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PEONIES



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MOHICAN

We Grow Peonies—
Nothing Else



MOHICAN PEONY GARDENS

GARDENS AT
SINKING SPRING, PENNA.

OFFICE
READING, PENNA.



FESTIVA MAXIMA

Awarded First Prize in the Peony Photograph Contest.
Submitted by Mrs. L. B. Risdon, Trenton, N. J.

FOREWORD



IT IS pretty generally recognized among discriminating gardeners that Mohican Peonies are true stock of unusual value.

This recognition has been earned because, for twenty-five years, we have adhered to a policy:

To offer only those plants which have bloomed at least once in our own garden and should therefore reasonably be expected to bloom *the first season for you*.

Because we ship *proven* stock you naturally do not receive divisions or small plants. Yet the prices on our large undivided roots always compare favorably with other price lists, many of which are division prices.

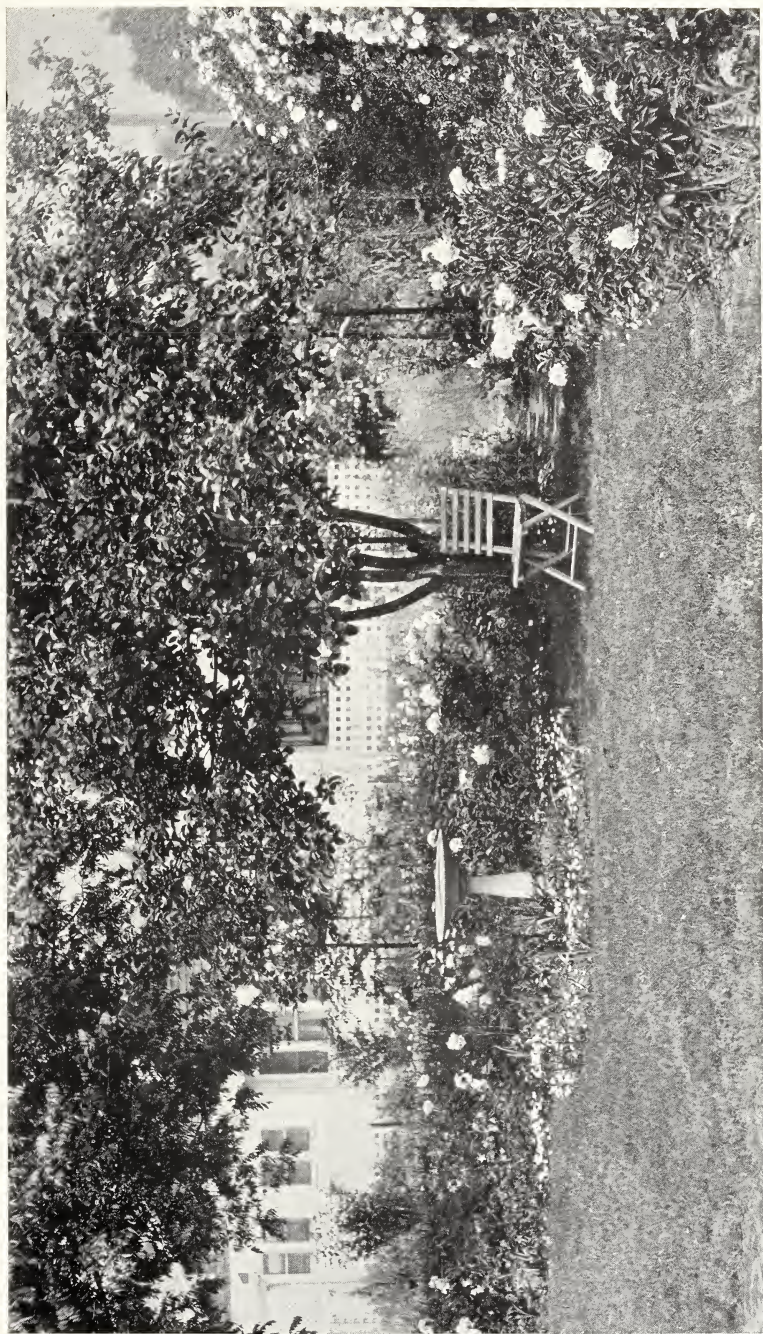
The Illustrations



WE ARE proud of the illustrations in this catalog, for they represent the results our customers have obtained from Mohican stock.

These photographs should mean more to you than letters of recommendation because they represent, to a larger degree, the enthusiastic spirit of those who have employed our Peonies to beautify their gardens. The pride of their gardens and the pride in their Mohican Peonies is most appropriately expressed in photographs.

In fact the satisfaction of our customers as indicated in this year's photographic entries has inspired us to award two first prizes, one to Mrs. Risdon for her excellent picture used as the frontispiece and one to Mrs. Pagan for the exceptional group of pictures of individual varieties which are reproduced later in this book.



MOHICAN PEONIES AS A BORDER

Awarded Second Prize in the Peony Photograph Contest.

Submitted by Mrs. R. D. Gapin, Reidsville, N. C.



PART OF THE CHALLENGE COLLECTION

Awarded Third Prize in the Peony Photograph Contest.

Submitted by Miss Mary L. Brunner, Campbelltown, Penna.

Terms of the Peony Photograph Contest



THE PRIZES offered are Mohican Peonies to be selected, in each case, by the successful contestants:

- First Prize: \$50.00 worth of Mohican Peonies.
- Second Prize: 30.00 worth of Mohican Peonies.
- Third Prize: 15.00 worth of Mohican Peonies.
- Four other prizes, each valued at \$5.00.

Name and address must be plainly written in ink on the back of each photograph; also name of variety of Peony or Peonies shown.

The Peonies photographed must be grown from Mohican roots.

Pictures may be of gardens, plants or cut flowers.

There is no limit to size of photograph or number submitted by any one person.

Not more than one prize will be allotted to any one contestant.

Photographs must be in our hands by September first.

Any prints submitted may be used in our catalog.

All prize-winning pictures will be reproduced with the names and addresses of the successful contestants.

Prints will be returned only on request.

Send no letter—just the photographs. Address: Mohican Peony Gardens, Reading, Pa.

Announcement of the awards of prizes will be made in our 1928 catalog.

