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 SCABIOSA, BLUE SNOWFLAKE

THE FLAGS OF WAR LIKE STORM-BIRDS FLY,
 THE CHARGING TRUMPETS BLOW;
 YET ROLLS NO THUNDER IN THE SKY,
 NO EARTHQUAKE STRIVES BELOW.

AND, CALM AND PATIENT NATURE KEEPS
 HER ANCIENT PROMISE WELL,
 THOUGH O'ER HER BLOOM AND GREENNESS SWEEPS
 THE BATTLE'S BREATH OF HELL.

SHE SEES WITH CLEARER EYES THAN OURS
 THE GOOD OF SUFFERING BORN,-
 THE HEARTS THAT BLOSSOM LIKE HER FLOWERS,
 AND PIPEN LIKE HER CORN.

O, GIVE TO US, IN TIMES LIKE THESE,
 THE VISION OF HER EYES;
 AND MAKE HER FIELDS AND FRUITED TREES
 OUR GOLDEN PROPHECIES!

 Yes, 'calm and patient nature keeps
 her ancient promise', and again spring is
 coming.

We must garden, every one of us who
 has land, and any skill. First to grow
 food that will directly help us win in
 the great struggle. But also we must
 grow some flowers, to keep us sane while
 we wait, and worthy of victory, when we
 have won..

A true Green Mountaineer. This Scabiosa was one of six
 seedlings grown from a small packet of seeds sown in a garden
 in Manchester, Vermont, almost in the shadow of Mount Equinox.
 From the start, it was distinguished by extra vigor, and sturdy
 erect growth, and after a year or two, the gardener wrote us to
 ask if we'd like to try a few plants that she had grown from
 it. None of the other seedlings were more than ordinary.

So from the few plants we received, we gradually built up
 a goodly number, until all of a sudden, we discovered how truly
 fine the plant is in every way, thru the repeat orders we were
 getting, and the interest in it shown by visitors here. We have
 not sold any plants for over a year now, and at last there are
 enough for all.

Soft pale blue in color, the blooms have a frosty sheen, and
 as well the the perfection of form that distinguish snowflake
 crystals, hence the name. No bloom could be more perfect on a
 hot summer day. They fit any flower combination, and with little
 care, will last a week or more after cutting. In the garden, the
 plant has a perfect habit, erect, not weedy, tho making a fine
 clump; the foliage clean and attractive.

 THE PRICE FOR ONE OR MANY-----ONE DOLLAR EACH, POSTPAID.

PLANTS TO FLOWER THIS YEAR.

Here are plants you'll not need to wait for. If you plant them this spring, using the normal amount of care, you can be sure of flowers before the summer is over. All are of enough size to give good bloom too, not just a small showing.

AQUILEGIA, LONG-SPURRED HYBRIDS.

Long-spurred Columbines dance like many-colored Butterflies on their slender stems. Delightfully delicate foliage, too. Best of all, they are fully at home in partial shade, or in full sun. Ours is the finest strain we know, with myriad color combinations. 35¢ each; 3 for \$1.00; 5 for \$1.50; 10 for \$2.50. POSTPAID.

ASTER FRIKARTI, WONDER OF STAFFA.

Everyone agrees that this is the finest of all Fall Asters, so far as color and delicate grace are concerned. It grows to about thirty inches of height, so that it can't be fairly compared with the larger sorts, but so profusely does it bloom, that one doesn't miss size, but rather feels glad it is not any taller. If there were more plant, there'd be too many flowers. Soft lavender blue, single daisies, two inches or more across. 35¢ each; 3 for \$1.00; 5 for \$1.50; 10 for \$2.50. POSTPAID.

ASTILBE HYBRID, FANAL.

The brightest colored of all Herbaceous Spireas, or Astilbes call them what you please. Not a tall plant, the finely divided and attractive foliage is seldom a foot high, while the pointed spire-like panicles of bright red flowers, add another foot in late June and July. Fanal means Lighthouse, and the plant is well named. New, and still scarce, you can buy it here for 50¢.

P.S. Postpaid, of course.

CAMPANULA PERSICIFOLIA, NAMED VARIETIES.

This group of plants is most commonly called Peachbells. In the usual form, they are large open single flowers of blue or white on stems to three feet high. Of the varieties below, two of which we introduced, one, Telham Beauty is still single, but the flowers are much increased in size, and the growth is sturdy and less tall. Blue Spire is double blue, very stocky stems, that are completely covered with bloom almost to the ground. Mount Hood is double white, a fine majestic plant. And Summer Skies is a distinct departure, in that it has a collar back of the cup, (a cup and saucer sort of bloom), and is of a delightful pale blue, like summer skies. All are strong one year old plants, and will flower this year.

BLUE SPIRE**MOUNT HOOD**SUMMER SKIES**TELHAM BEAUTY.

