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It embraces our former work on Lilies and Amaryllis (revised) describing over 200 sorts, time of bloom, color, height, nativity, &c., as well as complete cultural directions. It treats particularly on bulbs for winter blooming. In compiling this work we have endeavored to give just such information concerning Bulbs and their culture as amateurs stand most in need of.

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This is made from a powerful form of tobacco-gum and is absolutely safe to handle, and will not injure the tenderest growth of plants. It is used by dissolving in hot water at the rate of one ounce to two quarts of water. With this water the plants are sprinkled, syringed or sponged, and one or two applications will exterminate any kind of insect. It is sure death to green or black flies, (aphis), scale, mealy bug, red spider, etc. If used once or twice a month on plants they will never be troubled with insects. It is equally valuable for house plants, garden plants or shrubs, or animals infested with vermin. Sold only in seven ounce cans at 30 cents each, by mail postpaid.

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Our Illustrated Catalogue of Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, Crocus, Scillas, Freesias, Crown Imperials, Snowdrops, Alliums and all hardy Bulbs and Plants, for fall planting and winter blooming, will be sent to our customers the first of September. It will also be sent free to all others who apply. We make a specialty of these choice Bulbs, which are so grand for winter and early spring blooming, and yearly import from Holland large quantities of the choicest grades. Our customers have found our Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus etc., unsurpassed.

We mail this Catalogue to all our Customers of last year, and we are also willing to send it free to anyone who will send us an order after getting it. Otherwise, those who apply for it should send at least 10 cents, which is only a part of its cost to us. Our friends will appreciate the fact that we can send it free only to those who have sent, or will send us an order.

Esteemed Friend:

It is with a feeling of pride that we hand you our Catalogue for 1891, it being without doubt, the most beautiful, comprehensive, and useful work of the kind ever issued. We try to excel in all departments of our business and the Seeds, Bulbs and Plants we offer are as much superior to the grades usually sold as this catalogue is superior to others. Only by the superior quality of our stock and liberal dealings could we build up and maintain the largest retail business of the kind the world has ever seen. It is to our best interest to serve our customers well, and we are determined to please them. We hope to have an order from each one who receives our catalogue, and also from many of their friends, and as a special inducement we offer free a packet of our Star Phloxes. By looking carefully through these pages you will find offered much that is new and rare, and many liberal offers. Study them well and order as early as convenient, and do not forget to return the accompanying check for a packet of Star Phloxes, free. Our prices are very low for the unsurpassed quality of our stock. Do not overlook the "Maryflower" or our new book "Popular Bulbs and their Culture."

Yours very truly,

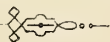
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CHILDS' STAR PHLOXES.

When these lovely German Phloxes, Fimbriata, Cuspidata, and Star of Quedlinburg were introduced three years ago, we at once commenced a series of hybridization between them to secure a great variety of color, and if possible, an entirely distinct race of this brilliant flower. Our success has been phenomenal, and we now offer in Childs' New Star Phloxes a unique and beautiful class, containing more than a hundred different colors and combinations, and about as many different shapes, from toothed or fimbriated to long pointed star forms. As may be imagined, such a great variety of forms and colors is the wonder and admiration of all who see them. The colored plate shows only a very few of them. It is impossible to describe the effect of a bed, or mass of this extraordinary flower. One looks at it in wonder and amazement, and comes often to look again, beholding new forms and new beauties each time. If you want something truly odd, novel and beautiful, by all means sow a packet of these new phloxes. All colors are represented including rich shades of dark blue and royal purple—colors not seen in other Phloxes. Per packet of all colors mixed, 25c.; three packets for 50c. Or, we will give a packet free, to anyone who orders anything offered in this catalogue, if the following check is returned.

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Good for a packet of Childs' New Star Phloxes, free with any order.

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- 1 bulb **CLADIOLUS, MARIE LEMOINE**, a lovely new hardy sort of an entirely new type. It flowers profusely for a long time, each bulb producing several spikes, of fascinating beauty. For full description see page 29.
- 1 bulb **CINNAMON VINE**, a fine climber. See page 89 for full description.
- 3 bulbs **SUMMER-FLOWERING OXALIS**, lovely free bloomers, with elegant flowers and foliage. See page 87.
- 1 pkt. seed **MAYFLOWER NOVELTY GARDEN**, so called as it is made up of a mixture of seed of all the finest Novelties of last year and this year, and it will make a bed of flowers every one of which will surprise and delight you with their great beauty and novelty. Such a packet of mixed seed of rare Novelties has never been offered for sale. The mixture includes seed of Painted Leaf, Star Phloxes, Margaret Carnation, Weather Plant, Prize Verbena, Cleome, New Pansies, Asters, Balsams, etc., and a score of other entirely new and rare flowers. This packet of seed alone is well worth the subscription price.
- 1 pkt. **CHILDS' RUBY GOLD WATERMELON**. In addition to all the above we will give a small packet of this wonderful new Melon (see page 14) to each subscriber, and offer \$500 in cash prizes for the five biggest Melons grown from this seed (\$100 to each grower). Full directions will be given in the July and August numbers of **THE MAYFLOWER** for swearing to the weight of your biggest Melon before suitable witnesses, and forwarding said affidavit to us. If any subscriber has not room to plant a hill of Melons themselves, they can give the seed to anyone else to grow for them, and compete for the prize just the same.

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Best Publication on Flowers,
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SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, 50 Cents per year, or 25 CENTS PER YEAR IN CLUBS OF FIVE OR MORE, together with a magnificent premium of 5 Bulbs and 2 pkts. of seed as above described.

THE MAYFLOWER is a 16-page illustrated monthly journal, devoted to Flowers and Gardening in all its branches; edited by John Lewis Childs, and has a score of noted contributors, among whom is Messrs. Blanc, Allen and Falconer. It treats on window plants, bulbs, seeds, garden flowers, shrubbery, vegetables, fruits, etc., and aims to give truthful descriptions of all Novelties as they come out. It is just the paper which every one needs who cultivates or loves flowers and gardening, and worth ten times its price. Sample copies free.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE AND PREMIUMS. Price, 50 cents per year for single subscriptions, or 25 cents per year, in clubs of five or more, together with a premium to each subscriber of 5 bulbs and 2 pkts. extra choice seed, as above represented. We can send this premium at any time from January 1st to July 1st.

CLUB PREMIUMS. At 25 cents per year and this fine bulb premium, any one can by showing this offer, raise a large club in their neighborhood, and thereby secure some of the following rare bulbs and plants free. Every one who has a garden will want to plant the packet of Ruby Gold Melon we offer, to compete for the \$500 prize:

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| 1 Amaryllis Regina, see page 84. | 1 Sanseveria, see page 23. | 1 Tree Blackberry, see page 122. |
| 1 Brugmansia, see page 111. | 1 Chrysanthemum, Mrs. Childs, see page 22. | 1 Japan Wineberry, see page 7. |
| 1 Rainbow Cactus, page 114. | 1 Ipomœa Pandurata, see page 25. | 1 Mary Washington Rose, see page 25. |
| 1 Maouttia Vine, see page 20. | 1 Mountain Fleecce, see page 32. | 1 Zamia, see page 28. |

For a club of 5 subscribers, at 25 cents each, we will send the getter-up of the club any one of these 12 offers; for 10 subscribers any two; for 15 subscribers any three; for 20 any four; for 25 any five; for 30 any six; for 35 any seven; for 40 any eight; for 45 any nine; for 50 any ten; for 55 any eleven; for 60 the whole twelve. In addition to these we will give free, as an extra premium, on every 30 subscribers sent, a plant of **CANNA STAR of 1891** (see colored plate), or a bulb of **CRINUM ORNATUM** see page 35. Remember that each subscriber will receive the regular premium of 5 bulbs and 2 pkts. seed, which will all be sent to the getter-up of the club for delivery.

CASH PREMIUMS. In addition to the above premiums we will give \$50 in cash to the person who will send us the largest number of subscribers before July 1st; \$30 to the next largest, and \$20 to the next. Now friends, take hold and send us all the names you can. With such a fine paper and premium at only 25c. per year, nearly every one you see will subscribe. Address,

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JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N.Y.



1891.



IT is a pleasure to do business with a class of people who are bright, intelligent, just and reasonable. We have always maintained that the people who buy and cultivate flowers are the cream of the land—people of culture and taste, people of kind hearts and unselfish natures. It is indeed a pleasure to deal with such, for they appreciate one's efforts to please them. In dealing with our 250,000 customers we put forth every possible effort to please each one and all of them. We would not, for the amount of any one's order fail to satisfy them, and while in filling and dispatching several thousand orders each day an error sometimes occurs, we are always more than glad to know it, that we may have the opportunity of rectifying it. Unjust complaints are very few, which indicates that our customers possess a high standard of integrity, honesty, just and moral character and intelligence. All honor to this class of people. Their influence for good in the land is immeasurable. We are proud that we have such to deal with, and that we enjoy their confidence and good will, for without it our business could not be a success.

We congratulate ourselves that 1891 finds our establishment not only the largest of its kind, (retail sale of Seeds, Bulbs, and Plants) in the world, but the best equipped, and we believe people can send their orders here with a greater certainty of having them promptly and correctly filled and in a satisfactory manner, than to any other place in the country. Last Spring our establishment proved too small for our business, so great was its increase. We have, therefore, the past Summer, more than doubled our capacity by erecting another large set of Greenhouses, and the finest Seed Store in the country. This superb building is built entirely of brick, iron and granite, thoroughly fire proof, and fitted with every modern appliance for the rapid and accurate execution of business. We now have two large Seed Stores, and two sets of Greenhouses and Packing Rooms, entirely distinct from each other. Our claim that our business is the largest of its kind in the world is not an idle boast. To demonstrate our sincerity we will say that we will in our next Catalogue publish the name of each and every retail house in our line, in the world, who can prove to us that they do a larger business than ours. Such a notice would be worth thousands of dollars to any large house, and it is well worth their while to compare books with us, if they think they can make the best showing.

1891 also finds our Monthly publication, **The MAYFLOWER**, ahead of all other papers of its class. It has more than double the circulation of any other paper on Gardening or Floriculture. We are trying to make it so valuable that it will in time find its way into the hands of every lover of flowers and gardening in the land. For full particulars, Premium List, &c., see first page.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

What We Do.

Free by Mail—We send Seeds, Bulbs and Plants FREE BY MAIL, at the prices named in this Catalogue. If a package is ordered to go by express, we do not pay the charges; but somewhat larger plants can be sent in this way, and we always add extra ones enough to more than pay the cost. The recent reduction of postage enables us to send fine stock by mail.

We Guarantee that every package we send out shall reach its destination in good condition, and that everything shall be received exactly as ordered. If a package is lost, or any of its contents injured on the way, we will send again. We also guarantee everything true to name.

We Pack all plants carefully in strong wooden boxes, which insures their safe transit through the mails to the remotest parts of the country.

We Fill all orders as soon as received, if the stock is ready. Customers who wish their order, or any part of it, booked for shipping at a later date, should state the fact distinctly.

To Canada, Mexico, Australia, Hawaii, most of the countries of South and Central America, and the West India Islands, we can send goods in large parcels by mail, postpaid. We can ship to other foreign countries by mail only in 8 or 12 ounce packages.

England, Ireland and Scotland—We have so many customers in Great Britain that we, at frequent intervals, fill their orders and ship the parcels in bulk to our agent in London, from which point they are forwarded to their destination by rail or parcel post.

Discounts—We make the following discount to those who will get up a club or order largely for their own use. Considering our very low prices, we think them very liberal. Please notice that these discounts cover everything offered in this Catalogue, and not merely seeds by the packet.

Those sending \$2.00 can select articles amounting to	\$2.20
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We advise the formation of large clubs, and the above discount will certainly pay any one for some trouble in that direction. See also our splendid premiums to *Mayflower* clubs on first page.

What Buyers Should Do.

Forward Money with the order, and at our risk, when sent by post-office money order on Floral Park, or postal note; greenbacks, or gold or silver coin, by registered letter; bank draft on New York, or Express Company's money order. *The Money Orders issued by nearly all Express Companies are cheap, safe, and convenient, in fact they are the very best form of remittance, and should be used when convenient.*

Stamps—Please do not send postage stamps in payment for goods if it can be avoided. Letters often get damp in transit, causing stamps when enclosed to stick together, and to the order, frequently resulting in the destruction of both. We lose over one thousand dollars every season on stamps sent us in letters. Hereafter we shall return stamps as come in bad order, and we must deny discounts and extras to orders which are paid for in stamps.

Silver or Gold coin when sent in letters should be sewed or pasted up in strong paper or cloth to prevent their breaking through the envelope, which is frequently the case when enclosed loose.

Be Sure to write your name and address plainly. We have on our hands hundreds of orders of last year without names, others without post office or state, and some with the name or post office written in such a careless and illegible manner that it is impossible to read them. Keep a correct copy of your order, that you may know when the package arrives if all is correct, as people often forget what they ordered, and complain without cause.

Do Not order articles which are not offered in this Catalogue, and write your order plainly and distinctly by itself, and not mixed up with anything else you may wish to say.

Those Who Send a neat, plainly written order, will be sure to have it filled correctly and with dispatch, and will also receive some valuable "extras." Always carry out the price of each article, and, after adding the amounts together, and deducting the discount, remit the exact sum.

Important—It occasionally happens that an order is lost in coming to us, or the goods in going to the customer; therefore, if any who order do not hear from us within a reasonable length of time, they should send a duplicate order, naming the date on which the former one was sent, and the amount of money enclosed and in what form. This will enable us to investigate the matter, and fill the duplicate order with dispatch. *No inquiries will receive attention which do not contain duplicate, etc., as above mentioned.*

A REVIEW OF THIS CATALOGUE.

ON our Covers and Colored Plates will be found some very desirable things. The collection of Cacti pictured on the cover is a superb one, and very cheap at \$2.00. Do not fail to secure at least a Rainbow Cactus. Our new Star Phloxes shown on the first plate, the seed of which we give away, will, we feel sure, be appreciated. The Verbenas are undoubtedly the finest ever grown. The two new Canas, Childs and Star of 1891, are flowering plants of great magnificence, and their fauce is already world wide. One can readily perceive that the new vegetables offered on colored plate are entirely new departures, and desirable acquisitions, while the collection of five lovely Mexican Bulbs for only 40c. is an offer which every lover of rare flowers will be likely to accept. Do not overlook our new Book on Bulbs and other articles, offered on second page of cover. Commencing on first page we offer our monthly publication,

THE MAYFLOWER. This is a paper which no one who loves flowers or gardening can afford to be without. Notice the low price at which we offer it, and the splendid premium given. Notice also our magnificent club premiums. Anyone can easily raise a club of five or more and secure some of them. Nearly all of your neighbors will subscribe if you show them that a nice paper and premium they can get for 25c.

General Instructions, Facts About our Establishment, and Childs' Great Japanese Wineberry follow next, bringing us to page 8, where you will find many special offers of various collections, etc. The Wineberry is the greatest novelty of the times. Commencing on page 9, and covering 10 pages, will be found our

Rare Novelties in Flower and Vegetable Seeds. This department has for years made our Catalogue famous, on account of the great number of rare Seed Novelties we yearly introduce. The list this year is the best we ever had, and as you study it you will find offered many rare attractions. All Novelties we offer are such as we have carefully tested many of them for several years, and we can recommend them. The reason why our Novelties always sell so well is because we have always offered good ones.

Specialties and Novelties in Plants and Bulbs. Commencing on page 19 and continuing to 40. This is the part of our Catalogue which will probably be read with the most eager interest, for our customers, like ourselves, are enthusiastic lovers of rare plants and bulbs. This list will surely not only satisfy but surprise all those who want something rare, something beautiful, something curious, and something valuable. The Chrysanthemums, Ipomoea, Roses, Crinum, Amor-phorhullus, Water Plants, Floral Park Plums, Fire Brand Poppy, and other things offered here for the first time, are valuable additions to the superb Manettia Vine, Solanum, Mary Washington Rose, Sanseveria, Gloxinias, Cyclamen, Oranges, and other leading specialties offered first last year.

Our General List of Flower Seeds commences on page 41. Under the head of the first division, "Annals which Flower the First Season," will be found the leading and well-known garden favorites. The larger half of most every garden is made up from Annals, and realizing their great popularity and importance it has been our daily study since we entered the seed business to improve by careful cultivation the various strains, and there is no doubt but that we offer the choicest stocks of most annals to be found in the country. Our Asters, Balsams, Dianthus, Mignonette, Portulaca, Godetia, Nasturtium, Poppies, Pansies, Petunias, Phlox, Stocks, Verbenas, Zinnias, etc., are the finest in the country. Among them we introduced many of the finest strains, notably our grand Balsams, Poppies, Zinnias, and the Imperial German and Giant Excelsior Pansies.

Ornamental Foliage Plants are next on the list, and we hope all our customers appreciate the beauty and value of fine foliage. They certainly will after they try them.

Ornamental Climbers are always useful and lovely, and some of them are found in every garden. The list we offer is a very choice one, especially the collection of Sweet Peas.

Everlasting Flowers follow, and they are so valuable for winter decoration, that we hope those who have space to devote to them will plant the whole collection of 15 kinds, price only 75c. Plant a few seed of Rhodanthe in pots in March or April, and grow them as pot plants for early spring blooming, and you will be charmed with the result.

Evening Bloomers follow, and they are all real gems. Nothing is more lovely than a bed of Evening Bloomers. It is so refreshing to walk among these treasures after the heat of the day and in the gentle twilight, feasting upon their beauty and fragrance. How can any one do without the Oenothera, Nicotiana and Sweet Nightingale.

Seeds for Garden and Window Culture are listed next in great variety, and we pride ourselves on keeping the choicest strains of these rare house-plants. If you will study this list carefully you will find there are many of these plants you can get very cheaply by growing them from seed. Chrysanthemums, Carnations, Heliotrope, Lantanas, Lemon Verbenas, Palms, etc.

Hardy Perennials are not planted as generally as they should be, for the reason that one has to wait a year for them to bloom. Now, friends, don't let this one year's delay deprive you of this charming class of flowers. Plant a

few Aquilegia, Adonis, Delphinium, Digitalis, Hollyhock, Sweet William, etc., this spring or summer, and next year and every year following they will give you a magnificent lot of bloom without further trouble, and you will feel repaid ten-fold for the one year's delay.

Vegetable Seeds. We take special pride in supplying a grade of Vegetable Seeds for family garden which will far surpass the usual commercial grades. We do not handle these seeds in enormous quantities as some dealers do, therefore we are much better able to get, grow and sell strains of superior excellence. Our customers have learned the quality of our stocks which enables us to get better prices and supply vastly better seeds than most dealers. Again, we make it a point to offer only the best varieties so that customers may not be confused and misled by a large list of sorts, but can rely upon those we offer as being the best in all respects.

Summer Flowering Bulbs, Gladiolus, Amaryllis, Tuberoses, Begonias, etc., are offered here in endless quantities. Of the first named our stock is enormous, covering many acres closely planted. This immense sheet of bloom is in full view on the railroad at Floral Park, and as the trains rush along thousands of passengers are treated to a floral display, the equal of which can only be seen at two or three places throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Do not fail to notice our low prices for the choicest Gladiolus. Remember that we are the introducers of the Excelsior Pearl Tuberoses, White Tigridia, Cooperia, Amaryllis Treata, and have the choicest stocks at lowest prices. Plant a few of our superb Begonias.

Hardy Bulbs and Plants commence on page 90, and we are sure this department will greatly interest every one who sees our Catalogue. We have tried to make it very complete, and offer at extremely low prices some of the most rare and beautiful hardy plants. Many of these are not listed prominently as space does not allow, but we advise all lovers of beautiful perennials to invest in Iris, Platycodon, Aselepias, Spiraea and hardy Asters, Honeysuckles, Clematis, etc. Our list of Lilies is very select and in every way a superb one.

The Shrub Garden at Floral Park is one of our favorite and most delightful spots. The charms of beautiful shrubbery are appreciated only by those who have seen and enjoyed them. Our efforts to introduce rare shrubs to general cultivation have been so successful that we now offer the most extensive stock both in variety and quantity in the country, and at the very lowest prices. We implore our customers to plant a good lot, and you will see that our motives are unselfish when you look at the prices, and notice that there cannot be much profit in them to us.

Ornamental Trees offered on page 98 to 100 need no praise from us. They are everywhere appreciated. We will only ask you to look at the ten varieties we offer for only \$1.50.

Roses. Our Roses are not the cheapest but the very best. Strong, vigorous, well-rooted plants ready for a rapid growth and immediate bloom.

Plants. The list we offer, commencing with Fuchsias on page 103, is a very choice one in all respects. Our list is not extensive, but we retail more plants than any house in the country. This is because we offer only the choicest varieties, and send out strong, healthy, well-rooted stock. Our plants always give great satisfaction, and our prices are low for the class of goods we furnish. Our list of Chrysanthemums, Geraniums, Carnations and Heliotropes is composed of only the most magnificent kinds.

Pot Shrubby which follows next is a new feature, and one which we recommend our customers to study carefully. A few pot shrubs are certainly desirable things to possess.

Cacti. Established strong and good, such as you cannot get anywhere else in the country, are offered on page 113, and continue for five pages. We hope all who see our Catalogue will not pass this department without carefully examining it. You should surely have a few of these curious, beautiful and interesting plants, especially some Cereus, Echinopsis, and the Queen Cactus. Do not miss our special offer on last page.

Rare Fruits, in which we do an enormous business, are listed on pages 105 to 114. Here is something which will interest every one, whether they like flowers or not, for good fruit is something that we all greatly prize. If you can find a list better suited to the wants of the small planter than ours, we would like to know it. Look at our Grapes, our Strawberries, our great Blackberry, our Currants, our grand Plums, Apples, Dewberries, Nuts, etc., and in making up your list do not omit the Juneberry and Olivet Cherry.

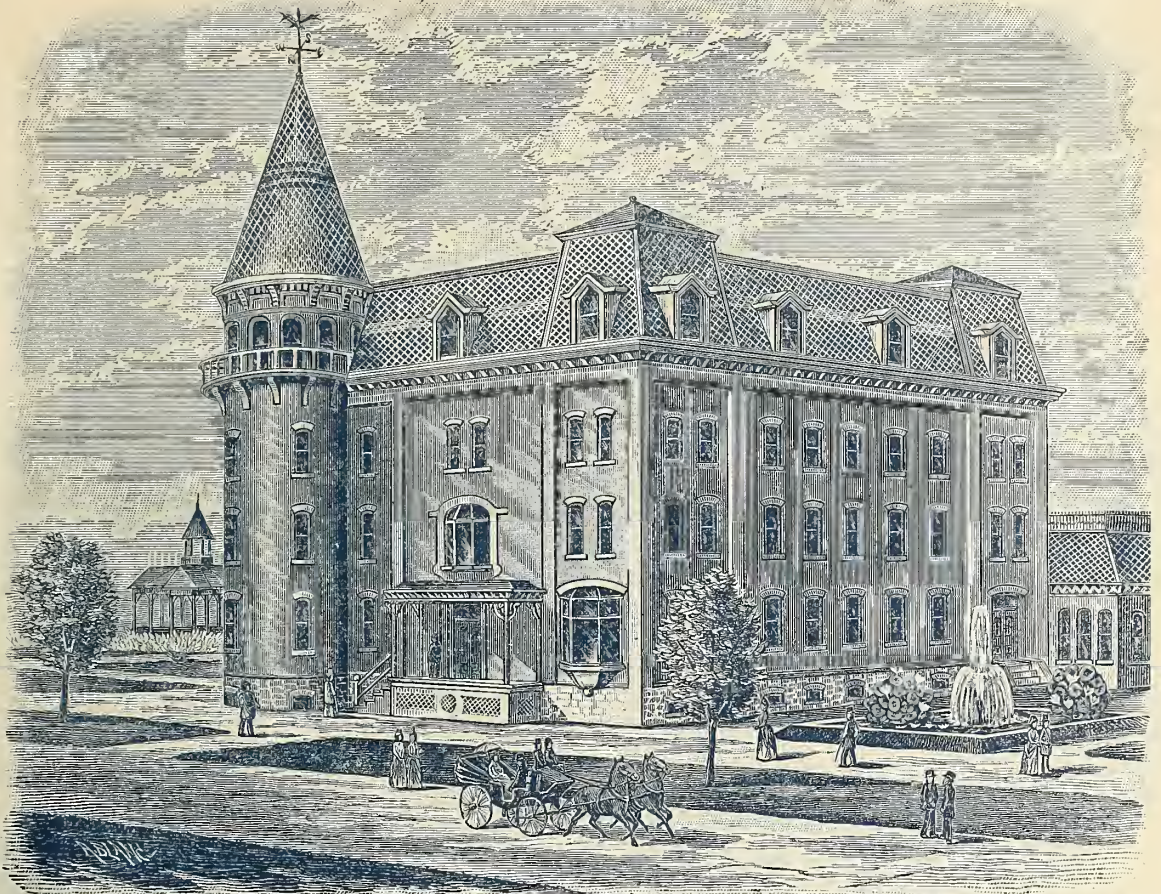
We close by calling your attention to a Trade Mark we have adopted, and which we will in future attach to all our best Novelties, such as we originate, name, or put out. It is the ancient Coat-of-Arms of the Childs or Childbert family, adopted when they were the Monarchs of France, about the year 700. It presents the motto, "Imitare quoniam Invidere." Imitate rather than Envy. (3)





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A FEW FACTS CONCERNING OUR PLACE AND BUSINESS.

THE PICTURES here shown give a good view of our new fire-proof Seed Store, and a bird's-eye view of a part of Floral Park. We now have two large seed stores and sets of greenhouses, distinct from each other, besides about twenty other buildings, for packing and drying seeds and bulbs, storage, shops, dwellings, etc., and a large steam lumber mill, which is constantly employed in building up our place, as the increase in our business demands. Floral Park is one vast garden and park, beautifully laid out, and dotted with the cozy homes of those who are connected with our business. It is situated about 12 miles from the Cities of New York and Brooklyn, in the richest and most fertile part of Long Island. The L. I. R. R. runs directly through our gardens, and Floral Park station, freight, express, telegraph and post-offices are situated directly between our two main buildings, and we are accommodated with about 25 trains to and from New York City and Brooklyn each day.

OUR BUSINESS is entirely in a select quality of Seeds, Bulbs and Plants, which we grow and ship (mostly by mail) to all parts of the country, and in fact, all over the world. We have sent live plants successfully through the mails to China, Japan, all parts of Europe, the Sandwich Islands, Australia, and several parts of Africa. We have about 250,000 customers, and in the busy season we receive 3,000 to 5,000 letters, and ship several tons of mail matter each day. More than 100 people are employed, and during the months of March, April and May our establishment is worked to its full capacity, most of the time both night and day.

OUR GROUNDS, besides the nine acres of beautiful park in the immediate vicinity of our Seed Stores and the R. R. station, our grounds extend for a long distance in every direction, all covered with heavy crops of leading flower seeds and bulbs. We grow from one to five acres each of the following: Verbenas, Phloxes, Balsams, Poppies, Zinnias, Cannas, Gourds, Peppers, Tomatoes, Gladiolus, Tuberoses, Lilies, Amaryllis, Cooperia, Strawberries, Wineberries, Blackberries, Shrubs, Trees, etc., and hundreds of other articles in smaller quantity. During the summer months our gardens present a floral display which cannot be equalled elsewhere on the continent.

OUR GREENHOUSES are in two sets or blocks, one in connection with each seed store. They are very large, ranging from 100 to 200 feet in length, and 12 to 20 feet in width. One set is heated by one immense steam boiler, which also heats our new store. The other set and store are heated by high pressure hot water from our great boiler. These houses are devoted exclusively to the propagation of plants, and growing them to a proper condition for sending out. Millions of them are produced. We have sold as many as 100,000 of one kind in a season.

THIS CATALOGUE has been in preparation since early in the summer. The first edition is 250,000 copies, and other editions will be printed as needed. We shall send out during the year not less than half a million Catalogues. The magnitude of this work can be realized when we tell you that to print this edition of 250,000 copies for our regular customers requires more than seventy tons of paper, worth, when printed, \$18,000. The covers and colored plates cost over \$12,000 more, and the engravings \$5,000. Add to this the postage of four cents per copy, \$10,000, and we have a grand total of \$45,000 as the cost of this book, which is given to our customers, to say nothing of the expense of addressing and mailing them, about 2,000 large canvass mail-sacks full.

HOW IT IS DONE. 1st. We strive to supply the very best grade of goods possible, in freshness, vigor, purity, and highly perfected qualities in every respect.

- 2d. To introduce the most novelties of sterling merit.
- 3d. To fill all orders promptly, correctly, and to pack in the most thorough manner for journeys to any part of the world.
- 4th. To give entire satisfaction in every respect to every one who sends us an order, that we may merit a continuance of their patronage, and recommendations to their friends and neighbors. For this is the only way it can be secured. We assure you, friends, it is our strict adherence to the above rules that has placed our house ahead of all others.

CHILD'S NEW JAPAN WINEBERRY.



Childs' Great Japanese Wineberry.

Another season's trial and a general introduction has proved that this grand new fruit is the greatest novelty of the age. It is universally conceded that it is one of the most valuable introductions of this generation, and it will be generally grown the world over.

HISTORY.—Prof. Georgeson of the Japanese Imperial Agricultural College, while traveling among the mountains of Japan for rest and recreation, came upon this berry growing in a wild state. Its exceeding lusciousness and beauty prompted him to dry some of the berries and send the seed of them to relatives in this country, with the information that if it succeeded it would prove the most valuable berry novelty ever introduced. The seed produced a few plants to which our attention was called the first summer. We were so struck with its novelty and beauty that we at once opened negotiations for its purchase. The next season it fruited and we at once bought it on the terms offered, paying the enormous price of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

DESCRIPTION.—It belongs to the Raspberry family, is a strong, vigorous grower, attaining the usual height of a Raspberry, and is perfectly hardy in all positions without protection. It is in fact more hardy and vigorous than any raspberry or blackberry. It stands alike the cold of northern winters and the heat of southern summers, without the slightest degree of injury. Its leaves are of the darkest green outside, and silvery white underneath. The young shoots and branches are covered with a reddish brown hair or moss. The fruit is borne in large clusters, often 75 to 100 berries in a bunch. These berries are, from the time of formation and bloom, until they ripen, enclosed in a "burr," which is formed by the calyx covering them entirely. When ripe the burr opens exhibiting a large berry of the brightest, light, glossy scarlet, or cherry wine color. The burrs and stems are covered with a heavy reddish moss like a moss rose bud. It is absolutely free from all insect ravages. Worms cannot crawl up the stems and branches owing to the moss or hair with which they are covered. The flavor of the fruit is entirely different from any other berry, being very sprightly, sweet and juicy, having no disagreeable sour, but a delicate and luscious flavor peculiar to itself, and superior to other berries. The seeds are very small and no more objectionable or noticeable than the seeds in strawberries, which gives this berry another point of great superiority over raspberries or blackberries. For canning or preserving the Wineberry is greatly superior to any other fruit. It is the only fruit which will retain its fresh, sprightly flavor after being cooked, and for cooking in any form there is nothing which can compare with it. It is very juicy and makes the finest quality of jam. It commences to ripen early in July and continues in bearing for a long time. It is the most prolific berry known, the bushes being literally covered with its luscious fruit. It is propagated from the tips like Cap Raspberries and Dewberries, and can be increased rapidly.

PRICES.—Extra strong plants for fruiting at once, \$1 each; \$10 a little dozeu. Smaller, but strong and vigorous, and will fruit a year the first summer 50c. each; \$5 per dozen.

CAUTION.—Since we introduced this valuable plant last year some parties have tried to prove that the same thing has been grown in this country before. Indeed, a few scraggly specimens of Rubrus Phoenicolasius have been found, which is without doubt a variety of the Wineberry, but it is entirely worthless as a fruit, and no one ever claimed that it had any merit in that respect, so few and inferior are its berries. This same old plant will probably be offered as the Japanese Wineberry. Do not be deceived. It cannot compare with the true seedling variety as grown by us and offered as Childs' Great Japanese Wineberry.

WHAT IS SAID OF IT.

The *American Agriculturist*, of October, 1890, devotes nearly a page to the Wineberry, and says among other good things, "None of the recently introduced plant novelties have created so much sensation in the horticultural world as the great Japanese Wineberry."

Orchard and Garden, of September, 1890, speaking of the Wineberry says, "No one who has seen it in fruit will venture to dispute its claim as an ornamental plant, or the juicy sprightly and refreshing sub-acid quality of its fruit."

The *Practical Farmer*, says, "The Japanese Berry, introduced last spring under the name of 'New Japanese Wineberry,' proves to have great merits both as an ornamental plant and for its fruit. The latter grows enclosed in a husk, ripens after the season of other raspberries, and has a peculiar flavor and character of its own."

Mr. J. T. Lovett, says, "The berry now known as Childs' Japanese Wineberry, was produced by me from seed sent from Japan by Prof. C. C. Georgeson, at the time he was filling the chair of Professor of Agriculture and Horticulture in the Imperial College, Tokio, Japan. The plants fruited freely the second year from seed and have borne very abundantly each season since. At this moment, July 18, the plants are a mass of fruit and foliage so beautiful that I cannot give any correct idea of them in words, and when gathered, it is also, without exception, the most beautiful fruit I have ever beheld. The plant propagates readily from the tips of the canes in the manner of the blackcap raspberries. I have never seen it sucker and I do not believe it can be made to grow from root cuttings or pieces of the roots. It has always been a strong growing, entirely healthy and absolutely hardy so far as I have grown it, and exempt from the attacks of all insects. As a dessert fruit it is not only of surpassing beauty and good quality, but cooked, its rich sprightliness excels anything in the way of a berry I have ever tasted—not excepting the finest huckleberries. I sold the original plants to Mr. Childs for \$1,000."

MOORE'S TOWN, Hamilton, Mo., says, October 9, "The Wineberry you mailed me last March has been a wonder. It bore a nice bunch of berries, and one of its branches is now 10 feet 7 inches long. It is a splendid looking bush."

Mr. WALTER N. VAIL, of New York, says: "The new Japanese Wineberry, of which you gave me a branch in fruit, is the most unique plant I have ever seen. The flavor of the berry is beyond any other grown, and the beauty of the plant vies with that of the moss rose, making it most desirable for every garden."



CALYSTEGIA PUBESCENS

Calystegia Pubescens.

(Rose Vine, or Double Morning Glory.)

This is a hardy Perennial, the roots living in the ground from year to year, and every spring send up long graceful vines which are nearly all summer clothed in a profusion of lovely double rose-like flowers, which are of a soft, delicate pink color. The cut is no exaggeration for the whole vine is one complete wreath of these beautiful flowers all the time. It belongs to the Convolvulus or Morning Glory family, and may well be called a hardy double Morning Glory, but the flowers keep perfect several days before fading, and when they go, new ones are ready to take their place, so the vine is kept full. It is a magnificent, and highly satisfactory vine. The plants we send out will commence blooming profusely in June or July. Price 25c. each; 5 for \$1.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AT EXTRA LOW PRICES.

OUR "INTRODUCTION" COLLECTION.

20 BULBS AND 10 PACKETS OF FLOWER SEEDS VALUED AT \$1.60 FOR ONLY 50 CENTS.

6 Summer Flowering Oxalis; 6 Gladiolus, Fine Mixed; 1 Bessera Elegans; 2 Tube rose Excelsior Pearl; 1 Zephyranthes; 2 Cinnamon Vines; 1 Hymenocallis Candicans; 1 Tigridia; 10 Packets Flower Seeds, our selection, all fine sorts, including the Jubilee Phlox, all for 50 cents, postpaid.

This collection is offered at a very low price for the purpose of interesting people in their culture and to introduce our Seeds and Bulbs. Please show this offer to your neighbors, for they will all want one of these collections.

⇒ 12 MAGNIFICENT NAMED GLADIOLUS FOR ONLY 50 CENTS. ⇐

This is the greatest offer of fine Gladiolus ever made. 12 very fine sorts of varied and beautiful colors, all named, boxed and mailed for only 50 cents. For list of varieties and description, see "Class A," page 82.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OF PLANTS, BULBS, FRUITS, TREES, ETC.

5 Beautiful Lilies, including Auratum	\$ 50	6 Flowering Cannas, see colored plate.....	\$2 00
5 Splendid Cacti, 5 sorts, our selection.....	50	6 Rare Tropical Fruits, see page 39.....	2 00
5 Splendid Flowering Shrubs, 5 sorts, our selection	50	30 New Early Sweet Potatoes, see page 39.....	1 00
5 Rare Chrysanthemums, 5 sorts, our selection.....	50	3 Fine Nut Trees, see page 127.....	1 00
12 Choice Mixed Gladiolus, first size, see page 82.....	35	8 Fine New Grapes, see page 121.....	1 75
10)	2 50	5 Dozen New Strawberries, see page 119.....	4 00
2) Beautiful Lilies, see page 94.....	5 00	3 Japan Plums, see page 125.....	80
3 Tuberoses, 3 sorts, see page 86.....	25	18 Fine Raspberries, see page 118.....	1 30
3 Tigridias, 3 sorts, see page 83.....	20	5 Fine Peaches, see page 125.....	1 00
4 Zephyranthes, 4 sorts, see page 88.....	25	18 Varieties Aster, see page 42.....	1 75
10) Summer-flowering Oxalis, see page 87.....	40	10 " Balsam, " 43.....	75
3) Splendid Flowering Shrubs, see page 96.....	3 00	5 " Dahlia, " 46.....	50
10 Ornamental Trees, see page 100.....	1 50	9 " Dianthus, see page 47.....	50
4) Rare Chrysanthemums, see page 105.....	4 00	7 " Godetia, " 48.....	40
7 Pheasias, see page 103.....	1 00	5 " Mignonette, " 50.....	25
5 New Geraniums, see page 104.....	75	8 " Nasturtium, " 51.....	40
3 Passifloras, see page 106.....	50	20 " Pansy, " 53.....	1 50
6 Carnations, Monthly, see page 107.....	1 00	5 " Portulaca, " 53.....	50
6 Carnations, New Hardy, see page 31.....	1 00	10 " Poppy, " 54.....	50
4 Moonflowers, 4 sorts, see page 31.....	50	10 " Phlox, " 55.....	1 00
7 Coleus, see page 108.....	75	9 " Stocks, " 57.....	75
3 Violets, see page 108.....	35	10 " Verbena, " 57.....	1 00
6 Abutilons, see page 110.....	75	7 " Zinnia, " 58.....	50
8 Hibiscus, see page 112.....	1 20	7 " Ornamental Foliage Plants, see page 59.....	50
3 Night Blooming Cereus, see page 113.....	1 00	10 " Climbers, see page 61.....	50
3 New Everblooming Plants, see page 19.....	50	15 " Everlasting Flowers, see page 62.....	75
7 Grand New Roses, see page 26.....	1 50	10 " Evening Bloomers, " 63.....	50
3 New Spirea, see page 28.....	50	4 " Celery, see page 71.....	25
7 Rare Water Plants, see page 37.....	3 00	7 " Tomato, " 79.....	50
5 Rare Mexican Bulbs, see colored plate.....	40	7 " Pop Corn, " 81.....	50

☀ OUR "SURPRISE" COLLECTION. ☀

To meet the demands of our large trade, we are obliged to grow enormous stocks of all kinds of Plants, Bulbs and Seeds, often more than necessary, to make sure of having enough, so after the heavy Spring business is about over, (in May), we take this surplus stock of various good things, make it into "Surprise" Collections and offer them to our customers, giving them three or four times the value of their money. In fact the "Surprise" is in the great amount of fine things you get for the money paid. These collections cannot be sent out until about the middle of May, and will be entirely of our own selection from kinds of which we have a surplus. No collection will be made up for less than ONE DOLLAR, and from that up to any amount the purchaser may desire. They will be sent free by mail, unless desired by express, and in that case we can send very much more for the money than by mail. All "Surprise" collections ordered previous to May 15th, will be booked and shipped then, but we can continue sending them up to the first of July. We advise our friends to invest a dollar or more in this collection. We can guarantee that you will be greatly pleased.

⇒ FLORAL + PARK + LAWN + GRASS, + (QUICK + GROWING.) ⇐

Floral lawns, grass patches, or grass borders, add to the beauty of a place almost or quite as much as flowers. In fact a certain amount of good grass is essential to the proper display of flower beds and borders. The next important thing to good grass sward is to get it quick. We have at last prepared a grass mixture which will give a good sward the first summer; we may say immediately, for it grows up quick and completely covers the ground in a very few weeks. It is the same as was used in laying out Floral Park, and which produced such a fine effect immediately, and has ever since been so greatly admired. It is the finest and quickest growing Lawn Grass ever sent out, and will give the greatest satisfaction. Price 40c. per quart; \$2.50 per peck, postpaid. By express, per peck, \$1.50; per bushel (of 20 lbs.), \$5.00.



CHILDS'
PRIZE VERBENAS.

CHILD'S' PRIZE VERBENAS.

IMPROVED STRAIN.

THIS strain of VERBENAS, which was for many years perfected by MR. E. S. MILLER, and which we bought three years ago, has become famous as the finest in the country. What we here offer of it is the result of ten years' careful selection of stock seed from the best flowers and colors, and it is a strain superior to anything the world can show. Those who visited Floral Park the past Summer and saw our four-acre patch of it can vouch for what we say. It is so far ahead of ordinary good Verbenas that people can hardly believe their eyes when they behold its magnificence. The habit of growth is compact, vigorous and short jointed. The trusses of bloom, and individual flowers, are enormous, and of the most perfect form, while the variety, delicacy and dazzling brilliancy of the colors is marvelous. Very few of the common colors are seen, as selections have been made with a view to developing rare and delicate shades, and odd combinations, and in this, great beauty and novelty is found as well as in the great size and perfect forms of the bloom, and profuse flowering qualities. To add to their attraction they are also quite sweet scented. Like our superb strains of Balsam, Phlox, Poppy, Zinnia, &c., these Verbenas cannot be overpraised. We know that you cannot buy such good ones elsewhere.

All Colors Mixed—A wide range of both delicate and brilliant shades. Very few blues or purples. Per packet, 25 cents ; 5 packets for \$1.00.

Prize White—Large compact trusses of snow white flowers borne in the greatest profusion, and sweet scented. Comes absolutely true from seed. Splendid for floral work. Per packet, 20 cents ; 3 packets for 50 cents.

Prize Scarlet—Deep, dazzling color, large size and prolific bloomer. Comes absolutely true to color from seed. Per packet, 20 cents ; 3 packets for 50 cents.

SPECIAL OFFER—*For 50 cents we will send one packet each of the three, Mixed, White and Scarlet.*

← PLANTS. →

We shall grow and have on hand for sending out in May a fine lot of vigorous seedling plants of these VERBENAS. Such plants are more healthy and vigorous, and will give much more and better bloom than cutting plants. This strain is also superior to any collection of named varieties. They are the best VERBENAS that can be had anywhere at any price. All orders for these plants will be booked for mailing at planting out time in May.

Price of ALL COLORS MIXED, or the WHITE, or SCARLET, separate.

Six plants for 50 cents ; twelve plants for 75 cents ; thirty plants for \$1.50 ; by mail post-paid. Those ordering a dozen or more can take them in such numbers of White, Scarlet, or Mixed, as they desire. Or for \$1.00 we will send 18 plants, 12 Mixed, 3 White, and 3 Scarlet.

Grand Novelties in Flower Seeds.

IN NOVELTIES we offer nothing that we have not grown and tested, and can strongly recommend. We have always refrained from offering European novelties the first year they came out, for on being tested in this country more than half of them are always found undesirable. We have, during the past ten years, sold a great many Novelties, and it is worthy of note that we never offered an undesirable one, and those here offered can be relied upon as being superb in all respects. We especially recommend the new Margaret Carnation, White Wave Aster, Wonder Poppy, Jubilee Phlox, Superfine Pansy, etc.



PANSY, CHILDS' SUPERFINE.

Pansy, Childs' Superfine.

The Pansy is our leading specialty in seeds, and testimonials show that for years we have sold the finest Pansy seed that has been sold in this country. As the introducers of the Imperial German and Giant Excelsior we have had the finest strains of these, the best of all Pansies; Childs' Superfine, is merely a careful selection from them. The plants which show the greatest vigor and perfection in growth, and beauty in size and shape of flower, are selected for seed. They are carefully cultivated and seed saved only from a few of the largest and most perfect flowers of the finest colors. We grow it in Northern Germany where the Pansy attains its greatest perfection, and we can emphatically say that this is the finest Pansy seed ever offered in the world; the very best that can be grown or had at any price. Per pkt. of 25 seeds, 50c.

Nasturtium, Golden Climber.

A splendid novelty. This Nasturtium is a rapid grower, having an abundance of leaves which are of a splendid yellowish color. The flowers are orange maroon and produced freely. The odd and beautiful color of its foliage makes it a climber of great value. Per pkt., 25c.

The Wondrous Weather Plant.

This beautiful flowering vine has, during the last two years, created a great sensation throughout the entire civilized world. It is said that the leaves by changing their position foretell the state of the weather two days in advance, and extensive experiments in England, by order of the Prince of Wales, prove that it is in truth prophetic. Other tests and experiments have not been so successful, and it is

yet an open question as to its merits in this respect. It is at least a graceful vine with lovely foliage and flowers. Our cut shows the position the leaves are supposed to assume in foretelling the weather. If the leaves stand upward from the twig, making with each other an angle of 45 degrees, the



THE WONDROUS WEATHER PLANT.

sky will be cloudless and the weather beautiful in all respects. If they stand out straight changeable weather is indicated. As the leaves droop below the twig the indications range toward rain until when the leaves hang straight downward, water may be expected to fall almost in torrents. A local storm is indicated by curling together of the leaves, and a fog by a bending of the twigs. The seed are the size of Sweet Peas, round and hard, and of a bright scarlet color, and in Tunis are extensively used by the natives for beads and other ornaments, for which purpose they are extremely pretty. It is often slow to germinate. Fresh seed, 10c. pkt.



SPRAGUAEA UMBELLATA

Spraguea Umbellata.

This lovely garden annual is not altogether new in Europe, but is quite new here, we having never seen it in cultivation in this country. It grows freely and seed can be sown in the open ground in May. It forms a compact mass of dark bronzy leaves, from among which stems rise to the height of eight or ten inches bearing an umbell of curious wool-like crimson flowers. This bunch of curious bloom keeps perfect a long time before fading. Its beauty commends it to all lovers of flowers, as also does its odd and curious formation. Per pkt., 15c.



CARNATION, MARGARET.

Carnation, Margaret.

MIXED COLORS.

A New Strain of Dwarf, Perpetual Blooming Carnations which flower in 3 or 4 months from seed.

It is of dwarf, compact and pretty habit, branching closely above the ground, with vigorous stalks which need not be supported by sticks. It flowers easily and most abundantly in a great variety of colors throughout the year, and the calyx never bursts. But what renders this variety far superior to any other, and places it in the first rank, is that the flowers appear already in about three months after the sowing. Moreover, it produces at least eighty per cent. of double flowers, which are often very large and perfect. The plants grow easily everywhere, both in sandy soil or heavy loam, and will no doubt give the greatest satisfaction. Indeed they signify an improvement on all other Carnations, which nobody ever thought of. Think of getting Carnations in flower from seeds in about four months, which last throughout the winter, and of various colors. Choice seed of all colors mixed, 20c. per pkt.



DIAMOND FLOWER Inoposidium.

We believe we are the first to offer in this country the charming Portuguese Diamond Flower, and which has been selling at such enormous prices in some parts of Europe. It is one of the loveliest little annuals known, rarely growing over two inches in height, and forms a tuft of beautiful foliage which is completely smothered in a profusion of white and violet blossoms glistening like diamonds. It will be in bloom within a month from the time of sowing the seed at any time of year. For pot culture in winter it is just superb. Sprinkle a few seeds in a small pot or saucer, or in pots where other plants are growing, and within a month you will have the most charming mat of foliage and flowers—covering the surface of the soil like moss—that you ever saw. In the garden it will grow and seed all summer, covering the ground with a perfect carpet of beauty. In the fall the self-sown seed will come up and bloom profusely from October until spring, regardless of ice and snow. They make a lovely bed of flowers all winter long. Per pkt., 15c.; 2 pkts., 25c.



ANCHUSA CAPENSIS.

Anchusa Capensis.

A hardy annual of more than ordinary beauty. It grows about two feet high, branching freely and bearing a profusion of the most lovely flowers, similar in all respects to the Forget-me-not, though the blooms are much larger and of finer color. It is always taken for a beautiful, large-flowering Myosotis, and for bouquets and cut flowers it is indeed superior to it. Its color is a deep, clear, brilliant blue with a pure white eye; one of the rarest and most lovely shades of that color. It blooms early and continues all summer. Per pkt., 15c.



POPPY, WONDER.

Poppy, Wonder.

A new and distinct Poppy of great size and beauty. It is of the Peony-flowered type, very large and as double and beautiful as a Peony. Part of each petal is white, and part bright scarlet, beautifully flurriated. This contrast is very beautiful and striking. Its habit is rather short and stout, with large rank foliage. It is one of the finest flower seed novelties this year. Per pkt., 15c.



CHILDS'

"ROSEBUD"
POPPIES



This charming strain of Poppy we have been at work on for a long time, and offered them last year for the first. They are of a dwarf habit, producing flowers in endless number, which are as double and perfect as rose buds, and showing the greatest variety of the most brilliant and lovely colors. In fact it will be difficult to find any two alike. There are fringed and variegated ones as well as solid colors in every shade.

Nothing will prove more attractive in your garden than a bed of these. Sow seed early in the open ground and they will commence blooming in June. Per pkt., 10c.

Dianthus, Brilliant.

A dwarf grower, producing numerous large double blossoms which are of a dark bright red color, and as fine as the best Carnations. It blooms very early from seed and exceedingly freely, and is one of the very best garden flowers it is possible to have. All the plants produce flowers which are perfectly double and true to color. Per pkt., 20c.



Three Pretty Scabiosas.

Snow Ball, a fine German Novelty. The plant is a strong grower, and the flowers are very large, perfectly double, and as white as snow. They are produced very freely, and are exceedingly attractive. The blooms are borne on long wiry stems, and are exceedingly valuable for cutting. Per pkt., 15c.

Golden Dwarf, a dwarf sort with yellow foliage, and double coal black blossoms. It makes a unique and beautiful plant, and one of striking oddity. Per pkt., 15c.

Royal Velvet, each head of this variety when in full bloom may well be named a ready-made nosegay composed as it is of 20 or 30 distinct florets of a velvety purple color on which the white stamens make a very striking contrast. Very ornamental and, owing to the length of its flower-stalks, admirably suited for bouquets. Per pkt., 15c.

For 30 cents we will send one packet each of the three.

Gobœa Scandens Alba.

This is an important Novelty, and one which will be greatly appreciated. It is like the old favorite Cobœa Scandens in all respects, except that its large beautiful bell-like blossoms are pure white. It is sure to become at once one of the most popular climbers. It is admirably suited either for a greenhouse or the open air. Per pkt., 10c.



CLEOME

Gleome Pungens.

