Pkt, 5c.

Princess. OF HANDSOME APPEARANCE, WONDERFUL WEIGHT AND THICK FLESH, which is of a rich salmon color; SWEET AND LUSCIOUS. Form nearly round, with heavily netted dark green skin. Vines vigorous and prolific. They ripen early, good size, often weighing eight to ten pounds. Pkt, 5c.

WATER MELONS.

Sweet Heart. Entirely distinct and new. EARLY, LARGE AND HANDSOME. Vines vigorous and productive. Fruit oval and very heavy. Rind thin but firm. Flesh bright red, firm, solid, BUT VERY TENDER, MELTING AND SWEET. Fruit remains in condition for use longer than any other sort. Pkt, 5c.

Ice Cream. An excellent variety for home use; early; medium size; oblong; light green skin; flesh very sweet, melting and delicious flavor. Pkt, 5c.

Rose Farm, Ohio, May 2nd., 1896.
"Received the seed from you sometime ago, which are growing nicely."

Mrs. T. C. McCaslin.

ONIONS.

Yellow Globe Danvers. One of the most popular onions grown. Early; globe-shaped bulb; very small neck; flesh white, fine-grained and mild in flavor; very productive; keeps well and cannot fail to please

every lover of a good onion. Pkt, 5c.

Large Red Weathersfield. Large size fine form, skin deep purplish red; flesh white. Very productive. One of the best keepers. Pkt, 5c.

PARSNIP.

Hollow Crown. The best variety in cultivation for general use; roots white,

smooth, sugary, of excellent flavor. Pkt, 3c.; two pkts, 5c.

PEAS.

EARLY ALASKA. The most valuable of all Early Peas. The Early Alaska, or Earlist of All. Is undoubtedly the earliest pea in cultivation. It is extremely early, several days ahead of any other (it has been grown fit for use in 40 days from planting); vines two to two and one-half feet high loaded with large, dark green pods well filled with smooth blue peas of a sweet and delicious flavor. It is so uniform in ripening that nearly the whole crop can be picked at the first picking. Its three great points are "Extreme earliness; great productiveness; and

excellent quality. No one will be disappointed who plants it. Pkt, 5c.; ½ pt, 10c.; pt, 18c.

Longstreth's Early. Vines 2 ft. high, very productive. Pods well filled with beautiful peas, yellow in color. Sweet, sugary and delicious in flavor. One of the finest peas for family use. Pkt, 5c.; 1-2 pt, 10c.; pt, 18c.

Yorkshire Hero. Vines 2½ feet high, very productive, pods closely filled with large luscious wrinkled peas, of extra fine quality. Pkt, 5c. 1-2 pt, 10c.; pt, 18c.

PEPPER.

Long Red Cayenne. A long, slim pod, rather pointed, and when ripe a bright red color. Extremely strong, pungent and very productive. Pkt, 5c.

Golden Queen. This variety is won-

derfully productive, of perfect shape and uniform large size; growing from 15 to 20 perfect fruits from 6 to 10 inches long and 4 to 5 inches through on a single plant. In color they are a bright waxy, golden yellow. One of the mildest flavored peppers in cultivation. Pkt, 5c.

PUMPKIN.

Winter Luxury. Flesh thick, sweet and fine flavored. *Makes very delicious pies.* Cooks in a remarkable short time. Enorm-

ously productive. It grows uniformly to a diameter of 10 to 12 inches; beautiful golden yellow color, very finely and closely netted. An excellent keeper. Pkt, 5c.

RADISH.



French Breakfast.

French Breakfast. Medium size, olive shaped, small top, of quick growth, very crisp and tender, of a beautiful scarlet color tipped with white Pkt, 4c.

Chartiers. A large, beautiful crimson variety, shading to pure white at the top; very crisp and tender. Pkt, 4c.

Newcom. The earliest and largest half long radish known. Quality very superior and will hold its fine eating condition for a long time. Will stand heat and cold to a remarkable extent, Pkt, 4c.

SALSIFY; or VEGETABLE OYSTER.