All at 35¢ each; 3 (of one sort), for \$1.00; 5 for \$1.50, postpaid.

CLEMATIS GRATA, COTE D'AZUR.

This group of Clematis make bushy plants, and in late summer they flower profusely along the stems. This is the darkest blue of them all, and the most easily grown. We wish to correct the description given by Lemoine, when introducing them. We have never seen them over three feet tall, and less is the rule. He claimed five feet, which makes them too large for the border. Instead they are delightful border plants, with good foliage and a wealth of blue flowers at a time when they are needed. Don't fail to try this one at \$1.00, each, postpaid.

HERE AT GARDENSIDE.

It is often difficult, in the face of stark reality, to correctly apportion to each, the task to be done at the moment. It is doubly difficult to apportion a task at such a time, when the future is also taken into consideration.

If we built cars, or made shoes, we think we might drop our work and turn to other things. When the war is over, we could then turn back to our peacetime endeavors and with some allotment of time, again produce cars, or shoes, perhaps better than any we had made before. But when we deal with nature, no such casual or hurried change is possible. If a plant is to be grown from seed, be it Bean or Dahlia, that seed must be sown at a certain time, and grown and matured within a certain period, so that seed may be available in the year to come. And should that seed be lost, it may easily be impossible ever again to produce it. It might be argued that so long as some seeds are available, the especial seed, or an even better one may be produced. But plant-breeders are not yet able to absolutely control the processes of nature. Moreover, no one can produce a seed by mining, or assemble it from its component parts, without the element of life which binds those parts together. And in many seeds, that life is lost, in but a year or two at most.

Even more true is it that the plant produced by the careful toil of a plantsman, thru crossing and selection, and which has become by evolution unable to reproduce itself from seed, may be lost if it is not kept cultivated from year to year.

And last of all, not one year, or even three, will produce for us after the war is done, plants or seeds, or trees, or evergreens, all of which we shall again want.

We here realize all this, for we are continually sowing, or planting, not for this year, or next, but for years ahead. We are devoting every bit of soil we can spare, all the skill we have, and the effort of our men, to producing food, or seeds for other men to grow food from.

But we are not giving up the production of plants, nor do we feel called upon to do so. And granted that the major task that faces us is tremendous, is there not a still greater one that will face us when the first task is ended, - that of returning the world to sanity and happiness. And, as we have always had a major place in that work, isn't it certain we shall be needed again, ?

GARDENING WILL HELP WIN THE WAR.

Since we are thinking along these lines it may be permissible to tell here a story that we think proves our point. You read that men who have visited the fighting lines come back home and are shocked at our complacency, or by our failure to subordinate our own affairs to the larger purpose of ending the war.

We have a friend who has grown up with plants. His education was devoted to them yet his daily life contained all of those other interests of the young man of today. Just how soon after December 7th, he enlisted in the Marines, we are not sure. But it was soon enough, to place him on the fighting lines at Guadalcanal, and then eventually to send him out seriously wounded. In his letters home, he sends seeds, and tells of the plants, and the gardens he has seen and visited. Does he feel that we waste our time growing the plants and flowers? On the contrary, he is thinking of us as he fights, and tho he may not have put it in just so many words, he fights to protect our right to grow them. None of the young men who went with him, or who have since gone, but is fighting to preserve that which he left, whether it was a farm or nursery; a garage, or the corner grocery; a shipyard, or a ball-park.

And we think that if it were possible to really see into the secret thoughts of those of us here at home, who seem at times to be putting self above the winning of the war, most of us would be found worrying first about winning, and then about keeping that which we have found good in other days, for the boys to come home to.

We have been tempted to urge the buying and planting this year of fruit trees, and other things which would produce food. To anyone with a bit of land, the shortage of fruit, or its high price, logically leads to a consideration of the benefit to be gained by such plantings, and we might capitalize on it. But the truth is, that such plantings might well be discouraged. Not but that all who have the space should plant for the future. But if space is limited, and time doubly so, then plant the quickly produced vegetables, which will provide for the immediate need. And plant too, something which will flower this year to keep spirits high.

On the other hand, if you've laid up the car for the duration, and have plenty of land, what better time to plant it all, when you'll have plenty of time for caring for it. Like with War Bonds and Stamps, the reward will come in the future, and it's equally certain!

PLANTS TO FLOWER THIS YEAR.

DIANTHUS WINTERI.

These are exceedingly fine forms of the old Spice Pink, *D. plumarius*. The foliage is an attractive grey blue, and is compact, while the flowers are carried on good stems for cutting. The blooms are single, of large size, brightly colored, and very fragrant.

MEG GARDNER. White with bright crimson eye.

MRS. BACK. Similar, but less tall, and the eye is deep rose.

MRS. WORMALD. Bright pink, with a deep crimson center.

All at 35¢ each; 3 (alike), for \$1.00; 5 for \$1.50; 10 for \$2.50.