A year or two ago we received from a lady customer, a letter in which was enclosed a few leaves and blossoms of some plant we did not know. These leaves and blossoms gave the letter such a charming fragrance that we wrote to ask what they were. The lady was unable to give us its name, but very kindly sent some seed. It proved to be Gleome Pungens, an annual known to Botanists, but which seems to have never been introduced, at which we greatly wonder. Seed sown in the open ground in May commenced blooming July 1st, and continued in the greatest profusion until frost, attaining a height of five or six feet, with great panicles of bloom as large as a Hydrangea. The flowers are a deep purplish pink when they first open, but fade to light pink, so that the lower part of the panicle is a different color from the top part. The stamens are several inches long, which gives it the name of Spider Flower. After it commences to bloom, this plant is never out of flower while it lives. Winds or rains do not injure it. It gained the prize at Floral Park August, 1889, by being the only flower which withstood the three weeks rain and storm without injury or blemish. It is exceedingly showy, and for a situation where a tall plant is desirable, no annual can surpass it. Per pkt., 10c.



CHILDS NEW JUBILEE PHLOXES



THIS was our leading Flower Seed Novelty last year, and it is one of unusual merit. It is the finest of all the Phlox family by a long way. The flowers are nearly the size of a twenty dollar gold coin, very perfect in form, and borne in such profusion as to nearly obscure the whole plant. The colors are the most brilliant, varied and numerous to be found among Phloxes — crimson, scarlet, rose, pink, blush, purple, white, lavender, light yellow, maroon-black, marbled, striped and variegated. Rich and beautiful velvety colors not found in other Phloxes, appear here in abundance. The growth and habit of the plant is another equally desirable feature. They do not grow so tall as the Grandifloras, and are strong and bushy, standing erect, without lodging or blowing over, each plant presenting a mass of large dazzling flowers, which for a brilliant and striking display of solid color has no equal in the garden. These Phloxes have been inspected here at Floral Park by people from nearly every state, and all admit their great superiority. Seed should be sown in the open ground quite early. If started in pots in March or April, and cultivated as pot plants, they will commence blooming in a few weeks, and make a most brilliant pot flower. See colored plate in last year's catalogue. Try a few that way, and our word for it, you will be delighted. Per pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 30c.



Euphorbia Heterophylla.

(Painted Leaf or Fire-on-the-Mountain.)

Most lovers of flowers have at some time seen in green-houses, or cut flower stores, about Christmas or New Year and later, the large flaming scarlet leaves of Euphorbia Poinsettia, a most rare and beautiful hot-house plant. Those who have seen it can appreciate it, and when we say that this beautiful "Painted Leaf" is an annual form of the grand Poinsettia on a smaller scale, you will rejoice. Yes, the seed of "Painted Leaf," Fire-on-the-Mountain, or botanically Euphorbia Heterophylla, can be sown early under glass and set in the open ground in May. By August the leaves on the tops of the branches will begin to turn scarlet and in a short time the whole plant will present a dazzling ray of scarlet and green leaves, the effect of which is very striking. If not the most valuable, it is certainly one of the most novel and interesting additions to the flower garden which has appeared for a long time. Per pkt., 10c.



Ambrosia.

This is a hardy annual which has been known a long time though it has never been introduced. Its merits are long spiral stems covered with beautiful green foliage and seed buds which are exceedingly fragrant. It is as desirable as the Rose Geranium as a plant with fragrant foliage, and for making up into bouquets and other floral work its beautiful long spirals of lovely green are unsurpassed. It is one of the easiest plants to grow and seed can be sown early in the open ground. It takes its popular name, Ambrosia, from the unsurpassed fragrance of its foliage. Per pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts for 30c.



Aster, White Wave.

The most beautiful and perfect Aster grown. It is of dwarf, compact habit, and produces its flowers in great number. The blossoms are of great size, perfectly double to the center and of snowy whiteness. Either for the garden or pots, this magnificent Aster beats all others. The cut is a perfect likeness of a plant in bloom. Per pkt., 20c.



CENTAUREA CYANUS, DOUBLE.

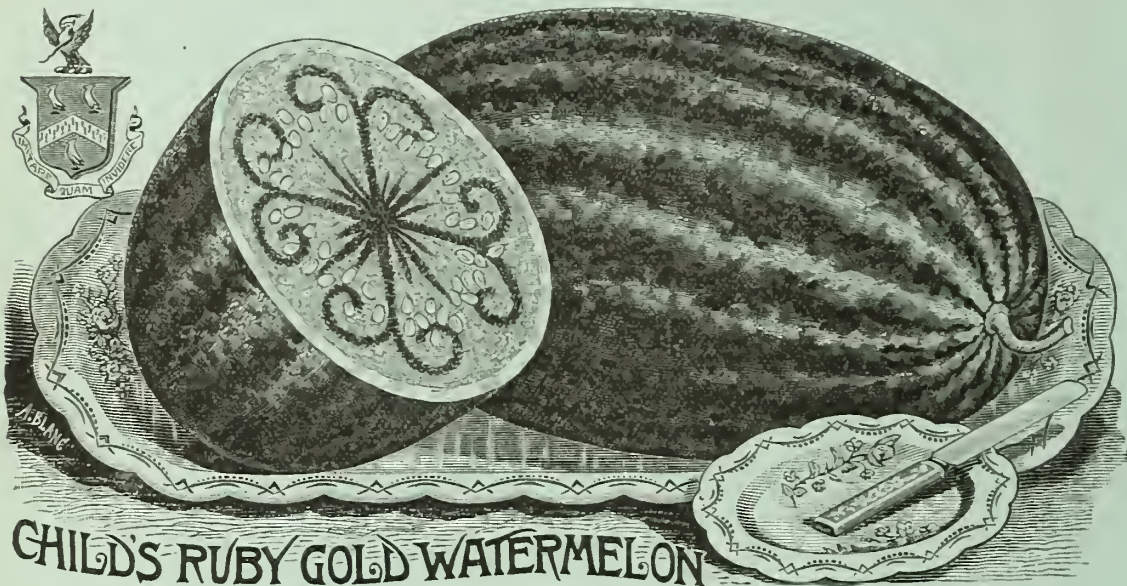
Centaurea Cyanus, Double.

This was a leading German Novelty last year, and it created considerable stir, as a double form of the old popular Corn flower was considered to be a great thing. It is indeed very pretty, but not more than one-half the plants will produce double flowers. All colors mixed, 5c. per pkt.

SPECIAL OFFER.—These 20 grand Flower Seed Novelties amount to \$3.10, but we will send the whole collection for \$2.00; one packet each of the Superfine Pansy, Nasturtium, Weather Plant, Spraguea, Carnation, Diamond Flower, Anchusa, Wonder and Rosebud Poppy, Dianthus, the 3 Scabiosas, Cobaea, Cleome, Phlox Jubilee, Euphorbia, Aster, Ambrosia, and Double Centaurea.

RARE NOVELTIES IN VEGETABLES.

THE introduction of Rare Novelties in Vegetables is one of our Specialties, and we offer a list this year which surpasses all previous efforts. With three or four exceptions all the varieties are new this year, and offered only by ourselves. Good Vegetables are just as easily grown as poor ones, and one should plant the best varieties that exist. It is our aim to recommend only the most worthy sorts, and those who plant the following will be greatly pleased with all of them. We wish to speak particularly of our Ruby Gold Water-Melon, Great Combination Musk-Melon, Universal Pea, Half Century Lettuce, Minister Potato, Kleidoscope Pepper, Ivory Monarch Cucumber, etc.



CHILD'S RUBY GOLD WATERMELON

Childs' Ruby Gold Watermelon.

As our new Japanese Wineberry is a most valuable new fruit, so is the Ruby Gold Watermelon the greatest and grandest of all new vegetables. Each of these represent something entirely new of great and startling value, and entirely unlike anything else in cultivation or ever dreamed of.

In shape it is long, often two feet or more, and frequently weighs as high as sixty pounds, though its average weight is about forty pounds each. Its flesh is solid, pure golden yellow, variegated with streaks, and layers of bright pink or ruby red, which often appear in a star-shaped form. This makes it at once the most beautiful, odd and novel Melon ever seen. It is also as much superior to other Melons in quality as it is in beauty. It has a sweetness and lusciousness which no other Melon possesses, being tender and melts in the mouth like ice cream without a particle of core or stringy substance. It is very juicy, and does not lose its flavor when it becomes over-ripe like most sorts. It is solid to the center, and ripens close to the rind which is very thin. It is a hardy, robust grower, medium early, and sure to give a good crop. Mr. W. A. Smith, the originator, who has grown it for several years, says: "It is so greatly superior to other Melons that my children will eat no other, and its great beauty when sliced for the table can be better imagined than described; such a lovely blending of pure gold and ruby, encircled by its emerald rind. It is also one of the largest and most prolific Melons grown. Per pkt., 15c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.

Stachys Affinis,

Chinese Artichoke or Vegetable Whitebait.

This new vegetable which we now offer for the second year is attracting wide attention. The bulbs taste much like the tuber of an artichoke, and are good cooked in a variety of ways, fried, roasted, baked, etc., but are particularly valuable for stock, owing to their enormous productiveness. They are probably the most valuable feed to raise for swine. With us the past season, planted in ordinary soil, they yielded a bushel of tubers to every ten feet of row. The bulbs are very sweet, tender and nutritious. They are perfectly hardy and like parsnips or artichokes are best if left in the ground till spring. They are then very sweet and delicious. Price of fino tubers, 50 cts. per 100; \$1 per 1,000.

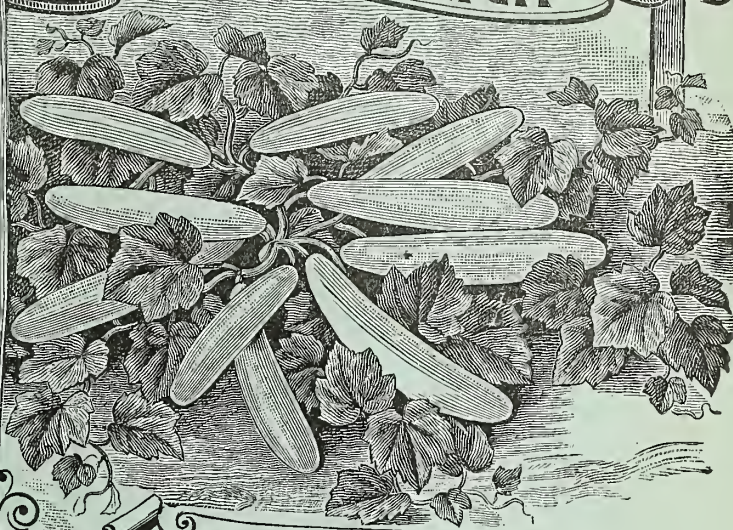
Beet, Black Queen.

We have not often had occasion to bring such a good garden Beet as this to the notice of the public. The root is medium-sized, pear-shaped, well-formed, nearly buried in the soil; its flesh is of a black-red color; the leaves are large, broadly crimped and of an extremely deep-red color. The fine roots it produces, together with the ornamental character of its foliage, will surely give this variety a prominent place amongst garden Beets. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.





IVORY MONARCH.



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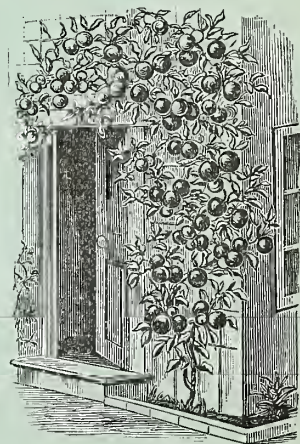
Cucumber, Ivory Monarch.

All things considered this will undoubtedly prove to be the most important new vegetable this year. As a Cucumber it is indeed a marvel. It grows to the length of about two feet, and from the time it is an inch in length, its color is pure ivory white. It frequently exceeds six pounds in weight which makes it about six times heavier than any other Cucumber. It is really a monster and when half grown exceedingly fine in quality. Its enormous size, great beauty and oddity makes it one of the finest vegetables for exhibiting at fairs, and it never fails to capture first prize. Its flesh is thick and solid with a very small seed cavity, and notwithstanding its great size it has fewer seeds than any other Cucumber we ever saw. This superb novelty is owned entirely by ourselves, and cannot be had elsewhere this year. Per pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts., 50c.

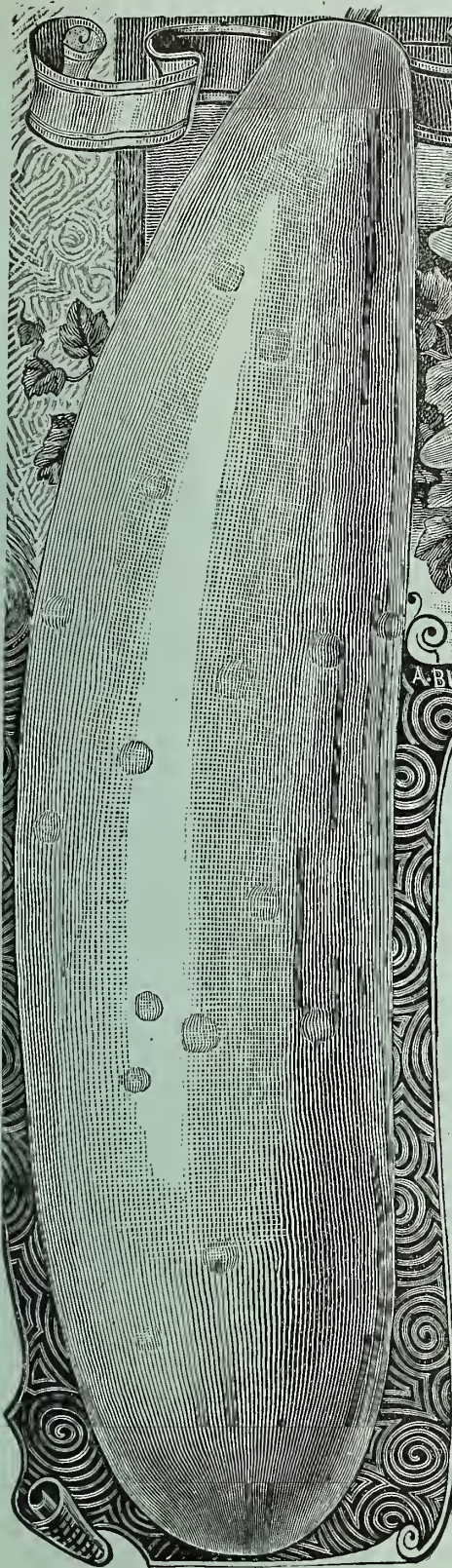
Climbing Tomato.

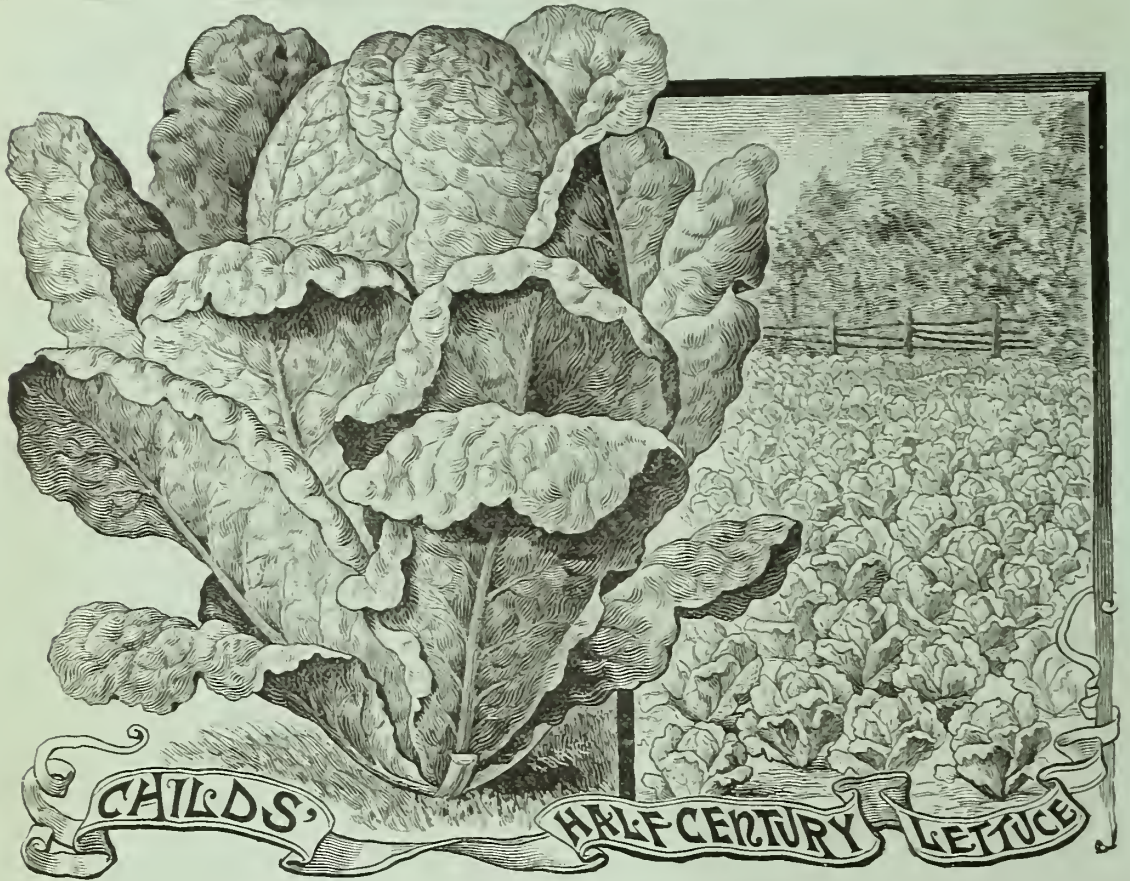
The vines of this excellent Tomato grow to a great length, and when trained and supported they will climb ten or twelve feet. They can be trained over a door or window, on trellises or the sides of buildings, and make a very unique object when loaded with their large, red fruit. It is one of the best Tomatoes grown, as the fruit is large, smooth, solid and of fine flavor. Per pkt., 10c.

It is the general verdict that Childs' Half Century Lettuce, is indeed the finest of all. Nothing of the sort can compare with it in quality. No garden is complete without it. See next page.



CLIMBING TOMATO.





Childs' Half Century Lettuce.

Several years ago a customer sent us a small quantity of Lettuce seed to test, saying that it had been in his family for fifty years, and was noted for its great superiority over all other known sorts. We were surprised at its delicious quality, and have had it thoroughly tested from here to California, and it has proved to be a novelty of sterling merit. Its leaves fold together, forming a long, loose head, remarkable for tenderness and delicious flavor. It may seem a good deal to say, but it is nevertheless a fact, that for tenderness, brittleness, and delicious quality, this Lettuce grown in the open ground, surpasses any other sort grown under glass. Nothing can approach it in quality. It is so brittle and tender that its leaves break to pieces in handling if care is not used. Fifty years is a long time to cultivate, select and improve any vegetable, but it has surely accomplished much in this Lettuce. It is a quick grower and attains its full size in 40 to 50 days, and remains in fine condition for a very long time. Per pkt., 15c.; per oz., 40c.; lb., \$4.00.



The Minister Potato.

This is the *earliest* and *finest* of all Potatoes. It originated way down in the north-east corner of the State of Maine, where the summer season is so short that corn, and even late potatoes do not ripen. Planted here the 24th of April, they were ready for cooking on the 23d of June, just sixty days, about two weeks earlier than any other sort. Unlike any other Potato it does not have to be ripe to be good for cooking, for as soon as it is large enough, it is fine-grained, dry and delicious. It is a strong grower and seems to be absolutely rot proof. A decayed specimen has never been seen either in the hill or cellar, even when grown on the richest garden soil. It is wonderfully prolific, the tubers running evenly and of good medium size. Its flavor is the *very best*, fine-grained, dry and delicious, while for beauty it far surpasses all other sorts, having a smooth, delicate skin, and lovely pink eyes, which truly indicate the highest quality. Another great point of superiority is its *shape*, it being *flat*

as you will see by the cut, thus enabling it to cook *quickly* and *evenly* to the center. This is a magnificent feature and sure to be appreciated. The Minister is by far the most valuable new Potato ever offered since the Early Rose. Beware of inferior stock; ours is pure and select, as grown by the originator in Maine. Price of fine tubers, 15c. each; 4 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.25, by mail postpaid. 100 by express for \$4.00.



Turnip, Early Ivory.

A sort of peculiar value, owing to its extreme earliness. It grows almost as quickly as a Radish, and to a great extent resembles a large white winter Radish. It is very sweet and in every respect of first-class quality. It is sure to become an indispensable variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

DS. KALEIDOSCOPE PEPPER.



BLACK NUBIAN PEPPER

RED EVERGREEN.



Two Beautiful New Peppers.

CHILDS' KALEIDOSCOPE. Two years ago we introduced Childs' Celestial, a Pepper which has taken the world quite by storm, and has proved to be not only the most useful Pepper in cultivation, but a superb ornamental plant which is grown largely in pots and otherwise for decorative purposes. Beautiful and useful as Celestial is, Childs' Kaleidoscope, though entirely different, is in every respect vastly superior to it. It is of beautiful habit, having long wavy branches, which are loaded with drooping fruit, the size and shape shown on colored plate. From the time the peppers form until fully grown they are of a light, yellowish cream color. When fully grown they commence to change color, first to a lovely canary yellow, then to a deep orange, then to rose or pink and so on through different shades until they are an intense scarlet, vivid and luminous. As may be imagined, a plant bearing hundreds of Peppers which show 6 or 8 distinct colors, is an object of more than ordinary beauty. It is sure to become a favorite pot plant, as well as a useful vegetable. It grows very freely in the garden or in pots and bears enormously. Its flavor is clear and sharp, and for any use to which a Pepper can be put, it is second to none. Per pkt., 15c.; 2 pkts. for 25c.

BLACK NUBIAN. A most unique and novel Pepper and a fit representative of the Dark Continent. Fruit 6 inches in length, tapering to a sharp point, and of a shining, wax-like black color until fully ripe, when it changes to a dark orange-red. It is highly desirable as an ornamental plant to grow in connection with our Kaleidoscope and Celestial. Its habit is splendid and its long black peppers make it a most odd and attractive plant. The peppers are fiery and when half grown, superior for pickling, etc. It is in every respect a great acquisition, and entirely unlike any other pepper known. Per pkt., 15c.; 2 pkts. for 25c.

SPECIAL OFFER. We will send the three most beautiful and useful Peppers in cultivation—the three which change colors (Celestial, Kaleidoscope and Black Nubian), one packet each of the three for only 25c.

Bean, Childs' Horticultural.

The old Horticultural or Cranberry Pole Bean, stands to-day as one of the very finest if not THE BEST, both as a String Bean or Shelled. Its delicious quality is not excelled if equalled by any other. One of its greatest drawbacks is that it is not very prolific, the pods being short and containing only 3 or 4 beans. The value of Childs' New Horticultural will be understood when we say that ITS PODS GROW IN CLUSTERS, ARE SIX INCHES IN LENGTH AND AVERAGE SEVEN BEANS TO THE POD, and further that it is much earlier than the old sort. It originated in Maine and is really one of the most important new vegetables, and is sure to take the place of the old sort, being twice as prolific, earlier and possessing other points of superiority. As will be seen by the colored plate, the pods are very beautiful, mottled with creamy white and rosy scarlet, and as they hang from the poles in great clusters among the rank leaves, they present a most beautiful sight. The beans are white, specked and blotched with scarlet, and when cooked, either with pods or shelled they are unexcelled in delicious quality. Per pkt., 15c.; per pint, 50c.; per quart, 80c.

Red Evergreen Sweet Corn.

This is a sport from the common Evergreen, and a Sweet Corn of unexcelled beauty and good quality. The ears are large, having 12 or 14 rows of long perfect kernels, which are of a dark ruby red color and beautiful as jewels. Any person who likes odd and fancy things will be delighted with this superb Corn. On account of its beautiful color it is a magnificent sort to grow and serve with the white and yellow sorts. It is sure to become a great favorite. Per pkt., 15c.; pint, 60c.

THREE FANCY CORNS FOR 30 CENTS. For only 30 cents we will send a packet each of Red Evergreen, Ruby and Golden Sweet Corn, the last two offered among Vegetable Novelties in this Catalogue.

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.



Childs' New Cabbage, Bismarck.

This most wonderful Cabbage was produced by cross fertilizing extra fine strains of Drumhead, Flat Dutch and large Drumhead Savoy, then by careful selection and saving for several years, a type was established entirely distinct, and, we believe in every respect superior to any other Cabbage in cultivation. It shows the Savoy blood by dark green color and slightly wavy leaves, though not crinkled. It possesses the largest size ever attained in Drumhead or Flat Dutch, and the superb quality of the Savoy. It has a short and VERY SMALL stem, consequently little waste from stem inside—much the least of any large Cabbage. It has but few surplus or scraggy leaves, neither is it necessary to waste half the head by peeling off a large quantity of leaves before reaching those of eatable quality. It is most remarkable in this respect, for after removing those immediately outside and exposed, you come to ivory white, crisp, tender and delicious leaves, as in the best Savoys. It is very solid and heavy, and of quick growth, and SURE TO HEAD. A year ago we saw a patch of 10,000 heads, and we could not find a failure in the lot, all plants that lived after setting produced a fine head. Per pkt., 15c.; oz., 40c.; lb., \$4.00.

Childs' Universal Pea.

The Finest of All.

This is the first new Pea we have ever introduced, as for many years there has been no room for a new sort of ordinary merits, for there are already too many of them. In Childs' Universal we have a new sort destined to become the universal garden favorite the world over. It was originated over ten years ago, since when it has been carefully selected and grown, until we now have what we believe is the most perfect Pea in cultivation. It combines a dwarf habit with fine quality and enormous productiveness, the three essential features, all in one sort. It can be styled a half-dwarf, not tall enough to require staking, yet branching freely and producing vine enough to give one of the largest crops any Pea can yield. The peas are of medium size, wrinkled and of exceedingly high flavor. It is medium early, and fine for a succession if sown at intervals of two weeks. For a standard garden sort it must take the lead, being superior to Champion of England inasmuch that it does not require staking. Per pkt., 15c.; pint, 50c.



PEA. CHILDS' UNIVERSAL.

Improved Ruby Sweet Corn.



THE Ruby Corn was first offered two or three years ago, but the strain was so unreliable, so little of it coming true, that it was never generally introduced. After several years of careful cultivation, we are pleased to be able to offer the IMPROVED RUBY, a strain which has been worked up to a high state of perfection, and is the finest Sweet Corn in cultivation, as well as a most beautiful and curious one. The stalks and husks instead of being green, are a dark claret red color, odd and

beautiful. The ears are of great size, compactly set with kernels which are of the clearest pearly white color, contrasting with the dark red husks most beautifully. It is very sweet and tender, and of the very finest quality; in fact it is the finest eating Corn we have ever seen. Its great beauty and delicious quality will be a surprise to all. Per pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 30c.

Musk-Melon.

Childs' Great Combination.

Great Combination is an appropriate name for a Melon which combines the largest size, superb quality, fragrance, late ripening and long keeping qualities. In size it will average twice as large as any other Musk-Melon we know, twenty to thirty pounds being its usual weight. It is very thick-meat, rich apricot yellow in color and highly fragrant. In quality it is very rich and delicious, being equaled only by Emerald Gem. It is the last of all Musk-Melons to ripen, and comes after all others have gone, which makes it a most important variety. Its keeping qualities are simply marvellous, for when carefully picked in September and stored in a cool place it is not unusual for it to keep a month in perfect condition. It has a splendid uniform shape, and its tremendous size makes it a giant among Melons. A most valuable novelty which will be greatly appreciated. Per pkt., 15c.



Golden Hybrid Sweet Corn.

This cross between the Sweet and Maine field varieties of Corn retains the general appearance of the former and the color of the latter, and combines the sweetness of the one with the richness of the other, producing a combination of flavor which lead many who have tried it to regard it as the finest table variety. Its beauty as well as its flavor recommends it to notice, the finest effect being produced by a dish made up of alternate ears of the Golden Hybrid, Ruby and Red Evergreen. Its season is very early, and it is a Corn which all will like. Per pkt., 10c.

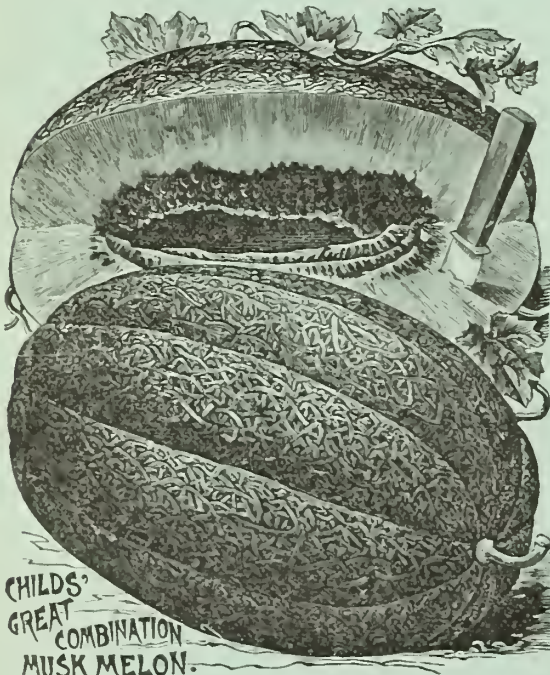


Gourd, Improved Nest Egg.

This strain of Nest Egg Gourd we believe to be as nearly pure as it is possible to get any Gourd. It is certainly the only stock of it we ever saw which was not so badly mixed as to be almost worthless. As this Gourd closely resembles, in color, shape and size, the eggs of hens, and do not crack, and are uninjured by cold or wet, they make the very best nest eggs. As the plant is a rapid-growing climber, it is very useful for covering screens, etc., being quite ornamental with the numerous white eggs hanging in all stages. Per pkt., 10c.

SPECIAL OFFER.

These 12 fine Vegetable Novelties (exclusive of Potato and Stachys) amount to \$1.65, but we will send the lot for only \$1.00, one packet of each.



CHILD'S
GREAT
COMBINATION
MUSK MELON.

GRAND

Specialties and Novelties in Plants and Bulbs.

UNDER this head we offer articles which, on account of their special merits or novelty we deem worthy of more than ordinary notice. The most special features of this department this year, to which we invite your careful attention are the Water Plants, Chrysanthemums, Mrs. J. Lewis Childs, Ipomœa Pandurata, Sanseveria, Butterfly Orchid, New Roses, etc. We offer special low rates on Spider Lily, Mary Washington Rose, Tropical Fruits, Gloxinias, some especially fine Shrubs, and many other rare flowers. Do not overlook the special offer of three Perpetual Blooming Plants (Manettia, Solanum and Abutilon,) for 50c. In fact, nearly everything in this department of Specialties and Novelties is offered at very low prices, especially when taken in quantity. We hope by these low rates to induce club orders. Any one, even a child, can, with little effort, sell in their neighborhood scores of such grand things as the Mary Washington Rose, Manettia Vine, Bryophyllum, Spider Lily, Mary Lemoine Gladiolus, etc.

A GREAT OFFER.—The following 3 plants, *Abutilon Leopard Eclipse*, *Manettia Bicolor* and *Solanum Grandiflorum*, are in every respect superb, and should be grown by every lover of flowers in the land. Each one is a perpetual bloomer, blooming all the time, both summer and winter. For only 50 cents we will send one plant each of the three. They will be good, healthy plants, and, in nearly every case, already budded or blooming when you receive them. This is the greatest offer of choice plants ever made.



Abutilon Eclipse.

Leopard Strain.

This is really one of the best of all pot plants. It will be hard in fact to find many which are fully as desirable in every respect. In the first place it is always in bloom. Every day in the year its fine light orange colored, bell-shaped blossoms can be seen. Add to this its lovely light green leaves, which are thickly spotted with yellow, making it one of the most beautiful foliage plants you ever saw, and its graceful, weeping habit, it makes a plant of peculiar value. For hanging baskets, pots, or vases it is superb, while in the garden, it is one of the best and most attractive blooming and foliage plants that can be had. It is easily propagated, and large beds of it make a splendid show. Here it has proved to be one of the most attractive plants of recent introduction. Plant our Leopard Strain of Abutilon Eclipse, and you will have a lovely plant which will be in bloom every day in the year. The plants we send out are already budded or blooming. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

MANETTIA VINE.

True Manettia Bicolor.

This is the most beautiful and desirable of all vines, as it can be grown either in the house or garden, and is full of bloom every day in the year. In the house it can be trained all around a window, and it will be a solid wreath of bloom both summer and winter. In the open ground during summer, it will grow ten feet, branching freely, and covering a large space of trellis, arbor or wall, showing at all times thousands of its bright blossoms. The flowers are $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches long, and of the most intense fiery scarlet, shading off into a bright yellow tip; they are also covered with a scarlet moss or hairy substance, which adds much to their beauty, and each flower keeps perfect for weeks before falling. No plant is easier to grow, and it commences to bloom at once from the smallest cuttings, and continues to bloom most profusely at all times. There is not a day during its life that it is without flowers, if it has any sort of decent care. It being quite unknown and of such striking beauty, either for screens, baskets, vases, windows, trellises, stumps, etc., that it attracts the admiration of every eye. For nearly two years we have had one specimen plant trained up in our

greenhouse, and it has been more admired than any other plant we possess. It has had one of the largest sales ever known for a new plant, we having last year sold about 70,000, and refused orders for 12,000 to 15,000 more after our stock was exhausted. We have reason to believe that many people are offering the old MANETTIA CORDIFOLIA as MANETTIA BICOLOR. Cordifolia is very good in its way, but it blooms only two or three months in the year, while our Manettia Bicolor blooms all the time. Order direct from us and get the true MANETTIA BICOLOR. Our stock is large enough this year so that we can supply, all through the season, STRONG, HEALTHY PLANTS ALREADY BUDDED AND BLOOMING, at 25c. each, 5 for \$1.00.

Mrs. H. P. Hawk, Cleveland, Tenn., says: The package of seeds and plants arrived in excellent condition. The Manettia Vine is a perfect little beauty.

Mrs. George V. Rahl, Grafton, W. Va., says: The package of Manettia Vines was received, and all the club are very much pleased with them.

Rev. J. W. Stone, Richmond, Ind., says: The plants of Manettia Vine by mail were received yesterday in good order, and promise the highest satisfaction.

Rev. T. R. Holcomb, Fullerton, Cal., says: Box of plants have reached here all O. K. The Manettia Vine is especially very fine.

Solon A. Adams, Secretary Sub-Tropical Exposition, Jacksonville, Fla., says: Plant of Manettia Vine received in good condition. It is very pretty.

Manettia Cordifolia.

This is an old plant, though rarely seen. It differs from Bicolor in all respects. The vine is of a more slender growth, the flowers longer and of a crimson color, and lacking the yellow tip and scarlet hairs of Bicolor. It blooms only during late summer and fall. It makes a fine growth during summer, and in August and September the vines are loaded with a great profusion of bloom, during which time it is exceedingly showy. It is worthy of a position in every garden. It is the plant generally sold as Manettia Vine, but it is not the true one. The true, everblooming Manettia Vine is M. Bicolor. We can supply fine plants of Manettia Cordifolia at 15c. each; 4 for 50c. Remember that the price of Manettia Bicolor is 25c. each.





**Solanum
Jasminoides
Grandiflora.**

A most beautiful new plant, which inclines to a trailing or climbing habit, but never attains a greater height than 3 to 5 feet, and can be pinched back to a bush form. Its flowers are star-shaped, like a clematis, and borne in enormous panicles or clusters often a foot across. In color they are pure white with a violet tinge on back of petals, and on the buds. In pots it is a fine bloomer, both summer and winter; but its grandeur for out-door culture when trained against a wall or trellis, and showing hundreds of these magnificent panicles of bloom, cannot be described. It is a free and constant bloomer, commencing when only a foot high, and like the Manettia, its flowers keep perfect a long time before fading. No more beautiful object can be seen than these two vines growing side by side, and mingling their profusion of bloom. Strong plants, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

The 3 foregoing plants are the greatest and best perpetual bloomers. For only 50c. we will send one of each.

**Syringa
Japonica.**

The new Japanese Tree Lilac. We are fortunate in having to offer at a low price a few thousand seedling trees of this rare Japanese Tree Lilac. The first specimens that ever bloomed in this country are growing in Boston. It forms a large tree twenty-five or more feet in height, and branching like a Maple. In June it produces enormous racemes of white flowers exactly like a Lilac in all respects except their enormous size, the clusters of bloom being never less than two feet in length. One can easily imagine the grand effect produced by such a tree in bloom. It is perfectly hardy in all localities. 30c. each; four for \$1.00.



Chrysanthemum
"MRS. J. LEWIS CHILDS".



AFTER three years of critical test we are pleased to be able to offer this superb new Chrysanthemum of our own raising as the *finest white variety that has yet been offered*. It is a strong vigorous grower, so much so in fact that plants lifted from the open ground in September and taken inside produce as fine flowers as most sorts will by careful pot culture all summer. The flowers are of enormous size, of the incurved Japanese type, nearly as round as a ball and as white as snow, sometimes with a shadowy tinge of blush. The flowers are borne the entire length of the long branches, are of great substance and unsurpassed beauty. It is a late bloomer, even later than Christmas Eve, and the flowers last a long time. Though this is one of the most valuable Chrysanthemums ever sent out, we take pleasure in offering it at an extremely low price. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.

Cardinal Sunshade—Another valuable new Chrysanthemum, of our production. The flowers are single, formed of long quilled petals, flattened at the ends, and of a deep dark cardinal color. The flower is the largest of all Chrysanthemums, being often a foot across. It is the finest single variety, and one of the very finest Chrysanthemums in cultivation. 25c. each, 5 for \$1.00.



Sansevieria Zealanica

A New Decorative Plant of Great Beauty and Value.

A beautiful plant, splendidly adapted for the decoration of drawing-rooms and halls, as it stands drought and dust with impunity, and requires scarcely any water. The leaves, as shown in cut, grow to a length of three to four feet, and are beautifully striped crosswise, with broad white variegations on a dark green ground. It is a rare and beautiful plant which should be abundantly grown for positions out of the reach of sunlight, where other plants will not thrive. When you consider that it can be placed in any position in any room and do well, its great usefulness is at once apparent. It has a singular beauty for decorative purposes which other plants do not possess, and is useful both winter and summer. Though grown mainly for the beauty of its foliage, it is by no means an insignificant flowering plant. It blooms usually during May and June, sending up great plume-like spikes a foot or more in length. The flowers are numerous and composed of long narrow petals, which recurve gracefully, and are of a creamy white color. It is difficult to find a more unique or ornamental plant than this, especially when it is in bloom. For vases or baskets it makes a fine center piece, and it grows splendidly out of doors during the summer months. Pieces of its leaves when set in sand like ordinary cuttings, will take root, and in due time sprout and grow. This is the way we propagate our stock, as plants thus produced will grow rapidly; much more so than those from root cuttings, or old plants divided up. Price of strong, healthy growing plants, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Acalypha Tricolor.

A foliage plant which we can hardly expect many to buy without seeing it, but when seen it is sure to be wanted. It has large leaves which are colored like the finest Autumn foliage. The colors are dark brownish red, light olive green and intense scarlet. Mixed, blotched and variegated in an irregular manner, exactly like the finest specimens of Autumn leaves. It is a grand ornamental plant. Give it a position in the hottest and most sunny spot you have on your veranda or lawn, and it will delight you. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



IPOMŒA PANDURATA.

THE HARDY, TUBEROUS-ROOTED MOONFLOWER.

THIS is one of the most important plants which we are this year bringing prominently before the public. Its great value will be apparent to all when we say that it is a most beautiful, rapid growing vine, producing a great mass of handsome and graceful foliage, and thousands of large white blossoms, larger and finer than the ordinary Moonflowers, and which keep perfect several days before fading. And further, that it produces great tuberous roots, something like a Dahlia, but much larger, which are perfectly hardy, living in the ground from year to year, and increasing in size and strength all the time. A large vine will have hundreds, and even as many as a thousand blossoms upon it at once. There is no doubt but that it will at once take the place of all large growing vines of the Ipomœa class, as it is so much more desirable than any others. It succeeds and grows finely in any soil or situation. Having an enormous stock, we offer large roots at the very low price of 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Mary Washington Rose.

It is an historic fact that a hundred years ago George Washington raised in his garden at Mount Vernon, a seedling Rose, which proved to be a hardy perpetual blooming climber, producing large, double snow white blossoms in great profusion, from June until frost. In this lovely Rose our first President took special delight, and named it after his mother, Mary Washington. All this is told us by the Mount Vernon (Washington's old home) guide-book. The original bush can yet be seen growing on the grounds where its world-famed master planted it, and is to-day protected and cared for by an incorporated association. It is a strange thing that this most valuable of all roses has stood a hundred years without even being propagated or finding its way to the public. Yet it is a fact that we are the first to offer as NEW, the OLDEST American Rose, the first and finest of its class, and raised and named by him who was "First in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." We have grown to be the greatest nation on earth, and we may well plant and cherish the Rose which our great Washington left us, as the truest and best emblem of our remembrance and appreciation of his greatness. We hope in time to see it trailing over the door or gateway of every home in the land, and it should bloom wherever a revolutionary hero reposes. Aside from the fact that this Rose was raised and named by George Washington, it is the most valuable sort that has been introduced for many years. A hardy, perpetual blooming climber has long been needed. Its flowers are large, pure white, perfectly double to the center, sweet, and borne in endless numbers all summer. It is a vigorous and rapid grower, and must at once become the most valuable Rose for out-door culture. Its buds are as beautiful as the finest Tea Roses, borne on long stems and usually in large clusters. One plant of the Mary Washington will produce more flowers than a dozen Tea Roses. Its fragrance is tinged with the old fashioned musky flavor so much admired in olden times. It will commence blooming immediately after planting and the smallest plant will produce hundreds, and even thousands of flowers the first summer. Our stock is genuine, the original cuttings having come from the bush at Mt. Vernon. Beware of spurious stock. Fine plants, for blooming this summer, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



PURE WHITE
PERPETUAL
BLOOMING
HARDY CLIMBER
"MARY WASHINGTON ROSE"

"NAMED
AND RAISED
BY
GEO. WASHINGTON"



Two Extraordinary New Roses.

We never offer a new Rose unless it possesses rare merits, something in fact which must stand alone by itself unlike any other sort. Last year our only Rose novelty was the Mary Washington, a sort with distinct characteristics and with many qualities superior to any other kind. It has proved to be the most desirable new sort ever introduced. This year we offer for the first, **KING OF SWEDEN**, and the recently introduced **VICK'S CAPRICE**, following with four other rare and meritorious sorts. We stake our reputation on these Roses; they are all standard.

King of Sweden (the Black Rose). This wonderful new Hybrid Perpetual Rose was raised in France, and is now first offered for sale, we having contracted for the stock of it. It is an extra strong, vigorous grower; flowers large and double, and of the darkest, velvety, crimson-black color yet seen in any rose. It is very sweet-scented and of perfect shape, and the richest colored sort yet introduced. Blooms when very small. Fine plants 75c. each.

Vick's Caprice (the Striped Rose). This is the best and in fact the only striped Rose of value. Its great beauty it is impossible to describe. It is a Hybrid Perpetual, commencing to bloom when very small, and producing flowers of enormous size, which are perfectly double to the center, and of perfect form. It is very fragrant and its color is a deep satiny pink with numerous wide stripes of pure white, making the most odd and unique Rose in cultivation. Strong plants 50c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER For \$1.00 we will send one each of these two grand new Roses.

Four New Everblooming Roses.

These four superb new Roses represent the four leading colors, red, pink, white and yellow, and are without doubt the finest roses of their class. They are all perpetual bloomers, large, double and fragrant.

Wootton, a remarkably brilliant magenta red, richly shaded at base of petals. It has the finest tea fragrance, and its petals are of great substance, thick and leathery. Of very large size, and perfectly double to the center. It is also a great bloomer and the very best Rose of its color. 25c. each.

Snowflake, a lovely tea rose with large waxy-white blossoms. It is a marvelous bloomer, as many as 143 buds and blossoms having been counted on a plant only nine months old. For a pot plant it cannot be excelled. 25c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER For only \$1.50 we will send the 6 grand new Roses offered on this page, and one Mary Washington, making in all 7 grand new sorts.

Duchess of Albany, a magnificent Hybrid Tea of great size and beauty. It is a sport from La France, and its color is the deepest shade of pink, with a satiny luster. Exceedingly fragrant and of perfect form. 25c. each.

Madame Hoste, Extra large double flower and superb bud; full and delightfully perfumed. Color, soft canary yellow, deepening at center to pure golden yellow, beautifully flushed with pale amber. Edge and reverse of petals rich creamy white. A truly grand rose. 25c. each.

One each of these 4 Everblooming Roses for 75c.

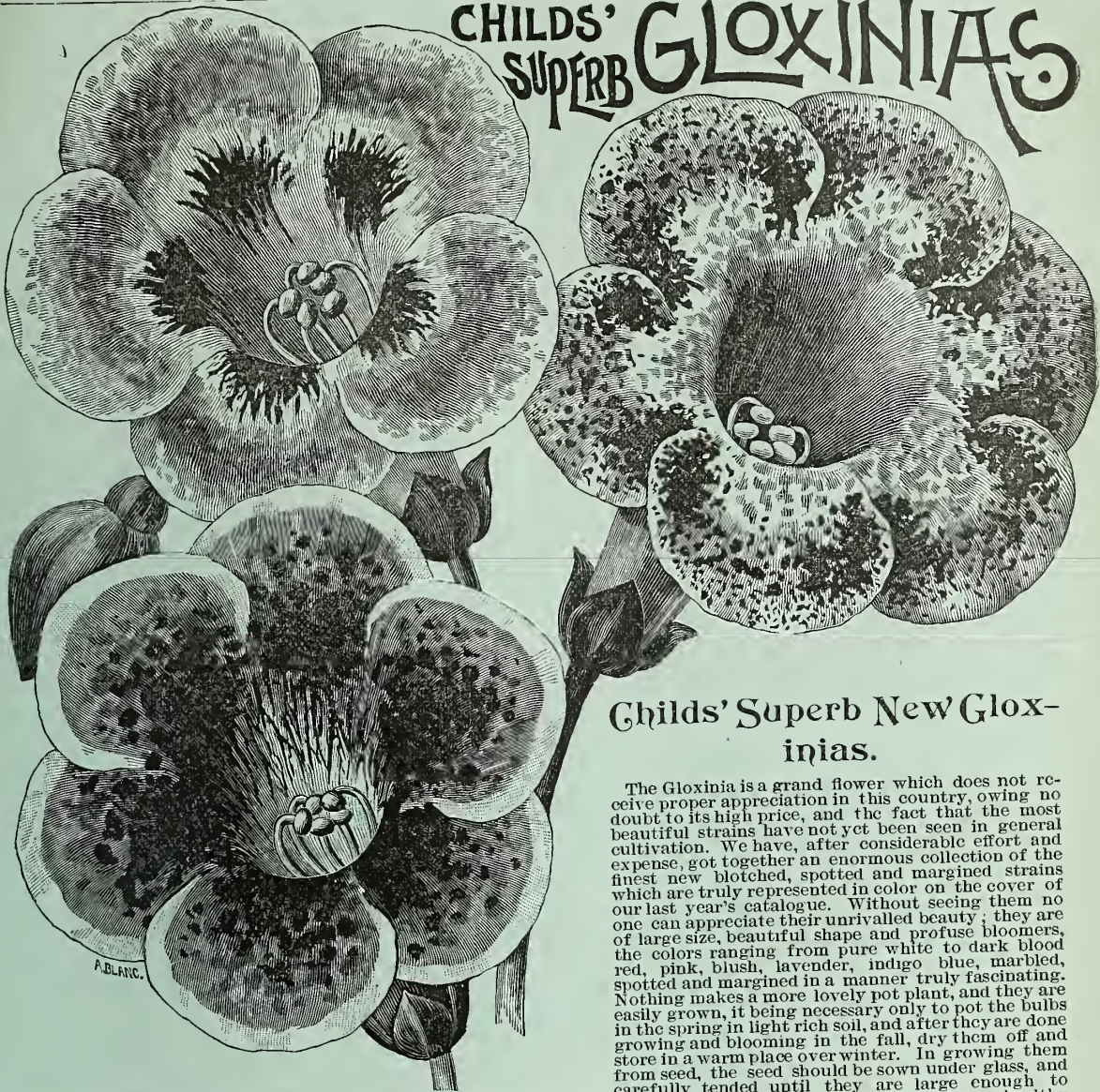
Lycchnis, Viscaris.

This is truly a magnificent plant, bearing large, double, brilliant crimson flowers, early in spring. Its flowers appear in clusters, borne on tall, graceful stems, and make a magnificent show. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Achyranthis Lindeni.

A superb bedding plant to grow with Coleus. It is of a dwarf, compact habit, branches very freely, and makes a splendid ornamental plant. Its leaves and stems are a dark wine red color, very rich and showy. 15c. each; 12 for \$1.00.

CHILDS' SUPERB GLOXINIAS



Childs' Superb New Gloxinias.

The Gloxinia is a grand flower which does not receive proper appreciation in this country, owing no doubt to its high price, and the fact that the most beautiful strains have not yet been seen in general cultivation. We have, after considerable effort and expense, got together an enormous collection of the finest new blotched, spotted and margined strains which are truly represented in color on the cover of our last year's catalogue. Without seeing them no one can appreciate their unrivalled beauty; they are of large size, beautiful shape and profuse bloomers, the colors ranging from pure white to dark blood red, pink, bluish, lavender, indigo blue, marbled, spotted and margined in a manner truly fascinating. Nothing makes a more lovely pot plant, and they are easily grown, it being necessary only to pot the bulbs in the spring in light rich soil, and after they are done growing and blooming in the fall, dry them off and store in a warm place over winter. In growing them from seed, the seed should be sown under glass, and carefully tended until they are large enough to the first summer, but in any event make large healthy

transplant. When started early and well cared for they often bloom bulbs, and it is a cheap way of getting a good lot of them.

Mrs. C. A. Fales, West Medway, Mass., writes, "I raised eighty-four Gloxinias from one packet of seed from you." Price of choicest select seed of all sorts mixed, 25c. per pkt.; five pkts. for \$1.00. Strong bulbs ready for immediate growth and bloom, 30c. each; four for \$1.00; twelve for \$2.50.

IMPROVED CYCLAMEN

Few pot plants are so desirable as Cyclamen Persicum and Giganteum, especially for winter blooming. Though they are universal favorites, they are not seen in general cultivation to the extent that they should be, considering their ease of culture, great beauty and long season of bloom. Bulbs commence blooming in the fall and continue in the greatest profusion till June, each flower keeping perfect a month before fading, and a good bulb will show at all times from 12 to 50 well developed blossoms. They are of the most delicately beautiful colors, ranging from dark red to white, delicate bluish and pink shades prevailing. Often the flower will be spotted and marked, or in other ways showing two distinct colors. The foliage is also very beautiful, being variegated with different shades of green, and helps to show off the flowers which rise above it to a remarkable degree. In fact, a plant in bloom looks like a tastefully arranged vase of flowers and foliage. Cyclamen are very easily raised, either from seed or bulbs. To get a good lot cheap it is better to sow seed. Spring is the best time to do this, using rich soil freely mixed with sand or coal ashes to make it light and porous. Transplant when large enough, but do not cover the little bulb with soil. Keep them growing in a cool, shady place over summer, and by winter they will commence blooming. After blooming all winter bulbs should be allowed to rest over summer in a dry state like Callas.