Mammoth Sandwich Island. Produces roots of nearly double the size and weight of the old varieties, and of equally

good quality. It is VERY TENDER AND DELICIOUS FLAVORED. Pkt, 5c.

TOMATOES.

Buckeye State. The Buckeye State Tomato was first introduced in 1893, and is one of the largest, smoothest tomatoes in cultivation. This is not all, however, for although its large size might lead some to believe the fruits are few in number, yet the fact is it is even more productive in fruit than most any



BUCKEYE STATE.

of the standard sorts now in cultivation. It is undoubtedly the heaviest cropper known. The tomatoes are borne in immense clusters of four to eight large

fruits, and occasionally ten have been found in a single cluster, which are very solid, meaty, and of the finest quality. Medium early. Pkt, 6c.

Imperial. Quite early, fruit fair size and perfectly smooth, a good keeper, ripens well up to the stem. Vines very vigorous and productive. Pkt, 5c.

Liberty Bell. Large; round; bright red in color; ripens well up to the stem; quality *very fine*. It is immensely productive; flesh solid; good keeper. It is a tomato that will please all who prefer a beautiful bright red colored tomato. Quite early. Pkt, 4c.

Livingston's Favorite. One of the best and largest perfect shaped Tomatoes in cultivation. Ripens evenly and as early as any other good red sort, holding its size to the end of the season. Free from cracks and not apt to rot at the blossom end. Very prolific, flesh solid, of excellent flavor. One of the very best tomatoes in cultivation for canning purposes. Pkt, 4c.

Early Acme. The EARLIEST REAL GOOD TOMATO of any of the varieties that was grown by me last summer. The plants are strong, vigorous and very productive, fruit of medium size, perfect form, round slightly depressed at the ends and very smooth, (never rough); color a glossy red with a purplish tinge. Ripens evenly. Pkt, 4c.

Cumberland Red. Fruit very large; solid; fine quality; vines remarkably vigorous and productive. Pkt, 4c.

Brinton's Best. Fruit very large, of a beautiful deep red color, perfectly

smooth, ripens evenly, medium early, of a superb quality, not liable to crack or rot. The vines grow vigorous and produce abundantly until killed by frost. Pkt, 4c.

Golden Glory. Is a number one yellow tomato, in every respect equal to the many splendid red varieties that are grown. I believe the Golden Glory is the finest yellow tomato grown. Its excellent quality, its fine grain, its fine flavor, and its large yield will tend to give it a place in every farmer's garden. Pkt, 5c.

Longstreth's Mixed. Contains all the above varieties and several others. You will be surprised at the tomato feast you will have if you give my Tomato Mixture a trial. Pkt, 5c.

Gratiot, Ohio, Nov. 27th., 1896.

"All the seed I obtained from you last spring proved highly satisfactory in every respect. I am satisfied we never raised any sweeter peas, finer tomatoes or sweeter and larger turnips. A. D. S. McArthur.

TURNIP.

Purple Top White Globe. One of the best varieties grown; very productive; large globe-shape bulbs with red or purple

top; flesh pure white, crisp and tender. Pkt, 5c.; oz, 10c.



FLOWER SEEDS.

We're Sweet Peas, and, if you please,
We are "all the go!"

Buy us, try us and be satisfied
That LONGSTRETH'S SEEDS
WILL GROW.

The Blushing Beauty Sweet Pea.
Worthy to rank among the very finest. Flowers very large, perfect formed. Standard large, very thick, and both it

and the wings are a peculiarly beautiful, delicate soft pink. ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR VARIETIES. Pkt, 5c.

The Sweet Peas has become one of the most popular of all cultivated flowers. Everyone who cultivates flowers should by all means plant a portion of their flower garden in the beautiful Sweet Pea. Nothing blooms in greater abundance, and few flowers are as satisfactory. They take cool, moist weather, and should be planted very early in the spring. When

sowing the seed make a trench six inches deep, and cover with two inches of soil. When the vines are five or six inches high gradually fill the trench. The flowers should be cut off as soon as they begin to fade. **THE MORE YOU CUT FROM THEM AT THAT TIME THE MORE THEY WILL YIELD.** Do not allow them to form seed-pods if you wish them to continue blooming.