DIGITALIS AMBIGUA.

Practically all of the interest in Foxgloves, is showered on the hard-to-grow biennial sorts. This one is perennial, is perfectly hardy, and has tall stems of pendant yellow bell-like flowers. Flowers for nearly two months, in summer.
35¢ each; 3 for \$1.00; 5 for \$1.50; 10 for \$2.50. POSTPAID.

EPILOBIUM ANGUSTIFOLIUM.

The early settlers called this plant, Fireweed, because they found it springing up on burnt over lands. If you have a bit of poor hard ground, that can use a growth about four feet tall, the top half of which is bright with rosy-pink blooms, all the summer thru, try this. Makes a good clump in a short time, too.
35¢ each; 3 for \$1.00; 5 for \$1.50; 10 for \$2.50. POSTPAID.

LAVATERA CACHEMIRIANA.

Hardier than Hollyhocks, which they greatly resemble, this is one of the better new things we have come across in recent years. The plant stands to six feet high, and is covered with bright pink single, open flowers for two months, in summer.
35¢ each; 3 for \$1.00; 5 for \$1.50; 10 for \$2.50. POSTPAID.

PATRINIA RUPESTRIS

In a corner of the border, this plant will quickly make a low mass of bright yellow flowers. Its one of those things that you cut by reaching in and grabbing a handful of stems, and hacking them all off. But used in a vase with other better blooms, they have the effect of yellow Baby's-breath. Try it.
35¢ each; 3 for \$1.00; 5 for \$1.50. Postpaid.

THALICTRUM ROCHEBRUNIANUM.

We have at last a hardy *Thalictrum dipterocarpum*. A tall plant, with masses of lavender and yellow filmy flowers. New, and far from plentiful. ONE DOLLAR EACH, postpaid.

VIOLA GRACILIS.

No garden is complete without a few Violas. We like the two *V. gracilis* varieties we have almost as well as Jersey Gem. They are not as tall, nor the flowers as large, but there are lots of them, all summer. The plant is very permanent, and makes a large clump in a short time. We have two colors. These are not seedlings but plants of a selected type and color, grown from cuttings.
DARK BLUE GRACILIS---LIGHT BLUE GRACILIS. 35¢ each; 3 for \$1.00.

SWISS GIANT PANSIES.

Every conceivable color. 10 for 50¢; 25 for \$1.00; 100-\$4.00.

IMPORTANT PLANT GROUPS.

Here are several plant families, about all of which it may be said that they will flower this year, with proper care. As the families are large, we are mentioning only outstanding members, or else new sorts, we have just added to them.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

All Mums, if planted in May and June from small pots, in a moderately fertile soil, will flower profusely in the fall. They should be pinched back at least once, about July first. Extra care in giving water, and preventing crowding by other plants will be amply repaid, but they do well, usually, even when rather neglected. We particularly recommend the following sorts. SEPTEMBER CLOUD; SEPTEMBER GOLD; SEPTEMBER BRONZE; SILVER MOON. These are all 35¢ each; 3 (alike) for \$1.00. And at 60¢ each, 3 for \$1.60, the new LAVENDER LASSIE.

HEMEROCALLIS.

Daylilies, even when planted in spring, and when well divided (as they should be when reset), usually flower the same season. No especial care is required, save a moderate amount of food. The following are new sorts, or are not listed in the catalog. BOUONNIERE. Small clear yellow flower, fine form. \$2.00 each. BURGANDY. Wine purple, with pale yellow throat. \$2.00 each. EARLIANA. Flowers, mid-May. Clear yellow blooms. \$1.50 each. RAJAH. Delicate orange, blotched garnet brown. \$1.50 each. ROSALIND. The only truly rose colored Daylily. \$4.00 each. VISCONTRESS BYNG. Soft silvery rose. Tall, late. \$2.00 each. WAU-BUN. Cadmium yellow, petals edged fulvous red. Striking. \$1.50.

IRIS KAEMPFERI.

Japanese Iris are among the finest garden flowers. The more kinds we have, the more we want. Our clumps are a year old, and should give a lot of flowers in your garden this summer. The following are outstanding in our collection. REGULAR PRICES. ASTARTE**CLARICE CHILDS**FRANCIS CLEVELAND**JOHN FRANCIS**LA FAVORITE**ROSE ANNA**SADARABAD**TARTAR PRINCE. And also at 50¢ each, -BETTY F. HOLMES and ELBRUS.

LIATRIS.

The bulb-like roots of Kansas Gayfeather transplant readily and flower strongly the same year. We like to think that we have three outstanding sorts in our DARK STRAIN of L. PYCHNO-STACHYA**L. SCARIOUSA**and L. SCARIOUSA ALBA. REGULAR PRICES.

PYRETHRUM.