Persicum, we offer an improved strain of this, which is very fine. Seed 20c. per pkt. Strong growing bulbs, 20c. each, \$2.00 per dozen. All colors mixed.

Giganteum, a new large flowering form of Persicum, which is very scarce and truly magnificent. Seed 40c. per pkt., strong plants 50c. each.



Oxalis Ortgiesi.

Few new plants will give better satisfaction than this, as it is a perpetual bloomer in every sense of the word. It is in full bloom every day in the year, when grown in a pot of good soil and with ordinary care. It grows as freely as a geranium in any situation. It is a shrubby plant like a geranium or fuchsia without bulbs, in which respect it differs from other Oxalis. It grows 12 to 18 inches in height, branching freely and loaded at all times with clusters of bright golden star-shaped flowers, which do not close at night like other Oxalis. Beautiful as the flowers are it is still a splendid plant without them, on account of its highly ornamental foliage. The leaves are three lobed, dark olive green above, and a beautiful shining metallic crimson purple underneath, with wine-colored stems. This makes it a truly novel plant, as well as a very beautiful one, and it is surprising to see what attention it will attract. No one can tell what it is, and least of all would any one suspect it was an Oxalis. Remember that this plant is perpetually in bloom, and that its combination of lovely flowers and beautiful foliage are the strongest reasons it is possible to have why every one should possess it. The plants we send out will probably be in bud and bloom when they are received; if not they will commence growing and blooming immediately. 30c. each; four for \$1.00.

New Japanese Spireas.

These three lovely Hardy Flowering Shrubs are of quite recent introduction from Japan, and very few of them are, as yet, seen in cultivation. Those who see them for the first time will be astonished at their great beauty. For beauty and general usefulness as hardy flowering shrubs, nothing except Hydrangea Paniculata will give so great satisfaction. Not only are their flowers so extra fine, but they continue in bloom from June until October, a much longer period than any other shrub. It is impossible to describe their beauty. The flowers appear in large feathery panicles and in such numbers as to completely robe the plant, which is of a low bushy habit, in a mass of delicate color, and thus it stands, a huge bouquet of fascinating beauty—try them, friends—they will so delight you. We have made the price very low, and will send you plants that will bloom the coming summer.

Price, 20c. each; the 3 for 50c.

Bumalda—Dwarf compact habit, covered during mid-summer and autumn with a mass of lovely bright rose colored flowers. A shrub of unsurpassed beauty.

Fortunei Rosea—A free and upright grower, of medium size, with large panicles of flowers which completely cover the bush all summer. Color, light pink, delicate and handsome.

Fortunei Alba—Exactly like the above except being in color pure snow white. A magnificent shrub.



Callas.

Ethiopia—The common Calla, of which we have some magnificent large bulbs in the best condition for winter blooming. 25c.

Compacta—A new dwarf, compact form which does not grow very high, but produces large-sized flowers in great number all the year round, for it blooms as freely in summer as it does in the winter. As it is not such a tall grower, it makes a much better pot plant than the old Calla. Extra fine, 75c.

Spotted Callia—For full description see page 89. 20c. each.



Zamia.

A rare and beautiful Palm, producing a short stump or bulb much the shape of a turnip. From the top of this stump long graceful dark green leaves shoot out to the length of two or three feet. It is a superb thing for window or mantel decoration, as it will grow freely without sunlight. Its great beauty makes it very valuable and much sought after, and good specimens often sell at city florists stores for \$10 to \$20 each. We have never seen it offered in Europe less than \$4 each. We have been fortunate enough to secure a very large stock of beautiful young bulbs which we can offer remarkably low, much lower, it is safe to say than you will ever again be able to buy it. It is one of the rarest and most beautiful plants any one can add to their collection. 30c. each, 4 for \$1.

Butterfly Orchid.

One of the special features of our business is to accumulate an enormous stock of some especially good new thing, that we may be enabled to offer it to our customers at a great bargain—far below the usual cost. This splendid Orchid is one of these special offers. Every one knows the beauty and value of a good Orchid, but on account of the extravagant price few people are able to possess one. Here is an opportunity of getting one of the best and easiest-growing sorts for only 30 cents. All that is necessary to grow it successfully is to secure the plant and a little moss bunched around the roots, to a piece of board or bark and suspend it in a window or conservatory. Keep the moss wet and the plant free from dust and you will have a unique and beautiful object. It blooms freely, producing large panicles of gay flowers which keep perfect a long time. The flowers are composed of several colors which are delicate and butterfly-like. Strong plants of blooming size, 30c. each; $\frac{1}{2}$ for \$1.00.



Lily of the Valley.

For Winter or Spring blooming.

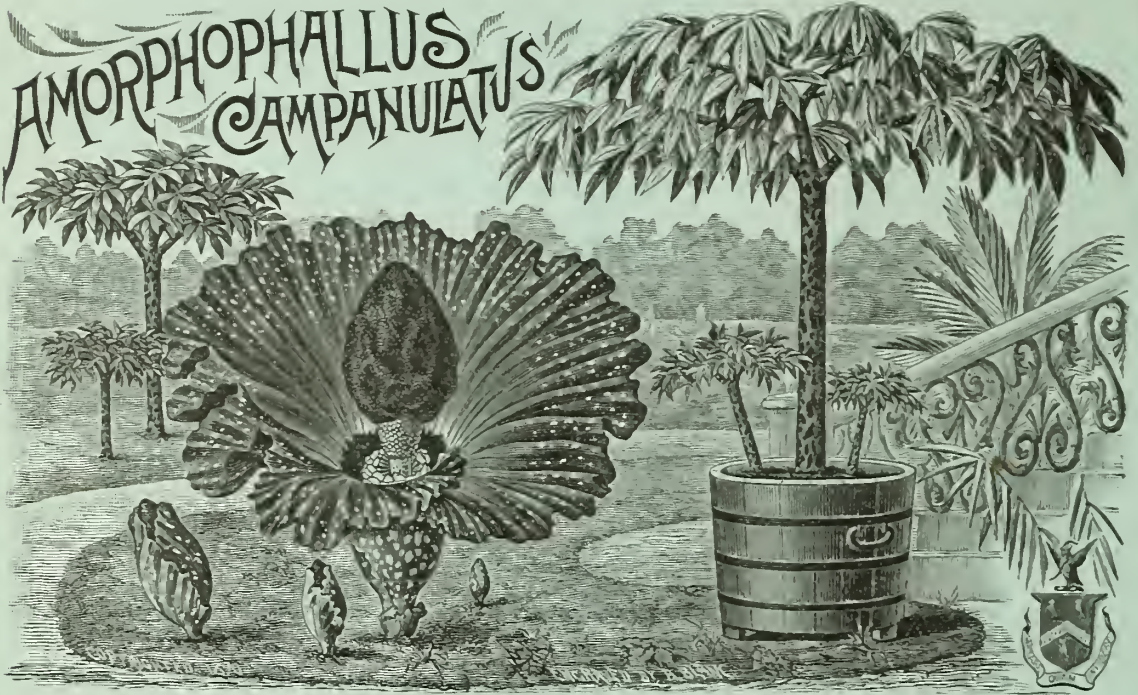
Here we offer strong imported pips of this lovely flower which have been grown especially for winter blooming. They can be potted six in a 4-inch pot, and placed in a cool place until needed for blooming, then bring them out to the light and warmth and give plenty of water. They will at once send up their beautiful green leaves and sprays of lovely white, sweet scented blossoms. 40c. per dozen.



Gladiolus Marie Lemoine

We have now got together an enormous stock of this lovely Gladiolus, and can offer it at a price which will place it in the hands of every lover of rare and beautiful flowers. It blooms several weeks earlier than other Gladiolus and continues for a long time; as it branches, thus producing 3 or 4 spikes of bloom. Its color is a most delicate and beautiful canary yellow, suffused with pink, and showing large crimson blotches. Flower large and well open, and beautiful beyond description. It is a center of attraction wherever it is seen. The bulbs are perfectly hardy and can be left in the open ground all winter, or they may be lifted in autumn and kept in a cellar like other Gladiolus. It is a gem of the greatest beauty. Large flowering bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.





Amorphophallus Campanulatus.

(Stanley's Wash Tub.)

A Great African Wonder. Flowers the Size of a Tub.

This, the largest flower the world has ever seen, has bloomed a few times in Europe, and created the greatest sensation ever known among flowers. It is fully illustrated and described in the London Gardener's Chronicle of June 16, 1890. We have, at great expense, secured from Africa 15,000 fine bulbs of it. The bulbs grow to the enormous weight of 8 or 10 pounds each, though they bloom when only weighing a pound or less. Planted in the spring, either in tubs or the open ground, they bloom soon (before the leaves start), sending up flowers which when expanded are two to four feet across, the size of a wash tub, and which are a curious mixture of color, red, brown and black (or purple), thickly spotted with pure white and pink. The flower is followed by a large spotted stem which rises to the height of three or four feet, and unfolds at the top an umbrell of beautiful, palm-like foliage which spreads out several feet like an umbrella. It is the greatest wonder among flowers which the world has ever seen. A leading paper truly says of it, "The flower is certainly one of the most extraordinary in the whole world. The one recently in bloom at Kew, measured four and one-half feet and strikingly handsome." It is of the easiest culture, being simply a summer-flowering bulb, requiring exactly the same treatment as a Gladiolus. It is the most wonderful flower in the world and the most desirable one to possess. We are the only ones having a large stock of it for sale. It has been given the popular though absurd name of Stanley's Wash Tub. Fine bulbs \$1.25 each. 5 for \$5.00.

Doryanthes Excelsa.

We have secured from Australia a limited number of this gigantic member of the Amaryllis family. It sends up a flower stem from eight feet to sixteen feet high, on the top of which is borne a great cluster of large, scarlet, lily-like flowers. It has the general habit of an Amaryllis in foliage and growth, but is, of course, gigantic in proportions. Few are found in cultivation, and those who have room for it can procure nothing more rare and novel. In the Southern and Pacific States it is hardy and can be grown in the open ground. \$5.00 each.

Cletra Alnifolia.

A low growing shrub, with dense, pale green foliage, covered with spikes of delightfully fragrant white flowers, pro-

duced from July to October, when flowers are of such value. A hedge of it fully equals the wonderful Jessamine hedges of the South, both in beauty and charming fragrance. A most valuable shrub indeed, and should be included in all collections. As a honey producer it is not excelled by any plant or shrub. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



New Hardy Carnations.



These were offered in 1889 for the first time, and rank with the most valuable new things we ever introduced. Their characteristics are hardiness, great size and profusion of bloom, and exquisite colors and markings. Planted out of doors in the spring, they use the summer to good advantage, by making a strong, bushy growth. They stand the snow and ice and blizzards of winter in the open ground, and are ready when spring comes to throw up their scores of

strong flower stems, and for a period of two months or more give such a profusion of glorious bloom as one never dreamed of. Another way of treating them is to grow them in pots, or pot them in the fall from the open ground, and set them in a cellar or pit until February or March, and then bring them up to bloom in the window or conservatory, and such blooms as they will produce! I venture to say that there is hardly a flowering plant in cultivation that will equal them. Their enormous flowers of perfect shape are of the most brilliant and delicate colors—colors, markings and variegations never seen in other Carnations, and their flowers are produced in endless number. We offer both plants and seeds. Price 20c. each; the 6 for \$1.00.

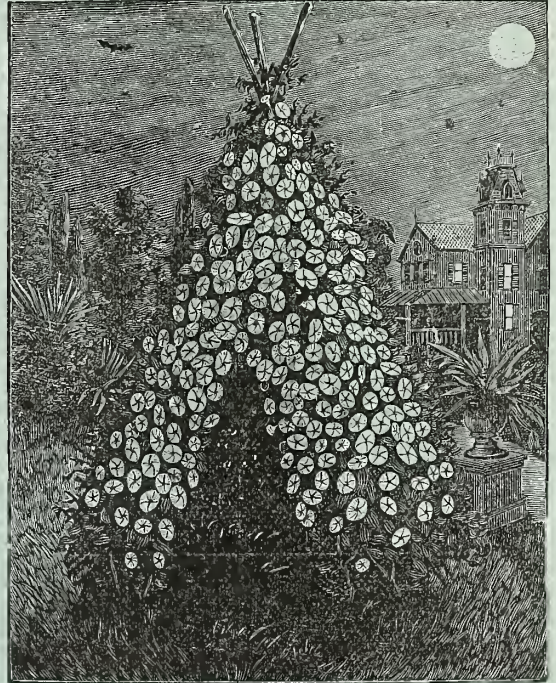
- Massachusetts**, delicate blush, spotted and flaked bright violet crimson.
- Illinois**, dark rose, finely flaked and specked with dark crimson velvet; extra large and perfect flower.
- Iowa**, buff, flaked and striped scarlet and violet.
- Texas**, enormous size, very double, bright magenta red.
- Michigan**, blush striped with bright rose and violet blue; a very free bloomer and extra fine.
- Kansas**, shining silvery white, flaked and striped bright magenta purple.

SEED. These charming Carnations are as easily raised from seed as a Dianthus, and the most of them will be large and double and of magnificent colors. From every packet of seed several plants can be grown which will be fully as desirable as the above named sorts. Price, packet of 25 seeds, 25c.



Perennial Poppy, Fire Brand.

I wonder how many lovers of flowers ever saw a large Perennial or Oriental Poppy in bloom. Those who have, I am sure would never be satisfied until they possessed one. For a brilliant, striking effect, something which will be singled out by every eye, this new sort, Fire Brand, has no superior among flowers. Its blossoms are borne on tall graceful stems, are as large as a saucer, and of the brightest fire scarlet, with a black center. The plant is perfectly hardy, and blooms profusely early every summer. It is one of the most showy flowers it is possible to have, and will delight every one with its great flaming blossoms. Fine plants 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



A WIGWAG OF MOONFLOWERS AT FLORAL PARK.

Moonflowers.

- Ipomoea Noctiflora***, (Common Moonflower, or Evening Glory), flowers pure white, four to five inches in diameter. Very rapid grower and free bloomer. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen. Seed 10c. per pkt.
 - Ipomoea Childsii***, (the Giant Moonflower), this is entirely distinct from all others, having flowers and foliage twice the size, and twice as strong and rapid in growth. Flowers pure white, with very long tubes, and expanding to the width of eight inches. We have measured leaves that were 8½x11 inches. Its rapidity of growth is marvelous. Judging from our vines, we feel justified in saying that a strong shoot, with nothing to retard it, will grow one hundred feet in thirty days. The effect of this plant covering a tree or building with its luxuriant foliage and gigantic flowers is charming. It grows very finely and quickly from seed. Of this variety we cannot offer plants, only seed at 20c. per pkt.
 - Ipomoea Leareii***, (the Blue Moonflower), this is a grand companion for the white variety. It is similar in all respects, except the color, which is a lovely satiu blue with crimson bars. When grown with the white one the contrast is striking, and the effect grand. 20c. each. Seed, 15c. per pkt.
 - Ipomoea Mexicana***, (the Satin or Tuberous-Rooted Moonflower), this is unlike all the others, as it blooms during the day time, and has a strong tuberous root like a Dahlia, which can be wintered in a cellar. Its leaves are also beautifully divided. The flowers are of a violet-crimson color, and look like a piece of rich satin. It is very rapid in growth, the tubers giving it an early and strong start, which makes its season of usefulness the longest of any climber of its class. Fine tuberous plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
- SPECIAL OFFER.**—For only 50c. we will send one plant each of *Noctiflora*, *Leareii* and *Mexicana*, and a packet of seed of *Childsii*.

Otaheite Orange.

A grand pot plant, and one of great beauty and novelty. It is a dwarf orange, which grows, blooms and fruits freely in pots, even when only a foot or two high. The fruit is about one-half the size of ordinary oranges, and very sweet and delicious. The blossoms are produced in great abundance, delicate and beautiful in color, and rich in delicious perfume. As a pot plant this lovely dwarf orange is one of the most novel and beautiful that can be grown. It blooms most freely during winter, though it is likely to bloom at any and all times of year. With one or two pots of it any one can raise an abundance of the far-famed, delicate and fragrant orange blossoms. The plants we supply are strong and ready to bloom and fruit at once. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



OTAHEITE ORANGE

ORANGE BLOSSOMS



Rochea Falcata.

A plant of great beauty. It grows one to two feet in height with silver green foliage, and enormous panicles of bloom as seen in cut. These bunches of flowers are frequently six to eight inches in diameter, and of the most intense orange scarlet color. When in bloom it is one of the most showy plants ever seen. It is of easy culture, thriving with any treatment suitable to Geraniums or other common house plants. Fine plants, 50c. each.

Mountain Fleece.

(POLYGONUM OXYPHYLLUM.)

Our beautiful large cut of this superb flower we are unable to show on account of space. It is a hardy perennial which succeeds anywhere, and is a new flower which has come to stay. It is a very late bloomer, flowering with the Chrysanthemum in September and October. Its flowers are produced in great feathery sprays or plumes, and are pure white, exceedingly graceful and pretty, and unsurpassed for all sorts of floral work. Nothing works up so finely with other flowers, or adds to the beauty of a bouquet, vase or basket as this. An article with a fine illustration of this charming flower appears in the January 1891 number of *The Mayflower*. Fine plants which will bloom magnificently the coming fall, 50c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Chrysanthemum, Kiota.

This sort was accidentally omitted from our general list of Chrysanthemums. It is one of the very finest of all. Flowers of great size, compact, and as round as a ball, and of the deepest golden color. A most pleasing variety. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

The Trifoliate Orange.

(CITRUS TRIFOLIATA.) A NEW HARDY...

This is the most hardy of the Orange... and our northern climate with little or no protection, and is also desirable for pot culture. In the parks of New York and Philadelphia it is growing luxuriantly, blooming and fruiting profusely. Think of it friends, you can have an Orange tree growing, blooming and fruiting on your lawn or yard. It is dwarf, of a low, symmetrical growth, with beautiful trifoliate, glossy green leaves, and abundance of large, white, sweet-scented blossoms. The fruit is small, bright orange-red in color, having a peculiar flavor. The fine appearance of the plant, with its constant habit of blooming, and showy fruit, combine to make a plant of peculiar value and beauty. It is a conspicuous and attractive object in any shrubbery or pleasure ground, pot or tub. Here at Floral Park it is growing magnificently in the open ground, and it is best suited for open ground culture, as it is deciduous and drops its leaves in the Fall, and cannot be induced to make much growth in Winter, even in a greenhouse, though it will not drop its leaves if kept from the frost. It blooms very profusely in Spring and early Summer, but after the fruit begins to form blossoms are not plentiful. The fragrance produced by a tree in bloom can be appreciated only by those who are familiar with the delicious perfume of the Orange blossom. One year old trees, 20c. each; 6 for \$1. Two year old, 35c. each.



XEROPHYLLUM ASPHODELOIDES.

Xerophyllum Asphodeloides.
(TURKEY'S BEARD.)

A plant of much beauty, and one which should be generally grown. It delights in a rather moist soil, and produces a tuft of long grass-like foliage which is evergreen and very pretty. It blooms in June, throwing up a tall spike which is capped by a raceme of lovely creamy white blooms. The *London Garden* of June 24th says: "Two splendid masses of Xerophyllum were exhibited by Lord Walsingham of Morton Hall, at the recent Royal Botanic Show, and were the prettiest things there among hardy plants. It is like an Asphodel in habit and very beautiful when forming a tuft of grassy leaves, from which rises up a stem 1 to 3 feet high terminated by a dense raceme of creamy white flowers." It is perfectly hardy, and flowers freely every year. Fine plants 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



TILLANDSIA UTRICULATA, OR PINE APPLE AIR PLANT.

Tillandsia Utriculata, or Pine Apple Air Plant.

In this we have a most ornamental and unique hanging plant. Unlike other plants, it requires neither soil nor fertilizer, its roots serving only to fasten itself to the branches of trees, while it derives all its nourishment from the air. Secure the plants to a forked stick, piece of bark, wire frame, bunch of moss, or anything of the sort, and suspend them in a window, and they make one of the most attractive objects that can be had. The leaves are very beautiful grayish green, long and pointed, and curve and droop most gracefully. It is of the easiest growth, and will thrive in any window, requiring only a good sprinkling of water once or twice a week. When a plant attains a good size it will bloom, producing a large forked panicle as seen in the cut. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Pleroma Splendens.

This is a new plant which flowers at all times of the year, and is especially valuable for winter decoration. Wherever it has been grown it has given the greatest satisfaction, and one hears nothing but praise said of it. We have had it several years, and now offer it for the first time. Its blossoms are borne freely, and are very large and showy, of a rich purple blue color. A plant is never too small to bloom, and will in time grow to be several feet tall and branch freely. They are desirable either as pot plants for summer and winter bloom or for bedding out during summer like a Lantana or Heliotrope. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Thrift.

This is a splendid hardy perennial plant, forming compact tufts of narrow green foliage, which makes it particularly valuable for edging. The flowers are a clear bright pink, and borne in clusters on tall stems. It blooms all summer long, and is a very pretty, desirable and useful flower. It increases rapidly by division. Plant a good lot of it for borders. You can have nothing better. 10c. each, 15 for \$1.00.



If you wish to learn much concerning the care of plants and flowers, subscribe for the "MAYFLOWER." See first page.



Bryophyllum Calycinum.

A most curious and beautiful succulent plant, with thick, heavy leaves which, if cut and laid on moist soil or sand, little plants will grow from the notches all around them. They grow very quickly to a considerable size and make a healthy and beautiful looking plant. When in bloom it presents successively two distinct aspects, first, when the calyx develops itself—membranous, inflated, smooth as silk, cylindrical, round at either end, of a pea-green color streaked with red, increasing in size until it becomes two inches in length; and afterwards, when the corolla-tube, which is five cleft, and of a dull red color, breaks through and protrudes an inch beyond the toothed limb of the calyx. In a neighboring greenhouse, a plant three years old from the leaf bud is now producing over three hundred flowers. The blooming stalks are about three feet in height. The flowers, borne upon slight pedicels, droop directly downwards, and are swayed by every breath of air like so many suspended Chinese lanterns. In panicles, three hundred or more of these form a singular display. The cut given here hardly does justice to the beauty of its foliage, although it is a very fair representation of the bloom. It is impossible to describe the lovely tint of the leaves, which are also very prettily scalloped. If the Bryophyllum never produced its panicles of graceful drooping bloom, it would still be worthy of culture for the beauty of its foliage and its fine shape or form or growth. As it is a free-growing plant and of sturdy, upright habit, the stem inclining to be shrub-like with age, it may be easily grown in the form of a miniature tree, thus rendering it a fine addition or ornament to the greenhouse, window garden or conservatory. It blooms during winter. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Spider Lily (Paneratum Carribbaeum.)

A bulb of easiest culture, which freely produces clusters of large white flowers of delightful fragrance. They may be grown in pots, in good rich soil, and will bloom well in the house or conservatory. When planted out in summer they must be taken up in the fall, potted, and little or no water given until the next season, when the bulb will have increased in size, and will bloom more abundantly. It is indeed a curious and beautiful flower, and one which will delight all beholders. Too much cannot be said in favor of it. It is in every respect a lovely and charming flower. We have an enormous stock of it and offer large bulbs for immediate blooming at 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



SPIDER LILY.

Kleina Articulata:

This is an odd and desirable succulent plant. The stems are round and fleshy, and from one-half to one inch thick, and covered with a slight growth of small heart-shaped leaves. It is one of those odd and curious plants known to botanists, but which are very seldom seen in cultivation, but which are always novel and attractive. It blooms freely during winter and is very pretty. 25c. each.



Liatris Graminifolia.

A native, tuberous rooted plant, which blooms in September. It grows two to three feet in height, branching freely, but compactly. When the blooms appear they completely line all the branches from top to bottom, so that the whole plant is one dense mass of bloom. The flowers are tassel like and bluish purple in color. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.



Crinum Ornatum.

Probably no plant possessing so much grandeur as this is so little known. This is due to its great scarcity and high price, it being only recently that a bulb of it could be bought for less than \$25, and very few could be found even at that. It is the King of the Amaryllis tribe, and we all know that that means a pretty fine thing. It produces a large round bulb which grows to weigh as much as ten pounds. It rests in winter and grows and blooms in spring and summer. It can be treated as a pot plant, or grown in the garden as a summer flowering bulb. It is of the easiest culture and sure to succeed with any one. Its flowers are large and like a most beautiful lily, borne in enormous clusters at the top of stout scapes. Color soft, delicate blush, with a pink bar through the center of each petal, and very sweet scented. Whoever possesses Crinum Ornatum has a treasure seldom met with. Fine flowering bulbs, \$2 each.

Crinum Anabile—This is another very rare bulb, producing flowers of exquisite beauty. The bulbs grow to be two feet in length and very heavy; they send up a strong, tall flower scape, on which is borne an enormous bunch of flowers, which are composed of long narrow petals, dark shiny ebony crimson outside and bluish white inside. These colors are extremely rich and show to great effect both in the buds and flowers. The flowers when expanded are fully a foot across. It is a plant of rare grandeur. Large bulbs, \$2.50 each.

Sedum Pulchellum.

A fine decorative plant, and though not new it is almost unknown. The branches covered with a dense growth of foliage droop from a pot or basket most gracefully and are beautiful all the year round. In winter the plant blooms, showing fine clusters of golden flowers which are exceedingly pretty, and borne in the greatest profusion.

An extra fine plant which will please all. 20 cts. each; 3 for 50 cts.

Echeverias.

We have three varieties of this odd and beautiful plant, which are excellent either for bedding or for pot culture. At Floral Park, they can be seen bedded in great masses and are very effective. 15 cts. each; 3 for 30 cts.



SEDUM PULCHELLUM.



Floral Park Plums.

TO the many good new fruits which we have introduced we add, this year a strain of Seedling *Prunus Maritima*, which will be known as Floral Park Plums. It is a fruit of great hardiness and vigor, prolific and free from insect pests. The bushes attain a height of six feet though they fruit freely when less than two feet in height. The fruit is round, rather larger than a large grape, with a small, cherry-like pit. Color deep purplish red, and borne in the greatest abundance, the cut here shown being a true and average sample of a section of branch. The fruit is of fine flavor, never wormy, and fine to eat raw or cooked in any form. It makes the finest jelly of any fruit, while its yield is enormous, a few bushes giving bushels of fruit. It was never known to winter kill, and will thrive in any situation no matter how poor or exposed. Besides its value as a fruit, it is one of the most beautiful of all flowering shrubs, for early in the spring it is one solid mass of lovely white flowers which show to great effect. When in fruit it is also exceedingly ornamental, the great masses of luscious red plums looking very tempting. It bears freely in a year or two after planting, and is bound to be largely grown, 50c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Water Plants.

The time has now come when most cultivators of flowers must have a few water plants to gratify their taste for odd and beautiful plants and add to the beauty of their collection of floral treasures. We have for two years been preparing to supply some of the best of these on a large scale, and at a price which is so low as to bring these gems into general cultivation. We can now fill orders for the following, all of which can be easily grown in small tubs of water, or in pools, streams or ponds. Of course most people, for lack of other facilities, must grow them in pans or tubs of water, either in the window or out of doors. All these here offered are admirably adapted to that purpose and will bloom freely, requiring but little care and attention.



Nelumbium Speciosum—This is the grand and ancient Egyptian Lotus, a water lily of great size and surpassing beauty. It should be planted in rich mud, with one or two feet of water. It flowers the first season, its flower stems rising out of the water to the height of 4 or 6 feet, surmounted by a great double pink flower, which is a foot or more across. The beautiful rank leaves are often over two feet across. Either in ponds or tubs this plant is in bloom from July to Oct., and is an object of unsurpassed beauty. \$1.50 each, 4 for \$5. Ready in May.

Nelumbium Luteum—Exactly like *N. Speciosum*, except in the color of its flowers, which are a fine sulphur yellow and extremely beautiful. Of this sort we can only offer seed, but it will bloom the first summer, especially if started early. Large fresh seeds, 30c. per pkt. of 3.

Water Poppy (*Limncharis Humboldtii*)—A charming and easily cultivated plant, with small, oval leaves, and large, showy flowers of a bright lemon color, standing a few inches out of the water and produced freely all summer. Easily grown in a shallow tub or pan, and will prove a great attraction. 20c. each.

Nymphæa Zanzibarensis (Blue Water Lilly)—It is impossible to impress upon anyone the beauty of this grand blue African Water Lily, the flowers of which are a foot across. Its rapidity of growth and profusion of bloom is marvelous. The first of July a little tuber the size of a pea was planted in a tiny tub, and in less than one month it commenced blooming and every day since it has had from one to three flowers open, of enormous size and the loveliest shade of blue, with yellow stamens. The leaves are also very handsome, of a rich, shining green and covered with brown spots. It will grow and bloom profusely in a small tub of mud and water, but the more room it can have the larger it will be. Start the tubers in a small dish of mud and water and transplant to a larger vessel when necessary. This wonderful water lily has always sold at \$5 each, but we can offer first-class flowering roots at 75c. each.



Nymphæa Flava (Golden Water Lily)—This is like the common white pond lily, except its flowers are golden yellow and its leaves are beautifully variegated with brown. It is perfectly hardy and a free grower. It is very fragrant and succeeds admirably in tubs. It blooms all summer and can be wintered in a cellar. 50c. each.

Nymphæa Odorata Minor—A dwarf form of our common white pond lily, particularly well adapted to growing in tubs or small pools, where it will bloom freely all summer. 25c. each, \$2 per dozen.

The Water Hyacinth (*Eichhornia [Pontederia] crassipes major*)—One of the most remarkably curious and beautiful plants we have ever grown. Instead of growing in soil it floats in the water, which it is enabled to do by means of its curiously inflated leaf stalks, which resemble bladders, or balloons, filled with air. A large mass of feathery blue roots grow downward, their ends entering the soil. It forms a lovely rosette of its curious, shining green leaves, and throws up spikes of the most exquisite flowers imaginable, resembling, in form, a spike of Hyacinth bloom, but as beautiful as many of the choicest and most costly Orchids. Each flower is as large, or larger, than a silver dollar; color a beautiful, soft lilac rose, sparkling as if covered with diamond dust. The upper petal, which is the largest, has a large metallic blue blotch in the center, and in the center of that a small, deep, golden yellow spot. Can be grown in the open air in summer and in the window in winter, in anything which will hold water. The most beautiful effect is produced by using a glass vessel of some sort, with shells and white sand so arranged in the bottom as to conceal a small amount of soil. 30c. each, 4 for \$1.



SPECIAL OFFER.—For \$3 we will send these 7 rare water plants. The seed of *Nelumbium Luteum* will be sent when ordered, but most of the plants should not be sent until May 1st, and we shall book all full collections for shipping then.

RARE TROPICAL FRUITS.

It is with much pleasure that we are able to offer several rare Tropical fruits, especially adapted for pot culture in the window or conservatory, North, or for open ground culture in the Southern and Pacific States. Growing Rare Tropical Fruits opens up to the cultivator of plants an entirely new channel, and one that will afford interest and pleasure beyond conception. Our stock of everything offered is large and very fine, and we can recommend these varieties for pot culture. They will all succeed admirably.



Passiflora Edulis.

An elegant vine with charming flowers and large, luscious fruit. This grand plant is very rare and expensive, even in the tropics, but we have succeeded in propagating a large stock of it and can offer it at a very low price. It is a large, rapid growing vine, producing an abundance of lovely flowers, which are followed by fruit the size of a goose egg, and of a bright purple color when ripe. The fruit is very fragrant and delicious to the taste, cool and refreshing. It is a plant worthy of general culture, not alone for its fruit, but for its great abundance of lovely flowers. It sells usually at \$1 each, but we can supply strong, healthy plants at 25c. each, 5 for \$1.

PASSIFLORA EDULIS



**Melon Pear,
or Pepino.**

A grand tropical fruit which can be as easily grown as a tomato, either in the garden or in pots, and requires the same treatment. It is a fine plant, both in flower and fruit. It blooms freely soon after planting, and in three months the fruit will ripen and continue to ripen until checked by the frost. The fruit is the size of a goose egg, or even larger, and very much of the same shape. The color is lemon or pale orange, with streaks or waves of bright violet, the whole making a fruit unrivaled in beauty. The interior of the fruit is a solid pulp, similar to that of a pear, also of a pale yellow color, and of a taste much like a banana, only sweeter and very juicy, and which has besides a most charming acid. Plants bloom when small, but do not form fruit until quite strong. With us, small plants put out in June fruited in September, and grew to a large size. Price of fine plants for fruiting this summer, 25c. each; 6 for \$1.



FIGS.

Figs.

This delicious fruit can be grown even at the extreme North with assured success. When grown in pots or tubs they are safely wintered in any cellar, and grow and fruit very freely during summer in the open air. As far north as New York the Fig is hardy in the open ground, if planted in a sheltered situation and protected over winter. They usually bear some fruit the first summer after planting, and will give a good crop the second year, either in pots or the open ground. Nothing is more luscious than Figs used fresh from the trees, and when eaten with cream, like strawberries, form one of the most delicious dishes. For pickling, drying or preserving they are also very fine. Their large, luxurious leaves make them very attractive when growing, and, in anyone's possession, a Fig tree is an interesting object. In pots they should be pruned to a bushy habit, and not allowed to get too large for convenience or looks. Give them a rich, sandy soil if possible. We have a very fine variety particularly adapted to pot culture.

Mixed varieties, all fine sorts, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.

Brown Turkey—Large, oblong, dark brown; rich and delicious flavor; very productive, often bearing three crops in a season. A two-year old tree of this sort bore over two hundred fine Figs this season. 75c. each.

Guava, Cattleyi.



GUAVA.

climate of New York, with good protection. There are two varieties of this sort, the Yellow Fruited and Red Fruited. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

This is the most desirable of the Guava family, being of a dwarf habit and bearing heavily when very small. It is sure to fruit well by the time the plant is a year old. The foliage is evergreen, thick glossy green, and when the plant is loaded with fruit it is a striking and beautiful object. Fruit the size of small crab apples, and very delicious, and valuable for jellies. Plant a heavy bearer and perfectly adapted to pot culture, sure to succeed with any one, and can be wintered in a cellar, but if kept growing it will ripen its fruit the year round. In England this Guava is called hardy, and it will probably stand the



BANANA, CAVENDISHI.

Banana, Cavendishi.

The rarest and finest of all Bananas. It is a dwarf and particularly adapted to pot culture, growing but five to six feet, while its grand leaves are four to six feet long, and often two feet broad, of radiant green, mottled and spotted with red, looking as though they were spattered with blood. Fruit large, yellow, ripens very early; of the most delicious quality and borne in immense clusters, reaching to the ground. It is the finest ornamental plant that can be grown, *Musa Ensete* being very inferior beside it. It makes one of the grandest of specimen plants for bedding out during summer. Every lover of choice plants should possess one. Strong plants 75c. each.

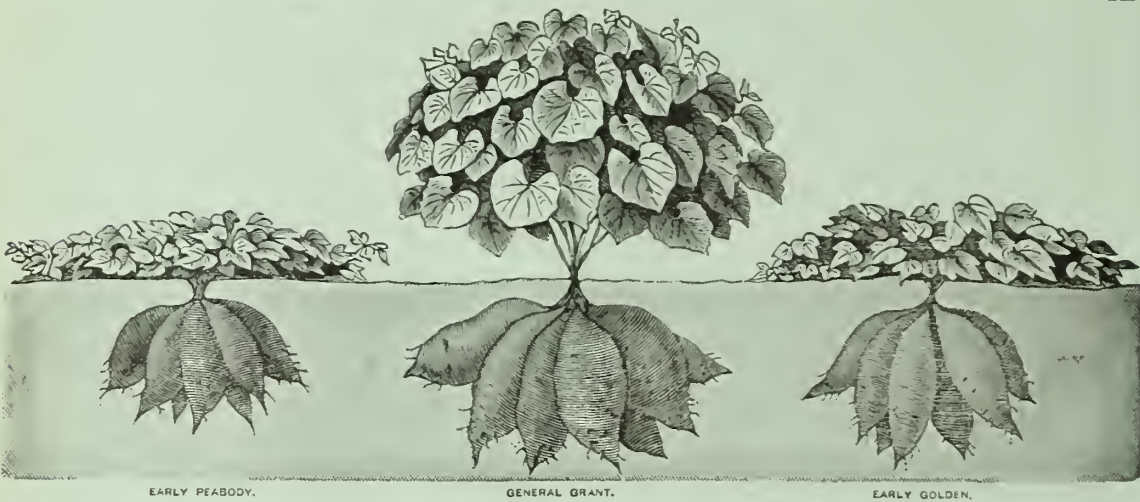


PINE APPLE, SUGAR LOAF.

Pine Apple, Sugar Loaf.

The Pine Apple succeeds well with pot culture and can be grown and fruited in a good window, conservatory or greenhouse, and is at all times a beautiful plant. This is the finest flavored of all Pine Apples and so dwarf that it grows and fruits in a five inch pot when but a year old. We have them now, which have not been potted a year and which are bearing fine fruit. It is a most beautiful and interesting plant to grow and one with which every one can succeed. We have fine plants, strong and well rooted. 60c. each; 3 for \$1.50.

SPECIAL OFFER.—For only \$2 we will send by mail, post-paid, one fine plant each of the 6 grand new Tropical Fruits, viz: Guava, Fig, Melon Pear, Banana, Passiflora and Pine Apple.



EARLY PEABODY.

GENERAL GRANT.

EARLY GOLDEN.

New Early Sweet Potatoes.

These four new Early Sweet Potatoes are indeed valuable Novelties. They ripen in ten weeks from the time of planting, and can be grown in any of our Northern States, or in Canada, as well as the ordinary Sweet Potato can be grown in the South. In quality they are much superior to the Southern article. With these varieties any family in the land can grow their own Sweet Potatoes, and have them in August, before the Southern ones are in market. Set the plants in hills, as you would ordinary potatoes, and any good soil will answer, though a light, sandy one is the best. Even if the soil is very sandy and poor they do exceedingly well. Plants should be put out during June, or any time up to July 10th.

All orders for these potatoes will be booked and the plants mailed at the proper season for planting, about June 1st. Those who wish them earlier should state the fact, and we will send them just when they are wanted. Of course they can be planted earlier South than North.

Early Golden—Very large tubers, smooth and light golden color. 50c. per dozen; \$3 per 100.

Early Peabody—Not quite so large as the Golden, but of extra fine flavor, dry and sweet, and of beautiful red color, odd and handsome. It is very early, often fit to cook the second week in August. 50c. per dozen; \$3 per 100.

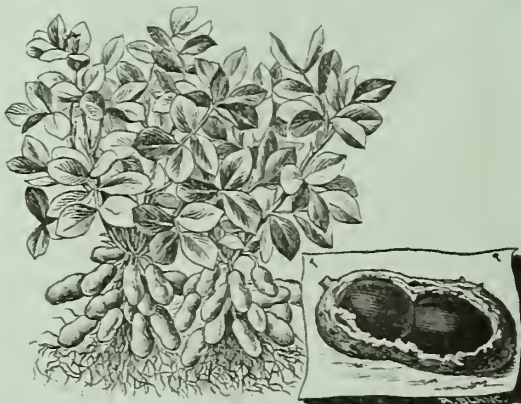
General Grant—This entirely new and distinct Sweet Potato, besides being a great novelty, is a very valuable sort. The vines do not run all over the ground like other sorts, but form a bush of very strong growth with distinctive shaped, dark green leaves. The tubers are of enormous size, grow deeply in the ground, and the quality is extremely fine. Color light gold with soft thin streaks of pink. The flesh when cooked, is a rich yellow, very dry and delicious. Three fine plants, 40c; 12 for \$1.

Chinese 30 Day—In one of our expeditions to China, we instructed our agent to secure some tubers of their best Sweet Potatoes, as we had often heard of their great merits. The result was, we secured a variety remarkable for its extreme earliness. With us, small plants set out the last days of June produced full grown fine tubers by the first of August, hence its name, "Thirty Days." The tubers are very large, fully a foot in length, and light pink in color. Its foliage is entirely distinct from any other sort, as when young the leaves are a purplish black color, but turn green with age. 3 plants, 40c; 12 for \$1.

Special Offer.—Thirty plants for \$1, as follows: 10 Early Golden, 10 Early Peabody, 5 Gen. Grant, and 5 Chinese Thirty Day, post-paid. This will give any family a good supply.

Peanut, Early Sweet.

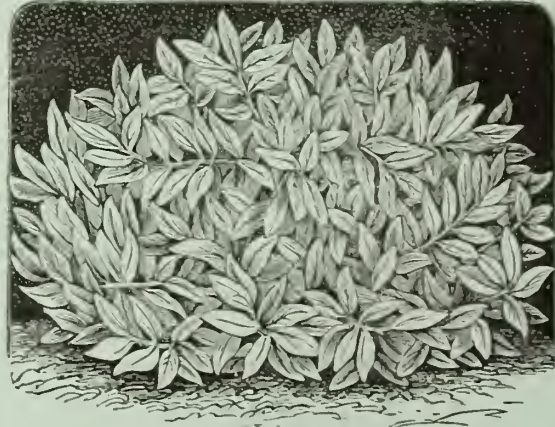
This most excellent Peanut is so early it can be grown in any State or in Canada. With us it ripens in August and produces a good crop. The nuts are small, very compact and heavy with thin shell, and of the sweetest and most delicious quality. Greatly superior to the larger and coarser ones. It makes but little top, and plants can stand 3 to 4 inches apart in drills. It is a most interesting plant to grow North, where peanut culture is unknown, and will prove a feature of particular interest to the children of the family. A light sandy soil is best adapted to its growth. Per packet, 10c; quart, 30c.



PEANUT, EARLY SWEET.

Mammoth Sage.

A single plant of this Sage will yield more than a dozen of the common. The leaves are of enormous size and superior quality, and the plant a compact, rank grower covering a space of more than three feet in diameter. It rarely flowers and never runs to seed and can be picked all the season. It is perfectly hardy in the coldest climate. Every person who has use for sage should plant this variety. Five plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c; 6 for 50c.



MAMMOTH SAGE.

NEW CANNAS.

CHILDSI.



AR OF 1891.



SUPERB FLOWERING CANNAS.

Few recent introductions have been so important as the new Flowering Cannas. Cannas have long been extensively grown for the beauty of their foliage, but now that we can add to this flowers of striking beauty and brilliancy, surpassing even the Gladiolus, it gives us a plant which is of the greatest value, either for single specimens or for bedding. Our new ones, **Childsi** and **Star of 1891** are the two finest sorts in cultivation, unlike any other, and beautiful beyond description.

Star of 1891 (The Everblooming Canna).

This year there has risen in the horizon of the floral world a Star which will shine brightly in all future years. A very dwarf Canna, which will show bloom every day in the year, its flowers being borne in great compact panicles often as large as a man's hat, and of the most intense fire scarlet color, rayed and bordered with pure gold, is a novelty of more beauty and value than has been seen for many years—an entirely new departure—a new garden flower and a new perpetual blooming pot plant of unsurpassed grandeur—in short, the **Star of 1891**.

HISTORY: The plant was raised from Cozy Prize Seed by a Mr. Catlin of Virginia. Its great novelty and beauty in habit of growth, large size, and brilliant color, and perpetual blooming habit, prompted him to send it to Mr. Wm. Falconer, the eminent and far-famed gardener of Mr. Dana, editor of the *New York Sun*, who tests all floral novelties from all parts of the world. Mr. F. grew it in a pot over winter, and its size, profusion and brilliancy of bloom eclipsed everything. He pronounced this Canna the greatest novelty of the times. Florists from all parts went to see it, and papers have published glowing accounts of its marvelous beauty, so that even before its introduction its fame is world-wide. We finally bought the entire stock of it, only a few plants, for \$800, and it is now first offered for sale. It is very dwarf, not exceeding 2 or 3 feet in the open ground, and still less in pots. Its flowers are very large, 4 to 5 inches across, and the mass of buds and blossoms form a solid panicle. Its color is so bright and dazzling that it seems to illuminate the air around it. No matter how small a plant is, the first thing it does after it is planted is to send up a flower stalk and bloom, and this

it will do without ceasing, as long as it is cared for. Price of strong plants, which will commence blooming at once, either in pots or the open ground, **75c. each**. No reduction will be made to anyone on any account.

MR. FALCONER says: We have imported from Europe the finest dwarf-flowering Cannas that have been raised there, and have also got together the best of those raised in America, and in face of them all I have no hesitation whatever in pronouncing **Canna STAR OF 1891** the grandest flowering Canna that I have ever grown or ever seen. The habit of the plant is very dwarf, but with full fine foliage, and it has a persistent habit of throwing up fresh sprouts from the base. Every sprout produces a flower-spike, which in its turn becomes many-branched, each branch bearing from 12 to 17 blossoms, each blossom 4 to 5 inches wide, and each petal $\frac{1}{2}$ inch broad. The color of the flowers is glowing orange-scarlet faintly banded with golden-yellow. And the plants, from tiny morsels to big specimens, are perpetually in bloom. Their brilliancy is unsurpassed, and as a house or green-house winter-blooming plant it is going to cause a great sensation. It never ceases growing and blooming, and its blossoms under glass are larger, brighter, and longer lasting than they are out of doors. Even Poinsettias pale before them. Aside from its originator, I have a more intimate knowledge of this splendid Canna than has anyone else, for I have had it since last year, and grown it in the green-house for its flowers in winter, and planted outside in summer.

W. M. FALCONER.

Childsi (The Tiger Canna). * *

A seedling raised by us three years ago, from Cozy's Prize Seed, and is of a dwarf habit. Its foliage is rank and of a light green shade. The plants begin to produce flowers when very small, and continue blooming very freely till frost. It also flowers freely in pots either winter or summer, and is very beautiful. The flowers are borne in large, compact panicles, are of large size and perfect shape, with broad petals, and of a bright, glossy, yellow color, thickly spotted with crimson. The most strikingly beautiful of all Cannas, except **STAR OF 1891**. There are no grander flowering plants in cultivation than these two Cannas. Strong plants **50c. each; 5 for \$2.00**.

Four Other Magnificent Cannas of Recent Introduction.

Ehemanni (Fuchsia-Flowered Canna). *

As an ornamental foliage plant it is superb, and also as a blooming plant it is one of the grandest. Plants grow five to seven feet high, producing large racemes of bell or trumpet-shaped flowers, four or five inches long, drooping like a Fuchsia, which are of the most lovely brilliant rosy-pink color. As a specimen plant for grandeur and beauty it is fine. It grows freely, and commences to bloom early, and is an object of great beauty until frost, the foliage closely resembling that of a large, luxuriant Banana. Price, **40c. each**.

Flaccida (The Orchid Canna). * *

A dwarf Canna, growing but 2 to 3 feet high, with large, elegant light green leaves, which are very beautiful. The flowers are lovely deep canary yellow, of very large size, and closely resemble some of the finest Orchids. **20c. each; 3 for 50c.**

Noutoni (Giant Cardinal Flowered). * *

A new sort of great beauty, having gigantic spikes of large cardinal-colored flowers, which are exceedingly brilliant and striking, reminding one of the blooms of the cardinal flower on a gigantic scale. It blooms much more freely than Ehemanni, and is in fact, never without a good spike of flowers, which show to great advantage, and can be seen for a long distance. **40c. each; 3 for \$1.00**.

Robusta. * *

The finest of all foliage Cannas. Plants grow 7 to 10 feet high, with enormous leaves 3 feet in length, and of a dark purplish brown color, exceedingly odd and ornamental. A superb bedding plant for foliage effect. When grown in a bed with other sorts it should occupy the center. **20c. each; \$1.50 per dozen**.

SPECIAL OFFER.—For **\$2.00** we will send one fine plant each of the six grand Cannas here offered; 3 of each for **\$5.00**.

SEED.

We can supply seed of Cozy's prize strain of new flowering Cannas. Started under glass and planted out by the first of June, they will soon commence blooming and continue till frost. They are of all colors, hardly any two alike, and all very fine. It was from this strain of seed that **STAR OF 1891** and **CHILDSEI** were raised. This which we offer is the true imported strain of Cozy Cannas. Beware of cheap Cozy seeds. You cannot get good results from it. All colors mixed, **30c. per pkt.; 4 pkts. for \$1.00**.

SELECT ASSORTMENT —OF— CHOICE FLOWER SEEDS.

Before Ordering Read "General Instructions" on Second Page.

OUR Seed must not be confounded with the usual mercantile grades. A visit to our place during the summer months will convince any one of the great superiority of our *high grade* seeds over those usually sold. All important varieties are grown here on our grounds, or especially for us in different parts of this country or Europe, which best suits their development, and all from superior strains, which have been in our possession and constantly improving for more than ten years. They have been worked up to such high perfection and are so carefully selected and saved, that many varieties which we can buy at any seed house in Europe for 10 or 15 cents per ounce, costs us one dollar or more per ounce to grow. Therefore we repeat, DO NOT CONFOUND OUR HIGH GRADE SEEDS WITH THE USUAL MERCANTILE GRADES, WHICH ARE GROWN CHEAP, SOLD CHEAP, AND ARE IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD CHEAP AND POOR. Our seeds are cultivated with a view to attaining the highest possible mark of perfection, and to supply a class of people who want nothing but the very best. We have made our prices as low as possible consistent with the high quality of seeds, and the liberal quantity we give in each packet.

Annuals, or Seeds Which Flower the First Season.

On this class of flowers the garden is dependent for most of its best summer display. The list of varieties we offer has been selected with great care, with a view to offering only the most desirable kinds. For instance, we have thoroughly tested all the different kinds of Asters, and find those which we have offered to be the best in all respects; and so on through all the list.

In sowing seed very pretty effects are produced by massing various colors. Take for instance the Phlox; sow circular or straight rows of the different colors side by side, and the contrast is charming and especially desirable for large beds. For small masses it is better to sow the mixed colors. If several kinds of seed are sown in one bed, the tallest, like Salvias or Zinnias, should be in the center, and the lowest, like Verbenas or Portulaca, on the outside, with intermediate between. A bed of Poppies alone make a most brilliant mass of color. The same can be said of Asters, Calliopsis, Eschscholtzia, Dianthus, Portulaca, Petunias, Zinnias, etc. A bed of large ornamental foliage plants like Cannas, and Ricinus, is a grand sight. As a rule any of the seeds offered in this department can be sown in the open ground as early as corn can be planted, or they can be started earlier in hotbeds, frames, pots or boxes, if desired, and transplanted to the garden when danger of frost is over. We have been to much trouble and expense for many years to raise or procure improved strains of the leading annuals, and have met with such good success that we can with safety say our seed has no superior, and we invite comparison. Our Asters, Balsams, Chrysanthemums, Dianthus, Marigold, Mignonette, Pansy, Poppy, Phlox, Petunia, Portulaca, Stocks, Verbenas and Zinnias, are particularly celebrated as the finest strains in the country.



Antirrhinum. (Snapdragon.)