Shipment of the prizes will be made in September by *prepaid* express. Winners may select the Peonies they most desire and we will do our best to supply just what they may ask for.

Plan Now to Head the List of Winners

Purchase Your Peonies from True Peony Specialists



WITH us the Peony is the "whole thing." We grow Peonies and nothing else. We are thus specialists in a sense which possesses legitimate value and significance and the reasonableness of our suggestion, that you purchase your roots from true specialists, becomes apparent.

We have labored and studied and spent years of time and a great deal of money to keep our varieties true, and *we so guarantee them*; that is to say, while we are not infallible and mistakes will very occasionally occur, such mistakes are always due to errors in labelling or in shipping and not to mistakes in our varieties. For our fields are thoroughly "rogued" from end to end and we KNOW that there is not a single wrong plant in our entire acreage of Peonies.

Size and Quality

The rapidly growing interest in the modern Peony—a popular interest which has attained such proportions that it is not out of harmony to speak of the situation as a "boom in Peonies"—has brought so prominently to the front the question of size of roots sent out to customers that it is only second in importance to the question of true stock.

Unlike many growers, we do not take up a more or less mature plant and divide it to the very limit of its endurance. **Our divisions are always generous divisions, made with extraordinary care and skill. We do not ship divisions but develop them in our gardens until they reach the Mohican standard of size.** When our roots are shipped they are in the prime of condition for transplanting.



PEONIES IN A GARDEN

Awarded one of the Seven Prizes.

Submitted by Miss Alice A. Crowe, Clinton, Mo.



EUGENE VERDIER

Awarded one of the Seven Prizes.

Submitted by Miss Minta P. Oviatt, Milford, Conn.

Our Grade of Stock

Should you decide to favor us with your valued order, you will, we believe, be surprised at the quality of stock we send you. Our system of growing is such that we are able to send out plants that cannot fail to satisfy the most exacting buyer. The stock we deliver is heavy, vigorous, liberally grown quality stock that will—if properly planted—produce a very satisfactory amount of bloom the first year. We ship only those plants which have bloomed at least once in our gardens and should therefore reasonably be expected to bloom the first season for you.

In soliciting your patronage, therefore, we ask a careful consideration of the points we have made, especially in comparing our prices with those of other growers. We know that our rates, considering the grade of roots we offer, are, to say the least, as low as the same grade of true stock that can be had elsewhere.

What Kind of Peonies ?



HERE are upwards of two thousand varieties of Peonies, and it is a fact—which no grower or nurseryman can honestly dispute—that hundreds of them are so nearly alike as to be practically identical. In any event, only an expert can distinguish the difference. If you send to certain worthy growers for a catalog or list you will be confronted with more or less accurate descriptions of perhaps from two to five hundred sorts. The average retail customer is confused and perplexed by this array. He wants a few of the very best—and that is just the want this catalog will fill.

Our List

Our list now consists of one hundred carefully selected sorts of Herbaceous Peonies. We are, and have been for years, growing several hundred varieties. The number and character of the varieties in our fields has been constantly changing and shifting as we have cast some out because not entirely worthy and selected new ones as they came into general cultivation. We deem our varieties the choicest and best and the most distinct of the many hundreds in cultivation. The points constantly kept in mind in making our selections have been size, perfection of form, fragrance, vigor of bloom, lasting quality of cut flowers and landscape effect. The entire range of form and color is covered absolutely and all of the exquisite and really worthy new things of French, British and American production have been added. If you do not find listed in this booklet a variety you think ought to be there, it is because a better one has displaced it or because it is practically identical with one listed.

Planting

For permanent planting Peonies should be set from three to four feet apart each way and left undisturbed indefinitely. When it is desired to intersperse Peonies among other hardy garden flowers,

or at intervals along a border of shrubs, they should be planted in groups of from three to five, each group to be of one variety. In arranging a bed of Peonies of from fifteen to fifty roots—according to the space at command—we strongly urge the planting of one variety. Although sorts may be had that bloom, in theory, about the same time, the result is never satisfactory, for in fact they come straggling into bloom one after the other and the effect desired is never wholly gained. A bed of one fine sort is a magnificent sight.

Planting Season

The fall season is the only season in which the Peony can successfully be transplanted. To move Peonies at any other season than the months of September, October and November means a setback from which the roots sometimes do not recover for two years. Some general nurserymen will supply Peonies at any season of the year that they can be gotten out of the ground. But, when we sell you Peonies we want them to start right in to “work” for you from the beginning, without a setback through moving at the wrong season. We have faith that our methods will thus redound to our credit. We begin digging on September 1st and continue to fill orders as late in the year as the ground remains open.

Directions for Planting

With our acknowledgment of every order we mail, free, a copy of our famous “Book of Don’ts” which, we believe, contains all the advice that is needed to raise peonies. The few “Don’ts” added to the plant’s natural inclination to grow regardless of conditions, makes the peony a real delight. There are no keen disappointments, no severe losses of labor and love or time and money.

Following the receipt of our “Book of Don’ts” our customer receives the shipment of well packed, healthy roots. With the “Don’ts” to keep one from errors in planting and, with reasonable care on the gardener’s part, success is sure to follow.

Except to our customers, the “Book of Don’ts” is sold at ten cents (10c) per copy to cover part of the cost of printing and mailing.

Our Challenge Collection



THAT our one hundred varieties are to the world of Peonies at large, our *Challenge Collection* is to our one hundred varieties. It represents our list in miniature. Its twenty-five varieties are the very cream of our gardens and cover the entire range of form, color and blooming season. The more unusual in color and shape, or those varieties requiring more expert care—in other words, Peonies which appeal rather to the connoisseur than to the average gardener—have not been included.

This Challenge Collection, originally planned as a guide to those who know little about Peonies and have not the time to study catalogs, has proven equally popular with those who know Peonies well and therefore recognize the choiceness of the varieties included. With this list of twenty-five as guide one cannot go wrong, whether he selects only one or two of them, or whether he buys the entire collection. A very large part of our gardens today is devoted to the growing of the Challenge Collection. Never do we include any variety in our Collection simply because we wish to get rid of it.

This collection may be purchased as a whole at a saving of 25% or it may be purchased, in two different years, by buying collection No. 2 and collection No. 4, at almost as great a saving.