Petunia. Very popular annual, unsurpassed for beading, flowers very rich in color and fragrance. Several colors

mixed. Pkt, 5c.

Holly-Hock. One of the handsomest summer blooming plants, growing 4 to 6 feet high. Hardy perennial. Pkt, 5c.

Sweet William. Well known, free flowering, popular favorite flower, very sweet and fragrant. Mixed colors. Pkt, 5c.

Mixed Flower Seed. The above four varieties and three or four others. Pkt, 5c.

FIELD CORN.

Improved Leaming. Stalks medium height. Ears are large and handsome, with deep grains of a rich golden color, and small red cob. One hundred and

thirty-six bushels have been grown to the acre on good corn ground. Pkt, 5c.; pt, 15c.; qt, 25c.



PREMIUMS.



The following premiums are given FREE for seed orders. Your order may include packets, $\frac{1}{2}$ pts., pts. and qts. But the premium or premiums will positively be allowed on *packets only*. In case you choose a premium no other discount can or will be allowed.

Any article offered will be for sale at the price named. Postage on same will be paid by me in either case.

The Farm Journal, (see ad.), sent free for one year to all who order seeds in pkts only to the amount of \$1.40.

The Practical Farmer, (see ad.), one year to all who order seeds in pkts only to the value of \$3.25.

Sheet Bluing. Is vastly superior to any other form of bluing in the world. It is put up in envelope packages containing 12 sheets in each package. One-half sheet will do for the washing of an ordinary family. Per package 10c.; 3 for 25c. One package given free for a 40c. order for seeds in pkts only.

The London Needle Cabinet. Contains five papers of needles and a full assortment of darning and embroidery needles of all kinds. Sample 10c.; or free with a 50c. order for seeds in pkts only.

Solder. This is an article that is needed in every family. It can be used on all articles of Tinware, Brass or Copper, without the use of a soldering iron. No resin or acid is needed. Any man, woman or child can use it. It comes in rods nearly nine inches long. One package (five rods) will mend 75 to 100 holes. **Directions:**—Hold the article to be soldered over a candle or match at the spot where the hole is, and the flame will melt the solder and fill the hole perfectly. Per package 15c.; or free with a 60c. order for seeds in pkts only. Address all orders to

W. B. LONGSTRETH,
Box 69, Gratiot, Ohio.

TO have the Tomato *very early* it is necessary to sow the seed in a box in the house or hot-bed in March or first of April; transplant into other boxes or frames when plants get two or three inches tall. Set out the plants when danger of frost is over.

GAPES IN CHICKS.—Chicks most subject to gapes are those that run on damp ground. It is generally understood that gapes are caused by a small worm in the windpipe. Give the chicks a piece of camphor gum the size of a pea. The fumes will kill the worms. Camphor in the drinking water will prevent gapes.

ONIONS should be spread thinly in the shade to cure, don't leave them in the sun as they will not keep well afterwards.

I CAN mail seeds right to your P. O. cheaper than you can buy at the store, because I sell for *cash* and the seedsman that supplies the storekeeper sells on credit and gives about one-half to the storekeeper for his pay.

BEGIN the warfare against weeds early.

DO not expect good results from plants or vegetables that are poorly cared for.

SAM planted too shallow; Henry too deep; James had extra wet weather; John extra dry, yet they all held the seedsman responsible.

PERIODS FOR SOWING SEEDS,

As Indicated by the Blooming of Trees.