Bears very beautiful spikes of gay-colored flowers, and should have a place in every garden. They usually survive the winter and flower even better the second than the first season. They are quite easily propagated by cuttings, and, if rooted in the fall they make elegant pot plants for early spring bloom.

Per pkt.

Tall, all colors, mixed..... 5

Dwarf, " "..... 5

Tom Thumb, mixed colors, only 8 inches high, of dwarf, compact habit, thickly studded with spikes of brilliant flowers. It is the best

of all Antirrhinums, and one of the most showy garden flowers..... 10

Alyssum.

The sweet Alyssum is one of the most fragrant and useful of all annuals for bouquets and floral work. Sow seed very early in open ground and it will soon bloom.

Sweet, pure white..... 5

Little Gem, In this distinct variety the plants are of very compact spreading growth; they attain only three to four inches in height, but a single plant will completely cover a circle twelve to fourteen inches in diameter. They begin to bloom very quickly from seed, the plants bearing profusely while quite small. They soon become densely studded with beautiful miniature spikes of pure white flowers, in wonderful

Per pkt.
profusion and of delicious fragrance. More than three hundred perfect spikes of flowers, in full bloom at one time, have been counted on a single plant..... 10



ALYSSUM, LITTLE GEM.

Ageratum.

A highly ornamental class of free-flowering plants which are useful for pot culture as well as the open ground. The dwarf varieties make splendid borders for beds, as they are compact and always loaded with flowers.

Little Gem, dwarf and compact; a perfect mass of blue flowers all the time..... 5

Tom Thumb, white; dwarf and compact..... 5

Lasseauxi, fine rose color..... 5



BED OF ASTERS.

Aster.

The numerous forms of the Aster, and the great variety of rich colors of its perfectly double flowers, make it a leading favorite. For a late summer and fall display it has no equal. No garden should be without a good variety of these beautiful flowers. They are very easily grown, succeeding admirably in all kinds of soil, producing a display of richly-colored double blossoms of which any one can be proud. Do not fail to plant a good variety of these grand flowers.

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| | Per pkt. |
| Truffaut's Peony-Flowered , mixed colors. A beautiful and favorite variety..... | 10 |
| New Rose , finest mixture in all colors. Plants of this variety grow large and strong, and bear from 50 to 100 fine double flowers of large size and great beauty..... | 10 |
| Quilled German , fine mixed, petals beautifully quilled..... | 5 |
| Washington , mixed colors; flowers are enormous size and very double..... | 15 |
| Dwarf Chrysanthemum Flowered , mixed colors; very fine large flowers..... | 10 |
| Dwarf Bouquet , mixed, very dwarf and pretty..... | 10 |
| Imbriqué Pompon , mixed, fine, perfect and double blossoms..... | 5 |
| Giant Emperor , this usually throws up one straight stalk on which is borne one flower of mammoth size; very fine, mixed..... | 10 |
| Harlequin , a new dwarf strain of great beauty, the petals of the flowers being very irregularly colored, and the same plant often shows a great variety of blotched and streaked flowers. It is one of the latest to bloom, and is particularly valuable on that account..... | 10 |
| Pearl, Mixed Colors , the plants are half dwarf, about one foot high, beautiful in form and growth, healthy and vigorous. The flowers are of the largest size, perfectly double, and the most lovely rosette form, while the colors, rose and white, are of the most delicate and beautiful shades..... | 20 |
| Reine des Halles , a beautiful strain, which are so hardy and robust that when sown in the open ground in May they bloom in July, three weeks sooner than any others. Very valuable. Mixed colors..... | 10 |

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| Multiflora , a new strain growing one foot high, and producing flowers in such profusion that the plant is a solid pyramid of bloom; large double blossoms and extra fine colors; mixed..... | 15 |
| Mignon , a new white Aster of great beauty. Plants about fifteen inches high, very bushy and prolific, flowers of good size, pure white reflex petals, and very double..... | 10 |
| Lemon Gem . We find the color hardly decided enough to be called yellow, yet it is the nearest approach to it yet seen among Asters, and is really a lovely soft yellow tinge, in itself extremely beautiful, and unlike any other Aster. Flowers very large and double, and plant of a dwarf habit, compact and showing its elegant blossoms to great advantage..... | 15 |
| Betteridge's Prize , mixed colors. Plants strong and branching, flowers regularly quilled, with a single row of outer flat petals, which are often a different color from the center. A very beautiful Aster..... | 5 |
| Comet , a deep rose-colored variety of the new tribe introduced last season, with very large and extremely double flowers which have twisted and quilled petals like Japanese Chrysanthemum..... | 10 |
| Triumph , scarlet changing to a lake crimson. This is undoubtedly the most beautiful and most perfect of all dwarf Asters, both in the habit of the plants and in the form and beauty of the flowers. These average from two and one-half to three inches in diameter, and are of faultless Peony form, all petals being beautifully incurved. It blooms in great profusion, changing in color as it opens..... | 15 |
| Pygmæ , mixed colors. This is one of the most beautiful little gems we have ever seen. The plant is very dwarf, and forms a beautiful tuft of leaves close to the ground, surmounted by a pyramidal cluster of bright, perfect, double flowers. The whole plant in itself is a charming bouquet. The great beauty of a border or bed of these plants of various colors is better imagined than described. They are also gems for small pots, and thrive splendidly. Choicest seed of about ten fine colors, mixed..... | 10 |
| Special Offer. —For \$1.00 we will send one packet each of these 18 fine Asters. | |



CHILD'S BALSAMS

Artemisa Annu.

ARTEMISIA
ANNUA



This plant supplies a want which has been long felt, viz: a hardy, robust annual, giving abundance of elegant, graceful, fern-like foliage, for working into bouquets or other arrangements of cut flowers. But this is not all, its foliage and compact sprays of miniature green buds and blossoms are HIGHLY FRAGRANT, having the strong, delicate and refreshing odor of the Camomile: This at once makes a most valuable foliage plant for cutting, one of the best that can be grown in the garden. It is a robust grower, attaining a height of two to three feet, and furnishing a great quantity of its charming foliage and beautiful green sprays of tiny buds, and of such delightful fragrance. See can be sown early in the open ground. Try it, friends.....10

Balsam.

Our new Camellia-flowered varieties are without doubt the finest in the world. Their flowers are of gigantic size, and so double and perfect that they resemble Camellias and are

borne in such wonderful profusion, that we have counted from 500 to 600 blooms upon a plant at the same time. Every plant will produce fine double flowers. During the last five years we have received from every State and Territory enough letters commending these Balsams to fill a large volume. Few garden flowers give better satisfaction than good Balsams, though we admit that poor ones are of very little account. We know how hard it is to raise good seed and how little good seed is sold in the country. We also know that those who plant the seed we grow and sell, will admit that they never before realized the great beauty of good Balsams.

Per pkt,

- White**, magnificent. The best white Balsam 10
- Pink**, splendid deep color..... 10
- Scarlet**, very bright..... 10
- Striped**, white and purple..... 10
- Variegated**, scarlet and white..... 10
- Lavender**, beautiful..... 10
- Light Pink**, very delicate, (Apple Blossom)..... 10
- Fancy Spotted, Mixed**, crimson, purple, magenta, etc., all spotted white..... 10
- Light Lemon**, this is the most beautiful Balsam we have ever sent out. The color is entirely new, being a beautiful light lemon or creamy shade. Flowers very large double and perfect, and borne in great profusion. 15
- Preferred**, new and splendid. The flower is very large, double and perfect, white tinted with delicate lavender. The tint is so delicate and shadow-like that it looks as though it was reflected on the flower from something else. The plant is of stout growth, with only a few branches, and the leaves are so small and few that the blossoms show to great advantage. The stems being at all times crowded with flowers, they are really immense spikes of bloom instead of branches.. 10

One paper each of above ten kinds. 75 cents.

Mixed Colors, of all the above.... 10

Bartonia.

A grand annual which commences to bloom in a month from the time of sowing the seed in the garden, and continues all the summer in great profusion, growing twenty inches high, and branching freely. Flowers large, saucer-shaped, of brilliant, glossy-yellow color. The numerous fine web-like stamens make the flower look as though shrouded in a mist of gold-dust. It is one of the most desirable, and easiest grown of all garden annuals.

Aurea Grandiflora, fine..... 5 Per pkt.



BELLIS.

Bellis, (Double Daisy).

This beautiful little Daisy is indispensable for cool, shady places, pots and frames. With protection they will stand the winter and greet us in the early spring with a profusion of gay flowers. They bloom beautifully in the house during winter and spring when cultivated in pots, and we highly recommend them for this purpose. In the garden treat them like Pansies.

Double, Mixed Colors, white, pink, rose, etc..... 10 Per pkt.

Double, White, pure in color and profuse in bloom..... 10

Longfellow, double, dark crimson; new and fine..... 10



BRACHYCOME

Brachycome.

Sometimes called Swan River Daisy. It is a dwarf, bushy plant, covered all summer with a profusion of beautiful daisy-like blossoms, which make a great show. The colors are blue and white, delicate shades and contrast finely. Seed can be sown early in the open ground and they will soon be in bloom. It is a lovely little flower.

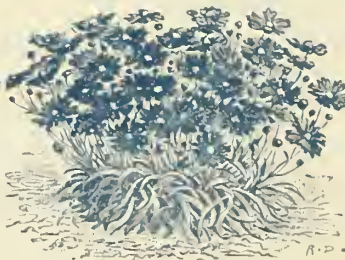
Mixed Colors, very effective.. 5 Per pkt.

Calliopsis.

Many of our most showy flowers are slighted because they are common and grow anywhere without trouble or care, almost like weeds. One of these is the Calliopsis or Corcopsis. Were it a new thing just introduced it would be considered a novelty of rare excellence, or were it difficult to rear it would be highly prized. But as it is the poor little annual with its abundance of showy flowers, its graceful and charming habit, willing to grow for any one in any situation, and with neglect, has to beg a home in many gardens that should be proud of it. Seed should be sown in the open ground quite early in the spring and the plants thinned out to six inches apart.

Dwarf Compact, Mixed Colors, a new and beautiful dwarf strain; splendid, profuse bloomers..... 10

Golden Wave, for a mass of bright golden color this is probably the most effective of all annuals. Plant very bushy and compact, reaching two feet in height and covered from July to October with hundreds of beautiful golden blossoms with small dark centers. When grown in rows or masses the effect is very striking. It is, indeed, a wave of gold. Seed can be



CALLIOPSIS, GOLDEN WAVE.

Seed can be



CALLIOPSIS, NEW DOUBLE.

sown in the open ground very early, or transplanted. It is one of those flowers which will grow in any situation, for anybody and always be greatly admired.....

New Double, the advent of this new double Calliopsis will be hailed with joy. The single ones have for years been leading garden favorites, and this first semi-double, or double form, is truly a novelty of more than ordinary merit. The flowers possess all the rich colors of the single sorts, and are borne in profusion. Sown in the open ground early, they will soon commence blooming, and continue all summer. It was one of our leading novelties last year..... 10

For 20 cents we will send the three sorts.



NEW EMPRESS CANDY TUFT

Candytuft.

A pretty hardy annual. It blooms freely and produces fine effects, and is particularly valuable for bouquet making and cut flowers. Sow early in the open ground and it will soon be in bloom. The Tom Thumb is exceedingly fine. Per pkt.

- All Colors, mixed..... 5
- Pure White, splendid for floral work..... 5
- Rocket, white flowers, borne in pyramidal spikes..... 5
- Dark Crimson..... 5
- Tom Thumb, mixed colors; very dwarf, 4 to 6 inches high, compact and free flowering; new and splendid. 5
- Empress, a new, pure white Candytuft, forming a dense, bushy, pyramidal plant, which is a mass of snowy flowers for a long time. We consider it the most desirable Candytuft in cultivation and are sure that all who grow it will be delighted with its chaste beauty. 10

Carduus.

A gigantic thistle from the hills of the Atlas. The leaves are deep pronged, over three feet long, and of a dark green color, and will cover a space of several yards. When fully grown it attains a height of 11 feet, forming beautiful pyramids, with slender drooping branches which carry at their ends bright purple flowers. It is a grand ornamental plant. Giganteus, Giant Thistle..... 10



Calendula.

These are now among the most beautiful and popular garden annuals. Sow seed early in the open ground and they will bloom profusely from June until the ground freezes. Fall frosts do not injure them. They can be potted in the fall and if placed in a sunny window will not be without flowers all winter. The blossoms are very large and perfectly double.

- Mixed Colors, all fine double sorts..... 5
- Meteor, very double; petals small and each one marked with two shades of yellow; very effective..... 5
- Whirlpool, Since the introduction of the charming Meteor, all Calendulas have become very popular, both as garden flowers and for cultivating in pots for Fall and Winter blooming in the house. For both of these purposes this new sort must now take the lead, as its flowers are about twice as large as any other (often four inches across), and perfectly double to the centre. The plant is also very dwarf in habit, and produces its enormous blooms very freely, thus making it doubly valuable as a pot plant, and it is really one of the most satisfactory and constant Winter

bloomers. After blooming in the garden all Summer they can be potted in September for Fall and early Winter blooming in the window. But to get the best results in this respect sow seed in July, August or September, so as to have fresh, thrifty plants..... 10

Centranthus.

This is one of the most beautiful of all annuals. The flowers are very small and borne in large clusters, each one of which is in itself a pretty bouquet. Very valuable for cutting. Per pkt.

- Mixed Colors, white and pink..... 5

Celosia, Cockscomb.

One of the most beautiful flowers that can be grown in the open ground. They are not difficult to grow, as is usually supposed. Start in heat and transplant to rich garden soil last of May. Their enormous heads of bloom with bright fiery colors resemble nothing else in cultivation, and are indeed beautiful and attractive.



CELOSIA

- Dwarf, mixed, including Glasgow Prize, and all the beautiful large flowered dwarf sorts; some of which produce heads over two feet in circumference..... 10
- New Variegated, the combs of this variety are variegated with bright crimson and yellow, forming a most beautiful contrast..... 5

- Golden Pillow, dwarf habit, with a deep golden yellow comb of enormous size; new..... 10



CHRYSANTHEMUM CARINATUM.

Chrysanthemum.

The great and growing demand for the annual varieties has brought Chrysanthemums into general favor. The colors have the appearance of being laid on with a brush, and for this reason they are frequently called "Painted Daisies," and are indeed charming. Sow seed early in open ground and they will bloom profusely all summer.

- Per pkt.
- Carinatum Hybrids, mixed colors; elegant..... 5
- Carinatum Hybrids, double, mixed colors..... 5
- Inodorum Plenissimum, dwarf and free flowering, very double and pure white; elegant for pots..... 10
- Golden Feather, grand new annual Chrysanthemum with bright yellow foliage and charming blossoms. It commences to bloom in eight weeks from the time of sowing the seed and continues all summer. The beautiful large white daisy-like flowers are 2½ to 3 inches across; the dark velvety disk in the center is surrounded by a circle of bright golden yellow, followed by another clear cut circle of rich crimson, as clearly defined from the outer white as if painted. Add to the flowers the masses of elegant yellow foliage among them and we have a plant of rare beauty..... 10

Convolvulus, Minor.

These are dwarf Morning Glories and very pretty. They do not climb, but form large bushy plants which are a perfect mass of flowers.

- Mixed Colors..... 5



COSMOS, CHILDS' HYBRIDS.

Cosmos, Childs' Hybrids.

Our new hybrids of this magnificent annual are among the most showy and graceful of all garden flowers, and nothing can give greater satisfaction for a late display. They make very large plants, growing five to seven feet high, which are beautiful masses of the most elegant foliage until they begin to bloom in September, when each plant will have hundreds of large showy blossoms. October frosts do not hurt the plants or flowers, and during that month it is the gayest and most showy plant in cultivation. It is pronounced by all to be the finest seed novelty in many years.

- Per pkt.
Hybrids, mixed, all colors, white, pink, crimson, etc. 10
Childs, large flowers of pure white color 15

Collomia.

This is another odd flower which succeeds admirably in any situation. The plants produce clusters of bloom which are much like a Bouvardia, and very fine for cutting. As it blooms all summer it will be greatly appreciated by all.

- Coccinea**, fine red 5



Gerinthe.

A pretty annual of quick growth, producing a bunch of drooping flowers from beautiful tufts of leaves at the ends of the branches. The flowers are over an inch in length and usually composed of two colors. It is new, odd and pretty.

- Mixed Colors** 5

Cynoglossum.

A fine hardy annual, growing over a foot high, with long, loose sprays of beautiful white flowers, which look very graceful and pretty. Though not a new plant in Europe we have never seen it in cultivation in this country, which is a wonder, for it is a charming thing. It is especially valuable for cutting for bouquets, etc. It is a great honey producing flower, and bees just revel in it. It blooms very quickly from seed; in fact we know of no annual which can beat it in this respect.

- Linfollum**, very fine 5



DOUBLE DAHLIAS FROM SEED.

Dahlias.

Many people are not aware that Dahlias from seed sown in the Spring will bloom beautifully the first Summer, and give quite as good, if not better satisfaction than bulbs. From one or two papers of seeds, many plants can be raised, which will be of the greatest variety of colors and mostly perfectly double, fully equal to many of the finest named sorts. Seed germinates quickly and easily, and plants grow very rapidly. We would advise starting seed under glass, and transplanting to the garden in good, rich soil the last of May, where they will grow with surprising rapidity, and be in bloom before you are aware of it. Florists and seed dealers have for years endeavored to keep the fact that fine Dahlias can be grown from seed from the public, that the sale of roots might not be diminished thereby. We were the first to proclaim the fact several years ago, and our Dahlia seed has proved so good and satisfactory that the demand for it is simply enormous.

- Per pkt.
Double Large Flowering, Mixed, extra choice, from select flowers only 20
Double Pompon, Mixed, extra choice, from select flowers only 15
New Single, Mixed Colors, the flowers of single Dahlias are large, perfectly star shaped, formed of broad petals, which are gay and beautiful in color. They grow and bloom very soon from seed, almost, if not quite, as quickly as Zinnias, and can be easily raised 10
Cracells, Mixed Colors, new and very beautiful, with nicely cut foliage and large, single flowers of perfect form and brilliant colors, most of the blossoms being elegantly striped and variegated 15
Zimpani, a dwarf, low growing, single Dahlia, producing a great profusion of black flowers, which are graceful and striking 10

One packet each of the five sorts, 50 cents.

For Roots of Splendid New Dahlias

See Our Department of

+ SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS. +



DIANTHUS.

Dianthus.

The Dianthus or Chinese Pink has long been a great garden favorite. It is, in fact, one of our most useful plants, furnishing abundance of gay and pretty flowers until frozen within the earth and covered by drifting snows. They live over winter and bloom as well the second year as the first. They are quite as pretty for pot plants in the house as Carnations; indeed, their variety of color is more varied and pretty, while they are freer bloomers. As pot plants the Dianthus will always give great satisfaction, and as a garden flower they are among the very best. Plants from seed grow and bloom very quickly. We know we are doing our customers a kindness by urging them to plant the Dianthus for both garden and pots. Per pkt.

- Diadematus**, Flore Plena, splendid large double flowers of dark shades, marked with white and black colors, rich and beautiful. 10
- Atropurpurea**, Flore Plena, large dark red double flowers 5
- Double White**, large and fine. 5
- Laciniatus**, fine double flowers of various colors, mixed 5
- Striatus**, fine large double striped. 10
- Hedewigi**, flowers single, three inches across, of rich and beautiful colors 5
- Eastern Queen**, single, three or four inches across, splendidly striped and stained. 5
- Mourning Cloak**, a new Dianthus of great beauty. The flowers are very large and double and of a fine deep purplish black color, the petals being elegantly fimbriated and bordered with pure white. This flower is specially suitable for mourning bouquets, wreaths, etc., and as a garden or pot flower it is novel and charming. 15
- The Bride**. Though a single flower it is really one of the very finest of all the Pink tribe, and the best novelty last year. The plant is very dwarf, only about four inches high, compact and bushy, sending up flowers which are three inches across, and of the richest and most pleasing combination of color, namely: pure white, with a large dark crimson center. This dark center has also a pink band which shades off into the white. The petals are also finely fimbriated. It is a magnificent pot plant, as well as one of the best garden flowers, and blooms in a very short while from the time of sowing seed. 15

For 50 cents we will send a packet each of the nine sorts.

Eschscholtzia.

These are very easily grown as they flourish in any situation, and bear very large showy blossoms. The foliage is finely cut and perfectly elegant. Sow early in open ground. Per pkt.

- Mixed Colors**, very showy for masses 5
- New Double White**, a fine novelty. 5

Datura.

The Datura or Ghost Flower is a very interesting plant. It grows several feet in height and branches freely, producing large trumpet-shaped flowers a foot or more in length. They always attract a great deal of attention. Sow seed in the open ground, or they can be started early in pots.

- Fastuosa**, double mixed colors 5
- Sweet Nightingale**. (See Evening Bloomers) 10



DATURA.

Fenzlia.

The plants do not grow over three inches high, but spread out like a Portulaca, forming a perfect mat of fine foliage, and branches, which are thickly covered at all times with perfectly charming blossoms of lovely colors. For a border or mass it is superb, and there is nothing more beautiful for carpet bedding. For cultivating in pots it is also a most charming thing, particularly as it flowers so early and profusely. Try it by all means. Per pkt.

- Dianthiflora**, grand 10



FENZLIA DIANTHIFLORA.



"SATIN FLOWERS OF GODETIA"

GODETIA.

Feverfew's, (Dwarf.)

Godetia, (Satin Flower.)

As will be seen by the cut these new Dwarf Feverfew's are very fine indeed. They are annuals and bloom early from seed, and continue all summer. They are also elegant for winter blooming in pots. The flowers are large and as double as roses, and borne in such profusion as to cover the plant.

- Little Belle**, pure snow white..... 10
- Little Fred**, fine golden yellow..... 10

The Godetia is useful in more ways than one. Seeds sown early in pots, bloom in a few weeks and make a gay display. Sown early in the open ground, they are soon in bloom and present a brilliant mass of colors, which will delight all who see them. Their flowers are large and their colors are so delicate and shining they have received the name of Satin Flower.

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| | Per Pkt. |
| Mixed Colors | 5 |
| Lady Albemarle , flowers four inches across and of intense carmine, shaded toward the edge with delicate lilac..... | 5 |
| Duchess of Albany , pure white; new and magnificent.. | 5 |
| Bijou , the plants never exceed six inches in height, and form curious, carpet-like bushes, a foot or more across, which are densely covered with from 250 to 300 exceedingly pretty flowers, which are snowy white, with a bright carmine rose spot at the base of each petal..... | 5 |
| Satin Rose , bright crimson, very effective..... | 10 |
| The Bride , crimson and white, very delicate and beautiful.. | 10 |
| Princess Henry , new: it is of the most delicate, satiny rose tint, and each petal is marked with a broad, shining carmine spot, boldly contrasting with the ground color. Besides being particularly handsome and effective for a mass, it is useful for pots and for cutting. | 15 |

One packet each of above seven sorts, 40 cents.



FEVERFEW, DWARF.

Gamolopsis.

A beautiful free flowering plant hardly known to cultivation in this country. It is of compact, low growth, with fern-like foliage, and bright yellow, daisy-like blossoms.

- Tagetes**, golden yellow in profusion..... 5

Gaillardia.

Very showy and worthy a place in every garden, though they are as yet little cultivated. They always attract attention by their gay colors.

- Mixed Colors, Lorenzana**, and all other varieties..... 5



GYPHOPHILA.

Gypsophila.

This plant produces a profusion of small white flowers in graceful and beautiful sprays which are splendid for bouquets. They are, in fact indispensable, and should be in every garden. They bloom in a few weeks from the time of sowing the seed.

- Elegans**, white, blooms very early..... 5



HUGELIA COERULAE.

Hugelia, Coerulae.

This is not new, but is little known and is very desirable. It grows eighteen inches high, supporting on its long stems clusters of delicate light blue blossoms, the single florets being in color and size almost exactly like a Forget-me-not. For bouquet and cutting it is one of the choicest garden flowers. Per pkt. 10c.

Helianthus, (Sunflower.)

The Sunflower, so long neglected, is now very popular. For situations where tall plants are wanted, around trees, among shrubbery, or against fences, it is indispensable.

- Per pkt.
- New Double Dwarf**, large, perfectly double flowers..... 5
- Argophyllus**, the most elegant of all Sunflowers, the leaves being covered with a greyish down which gives the plant a charming silvery white appearance. It grows in pyramidal form, branching freely from the ground to the tip, and produces its beautiful blossoms in great number from early summer to late fall. The flowers are small with broad, deep golden petals, beautifully set off by a jet-black center..... 5
- Miniature**, the smallest one and most beautiful of all Sunflowers, growing only two feet high; very bushy and producing freely all summer numerous blossoms, bright yellow, two to three inches across. New and fine..... 5

Linara Aparinoides.

Most beautiful colors are found in great variety in this strain, from dark purple to delicate rose, splendid self colors as well as the most lovely gradation of melted shades. The flowers are produced in terminal spikes and show themselves to great advantage in bouquets. Produces an abundance of flowers and for a considerable length of time. It is one of the most showy of annuals, the colors being so bright and dazzling. Seed can be sown in open ground.

- Mixed Colors**, fine..... 5

Larkspur.

An old and well known hardy annual. Sow early in open ground. The flowers are borne in compact spikes and are showy and desirable for any situation.

- Mixed Colors**, of all the best sorts..... 5

Lobelia.

For decorative purposes, such as vases, hanging baskets, borders of beds, etc., the graceful little Lobelia is without a rival. Sow seed early and they will be big enough for baskets, vases, etc., in May or June.

- Crystal Palace**, dark blue; best for bedding..... 5
- New Double Dwarf**, mixed colors. A lovely dwarf, compact sort, bearing hundreds of beautiful double blossoms of various colors. It is a charming little plant..... 10



LOBELIA.

Layia.

Our trial of this beautiful unknown annual the past summer has convinced us of its great value. Seed can be sown in the open ground early, and flowers appear in a few weeks and continue in great profusion all summer. Habit neat and compact, with fine fern-like foliage. Flowers large, opening flat.

- Mixed**, two colors, white, and yellow bordered white; very beautiful..... 5

Lychnis.

Fine hardy perennials that grow and bloom year after year from the same root. Sow early in open ground and they will bloom finely the first season.



LYCHNIS. BURNING STAR.

- Per pkt.
- Mixed Colors**..... 5
- Burning Star**, a fine dwarf plant, bearing large, star-shaped flowers which are exceedingly brilliant and striking, hence the name "Burning Star." It blooms very early, especially when started under glass, and continues all summer. It also grows exceedingly well in pots, and is really a charming pot plant. It lives in the open ground over winter without protection, and blooms even better the second than the first year. All colors mixed..... 14

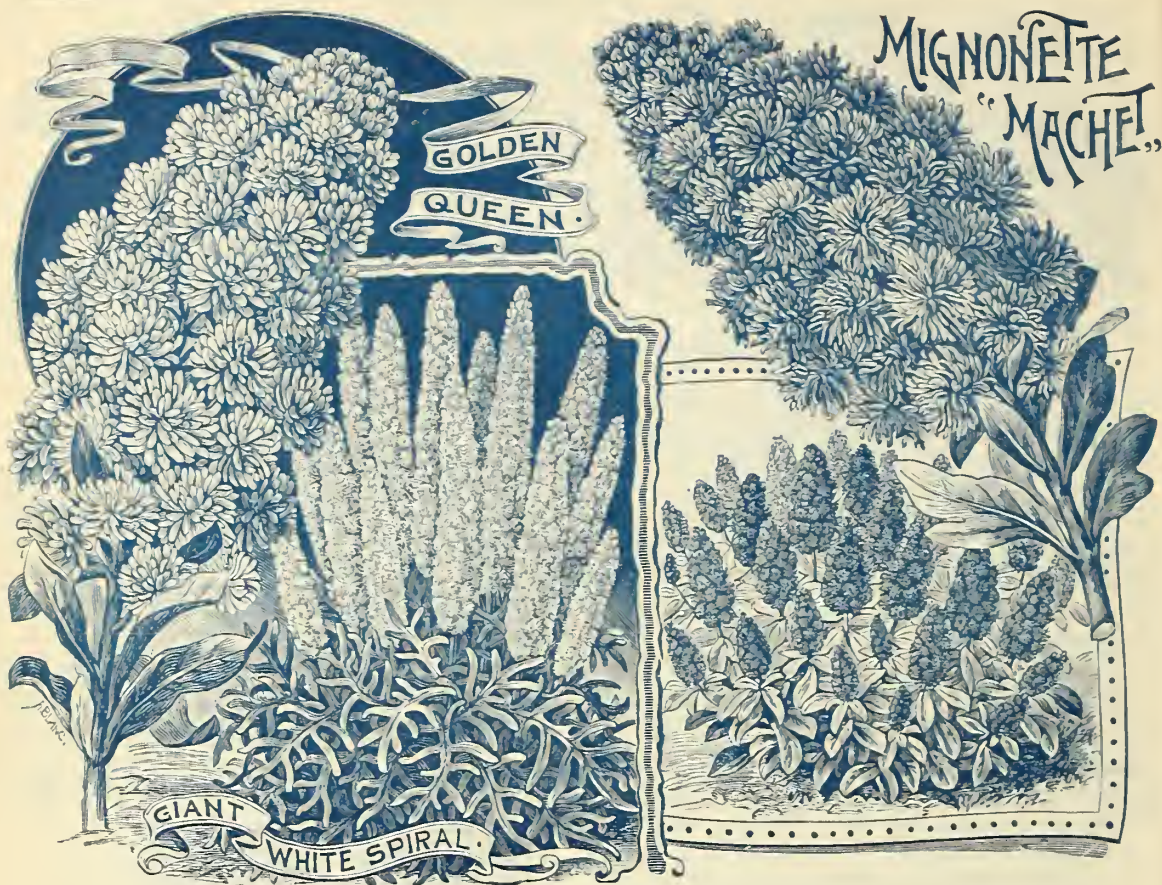
Marigold.

This flower, so popular of old, has been greatly improved of late years, and is again a leading garden favorite. Its large double blossoms are very showy.



MARIGOLD, DAHLIA FLOWERED.

- Per pkt.
- French, Mixed Colors**, small double flowers in great profusion..... 5
- African, Mixed Colors**, large double blossoms, lemon and golden yellow colors; very beautiful..... 5
- Butterfly**, a new sort of strong growth, producing hundreds of large flowers, beautifully striped and variegated. It is really a charming novelty..... 5
- Dahlia-Flowered**, a grand Marigold of the African type, growing two to three feet high, strong and robust like a Dahlia, and producing enormous double blossoms, in size and shape resembling the finest Dahlias. The blossoms will average ten inches in circumference..... 5



MIGNONETTE.

ence, and are of various colors from orange to fine canary yellow. Plant one to two feet apart. A few will be single and should be pulled up as soon as the flowers show, to give the double ones more room. It is a grand flower which will greatly please all. 10

Pygmæ. Plants commence to bloom very soon after they are above the ground, and when only two or three inches high, and gradually spread out and grow a little taller till they reach the height of nine or ten inches, and are one unbroken solid row of flowers and foliage. They are completely covered with bloom all the time, and for borders and bedding they are superb. The flowers are light velvety brown, petals beautifully bordered with bright yellow. 5

Mignonette.

Our strains of Mignonette are very fine indeed. The Golden Queen is a splendid addition to our list, while the Giant White Spiral, which we introduced several years ago, is the best and only true white variety. The delicious fragrance of the Mignonette makes it indispensable for bouquets and cutting. It is best to sow seed early in the garden, and they will commence blooming first of June. Our stock of Machet, Golden Queen, and Giant White Spiral, are perfectly true and pure. These 3 elegant sorts are shown in the above cut, and they represent 3 leading colors, white, red, and yellow.

Common Sweet, large flowering; per ounce, 20 cents 5

Pyramidal or Giant Tree, flowers large and very sweet. A robust grower and free bloomer. 5

Giant White Spiral. This grand Mignonette, which we introduced several years ago, grows two or three feet high, perfectly erect, and we measured spikes of bloom on our grounds this season, which were 15 inches long. Its color is pure snow white, and the grand spikes of bloom can be seen for a long distance, and being so beautiful in form and color, much unlike anything else in cultivation, it attracts the attention of every-

body. Its fragrance is rich and powerful, and it will produce twice as much bloom as any other variety. Seed can be sown in the open ground in April or May, where it will germinate very quickly and grow rapidly, and commence blooming early in June. If planted in pots at any time during the year they will soon bloom, and make beautiful pot plants, especially in the winter and spring. This Mignonette has given great satisfaction. 10

Machet. The finest Mignonette yet known. The plant is a strong bushy grower, bearing spikes of flowers in great number, which are of gigantic size and perfect pyramidal shape, and of a brick red color. It is extremely beautiful and fragrant. Our stock is true and pure. Much inferior stock of this variety is being offered. 10

Golden Queen. Dense pyramidal habit, throwing up numerous flower stalks bearing spikes of yellowish blossoms; new. 10

For 25 cts. we will send one paper of each of the 5 Mignonette.

Mimosa.

Commonly called "Sensitive Plant," as its leaves when touched, fold and droop, but recover in a short time. It is a very curious and interesting plant. Splendid for pot culture, both summer and winter.

Pubica, Sensitive Plant. 5

Mesembryanthemum.

Known as Ice Plant and Dew Plant. Elegant trailing plants, desirable for hanging pots or vases. The foliage is very beautiful, having the appearance of ice, or dew.

Crystallinum, (Ice Plant.) Its leaves glisten like ice, and it is one of the most effective basket or vase plants that can be grown. 5



MIMULUS.

Mimulus.

Beautiful free-flowering plants which succeed admirably when grown in pots and plunged in a shady place. The flowers are spotted and marked in a very beautiful way.

- Mixed Sorts, (Monkey Flower)..... 5
- Moschatus, (Musk Plant,) delightful musk odor from the foliage. Flowers bright yellow..... 5

Myosotis, (Forget-me-not.)



MYOSOTIS.

These are admirable for pot culture for winter blooming, as well as for growing in the open ground. Nothing is finer for bouquets than the charming Forget-me-not. The tradition, which tells how the name Forget-me-not came to be applied to this plant, is told in a ballad number of the *Mayflower*. It is said that a Knight and a lady were walking by the side of the Danube interchanging vows of devotion and affection, when the lady saw, on the other side of the stream, the bright blue flowers of the Myosotis, and expressed a desire for them. The Knight, eager to gratify her, plunged into the river, and reaching the opposite bank, gathered a bunch of flowers. On his return the current proved too strong for him, and after many efforts to reach the land, he was borne away. With a last effort he flung

the fatal blossoms upon the land, exclaiming as he did so, "Forget-me-not!"

- Per pkt. 5
- Palustris, new; large flowering blue; elegant..... 5
- Alpestris, white..... 5
- Rosea, fine rose color, (clivenden pink)..... 5
- Elegantissima, beautiful pyramidal growth; mixed colors..... 10
- Dwarf, Mixed Colors, small bushy plants, large blossoms..... 10
- Fairy Gem. This is an annual, and not a perennial, like all other Myosotis. Consequently, when it is sown in the garden early in the spring it is soon out of the ground, and blooming freely by July. The plants make a compact mass of foliage and flowers. No Myosotis will bloom so quickly and profusely as this, and its tiny spray of blue flowers are charming for the hair or button-hole, and for working in with all kinds of floral decorations..... 10

For 30 cents we will send one packet each of the 6 sorts.

Nigella.

This old favorite garden annual has become almost unknown. In olden times it was as popular as the Hollyhock or Poppy, and like those flowers it has since been greatly im-

proved, and is entitled to a place in every garden in the land, and we are offering it so cheap we hope all our customers will plant it; for the same amount of money you can get nothing which will be so greatly pleasing. The sorts here offered are of dwarf, compact growth and very showy either in foliage, flower or seed pods. The blossoms are double and surrounded by a mist like veiling of finely cut foliage, on account of which they used to be called "Love-in-a-Mist." These improved sorts are so dwarf, compact and free flowering that each plant is in itself a beautiful bouquet of charming foliage and flowers.

- Dwarf Mixed, double; blue and white..... 5



NASTURTIUM.

Nasturtium.

Flame-colored blossoms on slender stems—
Yellow and scarlet, and deep maroon—
Holding erect their graceful heads
That nod and glow in the sun of noon.

Beautiful blossoms so bright and gay,
You teach a lesson we should not forget;
For however dreary and dark the day,
You do your best to brighten it.

For showy and constant bloom few garden flowers equal the old Nasturtium, which, by the way, has been greatly improved during the past few years, in colors and habit of growth. They are sure to bloom in any situation, hot or cold, wet or dry, and no garden can be complete without a fair representation of them. Per pkt.

- Scarlet, good bright color..... 5
- Pure Yellow..... 5
- Pearl, white, very fine..... 10
- Spotted..... 5
- Rose, fine rose color..... 5
- Lady Bird, new and very fine; bright yellow, marked with stripes and blotches of ruby crimson..... 10
- Empress of India, a grand new sort; very dwarf and compact in habit, the leaves being of a dark purplish color, while the flowers are of a deep brilliant crimson. A grand thing for edging or massing, both the foliage and flowers being very ornamental..... 10
- Mixed Seed, of many colors (Dwarf Tom Thumb), per ounce, 20 cents..... 5

One paper each of above 8 kinds, 40 cents.



OXALIS

Oxalis.

Few are aware that there are beautiful varieties of Oxalis, which are grown from seeds, and which bloom early and profusely all summer. Such is, however, a fact, and they are well worthy a place in every garden.

- Mixed Sorts, various colors..... 10



GIANT EXCELSIOR
PANSIES



PORTULACA, DOUBLE ROSE FLOWERED.

Pansy.

It is needless for us to say anything in praise of this lovely flower. Everybody knows, loves, and cultivates the Pansy. They give such a profusion of bright bloom during the spring and autumn months that they are a necessity to every garden. We have taken the greatest pains to procure our seed from prize strains only, and it is unsurpassed. Seed can be sown at almost any time of the year, but the best time to sow for summer and fall show is early in spring. They will then bloom all summer and fall. For early spring show, August or September is a good time to sow seed, giving the plants slight protection over winter, though they seldom winter kill. If seed is sown late, after the weather has become hot and dry, it should be sown in a cool, shady situation, and kept watered, for Pansy seed will not germinate well when sown where it is exposed to the hot sun and drying winds. This is where many fail in getting seed to germinate quickly and well. In the garden, plants should have a good rich soil, which should be kept well hoed and free from weeds. All flowers should be picked off as soon as they fade, for if allowed to form seed it will take so much of the strength of the plant that there will be a great falling off in the size and number of flowers.

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| Extra Choice, Large Flowering , mixed, a fine show strain. Per 1/4 ounce, 50 cents..... | 5 |
| Extra Select Large Belgian , mixed colors, large and showy..... | 10 |
| Snow Queen , pure snow white, very large; a grand sort | 10 |
| Yellow Bird , a fine new sort of the Giant Trimardeau type, giving flowers of the very largest size, and bright glossy yellow in color. It is exceedingly showy and will be greatly admired everywhere..... | 15 |

Giant Excelsior, The gigantic size of the flowers, luxuriant growth, profusion of bloom, and exquisite blendings of gay and fantastic colors is utterly indescribable. Several years ago we introduced the Imperial Germans which at once took the first place among Pansies, and has since been the finest in cultivation in this country, and can now be surpassed only by the Giant Excelsiors. The growth and general habit of the Giant Excelsiors is compact, straggling and bushy, showing at all times a remarkably healthy appearance. The gigantic flowers are produced in great numbers, and borne well above the foliage on strong stems. The flowers possess great substance, and keep perfect longer than most any other sorts. The colors are truly wonderful, including over a hundred different shades and combinations, with blendings and markings entirely new, and of most exquisite beauty. The flowers are borne in great profusion from May to November. The plants stand the hot, dry weather of summer to a remarkable degree, yielding flowers all as large and free as in early spring.....

Imperial German. Introduced by us several years ago, and have become so popular and well known that little need be said about them. Their characteristics are a compact habit, large and healthy foliage, and large sized flowers of great substance and beauty. They produce their large flowers throughout the entire summer. These Pansies have been widely sold and many inferior strains have been put on the market under their name. As the introducer we have the genuine stock, and offer the following 14 varieties.

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| Cloriosa Perfecta , reddish steel blue, with red and white rim. In this variety we have the finest combination of colors, and the loveliest of all Pansies..... | 15 |
| Snow Fairy , pure snow white, large and beautiful; splendid for cemeteries..... | 10 |
| Black Knight , pure coal black, a rich and beautiful color | 10 |
| Thunder Cloud , a large flower, deep coal black, with red and white rim. Extra fine..... | 15 |
| Azure Blue , a lovely color for massing..... | 10 |
| Emperor William , elegant deep blue..... | 10 |
| Little Red Riding Hood , this is an entirely new and distinct color. The flowers are large, finely formed, and the most brilliant solid red color, yet seen in Pansies. It is a charming novelty, but unfortunately does not always come true..... | 10 |
| Deep Yellow , very fine..... | 10 |
| Odier or Five-Spotted, Mixed , flowers of various colors each having five spots..... | 10 |
| Large Spotted, Mixed , on white, yellow and red ground. They are grand..... | 10 |
| Lord Beaconsfield , (true). This is the true variety as grown by the originator. Very large size, lower petals deep purplish indigo, while the upper ones shade off almost to pure white..... | 10 |
| Marbled, Mixed , various colors, beautifully marbled.... | 10 |
| Striped, Mixed , a fine variety of beautifully striped blossoms..... | 10 |
| Bronze Perfecta , fine bronze..... | 10 |
| Mixed Seed , of more than 50 distinct varieties of Imperial German, including the above 14 kinds..... | 10 |

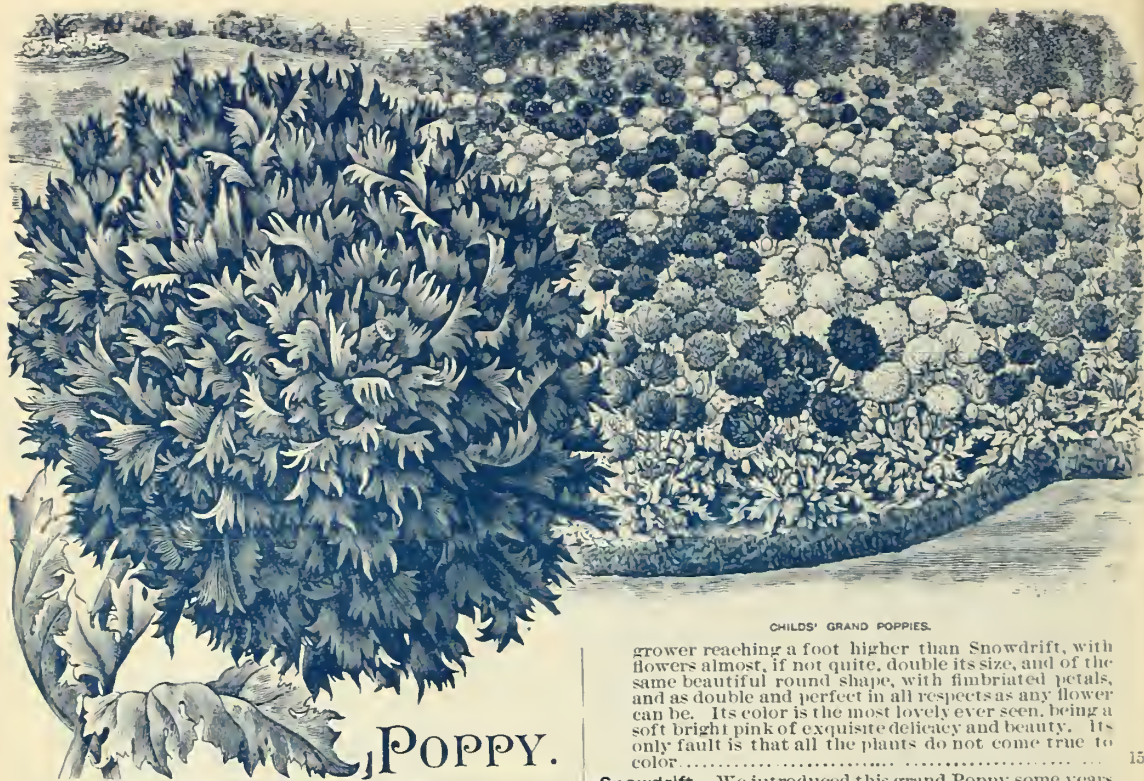
Special Offer. For only \$1.25 we will send one packet each of above 15 Imperial Germans, or for \$1.50 one packet each of all the 20 varieties we offer.

Portulaca.

Well known hardy annuals which grow not more than six inches high, covering the ground in a beautiful carpet-like form of most vivid colors. A mass of double ones makes the most brilliant and gorgeous display that can be had among annuals. They do best in a hot, sunny situation, and no matter how dry the weather, they will grow and flourish, even on very poor soil. For borders of beds they are very effective with their striking colors.

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| Grandiflora, Mixed Colors , white, crimson, rose, scarlet, yellow, striped, etc..... | 5 |
| Double Rose-Flowered, Mixed Colors , large blossoms as double as roses and of the greatest variety of colors and variegations. Our seed is the best in the market, and will produce large double flowers..... | 15 |
| Double Yellow , fine brilliant color..... | 15 |
| “ Scarlet , clear and bright..... | 15 |
| “ White , pure and beautiful..... | 15 |

One paper each of above five sorts, which will make a grand contrast, 50 cents.



CHILDS' GRAND POPPIES.

POPPY.

This grand old flower is fast gaining the universal popularity which it justly merits. Having for years been crowded out of our gardens by the swarms of new comers, and forgotten, it has nevertheless kept pace with the march of improvement, and now comes around and surprises us with its new forms, new sizes, new colors, and the dear old flower, which our grandmothers loved so much, again occupies one of the first places in our gardens, and we are proud of it, and well we may be, for through June and July it stands without an equal, the showiest of all annuals. The Poppy is to-day occupying in popularity a place beside the Chrysanthemums, and even the Rose. We cannot wonder at this when we look upon their varied and brilliant colors and enormous double flowers, and see the ease by which they can be grown by anybody in any situation. Seed should be sown in the open ground as early in the spring as possible. Our stock is the finest in the country, as the Poppy is one of our favorite flowers, and we grow it in large quantity, usually an acre or more.

- Per pkt.
- Giant Carnation Flowered.** Flowers as large as a saucer and perfectly double and of beautiful shape. It is one of the very best, possessing a large range of very bright and beautiful colors. All colors mixed 10
- African.** Mixed colors. For brilliant, dazzling colors, these Poppies are equalled only by the Tulip 5
- Childs' Great Peony Flowered.** Mixed colors. This grand strain has been produced after many years of high cultivation. It grows three to four feet high and produces flowers which in size and colors are equal to Peonies. They are perfectly grand 10
- Peacock.** (*Papava Umbrosa*.) This sort is of a compact growth, bearing great numbers of flowers on long wiry stems, and presents a graceful appearance and a most vivid display of color. Intense fiery scarlet with a black center 5
- Japanese Pompon.** This splendid new Poppy flowered first at Floral Park the summer of 1886, we having imported the stock seed. It blooms very early and produces a great number of perfectly double blossoms, almost as round as a ball and about one-half the size of ordinary Poppies. They are gems of great beauty and present a wide range of the most gorgeous colors; scarlet, crimson, pink, rose, blush, lilac, white, mottled, fimbriated, etc. 10
- Angel of Midnight,** black, an odd and novel color 10
- Childs' Rosette.** This is a sport from Snowdrift, and originated at Floral Park three years ago. It is a rank

- grewer reaching a foot higher than Snowdrift, with flowers almost, if not quite, double its size, and of the same beautiful round shape, with fimbriated petals, and as double and perfect in all respects as any flower can be. Its color is the most lovely ever seen, being a soft bright pink of exquisite delicacy and beauty. Its only fault is that all the plants do not come true to color 15
 - Snowdrift.** We introduced this grand Poppy some years ago, and it is now acknowledged the finest sort in existence. It has a dwarf, stout habit peculiar to itself, flowers very large, perfectly double, and as round as a ball, and of the purest snow-white color. It always comes perfectly double, no single or semi-double flowers appearing at all. It is really the most beautiful white flower one can grow in the garden. As the introducers, we have the pure, genuine stock. Much inferior stock of this grand Poppy has been sold by unscrupulous parties. We are headquarters for pure seed 10
 - Shirley,** a novelty put out two years ago, and it is one of the most lovely of all Poppies yet seen. The flowers seem to have a charming grace and delicate beauty peculiar to itself. The colors are mostly light, many having wide margins on the petals. The flowers are large, single, and extremely showy. It will give great satisfaction. Our stock is strictly pure and extra fine. 5
 - Tree Poppy,** enormous single flowers; white with a purple shaded center 5
- For 50 cents we will send one packet each of above 10 sorts.



SHIRLEY POPPIES.



TRAILING PEAS.

Peas, Trailing.

These charming flowering Peas differ from the common Sweet Pea in habit of growth and shape of flower. They do not climb to any extent, but trail on the ground a foot or two producing great quantities of the most beautiful of all pea flowers. They commence to bloom about three weeks earlier than Sweet Peas and continue all summer. The flowers are of the most beautiful shape, and striking colors, and will prove a great novelty in any garden. Sow seed early in the open ground and they will soon be up and blooming.

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| | Per pkt. |
| Lord Anson Blue , lovely shade of clear sky blue; petals large and remind one of butterfly wings..... | 10 |
| Lord Anson White , like the above but pure white..... | 10 |
| Tingitanus , dark crimson red, a fine color, and a raulker grower than Lord Anson..... | 10 |

For 20 cents we will send the three sorts.



BED OF PHLOXES

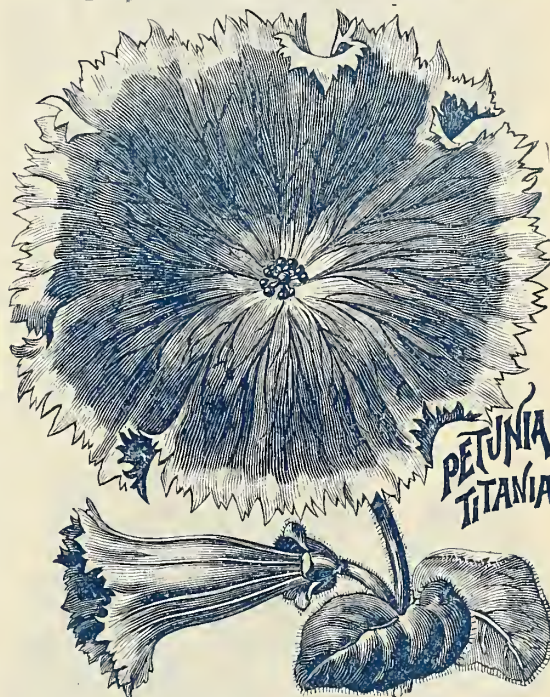
Phlox Drummondii, Grandiflora)

Little need be said in favor of this grand annual. Everybody knows and cultivates it for its brilliant colors. It is truly called the "Flame Flower." A bed in bloom dazzles the eye with its brilliancy, and the different colors sown side

by side produce a beautiful effect. Sow seed in the open ground early. We have discarded all Phloxes except the following new and improved Grandifloras. They are so much superior to the old sorts that it is folly to plant any other. The following collection will surprise those who plant them, with their large size, brilliant colors, compact, bushy and fine flowering habit.