Or the Challenge Collection may be had in three groups, one group a year if desired, by ordering at different times Collections 3, 4 and 5. The Challenge Collection is listed on page eleven.



A FEW OF THE CHALLENGE COLLECTION

Awarded one of the Seven Prizes.
Submitted by Mr. W. B. Stottlemeyer, Waynesboro, Penna.



THE CHALLENGE COLLECTION

Honorable Mention.

Submitted by Mrs. George H. Greenman, Utica, N. Y.

Our Challenge Collection

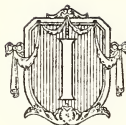
This is the group that is always sure to please. We used to think it could not be beaten—now we know it.

Under no circumstances will we accept orders for our Collections where any changes are requested. Additional varieties should be specified in the space provided on the order blank.

| | Challenge Collection | No. 2 | No. 3 | No. 4 | No. 5 |
|--|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| Albert Crousse.... | 2.00 | 2.00 | .... | .... | 2.00 |
| Alexandriana | 1.50 | .... | .... | 1.50 | .... |
| Alice de Julvecourt. | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | .... | .... |
| Claire Dubois | 1.50 | .... | .... | 1.50 | .... |
| Couronne d'Or | 1.00 | 1.00 | .... | .... | 1.00 |
| Edulis Superba ... | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | .... | .... |
| Eugene Verdier ... | 2.50 | 2.50 | .... | .... | 2.50 |
| Felix Crousse | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | .... | .... |
| Festiva Maxima ... | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | .... | .... |
| Floral Treasure ... | 1.00 | 1.00 | .... | .... | 1.00 |
| Gloire de Charles Gombault | 1.00 | 1.00 | .... | .... | 1.00 |
| Jeanne d'Arc | 1.00 | .... | .... | 1.00 | .... |
| Livingstone | 2.00 | .... | .... | 2.00 | .... |
| Mme. Bucquet | 1.00 | .... | .... | 1.00 | .... |
| Mme. de Verneville. | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | .... | .... |
| Mme. Ducler | 1.00 | .... | .... | 1.00 | .... |
| Mme. Emile Gallé.. | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | .... | .... |
| Mme. Forel | 1.00 | .... | .... | 1.00 | .... |
| Mme. Geissler | 1.00 | .... | .... | 1.00 | .... |
| Marie Lemoine | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.50 | .... | .... |
| Modeste Guerin ... | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | .... | .... |
| M. Dupont | 2.00 | .... | .... | 2.00 | .... |
| M. Jules Elie | 2.00 | 2.00 | | | 2.00 |
| Souvenir de l'Ex. de Bordeaux | 1.00 | | | 1.00 | |
| Triomphe de l'Ex. de Lille | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | 1.00 |
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| Total | \$32.00 | \$19.00 | \$8.50 | \$13.00 | \$10.50 |
| Collection Price | 24.00 | 14.65 | 6.80 | 10.00 | 8.40 |

Those who remit by June 30th save an additional 10%.

Special Collections



IF YOU could walk with me through fields of peonies in bloom and point out those you like the best, ordering them on the spot as do visitors to our gardens, you would have blooming in your garden next spring the seven popular peonies which we call:

VISITOR'S CHOICE

| | |
|---|--------|
| Albert Crousse, Bomb | \$2.00 |
| Felix Crousse, Bomb | 1.00 |
| Festiva Maxima, Rose | 1.00 |
| Madame Geissler, Rose | 1.00 |
| Marie Lemoine, Rose | 1.50 |
| Souvenir de l'Exposition de Bordeaux, Bomb | 1.00 |
| Triomphe de l'Exposition de Lille, Rose | 1.00 |

\$8.50 Special \$6.50

If you sought only a beautiful blending of colors you would choose:

THE COLOR QUADRANT:

| | |
|---|------|
| Baroness Schroeder, White, Rose.. \$ | 2.00 |
| Germaine Bigot, Light Pink, Rose.. | 1.50 |
| Lafayette, Deep Pink, Rose | 2.50 |
| Mons. Martin Cahuzac, Deepest Red, Semi-Rose | 6.00 |

\$12.00 Special \$9.00

It would be difficult to select from any garden of any flowers three more beautiful pinks than our little group of:

THREE PERFECT PINKS:

| | |
|--|---------|
| Mme. Auguste Dessert, Light Pink, Semi-Rose | \$ 2.00 |
| Marie Crousse, Light Pink, Bomb.. | 4.00 |
| Thérèse, Light Pink, Rose..... | 6.00 |

\$12.00 Special \$9.00

Special Collections

The harmony of a sextet of beauty is always inspiring and if you seek a wealth of color tone you will be delighted with:

THE SEXTET FROM MOHICAN:

| | |
|--|---------|
| Aurore, Tricolor, Semi-Rose | \$ 1.50 |
| General Bertrand, Deep Pink, Bomb | 1.00 |
| Mme. Fould, White, Rose | 1.00 |
| Mons. Boucharlat Ainé, Light Pink, Semi-Rose | 1.00 |
| Pierre Ducharte, Light Pink, Rose. | 2.50 |
| Souvenir de l'Exposition de Bor- deaux, Red, Bomb | 1.00 |

\$ 8.00 **Special \$6.00**

Anyone desiring a touch of glorious red, bordered by beautiful pink and white flowers, cannot possibly go wrong in selecting the well balanced group which, for lack of a better name, is called:

THE PENTAGON:

| | |
|---|---------|
| Avalanche, White, Crown | \$ 1.50 |
| Felix Crousse, That Glorious Red, Bomb | 1.00 |
| Mme. Calot, Light Pink, Rose | 1.00 |
| Mme. Chaumy, Pink, Rose | 1.00 |
| Marie Lemoine, White, Rose | 1.50 |

\$ 6.00 **Special \$4.60**

These little groups of peonies have proven very popular with those who have small gardens and a great desire for color early in the season. It should be observed that these Collections are offered at very attractive prices and, as always, the plants are large.

Read This Page Before Ordering

This catalog is for ordering in 1927 only. If not up to date SEND FOR OUR LATEST CATALOG and thus avoid delays.

USE THE ORDER BLANK—Write distinctly in the space provided for all necessary information.