When one grows Painted Daisies from a list of named sorts there is never any question about getting satisfactory flowers as is the case even with the best strains of mixed seedlings. The plant has an ideal root system, and usually transplants easily and flowers well, the same season. We urge you to try some of all our sorts, and particularly the following.

BRILLIANT. Bright pink, with slightly white tips. Partly double.
 ELLEN MAY ROBINSON. Outstanding, light rose-pink single. 50¢ each.
 LORD ROSEBERRY. A new double deep red sort. \$1.00 each.
 MRS. C. E. BECKWITH. Outstanding new double white. \$1.00 each.
 MRS. D. C. BLISS. Unusual bright salmon pink shade.
 TROJAN. Semi-double dark pink, fine for cutting.
 VICTORIA. Very large, single, deep pink, almost red.

IF NO PRICE IS NAMED, THE ABOVE ARE AT OUR REGULAR PRICES, i.e. 35¢ each; 3 for \$1.00; 5 for \$1.50; 10 for \$2.50; postpaid.

GARDENING FOR THE PRESENT.

When one gardens for the present, it is with the thought of the immediate result, whether in food, or in pleasure. And it is with that thought in mind, that we pause to state that we do not plan to send out any plants, or bulbs, that are not sufficiently mature to flower the same season, provided they are given proper care, and that the flowering period has not passed. We have urged you before, and we do so again, to send us your orders as early as you can do so. Our season is quite sure to be later than yours, due to our northern location. If we have the orders, we can plan our work, and allot our limited amount of help to the best advantage. As soon as we can dig, the plants will be sent off to you, and you in turn will get them early enough to have flowers this year. We also urge you to have in mind that certain plants should be put into the ground at odd seasons, to get bloom the next year, and while that is more like gardening for the future, there are a few cases where it cannot be helped.

If one wishes to have flowers from a plant the same season it is purchased, there are certain things that must be done to help. First of all, early ordering. Then when the plants arrive, open them at once. Bear in mind, that we shippers have had to consider the condition of the plant when dug. If it were over wet, we have had to use moss wrung more nearly dry, than would be advisable a bit later after growth has started. If plants have been delayed, or have run into warm weather en route, they may be dry. Or they may have started to grow, and then rotted. We do our best to get them to you in good condition, and we do wish that you'd believe us when we ask you to let us know at once if we fail. Often we can replace then, and a few weeks later it might be too late. But if plants are only dry, place them in a pan of lukewarm water in a shady place, for an hour or two, then plant immediately. If the soil is dry, wet it well, but if it is a heavy and cold clay, it may be better not to do so. On early planting in cold soils, we believe that it is easily possible to over-water. The roots have no hold on the soil, and the excess moisture just increases the tendency to rot. Do, however, protect the plants from sun, and especially from wind, for these exhaust the moisture of the roots, on which growth depends until root action has begun. Often a cold spring wind, will do as much harm, as a hot day. One should fit the soil to permit watering, and yet not have it hold an excessive amount, in case of heavy rains.

With many bulbs, these elaborate precautions may seem unnecessary. Yet none of these should be exposed to the wind or sun. Even the deeply planted, they often start to grow before the roots can supply moisture and the bulb must provide for growth, from its own resources.

Gardening for the present, -con.

On the other hand, what if plants have started to grow, and then have rotted. In some cases, this may be fatal, as with lilies, or trillium. But with many plants which develop from a crown, there are additional buds, which do not develop unless the stronger ones are hurt. It is well to cut away all rotted tissue, and in some cases to dust with sulfur or lime. Sometimes these materials are harmful, and if in doubt, dust with fine soil that has been sterilized on a shovel held in the furnace, and then cooled. This will dry and absorb rot, and never harms. Roots often rot, too, and should be cut away. In fact, we find it well to shorten the roots of all plants when re-setting. Don't over do this, for the more root area to start sending out feeder roots, the quicker your plant becomes established. But do cut back the rotted or broken tips, and do shorten any root, rather than double it up in a hole.

Occasionally plants arrive looking as they did when packed, -if we may believe some letters we receive. Now in all these cases, the same procedure holds. When you are ready to plant, take your package to the garden, keeping it covered with the wrapping material, with wet burlap or cloth, or even with paper, to keep wind and sun off. If the soil is well prepared, all right. If you are planting in an old bed, work up as large a space as possible where the new plants are to go. Then re-level and open a hole. If dry, fill it with water and wait till it disappears. Put the plant in, roots spread, or if long and straight, then not bent, and fill the hole with soil nearly to the top, working it around the roots with your fingers. Firm it well, and if at all dry, water again. When this water has disappeared, then spread dry soil over the top, leaving it loose to prevent evaporation. And last of all, a paper, a berry basket, something, to keep wind and sun from drying. Should it rain, remove these, and make sure water doesn't stand. But don't hurry about it otherwise.