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| Coccinea , large, dazzling scarlet..... | 10 |
| Fancy Striped , many colors all beautifully striped white | 10 |
| Crover Cleveland , a new sort of great beauty, being pure white with a brilliant crimson center. Very effective..... | 10 |
| Rosea Alba Oculata , fine brilliant rose with a large white eye..... | 10 |
| Violet Alba Oculata , fine violet with white eye..... | 10 |
| Alba , large pure white..... | 10 |
| Stellata , intense dazzling scarlet with a large white center, a striking contrast. It makes a most brilliant and dazzling mass of color all summer, and should have a place in every garden. Our stock is strictly pure, the finest in the market..... | 10 |
| Mixed Seed , of 30 different colors..... | 10 |
| Childs' Jubilee . See novelties..... | 20 |
| Childs' Star . See colored plate..... | 25 |

For \$1.00 we will send the above ten kinds.

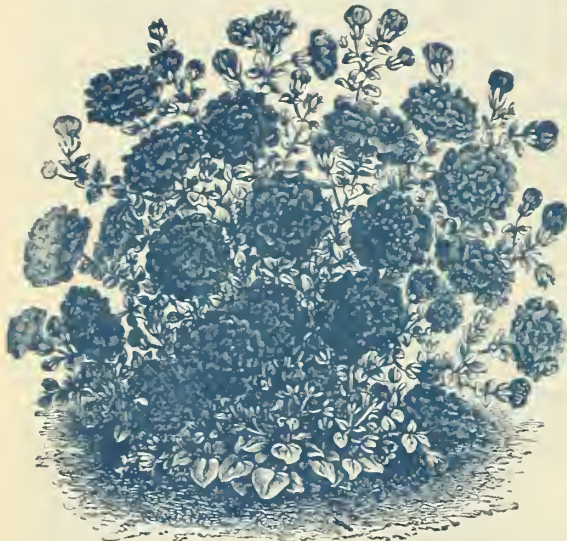


Petunia.

For years the Petunia has been one of the leading window and garden flowers, and few can be more generally satisfactory. Always full of bloom, it is ever an object of great beauty. The double and large single sorts are usually selected for window culture, and bloom freely all times of the year. For bedding out in summer they are equally valuable. A bed of Petunias is a mass of gay colors from early spring to late fall.

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| Childs' New Hybrids , striped and blotched. A magnificent strain, producing a great profusion of crimson and white flowers, beautifully blotched, striped and marked. Flowers very large and plants completely covered with bloom the whole season..... | 10 |
| Grandiflora, Mixed , very large flowers, fine colors..... | 10 |
| Pure white..... | 10 |
| Nana Compacta , a beautiful new dwarf Petunia, which forms a dense round bush which is completely smothered with beautiful variegated blossoms all summer..... | 20 |
| Titania , in this sort we find one of the best types of a bordered and fringed strain we have ever seen. On some, however, the white border is very narrow, on others very wide, occupying nearly one-half of the | |

flower, while others will show blotches and spots running down into the throat. The flowers are of the very largest size, and in general are a very deep crimson color, even shading to black, with a white border or band all around the flower, the edges of which are beautifully fringed, and it is, no doubt, the most beautiful and pleasing single Petunia in the market. It is magnificent for out-door culture, and also fine for pots, either summer or winter. 20



PETUNIA, QUEENS DOUBLE.

New Queens Double, these Petunias produce a great profusion of enormous double flowers, the shape of which is perfect, and the colors and variegations exquisite. They are equally beautiful and useful for pot plants in the house or for a grand display in the garden. About half the plants produced from double seed will be fine and double, the others single and semi-double. Plants from seed bloom 60 days from time of sowing. 25



PHACELIA.

Phacelia Campanularia.

A lovely annual, which when sown in the open ground, May first, will commence blooming the first of June, and continue all summer in great profusion. The blossoms are of a most lovely shade of blue, cup shaped, erect. It will please all who see it. 10



Salpiglossis.

The colors and markings of the Salpiglossis are most beautiful. The shape and size of the flower is similar to that of the Petunia, borne in great profusion and presents a very beautiful sight. It is a flower which will always please every one, and should be more generally grown.

- Mixed Colors, very fine. 5
- Grandiflora, Mixed Colors**, a splendid new strain with enormous sized flowers of all colors. They are marked, stained and penciled in the most odd and beautiful manner. They are one of the most showy and desirable of all annuals. 10

Salvia.



These are among the finest of all bedding plants. Being tall growers they are useful for the centers of flower beds, or for a border to a bed of Cannas, etc. They all live and bloom during winter if placed in a window or conservatory. Start seed early under glass, except Carduacua, which can be sown in the open ground.

- Splendens**, large scarlet, exceedingly showy and useful for cutting, and for ornamental beds. 10
- Patens**, a most lovely shade of blue. 25
- Carduacua**, light blue. 5

Schizanthus.

The flowers look like beautiful little butterflies, and are borne in great number. In colors they are very fine, and should be more extensively cultivated.

- Mixed Colors. 5

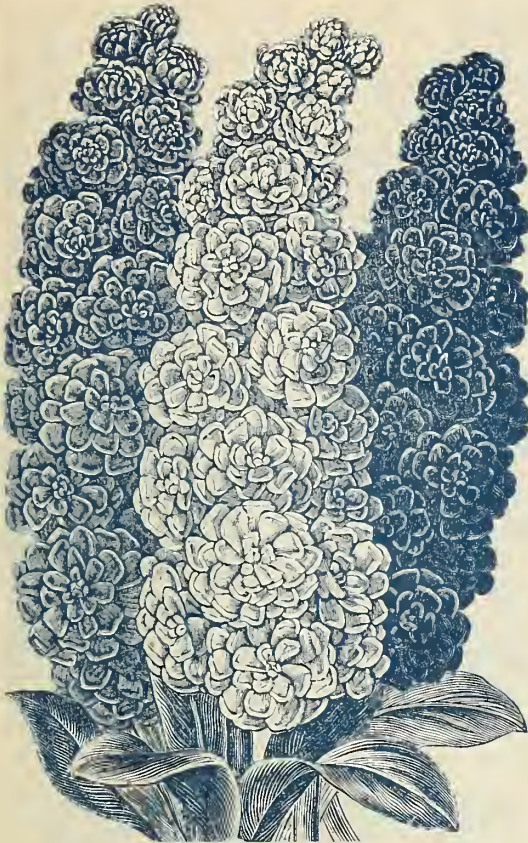
Solanum.

A beautiful class of ornamental fruit-bearing plants. Grown in pots they are very pretty with their abundance of bright colored berries; in the garden they are also very showy. **Mixed Sorts**, all the best kinds. 5

Scabiosa.

One of the most useful and beautiful of all flowers for bouquets, vases, or for any decorative purpose. Many of the flowers are pure coal black, others black tipped with white, pink, maroon, etc. They make splendid clumps or masses by themselves, or mixed with other flowers. Sow seed very early in the open ground. They are among the easiest of all flowers to grow, and always sure to bloom well.

- Mixed Colors, (Mourning Bride). 5
- Double Mixed Colors, dwarf habit. 5
- Snow Ball, See Novelties. 10
- Colden Dwarf, See Novelties. 10



TEN WEEKS STOCKS, GLOBE PYRAMIDAL.

Ten Weeks Stocks.

The Stock is without doubt the most popular German flower. With its great variety of fine colors and large spikes of beautiful double, sweet-scented flowers, suitable either for garden or pot culture, it is certainly one of the most desirable of all flowers. We recommend starting seed under glass and transplanting to the garden about the first of June. For pot culture a four or five inch pot is suitable for one plant.

	Per pkt.
Early Ten Weeks , 12 finest colors mixed.....	10
" " Pure white, very sweet.....	10
" " Crimson.....	10
" " Blue.....	10
" " Yellow, new and fine.....	10
Dwarf German , large flowering, mixed colors; extra fine	10
New Largest Flowering Globe Pyramidal , mixed colors the finest of all Stocks. Immense spikes of large, perfect flowers in dense pyramidal form and of the most charming colors, and very fragrant; new.....	15
Giant Perfection , mixed colors, a grand class with long spikes of beautiful, large double flowers. Height 2½ feet. The finest for open ground.....	15
Snowflake , the earliest of the whites and most excellent for pots. It has large spikes of snow white double flowers.....	15

One packet each of the nine sorts for 75 cents.

Schizopetalum.

A curious little annual which germinates quick and grows 6 to 8 inches high, producing freely, pretty snow-white laciniated flowers as seen in the cut. It is also very sweet scented. It grows freely and is one of the many odd and unknown little flowers which is sure to prove attractive.

Walker , pure white and fragrant.....	5
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VERBENA.

Verbena.

This is a well-known and universal favorite for both pot and open ground culture. A good bed of Verbenas is usually the most attractive spot in the garden. The seed we offer is saved from the finest named sorts, in fact, our Select Prize is the cream of the two finest collections known. Our Verbena seed cannot be excelled in any particular. Seed should be started in pots or frames and transplanted to the garden when large enough. (See our colored plate of New Verbenas.)

	Per pkt.
Extra Choice Mixed , from fine named sorts.....	10
Scarlet , true and pure.....	10
Italian Striped , fine stripes and variegations.....	10
Cholcest Select Mixed , from select flowers of fifty of the finest named sorts; a magnificent range of colors.....	20
Golden Bedder , bright scarlet flowers with golden yellow foliage.....	25
Dark Cloud , a new sort from France; fine, deep violet blue with white center.....	15
New Mammoth , a fine new strain, of dwarf compact habit, with flowers often as large as a twenty-five cent piece, and borne in immense trusses. Their range of colors embraces everything found among Verbenas, except yellow.....	25
Sea Foam , all that need be said of this fine new Verbena is that the flowers are sweet scented; trusses large and beautiful and borne freely at all times, and color snow white, always coming true from seed.....	10
Primrose . We procured this in Europe several years ago, and 98 out of every 100 plants grown from seed will produce flowers of a beautiful, soft primrose yellow color, being the only yellowish shade found among Verbenas. The plant is a compact grower, making it well suited to pot as well as garden culture.....	20
Odorata . This lovely Verbena possesses three great points of merit over other varieties, and they are such important ones that it will become a necessity to every garden. First, it is so hardy, seed can be sown in the open ground early in the spring where they will quickly germinate, grow rapidly, and in a few weeks be in bloom, and give a great profusion of beautiful blossoms all summer. No garden flower is easier grown, for it is sure to thrive as a Poppy or pig weed. Second, the blossoms instead of being in clusters like other sorts run up into spikes, usually 3 or 4 inches long, as shown in the cut. Third, it is very sweet scented. We have probably said enough to make every one want it, but we have yet to say that the flower is pure white, that the plant is short jointed and dwarf, not covering nearly as much ground as other sorts, and it is a perfect mass of bloom all summer. Also, that it always comes perfectly true from seed.....	10

For only \$1.00 we will send one packet each of the above 10 elegant varieties.

Viola Tricolor or "Johnny Jumper."

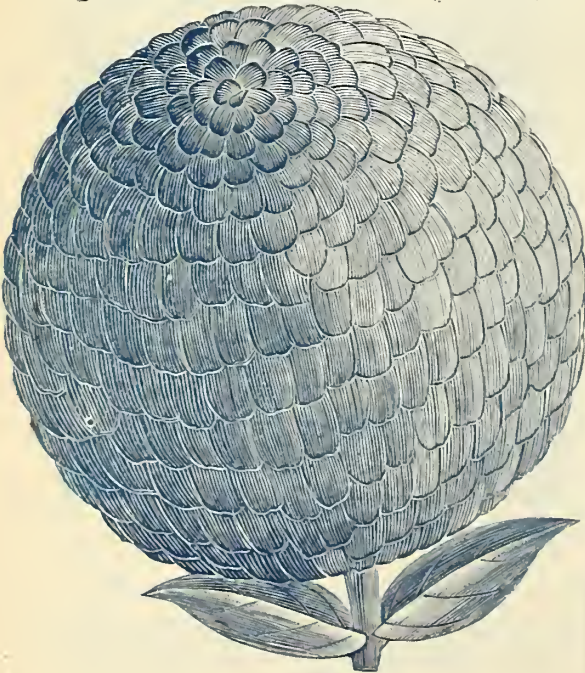
This is the old-fashioned "Johnny Jumper" or "Ladies Delight," a small species of Pansy so popular years ago. It is yet beautiful and worthy of culture on account of its associations as well as its beauty.....

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Childs' Superb Zinnias.

Our Zinnias have for years been the admiration of all who saw them, and have never failed to take first prize whenever or wherever exhibited, but we believe we are still further improving them every year. It is, indeed, a grand flower, as large and double as a Dahlia and of a great variety of fine colors. A bed of Zinnias makes a grand show and is always greatly admired, being constantly in bloom from the last of June until killed by autumn frosts. If there are any people who pretend not to like Zinnias, let them try our seeds, and



they will at once change their minds. We know that our Zinnias are the best to be had anywhere in the wide world. Seed can be sown in open ground quite early. Set plants one to two feet apart. Per pkt.

- Childs' Improved, Mixed Colors**, saved only from select flowers of the largest size, most perfect form and best colors. Every plant will produce large double flowers, brilliant in color and perfect in form. This is the finest strain of Double Zinnias in cultivation. 10
- Improved Striped**, this is the first strain of Striped Zinnias we have ever seen that was worth growing, and with these only about one-half the plants will produce fine double striped flowers, the rest will be single or self colors. By setting the plants close enough so that these can be destroyed as fast as they show their character, a fine bed of beautifully striped flowers can be had. They represent all the leading colors, and all striped with some color different from the main color of the bloom. 10
- Fire Ball**, dazzling fiery scarlet, very double, (no single or imperfect ones at all appearing), neatly as round as a ball, and borne in such profusion as to completely cover the plants, which are of a dwarf, compact, bushy habit. It makes a splendid border or mass, its bright color showing to great advantage. 10
- Snow Ball**, exactly like Fire Ball in all respects except color, which is pure snow white, very fine, and contrasts finely with the scarlet. 10
- Double Yellow**, extra fine, with very large blossoms of the brightest yellow. Makes a fine contrast with Fire Ball and Snow Ball. 10
- New Pompon, Mixed Colors**, the flowers are about half the size of ordinary Zinnias, very double and of the most beautiful and perfect form and vivid colors; scarlet, rose, pink, white, violet, yellow, orange, etc. They bloom profusely and are very showy. This is one of the very best seed novelties in a long time, and was introduced by us four years ago, since when we have improved and brought them to their present state of high perfection. Plant a bed of these elegant Zinnias by all means. 10
- Lilliput**. (New, 1889.) Our Zinnias are famous the world over, and we are pleased to be able to add to their renown by the introduction of a new and distinct strain of great beauty. The plants grow only about half the size of ordinary Zinnias, branching and blooming freely, the blossoms being very small, only one-half the size of the Pommions. They are very double and perfect, and of exceedingly brilliant colors. These beautiful little Zinnias are truly gems, which all lovers of flowers will appreciate. 10

Our packet each of above seven Zinnias for 50 cents. They will make a magnificent bed.

ORNAMENTAL FOLIAGE PLANTS.

THESE are indispensable to every garden. Foliage plants are in their way just as important a feature to a garden or lawn as flowers. For large show beds or clumps for centers or borders of beds of flowers, foliage plants are a necessity. The seven sorts here offered are the best and all that can be desired. The white leaves of the Centaurea, black leaves of the Perilla, yellow of the Pyrethrum, Scarlet of the Amaranthus, and the beautifully variegated leaves of the Betas, Kale and Ricinus do indeed make a magnificent contrast and show. Don't fail to have a good bed of them.

Special Offer.—For 50 cents we will send one packet each of these seven grand ornamentals.



Amaranthus.

Rainbow. The best of all Amaranthus. Plants grow two to three feet high in beautiful pyramidal spirals of thick foliage. Each leaf is composed of two colors, half green and half a dull black. In August the leaves on the upper part of the branches turn to the most brilliant colors, intense scarlet, rose, pink, amaranth, yellow, orange, etc., presenting a display which few plants can equal. They are indeed a blaze of glory. As pot plants we believe they will also rank high, as well as for open ground culture..... 10



BETA; ORNAMENTAL FOLIAGE.

Beta.

In Europe the Foliage Beets have long stood in the front ranks for ornamental bedding, and the new and improved sorts are now coming into great favor in this country. They are indeed among the most effective bedding plants, producing immense leaves, often two feet long and eight or nine inches broad, beautifully colored and crinkled. Planted in a bed together, one foot apart each way they are grand. One great feature of these Beets is the fact that frost does not kill them, but only colors their leaves all the brighter (like a fancy Caladium), and until they are covered with snow they are objects of great beauty. When all other plants have been destroyed by frost the Beets and Kales are seen at their best. Per pkt. 10

All the best sorts, mixed..... 10

Centaurea.

Clementel, the silver leaved Centaureas of which this is the best, are extensively grown for bordering. They form compact plants with large, fern-like, silvery-white leaves which are very beautiful. With good protection they stand the winter and are useful the second season. Fine also for pots and baskets..... 10



KALE

Kale.

As an ornamental plant its elegantly curled and colored leaves make it one of the most useful foliage plants for ornamental bedding. These leaves turn at the touch of frost to various colors, some very dark deep red, others pink, rose, fine shades of olive, etc., and remain all through the fall and winter in the most beautiful state, and form a bed of great beauty. As you will see by the cut, the foliage is highly ornamental in shape, but when well colored up it is grand. Per pkt. 10

All the best sorts mixed..... 10

Perilla.

Laciniatus, a new dwarf form, growing not over a foot high; compact and bushy with large black leaves finely lanceolated. Its color and form make it an odd and striking object, and highly ornamental. It is fully equal to the best dark Coleus for bedding. Sow seed in the open ground early..... 5

Pyrethrum.

Aureum, this is the well-known and ever beautiful "Golden Feather," with its mass of golden yellow foliage, standing our winters and showing to good advantage at all times. The color of its foliage makes it very ornamental, and a striking contrast to Perilla and Centaurea..... 5



RICINUS CAMBODGENSIS.

Ricinus.

Cambodgensis, a fine sort growing about seven feet high, with shining dark ebony-colored stems, and leaves of a deep purplish black having a beautiful metallic luster. It is one of the finest ornamental foliage plants in cultivation, particularly adapted for the center of beds of Cannas, or other tall-growing plants. It is an early and rapid grower, producing its flower and fruit in August. It is in all respects the most beautiful and desirable of the Ricinus family. Every garden should have two or three at least for specimens..... 10

Per pkt. 10

ORNAMENTAL CLIMBERS.

One of the most interesting and useful classes of garden plants are the Climbers. For making screens, covering fences, old trees, arbors, porches, etc., they are useful adornments to every home garden. In fact a good variety of Climbers is quite necessary for the good purposes which they serve to say nothing of their graceful beauty. Some of the kinds, like Sweet Peas and Maurandya make elegant summer hedges, and furnish abundance of choice flowers. Our collection of Sweet Peas is particularly fine.



COBÆA SCANDENS.

Cobæa.

A fine tall-growing Climber with large bell-shaped blossoms. A rapid grower, best suited for sheltered situations. Fine for greenhouses, Per pkt.

Scandens, fine purplish blue..... 10

Canary Bird Flower.

A Climber with beautiful cut leaves and elegant canary-colored blossoms. Fine for windows or sheltered situations. A good winter bloomer in the greenhouse. It is one of the most beautiful of all climbers, its elegant foliage adding so much to the beauty of the blossoms.

Tropæolum Canariensis, Canary Bird Flower..... 10

Convolvulus.

The well-known Morning Glory. A fine hardy and rapid grower, which always gives great satisfaction. They bloom early in the morning, and during the forenoon are brilliant with scores of beautiful flowers of various colors, white, pink, blue, scarlet, variegated, etc.

Major, mixed, all colors, per oz., 15c..... 5

Cypress Vine.



GOURDS.

One of the most elegant of climbers, forming a dense mass of finely cut foliage thickly set with white and scarlet star-shaped blossoms.

Mixed Colors..... 5

Gourds, (Ornamental.)

A very useful and ornamental class of rapid growing climbers. The fruit is of various shapes and colors, some very large and others very small. All are hard shelled and will keep for years, never decaying. They are all large and rapid growing climbers, best suited for fences or brush. See other useful and ornamental Gourds in list of Vegetable Seeds.

All the best sorts, mixed..... 5

Ipomœa.

Closely allied to and much like the Morning Glories. The flowers are larger and the colors more elegant. They are tall and rapid growers and will give great satisfaction.

Mixed Colors, very beautiful..... 5

Beauty of Floral Park, its leaves are light green, variegated with white, while its large blossoms are of deep magenta red, with a broad white border. 10

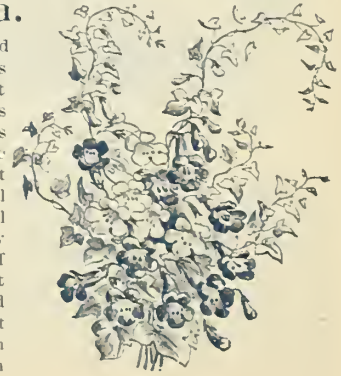


IPOMŒA
GRACILIS

Gracilis. A new vine whose grace and beauty capture all at sight. It is a vigorous and rapid, though not a coarse grower, attaining the height of fifteen or twenty feet if given opportunity, and makes a most excellent screen or shade to a window or arbor. The blossoms are light scarlet in color, and borne very profusely on long, slender stems, and thereby lend the plant a charming grace and beauty possessed by no other annual climber. They are one of the best plants for a poor soil or situation, as they seem to bloom as well as in a good one. Per pkt..... 15

Maurandya.

Started early and planted out in May this makes one of the finest of all climbers. It trails beautifully over fences and walls, and its dense green foliage is not killed by the first fall frosts. It keeps until late autumn, and is gay with a profusion of white, rose and violet blossoms. Start seed early as possible and set the plants in the open ground after warm weather sets in.



MAURANDYA.

Mixed Colors, white, rose, purple, etc..... 5



Sweet Peas.

This is our favorite flower, and in writing about it we feel we can never say enough to do justice to its great beauty and fragrance. The Pansy, the Aster, the Poppy, the Verbena, etc., all have their ardent admirers, but to us give the delicately beautiful, yet brilliant and fragrant Sweet Pea. For hedges or masses in the garden, trained on brush or strings, they are exceedingly showy, but for cutting for bouquets, vases, corsage or buttonhole wear, no flower except the Rose can equal them. Sweet Peas are so cheap and easily grown, there is no reason why every one should not have them in abundance. To succeed best, sow seed as early as the ground can be worked in the spring. They will soon be out of ground and will need to be supported by brush or strings. They commence blooming early, and if the flowers are picked as fast as they fade, will continue all summer. If allowed to form seed they will soon stop flowering and die down. The Sweet Pea is to-day one of the most popular garden flowers. Their pretty colors and delightful perfume make them one of the most charming flowers. In weight we sell more Sweet Peas than any other kind of seed we handle. Plant a good lot for the beautiful bouquets of sweet blossoms they will yield you. The collection here offered is superb, all new and improved varieties of great beauty.

	Per pkt.	oz.
Scarlet Invincible, fine deep scarlet.....	5	20
Pure White, splendid.....	5	20
Adonis, new earmine rose, fine.....	5	20
Black, dark purple black.....	5	20
Butterfly, white, laeed with blue; extra.....	5	20
Crown Princess, bright blush; lovely.....	10	40
Dark Red, rich and fine.....	5	20
Fairy Queen, white and rose.....	10	40
Grand Blue, new and superb.....	15	50
Indigo King, deep blue; new.....	20	75
Princess of Wales, white, striped blue and purple.....	20	75
Queen of the Isles, scarlet, mottled white and purple.....	5	20
Painted Lady, lovely pink and white.....	5	20
Violet Queen, fine violet; new.....	10	30
Vesuvius. This is unlike any Sweet Pea hitherto known. The upper petals are distinctly spotted on a rosy ground color, shading into purple at the throat; the lower petals, or standard, are of a velvety violet, shading off into lilae toward the edge.....	10	40
Mixed Colors , of all the above, and many others; extra fine quality; per lb., \$1.....	5	15

Special Offer.—For only 75 cents we will send one packet each of above 15 grand sorts.

Tropaeolum.



TROPAEOLUM LOBBIANUM.

These are climbing varieties of the Nasturtium, which are exceedingly rapid growers and very showy. The Lobbianum are the best adapted for window or greenhouse climbers, and produce flowers in great profusion. Very fine for winter blooming.

Per pkt. **Lobbianum, Mixed Colors** 5
 mixed colors. Splendid for house culture in winter or summer, giving a great profusion of brilliant bloom.....10



THUNBERGIA.

Thunbergia.

Very fine trailing plants, producing masses of pretty flowers. When allowed to trail on the ground they make a beautiful bed. The colors are delicate and beautiful.

Mixed Colors..... 10

Our "Popular Collection of Climbers."

For only 50 cents we will send one packet each of the following, all mixed colors: Cobaea, Cypress Vine, Convolvulus, Canary Bird Flower, Gourds, Ipomaea, Maurandya, Sweet Peas, Tropaeolum and Thunbergia. At regular prices they amount to 70 cents. In ordering simply ask for "Popular Collection of Climbers." 10 packets for 50 cents.

EVERLASTING FLOWERS.

These are justly very popular, not only for their summer display in the garden but they retain their beauty for years by being cut and dried, and may be made up into various forms for parlor and festive decorations, and used at a time when it is impossible to have fresh cut flowers. Plant a good variety of Everlastings and dry them for winter decorations, and you will ever thank yourself for doing it.

Ammobium.

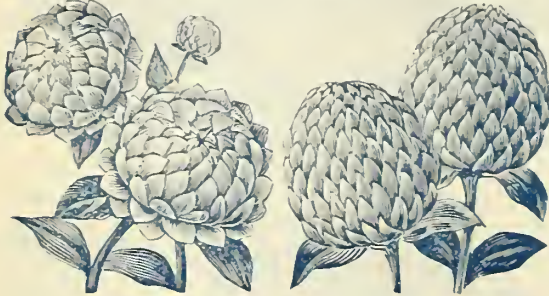
Bears great numbers of small blossoms as double as Roses. Seeds can be sown early in open ground. Per pkt.

Alatum, pure white, double..... 5

Acroelinium.

A free growing Everlasting with very delicate colored flowers which have golden yellow centers. One of the best.

Mixed Colors, white and rosy pink..... 5



AMMOBIUM.

GOMPHRENA.

Gomphrena.

Known as Globe Amaranthus, and is a species of the Cockscomb; with good sized blossoms as round as a ball. Start in a frame or pot, if possible, and transplant.

All Colors, Mixed, white crimson, orange, etc..... 5



HELICHRYSUM.

Helichrysum.

This is probably the most valuable of all Everlastings. Its large flowers are perfectly double and of the most brilliant colors. Cut the flowers when they first begin to expand and dry with the stems straight. Seed can be sown in the open ground. Per pkt.

Monstrosum, mixed colors, very large..... 5
Dwarf, mixed colors, compact and free flowering..... 5
Fire Ball, deep fiery red, large and double; new..... 10
Golden Ball, golden yellow; new..... 10
Snow Ball, pure white..... 10

Helipterum.

A valuable sort, bearing compact clusters of bright golden flowers. They dry finely and keep well.

Sanfordi, fine yellow..... 5

Gnaphalium.

A fine Everlasting, bearing its large straw colored blossoms in clusters of six to ten. It is very fine and but little known.

Foetidum..... 5

Rhodanthe.

An exceedingly beautiful flower, and one which possesses a grace and beauty seldom seen. As an Everlasting it is indispensable, and as a pot or garden flower it is elegant. Seed sown in early spring or winter and grown in pots, blooms in a short time and makes a most magnificent display. Sown later in the open ground they are a grand summer flower. For drying they are very graceful and pretty made up into dry bouquets.

Per pkt.

Manglesi, splendid, bright rosy pink. 5

Alba, pure white.... 5



RHODANTHE.



XERANTHEMUM.

Xeranthemum.

A very desirable class of free-flowering Everlastings. It furnishes about the only blue color we have in Everlastings. Easily grown from seed in open ground.

Mixed Colors..... 5
Suberbissima, new, double blue; very fine.... 10

Ornamental Grasses.

These are most useful and necessary to cut and dry for making up with bouquets of Everlastings. They are elegant and graceful and equally valuable as Everlastings for decorative purposes. They can be sown in the garden early.

All the best varieties, Mixed ... per 14 oz., 25 cts. 5

Special Offer.—One packet each of all these 15 Everlasting and Grasses for 75 cents.

EVENING BLOOMERS.

WE rejoice that people are beginning to appreciate evening flowers. Charming as they are they have long been neglected, but in future we shall find in nearly every garden a bed of evening flowers which will be a center of attraction. Do not understand that "Evening" flowers are in bloom only at night. Far from it. As a rule they open about four o'clock in the afternoon, and remain in full glory until ten or eleven o'clock the next day. They are all fragrant, and some of them are among the fairest and sweetest floral gems. Plant a bed of evening flowers and when you walk in your garden during the pleasant hours of twilight and early morn, you will bless the charming *Enotheras*, the sweet *Nicotiana*, the great Silvery *Daturas*, and the brilliant *Mirabilis*, as they look up to you with so much charming beauty and sweetness.



ENOTHERA DRUMMONDII.

Enothera, or Evening Primrose.

Few garden flowers are more charming than the Evening Primrose, with their large saucer shaped blossoms, delightful perfume and soft pure colors of white and yellow shades. Sow seed early in the open ground and they will soon be up and blooming and continue all summer, delighting every one who sees them. Per pkt.

Grandiflora Odorata, flower stems of this sort grow a foot or more in height, bearing brilliant yellow blossoms two to three inches across. Exceedingly sweet and beautiful. 10

Acaulis, silvery white blossoms of enormous size, often as big as a Moonflower. Very fragrant and striking. 5

Drummondii, a lovely variety, which trails on the ground like a Verbena, and bears very large blossoms, some bright yellow and others pale straw color. Very desirable for edging. 10

Lamarckiana, a tall growing sort with large brilliant yellow blossoms. 5

Mathiola.

A variety of the Ten Weeks Stock, which is hardy and robust, so that seed can be sown in the open ground early. It will commence blooming in June, producing at evening a great profusion of fragrant blossoms.

Bicornis, light lilac pink, very sweet and desirable. 10

Mirabilis, (Four O'Clock.)

This is one of the most brilliant and showy plants that can be grown with little or no trouble. Plant in clumps or masses and they will make a dazzling bed during the afternoon and morning. Though old, this brilliant flower has been greatly improved of late years and is now one of the most valuable annuals for a mass of color.

Improved Mixed Colors, white, scarlet, crimson, yellow, violet, variegated, etc. No flower has clearer brighter colors than these improved *Mirabilis*. 5

Tom Thumb, (new dwarf) mixed colors. These new *Mirabilis* are a charming addition to garden annuals. They grow about 15 inches high, forming a dense, bushy plant, covered with a mass of yellowish foliage thickly studded with beautiful blossoms. The plants are such solid masses of bright foliage and flowers that they are exceedingly attractive. 10



Nicotiana.

Per pkt.

Affinis, three feet high with hundreds of blooms filling the air with a delicious fragrance. 10

Decurrens, This variety is a dwarf form which branches freely from the ground giving a great number of flowering branches. It is therefore a prolific bloomer, the flowers being in all respects like *Affinis*, large with long tubes, pure white, and exquisitely fragrant. Its great number of flowers open before sundown, and close about ten o'clock next day, re-opening again towards evening. Seed can be started in the house if desired, but when sown in the open ground they commence blooming as early as July. 15

Datura "Sweet Nightingale."



This was one of our very finest novelties last year, and it is a plant which will adorn any garden and add to its beauty. It is closely allied to the *Grand Brugmausia*, and like that plant it possesses a striking beauty not often seen, its enormous flowers attracting every eye. It is a grand evening flower, opening about sunset and lasting till near

noon the next day. Flowers, pure white, 9 inches long and 5 to 6 inches wide at the top. Its delicious fragrance fills the evening air. It is a free bloomer. Per pkt, 10 cents.

Special Offer.—The above 10 varieties of evening bloomers form our "Whippoorwill Collection," blooming as they do when that enchanter of the night pours forth its saddest and sweetest of song. We will send the entire collection, one paper each of the 10 varieties for only 50 cents.

CHOICE SELECT SEED.

FOR GREENHOUSE AND WINDOW CULTURE.

THE following Choice Seeds are all scarce and expensive. We quote them at prices as low as possible, the quality being the best that the world produces. Our seed of these rare plants must not be confounded with the cheap grades usually imported into this country, for they are from the prize strains of Europe, fresh and pure, and are not surpassed by any ever grown here or abroad. Our Primula, Cineraria, Gloxinia, Calceolaria, Coleus, Carnation, etc., is not to be excelled anywhere. It is a very pleasant task to grow rare plants from seed; watching them day by day, as they develop and bloom, affords a great deal of pleasure to any one who loves flowers. Those who have never seen good plants of Gloxinia, Cineraria, Calceolaria, Begonia, Primula, etc., in bloom, have little idea of their great beauty and loveliness. Greenhouse seed should be sown in pots or boxes at any time during spring or summer, and covered with glass until they germinate. We think it better to start the seed in the spring, or before July.



ABUTILON.



SINGLE GERANIUM.

Abutilon.

Splendid greenhouse shrubs with maple like leaves and beautiful bell-shaped flowers of various colors. Plants grow rapidly from seed, and bloom in about four months from the time of planting. They are very valuable when grown merely for summer flowering in the garden, where they thrive splendidly and bloom profusely. Many of them have beautifully variegated leaves, which, in themselves, are very ornamental indeed. The Abutilon is one of the easiest and most satisfactory of all plants to grow from seed. Do not fail to try it. Per pkt.

Choicest Hybrids, mixed colors, white, yellow, pink, orange, red, etc. These are the finest of all Abutilons 20

Agapanthus.

Known as Lily of the Palace. It bears great umbels of elegant blue flowers. Very easily grown from seed and sure to succeed, as they germinate quick and grow rapidly. The Agapanthus makes splendid garden flowers when grown for that purpose, wintered in the cellar and put out every spring.

Umbellata, large blue..... 10

Begonia.

This is one of the leading and most beautiful window plants. They are of exceedingly easy culture and produce a great profusion of elegant flowers. The seed is fine and will need great care in sowing. Plants often bloom in six or eight months from seed.

Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids, mixed. Elegant tuberous-rooted sorts, with large showy blossoms..... 30

Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids, double, mixed; fine double 30

Mixed Seed, of many sorts..... 25

Cacti.

This curious and beautiful class of plants are easily grown from seed, and no one need fail with them. Sow in soil composed of two-thirds clean sand, with good drainage. When they have grown to a proper size for handling pot off into small pots. Use water sparingly.

Mixed Sorts, 30 to 40 best varieties..... 20

Coleus.

Well known as the finest foliage bedding plant in existence. Our seed is saved from the best varieties and will produce elegant sorts.

Extra Choice, mixed..... 25

Chrysanthemum.

Chrysanthemum seed sown in spring will produce large vigorous plants by fall, which will give a great profusion of fine flowers, even more than old plants. The seed we offer is of our own hybridizing and saving from our prize collection of over 100 of the choicest named sorts, and will produce a magnificent array of varieties. No matter how many plants you raise no two will be alike in color and form. Seed germinates very quickly, and the young plants are easily reared as they grow rapidly from the first. Try them and you will be delighted with the magnificent large blossoms and charming colors they will produce. Per pkt.

Choicest Mixed, from all the best sorts of large Flowering, Incurved, Pompon, Japanese, and Anemone flowered. Will produce a grand variety of best double flowers..... 25

Gianthus.

A trailing plant with very beautiful foliage and bunches of intense scarlet flowers with black centers, which form a most showy contrast. The best way to grow this beautiful flower is to prepare a hill in the garden as you would for melons, in which plant a few seeds where they will grow and bloom beautifully until frost, then lift carefully and bring inside for winter bloom.

Dampieri, magnificent color..... 25



CINERARIA, DWARF HYBRIDS.

Cineraria.

For a showy greenhouse or window flower the Cineraria has few equals, bearing as it does hundreds of large showy flowers of various colors and markings. They usually bloom during late winter and early spring when showy flowers are exceedingly rare. From seed they grow very quickly and are easily managed and bloom the first winter. Keep the plants in a cool, shady place during summer.

Dwarf Hybrids, large flowering, mixed colors; the best 25

Double, Extra Choice, mixed; magnificent..... 50

Carnation.

This elegant flower should be grown more generally from seed. Seed germinates as freely and plants are as easily raised as its first cousin, the Dianthus. Plants from seed sown in April will commence blooming in August and continue all winter.

- Good Mixed 10
- Fancy, Extra Choice, mixed; variegated colors..... 25
- Perpetual Tree, or monthly, extra choice..... 25
- New Hardy, See Novelties..... 25

Galceolaria.

Another exceedingly showy house plant, which, when in bloom, is, indeed, a rare beauty, having hundreds of showy pocket-like flowers of various colors, some spotted and marked elegantly. Treat like Primulas or Cinerarias.

- Hybrids, mixed colors, extra choice seed..... 25
- Rugosa, mixed, fine for open ground during summer... 15

Fern.

Ferns are useful for winter decorations, baskets, warden cases, and for cool shady nooks in the garden.

- Mixed Sorts, all the best varieties.. 25

Geranium.

These beautiful plants are very easily raised from seed, and the seed here offered will produce new varieties equal to the very best. With good care plants will bloom within six or seven months from the time the seed is sown. There is no better way to get a fine lot of Geraniums than to grow them from seed. Per pkt.

- Zonale, choice mixed, from fine sorts..... 10
- “ extra choice, mixed from finest new varieties.. 20
- Apple Scented, very delightfully scented leaves..... 25
- Double Mixed, Saved especially for us from the finest new sorts, and will produce some of the best double varieties in existence 30
- Musk Scented, free bloomer..... 20

Heliotrope.



A very fragrant and desirable flower. They do finely bedded out in the garden where they will bloom all summer, and when carefully lifted, potted, and brought into a light, warm window they bloom most beautifully during winter. The flowers are always prized for their delicious fragrance.

Mixed Colors, 15

Lantana

Seedlings grow quickly and bloom the first summer. They are exceedingly fine for summer bedding.

- All Sorts, mixed..... 10

Lemon Verbena.

This elegant, fragrant plant is easily grown from seed and succeeds well. Have a good bed of it in the garden over summer, that you can cut its fragrant foliage and flowers to make up with bouquets. Per pkt.

- Lemon Verbena, choicest seed..... 10

Musa Ensette.

The great Abyssinian Banana, so beautiful for bedding purposes. It grows several feet high with enormous leaves, which are highly ornamental.

- Ensette, per packet of 5 seeds..... 20

Passiflora.

This elegant vine is easily grown from seed, and it is well worth any one's while to try it. They are very beautiful for windows, and when planted out in summer they make a magnificent climber growing very rapidly.

- Mixed Sorts..... 10

Palms.

Filifera, the beautiful weeping Palm that is so hardy and robust. It grows very rapidly from seed. See plant department for full description..... 10

Smilax.

We doubt if one of our customers in a hundred have ever seen a string of Smilax in bloom. Though grown principally for its elegant green foliage, so indispensable for floral work, it nevertheless bears flowers by the thousand, which for rare and graceful beauty and delicate fragrance cannot be excelled. Smilax requires a nice sunny window and freedom from dust. It grows very quickly from seed.

- Smilax, extra fine seed 10



PRIMULA.

Primula Sinensis.

We doubt if there is a greenhouse or window plant more popular than the Primrose. It is justly popular, first for its elegant flowers and long continued season of bloom, which extends nearly through the whole year, and second, on account of its ease of culture, thriving in a window where there is little or no sun which few plants will do. It is not particular as to situation and is never attacked by insects. It is a plant that will thrive in any window for anybody. It grows readily from seed and there is no reason why every lover of beautiful flowers should not have a good lot of these elegant plants. Our seed is from the choicest strains in Europe, and cannot be excelled.

- Mixed, very good; from a fine large-flowering collection 10
- Fimbriata, extra fine, large flowering, mixed 20
- “ Felicifolia, mixed (Fern-leaved Primula).... 20
- “ Flora Plena, Alba, fine double white..... 50
- “ Rosea, fine double, rose..... 50
- “ “ Mixed, double. The double Primulas are truly magnificent 50

Obconica, a most valuable new species, being a strong, vigorous grower and in bloom every day in the year. It is particularly a free bloomer in winter, producing large clusters of white flowers and often more than fifty of them appear on a plant at once. A plant is, in fact, a perfect mass of bloom all winter..... 20

Clobosa, mixed colors. A new strain of the Sinensis Fimbriata type, with large fringed flowers, of fine shape and bright colors, and borne in great clusters. The plants are dwarf and compact in growth, which makes them extra fine for pot culture. Colors, white, red, pink, striped, etc. Our customers will find this an extra fine strain..... 30

HARDY PERENNIALS,

WHICH FLOWER THE SECOND SEASON.

IN THIS list are offered only such Hardy Plants as live in the ground over Winter, and bloom profusely every year after the first. The fact that they do not bloom the first year should not deter any one from planting them, for they are among the very best of all garden flowers, and require the least care and attention. They mostly bloom early when there are no other flowers. What could we do without the Aquilegias, Delphiniums, Digitalis, Hollyhocks, Picotees, Sweet Williams, etc.? A garden would seem no garden at all to us without a good variety of Hardy Perennials. Seed can be sown in the open ground from May to middle of July. Sow a good collection of these seeds this spring and you will ever after thank yourself for it.

Alyssum.

Similar to the Sweet Alyssum in form of flower, but blooms very early in spring and is very showy. Per pkt.
Saxatile, golden yellow; fine..... 5

Aquilegia.

The well-known Columbines are a showy June flower and always greatly admired.
Prize Mixture. This strain, a fancier has been over seven years collecting and improving, and it embraces more than one hundred varieties, double and single, and of all shapes and colors. Nothing like it was ever before offered in this country, and it will prove a prize to any one, being so hardy and flourishing and blooming year after year..... 10



DIGITALIS.



DELPHINIUM.

Adonis.

A magnificent plant, producing in early spring large flowers which are exceedingly showy. It should be more generally grown as it blooms at a time when such bright flowers are always greatly appreciated. Try it by all means.
Vernalis, bright yellow..... 5

Campanula.

The well-known and very popular Canterbury Bells. They bloom very early in spring when flowers are scarce.
Double, Mixed Colors..... 5

Digitalis.

These, the well-known Fox Gloves, are one of the best June flowers. Spikes of bloom two feet long are produced in abundance and are very fine. Per pkt.
Gloxinoides, mixed colors, variegated with elegant Gloxinia spots..... 5

Delphinium.

These grow several feet high and bear immense spikes of beautiful blossoms. They bloom early in spring and again in summer and fall, which makes them particularly desirable. Per pkt.
Hybrids, extra fine, mixed colors..... 5

Gladiolus.

The most beautiful Gladiolus we have we grow from seed. Sow in light soil and give protection until they germinate. They bloom the second and third year.
Lemoline's Hybrids, mixed colors. Seed saved from this elegant new class of hardy Gladiolus, and will produce a grand variety of bloom. They are among the most beautiful Gladiolus in cultivation. Try them by all means, and raise a nice lot of bulbs..... 10
Clant-Flowered French, these are really the finest Gladiolus to be had, and are easily raised from seed. They have gigantic spikes and blossoms of the most varied and beautiful colors, and perfect form..... 10

Hollyhocks.

Our strain of double Hollyhocks is truly grand. Flowers very large and perfectly double, colors very brilliant, embracing yellow, lemon, white, black, rose, pink, deep red, variegated, etc. They produce spikes of bloom four and five feet long, which are exceedingly showy for backgrounds, against walls or fences, or for centers of beds. The Hollyhock is an exceedingly popular flower, and both seed and plant are in great demand. Plants will be found offered in department of Hardy Bulbs and Plants. Seed can be sown in open ground at any time from May to September, and will bloom freely the next season.
Double White, pure and true..... 10
Double Magenta, fine bright color..... 10
Double Lemon, pure, bright lemon yellow..... 10
Double Pink, very delicate and pretty..... 10
Midnight, double black..... 10
Double, Mixed Colors, very choice, embracing over twenty different shades..... 10
Cem of Yellow. This is a new sort, very dwarf and very double, and of the finest brilliant yellow color. The flowers set so close on the stalks that it is one gigantic spike of bloom. It is the finest of all Hollyhocks..... 10
(One paper each of above seven sorts, 50 Cents.)



HOLLYHOCKS.

Honeysuckle.

A beautiful climber which grows rapidly from seed and blooms freely.
Mixed Sorts..... 15

Iris.

These beautiful plants are easily raised from seed.
Kaempferi, fine mixed, all colors, double and single... 5

Iberis.

A beautiful hardy Candytuft, which during June is a perfect mass of snow-white flowers.
Sempervirens, pure white..... 10

Picotee Pinks.

These are the hardy Carnations with an array of elegant colors, which stand our winters and give us an abundance of showy blossoms early in the season.
Double, all Colors, Mixed, a magnificent collection, including all the elegant variegated sorts..... 15

Perennial Pea.

A beautiful climber, resembling the Sweet Pea, except its blossoms are borne in large clusters. Blooms very early.
Mixed Colors, rose, white and red..... 5
White, very fine..... 10



PRIMULA JAPONICA.

PRIMULA CORTUSOIDES.

Hardy Primulas.

The following fine species are perennials which live and bloom year after year in the open ground. They are hardy with slight protection and require the same treatment as Pansies and Daisies.

- Auricula**, very beautiful indeed, with rich and striking colors. They bloom in clusters, and are always greatly admired..... 10
 - Cortusoides**, deep rose in beautiful umbels, very hardy 10
 - Eilatour**, (true Oxslip), pale yellow, drooping..... 5
 - " **Double**..... 15
 - Japonica, Mixed Colors**, flowers in umbel spikes of various colors and very fine. One of the most beautiful hardy perennials..... 15
 - Farinosa**, (Bird's Eye), light purple with yellow eye.... 10
 - Officinalis**, (Cowslip), bright yellow in umbels..... 5
- (one paper each of these 7 Hardy Primulas, 50 cents.)*

Strawberry.

While in France we were surprised at the size, sweetness, and delicious flavor of the Strawberries, which are said to surpass any in the world. They are certainly a great way ahead of the American varieties. We have secured seed of the finest large-fruited kinds, which we have every reason to believe will produce varieties far superior to those in cultivation in this country.

Strawberry, large fruited varieties, mixed..... 10



SWEET WILLIAM, CHILDS' IMPROVED.

Sweet William.

This old and popular flower has been greatly improved the last few years. The flowers are twice as large as they used to be, and the colors bright and varied. In fine colors and perfect form Childs' Improved are the best of all. The Sweet William is a most elegant garden flower.

- Childs' Improved, Mixed Colors**, produced after years of careful saving and selecting; perfect in form, large in size, and brilliant and varied in colors..... 10
- Double, Mixed Colors**, fine double flowers..... 10
- Double White**, new and very fine..... 10



PERENNIAL PEA.

WALLFLOWER.

Wallflower.

A fragrant hardy perennial, closely allied to the Ten Weeks Stock. Highly esteemed by many.

Double, Mixed Colors..... 10

Violet.

Some of these are easily grown from seed, and no garden is complete without a good bed of them.

- Perpetual White**, very fine and free blooming..... 10
- The Czar**, new, bearing the largest flowers, of rich, deep blue color, and very sweet..... 15

Yucca Filamentosa.

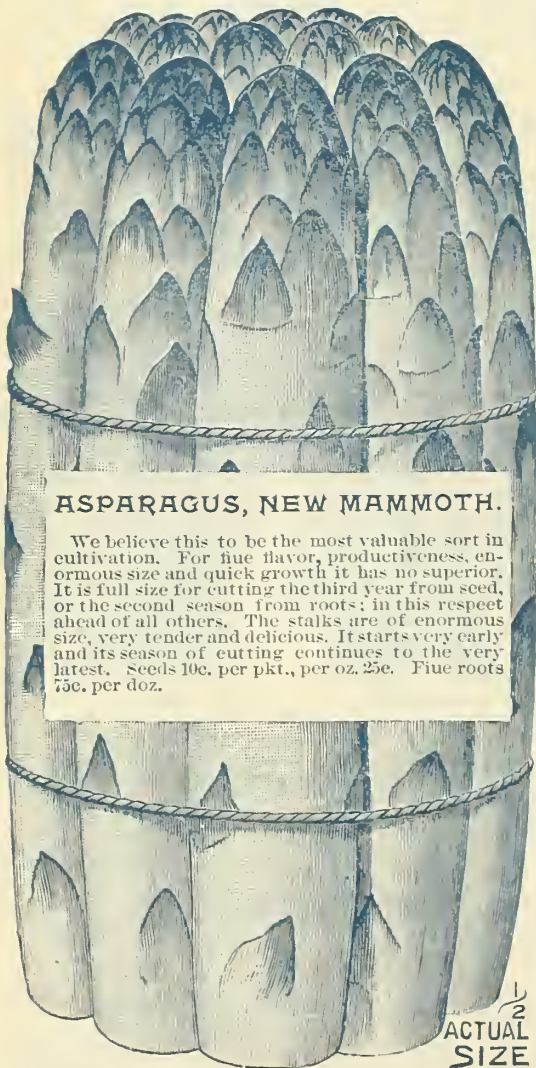
One of the most ornamental of all hardy plants, being an evergreen forming a dense clump of beautiful foliage, which is attractive both summer and winter, but when in bloom its grandeur can best be appreciated. In July it throws up a flower-spike often higher than a man's head, on which are borne hundreds of large elegant bell-shaped white blossoms. For centers of small beds, borders of large ones, or positions among shrubbery it is unequalled among hardy plants. Several fine plants can be grown from a paper of seed.

Filamentosa..... 10

VEGETABLE SEEDS,

OF SUPERIOR QUALITY FOR FAMILY AND MARKET USE.

The varieties of Vegetable Seeds we offer are confined to the *very best* standard and new sorts and are all that can be desired for a family garden. We might catalogue a much larger list of kinds, but it seems useless, as those offered are of the greatest merit. We are proud to say that our Seeds have always given universal satisfaction and are excelled by none in point of purity, freshness and highly perfected qualities. The few varieties we offer we intend shall be far above the ordinary grades. Those who plant our seed can rely upon having choice vegetables. Nothing is a greater comfort or more profitable to a family than a good vegetable garden. It is drawn upon every day of the year for healthful and delicious food. In point of quality, vegetables fresh from the garden have no comparison with those purchased in the markets, which have usually become wilted and stale before they reach the table. There is nothing like the pure article fresh from the garden. We call special attention to our list of vegetable novelties. Try them, and always bear in mind that it is as easy to raise good varieties as poor ones. *All Seeds offered are sent by mail, postage paid, at price quoted.*



ASPARAGUS, NEW MAMMOTH.