REMITTANCE must be made payable to Mohican Peony Gardens and may be by check, bank draft, cash in registered letter or Express or Post Office Money Order on Reading, Pa. **CANADIAN PATRONS** must ascertain the correct amount of exchange and add it to their checks, or else remit by Postal Money Order or New York Bank Draft.

QUANTITY DISCOUNT is allowed only when full remittance accompanies order and in no case on the collections offered, according to the following schedule:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Orders amounting to | \$ 15.00— | 5% off |
| ” ” ” | 30.00— | 10% off |
| ” ” ” | 50.00— | 15% off |
| ” ” ” | 100.00— | 20% off |
| ” ” ” | 150.00— | 25% off |

When credit is asked no discount is granted.

SPRING DISCOUNT—Long experience has taught us that it is extremely unwise to transplant Peonies in the spring and for the best interests of our

customers, and at a considerable sacrifice to ourselves, we insist on fall shipments only.

It is advantageous to our customers, however, to order in the spring and we therefore offer a special inducement of a **TEN PER CENT. DISCOUNT** on all orders accompanied by remittance and mailed us not later than June 30th. This discount is given in addition to the quantity discounts named above.

TRANSPORTATION is always EXPRESS or FREIGHT. Shipment will be made by freight only on special request.

Requests for separate shipments on one order cannot be granted, unless bulk requires the use of more than one shipping case.

Positively no goods sent C. O. D.

Financial References:—

Sinking Spring Bank, Sinking Spring, Pa.

Pennsylvania Trust Company, Reading, Pa.

Types of Bloom

Paeonia albiflora, or *P. chinensis*, as it is more commonly catalogued, has by the American Peony Society been divided into eight types as follows:

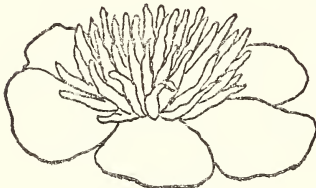


Single

ANEMONE. This type is a step further in the process of doubling, with the stamens all transformed into short narrow petals, forming a round cushion in the center of the flower.



Anemone



Japanese

JAPANESE. These have wide guards the same as the Singles, but with the stamens and anthers greatly enlarged into narrow, thick petals of various colors, tipped with vestiges of the yellow anthers without pollen.

CROWN. In this type wide petals are developed in the center of the flower, forming a high crown with the narrow, short petals forming a ring or collar around it. Often the crown and guards are one color, and the collar another or lighter shade.



Crown

Types of Bloom



Semi-double

SEMI-ROSE. Flowers in which the petals are all uniformly wide, but are loosely built, with a few pollen-bearing stamens visible or nearly concealed.



Semi-rose



Rose

BOMB. The next step is this type in which all the center petals are uniformly wide approaching the guards, but distinctly differentiated from them, forming a globe-shaped center without collar or crown.



Bomb



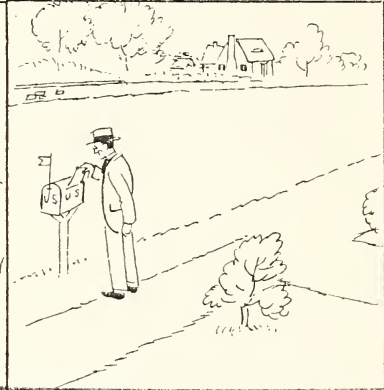
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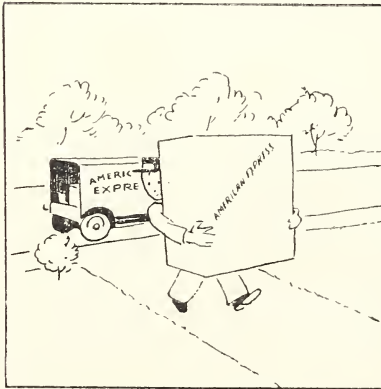
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3. DISCOVERING MOHICAN



4. EASY TO ORDER



5. PROMPT DELIVERY



6. PERFECTLY PACKED



7. ROBUST ROOTS



8. TILLERS OF THE SOIL



9. AINT NATURE GRAND



10. EASY TO GROW



11. OUT FOR A PRIZE



12. A PACK OF JOY

Price List of Varieties

The name in parenthesis following the variety is
that of the originator.

See "DESCRIPTIVE CHART" on back of order blank.

ADOLPH ROSSEAU. (Dessert and Mechin). Very large and purple garnet with metallic reflex. One of the darkest reds and the first of its color to bloom. Very distinct. Not for sale.

AGNES MARY KELWAY (Kelway). This is a gay and saucy Peony. Rather small and irregular in shape but free blooming. Variegated coloring of deep rose, with white collar and pink center. It is a very attractive flower for mass effects. \$1.00.

ALBERT CROUSSE (Crousse). One of the most striking and perhaps the most distinct Peony in existence, there being nothing else of just the same form and character. Immense bloom, very full and compact; small, imbricated and very dense petalage from the outside to the very heart of the flower. Flesh pink, lightly reflected lilac, with centre shaded clear pink. In color and form like an enormous pink carnation. Very sweet fragrance. Tall, erect in growth and a late bloomer. A superb and an extraordinary Peony. \$2.00.

ALBIFLORA, also known as "The Bride," and as "La Fiancee," (Dessert). A large, pure white single Peony with prominent golden stamens. Its fragrant flowers growing in clusters on strong, stiff stems and its beautiful foliage make it especially desirable for landscape effect. Not for sale.

ALEXANDRIANA (Calot). Very large and full double light pink with silver edges. An unusually strong grower, with great quantities of delightfully fragrant flowers on strong upright stems. A very fine early cut-flower sort. In spite of its comparatively low price, one of the most valuable Peonies we have. \$1.50.

ALICE de JULVECOURT (Pele). Very double, perfectly built fragrant flower; soft pink, delicately shaded rose and cream, with central petals beautifully edged with red. An exquisite combination of coloring not easily described. A very free and rather early bloomer. (We consider this one of the very finest Peonies of the light varieties in cultivation). \$1.00.

ALSACE LORRAINE (Lemoyne). This tall and vigorous plant carries erectly large, white semi-rose type flowers which bloom in late mid-season. The white petals are pointed and reflect the light of the stamens, suggesting the Water Lily. \$4.00.