This procedure holds for Roses, and other woody plants, that one hopes to have flower the same season. Proper fertilization of the soil is assumed, but remember that plants cannot feed until roots have formed and that tender new roots can be hurt by an excess of chemical or manure. When these have been used properly, the plant should have to reach for them, deeply, since this puts the roots below danger from drought. Additional food should not be given until top growth is well started. Then liquid manure or a small amount of fertilizer may be watered in. Do all this, and you should surely have blooms, this summer.

PLANT THESE FOR THE FUTURE.

Here are a number of plants, which because they bloom quite early, or are slow in becoming established, cannot be depended upon for a strong showing of flowers the first season. Even so, most of them will give some bloom, and all are worthwhile, and no one should longer delay their possession.

AETHIONEMA, WARLEY ROSE.

Just about our finest Rockery plant, and equally good in the front of the Border. It makes a low mat, or slight mound, the foliage and color reminding one of the Rose Daphne, and when the small pink flower heads open, the effect is even more like that plant. Blooms early, and requires care to establish due to woody growth, and deep-reaching roots. Worth the extra trouble. Spring planting is recommended. REGULAR PRICES.

DICENTRA SPECTABILIS ALBA.

We now have a moderate number of the White Bleeding Heart. So long as we deem it wise, we will supply them this spring. Orders will be filled in rotation as received. When the supply gets low, we will book for Fall delivery, or Spring 1944, as you prefer. Preference given to paid orders. ONE DOLLAR EACH.

LEUCOCRINUM MONTANUM.

From a clump of fleshy roots, like a small Asparagus crown, this plant sends up in May, a surprising number of crystal white flowers, more than an inch across, and some three or four inches high. When established, they will carpet the ground. May be used like Crocus, under Phlox subulata, and the like. We have a fine supply, and have reduced prices. 3 for 50¢; 10 for \$1.50, postpaid.

LYCORIS SQUAMIGERA.

Bulbs of the Hardy Amaryllis, send up leafy growth in spring, then die away, and the flower stem, rising to about two feet, and topped with an umbel of rose-lilac flowers, appears like magic from the bare ground. Excellent in shade, and when combined with plants like Hemerocallis. We have found they may well be planted in spring, before leaf growth starts. ONE DOLLAR EACH.

PLATYCODON MARIESII.

Among the Balloon-flowers, we particularly like the dwarf sort we offer, in either the blue or white form. They grow to about two feet of height, and flower profusely in late July, and thru August. Blue is hard to have at that period. The plant is well-behaved, and good looking at all times. Will be better after a years growth, and should be planted this spring. We can supply either the BLUE or the WHITE form. REGULAR PRICES.

TRILLIUM.

Last spring, we received by mail, a plant of Trillium, well in growth. To our surprise, without particular care, after planting it developed nicely, and gave a good bloom. We therefore offer the following for spring delivery.

ERECTUM. Wake Robin, or Purple Trillium.

ERECTUM ALBUM. Rare white form of the preceding. 50¢ each.

GRANDIFLORUM. Large white Trillium, the finest native sort.

LUTEUM. Greenish-yellow flowers, quite odd and attractive.

STYLOSUM. Rose Trillium. Deeply rose-stained white flowers.

UNDULATUM. Painted Trillium. Each white bloom has a red eye.

Except as noted, -all at 15¢ each; 10 (alike), for \$1.25. POSTPAID.

MAILING SIZE EVERGREENS.

GARDENING FOR THE FUTURE.

While all the Evergreens we offer may be shipped by freight or express, when crated or boxed, the ball of soil which should be dug with the roots, makes a very heavy package. The following sizes of Evergreens are dug without balling, and are packed with moss only. They may be sent by mail, at low cost. All are thrifty young material, representative of the variety. The letter 'S' after a size, denotes the plant has assumed a fully correct shape. No packing charges, or delivery charges, to pay on these.