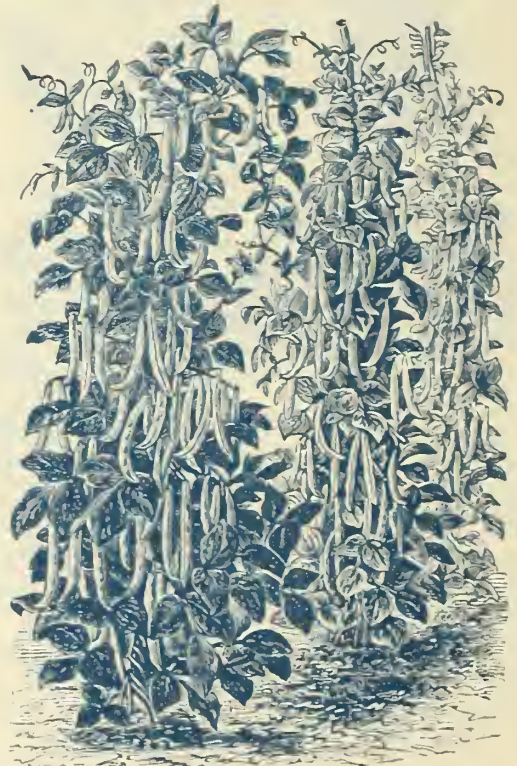
We believe this to be the most valuable sort in cultivation. For fine flavor, productiveness, enormous size and quick growth it has no superior. It is full size for cutting the third year from seed, or the second season from roots; in this respect ahead of all others. The stalks are of enormous size, very tender and delicious. It starts very early and its season of cutting continues to the very latest. Seeds 10c. per pkt., per oz. 25c. Five roots 75c. per doz.

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Beans, Pole.

We offer but a very few varieties of Pole Bean, but they are the best ones known to cultivation.

Golden Wax Flageolet, a new sort of great beauty, productiveness and superb quality. The vines are crowded with bunches of handsome pods 7 to 8 inches in length, golden yellow, round, full and fleshy, entirely free from strings and of superb quality. Vines grow and bear from early until late. Per pkt., 10c.; pt., 35c.; qt. 60c.



BEAN, GOLDEN WAX FLAGEOLET.

Best of All, an extremely early Pole Bean of the finest quality. Pods five to six inches long, very fleshy, and perfectly stringless, and exceedingly prolific. The long pods are produced all over the vines in clusters of from ten to twelve. They are very handsome and perfectly round with a crease in the back. The crop matures very early and keeps well, hence a valuable market sort. Per pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.

Cranberry, an old and highly esteemed sort. Nothing finer for a shell bean. Per pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 50c.

Large White Lima, the most popular of all pole beans. It has an exquisite flavor peculiar to itself. Per pkt., 10c. pint, 30c.; quart, 60c.

Mammoth Podded Lima, there are so many new "Bush" Limas coming out that a grand sort like this is likely to be overlooked. As a rule a bush sort will not produce one-third the crop of a good pole variety, and is also greatly inferior in size, quality and other respects. This new mammoth podded variety is by far the finest of Limas. It is a great cropper, the enormous pods containing 4, 5 or 6 beans each, which are also very large. Its quality is the best, and if you grow Limas this is the best for you to have above all others. Per pkt., 15c.; pint, 50c.

Yard Long or Cuban Asparagus, this is a curiosity, with dark green foliage, and pods growing *two feet and upward in length*. The pods of such extraordinary length, are produced so abundantly as to almost conceal the foliage. Per pkt., 15c.; pint, 50c.

Bush Beans.



HENDERSON'S NEW BUSH LIMA BEAN.



Henderson's Bush Lima, a new Lima growing in a bush form and claimed to be very fine and valuable. Per pkt., 15c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

Wax Date, a new German variety of great value, as it is the earliest of all Wax Beans. The pods are golden yellow, six to seven inches long, very fleshy, entirely free from strings, and of the most delicious quality. Per pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 55c.

Ivory Pod Wax, pod long, brittle, stringless, white, tender, succulent, and of a rich, creamy flavor. Very productive, the vines being a perfect mat of pods the entire season. Per pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Early Six Weeks, old, but one of the best and most reliable sorts. Per pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

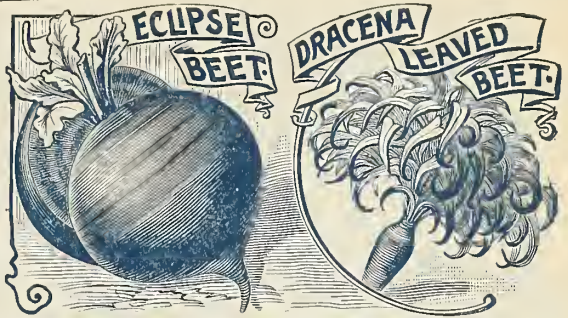
Refugee, or 1000 to 1. Very prolific, and fine quality. One of the best standard sorts. There is in fact no better string bean than this. Per pkt., 5c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.

Perfection Wax, a new sort with golden yellow pods of very high quality. It is enormously prolific. Per pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 55c.

Dwarf Prolific, this is an entirely new and distinct sort which we procured in France. It has many qualities superior to any other Bush Bean. It is enormously prolific, maturing great quantities of pods for a period of six or eight weeks. It remains in bearing the longest of any sort we know. The pods are nearly round, fleshy, of a lively fresh green color, absolutely stringless, and of the very finest quality. Altogether it is the most desirable String Bean. Per pkt., 15c.; pint, 40c.

Beets.

The Beet is a valuable and popular vegetable, not only for its roots, but for the delicious greens which its young plants furnish. Seed should be sown every two weeks for a succession of greens during the summer.



Eclipse, the most valuable of all beets on account of its extreme earliness; small top, smooth, round shape, deep crimson color, and unequal quality. With these merits it needs no further praise from us. Our stock is pure. Per pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 80c.

Improved Early Blood Turnip, very fine. Per pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Egyptian Dark Turnip, an early and exceedingly high flavored sort, which is exceedingly popular where known. Per pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Dracena Leaved, a new sort, largely recommended for its ornamental foliage, which is very fine indeed, being long and narrow and of a dark metallic red color. The root is very dark in color and one of the finest table sorts we have ever tested. Per pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

Lane's White Sugar, the sweetest of all sorts, and is largely used in the manufacture of sugar. Per pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Mammoth Long Red Mangel, single roots of this variety weigh from 20 to 30 lbs., and are fine grained and of excellent quality. For stock feeding it is the most valuable, and is the most prolific, producing 50,000 to 60,000 lbs. of roots to the acre. Per pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

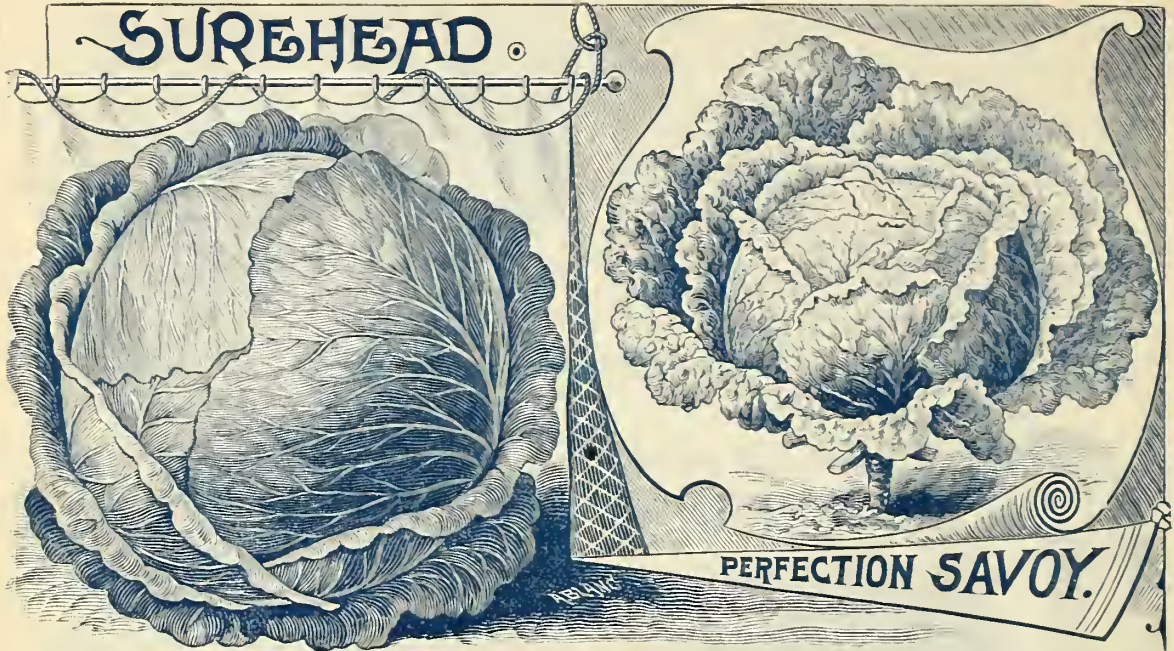
Golden Tankard Mangel, a new sort of golden yellow color, and exceedingly sweet. Shape oval, large and smooth. Per pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.



ASPARAGUS CHICKORY.

Asparagus Chickory.

This remarkable vegetable is quite new. It is a wonderful curative for all disorders of the stomach. It produces a large quantity of compact short stems, which, when cut are reproduced time after time. The benefit derived from the consumption of these stems for only a short time, by those having weak digestion, is said to be remarkable. The leaves when boiled make a very wholesome and delicious salad, and the strong shoots when young and tender are cooked and eaten like asparagus. It can be blanched and rendered very tender by simply covering. When fully known this vegetable will prove to be a valuable acquisition to our gardens and vegetable markets, and no garden should be without it. Per pkt., 10c.



Cabbage.

No crop depends so much upon the quality of the seed as the Cabbage. Poor seed cannot be made to produce satisfactory results under any conditions. Here on Long Island we believe the finest Cabbages of the country are grown, and as we are surrounded by thousands of acres of it we believe we have unsurpassed facilities for knowing and getting the best strains. Our Cabbage seed may be a little higher in price than others, but it can be depended upon every time. There is none better.

Early Jersey Wakefield, (true), this is the most popular early Cabbage in cultivation, and when pure and genuine there is nothing better. Our strain of this popular Cabbage is the very best that can be had. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$3.00.



EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD.

True Surehead, produces large, round, flattened heads of the flat Dutch type, and is remarkable for its certainty to head. It is all head, and always sure to head, even where other varieties fail. The heads are remarkably uniform, very hard, firm and fine in texture, and ordinarily weigh from ten to fifteen pounds each. It is very sweet flavored, has scarcely any loose leaves, keeps well, is good for shipping, and is just the variety and quality to suit market gardeners, farmers, and all lovers of good Cabbage. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.; lb., \$4.00.

Allseason, a remarkably good new Cabbage, as it is good either for an early, medium or late crop. Heads very solid, of best quality and remarkably sure to head, and a long keeper. For general planting this is one of the very best Cabbages. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.; lb., \$4.00.

Newark Early Flat Dutch, a most excellent early, large, flat-headed variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 35c.; lb., \$3.00.

Excelsior Large Flat Dutch, a grand medium and late sort of which we have an unsurpassed strain. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$3.00.

Marblehead Mammoth, an enormous sized variety of the Drumhead type. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 35c.; lb., \$3.50.

Winningsstadt, a most excellent and popular variety with very solid, long-pointed heads. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$2.00.

Perfection Drumhead Savoy, the Savoy Cabbage is not cultivated to the extent that it should be. We consider the quality of a good Savoy Cabbage greatly superior to any other, they being exceedingly crisp and fine-flavored. This is the best of all Savoys. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 35c.; lb., \$2.00.

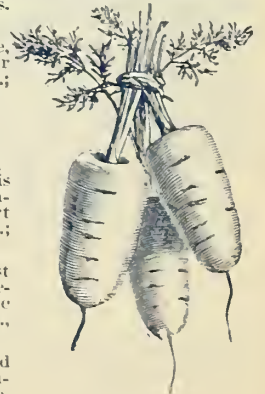
Red Dutch, a large Red Cabbage, particularly valuable for pickling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$2.00.

Carrot.

Long Orange, our strain of this old standard is greatly improved. It is the principal sort for stock feeding. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 90c.

Danver's Half Long, the best market sort; valuable on account of its shortness and fine flavor. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 95c.

Ox Heart, a small, short and very early Carrot, particularly valuable for table use. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.



CARROT, OX HEART.

Celery.

To raise this delicious vegetable to best advantage, seed should be sown in hot-bed or cold frames. When plants are three or four inches high, transplant to deep rich soil, six inches apart. If the rows are in trenches it will be all the better in earthing up. This should be done during summer and autumn, banking the earth up to the leaves. Never hoe or earth up when the plants are wet. The four sorts we here offer are all that can be desired. They are the *Cream of all sorts*. One is white, one a red, another yellow, and the fourth the beautiful fern-leaved variety. One can imagine the great beauty of these four colors when placed in a dish together on the table. The cut gives a good idea of this combination.

White Plume, compact and solid bunches, very fine grained, brittle, sweet, and of the very finest quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Golden, Self-Blanching, a splendid sort, perfectly solid, crisp, brittle and delicious, in flavor unsurpassed by no other variety, while it has the decided merit of being self-blanching to a remarkable degree. The heart is a beautiful rich golden yellow color. No variety can surpass it. Pkt., 15c.; oz., 50c.

New Rose, a lovely rose-colored Celery of high flavor, very solid and excellent in every respect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Fern Leaved, a very fine eating Celery, the leaves of which are finely cut and fern-like, making it exceedingly ornamental, either in the garden or on the table. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

SPECIAL OFFER.—Our cut shows the beauty of combining these four Celeries for table use, white, yellow, rose and fern-leaved. For only 25 cents we will send one packet of each; one ounce of each for \$1.50.



CHILD'S' GRAND WHITE, ROSE, YELLOW, AND FERN LEAVED CELERIES.

Cucumber.

Giant Pera. The Giant Pera will satisfy any one's desire for a new variety of superior merit. It is a Turkish variety and first sold in this country in 1885. The fruit is borne in great abundance; in shape fifteen or twenty inches long, and very smooth. Flesh clear white, crisp and tender, brittle and delicious, with very few seeds, and free from all obnoxious "green" taste. The vine is a strong rank grower and produces fine Cucumbers all the season. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

Early Green Cluster, fine for pickling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.

Improved Early Russian, the earliest in cultivation hardy and prolific, and of unsurpassed quality. They are small and have but few seeds. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.

Early White Spine, (improved.) For general use this is not excelled by any Cucumber. Though old it has recently been greatly improved, and the seed we offer is the best to be found any where. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 85c.

Long China, this splendid sort grows eighteen to twenty-two inches in length, is very solid, with but few seeds, and of excellent quality. Very early and prolific. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

Everbearing, A fine new sort which bears abundantly all summer. Pkt., 10c.

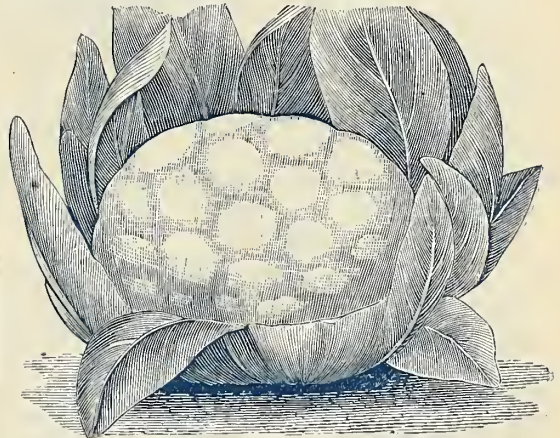
Cherkin, very small, oval-shaped, prickly fruits. Used exclusively for pickling. This is quite distinct, and can be easily distinguished by the extreme small size of the seeds, from the English Burr Cucumber, often sold as the same. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.



EVERBEARING.

Cauliflower.

This is one of the choicest and most delicious of all vegetables. Culture same as Cabbage, but the richer the soil and the better its cultivation, the better will be the results.



CAULIFLOWER, SNOW BALL.

Early Paris, a fine early sort of fair sized head and excellent quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., \$1.00.

Large White French, a standard sort, producing large, compact heads of the finest quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 75c.

Snow Ball, the earliest of all Cauliflowers, and the surest to head. Of dwarf habit and short outer leaves, allowing it to be planted quite close. It is of good size, of snow white color and unsurpassed in flavor. Valuable for late as well as early planting. Pkt., 15c.; oz., \$2.00.



CORN, CORY.



CORN, MAMMOTH.

CORN, (Sweet.)

This is one of the finest and most important garden vegetables. The varieties we offer can be relied upon as being the very best. Do not fail to plant the Cory, it is by far the earliest and one of the very best in flavor.

Cory Extra Early, this is certainly the most valuable Corn ever set out. It is one or two weeks earlier than any other sort, the ears being large and fine, and not small and inferior like other early sorts. The quality is also the best, being very sweet, tender and delicious. Its productiveness is truly marvelous, as nearly every stalk produces three full sized perfect ears. It is a remarkable variety, and eclipses all other early sorts. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.

Amber Cream, medium early, strong, vigorous grower, ears 10 to 14 inches long, with deep kernels, very rich, sugary and tender. A grand sort. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c.

Evergreen, best late sort, and one that should occupy a place in every garden. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 35c.

Mammoth, a very large late sort, of superb quality, and considered by many the finest of all Sweet Corns. It is in fact a superb sort. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c.



DOUBLE CURLED CRESS

Cress or Pepper Grass.

Extra Curled, this makes a very fine salad by itself, and adds a fine flavor to other salad. Sow at frequent intervals during summer, to have a continuous supply in the best state. This is the finest sort to be had. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 65c.

Dandelion.

Improved Large Leaved, very early and wholesome greens. Sow in May and it will be fit to cut in July. This new Dandelion is a most valuable vegetable. Do not omit it from your order. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.



EGG PLANT.

Egg Plant.

New York Improved, the best, and really the only one worth growing. The Egg Plant is a truly choice vegetable and deserves to be universally grown. It thrives in any good soil, and its fruit when sliced thin and fried in butter, furnish a most delicious dish, and a fine substitute for meat. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 50c.



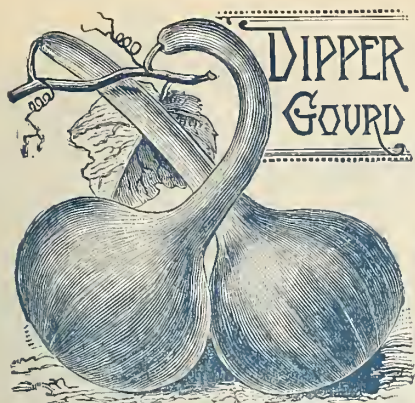
GROUND CHERRY.

Ground Cherry.

A new vegetable, something like a Husk Tomato. The introducer speaks thus of it: "One thing which with me is one of the most important of all the fruits in my cookery, I do not recollect of ever seeing named in the Home, and that is the Ground Cherry (not the wild one.) They grow well on almost any dry soil, are easier raised than the Tomato, and are prolific bearers, and oh! such luscious fruit. They are excellent, and for pies I know of nothing that can equal them in flavor and taste. They are just splendid dried in sugar, and they will keep, if put in a cool, dry place in the shuck, nearly all winter. From what I learn from friends in different parts of the country to whom I have sent the seeds, they seem to be very little known. No one after raising them once will ever make a garden again without devoting a small portion at least to the Ground Cherry." We have found this to be a most desirable new vegetable, and will take the place of plums and other fruits to a large extent.

Improved, per pkt., 10c.; oz., 60c.

Large Purple, This fine variety bears very large purple fruit, and is very prolific. Per pkt., 10c.



Useful Gourds.

The Dipper Gourd, this variety is also useful for many household purposes. Although an old variety, it is seldom grown. They are easily prepared for use as dippers, will last for years, and are particularly valuable for dipping hot liquids—the handles do not readily become hot. Dippers of various sizes, of a capacity of from a pint to a quart and a half, can be had from a few vines. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

Dishcloth, a natural dishcloth, and a most admirable one is furnished by the peculiar lining of this fruit, which is sponge-like, porous, very tough, elastic and durable. Many ladies prefer this dishcloth to any prepared by art. The fruit grows about two feet in length, and the vine is very ornamental, producing clusters of yellow blossoms, in pleasing contrast with the silvery-shaded, dark-green foliage. In the North this variety requires to be started in a hot-bed. The dried interiors of these Gourds have already become an article of commerce, grown in Florida, they are sold by Philadelphia and New York druggists. Pkt., 10c.

Sugar Trough, these Gourds are useful for many household purposes, such as buckets, baskets, nest-boxes, soap and salt dishes, and for storing the winter's lard. They grow to hold from four to ten gallons each, have thick, hard shells, very light but durable, having been kept in use as long as ten years. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.



LETTUCE, CREAM BUTTER.

Lettuce.

The following varieties will be found to be superb, yet none of them can approach the fine quality found in our New Half Century offered among Novelties.

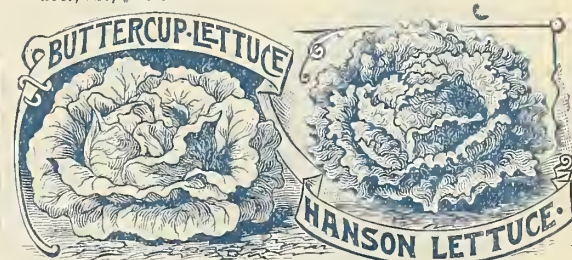
Cream Butter, a new Cabbage Lettuce of great value forming a large solid head, the inside of which is a beautiful creamy color, and rich and buttery to the taste. It is medium early and probably the very best of all summer head Lettuces. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

Tomhannock, a very crisp and delicious Lettuce but particularly remarkable on account of holding its fine flavor from the first of June to the last of September, at all times free from bitter taste or toughness. It makes a beautiful plant 12 inches high and 9 to 18 inches across. The outside leaves are beautiful reddish bronze, while the inside ones are almost white. Per pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb. \$2.00.

Golden Heart, a grand new sort, producing heads of very large size, which within are a beautiful rich golden yellow. It grows quickly and is ready for use in a short time, and retains its excellent condition for weeks. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., 25c.

New Hard Head, a new sort of great value, with head as hard as a Cabbage. It is the quickest to form heads, stands the longest before seeding, is unsurpassed in quality, being very tender, crisp and brittle, sweet and free from bitterness. A grand sort. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

Curled Simpson, a fine standard early sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.



New Hanson, an excellent head variety of great size and fine quality. With many people this excellent variety is the leading favorite. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

Buttercup, a most beautiful and valuable sort. The leaves are a deep yellow, making the plants as they stand in a bed as ornamental as Coleus. They produce large heads of very fine quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

Childs' Half Century, see Novelties. Pkt., 15c.

Kohl-Rabi.



KOHL-RABI.

Extra Early Vienna, this is a most delicious vegetable, having a Turnip like bulb formed above ground. It has a most elegant Cauliflower-like flavor, and should be cooked in about the same manner. Use them when about the size of Globe Turnips, and before they get old and stringy. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

Leek.

New Giant Italian, introduced in 1884, this new variety has given great satisfaction everywhere. It is very hardy, easily grown, and of monstrous size; it is of very mild and agreeable flavor. The Leek is considered more delicate than the Onion for flavoring soups, stews, salads, etc. Pkt., 5c.; oz. 25c.

Garden Lemon.



This resembles the Vine Peach in manner of growth, but is distinct in that the unripe fruit is striped with very dark green, nearly black, while the Vine Peach is plain green, and when ripe is not russeted like the Vine Peach. Fruit is of shape shown in our engraving, and is somewhat smaller than Vine Peach, has thinner flesh, and is most decidedly more acid, thus

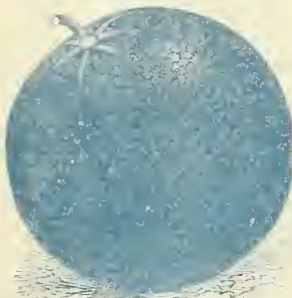
dispensing with the sliced lemons which are so important in putting up the Vine Peach. Cultivate like musk-melon, in hills three feet apart each way. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Mustard.

White London, highly esteemed for salads and greens. Leaves large and broad and very tender. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Melon, Water.

We make a specialty of supplying Melon seed of superb quality. We offer but few sorts but they are the best. Do not overlook the two new Melons we offer among Vegetable Novelties. For large size, combined with unsurpassed quality, and beauty, Childs' Ruby Gold stands at the head of all Melons.



HUNGARIAN HONEY.

Hungarian Honey, this is, without question, one of the finest Melons for Family gardens. They are nearly round in shape, dark in color, and weigh about 10 pounds. The flesh is brilliant red in color, and absolutely stringless, melting and surprisingly SWEET and LUSCIOUS, of a very rich, honey flavor, richer and sweeter to the taste than any other Melon, except Childs' Ruby Gold. The Melons ripen early, vine strong and healthy, hardy and productive. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

Phinney, Early Oval, very sweet and tender. Early and prolific. One of the very best Melons grown. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.

Mountain Sweet, large and long, fine flavor. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Mammoth Iron Clad, a new melon of very large size, weighing, under ordinary cultivation from 50 to 75 pounds. Its flavor is sweet and delicious. The shell is so firm and solid that they keep a long time after they are ripe, always for a month, and they have been kept till Christmas in perfect condition. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.

Cuban Queen, one of the largest and handsomest melons ever introduced. Can be grown to weigh 80 pounds. Rind very thin, flesh red, crisp, sugary, and in delicious flavor is unsurpassed. No variety sells so well in market as this. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.



WATERMELON, WHITE GEM.

White Gem, This beautiful Melon grows to the weight of 8 or 10 pounds, perfectly round, and of ivory white color, which suggests its name. The flesh is pink and very sweet and delicious. Pkt., 15c.

Childs' Ruby Gold, See Novelties. Pkt., 15c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$2.50.



MUSKMELON, EMERALD GEM.

Melon, Musk.

Emerald Gem, few new vegetables have proved as worthy as this. It is indeed the finest of all Melons. Its color is dark green, with most beautiful salmon colored flesh. Medium size, round and very prolific. Its flavor is delicious and sweet beyond description. It is so rich and juicy that it nearly drops to pieces, and is best eaten with a spoon. We can say nothing which will convey a true idea of its delicious quality. It must be eaten to be appreciated. Do not fail to plant this grand Melon. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

Nutmeg, fine flavor, one of the best. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Bay View, a very large and prolific sort, of exceedingly fine flavor. Its yield is enormous—3,000 to 4,000 melons to the acre, and its fine appearance and delicious flavor makes it a splendid market sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.

Champion Market, a new and very handsome melon of rich, sweet flavor, uniform large size, and great productiveness. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

Banana, this curious sort is greatly liked. The Melons attain a length of three feet, and are two to four inches thick. The flavor is very good and is surely an attractive and curious variety. With the exception of the Emerald Green we think it the best of all Melons. It is exceedingly fragrant when ripe, and will perfume a whole house. Its flesh and flavor reminds one of a fine banana. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.



MUSKMELON, BANANA.

Okra.

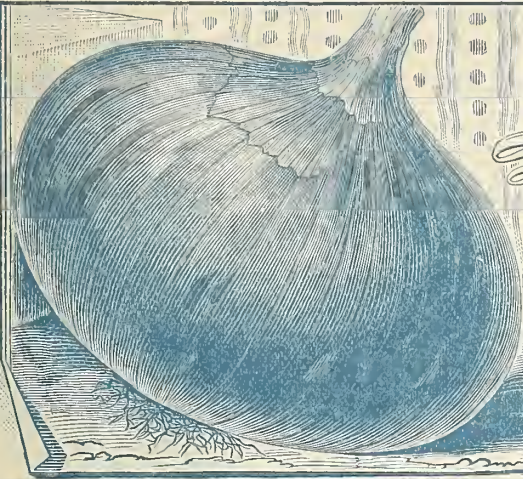
White Velvet, a new sort and the most desirable of all Okras. The pods are large, round and smooth, ivory white with a velvety texture, and not prickly like other sorts. The pods are used in a green state for making and flavoring soups. These soups are the famous "Gumbo" variety of fashionable hotels. In a growing state the plant is very ornamental with its large ivory pods and enormous, hibiscus like yellow blossoms. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$1.50.

Onion.

To raise good Onions, good seed is the most essential point. Without good seed a satisfactory crop cannot be produced, no matter how good the soil or cultivation. The seed we offer can be relied upon every time. It is fresh, plump, pure and genuine, having all been grown from select bulbs and pedigree stock. Sow our seed and expect a fine crop.

Mammoth Silver King, this enormous Onion often grows to the weight of three or four pounds, while its flavor is most exquisite, rich, tender and delicious. It is so mild, sweet and tender that it can be eaten raw like an apple. No other variety grows to such a large size. The average diameter is five to seven inches, making a circumference of fifteen to twenty inches, or more. Our seed of this fine Onion is the pure Italian strain. Beware of inferior stock, which we have reason to believe many are selling. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., \$2.50.

RED WETHERSFIELD



YELLOW DANVERS



THE TWO STANDARD ONIONS

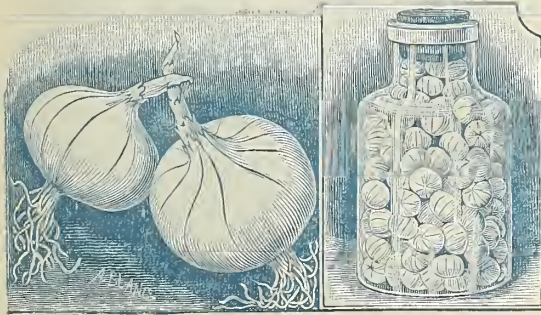
Wethersfield Large Red, a large red flat variety highly prized, being a heavy cropper and of the best quality. It is in fact the old reliable standard sort. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

Yellow Danvers, a large, round, yellow variety, highly prized by market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.25.

Giant White Tripoli, an Italian sort of an enormous size and mild sweet flavor. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

Queen White, a new white variety of small size, extremely early and fine flavored. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., 2.00.

and have a rich flavor. When ripe the fruit falls from the vine, the flesh is very firm with a small cavity in the center, and when peeled and the seeds taken out they much resemble peaches. For sweet pickles, pies, or preserving they are superb. A few pieces of sliced lemon, or a little lemon essence, adds to their flavor and is usually desirable. We had a jar of them put up in the form of sweet pickles, on exhibition in our store, which have been praised in the highest terms by all who have tasted them. In the West and Northwest where fruit is scarce, we feel certain that they will quickly become popular, as they are easily cultivated, wonderfully prolific, and can be used in every way in which you would use a peach, except that they are not usually liked raw." Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.



ONION, EARLY RADISH.

Early Radish, this is a small, white, flat Onion, no larger than a turnip radish and so early that it matures the last of July from May sown seed. It is so mild and delicious in flavor that it is eaten raw with salt like a radish, and is a most wholesome and appetising relish. When cooked it is also superb and leaves no odor whatever to the breath, and but very little when eaten raw. No Onion can approach it in fine and delicate flavor, either raw or cooked. It has not a particle of toughness or coarseness. Raw, it is very crisp, tender and sweet, even surpassing in this respect the finest of radishes. The bulbs being so small, seed can be sown quite thick in drills, and they will produce a solid mat of bulbs, covering the ground in the row completely. Three weeks earlier than any other Onion. Beautiful white skin; size, 1 to 1 1/4 inch in diameter, 3/4 inch thick. Per pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., \$2.50.



CALIFORNIA PEPPERGRASS.

California Peppergrass.

Some years ago we received from a customer a sample of seed which was called California Peppergrass. It was recommended as being extra fine for salads, dressing and garnishing, and unlike anything else known. We find it a very beautiful and valuable thing, and unlike anything else of the sort. It seems to be half way between a Cress and a Mustard. Its

Vine Peach.

Of this new vegetable we cannot speak from any knowledge of our own, but quote the introducer's description. It appears to belong to the Melon family, and is perhaps worthy of a trial. The introducer says: "The fruit is about the size of a large peach, oval-shaped and of a bright orange-yellow color somewhat russeted. When it first ripens it is quite hard, and has very little flavor, but soon they become mellow and sweet,

leaves are long and narrow, deeply lacinated, fimbriated and crinkled, making it one of the prettiest green foliage plants we ever saw. To the taste the leaves are sharp, and have much the flavor of Peppergrass. It is excellent when mixed with Lettuce or other salads to which it imparts a very fine flavor. For garnishing there is nothing more beautiful. It grows very quickly, and to keep up a succession all summer several sowings must be made. We think its flavor much improved if bleached a few days before cutting by covering with boxes or boards. Per pkt., 10c.



Parsnip.

Improved Guernsey, This is a greatly improved and wonderfully fine strain of the Guernsey Hollow Crown Parsnip. It is strictly a table variety and has no resemblance to what is called the Guernsey Stock Parsnip, which is not good for table use. The roots do not grow as long as the Hollow Crown, but are of a greater diameter, and more easily gathered. It is a very heavy cropper; the roots are smooth, about 12 inches in length. The flesh is fine grained and sweet all the way through and of excellent quality to the centre. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.

Long Smooth, the old standard sort and entirely the best with the exception of the new Guernsey. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.



Peas.

Alaska, this Pea is remarkable for its extreme earliness and fine quality. It is the quickest Pea on record, ripening ahead of all others. We had our first picking last year early in June, and that from sowings made after other sorts were growing through the ground. Its height is two feet, pods unc-shaped, dark green, well filled, often 7 to 9 in a pod. Quality the very best. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.

Evolution, the vines are of strong growth, three feet high, of a decidedly branching character, and bear continuously an abundant crop of magnificent large pods, each containing eight to twelve wrinkled Peas, of remarkable size,

and unusually rich and sugary flavor. It has been appropriately termed "The Everlasting Bearer," as from a single sowing it continues to bear as long as three months. Very prolific, large size and delicious quality is the testimony of all. Pkt., 15c.; pt., 40c.

Mc'Lean's Little Gem, dwarf, early and prolific. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.

Champion of England, late, exquisite flavor. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 45c.

American Wonder, the earliest dwarf-wrinkled Pea in cultivation. It is ready for the table in 30 or 40 days from the time of planting. Its flavor is exquisite, habit very dwarf. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.

Everbearing, a new Pea of great value, owing to its lateness and long continued bearing. It is enormously prolific and of the very best flavor. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.

Child's Universal, see Novelties. Pkt., 15c.

Pumpkin.

Large Cheese, pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Mammoth, this fine sort often grows to the enormous weight of 200 pounds. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.

Etamps Mammoth Red, this new variety has proved a valuable acquisition. It grows round, flattened in shape; the skin is very smooth, bright red, and presents a most handsome appearance. It is thick meated; the flesh is very rich in color and of excellent quality. It matures very early. With good cultivation it attains mammoth weights, often 100 to 200 pounds. It is very productive and is undoubtedly a most profitable sort to grow. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.25.



Pepper.

During the past years great strides have been made in improving the Pepper. The climax seemed to be reached when Ruby King and Red Cluster were brought out, but now comes Childs' Celestial, one of the grandest and most distinct vegetable novelties in many years, and later still Childs' Kaleidoscope.

Childs' Celestial Improved. Our agent, in traveling in China some years ago, collected several new vegetables, the most important of which is this superb pepper, which we christened Childs' Celestial. That it is the finest Pepper and one of the most beautiful plants in existence cannot be denied. We have grown it several years in our Floral Park gardens, and it has attracted great attention. The plant begins to set its peppers early in the season and continues until frost, branching freely and bearing profusely. The Peppers, up to the time they are fully grown, are of a delicate, creamy yellow color, and when fully grown change to an intense vivid scarlet, making a plant when

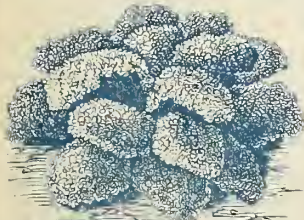


loaded with fruit part of one color and part of the other, an object of the most striking beauty and oddity. The Peppers are two to three inches long, sharp flavor, and superior for any of the uses to which a Pepper can be put. Since we introduced this beautiful Pepper three years ago, we have carefully collected our stock seed each year from the very finest specimens, both in productiveness and habit of growth, and the strain we offer this year is a great improvement over any previously sold by ourselves or others. It is a magnificent thing for pots, and few plants are more ornamental. It keeps in good growing condition nearly all winter, and the beautifully colored peppers make it a pot plant of the most wonderful beauty. For Christmas and New Year it is superb. Try a few in pots, and you will ever after grow it for ornament. Per pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Large Bell, pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

Ruby King, the giant pepper, grows to an enormous size, is of the most brilliant ruby red color, very mild and pleasant in flavor. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 50c.

Red Cluster, a dwarf, bushy Pepper, bearing large clusters of scarlet fruit which is exceedingly beautiful. Cultivated as pot plants they are as showy as many of the choicest flowers. The peppers are particularly adapted to pickling, and for all uses to which any pepper can be put. Pkt. 5c.; oz., 30c.



DOUBLE CURLED PARSLEY

Parsley.

the finely crisped and curled moss-like leaves of this variety makes it the most beautiful and popular sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00

Extra Double Curled,

Radish.

The Radish is of such quick growth that they can be had in about three weeks from sowing at any time of year. When sown in a shallow box, pan or pot in the house at any time during winter a supply can soon be had. They can be sown in the open ground very early in spring and are soon ready for use.

Early Mammoth, also known as "Shepherd" and "Charter," This Radish is the largest ever cultivated, growing to the enormous size of two to three feet in length and eight inches in diameter. In quality and flavor it is unsurpassed. Its general color is bright pink. Its growth is very rapid, maturing for table and market use in twenty-five to thirty days from time of sowing. It remains tender and crisp for four to six weeks after it is ready for use, and is good for either spring, summer or fall. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.



RADISH, EARLY MAMMOTH.

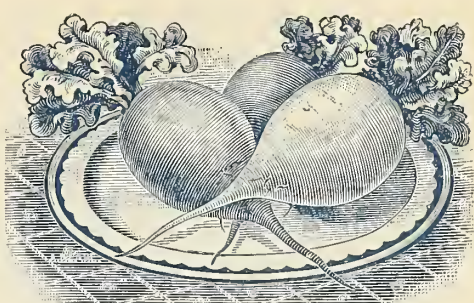
French Breakfast, we consider this the best olive-shaped sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Early Scarlet Turnip, one of the best. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Black Fall or Spanish, pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

Long Scarlet, pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

The "Earliest," a remarkable sort, being a week earlier than any other. It is perfectly round, smooth and bright scarlet in color. It is very crisp and tender, and of sweet, mild flavor. We consider it the best of all Radishes. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.



RADISH, SURPRISE.

Surprise, a good early Radish, as it does not become strong and pitay, but holds its fine quality late in the summer. Color, rich light brown, very thin skinned, flesh snow white, crisp, very tender, fine flavored and sweet. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., \$1.50.

Salsify or Oyster Plant.

A splendid vegetable having a taste like oysters when cooked in the same way. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.

Sandwich Island Mammoth, a new sort, twice the size of the old Salsify; pure white, very tender and delicious. A great acquisition. New last year. Pkt., 10c.

Squash.



SQUASH, EARLY SCOLLOP.

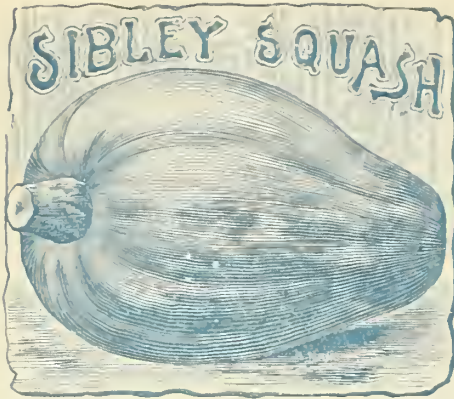
Early Scollop, fine early sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

Perfect Gem, excellent for both summer and winter. Very prolific, with a thin, smooth skin. Fine grained, dry, sweet and most delicious in flavor. Squashes of this variety have been kept a year in good condition. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

Mammoth Chill, this fine squash has been grown to weigh 300 pounds, while specimens of 200 pounds are very common. Notwithstanding its large size it is of good quality, and keeps perfectly until spring. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

Red China, it is enormously prolific, bearing from 10 to 20 squashes on a vine. Color, beautiful bright red. They are very solid, with small seed cavity and of excellent quality, fine grained and sweet. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.

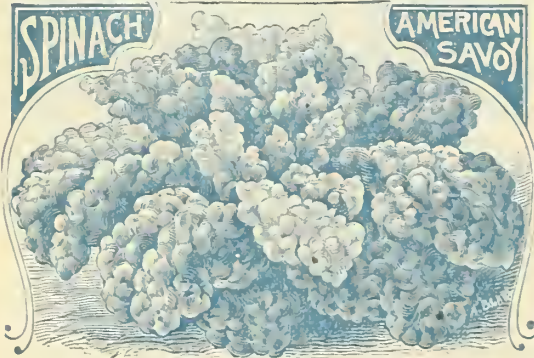
Brazil Sugar, this distinct, new variety for summer and autumn use, is the richest flavored and sweetest of all squashes. It is liked for table use in every stage of its growth. During the months of August, September and October, it has no equal. It is enormously productive. A single plant has yielded as many as twelve perfectly ripe squashes. They weigh from two to four pounds each; measuring six to eight inches in length and from four to six inches in thickness. The skin is a beautiful canary color, and generally handsomely warted. The flesh is also yellow, slightly tinged with green. The vines grow so rapidly that they are but little liable to injury from the striped bug. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.00.



Sibley, this fine new sort is taking the place of Hubbard, which has so far run out that it no longer possesses the grand qualities of old. This is now the best known winter sort. The shell is pale green in color, very hard and flinty, but at the same time so very thin and smooth as to occasion the least possible waste in baking. The flesh is solid and thick, a vivid, brilliant orange in color, and possessed of rare edible qualities, being dry, and it has a rich delicate flavor, peculiarly its own. The squashes range in weight from eight to eleven pounds. The vine is remarkably vigorous, and ripens its fruit simultaneously with the Hubbard, although the quality is considerably improved by being housed a few weeks. In productiveness, the new Sibley has decidedly the advantage of either the Hubbard or Marblehead. In its keeping qualities it excels all, remaining in a good, dry cellar, perfectly sound until the last of March, constantly improving in quality and flavor until the very last. Pkt., 10c; oz., 25c; lb., \$1.50.

Metcalf, this new sort comes from Maine, where the best squashes we have ever seen are produced. It is of the Boston Marrow type, and is of a deep, rich orange color, being extremely dry, fine grained and sweet. It is, in fact, the finest eating squash we have ever tried, and keeps well into the winter. Our seed is raised in Maine, and is true and pure, and will be found superior to squash seed raised in any other part of the country. Pkt., 10c; oz., 20c; lb., \$1.25.

Giant Summer Crookneck, this new strain is even earlier than the common variety, while the squashes grow to an extra large size, measuring from eighteen inches to two feet long and of fine quality. Their handsome appearance commands an extra price on the market. 1 kt., 10c; oz., 20c; lb., \$1.50.



Spinach.

American Savoy, a sort of the finest quality, and producing nearly twice the weight of crop as other sorts, and is also the hardiest of all Spinaches. The leaves are numerous, succulent, curled and wrinkled like a Savoy Cabbage. Pkt., 10c; oz., 15c; lb., 50c.

Turnip.

Improved American Rutabaga, large in size, smooth and beautiful in shape, quick in growth, crisp, tender and superior quality. In short, it is the finest of all the Rutabagas. Pkt., 5c; oz., 10c; lb., 60c.

Extra Early Milan, the earliest of all strap-leaved; flat, medium sized, smooth, and a bright purple top. The pure white flesh is of the most delicious quality; keeps well all winter. Pkt., 5c; oz., 15c; lb., \$1.00.

Early Flat Dutch, clear white skin, and flesh of juicy, mild flavor, tender and delicate to the taste. It grows very quickly and is one of the very best, either for the home garden or for market. Pkt., 5c; oz., 10c; lb., 60c.

Purple Top White Globe, of large size and very rapid growth, globe shaped with red top, fine quality and an excellent keeper. Pkt., 5c; oz., 15c; lb., 80c.

Large Yellow Globe, of large size, firm, fine grained, and very sweet. Grows to a large size, and keeps well to late spring. Pkt., 5c; oz., 10c; lb., 60c.



TURNIP, EARLY MILAN.

Herbs.

Anise. Pkt., 5c; oz., 10c.

Coriander. Pkt., 5c; oz., 10c.

Sage. Pkt., 5c; oz., 20c.

Savory. Summer or Annual. Pkt., 5c; oz., 15c.

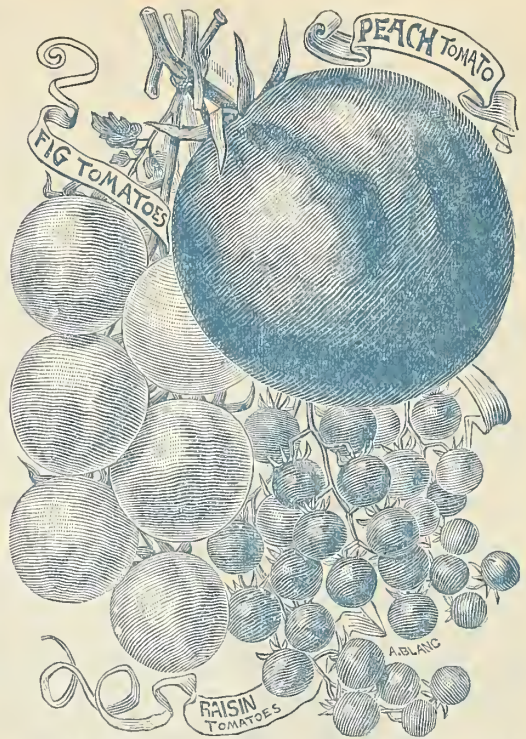
One packet each of above Herbs, 10 cents.



CARLISLE MILLET. (SEE PAGE 80)

Tomatoes.

Of this delicious vegetable we offer not a large variety, but the very best of all. The new ones we offer are particularly fine, especially Ruby Queen, and the three luscious "Fruit" Tomatoes—Peach, Fig and Raisin.



Childs' Ruby Queen, (New 1890.) A grand tomato of enormous size and as smooth as an apple. Its color is the deepest and darkest crimson red, very rich and beautiful. It is very solid with few seeds, and of the very finest quality. It has very thin skin, and its flesh throughout is the most tender seen. It has not a particle of coarseness or toughness. It is just the sort you would choose for your own table, above all others. It is much like the Golden Jubilee except in color, and is perhaps rounder and smoother in shape. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 30c.



Childs' Golden Jubilee, (New 1889.) The seed was first sent us by a customer in Australia, who says that it came up by chance in a corner of his garden, and proved to be the wonder of the town. Present us all the seed from one fruit which he says weighed over two pounds and was as smooth as an apple, and as handsome as a ball of gold. Thus it has proved—the enormous fruits weighing upwards of two pounds are of the deepest and richest golden color, and are borne very abundantly. In shape they are mostly round and more solid and contain less seeds than any other sort we know, notwithstanding its enormous size. Its quality is the richest and best; the only yellow sort we know, of as good quality as the best red ones. Sliced with red ones for table use they make a beautiful dish. The skin will peel from them as readily as though they were scalded, a feature not found in other tomatoes, and one which will be greatly appreciated by cooks. Per pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 30c.



TOMATO, TURNER HYBRID.

Turner Hybrid, this grand Tomato is entirely different from all others, particularly in foliage, which is entire and not cut. It is a rank grower and enormously productive, outyielding all others. The fruit is extra large in size and very solid. They have very few seeds and no hard core, and are unequalled in fine flavor. Without hesitation we pronounce it the most valuable of all Tomatoes. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 40c.

Golden Fig, The plant grows in the form of a bush, 2 to 2½ feet high, literally covered with rich golden fruit, making it remarkably pleasing and attractive. The beautiful golden yellow fruit is borne in clusters of 8 or 10 perfect tomatoes on one stem. When eighteen inches or two feet high the plant should be staked or trellised to prevent it being broken down with the immense weight of fruit. In productiveness we have never seen anything to equal it. With us the past summer 25 plants set thick and without extra care produced **FRUIT BUSHES OF FRUIT.** The beautiful miniature tomatoes are about one inch in diameter, perfectly round and as even in size as if they had all been cast in one mould. The skin and flesh are a rich golden yellow, solid, thick meated, with a flavor similar to other tomatoes, but much sweeter and more palatable. For preserving or pickling they are perfectly delicious, and when canned or dried in sugar, like figs, make excellent pies or tarts for winter use, or for eating dried like figs. It is a superb thing. Per pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Peach, This tomato is about the size, color and shape of a large full ripe peach, and of an entirely different flavor from a tomato, and by most people liked much better. When gathered no one is able to tell what they are by their looks. They are very beautiful and generally taken for some rare or unknown tropical fruit. For picking from the vines and eating out of hand they are liked by most people much better than the finest peaches or oranges. They are simply superb, and those who plant them once will ever after grow them in quantity for table use, either raw, cooked or preserved. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

German Raisin, a fine sort, bearing its fruit, which is the size of cherries, in large, grape-like clusters or bunches. In color they are dark red and look exceedingly beautiful and tempting as they hang in great masses among the branches and foliage. They are excellent for canning or preserving and can be dried in sugar like raisins. The green fruit is also excellent for pickling, and the large clusters are very unique when picked whole. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 50c.

Cardinal, in this new Tomato are combined all the good qualities of the many sorts now before the public. Its shape is perfectly round, solid and smooth; flavor the best, and fewer seeds than any other sort. Its color is brilliant cardinal red, which with its smoothness and fine shape, makes it most beautiful. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 40c.

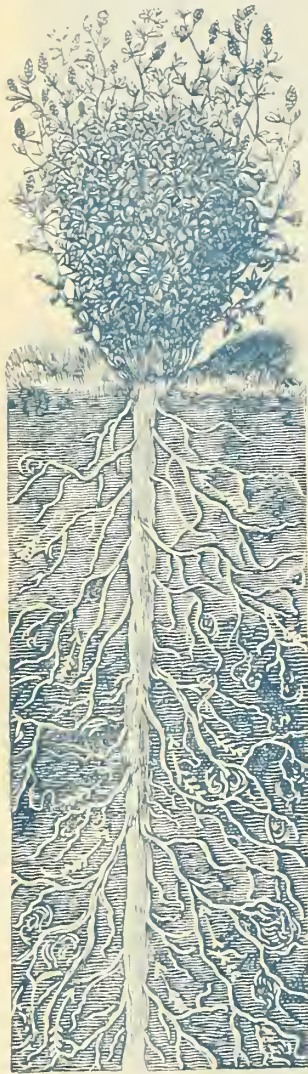
SPECIAL OFFER.—The 7 Tomatoes here offered are the finest sorts in cultivation and all comparatively new. For only 50c. we will send one packet each of the 7 sorts making a superb collection.

AGRICULTURAL SEEDS.

To those interested in high grade farm seeds, the following will prove interesting. In this line we offer but few sorts, only such as have special merits, and they can be relied upon for all that is claimed for them.

Alfalfa, or Lucerne, (Giant Clover.)

THE GREATEST FERTILIZING AND FORAGE PLANT.