- ASA GRAY (Crousse).** Immense massive and compact bloom; imbricated like a rose; very full and fine of form. Pink very delicately dotted with carmine. An imposing and extraordinary flower and very fragrant. **\$2.50.**
- AUGUSTE VILLAUME (Crousse).** Very large and full Peony-formed bloom, with closely set petals deep pink line, vigorous habit, late, splendid variety. **\$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.**
- AURORE (Dessert).** A rare French variety, difficult to obtain in this country. The fragrant cup-shaped flowers are of soft flesh-pink, with salmon yellow at the base. The prominent stamens add to the effect of sun-rise coloring. Late blooming variety. **\$1.50.**
- AVALANCHE (Crousse).** Large, glorious bloom of perfect form; fine, milk-white; creamy center, with a few ruby marks. Absolutely identical with Albatre. **\$1.50.**
- BARONESS SCHROEDER (Kelway).** Flesh changing to white, and a free bloomer. Exceedingly rare. One of the finest old England has produced. **\$2.00.**
- BEAUTE FRANCAISE (Guerin).** Very pretty flower. Pale lilac-rose with cream-white collar; center flecked crimson. A very fragrant mid-season bloomer. **\$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.**
- BERLIOZ (Crousse).** Large compact bloom. Currant-red, tinted rose and amaranth. Tips of petals fade to nearly white. Very effective. Late. **\$2.00.**
- BOULE de NEIGE (Calot).** Very large and compact cup-shaped flower. Sulphur-white, with central petals splashed with carmine. Fragrant, early mid-season. **\$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.**
- CANDIDISSIMA (Calot).** Very beautiful, large and full double rose-type. Guard petals creamy white, centre sulphur-yellow, delicately tinted flesh with a light green heart. Very chaste and refined. Has true honey fragrance. Strong grower, free bloomer, with especially large flowers. **\$1.00.**
- CHARLES VERDIER:** Large, solid rose-type. Very dark rose, with wonderful fragrance. A free, persistent variety; blooming season after season. The true stock has become very scarce. **\$2.00.**
- CLAIRE DUBOIS (Crousse).** One of the very largest Peonies in cultivation. Immense, solid, globular. Center very full, convex, and tufted; petals incurved and fringed. Exquisite clear, deep violet-rose with a satiny reflex. Very tall and a rare bloomer. A superb impressive flower. **\$1.50.**
- CLIO (Peterson).** Large, early, single, rose-pink. The strong, well-formed plants with flowers in clusters are very decorative. **\$2.00.**

- CONSTANT DEVRED (Calot).** A full compact flower; striking shade of violet rose. An effective landscape sort and very lovely as a cut flower. Late. \$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.
- COQUELIN (Dessert).** One of the very earliest blooming varieties. The large, cup-shaped bloom of the semi-double type has imbricated petals of a brilliant tyrian-rose tipped with silver. A very rare and beautiful type. \$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.
- COURONNE D'OR (Calot).** A late, exceedingly fragrant, ball-shaped bloom. Snowy white with yellowish reflex and carmine edges on center petals. Incomparably lovely and one of the very choicest and best Peonies in cultivation. \$1.00.
- DORCHESTER (Richardson).** Beautiful and delicate salmon flesh; a well-built and striking variety. Rather a dwarf grower, but blooms come on strong, upright stems. Very late, coming in after most other varieties have passed. \$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.
- DUCHESS DE NEMOURS (Calot).** Very large and full cup-shaped bloom. Sulphur-white with greenish reflex. Exquisite in the bud. A vigorous, free, early bloomer, delightfully fragrant, and a fine cut flower sort. \$1.00.
- DUKE OF WELLINGTON (Calot).** A rather late sulphur-white bloom and fragrant. It is a good keeper and highly esteemed by florists for that reason. \$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.
- EDULIS SUBERBA (Lemon).** Very beautiful, large, full, and well-formed bloom, with good culture measuring from seven to eight inches across. Brilliant violaceous pink with silvery reflex. A vigorous grower producing quantities of very fragrant flowers on strong stems. Because of its extreme earliness—rarely failing to be ready on Memorial Day,—together with its general superior merit, this is really one of the most valuable Peonies we possess. Its low price is due to the fact that there is considerable stock of it in existence. \$1.00.
- EMPEROR NICHOLAS (Crousse).** This is one of the best low-priced reds. It has a brilliant, ball-shaped flower with a tufted center. Very effective. \$1.00.
- EUGENE REIGNOUX (Dessert).** Very rare, early blooming type. The large cup shaped flowers are a brilliant carmine, shading to purplish pink at the base of the petals. \$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.
- EUGENE VERDIER (Calot).** Very large, compact, globular bloom of blush-pink, deeper toward the center. Vigorous, profuse and delicately fragrant. Excellent for cutting. This variety is one of the latest to bloom and is at its best in a cold climate. \$2.50.



CLAIRE DUBOIS

The Young Folks Enjoy Peonies.

Awarded one of the Seven Prizes.

Submitted by Mr. C. F. Heath, Bellefontaine, Ohio.



FESTIVA MAXIMA AND MADAME DUCEL

Honorable Mention.

Submitted by Mrs. L. B. Risdon, Trenton, N. J.

EUGENIE VERDIER (Calot). An exceedingly lovely, rose-type flower on great long stems. Beautiful baby pink changing to white in center. Fragrant. Mid-season. This variety should not be confused with EUGENE VERDIER. \$2.00.

FELIX CROUSSE (Crousse). Enormous, massive, compact, and typical bomb-shaped red, with ruby-flamed center. Fairly dazzling in the brilliancy of its distinct color. It is in fact, the greatest red Peony in cultivation, and should be included in every collection. Free mid-season bloomer, and quite fragrant. Very similar but decidedly superior to Augustin d'Hour, which variety we do not offer for that reason. \$1.00.

FESTIVA MAXIMA (Miellez). Very large and full, pure white flower, with few center petals tipped with blood-red spots. A vigorous grower, with massive foliage and long stiff stems. Fragrant, early and free bloomer. \$1.00.