- ABIES CONCOLOR. Silver Fir. 4/8". Each 50¢; 5 for \$2.00.
- CHAMAECYPARIS PISIFERA. False Cypress, 1 1/2/18". Each 75¢.
- JUNIPERUS CHINENSIS. Chinese Columnar Juniper, 8/12". Each 35¢
- J. CHIN. PFITZERIANA. Pfitzer's Juniper, 6/9". Each 50¢
ditto 1 1/2/15" S. \$1.00 each
- J. COMMUNIS DEPRESSA. Andorra Juniper, 8/1 1/2". Each 50¢
- J. EXCELSA STRICTA. Greek Juniper, 6/9". Each 50¢
- J. HORIZONTALIS. Waukegan Juniper, 8/1 1/2". Each 35¢
- J. PROCUMBENS. Prostrate Juniper. 1 1/2/18" S. Each \$1.00
- J. SABINA. Savin Juniper. 4/8". Each 50¢
- J. SQUAMATA MAYERI. Mayer's Juniper. 4/8". Each 50¢; 5 for \$2.00
- PICEA ENGLEMANNI. Englemann Spruce. 6/9" S. Each 50¢; 5 for \$2.
- P. GLAUCA (ALBA). White Spruce. 6/9" S. Each 50¢; 5 for \$2.00.
- P. GLAUCA CONICA. Dwarf Alberta Spruce, 6/1 1/2" S. \$1.00 each.
- P. PUNGENS GLAUCA. Colorado Blue Spruce. 6/8" S. Each 75¢.
- P. PUNGENS MOERHEIMI. Moerheims Blue Spruce (grafted). Better than Koster Spruce. 1 1/2/15" \$2.00 each.
- PINUS MONTANA MUGHUS. Mugho Pine. 9/1 1/2". S. 50¢ each.
ditto 1 1/2/18" S. 75¢ each.
- P. NIGRA AUSTRIACA. Austrian Pine. 1 1/2/18" S. Each 75¢; 10 for \$6.
- P. RESINOSA. Red or Norway Pine. 1 1/2/18" S. Each 75¢; 10 for \$6.00
- PSEUDOTSUGA DOUGLASI. Douglas Fir. 4/6". Each 50¢; 5 for \$2.00
ditto. 9/1 1/2" S. \$1.00 each.
- TAXUS CANADENSIS STRICTA. Dwarf Canadian Yew. 6/1 1/2". S. \$1.00 ea.
- T. CUSPIDATA. Erect Japanese Yew. 9/1 1/2". \$1.00 each.
ditto 1 1/2/18" S. \$1.50 each
- T. CUSPIDATA. Spreading Japanese Yew. 6/8" Each 50¢.
ditto, 8/1 1/2" S. \$1.00 each.
- T. CUSPIDATA NANA. Dwarf Japanese Yew. 2/4" Each 50¢.
- T. CUSPIDATA NANA FOEMINA. Dwarf Berry-bearing Yew. 4/6". Each 50¢
- T. MEDIA HICKSI. Hicks Yew. 4/6" Each 50¢
ditto. 6/1 1/2" S. \$1.00 each.
- THUYA OCCIDENTALIS. Arborvitae or White Cedar. 6/1 1/2" Each 25¢
ditto. 1 1/2/18" S. Each 50¢; 10 for \$4.00.
- T. OCCIDENTALIS GLOBOSA. Globe Cedar. 6/8" S. 35¢ each; 10- \$3.
ditto. 8/1 1/2" S. Each 50¢; 5 for \$2.00
- T. OCC. HOVEYI. Hovey's Globe Cedar. 6/8" S. 35¢ each; 10 for \$3.00
- T. OCC. PYRAMIDALIS. Pyramidal Cedar. 6/8" 50¢ each; 10 for \$4.50
ditto. 2 1/4/30" S. Each \$1.00
- T. OCC. WAREANA. Ware or Siberian Arborvitae. 6/8" S. Each 50¢.

REMEMBER, --the above prices are delivered to you. There are no other charges to pay. Plant some of these small but well rooted choice Evergreens, in a row in your vegetable garden, and in a year or two, you can have specimens for the front of your home; for your lawn; or material for a good hedge.

PLEASE ORDER EARLY!

Most of what has been said about the care of plants on arrival, and the method of planting, applies to those things one cannot hope to fully enjoy the first year. But there are other phases of gardening for the future, which are entirely apart from the planting methods.

Plants that flower in the earliest spring, quite often should be left until summer or fall planting. Peonies, Iris, and Poppies, among others, have special periods of dormancy, when they may best be planted. And trees and shrubs which do not bloom until they have made much more growth than is possible in a nursery can be said to be planted for the future. But what about those plants which we use for effect alone, many of which do not flower or fruit? These run all the way from Thymes, which may carpet around a sundial, or Violets, which tho they flower briefly in spring, are more valuable to cover the ground below the grapes, or about the Lilacs, -to Hens and Chickens, or Live-forevers, so necessary in the Rockery. From trees and big shrubs like Acer ginnala, for the boundary line, where they make a background for smaller and brighter plantings, as well as giving the seclusion so often needed, -to the Evergreens we set as specimens, or use in foundation plantings. All these things we plant for the future, in the fullest sense.

Now most of us have become so used to the automobile, that we venture there are gardeners who have never purchased a plant of any size, except by calling at a nursery for it, and either having it delivered, or else taken it home without delay. Yet we recall the days when a nursery was a place to grow plants, and we didn't see a visitor from one week's end to another. Then all the woody shrubs and trees were boxed, or baled, and sent by freight or express. And the results were fully as satisfactory in the end, we are sure. Of course much smaller material was used in those days, and the buyer enjoyed seeing his trees develop. That was Gardening for the Future, in the fullest sense.