ALFALFA.

This plant has been thoroughly tested in all parts of the country, and has proved to be one of the most valuable products of the soil. The following are its principal points of merit:

1st. It is such a rapid grower that it yields three enormous crops of hay in a season, maturing its first crop in about two months from the time growth commences. The second crop will mature in six weeks from the time of cutting, and the third in five weeks.

2d. It will thrive on dry, barren, sandy soil where no other vegetation will grow at all.

3d. Its strong roots go down into the ground more than twenty feet, and if there is moisture or fertilizing ingredients not on the surface, it will find it and bring them up, resulting in a rank top growth, so that

4th, when plowed under it proves the greatest of all fertilizers, and poor worthless soil can, in a short time, be made rich and productive without a penny's worth of manure or other fertilizers.

5th. It stands erect, never lodging or falling down like ordinary clover, and outyields it two to one, and is good for two or three crops per year for ten years without renewing.

6th. Cattle eat it entirely up with great relish, but like red clover it will bloat them if allowed to eat heavily of it while green.

Culture.—Sow fifteen pounds to the acre, either alone or with oats or with other grain. If sown on very poor land, clear sand or gravel, sow twenty pounds to the acre. It is not recommended for land that is very wet and soggy. Cut when in full bloom. It is entirely hardy in all parts.

Price per trial packet 10c.; lb., 50c.; 5 lbs., \$2.00, postpaid; by express, 10 lbs., \$2.50; 100 lbs., \$20.00.

New Japanese Buckwheat.

In 1883 a Japanese gentleman sent a thimbleful of the seed to a friend residing in New Jersey, from which a little seed was saved, and in 1885 a half-bushel. From this half-bushel in 1886, the crop was forty bushels. Sown the same day as the Silver Hull, it ripened a week earlier and yielded almost as much again. From ONE GRAIN planted in a garden the product was 850 RIPE KERNELS. The kernels are at least TWICE the size of those of any other variety; in color they are also distinct, being of a rich, dark shade of brown. The flour made from it is equal in quality to that of any other buckwheat, while it is much more productive than any other.

and succeeds well as far north as Canada. As the straw is heavier and it branches more, it does not need to be sown as thickly as other kinds. **Package, 10cts.; lb., 40 cts., postpaid, by mail. By express, peck, \$1.00; bushel, \$2.00.**

Corn, Hickory King.

A pure white dent Corn, with the smallest cob and largest grain known. It can well be called the Giant Corn for it grows fifteen feet high. It is a great yielder, each stalk bearing two or three enormous ears. Pkt., 10c.; qt., 30c.

New Brazilian Flower Corn.

This is claimed to be the most wonderful variety of grain ever introduced. When ground and bolted like wheat, it makes a flour unsurpassed in quality, while its productiveness is truly marvelous. The ears are seven to nine inches long, small cob, well filled with beautiful white kernels, and from four to eight ears are produced on every stalk. It is fully equal if not superior to the best varieties of Sweet Corn for boiling and roasting in a green state, being exceedingly sweet, rich, juicy and delicious. It is further claimed to produce five times as much flour to the acre as wheat, being equally as good as the best wheat flour for bread making and all culinary purposes. Though our experience with this wonderful novelty is limited, we are satisfied that it is in every respect all that is claimed for it. Pkt., 10c., pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.

Tobacco, Persian Muscatelle.

We do not believe in the use of Tobacco, except for the destruction of insects and as an ornamental plant. Yet all of our customers will not agree with us, and if they must use it, we advise them to try this new sort, which is the best of all, an exceedingly ornamental plant, and so early it can be grown in any State. It is from the gardens of the King of Persia. The grower says of it: "It is one of the earliest varieties we have, of remarkable strong and vigorous growth, attaining the height of five to seven feet. The stalks are strong and heavy, thickly set with leaves, many of them measuring three and a half to four and a half feet in length, with proportionate width; in fact, some of them were almost large enough to cover the body of a fair sized man. The leaves are unusually small ribbed, very elastic, of finest possible texture, and when properly cured, of a light brown color and of mild flavor; cannot help bringing the highest price in the market." Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$5.00.

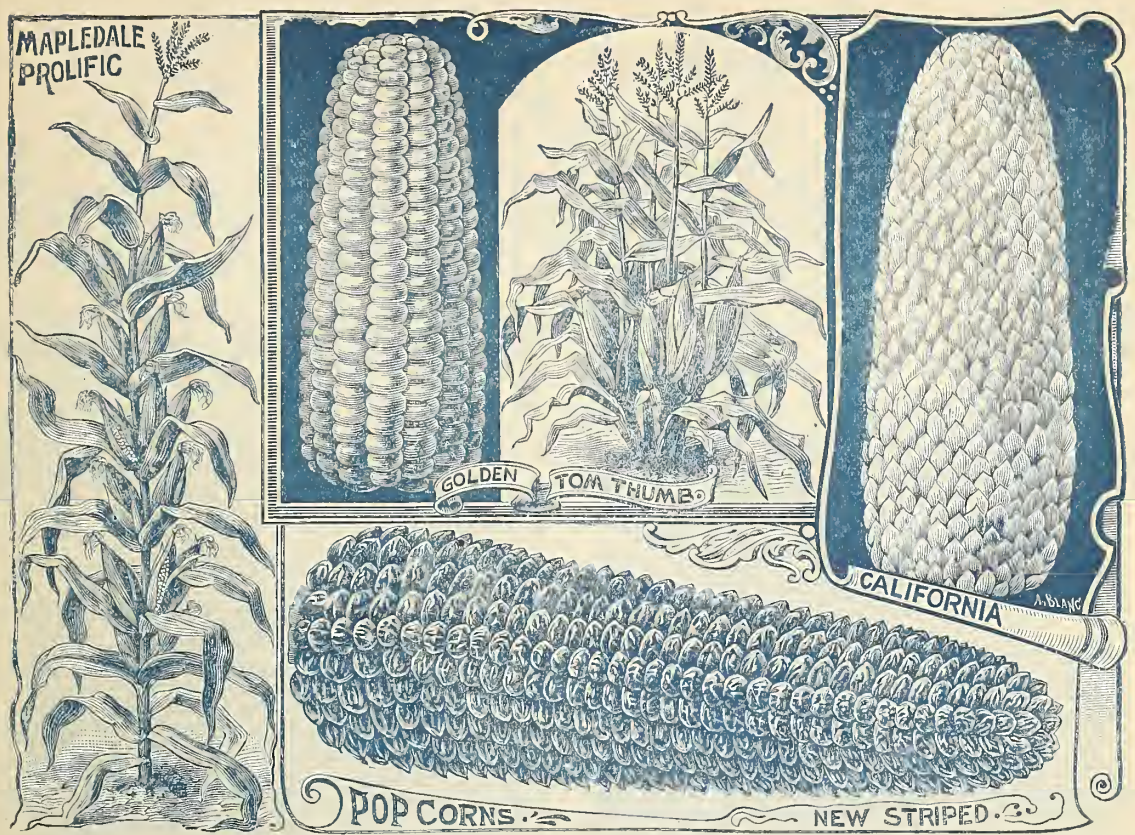
Millet, Canary Bird.

This is a plant useful in many ways. First, it is valuable as an ornamental grass, the long heads of rich yellow grain (15 to 20 inches long) being exceedingly graceful and beautiful for large bouquets or vases of dried everlasting flowers, autumn leaves or grasses for winter decoration. Secondly, the seed is most valuable food for canaries or other birds, and is cheaply raised, a packet of seed producing many pounds, with little or no attention. Thirdly, it is a most valuable grain to raise for stock or fowls, outyielding oats two to one, and is greatly relished by all animals. It is also a valuable fodder plant for feeding green or making hay. The plants grow about three feet high, its long graceful heads of grain being very ornamental for clumps or masses. Sown in May it ripens in August, and can be cut any time after the heads have turned yellow, or they can be left standing for a long time. This plant is destined to be grown universally from Maine to California as soon as its merits are known. Try it for your fowls or birds, and you will ever after grow it abundantly. It gives an enormous yield. See cut, page 78. Per packet, 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

Japan Peas.

A new forage plant of great value. Also valuable for grinding to feed to all kinds of stock. Sown on good ground they will produce an enormous crop of vine, which when cut and dried is a most excellent hay. It gives such a great yield that it is one of the cheapest hays to produce. It is likewise valuable for feeding green or for filling silos. The seed is eaten greedily by all kinds of stock and fowls, either raw, ground or cooked. It is already largely grown in North Carolina where it is prized above all other forage plants, and is bound to become a universal favorite, especially in the South. We are fortunate in having a limited quantity of seed to offer at 10c. per pkt.; 25c. per pt.; or by express at \$2.00 per peck.

One packet each of the 7 sorts, 50 cents.



POP CORN.

SPLENDID CASH PREMIUMS FOR BOYS.

We hope everyone who cultivates a piece of ground, grows a small patch of Pop Corn, especially if they have children to enjoy it during the long winter evenings. Nothing is more enjoyable, and to encourage pop corn culture we offer seven superb new sorts very cheap, and will give the following prizes to those who will raise and send us the seven best ears, one ear each of the seven kinds: First prize of \$15.00 will be paid for the best set of seven ears. Second prize of \$10.00, and third prize, \$5. Send the ears by mail during October, and the prizes will be awarded November 1st. To those who send in samples and do not secure any of the three prizes, we will send some sort of a little present to show our appreciation of their efforts. Now give the children a chance.

California Golden. This beautiful miniature variety of pop corn is a native of Lower California, and is certainly a curious and beautiful variety. The stalks grow from 3½ to 4 feet high, bearing numerous, very small ears from 2 to 3 inches in length, perfect in form and shape. Its deep pointed grains are of a fine, rich golden color, and its popping qualities are splendid. When dried, shelled and popped, each grain forms a round, white ball, looking like miniature balls of snow. It is also valuable and highly esteemed for mantel ornaments and Christmas decorations, as the small, delicate, beautiful ears, with their shining golden grains, among everlasting, dried grasses, or other holiday decorations, form a remarkable, pleasing and attractive appearance. It is extremely hardy and very productive, nearly every stalk bearing from 3 to 6 perfect ears. Pkt., 15c.; 2 pkts., 25c.

Mapledale Prolific. A most marvelous pop-corn, as it bears from 10 to 20 ears on a stalk, to the utter astonishment of all who see it. The introducer claims it will average 12 ears to the stalk, another party reports 121 ears from 10 stalks. It is fine quality, and of course outstrips all in productiveness. Pkt., 15c.; pint, 50c.

Golden Tom Thumb. An exceedingly fine novelty. The stalks grow only eighteen inches high, and each stalk produces two or three perfect little ears, only 2 to 2½ inches long, completely filled with bright, golden-yellow grains, which, when popped, expand to a large size. On one stalk we measured three ears, starting from within six inches of the ground. The stalks do not stool, and each stalk averages five leaves, which are of an extra dark green color. In a word it is a perfect miniature corn, most dis-

ting from its handsome dwarf growth. So ornamental and compact is the growth, that we are quite sure it will be a feature of many a garden. It grows very quickly and the ears are ready to gather by August 1st. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts, for 25c.

Queen's Golden. This handsome new Pop Corn is splendid in yield, in sturdy growth, in size, and in color when popped—being of a delicate golden yellow. Above all, its exceeding tenderness when popped, together with its delicious and delicate taste. When popped it expands to an inch in diameter, and is as white and light as a snowflake. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.

New Striped. A most beautiful and highly valuable sort. The color is a clear, transparent white, and each kernel is distinctly striped with bright crimson. The ears are of good size and well filled out; kernels are long and pointed, resembling rice. It ripens early and is very productive. When popped, it is extremely tender, snow-white, large and delicious. Pkt. 10c.

Improved Red Rice. A fine sort of good size ear, and dark red colored kernels. When popped it is pure white and very tender. One of the very best sorts grown. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 25c.

Snowflake. A superb sort with light pointed kernels set thickly on the cob. When popped it is very large, and very light, white as snow and as sweet as a nut. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 40c.

Special Offer. For only 50 cents we will send one packet each of these seven elegant sorts.

Choice Summer Flowering Bulbs.

The Bulbs generally known as Summer Flowering are those that will not bear freezing, and require to be taken up in the fall after early frosts, thoroughly dried, and put away in the cellar until spring. They require no more care or labor in their cultivation than the growing of Potatoes, and during their continuance in bloom make a most gorgeous exhibition. We make a specialty of this grand class of flowers, and have a superior stock of bulbs. Our Gladioli cannot be excelled. The elegant French seedlings and Lemoine's Hybrids are new classes with flowers of indescribable beauty. Our Excelsior Pearl Tuberoses and Gloxinias are unsurpassed, while our list of Amaryllis is the finest in the country. The Tigridias and Tritomas are flowers of great beauty, and Begonias and Zephyranthes are gems which must not be overlooked. Plant a good collection of bulbs and you will thank us for this advice.



GLADIOLI

Gladioli.

The Gladiolus is the most showy of all the Summer Flowering bulbs; in fact no flower equals it for brilliant display, and none are more easily grown. Bulbs should be planted in the open ground from last of April to first of July, and they will bloom from July to October. Plant three inches deep and four inches apart. In October the bulbs should be lifted, dried and stored in the cellar over winter. They produce the finest effect when planted in clumps or masses, and a bed of a hundred or more is a grand sight. Too much cannot be said in praise of our seedlings and mixtures. They will produce a gorgeous array of choice colors. Look at our unparalleled offer of five choice sorts for 25 cents, and remember that we retail more named Gladioli than any other house in the world.

The following varieties are all Extra Fine, as we have discarded all odd, poor sorts, and offer those at VERY LOW PRICES, in 3 classes, each class at a uniform price. Notice the very low price for a collection of a whole class.

CLASS "A."

Twelve lovely sorts, price 19 cents each; any 3 or 3 of any sort for 20 cents, or the whole 12 for only 50 cents. This is the greatest Gladiolus offer ever made. Though cheap they are by no means poor. Every one is a gem, and all the finest colors are represented in this class. Take them all for 50 cents. You cannot get so much for your money in anything else.

- Brenchleyensis**, bright, deep scarlet; one of the best.
- Ceres**, pure white, blotched carmine; fine.
- Eugene Scribe**, light pink, flamed carmine; one of the very best.
- Golden Sceptre**, beautiful clear yellow; spike large and beautiful form. A superb new sort.
- John Bull**, white, sometimes striped violet.
- Gen. Sherman**, deep rosy scarlet, slightly marked white; superb large flower.
- Mad. Monneret**, delicate rose, large and beautiful spike.
- Martha Washington**, fine lemon yellow, lower petals sometimes marked rose. It branches freely and produces several large, beautiful spikes; new and excellent.
- Napoleon III.**, bright scarlet and white; fine.
- Princess of Wales**, white, flaked with crimson; a magnificent sort.

Stella, white, flamed carmine; fine.

Sultana, white, blotched crimson.

The above 12 sorts, neatly labeled and boxed, by mail postpaid for only 50 cents.

CLASS "B."

Six magnificent sorts, price 20 cents each; any 3 or 3 of any sort for 40 cents, or the whole 6 for 60 cents. These Gladioli are all rated among the choicest sorts in cultivation. We are able to supply them so cheaply only from the fact that we have a very large stock of them.

Chameleon, large, slaty lilac, white bands and blotches, spike large and compact.

La Candeur, fine, clear white, beautiful form.

La Poussin, light red, with large white throat.

Little Charlie, deep rosy crimson, with large white blotches; fine form, rare beauty.

Saunderson, a grand variety bearing beautiful light scarlet blossoms, the throat of which is thickly spotted with white; unlike any other sort.

Shakespeare, pure white, marked violet crimson; spikes and flowers very large, and of the most beautiful shape; very rare and beautiful.

The above 6 sorts for only 60 cents.

CLASS "C."

Superfine New Gladioli. Price 30 cents each; any 3 or 3 of any kind for 75 cents, or 1 each of the 7 grand sorts for \$1.50. Every one of these Gladioli is a gem of the first water. They are strictly the VERY BEST sorts in the market to-day. All have enormous, well-formed spikes, of the most desirable colors. Many of them sell usually at a dollar or more each.

Snow White, All that need be said about this grand novelty is, that it is absolutely pure snow white, the only pure white Gladiolus in existence. It also has large, well-open flowers, and an enormous spike of the most perfect and beautiful shape. It is the most valuable variety in cultivation, and every lover of rare flowers must have it.

Hesperide, Large spike, with large, well-open flowers. Beautiful soft pale pink, freely striped and marked with bright magenta pink. A more lovely Gladiolus than this never bloomed.

Lysander, Darkest crimson black, with a pure white blotch in the throat. The darkest, and one of the finest colors in Gladiolus. Large flower and spike.

Grand Rouge, Enormous spike of the most beautiful shape, large, well-open flowers, bright intense scarlet. The brightest and finest of all scarlet Gladiolus.

President Lincoln, (new 1891.) Gigantic spike of perfect form: color bluish white, flaked with rose and heavily blotched with crimson. A truly superb sort.

Octoroon, flowers composed of beautiful shades of salmon and buff intermingled. An odd and rare color.

Duchess of Edinburgh, sometimes called the Giant Gladiolus. It often grows as high as a man's head, with enormous spikes of gigantic flowers of beautiful shape. Color brilliant rose shading into a light color towards the center, and a white band through the center of each petal. It is in every respect a truly magnificent sort as well as a very rare and high priced one.

The above 7 grand sorts for only \$1.50.

Our Grand Mixed Gladiolus.

Our mixed Gladiolus are very fine indeed, being choice varieties only. All old and common ones have been discarded, and customers can depend upon having a large and magnificent variety of colors. They cannot be too highly praised.

Mixed Bulbs of 300 varieties, first size, per doz., 35c.; per 100, \$2.50.

Mixed Bulbs of 300 varieties, second size, but will all flower this summer, per doz., 25c.; per 100, \$1.75.



LEMOINE'S HYBRID GLADIOLUS

Lemoine's New Hardy Hybrid Gladiolus.

Mixed colors. Of all Gladiolus, these are among the most curious and beautiful. The odd and fascinating markings of the flowers, and their beautiful shape resemble the fascinating beauty of that rarest of all flowers, the Orchid. Yellow, crimson, white, brown, green, pink, etc., are blended together producing an effect seen in no other flower. Seed which will bloom the second year, 20 cents per pkt.; large bulbs, 10 cents each; 3 for 25 cents; 12 for 75 cents.

New Giant Flowered French Seedling Gladiolus.

These we have procured from the renowned French Hybridizers and they are truly grand. They all have those gigantic and beautifully formed spikes and flowers, and vivid colors so peculiar to the French sorts. They are tall and strong growers, and the spikes of bloom are usually three feet or more in length. They possess the greatest possible variety of colors, and all exceedingly choice, equal to any collection of best named varieties. All colors mixed, no two will be alike. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.

Gladiolus, Purpurea Auratus.

This is one of the most beautiful and graceful of all Gladiolus, especially for cutting for vases or large bouquets. The spikes of bloom are tall, slender and extremely graceful. It branches freely and each bulb produces several spikes. The bulbs are perfectly hardy, and can be left in the ground over winter, where they will increase rapidly. Price, 5c. each; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.



Tigridias.

There has been great improvement in this flower during the past few years. Not only have the yellow and crimson ones been greatly improved in color and size, but we now have to offer a grand new white variety, which is the finest novelty sent from Europe in several years. The Tigridia should be planted in the open ground in May. They commence blooming early in July and produce an abundance of gorgeous flowers till October. Late in autumn the bulbs should be lifted, dried, and stored in the cellar like Gladiolus. They are one of the easiest plants in the world to cultivate, always sure to bloom abundantly in any situation, and the large showy flowers are sure to attract and please. Each

- Conchiflora**, fine yellow, spotted crimson. 12 for 50c. ... 5
- Grandiflora**, very large, bright crimson, centre variegated with yellow. 12 for \$1. ... 10
- Grandiflora Alba**, new; flowers very large, of pure ivory whiteness, spotted with crimson. First offered in this country by us in 1883, and has proved to be the grandest novelty in summer-flowering bulbs which has been offered in several years. Few flowers on our grounds have been so greatly admired. 12 for \$1. ... 10

For 20 cents we will send one bulb each of the 3 sorts.

OUR NEW BOOK,

“Popular Bulbs and Their Culture,”

TELLS ALL ABOUT

SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS.

25 Cts. per Copy.

Amaryllis.

The Amaryllis is one of the noblest and grandest family of flowering bulbs. Though they are of very easy culture, the process of increasing them is so slow that many of the best kinds are quite expensive. A few should, however, be found among every good collection of plants, as they live to a great age and are sure to thrive well with ordinary culture. They can be kept in pots the year round or planted in the open ground during summer, as may be desired. Our mode of culture is to plant them in the open ground during June, after they are done blooming inside. Here they will make a very strong growth and often bloom some before September, at which time they are again potted and carried in for winter and spring blooming. Amaryllis always gives great satisfaction, for their flowers are truly grand. Our collection is the finest in the country.

- Aulica Platypetala**, of immense size, with very broad spreading petals, which are sharply pointed and finely striped; the upper side is a rich crimson, green at the base, and above the green a maroon blotch.....\$2 00
- Belladonna**, violet and white... 50
- Crocea**, orange scarlet, with white1 50
- Empress of India**, until very recently this grand variety has been selling at very extravagant prices—from \$5 to \$10 per bulb. The flower is of magnificent size and wide open form, often showing an extra petal; the general color is a deep scarlet, banded with orange, shading to white. Extra fine.....2
- Hamiltoni**, very rare and fine and a perpetual bloomer, as it blooms at all times of the year. Its color varies from scarlet striped with white to white striped with scarlet, and has a fine fragrance. One of the most valuable sorts we know.....1 50
- Haemanthus**, a fine species of which there are several varieties. We have the white and scarlet sorts which are odd and beautiful..... 1
- Longiflora**, fine, with clusters of fine, trumpet-like white or pink flowers. Very sweet...1 00
- Gigantea**, (Josephinea), a variety of gigantic size.....7 00
- Hercules**, light red, of enormous size, with pure white bands on lower petals; new and splendid.....8 00
- J. L. Childs**, flowers very large, outside of petals grayish white, inside bright clear pink, striped and suffused with pure white. A very free bloomer, and flowers of the most perfect form, and continue a long time in bloom2 00
- Johnsoni**, crimson, striped white; magnificent old sort..... 75
- Oriflamme**, new; white with large salmon-red bands. Large, well-opened flower of splendid shape..... 2 50
- Regina**, a variety of great importance as it surpasses all others as a winter bloomer. Flowers of good size, beautiful shape, well open, and of a bright orange scarlet color, with a light center..... 50
- Psittacium**, broad, well open flowers of great substance. Dull red, with white and green stripes; flowers of perfect form and great beauty..... 2 00
- Perle**, sulphur white, with large salmon stripes..... 5 50
- Phoebe**, pure white, stained and striped with carmine 3 50



- Solandriaeflora**, pink and white; very rare 3 00
- Vallota Purpurea**, large, beautiful blooms of the most intense fiery scarlet ... 50
- Vittata, White Ground**, white with scarlet stripes and flakes ... 75
- Vittata, Red Ground**, red or crimson, striped and variegated white..... 70
- Mixed Colors**, of the above finest named sorts, among which are many of the rarest and finest. Large bulbs, 3 for \$2.00 75

For a more complete list of Amaryllis with descriptions, see our book, "Popular Bulbs and their culture."

CHOICE DAHLIAS.

The following are among the very best, freest blooming and distinct Dahlias in cultivation. Every one is perfection in every respect. They are the best of their color. Of all these we have a good stock of pot roots, and strong field roots, with which we shall fill orders; but should our stock of these become exhausted we will send in May, strong, thrifty green plants, which can be put out for immediate growth and bloom. It matters not which you get, pot or field roots, or green plants. They are all carefully selected, strong and vigorous, and will do equally well. *Price, except first three, 25 cents each; 5 for \$1.*

Floral Park Jewel, the most valuable and beautiful Dahlia in cultivation, and a Novelty of last year. Flowers of many colors from deep maroon to bluish-white, including beautiful spotted in variegated forms, are borne in great profusion on the same plant at the same time. In fact, a plant will hardly ever produce two flowers alike. Blush-white, crimson-maroon, white suffused with maroon, maroon suffused with white, crimson-red, purple spotted, marked, or marbled with white, white spotted marbled and striped with maroon, pink or crimson, or several colors suffused in an odd and irregular way. Often one-half of the flower will be white, and the other half maroon, or the centre white, while the outer half will be deep crimson-maroon and vice versa. The exceeding beauty of a plant loaded with flowers, and each one of a different color, can be better imagined than described. The blossoms are very large, perfectly double to the centre, and of perfect form, and we believe it is the most profuse bloomer of any Dahlia, commencing very early in the season and continuing until frost without once ceasing. To add to its beauty the flowers are borne on long, graceful stems, supported by a stout, vigorous growth. 40 cents each; 3 for \$1.

White Dove, another grand new Dahlia, which makes a compact bushy plant, bearing large, double snow-white flowers of perfect form. The flowers are borne on slender stems from two to three feet long, and thereby stand away from the plants so far that they appear as though they were floating in the air, hence its name. 40 cents; 3 for \$1.

Lyonia, another most charming new Dahlia, similar to White Dove in all respects, except its stems are not quite so long, and its color is a soft, sweet sea-shell pink. 40 cts. each; 3 for \$1.

One bulb each of above three sorts \$1.

Miss Dodd, clear deep yellow; perfect form and very beautiful.

Dawn, lovely pure white, tipped lilac and shaded yellow.

Orloie, yellow and crimson, striped and shaded; fine, large flower.

Leader, deep plum purple.

Madge Wildfire, deep, brilliant scarlet; grand.

Vesta, pure white, a free bloomer and fine habit.

Gilding Star (Pompon), pure white; extra fine.

Margurate (Pompon), beautiful rosy lilac.

Black Ball (Pompon), very dark.

Lord Lythurst, (Cactus), intense glowing scarlet. The Cactus Dahlias are new, curious and beautiful, having peculiar Cactus-like blossoms.

Constance (Cactus), pure white; elegant.

Price, except first 3 sorts, 25 cents each; 5 for \$1.



CHILD'S
FLORAL PARK
JEWEL
DAHLIA

Dahlia Seed.

Dahlias grow freely from seed, and bloom early the first summer. We can supply a splendid mixture of either Large Flowering or Pompon at 20 cents per pkt.

For full particulars see page 46.



Tuberoses.

The Tuberoses are one of the choicest of flowers. They produce long spikes of pure white, wax-like double flowers of great fragrance and beauty. By many their fragrance is considered to be the finest of all flowers, and surely no flower has a purer wax-like appearance. The bulbs we offer are very large and fine and will bloom profusely the coming season. At all the great shows, where our Tuberoses have been exhibited, they have never failed to take first prize over all competitors; the general excellence of our Excelsior Pearls being ahead of all others. Tuberoses culture is a special feature of our business, as we grow several acres of them, and those who purchase bulbs from us can be sure they are getting the best quality in the world, direct from headquarters. Bulbs can be planted from April to June in pots or the open ground. Plant three inches deep in good rich soil and do not allow them to be overruled with weeds or other plants if you desire them to bloom early.

Common Double, fine for garden culture, 3 for 15c., 50c. per doz.	5
Excelsior Pearl, short stalks, long spikes, large flowers, full, double and sweet; large flowering bulbs, 3 for 15c., 50c. per doz., \$3 per 100	5
Excelsior Pearl, select bulbs of enormous size; 3 for 25c., \$1 per doz., \$6 per 100	10
New Variegated, the leaves of this variety are bordered with creamy white; flowers single but very large and of exquisite fragrance. Bulbs continue to grow and bloom year after year. It makes a most magnificent plant. It blooms several weeks earlier than the other sorts, which greatly adds to its value. 3 for 30c., \$1 per doz.	15

One large bulb each of the 3 sorts for 25 cents.



A BED OF SUMMER-FLOWERING OXALIS, LASANDRIA OCCUPYING THE CENTER.

Summer Flowering Oxalis.

Nothing is so valuable for edging the borders of walks or flower beds as the beautiful summer flowering Oxalis. Bulbs, when planted three inches apart, produce an unbroken row of elegant foliage and pretty flowers; and as they bloom very quickly after planting, they furnish a neat and attractive border the whole season. They are also splendid when planted in a mass and make a very showy bed. The bulbs, which are the size of peas, or larger, can be planted the first of May, or perhaps earlier, and will be in bloom by the first of June. In Autumn they should be lifted and stored in the cellar like Gladiolus. No flower is easier grown than this, as they are sure to succeed in all soils and situations. They are also charming when grown in pots, and make a very attractive mass of fine foliage and gay flowers. They can be planted in this way at any time during the winter or spring, and will commence blooming at once. We know of no bulb that will give so much real satisfaction for the money as this. Every bulb will grow and flower beautifully. We have two varieties. Price of fine bulbs, 10 cents per dozen; 25 for 15 cents; 50 for 25 cents; 100 for 40 cents; 500 for \$1.50; 1000 for \$2.50.

Lasandria, fine rosy pink, beautiful cut foliage. This is the tallest, and when planted in a bed with Dieppi, should occupy the center.

Dieppi, pure white, very fine.

Cooperia

Drummondii.

(The Giant Fairy Lily.)

This is one of the good new things, of which we have been accumulating an enormous stock that we may give it to our customers cheap. It is a member of the Amaryllis family, the bulbs being as large and solid as a medium sized onion, and should be planted in the spring, either in the open ground or in pots (they do as well one way as the other), where they will bloom freely most of the summer, sending up beautiful lily-like white blossoms on stems ten to fifteen inches high. The foliage is quite long, and of peculiar lavender green color. In the fall the bulbs should be lifted, and kept dry over winter, like Gladiolus. It is one of the easiest of all bulbs to grow, absolutely sure to bloom freely, and the beautiful, pure, fairy like blossoms are ever lovely. We hope we offer it at a price that will tempt all to plant it. Strong bulbs, ready for immediate bloom, 15 cents each; four for 50 cents. ☉



COOPERIA DRUMMONDII.



TUBEROUS ROOTED BEGONIAS.

Tuberos Rooted Begonias.

The tuberos rooted Begonias are among the most beautiful and desirable of all bulbous plants. We have both double and single flowered sorts and many fine colors, all of which are bright and pleasing. As summer flowering bulbs in the garden they are not always a success unless planted in partial shade, and protected from severe winds and storms. In such a situation they are likely to give unbounded satisfaction. They do exceedingly well if planted in cold frames, which can be partly covered with shaded glass. They are, however, grown most commonly as pot plants either in conservatories or windows or on protected verandas. As pot plants for summer blooming few bulbs except the Gloxinia, which can be treated in exactly the same way, will prove so satisfactory. The bulbs can be potted in April, May or June, in good rich soil, and growth and bloom will commence almost immediately and their profusion of bloom during the summer will be surprising if they continue in a healthy condition. When the foliage dies down in September or October they should be set away in a warm, dry place to remain until planting time the following spring. Our strain of both double and single is superb, and must not be judged by ordinary bulbs. Those who plant our Begonia bulbs will be astonished at the great size and brilliancy of the flowers.

- Single White.
- Single Pink.
- " Yellow.
- " Dark Crimson.
- " Orange Scarlet.

Price of above, 25 cents each, the 5 for \$1.00.

Single Mixed, all colors, a magnificent strain, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Double Mixed, all colors, a magnificent strain of finest large flowered double sorts. They are perfectly magnificent. 50c. each; 5 for \$2.

Zephyranthes.



ZEPHYRANTHES.

The Zephyr flowers or "Fairy Lilies," are gems of rare beauty. Planted in pots or the open ground they produce very beautiful Lily-like flowers all summer, and will be greatly admired by all who see them. They are easily grown and succeed anywhere, and should be extensively grown, both as garden and pot plants.

- Atamasco, large, pure white. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.
- Rosea, beautiful clear rosy pink. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.
- Sulphurea, fine yellow New. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Candida, the old white variety. 5c. each; 6 for 25c.

Special Offer. For only 25 cents we will send one fine bulb each of these 4 Zephyr flowers.



HYACINTHUS, CANDICANS.

Hyacinthus, Candicans.

A Grand Summer Bloomer.

A new species of Hyacinth which blooms during August and September, grows three to five feet high, with spikes of pure white flowers two feet or over in length. This grand plant was introduced a few years since, and its great value is being more and more appreciated. The bulbs are large, round and solid, and throw up strong flower stems three to five feet high, which are a gigantic spike of bell-shaped white blossoms. Planted in the spring they bloom in August, September and October, strong bulbs producing two, three and even four flower stems. They are perfectly hardy and can be left in the ground over winter, or if preferred, they can be lifted in the fall, and like Gladiolus, kept dry until spring. A bed of a dozen or more bulbs produces a grand effect. A few planted in the center of a bed of Verbenas, Petunias or other flowers, make a beautiful display. Planted anywhere, singly or in clumps, they are magnificent. For a cemetery nothing can be more beautiful or appropriate, and nothing thrives better in any situation or is surer to bloom. We have sold them for four years, and wherever they have gone they have created a perfect sensation, being so beautiful and unlike anything else in cultivation. We have the largest stock of these bulbs in America, and offer them at extremely low prices.

Price of large, strong bulbs, sure to bloom abundantly this season, 10c. each; 3 for 20c; 12 for 75c.



AMORPHOPHALLUS RIVIERI.

Amorphophallus Rivieri.

A grand summer flowering bulb for tub or open ground culture. One of the rarest and grandest of ornamental plants. Stems and stalks green, spotted rose; leaves decomposed and often four feet across. Flowers usually a yard in length, the projecting spadix being dark red and the spathe rosy green. 40c. each.

Tritoma, Grandiflora.

Few flowers produce such a striking effect and are so attractive as this grand herbaceous plant. It throws up flower stalks three to five feet high, bearing large solid spikes of flame colored flowers of great size and brilliancy. Grown singly or in masses it has a grand effect, and blooms until snow comes, regardless of fall frosts. Plants are hardy with good protection, but they are best wintered in the cellar buried in dry-ash sand or soil. Those who have never seen this plant in bloom will be surprised at its magnificence. Having an enormous stock of this plant we offer it at a price which we hope will induce all to plant it. Strong plants which will blossom freely this summer, 20c. each, 3 for 50c.



TRITOMA, GRANDIFLORA.

Galadium Esculentum.



GALADIUM ESCULENTUM.

A splendid tropical plant, growing four feet high, with immense leaves beautifully veined and variegated with different shades of green. As a single plant or mass for the lawn or flowerbed it is very fine. Grown only in the open ground. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Galadium, Fancy.

These have large, elegant leaves, spotted, marked and variegated with white, pink, scarlet, etc., and are best suited for pot culture in shady situations. They are among the very finest foliage plants, and are always greatly admired. Our collection is superb, including all the finest and most highly colored sorts, which were so greatly admired at our place the past summer. They make extra fine pot plants, and are always greatly admired. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.

Madeira Vine.

A beautiful rapid growing climber, bearing graceful racemes of very fragrant white flowers. The vine is very pretty and useful. 5c. each; 50c. per dozen.



MADEIRA VINE



Cinnamon Vine.

A fine hardy climber, and well known in some parts of the country as Chinese Yam. The tubers grow very large and are edible, like a sweet potato. The vine is a beautiful rapid grower, producing sweet scented flowers. It is perfectly hardy and when left in the same place for several years they become very strong. 5c. each; 3 for 10c; 12 for 30c.

The Spotted Calla.

The leaves of this beautiful Calla are deep green, with numerous white spots, which gives the plant a magnificent appearance. The flowers are pure white with a black centre, and very beautiful. They grow freely in any soil, either indoors or out. They flower splendidly in the garden, treated like Gladiolus; that is, planted in spring and dug in autumn and kept in the cellar dry over winter. The bulbs we send out are large and solid, and will all flower freely soon after planted. As a pot plant it is splendid. 20c. each; 3 for 50c. A few extra large and strong bulbs at 30c. each.



SPOTTED CALLA.

Amaryllis, Treata (Fairy Lily).

They generally commence blooming within a few weeks after planting, and nearly every bulb produces from two to five flowers. Many which bloom in the early spring will again bloom in the autumn. For pot culture bulbs can be planted at any time during the winter or spring, and will soon bloom. They should be potted in sandy soil, and five to six can be planted in a five-inch pot. In the open ground they are not at all particular as to soil or situation, but are quite sure to thrive anywhere. If half a dozen bulbs be planted in a clump two inches apart, among larger plants, or in any nook or corner they will produce a pretty effect. In the fall the bulbs should be lifted and stored in the cellar, or they can be potted, and after remaining a few weeks or months brought out for winter flowering. Pot a few for immediate blooming in the house. They are charming. Large select bulbs. 10c. each; 4 for 25c; 10 for 50c.



AMARYLLIS, TREATA.

HARDY BULBS and PLANTS.

To many this will be the most interesting part of the catalogue. Hardy Bulbs and Plants are now among the most popular of all garden flowers, and justly do they merit such popularity, for among them are many of the brightest gems of the floral world. A border along a walk or drive filled with a good variety of Hardy Bulbs and plants, is a constant source of brightness, fragrance and joy from March to November. To many this class of flowers is especially desirable on account of their living in the open ground from year to year, and increasing in size and beauty all the time, with but little care or attention. They can be planted and left undisturbed for many years, but we advise giving them good culture with shade and hoe. For specimen clumps on the lawn the Hibiscus and Helianthus are good. Perennial Phloxes make a beautiful bed by themselves, as do Lilies and Achilleas, but a mixed border of many varieties is probably the most satisfactory.

Lilies and many other Bulbs and Plants in this department cannot be sent out later than May 15th, and we would in all cases advise planting in April or earlier.



CLEMATIS.

Clematis.

For a trellis or pillar vine nothing equals the Clematis in grandeur and beauty; their large star-shaped flowers being produced in great profusion from June to October. We have many varieties not here offered, of new and fine sorts, and if the selection of sorts is left to us, the customer is sure to be greatly pleased. When well grown many of the varieties produce flowers by the hundred, from six to ten inches across. The following are the best sorts.

Jackman, deep violet purple, very profuse bloomer.

Miss Bateman, pure white, chocolate anthers; grand. This sort commences to bloom as soon as its leaves start in May, on which account it is very valuable.

Magnifica, reddish purple, with red bars. Very large.

Fairy Queen, very large, often 9 inches across, pale flesh with a pink band in each petal. Very fine.

Duchess of Edinburg, fine, double white, free bloomer. Extra fine and fragrant.

Beauty of Worcester, a grand new sort, of a bluish violet color, very deep and handsome, and producing both double and single flowers on the same plant. It is very large and perfectly magnificent.

Price of above, 75c. each, or the 6 for \$4.00.

Coccinea, a beautiful bell shaped sort, producing its flowers very freely, which are very brilliant and striking, being bright rosy scarlet. A rapid grower and very desirable. 25 cents, 5 for \$1.00.

Euphorbia Corollata.

A truly beautiful flower, which has received the popular name of White Forget-Me-Not. The flowers are pure white, borne in immense sprays or panicles, growing to the height of three feet. For bouquets, vases, baskets, etc., few flowers equal it for graceful beauty. The blossoms are very durable, and last for weeks when cut and placed in vases of water. When once planted the roots form large clumps, which are a perfect mass of flowers all summer. 15 cents each; 5 for 50 cents.



PLATYCODON, GRANDIFLORA.

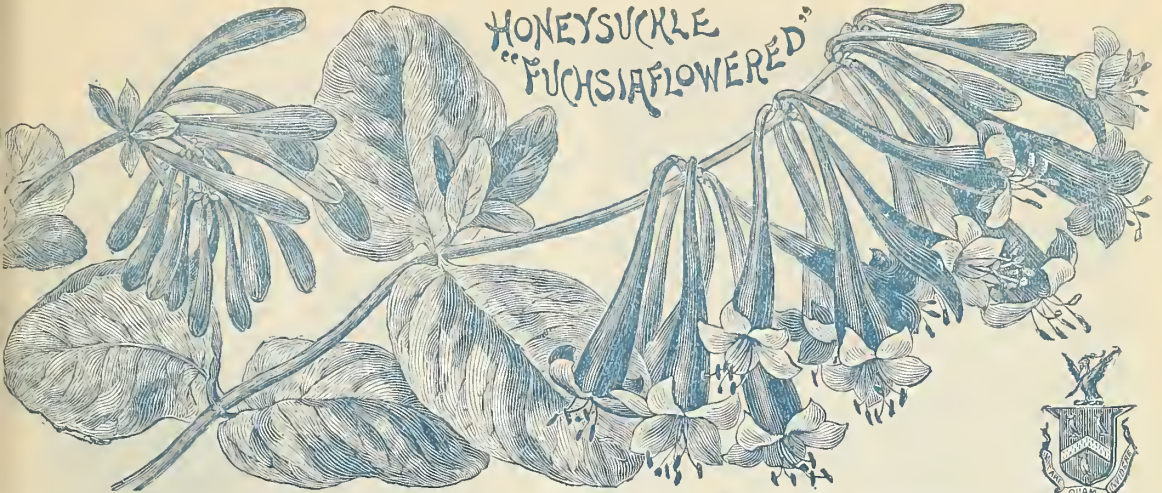
Platycodon, Grandiflora.

Introduced by us five years ago, and has proved very valuable. It is a new hardy plant from Japan, producing, all summer, abundance of star-shaped flowers, three inches across, of beautiful blue and white colors. Perfectly hardy, and lives and blooms for many years, increasing in size and beauty each year. Plants grow three feet high and produce a beautiful mass of bloom. It is a plant that will please all. Strong roots 15 cents each; 5 for 50 cents. Seed, 10 cents per paper. If sown in April or May it will bloom the first summer.

Hibiscus.

CHILDS' NEW HARDY HYBRIDS.

This grand hardy Hibiscus, which has become known as the "Giant Flower" we produced after years of careful hybridization and our large hedgerow of it has for several years been one of the novel attractions at Floral Park. They are perfectly hardy in any place, and each spring send up numerous branches, which from well established roots grow 5 to 8 feet high, forming a dense clump, which is truly a showy object. For hedges they are unsurpassed. The flowers are produced in great profusion from July to September, and are about a foot across, being the shape of large saucers. The colors range from pure white through all the shades of bluish and pink, to deep brilliant rose. We offer both seeds and one year old roots. The seed will, in a good situation, bloom late the first summer. The roots are sure to bloom well, and increase in size every year. Roots, 15 cents each; 10 for \$1.00. Seeds, per paper, 10 cents; 6 papers, 50 cents.



Honeysuckles.

Apios Tuberosa,

Or the Tuberos-Rooted Wistaria.

Fuchsia-Flowered, a new perpetual-flowering, weeping Honeysuckle. But very few new things will be offered this year which will prove more desirable than this lovely Honeysuckle. Its flowers are long and trumpet-shaped, beautiful coral red, borne in large clusters and drooping like a Fuchsia. It is a strong, rapid grower, with beautiful leaves and numerous branches which trail and droop in a charming wavy manner. It is loaded with bloom during the *entire summer and fall*, and is the *very finest perpetual blooming hardy climber*. Every lover of rare and beautiful flowers should possess one of these most lovely vines. The plants we sell will bloom freely the first season. 30 cts. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Halliana, a new white monthly Honeysuckle. It is evergreen, retaining its freshness during the entire winter; flowers pure white, turning to pale yellow, with the fragrance of the Capé Jessamine; hardy, vigorous grower; a constant bloomer. This is one of the most valuable of the late introductions. 20 cts. each; 3 for 50 cts.

Golden-Leaved, a most beautiful variety, the leaves being variegated with golden yellow and green, making it one of the finest of all ornamental foliage plants. It is a large and rapid grower and will soon cover the side of a house. Flowers yellow and fragrant. 20 cts. each; 3 for 50 cts.

Special Offer.—For 50 cts. we will send a nice plant of each of the above 3 lovely Honeysuckles.

A valuable hardy tuberous-rooted climber, closely resembling the common Wistaria in vine and foliage, and having clusters of rich, deep purple flowers, which have a strong, delicious violet fragrance. Plant the bulb near a trellis, tree, fence, or any place where you may wish a climber. They grow to a great height, and bloom profusely. The bulbs are perfectly hardy, and should not be taken up over winter. It is sure to give great satisfaction. If possible plant two or three bulbs near together to produce a greater mass of vines and flowers. Price, 10 cts. each; 3 for 20 cents; 7 for 50 cents.

Iris.

With the exception of the Lily, the Iris is, in England, the most popular of all hardy plants, and well does it deserve special attention from all lovers of flowers. There is a fascinating beauty and fragrance about the Iris that is peculiar to this flower. The plants are very hardy, and when once planted will increase in size and beauty every year. Divide the clumps when they get too large. Each.



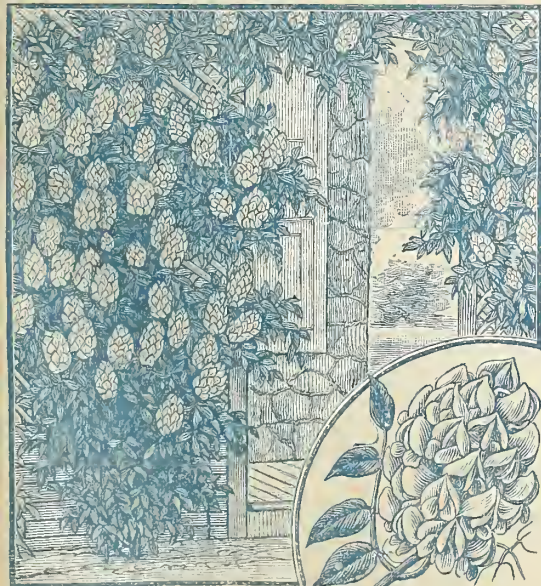
IRIS, KAEMPFER.

Excelsior, large, white, suffused with blue, very sweet. 15

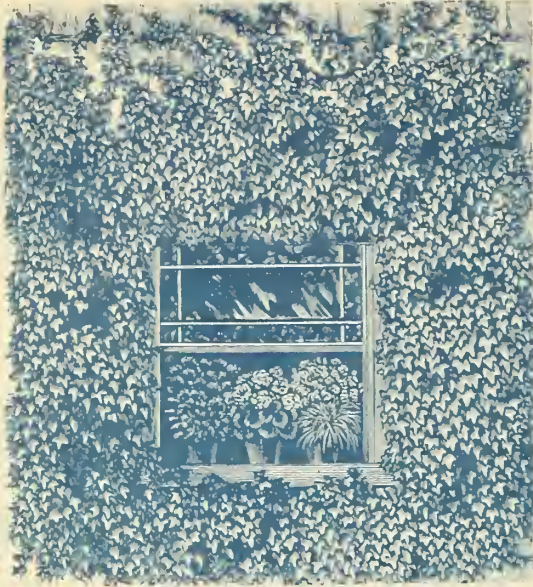
Germanica, this is one of the grandest classes of Iris. Plants form dense clumps, which send up many flower stalks, each one bearing several large beautiful flowers of various colors. No garden should be without them. They bloom early and are very sweet. All colors, mixed, 12 for \$1.50. 15

Kaempferi, no description can do this grand plant justice. The flowers are borne in great profusion, and are of enormous size, often ten inches across. A great variety of magnificent colors. All colors, mixed, 3 for 50 cents; 12 for \$1.50. 15

Susiana, if every lover of flowers could see this grand Iris in bloom, we really believe not one in a hundred would refuse to pay one dollar each for one or more bulbs of it. Among all flowers, there is hardly one of such oddity and striking beauty. The bloom is of enormous size, and in describing it, we say: It is chocolate, and black mottled, and beautifully veined with grayish white; yet, from this, no one can form a correct idea of how the flower looks. It is indescribable, and the planter will be surprised when he sees it. It is perfectly hardy, and blooms in May. Try it; and when it blooms you will undoubtedly pronounce it the most beautiful flower in your garden. 3 for 75 cents. 30



APIOS TUBEROSA.



AMPELOPSIS, VEITCHI.

Ampelopsis, Veitchi.

A new and rapid growing climber of great beauty, especially for brick or stone houses or walls. Its foliage, which is lively green in summer, changes in autumn to brilliant crimson, producing a most gorgeous effect. It will, in a short time, entirely cover the side of a large building, and far surpasses the Ivy. We offer it at the low price of 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

Yucca, Filamentosa.

(An Evergreen.)

This plant is an object of beauty the year round, if only its leaves are seen; these are one to two feet long, bristling out at all angles with sharp points; flower stalk stout, four to five feet high, with 50 to 200 bell-shaped creamy white blossoms hanging from branching arms. It is of a tropical appearance and truly magnificent. Perfectly hardy, and lives to a great age. The great quantity of this plant used for borders in the "shrubbery" at Floral Park, has for years been the admiration of all beholders. Not only are they attractive while in bloom, but during the fall and winter their bright green foliage is always a pleasing and refreshing sight. Price, 15 cents each; 3 for 30 cents. Seeds, 10 cents per paper.



YUCCA.

Asclepias Tuberosa.

This is a charming hardy plant, forming a large clump of growth 18 inches high, and bearing great clusters of the most brilliant orange scarlet flowers. It is a showy and striking object, and should be found in every garden. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.



NEW PERPETUAL PERENNIAL PHLOX.

New Perpetual Perennial Phloxes.

We desire to call special attention to these elegant Phloxes. In growth and foliage they are unlike other sorts, being dwarf and bushy. They commence blooming in June and continue until frost and are indeed charming. They produce their flowers in large panicles like a Hydrangea, and the brilliant colors show to great advantage. They are perfectly hardy and should be left in the ground over winter, where they will increase in size and beauty each year.

Master Morty Hulse, beautiful rosy lilac, marbled with white, flowers large and of beautiful form.

Master Clarence Hulse, pure white; flowers and truss of very large size and exceedingly beautiful.

Master Sylvester Hulse, beautiful lilac rose.

Miss Hattle Hulse, pure white with beautiful pink eye.

Price, 20 cents each, or the four sorts for 70 cents.

Clant Perennial Phloxes, these grow taller than the above, with immense panicles of bloom, but do not flower so early. We have ten of the finest colors, white, scarlet, pink, variegated, etc. Fine plants, colors mixed, 3 for 40 cents; 6 for 75 cents; 12 for \$1.25. They are grand.

Two Grand Spiraeas.