FLORAL TREASURE (Rosenfeld). An American production of very great merit and a splendid "hemisphere of fragrance." Very large showy pale lilac-rose, on long, strong stems. A vigorous plant, a wonderful late mid-season bloomer, an altogether ideal cut-flower variety. Very similar, but nevertheless superior to "Delicatissima" which we do not offer. \$1.00.

GENERAL BERTRAND (Guerin). Large, compact, globular. Beautiful shade of pink. Fragrant. Early mid-season. Has been confused by some growers with Modeste Guerin, but is totally unlike that variety. \$1.00.

GERMAINE BIGOT (Dessert). One of Dessert's finest triumphs. Very large compact blooms; color pale lilac-rose; guards splashed with crimson. Free bloomer, borne in clusters. \$1.50.

GLOIRE de CHARLES GOMBAULT (Gombault.) This Peony is distinctly first and foremost of the multi-color varieties. It easily surpasses them all, and standing upon its own merits we consider it one of the most strikingly beautiful varieties on our list. Large, globular flowers, extra dense and compact. Deep fleshy pink collar; narrower center petals of salmon and apricot, touched here and there with bright carmine. Fragrant mid-season bloomer on extra long stout stems. Ideal for cut flowers. "Simply delicious" is the way a visitor to our grounds described this variety. \$1.00.

GRANDIFLORA (Richardson). Exquisite flesh pink, with somewhat lighter shades in center. One of the very largest Peonies, and the latest pink to bloom. Fragrant. \$2.00.

GRANDIFLORA NIVEA PLENA (Lemon). A very early and superb Peony. Large and full; pure white collar; center, shaded salmon and sulphur. Fine. **Not for sale.**

JEANNE D'ARC (Calot). A glorious flower,—a very “splendor of fragrant loveliness,” very similar to “Golden Harvest,” but larger, and finer, for which reason we no longer offer that variety. Collar, cream white, shaded with sulphur. Guards, pale lilac-rose, and full high brilliant pink center, with occasional carmine spots. Exquisite, and with the exception of “Gloire de Charles Gombault,” the very finest tri-color yet produced. Free mid-season bloomer. **\$1.00.**

KARL ROSENFELD (Rosenfeld). Very large, compact semi-rose type of a rich, velvety crimson. A brilliant and striking flower. **\$2.50.**

LADY ALEXANDRA DUFF (Kelway) is a great favorite with the ladies. Her pale rose clusters of loosely arranged blossoms toss their heads with the careless abandon of happy children among the more dignified fully double varieties of Peonies. **\$7.00.**

LAFAYETTE (Dessert). Beautiful fringed variety, especially fine for cutting, the blooms lasting fully two weeks. The flowers are large with exquisitely unique coloring, salmon pink with touches of heliotrope and a delicate tinting of cerise in the reflex. Mid-season. **\$2.50.**

LAMARTINE (Calot). Enormous compact bloom. Pale lilac rose. Very delightful spicy fragrance. Free mid-season bloomer. Formerly known as Gigantea. **\$1.50. 10 for \$12.00.**

LA PERLE (Crousse). Blush white, tinted with lilac-pink at the edges of the petals. A fragrant, late variety of the rose type. Blooms freely. **\$2.50. 10 for \$20.00**

LA ROSIERE (Crousse). Large compact, globular flower, with broad, imbricated petals; straw-yellow at center with yellowish-white border. In form and effect resembles an enormous tea rose. A beautiful and valuable variety. **\$2.50.**

LA TENDRESSE (Crousse). Very full, immense flowers with thick, wax-like petals. Color is creamy-white, changing to pure white flecked with crimson. Very fragrant, blooming early in clusters. **\$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.**

LA TULIPE (Calot). Large bloom on long stiff stems. Rose fading to a creamy-white with carmine stripes giving the flower a distinct tulip-like effect. Very fragrant and floriferous. Late mid-season. **\$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.**

LE CYGNE (Lemoine). People who have seen Le Cygne never have to ask why it is rated the highest of all

Peonies. It is a perfect flower, perfect in its whiteness, its form, its texture, its fragrance, its size and above all, vigorous and requiring only the same care that is given to any ordinary plant. \$18.00.

LIVINGSTONE (Crousse). Enormous, very massive, imbricated and compact bloom. Pale lilac-rose with silver tips; center petals flecked with carmine. A vigorous grower and one of the latest to bloom. Long strong stems. Exquisite in the bud, and a great keeper, but lacking in fragrance. A Peony of the highest class. Unquestionably one of the finest and most valuable sorts in cultivation. \$2.00.

LONGFELLOW (Brand). The rich red of this gorgeous peony always assures it a prominent place in any garden and is sure to win the affections of those who love red peonies. The brilliant cherry-red color is not affected by sunshine as are some of the other red varieties. \$9.00.

MADAME AUGUSTE DESSERT (Dessert). Large, imbricated cup-shaped flower, perfect in form with rounded petals of a glossy flesh color tinged with clear carmine; center flecked with crimson. An extra fine variety with beautiful flesh coloring. Blooms freely in early mid-season. \$2.00.

MADAME BUCQUET (Dessert). A magnificent flower—a striking and remarkable dark Peony, and one of the best of the black sorts. Velvety black amaranth with garnet reflections. Medium in size, fragrant, strong grower, and free bloomer. Indispensable. \$1.00.

MADAME CALOT (Millez). Large, well built rose-type flower. Pale pink with darker center and collar tinted silver. Fragrant. Early mid-season. \$1.00.

MADAME CAMILLE BANCEL (Crousse). Large bomb-shape flower of the rose-type. Uniform, glossy lilac-pink, with brighter reflex and salmon shadings. A late bloomer, beautiful and distinctive. \$1.00. 10 for \$3.00.

MADAME CHAUMY (Calot). Large, full and compact true rose-type bloom. Pale lilac rose with silvery reflex and occasional carmine markings. A fine late very beautiful variety and a free bloomer. \$1.00.

MADAME CROUSSE (Calot). Enormous, very double, late-blooming pure white, slightly edged in center with carmine. Very fragrant and one of the best whites we have for cut flowers. \$1.00. 10 for \$3.00.