1st Period.....	The blooming of the	Peach	.....	Peas.
do	do	do	.....	Onion Sets.
2d Period.....	The blooming of the	Cherry	.....	The above and
do	do	do	.....	Lettuce.
do	do	do	.....	Radish.
do	do	do	.....	Farsnip.
do	do	do	.....	Carrot.
3d Period.....	The blooming of the	Pear	.....	All the above and
do	do	do	.....	Celery.
do	do	do	.....	Beet.
do	do	do	.....	Onion Seed.
do	do	do	.....	Cabbage.
do	do	do	.....	Salsify.
4th Period.....	The blooming of the	Apple	.....	All the preceding and
do	do	do	.....	Beans.
do	do	do	.....	Corn.
do	do	do	.....	Cucumber.
do	do	do	.....	Melon.
do	do	do	.....	Pumpkin.
do	do	do	.....	Tomato.

UNPRECEDENTED OFFER....

for

SEEDS IN PACKETS ONLY.

For \$.25 select packets to the value of \$.30.

For .50 select packets to the value of .62.

For .75 select packets to the value of .87.

For 1.00 select packets to the value of 1.25.

AN ASTONISHING OFFER !!

15 Full size Packets of your own selection for only 30c. This is a much better offer than most any other firm puts out, for the reason I allow you to make your own selection, while they have a collection that they will not break on any condition. No other premium or discount can or will be allowed in connection with the above offer.

THE FARM JOURNAL,

is a 16 to 20 page monthly paper published in the interest of the *practical*, not the *fancy*, farmer. I have been a subscriber for it for some four years, and can recommend it to any of my friends as a clean and pure farm paper in every respect. Its subscription price is 50c. per year, but to all who send me 40c. I will have it sent to you for one year, or two years for 60c.

THE PRACTICAL FARMER,

is a 16 page weekly paper for the farm, and is a Practical farm paper in every respect, and is universally conceded the leading Agricultural weekly of America.

If you own a farm raise stock, cultivate a garden or are interested in farming operations in any way, it will pay you to subscribe for the *Practical Farmer*. T. B. TERRY, the best known farmer in the U. S., writes exclusively for it. JOHN T. GOULD has charge of the Dairy Department. T. GREINER, one of the best authorities on gardening, edits the Garden Department. The Home Circle, which is especially interesting to wives and children, is edited by Mrs. VELMA C. MELLVILLE. And a host of other competent writers on all subjects pertaining to the farm

I consider the *Practical Farmer* the best weekly farm paper published, and can recommend it to *one* and *all* of my friends.

Every issue contains contributions from 90 to 120 practical farmers and gardeners who are more accustomed to the use of the spade than the pen. The subscription price is only \$1.00 per year, and to all who send me their subscription before April 15th., 1897, I will give 25 XXX white envelopes. In sending your subscription please say whether you are a *new* or *renewal* subscriber.

The Fruit Grower's Journal,



a six-column eight-page paper, published monthly at Cobden, Illinois, at 25 cts. per year, is an all-around Fruit-Grower's, Farmer's and Homekeeper's paper. It has no space to spare for fakes and dead-head advertisements. It can walk without crutches and is alive all over. If you want a sample copy, say so.

A. M. DuBois,

Editor & Publisher.

ALL FOR ONLY TEN CENTS!

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A jointed figure of a skeleton fourteen inches in height, will dance to music slow or fast, keeping exact time, and perform various gyrations and movements while the operator may beat any distance from it. The figure may be examined by the spectators, who cannot discover the motive power.

When handed back to the operator, it is simply placed upon a chair or table, when it will seemingly become endowed with life, and begin to move. At the command of the opera-

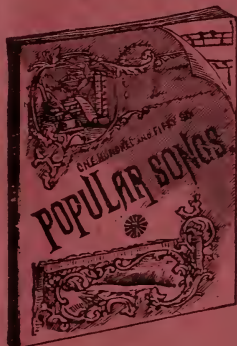
tor (who may be in any part of the room,) it will lie down, stand up, dance, etc. This is similar to the wonderful skeleton used by Prof. Pepper, in his lectures and exhibitions. For exhibition in the parlor, before social gatherings, or for public exhibition in the school or lecture room, there is nothing more acceptable. It never fails to create a sensation, and is so substantial as to last for years. We send full and explicit directions with each Skeleton, by the aid of which anyone can readily make it perform, to the astonishment of their friends or the public. Postage 1c.

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