It is with that in mind that we have included a small list of Evergreens and Shrubs and Trees, which can be sent by mail in most cases, and all by express. If you are developing home grounds, and cannot afford to use your limited amount of gasoline to drive out to a nursery, and in turn you find that labor shortage makes it hard to get service or deliveries, then let us send you the things you need. We know how, and we'll be glad to do it.

BOTH NEW AND OLD.

We hope it may be good news to many of you, that two plants we have already offered and then withdrawn, can again be supplied. They are Scabiosa Blue Snowflake and Dicentra spectabilis alba.

The unusual demand for both which developed immediately after we first offered them, made it necessary for us to keep the few that were left us after we had supplied the orders we'd accepted, to permit us to increase them. It was very apparent that if we started with a few and sold most of them, we'd never have but a few. And we were right. Blue Snowflake yielded hundreds of cuttings last year, and now as this is being written, many hundreds more are in the sand. There is a fine bed of year old plants ready to ship from.

This soft blue Scabiosa is unlike any other plant of the family, we have ever seen. It stands erect to begin with, to about 30" at best, and needs little support at any time. Most Scabiosa are rather sprawly things, far from neat looking when out of bloom. Then the plant is perfectly hardy, we still have the original plants never one died in almost eight years, and they yielded thousands of cuttings. The plant flowers nearly all summer, if the blooms are kept picked. The flowers are always perfectly formed, with a full high center. All in all, we think it the finest new plant we've ever sent out.

The White Bleeding Heart didn't do quite as well, but of it we now have a good quantity too, which we are depending on to supply us with many more before the year is over. We cannot supply plants this spring but we shall be able to fill any order this fall, and we urge that you reserve a plant for delivery at that time, or by paying for it, we will hold it for you until the spring of 1944, if you prefer it then.

We have again obtained a fine lot of the Sand or Star Lily, that fine little white flowered native of the west. Growing in the poorest and driest soils, its thick yet slender roots, fill the soil, and in spring they send up, one after another, quantities of the clear white flowers, much like Crocus yet flatter. It isn't weedy, but it will do to fill a spot where later foliage will cover, and it can be used in the rockery to come up thru coarse small plants. It's altogether charming, take our word for it.

We must praise by hearsay, another plant we offer this season, *Thalictrum rochebrunianum*. But we have it on the very best of authority, that it's just as fine as *Thalictrum dipterocarpum*, which it much resembles, and fully hardy anywhere, which that sort never was. We believe it, and we hope you'll help us prove it, by trying it.

MODERATE SIZES OF SHADE TREES AND LARGE SHRUBS.

It is not wise to purchase shade trees and the larger shrubs in sizes as small as with evergreens. The following are well started, have good stems and heads, and excellent roots. They will grow and soon make large plants. They cannot be sent by mail, and the prices quoted DO NOT INCLUDE PACKING OR DELIVERY. Charges for both will be moderate, however, due to size.

ACER DASYCARPUM. Soft or Silver Maple. 4/5' Each \$1.00.
A. GINNALA. Amur or Ginnala Maple. 2/3'. Each 75¢.
A. SACCHARUM. Sugar Maple. 4/5'. Each \$1.00.

BETULA ALBA. European White Birch. 4/5' .Each \$1.50; 10- \$12.50
B. POPYRIFERA. Paper or Canoe Birch. 4/5' Each \$1.00.

CATALPA SPECIOSA. Western or Showy Catalpa. 4/5'. Each \$1.00.

CERCIS CANADENSIS. Redbud or Judas-tree. 2/3' Each 60¢.

PRUNUS TOMENTOSA. Nanking Cherry. 2/3'. Each 75¢.

SORBUS AUCUPARIA. Rowan Tree, or European Mountain Ash. An especially fine lot of moderate sized trees, branched. 3/4'. Each \$1.00; five or more at 90¢ each.

SYRINGA VILLOSA. Tall late Lilac. Fine as tall hedge, or dense screen. 2/3'. Each 50¢; 10 for \$4.50.

ULMUS AMERICANA. American Elm. 4/5' branched. Each, 75¢.

U. PUMILA. Chinese Elm. 4/5' well branched. Each 75¢; 10 for \$6.00.

THE FOLLOWING SHRUBS ARE STILL NEW AND EXCEEDINGLY UNCOMMON.
(And also are exceedingly beautiful)

DAPHNE MEZERFUM ALBUM. White flowered form of the early Daphne has bright yellow berries. 8/12" branched. Each \$1.00

HALFSIA MONTICOLA. The Mountain Silverbell, makes a large bushy tree, full of pendant white flowers in early spring. Strong seedlings, 18/24" tall. Each \$1.00

PHILADELPHUS AMALTHEE. A small but intensely fragrant Mock-orange, growing to about four feet. 12/18" \$1.00 each.

SALIX PURPUREA NANA. Dwarf Arctic Willow. The fine new hedge plant, for any soil. Grows rapidly, and stands shearing well. 12/18" hedge grade, 30¢ each; 10 for \$2.50; 100- \$15.