MADAME de GALHAU (Crousse). This is perhaps the loveliest of the late bloomers. The flower is large, full and fragrant, with soft, glossy flesh-pink petals, bordered with silvery-pink. Blooms freely. \$1.00. 10 for \$3.00.

- MADAME de VATRY (Guerin).** Splendid cut-flower variety and very attractive for mass effects. The fragrant, well-formed flowers have guard petals of clear flesh-color and a center of yellowish-white with carmine stripes. \$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.
- MADAME de VERNEVILLE (Crousse).** Very large, exquisitely beautiful, imbricated, bomb-shaped white. The guard petals are pure paper-white and very broad, folding over the flower; center daintily suffused with blush and cream, and tipped carmine. The whole flower heavy and compact. Strong grower, a free bloomer, and early with a delightful sweet rose-like fragrance. A superb and remarkable bloom. \$1.00.
- MADAME DUCEL (Mechin).** Enormous, globular and compact bloom. Literally packed with petals, which are somewhat incurved like chrysanthemums. A striking, brilliant shade of pink with silvery reflex. Holds its form and color to the end. Considered by many the very finest formed pink in existence. A magnificent cut-flower variety and wonderfully effective for landscape work. Stands among the very first on our "Challenge List." Fragrant and early. \$1.00.
- MADAME EMILE GALLE (Crousse).** Large, cup-shaped, and imbricated bloom. Exquisite shade of soft lilac, with milk-white center which slowly changes to pronounced cream-color. A refined and rarely beautiful flower not easy to describe. A free bloomer and rather late. \$1.00.
- MADAME EMILE LEMOINE (Lemoine).** Enormous and superb flower; soft pinkish-white with fleshy center. Exceedingly rare. \$2.00. 10 for \$16.00.
- MADAME FOREL (Crousse).** This is a fragrant, late-blooming variety of striking effect. The strong stems and full ball-shaped flowers make it a good variety for cutting. In color, it is a clear deep rose. \$1.00.
- MADAM FOULD (Crousse).** Very full compact flower. Outer petals milk white, center tinted lilac flecked with crimson. Fine form and build; fragrant and a very late white and very valuable for that reason. \$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.
- MADAME GEISLER (Crousse).** One of the very largest Peonies in existence; very double, globular. Color: a glossy silver rose, shading to Bengal rose at base of petals. Delicious and distinct fragrance. An abundant mid-season bloomer, heavy and perfect flowers coming even on the youngest plants. An ideal keeper, one of the best for cut flowers. True stock of this variety is very scarce. \$1.00.
- MADemoiselle RENEE DESSERT (Mechin).** Immense flowers in clusters; a superb shade of lilac, with violaceous reflex. Very attractive. \$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.



GLOIRE DE CHARLES GOMBAULT
Awarded Special Group Prize.
Submitted by Mrs. Frank Pagan, Wellsboro, Penna.



MONS. JULES ELIE
Honorable Mention.
Submitted by Mrs. R. D. Capen, Reidsville, N. C.

- MADemoiselle ROSSEAU (Crousse).** This variety deserves to be better known. It has large, full flowers with milk-white guard petals and pinkish center; blooms freely at mid-season. \$3.00. 10 for \$24.00.
- MARCELLE DESSERT (Dessert).** Immense flowers of perfect form with the exquisite fragrance of a tea rose. The color is a glossy milk-white, splashed with lilac and with occasional crimson flecks in the center. Especially fine foliage. Very desirable. \$3.00. 10 for \$24.00.
- MARECHAL VAILLANT (Calot).** Extremely large, full, solid flower. One of the most effective purplish reds we have, and one of the latest to bloom. \$1.00.
- MARIE CROUSSE (Crousse).** Exquisite, large globular flower; very full. Soft, salmon-pink, shaded with glossy lilac. Tall, erect and strong grower—free bloomer. Mid-season. \$4.00.
- MARIE JACQUIN (Verdier)** has a perfection of form that is found in few single Peonies. The pure-white, carefully rounded petals form a cup that closely resembles a waxy white water-lily. \$2.00.
- MARIE LEMOINE (Calot).** This is the absolutely indispensable Peony to any collection, large or small. Exquisitely beautiful, enormous, massive and solid ivory-white, deepening to chamois toward center, and very occasionally tipped with carmine. Invariably a six to seven inch flower, even under indifferent cultivation. Fragrant, and a free bloomer on extra stiff erect stems, it is a very late white, and particularly valuable for that reason. A magnificent variety, but so slow to increase, that the genuine thing is still very rare altho it is offered everywhere, and at all sorts of prices \$1.50.
- MARGUERITE GERARD (Crousse).** Compact, semi-rose type developing into a crown with stamens. Broad flesh-colored petals, changing to soft fleshy-white. Creamy-white center. Exquisite free-flowering Peony and very rare. \$2.00. 10 for \$16.00.
- MARY BRAND (Brand).** This mid-season peony of a rich, deep red color is most distinctive. \$5.00.
- MATHILDE de ROSENECK (Crousse).** Late, double ball-shaped flower. Soft flesh-pink, shading deeper to center, with reflections of chamois. Petals bordered with silver, and some narrow carmine edgings. Very distinct. \$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.
- MEISSONIER (Crousse).** Large brilliantly-effective, bomb-shaped, purple-red. Fragrant mid-season. A very fine dark Peony, but a little weak in stem. \$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.