VIBURNUM BURKWOODI. The Evergreen Snowball. Fragrant pink and white flower heads. 12/18" own root plants. \$1.50 each.

VIBURNUM CARLESI. The Mayflower Snowball. The brightest colored fragrant Snowball. Smells like Arbutus. 18/24", \$1.50 each.

VIBURNUM FRAGRANS. THE Fragrant Snowball. Best of all, and rarest. Grows to 8 or 10 feet, and flowers the whole length of the stems, in earliest spring, fragrant white blooms, flushed soft pink. 18/24" own root. \$2.50 each.

PACKING AND DELIVERY CHARGES ARE NOT PREPAID ON THE ABOVE.

FRUIT.

A FEW NEW FRUITS.

THE NEWFANE APPLE.

This comparatively unknown Apple, ripens here with McIntosh and grows equally well, where that variety thrives. The tree grows rapidly, and bears fruit while quite young. The fruit hangs well in fall winds, does not fall and bruise.

In form, it resembles Delicious, but it is a brighter red, like McIntosh. In common storage, it is not ready to eat until December, and is at its best for the holidays. How long it will keep we do not know, they don't last that long, here. The flavor is much like McIntosh, but spicy and sweeter. There is a delicious aroma. We believe this fruit is ideal for the home grounds, and it may become important commercially.

STRONG TREES, \$1.50 each. Packing and delivery extra at cost.

THE STANLEY PLUM.

Our choice among Plums, for all purposes. The tree is hardy and disease free, strong erect growth, not spreading. It fruits while young, and annually it produces heavy crops. The fruits are blue, large, and longer than round (prunes in fact), and are freestone. They hang well and ripen for eating on the tree, and if they fall, are often found in good condition some time after as the firm flesh doesn't break down quickly, and the skin is strong, tho tender. As a canned sauce, this Plum is supreme, with character, yet not sour, even about the stone.

STRONG TREES, \$1.50 each. Packing and delivery at cost, extra.

GRAPE, FREDONIA.

This is the best early grape we have grown. It ripens two weeks before Concord or Worden. It is almost if not fully as good as either of these old standbys, for all purposes. The vine is vigorous and hardy, and fruits heavily. In sections where grapes do not ripen well, it is at its best. 75¢ each.

GRAPE, GOLDEN MUSCAT.

If you live in those favored sections where Catawba ripens you may enjoy this delicious grape, which has the hardiness of our native sorts, and the flavor of European Muscat. The fruit is rich golden, and the oval fruits are tender and sweet. The clusters are very large, and the vine is vigorous. If Concord barely ripens, do not try this grape, for it needs ten days more. \$1.00 each. Both grapes are shipped charges collect.

OTHER FRUITS.

We list a number of standard varieties of all the hardy fruits, and can supply them in good sized material. We call your attention to our catalog, and urge that you write us if you wish other sorts, not offered. Packing and delivery are charged on all fruits.

IF YOU HAVE FRIENDS WHOM YOU THINK WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE GOSSIP, AND OUR PLANTS, PLEASE SEND US THEIR NAMES. WE WILL MAIL SAMPLE COPIES TO THEM, AND GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS.

Last spring, we endeavoured to make a general offer of the new fruits which are available to us for trial. Few appeared willing to gamble. Now we are going at it in a different fashion. We are so convinced of the value of some of these, that we are cataloging them.

The Newfane Apple; Stanley Plum; and Fredonia and Golden Muscat Grapes, are briefly described elsewhere. The point of this mention of them, is that all have been fruited here, and their performance noted. We believe them hardy wherever similar fruits are grown. As to their quality, we can only say that they either surpass existing sorts, or else equal the best we have had, at a different season. Nor are they difficult to grow. Why plant only the old and well known fruits, why not venture?

Newfane Apple is at its best, at Xmas, when its spicy McIntosh-Delicious taste and beautiful color are most appreciated. Stanley Plum is far and away the finest canned fruit of its kind, we have ever know. Sweet, yet with character. And it's fully as good eaten fresh, only we like canned Plums. Fredonia Grape is Concord- or better-, some two weeks earlier. And Golden Muscat will make you think of the fine European wine grapes, growing on a hardy vine. This grape is later than Concord, and ripens with Catawba.

Plant some this year, to please him, when he comes home.

THE MANAGER'S DESK.

There is but one thing to be stressed here.

NO NEW CATALOG IS BEING PRINTED

THIS YEAR.

Enclosed in this Gossip is an insert which fits the 1942 catalog, and which notes changes, deletions, and additions to that issue.

If you have mislaid your copy of the last year's catalog, or wish another for any reason, we will send you one gladly. Just drop a card saying 'I need another 1942 catalog'. We are printing a small edition, however, so if you need one, please let us know right away.

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