- MIKADO (Barr)** is a Japanese Peony whose brilliant red petals and yellow center produce a glow of color that resembles in effect a bit of rare old Chinese porcelain. \$4.00.
- MILTON HILL (Richardson)**. Of great size, densely compact and crowded with petals of the finest texture. An exquisite "sea-shell" pink. A late bloomer, and undoubtedly one of Richardson's best productions. **Not for sale.**
- MODELE de PERFECTION (Crousse)**. This is one of the late bloomers and very fragrant. Color clear flesh-pink, marked with bright rose and bordered with silvery rose; large guard-petals forming high globular buds. \$1.00. 10 for \$3.00.
- MODESTE GUERIN (Guerin)**. One of the loveliest of them all, and of great all-around merit. Very large, full and compact. Superb deep solid rose. Very free-flowering and fragrant. Exceptionally rigid stems, and very distinct foliage. \$1.00.
- MONSIEUR BOUCHARLAT AINE (Calot)**. This is one of the beautiful and fragrant mid-season varieties. The full bomb-shaped flowers are bright, rosy lilac with silver reflections. \$1.00.
- MONSIEUR DUFONT (Calot)**. Immense milk-white beautifully built flower. Central petals tipped with bright carmine, and a few golden stamens discernible at their base. An exceedingly fragrant, free-blooming, late mid-season variety, coming on long stiff upright stems. One of the best whites we have for cutting. A rich and rarely beautiful flower. \$2.00.
- MONSIEUR JULES ELIE (Crousse)**. Immense globular, very full, double, imbricated bloom on very heavy stems; petalage broad and over-lapping, forming one of the most perfect specimens imaginable; color, an ideal glossy flesh-pink, shading to deeper rose at the base and the entire bloom covered with a silvery reflex. A vigorous grower, free bloomer, very fragrant. Scarcely rivaled, either for cut-flower or landscape work. \$2.00.
- MONSIEUR MARTIN CAHUZAC (Dessert)**. The darkest Peony in existence; almost black; brilliant black maroon with metallic reflex. Large flower of fine form; rounded petals; plant of erect and ideal habits; extraordinary flower and very difficult to obtain. \$6.00.
- OCTAVIE DEMAY (Calot)**. One of the most exquisite of the early varieties. The flowers are very large and well-shaped with large guard petals. The color is a delicate shell-pink with a few carmine stripes in the center. Pleasantly fragrant. \$1.50. 10 for \$12.00.



LE CYGNE

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PRIMEVERE

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PETITE RENEE (Dessert). This is one of the most striking varieties of Peonies. The large, loosely formed flowers, of semi-rose type, are a brilliant, tyrian rose color with narrow center petals striped with rose. The true stock is very scarce. \$2.00.

PHILLIPPE RIVOIRE (Riviere). This very scarce bright crimson flower, of beautiful form and sturdy growth, is the most fragrant of the red peonies. Mid-season. \$22.00

PIERRE DUCHARTE (Crousse). This is one of the latest bloomers. The flowers are very large and compact with an exquisite fragrance. In color they are a lovely light lilac-pink with a silvery reflex. \$2.50.

PRIMEVERE (Lemoine). Mid-season. Bomb type. Creamy-white guards, splashed crimson; light sulphur-yellow center. Fragrant, fairly compact and flat. Tall and vigorous. The most yellow of all double Peonies. \$7.50.

RICHARD CARVEL (Brand) is one of the few red Peonies that are sweet-scented. Its color is a clear, deep red that does not burn in the sunshine. It is double in form and free blooming. As it blooms early and is an attractive cut-flower variety, it is a desirable addition to any collection. **Not for sale.**

SARAH BERNHARDT (Lemoine). Semi-rose type, late mid-season. Large beautifully formed flowers of a soft, even shade of apple-blossom pink. Blooms abundantly in clusters and has a delicious penetrating fragrance. \$4.00. 10 for \$30.00.

SIMONNE CHEVALIER (Dessert). Large, globular flower. Guards are of a delicate silvery-pink; petals in center are narrow and soft salmon-pink, glazed with lilac. No purple tones. The large fragrant blooms grow in clusters. Especially attractive for cutting. A rare and distinct variety. \$1.00. 10 for \$8.00

SOLANGE (Lemoine) is colored with the glow that lingers in the western sky after the sunset is over and while the evening star is still bright. It is almost pink, almost yellow, but not quite either. The vigor, size and fragrance of this lovely flower help to give it its place in the trio of the three best Peonies which every collector of choice Peonies must own. **Not for sale.**

SOLFATARE (Calot). One of the few yellow Peonies. The flowers are large, full and fragrant, with white guard petals and center of pale lemon yellow. A beautiful and distinct variety. **Not for sale.**

SOUVENIR de L'EXPOSITION de BORDEAUX (Dessert). Medium-sized, globular, bomb-shape; very round and full, and of an extraordinary color; a bluish violet, or wine color that does not fade out under the most glaring sun. We consider this one of the most distinct and remarkable Peonies that has yet been introduced. There is nothing else just like it in color and it should be included in every collection. Rare, and difficult to obtain true. **\$1.00.**

SOUVENIR de L'EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE (Calot). A very fragrant, full, clear deep pink, with silvery reflex. Extra fine. The plants are vigorous and bloom freely. **\$1.50.**

THERESE (Dessert). Many consider this the most beautiful of all Peonies. The flowers are enormous in size, with delicious fragrance, perfect form and fine texture. The plants are vigorous, with large leaves and long stems. The color is an exquisite flesh-pink shaded with rose. In spite of its apparent delicacy, it is one of the best varieties for cutting and is a favorite with florists. **\$6.00. 10 for \$45.00.**

TOURANGELLE (Dessert) is a dream Peony, of a delicate opalescent tint that can hardly be described. It is a flower that can be watched lovingly and keenly enjoyed as it unfolds from a tight bud to an exquisite, glowing full-blown flower. It has a reputation of being difficult to grow, so it appeals to the expert gardener. **\$7.50.**

TRIOMPHE de L'EXPOSITION de LILLE (Calot). Large and compact flower of striking double-crown type. Uniform broad petals of pale rose-pink, splashed with violet-rose; guard nearly white. Very strong vigorous grower and a free bloomer. Unusually fragrant. Should be in every collection. **\$1.00.**

UMBELLATA ROSEA (Unknown). The very earliest Peony and therefore an excellent Memorial Day sort. Large blooms on long stems; fine bud and vigorous habit. Guards, an attractive pink; center, creamy-unusually fine pink without a trace of purple. Guard white with salmon tuft. **\$1.00.**

VAN DYCK (Crousse). Loose, bomb-shaped flower of unusually fine pink without a trace of purple. Guard petals are lilac-rose; inside shaded salmon-rose flecked with crimson. Tall stiff stems. A fragrant, free bloomer. **\$1.00. 10 for \$8.00.**

WALTER FAXON (Richardson) is the Peony that people always remember and easily recognize. Its color is a clear, glowing coral pink that has no trace of purple in it. In size, form and vigor this is one of the best Peonies. In every way a favorite. **\$8.00.**



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THERESE

Robust Roots

Easy to Grow