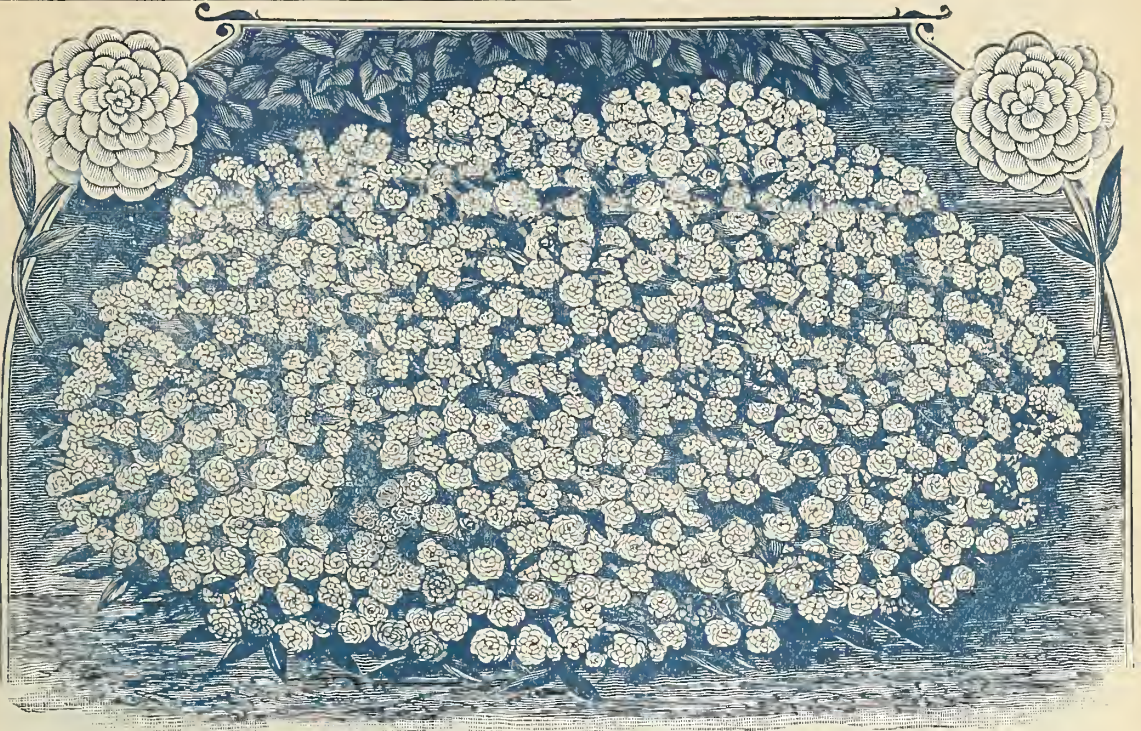
We know of but very few perfectly hardy plants for outdoor culture so desirable as these two charming Spiraeas. They bloom in June, and the blossoms are like large feathery plumes and unexcelled for all kinds of bouquets, vases and baskets of loose flowers. The plants form large clumps, bloom profusely and make a great show. 20 cents each, or the two for 30 cents.

Palmata, grows two feet high with large feathery plumes of the most charming rosy scarlet blossoms.

Elegans, pure white, in large clusters of compact spirals.

Wisteria, Sinensis Magnifica.

A well known climber, which will soon cover the side of a house, and in early spring is one great mass of lovely blue flowers, hanging in large, compact racemes. It is one of the very best large hardy climbers. Strong plants, 25 cents each.



ACHILLEA, ALBA, FL. PL.

Achillea, Alba, fl. pl.

No flower is more worthy of a place in every garden, in the land than this. It is a hardy perennial, the top dying down to the ground every winter. Its many branches grow to the length of two or three feet, resting on the ground, and holding their great masses of flowers about a foot above the soil. A plant will produce hundreds and even thousands of flowers the first summer; but when established the second year we have had them with more than 5,000 perfect flowers on a plant at the same time. We give five reasons why this plant should be cultivated by EVERYBODY:

1st. It is perfectly hardy everywhere, and will thrive in any soil or situation, and will take care of itself.

2d. It commences to bloom early in July, and is a perfect mass of beautiful flowers till frost.

3d. Its flowers are pure white, perfectly double, and produced in large sprays, making it one of the finest cut flowers for bouquets, vases, baskets, etc.

4th. For CEMETERY planting it is the most valuable of all flowers, as it is sure to thrive and bear its great profusion of snow-white flowers nearly the whole summer for years.

5th. Owing to its great vigor and hardness it can be planted in large quantity in any waste place, where it will produce a great abundance of beautiful flowers for cutting.

Price, 15c. each; two for 25c.; five for 50c.; twelve for \$1.

Hardy Pink, Snow.

Plants dwarf, and during May and June are a perfect mass of large, double, snow white blossoms. If potted in the fall and brought inside, it will bloom during winter. 15c. each.

Double Hollyhocks.

These are always in great demand and are used for backgrounds or centers of beds, their tall spikes of beautiful flowers making them very valuable for such situations. Our stock of young, healthy plants is very fine, embracing all colors—crimson, buff, yellow, lemon, purple, rose, etc. 20 cents each; 3 for 50 cents; 12 for \$1.50.

Hardy Asters.

These are exceedingly beautiful, producing for a long time great masses of elegant daisy-like blossoms, of delicate colors. A single plant will bear several thousand blossoms, and make a great show for a long distance. Perfectly hardy and bloom profusely every year. 15c. each; the two for 25c. Campanani, beautiful lavender, large and fine. Del Puente, rich deep purple.

Pansies.

Fine young plants of Giant Excelsiors, and Imperial Germans, mixed. Per dozen, 65 cents; per 100, \$4.00.

Helianthus, Multiflora Plena.

This grand plant grows five feet high, branching freely, and producing, from July to October, a great profusion of double golden-yellow flowers, the size of large Dahlias. When in full bloom it is the most showy yellow flower we have ever seen. The great beds of solid yellow seen at Floral Park the past summer were made of this plant. One large bed of Cannas bordered with this Helianthus was particularly striking. The plant is hardy in most localities, but the roots are easily wintered in boxes of soil in any cellar without trouble, and this is the surest way to preserve them. No matter how small a plant is, when set out in the spring, it will in a short time grow to a large, bushy plant, loaded with bloom, as shown in the cut. In the way of grandeur and beauty it is a fitting companion for the great Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora. Those who plant this grand flower will be more than pleased with it. 20 cents each; 3 for 50 cents; 7 for \$1.



HELIANTHUS

CHILDS' SUPERB LILIES.

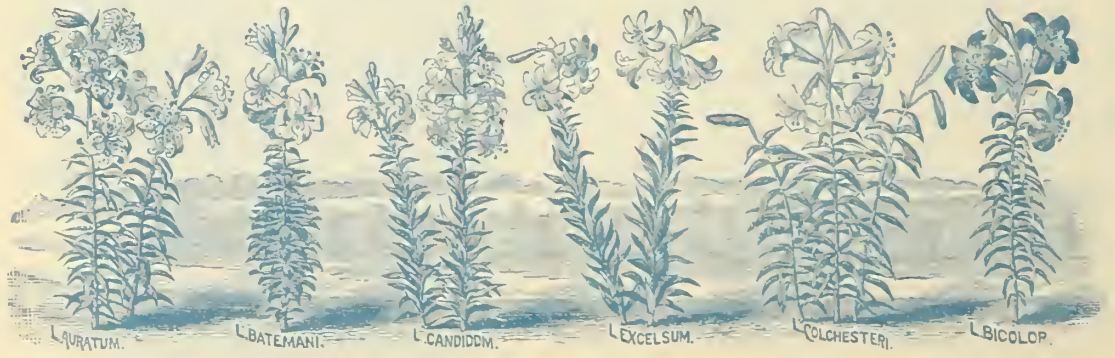


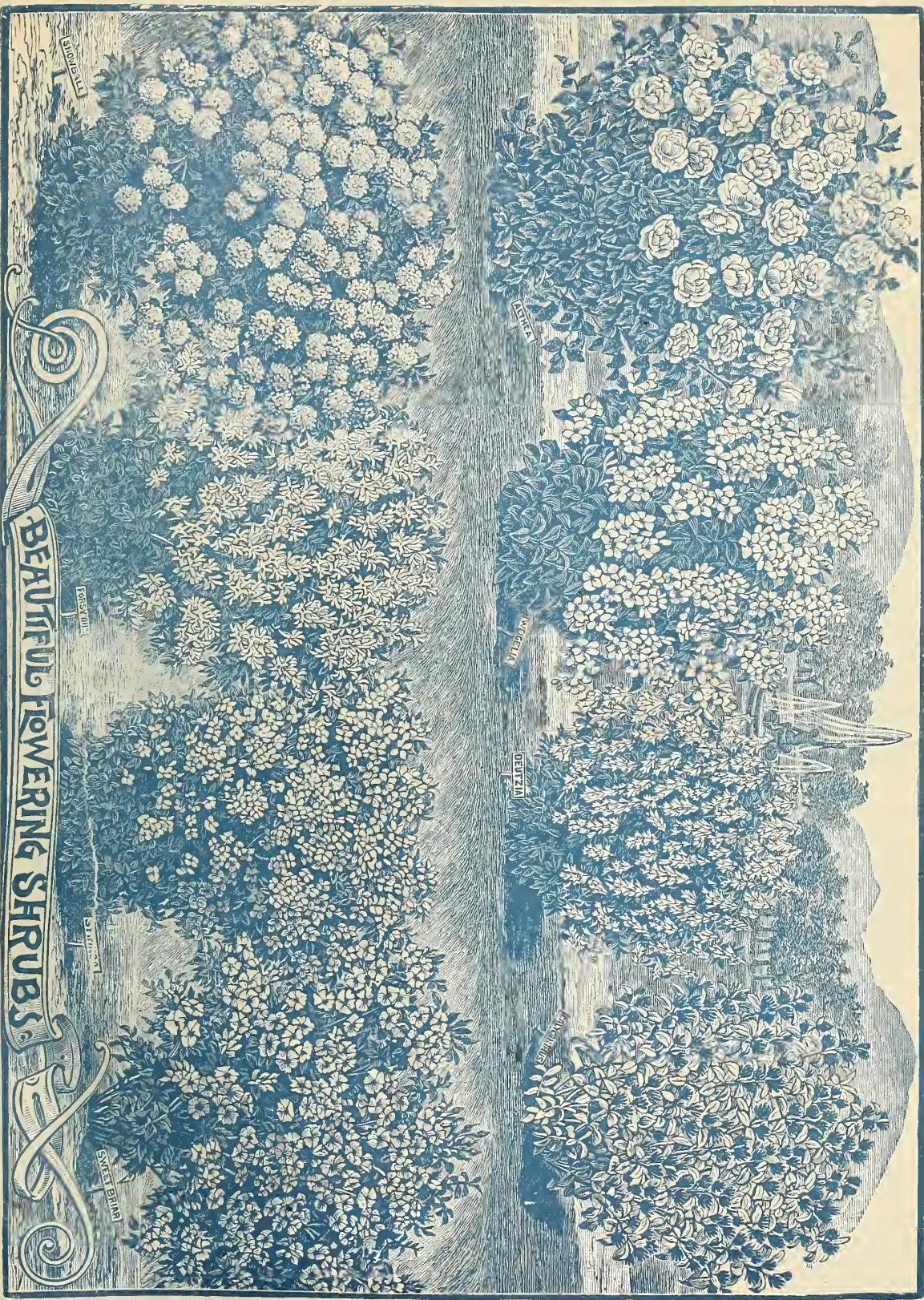
The following 20 sorts are the grandest and best for general culture, being hardy, robust growers and sure to succeed with anyone. We offer them this spring at special low prices that all our customers can have a good Lily bed. You cannot make a mistake in buying any of these, they will be sure to grow and please you. We offer only strong, home-grown bulbs. Our new book "Popular bulbs and their Culture," tells all about Lilies. Price, 25 cents per copy.

- Auratum**, the Golden Banded Lily of Japan, flowers a foot across, pure white, spotted crimson, with a golden band through the centre of each petal; very fragrant; the King of Lilies; home-grown bulbs of enormous size. 35
- Aureum Maculatum**, a most beautiful sort, growing only one foot high, and producing in June several elegant upright flowers of the most beautiful soft light apricot yellow, spotted with black. It is one of the most pleasing sorts in cultivation. 15
- Bicolor**, another grand early blooming sort, exceedingly showy, being of a brilliant red color, flamed with yellow, very large and perfect. 15
- Batemanniæ**, new and beautiful; deep apricot tint, fine shape and hardy robust sort. 30
- Colchesteri**, immense trumpet formed flowers, white and brown; one of the rarest and in our opinion the most beautiful Lily grown. It is a great improvement over L. Browni, which it somewhat resembles, but it is as hardy and robust as an old Tiger Lily. 1 50
- Candidum**, pure white, very fragrant, a fine old sort and grand for winter blooming in pots. Per dozen, \$1.50. 15
- Excelsum**, delicate buff, very fragrant and graceful. For delicate beauty few sorts can equal this. 50
- Longiflorum**, white trumpet-formed; very fragrant. 20
- HARRISSI** a splendid new variety, producing larger and longer flowers than the other varieties, and a great many more of them. It also blooms much earlier, and is more desirable for forcing. 25
- Pomponium Verum**, bright scarlet; very graceful, brilliant and desirable. It blooms in May, being earlier than any other except Pyrenaicum. A good sort. 50
- Pyrenaicum**, tall and graceful, with fine drooping flowers in great profusion. Yellow, spotted black. 50

- Speciosum**, (Lanceifolium). No flower garden can be complete without some varieties of this most beautiful class of Lilies. They are sure to thrive and give satisfaction in any situation. They are fragrant, pure, brilliant and delicate in color, and graceful and stately in form. Their beauty will surprise all who are unacquainted with them. Each.
- MONSTROSUM ALBUM**, pure white, with immense clusters of bloom, often fifty in a bunch. Grand. 20
- PRAECOX**, white, tinted pink; tall and vigorous; bearing 5 to 25 flowers on a stem; splendid. 50
- ROSEUM OR RUBRUM**, rose or pink, spotted darker; very beautiful. 20
- Superbum**, three to six feet high; flowers from five to forty, nodding, brilliant orange-red; blooms in July. This is one of the grandest of all Lilies. It is capable of growing and producing an astonishing number of flowers. 20
- Tigrinum**, Flore Plena, double Tiger Lily; very desirable as its flowers are very double and borne in great abundance. 15
- Thunbergianum**, (Elegans), this is another splendid class of Lilies. They are all erect or tulip-shaped and bloom in June. They succeed in any location, and when in bloom present a magnificent array of colors. All sorts, mixed, per dozen, \$1.50. 15
- Tenuifolium**, (The Coral Lily of Siberia), very slender with narrow foliage, and small intense scarlet flowers, a perfect little gem; should be in every collection. \$1 for 40 cents. 25
- Umbellatum**, one of the very best, blooming in June or July, with very large perfect flowers and dazzling colors. They are robust growers and produce enormous heads of bloom. Colors range from black through all the shades of crimson, rose, yellow, buff, apricot, &c. Many being finely spotted and variegated. 25 finest sorts, mixed, per dozen, \$1.50. 15
- Wallacei**, this Lily is very floriferous; each bulb throwing up from four to six flower stems, each one of which is crowned with three to ten beautiful upright blossoms of a delicate bright apricot color. It is very perfect in form and a most desirable sort as it increases so fast. 15

SPECIAL OFFER.—For only \$5 we will send one fine Bulb each of the above 20 grand Lilies.





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BEAUTIFUL FLOWERING SHRUBS

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A good bed of shrubs must not be overlooked by any one. Our shrub garden is one of the most interesting and beautiful features of Floral Park, and furnishes a profusion of flowers from April to October. No one can realize their great beauty until they have a few well established. Shrubs are a necessity to every garden and lawn, as they furnish abundance of the prettiest flowers and foliage, and serve to form a most beautiful background, or a fine screen for unsightly objects. For planting in cemeteries or parks they are practically valuable. What can be prettier planted side by side than the white-leaved Althea or Weigela, golden-leaved Spirea, purple-leaved Berberry, and the gloss-green foliage of other sorts, to say nothing of the gay and pretty flowers? A good shrub is an object of beauty anywhere, and as they are perfectly hardy and require but little care after once well planted, they should be extensively used. The plants we supply are strong, healthy and vigorous, all having grown one year in the open ground, and most of them will flower beautifully this season. Do not fail to plant a few. Our list this year includes many new and valuable sorts.

When Shrubs, Fruits, or Hardy Plants are received before you are ready to plant them in the ground, they can be safely kept in boxes of moist soil in a cool cellar or shed.

ONE EACH OF THESE 30 SHRUBS FOR \$3.00.

Althea or Tree Hollyhock.

The New Double Altheas, or "Tree Hollyhocks," are among the most desirable hardy shrubs, and when once planted are good for a lifetime. They commence blooming when very small, and grow to the size of a lilac bush, branching freely and producing from July until frost great quantities of large double blossoms, as showy as the finest perennial hollyhocks. For planting on the lawn or against fences, or grouping with other shrubbery they are just elegant. In France they are the most popular hardy shrub, especially for cemetery planting, for which purpose they are unsurpassed by any other tree or shrub.

New Double, Mixed Colors, a fine mixed lot of the choicest new named varieties, all colors, white, red, rose, purple, striped, &c., all perfectly double. 3 year bushes, blooming size, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.

Single Mixed, fine large single blossoms of gay colors. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.

Varegata, a fine sort with green and white leaves and lovely pink flowers. Very fine. 20c. each.

Berberry.

Purple Leaved, a shrub of striking beauty, as it has dark purple (almost black) leaves. The bush has a compact symmetrical form, and in May is loaded with beautiful drooping racemes of yellowish flowers. Makes a fine specimen. 15c. each; 4 for 50c; 12 for \$1.25.

Thunbergi, a shrub of great value; after blooming profusely it bears brilliant red berries which hang very thickly suspended from the branches. These berries keep on well into the winter, and make the bush very brilliant after the leaves have fallen. In autumn the leaves color very brilliantly. A grand acquisition. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

Elder, Golden Leaved.

This is a new and extra fine shrub. Its leaves are pure bright yellow, which color they retain all the season and present an object of striking beauty. Do not fail to try it. It is as showy as the finest foliage plant, and lights up a lawn remarkably. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Deutzia.

Beautiful low growing shrubs, which, when in bloom appear to be "all flowers, and nothing but flowers." Gracilis forces well and is fine for winter blooming in pots.

Crenata, fl. pl., grows four feet high, and in June is literally covered with double white blossoms, as perfect and beautiful as roses. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

Rosea, fl. pl., like the above except a charming rose color. Rare and fine. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Gracilis, height two feet, very compact, its branches drooping to the ground with their profusion of white Lily of the Valley like blossoms. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

Gracilis Aurea, like the above except its foliage is golden yellow. Grand. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Galecanthus Florida.

This is the well known "sweet scented" shrub. It bears in May a great profusion of double purple blossoms, which have a strong, delicious pine-apple fragrance. Very popular. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

Purple Fringe.

This grand shrub is covered in midsummer with fine hair-like flowers, giving the whole plant the appearance of being wrapped in a cloud of purple mist. Striking and beautiful. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.



HYDRANGEA PANICULATA GRANDIFLORA

Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora.

We believe this to be the most desirable hardy shrub in cultivation. Flowers white, borne in immense pyramidal trusses more than a foot long. It remains in flower two or three months; creates a great sensation wherever seen. It is sure to bloom finely the first season. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



SNOWBALL, DOUBLE.

Snowball.

New Double White, grand new variety from Japan, having large compact balls formed of white blossoms as double and perfect as roses. A great bloomer and sure to create a sensation wherever seen. It is impossible to imagine anything more beautiful than a shrub of this snowball loaded with its great drooping double snow-white flowers. It is a sight which all will stop to enjoy. 30 cents each; 4 for \$1.

Sweet Briar.

This is a beautiful rose (R. Canina), which bears through the summer, large single, bluish white or pink flowers, in great profusion. The leaves have a peculiar sweet fragrance which is delightful. It is really a charming shrub. 10c. each; 6 for 50 cents.

Jasmine Nudiflorum.

All have heard of the lovely fragrant Jasmynes of the South, but few are aware that there is a variety which grows in a bushy form and is perfectly hardy, standing the climate in any of our Northern States or Canada. Such however is the fact, and this is the first time we have offered it. It is the first of all shrubs to bloom, producing its great mass of fragrant yellow flowers before its leaves start and on the approach of the first warm days of spring. It blooms here according to the mildness of the winter, in February or March. By all means plant this lovely shrub. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.



RHODODENDRON.

Rhododendron.

Everybody has heard of the great beauty of this shrub, although it is seldom seen, on account of its high price. We have had a lot grown in Europe so that we can furnish thrifty young plants very cheap. The plant is an evergreen, retaining its beautiful laurel like leaves all winter, and in early spring producing enormous clusters of gay flowers of various colors. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.

Forsythia or Golden Bell.

An old and valued shrub, growing 4 to 5 feet high, and in April or May, before its leaves appear, robing itself the length of its branches in pendulous bells of a bright yellow color. It is such a mass of brilliant yellow that it can be seen for a long distance, and lights up a lawn or yard as nothing else can at that early season. Large bushes 20c. each; 3 for 50 cents.

Lilac, White.

All know and love the grand old purple Lilac, but very few possess the large flowering pure white variety which we here offer. Do not fail to plant a few it is so lovely in contrast with the other. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.



SPIREA, VAN HOUTTEI.

Spirea.

VanHouttel, the most showy of all the Spireas and one of the very best flowering shrubs in cultivation. The plant is a rather tall, upright grower, with long slender branches that droop gracefully with their weight of foliage and flowers. Flowers pure white, in great clusters and whorls, forming cylindrical plumes two feet long. Few shrubs present a more charming appearance. It blooms freely when very small. New and fine. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Thunbergi, beautiful fern-like leaves which remain on till late fall, changing from green to most glowing and rich colors. Forms a large dense bush which in spring is a perfect mass of elegant white flowers. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

Aurea, a grand shrub, with bright golden yellow foliage. Very conspicuous and contrasts finely with other sorts. Flowers white, in clusters. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

Syringa.

Mock Orange, a rapid growing, medium sized shrub, producing in June great masses of snow white flowers, similar to Orange Blossoms, and having the most delicious fragrance. It is a grand shrub of which one cannot have too much. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

Double Pink, new and grand. 30c. each.

Golden Leaved, an exceedingly ornamental shrub with golden-colored foliage, the color of which it retains throughout the season. It is as rich in color as the best Coleus or other summer colored foliage bedding plants and having very dense foliage, is of exceeding beauty and value. Flowers same as the Mock Orange. 25c. each.

Tamarix, African.

A graceful shrub which in early spring is a complete mass of lovely light pink, spray like blossoms, exceedingly beautiful. The blossoms are followed by a peculiar fine evergreen like foliage, which makes a curious looking bush all summer. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

Weigelia.

Rosea, a grand shrub which is a mass of fine bell shaped pink blossoms during June. It is one of the most popular and beautiful of all shrubs. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.

Candida, like the above except pure white in color. 15c. each.

Grandiflora, a new giant flowered sort bearing great clusters of bloom which are of a dark ruby red color. Extra fine. 25c. each.

Variegata, similar to Rosea except it has a more dwarf habit and its leaves are finely variegated with white and green. A most charming foliage shrub, and when in bloom it is simply one perfect mass of pinkish white flowers. The most beautiful of all Weigelias. 30c. each; 3 for 50c.

RAPID GROWING ORNAMENTAL TREES.

We are glad to be able to offer at low prices a few of the most desirable trees for ornament and shade. Every home, be it a mansion or cottage, is both beautified and greatly enhanced in value by a few good trees. There are none better than those here offered, and they are mostly such rapid growers that in a very few years they will be large, beautiful and useful. We grow these trees in such enormous quantities that we are able to sell them very low. They are strong, healthy young stock, and sent by mail, post-paid, at prices named; by express we can send larger ones. Our customers on the prairies, or any one in any part of the country, desiring large, handsome trees, will have them in two or three years if they plant some Catalpas, Ailanthus, Paulownia, Russian Mulberries, &c., at once.



Russian Mulberry.

This valuable fruit and ornamental tree was brought to this country from Western Russia by the Meunonites. The tree is a very rapid grower; trees, the seed of which was planted six years ago, are now twenty feet in height and from six to eight inches in diameter. The tree grows to be very large, often

reaching the height of fifty feet, and from three to five feet in diameter, and is perfectly hardy. It commences to bear when two years old, and is a prolific bearer, the fruit being about the size of blackberries. They have a fine aromatic flavor, and sub-acid sweet taste, and are used for dessert as we use blackberries or raspberries. It is in fact a beautiful, quick-growing tree for the lawn, while the fruit is valuable for table use. It is truly a grand tree, both for ornament and fruit.

Great Value of the Russian Mulberry to the Farmer.
 —It grows as freely as any forest tree, and can be set in quantity in any place. They come into bearing in 2 or 3 years, each tree bearing bushels of fruit, which, when ripe, falls to the ground, and is eagerly devoured by fowls and pigs, which thrive on it remarkably. In fact it is not only one of the VERY BEST, but the VERY CHEAPEST food that can be provided for them, and a few trees will sustain a large lot of fowls and pigs for 2 or 3 months, as they bear and ripen their fruit for a long period. It is a great and valuable tree for the farmer, and they should be freely planted around chicken yards and pigpens, both for shelter and food.

Price of thrifty young trees, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 30 for \$2.00; 100 for \$5.00; either by mail or express. Larger ones can be sent by express better than by mail.

Seed.—We can supply seed of the Russian Mulberry at 20c. per paper. From seed, trees grow several feet the first year, and fruit in three or four years. They make a fine grove.



Catalpas.

Kaempferi, a Japanese sort of upright, rather slender growth, producing freely, large clusters of flowers, yellowish, dotted with purple. The flowers are very fragrant, and this is considered equal to the Linden as a honey-producing tree, while its value for timber is surpassed by very few trees. The trees remain in bloom a long time, and after the flowers fade they are replaced by great clusters of seed pods, a foot or more in length, which hang to the tree during the whole of the summer, fall and winter, presenting a most odd and unique appearance. The tree is in fact highly ornamental both summer and winter. In growth it is a most luxuriant small tree, having great quantities of enormous leaves, which are of a dark purplish green color. Small trees, the second year from seed, bloom well, and it will give great satisfaction grown from seed, and is elegant either as a shrub or tree. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00. Seed, 20c. per pkt.

Japanese Hybrid, as an ornamental or useful tree this is of great value, being one of the most rapid growers of all hardy trees, and one of the most beautiful. From the smallest sprouts it will grow in four or five years to a large size. The foliage is dense, large and luxuriant, deep glowing green. It is a most profuse bloomer, being literally loaded with flowers, and remaining in bloom several weeks. The flowers are white, with small purple dots and a touch of yellow around the throat. They have a very pleasant and delicate fragrance, and a tree in bloom not only presents a magnificent spectacle to the eye, but also fills the air for quite a distance with its agreeable odor. Small trees planted in village lots grow without cultivation in five years to be twenty-five feet high and twenty-

four inches in circumference at one foot from the ground. We believe the Japanese Hybrid is destined, when known, to take a prominent place in the very front rank of trees for timber, as well as ornamental planting. In rapidity of growth it rivals the most luxuriant trees of temperate climates, while its hardiness has been demonstrated by its standing uninjured 25 degrees or more below zero. Professor Hussmann, of the Missouri State Agricultural College, says: "Massive in all its proportions, it looks like a production of the tropical zone, with immense leaves, and followed by immense panicles of flowers; containing sometimes from three to four hundred buds and bloom; contrasting finely with its dark, massive foliage, it may be truly called a regal tree. Plants the size of small straws sent me through the mail last May, which I planted late in that month, have grown this summer seven feet high, and from four to five inches in circumference at the base. I think it is the fastest growing tree I know. It makes a beautiful object on a lawn, and should be in every one's door-yard." Fine young trees, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 30 for \$2.00; 100 for \$5.00. Seed, 20c. per pkt.



GINKGO BILOBA.

Ginkgo Biloba.

This is a most beautiful tree, and a rapid grower. It is known as the Maiden Hair Tree, as its foliage is like that of a Maiden Hair Fern. It is also known as Salisburia. It is much different in appearance from any other tree, and very ornamental indeed with its great profusion of beautiful foliage. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Tulip Tree.

This is a most magnificent tree, of rapid and beautiful growth, and bearing in May and June thousands of yellowish white flowers the size and shape of Tulips, from which it derives its name. Plant one or two by all means. You can have nothing more beautiful. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Purple Beech.

The Purple Beech is well known as the finest tree of its kind in cultivation. Its heavy growth of foliage is in color a very dark purple, nearly coal black. It is necessary to see it to fully appreciate its beauty. Think what an odd and beautiful object a tree with black leaves will make. It is splendid when planted with the Van Geert, Golden Leaved Poplar, and the lovely Ginkgo or Maiden Hair Tree. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.

Poplar, Golden Leaved.

The new Van Geert, Golden Leaved Poplar, is a tree of wonderful beauty. Its shining, healthy, tremulous leaves are golden-yellow, making the tree one of the most odd and beautiful it is possible to have for yard or lawn. Splendid contrast to the Purple Beech and other odd colored foliage trees. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Mountain Ash.

Highly ornamental on account of its large fern-like leaves and luxuriant, rapid growth. The flowers are also beautiful, and in fall the tree is loaded with a mass of bright scarlet berries, which hang in great clusters. Its foliage, flowers and berries all recommend it. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.

TREE
TWO YEARS
OLD



PAULOWNIA IMPERIALIS.

Paulownia Imperialis.

This is from Japan, and is the handsomest foliage and flowering tree in cultivation, producing heart-shaped leaves several feet across, and making a specimen for the lawn or yard which nothing of the sort can equal. It is not quite hardy in the latitude of New York, and is liable to kill down to the ground any winter, but this is not a great drawback, for it will each spring send up from the root strong shoots which will grow in one season 10 or 12 feet high, and on these are borne its largest and finest leaves. In this way it proves a grand ornamental plant in any Northern state. South of New York it is hardy. Its flowers appear in early spring before the leaves start, and are borne in great panicles of 30 to 40 large, purplish blue, Gloxinia-like blooms. These great panicles of bloom appear on every branch, robbing the tree completely, and it presents the appearance of being in itself one huge bouquet. After the flowers, large round seed pods appear, the size and shape of walnuts, which remain on the tree until it blooms again the next year. Mr. J. S. Allen of Philadelphia, writes as follows, May 13th: "I send you to-day specimen flowers of the Paulownia. The panicles are composed of from 25 to 40 flowers. Part of them were taken from an old tree measuring fully 30 feet across the top, and as every tip was a bunch of flowers, the whole tree is an immense bouquet. The remainder are from a young tree, 4 years from seed. I send also some of the seed pods. These are in large bunches below the flower spikes. The appearance of the tree literally covered with flowers and seed pods, but no leaves, is strikingly unique." Mr. Allen considers the Paulownia to be the finest of all trees. Price, seed, 20c. per pkt.; trees, 50c. each.

ters and colored like autumnal leaves. The cut represents a panicle of bloom, and a seedling tree four months from sowing. These seedlings are beautiful for lawns and flower beds, even finer than Ricinus. Seed, 10c. per paper. Young trees by mail, post-paid, 15c. each; 4 for 50c. Trees make such a rapid growth from seed, that it is fully as desirable to plant seed as it is to set small trees.

SPECIAL OFFER.—For only \$1.50 we will send by mail or express one fine tree each of the 30 sorts here offered. Larger ones can be sent by express than by mail.

Ailanthus, or Tree of Heaven.

This grand ornamental tree is not unknown in some parts of the country, having been introduced some years ago. Here on Long Island it is probably the most plentiful, and fine specimens of it are quite common. It is a rapid grower, perfectly hardy in all parts, succeeding in any soil, no matter how poor, and growing from six to ten feet high the first summer from seed, with magnificent leaves five to six feet long, giving it a grand tropical appearance. It is a native of China, where it is known as the Tree of Heaven, a name suggested by its majestic form and great beauty. Trees grow to a good height, and bear, in the greatest profusion, large panicles of bloom, which are followed by the seed pods hanging in great clus-



AILANTHUS OR TREE OF HEAVEN.

For Garden
AND
Window Culture.



For Summer
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Winter Blooming.

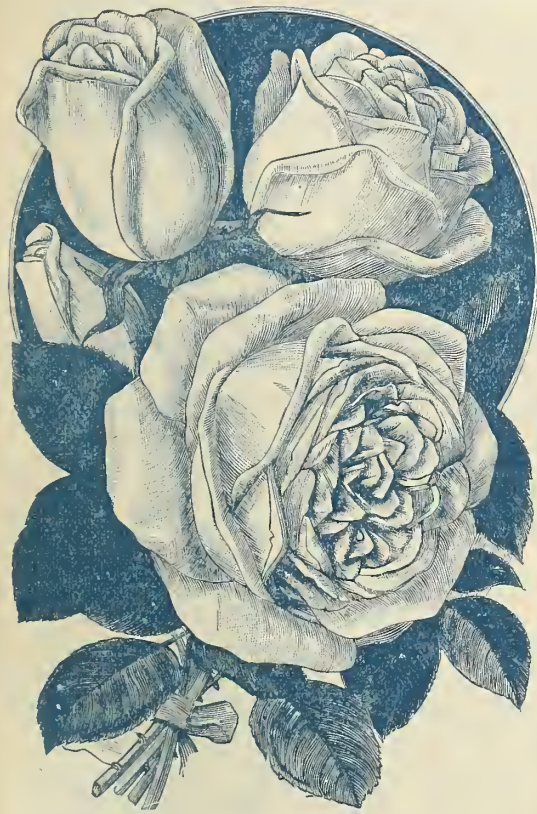
and Other Choice Plants.

NO FLOWER is so universally popular as the **Rose—the Queen of Flowers**—they are everywhere wanted, are nowhere out of place, are always admired, and are the most valuable of all flowers for bouquets and other floral work. The “Ever Bloomers” are always in bloom, and from a small bed an abundance of beautiful buds can be cut daily. As pot plants for winter bloom they are everywhere cultivated.

THE SECRET OF HAVING GOOD ROSES is in having vigorous and healthy plants. If the health and vigor of a plant is allowed to suffer from the time they are propagated until large enough to be sent out, it will never fully recover, but will always be a weak grower and a poor bloomer. Knowing the importance of this, we use every possible care to produce plants of great strength and vigor, and it is for this reason the plants we send out produce such an *unusual* large amount of the largest and finest flowers. Those who plant our Roses are sure to be delighted with them. Their great superiority over most other Roses usually set out can be seen from the start.

Our complete system of mailing Roses and other plants in strong wooden boxes, insures their carrying to the remotest parts of the Union in perfect order.

PRICE of all Roses, except Mosses, 20 cents each; 3 for 50 cents; 7 for \$1; 12 for \$1.50; 25 for \$3.



EVERBLOOMING ROSE.

Everblooming Roses.

The Everblooming or Monthly Roses mostly belong to the class known as Teas, and their free flowering qualities make them the most popular of all Roses. Plants begin to bloom when very small and grow rapidly, producing a great profusion of choice flowers all the summer and fall. In pots they bloom nearly the whole year. In the open ground they are not hardy north of New York without protection during winter. Nothing makes a finer show bed on the lawn, or in the garden than a mass of Roses, and from a dozen plants a bunch of choice flowers can be cut every day during the entire summer and fall.

Bon Silene, deep rosy pink.

Catherine Mermet, fine satin rose, a grand sort.

Charles Roville, a charming Tea Rose; large, globular flowers, very full and double; delightfully fragrant; color a lovely shade of brilliant carmine changing to silver rose, centre and base of petals clear golden yellow; very beautiful.

Cornelia Cook, very large buds, pure white; extra.

Coquette de Lyon, rich canary yellow; extra fine.

Countess Anna Thun, new and very beautiful, extra large full flowers, fine cupped form, petals thick and of good substance, color golden orange yellow, elegantly shaded with saffron and rich coppery red, deepening at centre to rosy crimson, very distinct and handsome.

Etoile de Lyon, fine brilliant yellow; new and splendid.

Hermosa, clear rose, very free; extra fine.

Isabella Sprunt, canary yellow; excellent.

Luciole, a grandly beautiful Rose, introduced two years ago; the flowers are extra large, somewhat cupped form, but quite full and double; color, clear cherry red, with rich golden-yellow centre, elegantly shaded; delightfully perfumed, and very handsome.

Madame Camille, salmon pink, veined white.

Madame Cusin, bright purplish crimson, with white center, tinged and shaded with yellow; very sweet and beautiful.

Madame Welch, fine amber yellow, very large and double.

Malmaison, color clear waxy blush, very full and double, of enormous size; one of the sweetest and best roses known.

Marie Gulliot, fine white, tinged yellow; large and very double; extra fine.

Marshal Neil, deep golden yellow, large and double; fine climber.

Madame Scipion Cochet, beautiful creamy rose, with deep crimson centre, flowers large, somewhat tulip shaped, quite full, and very sweet, a good constant bloomer, very handsome and striking.

Madame Agatha Nabonnand, this superbly beautiful rose resembles in color the delicate hues seen in the inside of the fairest deep sea shells, rosy flesh, bathed in golden amber, immense egg-shaped buds, broad shell-like petals, and large full flowers exceedingly sweet.

Madame de Watteville, this grand Rose is one of the most beautiful varieties lately introduced, and merits all the praise we can give it. The growth is vigorous, flowers very sweet, full, and of good form; color creamy yellow, shaded carmine. The petals are large and shell-like, each one having a distinct border of bright carmine. The buds of this variety resemble a Tulip, and are very fragrant.

Niphotos, pure white, fine bud.

Papa Contier, a new Rose of great beauty. Flowers large and long, with thick, broad petals, of a dark, rich carmine color. Deliciously fragrant and a great bloomer at all times. We know of no better Rose.

Perle des Jardins, buds large and full, and of the most beautiful golden yellow color.

Princess de Radziwill, rich crimson flowers, beautifully shaded bright coral red, large, full and erect, long, finely formed conical bush, highly perfumed, very handsome and valuable.

Queen's Scarlet, the improved Agrippina. Rich velvety crimson, very double and sweet, and borne in great abundance. We know of no better Rose of its color.

Reine Marie Henriette, brilliant crimson, large; a perpetual blooming climber.

Saffrano, saffron yellow; splendid bud.

Sombreleul, a large, beautifully formed and free-blooming variety, pure white, edged and tinged with silvery rose, very sweet; foliage very healthy and vigorous.

Sunset, rich golden amber, elegantly shaded.

Therese Lambert, elegant and very handsome in form and color, delicate rose color, base of petals finely tinged with old gold, centre pale silvery salmon, very fragrant, large, very full and good, one of the best of the year.

The Bride, the finest of all white Tea Roses. Buds and blossoms are very large, and of the most exquisite form, very double, often measuring four inches across. The blossoms are more durable than any Rose we know, and last a long time when cut and placed in water. The exquisite, delicate white blossoms are borne on long graceful stems, and in great profusion.

Hybrid Perpetual Roses.



HYBRID PERPETUALS.

Though the Hybrid Perpetuals do not bloom as freely as the Teas, they produce the largest and finest flowers the perfume of which is exquisite. They bloom considerably during the summer and fall, but their greatest season of beauty is June, when every plant will be loaded down with such a profusion of buds and blossoms as to resemble a mass of solid color. They are perfectly hardy, thriving from year to year with but little care or attention. Our list comprises the best varieties of this class of Roses to be found in this country.

Anna de Diesbach, dazzling crimson, very large.

Baron Nathaniel de Rothschild, flowers extra large, full and double; color, bright carmine, passing at centre to clear pink; petals delicately edged with white; exquisitely perfumed.

Alfred Colomb, justly celebrated as one of the very finest Hybrid Perpetual Roses; extra large, round flowers, very double and full; color, clear, cherry red, passing to bright rich crimson; very fragrant.

Coquette des Blanches, pure snowy white, sometimes faintly tinged with pale rose; blooms in large clusters; flowers medium size, full and pretty, and slightly fragrant; blooms the first year and all through the season.

Duc de Cazis, blackish violet purple, large and fine.

Fannie Pitzold, fine rosy blush, edged violet.

Gen'l Jacqueminot, intensely velvety scarlet; extra fine.

John Hopper, brilliant rose, large and full.

Souv. de Duchere, a superb Rose; extra large, compact flowers, very full, double and sweet; color beautiful brilliant scarlet, deepening to dark glowing crimson; very rich and handsome.

Madame Charles Wood, bright crimson, purple shaded; profuse bloomer.

Madame Chirard, beautiful clear pink; magnificent.

Magna Charta, rosy pink, finished with crimson.

Perfection des Blanches, pure white, strong grower and profuse bloomer, very sweet; extra fine.

Paul Neyron, the flowers are immense; it is probably the largest Rose grown, and one of the finest; bright shining pink, very clear and beautiful; very double and full, finely scented; blooms the first season and all summer.

Madame Masson, an excellent Hybrid Perpetual, noted for constant and profuse bloom; the flowers are large; color clear bright rose, highly perfumed; one of the best for general planting.

Climbing Roses.

Climbing Roses are very beautiful for trellises, fences, old trees, arbors, or training over doors or windows. Their flowers are large and showy and borne in great profusion. They grow rapidly and are perfectly hardy everywhere.

Baltimore Belle, pale blush, profuse bloomer; very fine.

Gem of the Prairie, bright crimson; extra fine.

Tennessee Belle, A strong, vigorous climber and free bloomer, bright rosy blush; large, full and fragrant, one of the best.

Seven Sisters, in large clusters, no two alike; white to crimson.

Queen of the Prairie, clear bright pink, large and full; blooms in large clusters.

Hybrid Tea Roses.

A new class of Hardy Monthly Roses, producing flowers as large and fragrant as the Hybrid Perpetuals, with the delicate colors and free flowering qualities of the Teas. They are very fine indeed.

Countess of Pembroke, soft satiny pink, elegantly shaded with rosy peach. A strong, vigorous grower; very sweet.

La France, pale peach, with fine rose centre, a constant bloomer; extra fine.

Mad. Etienne Levet, intense glowing crimson; a constant bloomer; very sweet.

Doctor Pasteur, a splendid novelty, imported from Paris and highly recommended. Extra long-pointed buds, with fine large globular flowers. Color brilliant carmine rose, shading to bronze red, very rich and handsome.



HYBRID TEA ROSE.

Duchess of Cornwall, large, very full and finely formed; color, delicate silvery rose, with bright salmon center; a charming Rose of excellent quality; very highly scented and distinct.

Madame Schwallier, blooms in large clusters; large globular flowers; color transparent salmon rose; very delicate and tender; petals finely edged with violet carmine, highly perfumed; plant is a vigorous grower, good habit, and profuse bloomer; very fine.

Polyanthus Rose.

The Polyanthus or Fairy Roses are about the size of a 25 cent piece, and borne in such clusters that the whole plant seems a mass of flowers. They are very sweet-scented, and bloom profusely from early summer to late fall. The plants are compact, bushy and quite hardy.

Cecil Bruner, rosy pink, passing to white.

Little Gem, creamy white; very free and perfect in form.

Mignonette, clear pink; very sweet and beautiful.

Pasquette, fine white, large clusters.

Perle d'Or, fine coppery gold color; elegant bud and very sweet.

Miniature, a new Polyantha Rose, the finest of its class.

Flowers very double and borne in immense clusters. The plant appears to be smothered with blooms, so great is its profusion. Color delicate rose, changing to pure white, so that both colors are represented in the same cluster, giving it a novel and beautiful appearance.

Moss Roses.

Price 50 cents each; four for \$1.00.

The Moss Rose Bud is the most exquisitely beautiful of all Roses. It is the Queen of Queens. Moss Roses are perfectly hardy, and grow in any soil as freely as ordinary Roses. Every garden should have a few at least.

Captain Ingram, brilliant carmine; large and mossy.

Countess de

Murlinais, pure white,

extra fine.

Clery of

Mosses, fine

crimson.

Henry Mar-

tin, blue rosy

pink.

Raphael,

blush; extra

Blanche Mo-

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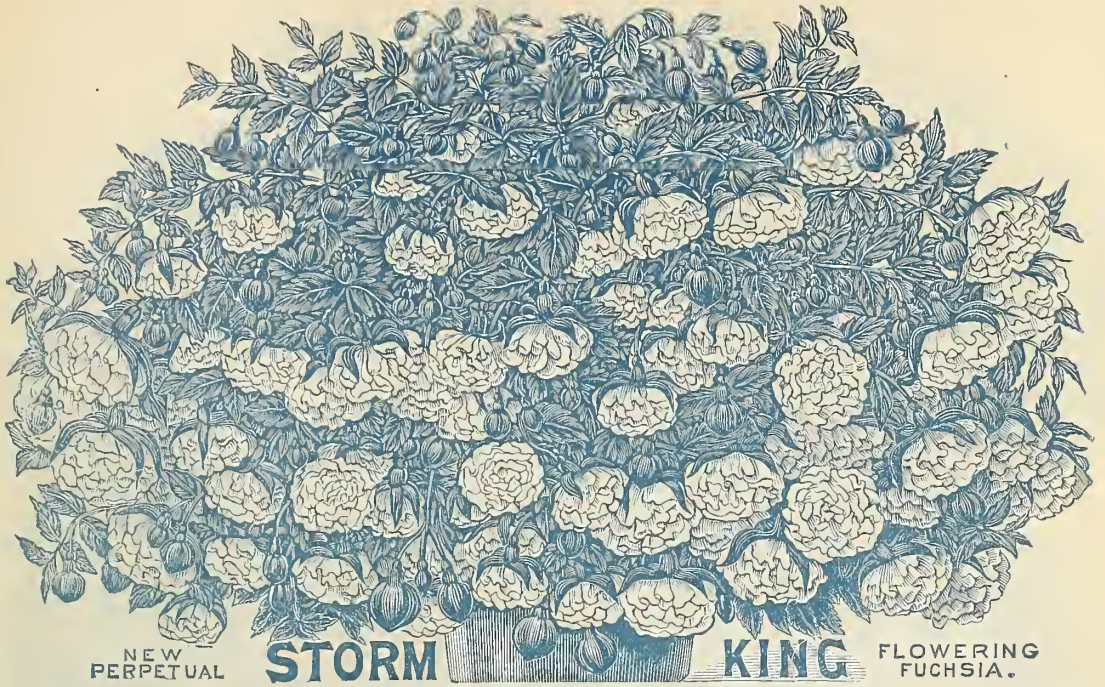
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MOSS ROSE.



NEW PERPETUAL **STORM KING** FLOWERING FUCHSIA.

Fuchsias.

The Fuchsia is probably the most graceful and beautiful of all window plants. It has a beauty peculiar to itself, the elegant drooping blossoms of various forms, sizes and colors, and clean healthy foliage give the plant a grace and neatness which is unsurpassed. We make a specialty of this elegant plant, and offer below the most beautiful and charming sorts in cultivation. As the introducer of "Storm King," we claim the credit of giving to the public the grandest flowering plants in existence. Fuchsias do best when planted in pots and plunged in the ground along the north side of a fence or building during summer, where they will flower very nicely and can be lifted and brought in for winter blooming without checking their growth in the least. The following are the best and most distinct sorts.

Price, 20 cents each, 3 for 50 cents, or the 7 for \$1.00.

Storm King. The above cut is a true photograph of a plant of Childs' Double Perpetual Flowering Weeping Fuchsia "Storm King," introduced by us, and is the finest flowering plant of the age. It is always in bloom, often as many as 20 buds and blossoms on a plant at once. The branches droop most gracefully, and the blossoms are frequently as large as teacups. The buds, for two weeks before they expand, are balls of glowing scarlet crimson. When expanded, the enormous double flowers are almost pure white, capped by a calyx of glowing scarlet; and when a plant is loaded with buds and blossoms it presents a sight which for true grandeur and beauty no flower can surpass. They are of the easiest culture and will grow and bloom freely with ordinary care in any window or garden.

Admiral Courbet, enormous double flower, corolla deep violet, tube and sepals bright red.

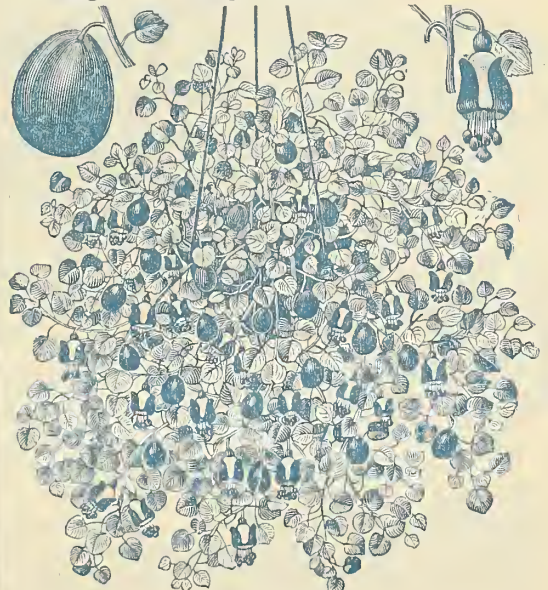
Spectosa, flowers long and graceful, color light and dark pink. Free winter bloomer.

Pres. Cunther, sepals light red; corolla violet; fine.

Phenomenal, the new Giant Fuchsia. This is a new sort of great merit. The plant is a tall, strong grower, branching like a tree. Its flowers are of enormous size, as large as teacups and very double; sepals scarlet, corolla rich violet purple.

Fulgens, the tuberos rooted Fuchsia, a grand old sort which has nearly gone out of existence. It has a bulb like a Dahlia, is a strong grower, and produces large clusters of flowers, the tubes of which are four or five inches long. Color orange scarlet. It is a grand sort.

Procumbens, (trailing) as a Fuchsia this is indeed a novel and interesting sort, and one of great value and beauty, especially for hanging pots and baskets. It is probably the prettiest trailing plant in existence. The mass of wavy vines covered with pretty leaves, bright flowers and red berries hanging over the sides of a pot, basket or vase are exceedingly attractive. The flowers are small and show several colors, the anthers being blue. The seed vessels grow to the size and shape of robins eggs and change from green to deep crimson red, and in this showy condition hang to the vine for six months or longer, and are one of the principal beauties of the plant. It also grows freely in the open ground, and is hardy in most parts of the country, losing its leaves in winter, but retaining its bright berries, and in spring commencing a fresh growth of foliage and flowers.



FUCHSIA PROCUMBENS.



NEW DOUBLE GERANIUM "JUPITER,"

Geraniums.

From the large list of splendid new double and single Geraniums now offered, we have selected a few as being particularly fine, and which can be furnished at a low price. They are of recent introduction, and have received universal praise which they justly merit. They all produce very large flowers and trusses, which are of the most vivid colors and free flowering qualities. It is useless for us to say anything in praise of this showy flower. For bedding or for pot culture they are everywhere popular. We will only say that the improvement in Geraniums during the past five years has been very great, and the varieties here offered will surprise those who have not seen the best new sorts.

⇒BEST DOUBLE SORTS.⇐

Bruant, intense scarlet, free bloomer.
B. K. Bliss, vivid scarlet, one of the very largest and best.
Grand Chancellor Faldherbe, deep crimson maroon.
Hoff Beach, deep amaranth, shaded purple.
La Fraicheur, tender lilac rose, grand flower.
Mary Gerring, beautiful pink.
Peach Blossom, elegant blush.
Queen of the Fairies, beautiful light pink.
Sunlight, intense fiery salmon.
White Swan, a new variety of a dwarf bushy habit, bearing in great profusion large trusses of large, double, snow-white flowers, which are exceedingly perfect and beautiful.

⇒BEST SINGLE SORTS.⇐

Anna Scott, deep crimson.
Ettie, bright scarlet, white eye; fine.
Jasper, salmon.
Miss Blanche, very large, deep purplish pink.
M. Chevreul, a splendid sort; violet red.
Mrs. Carfield, finest pure white.
Mrs. Windsor, bluish white, with large scarlet eye; splendid.

Price of above fine Geraniums, 15 cents each; 3 for 40 cents; 8 for \$1.00.

OUR "STAR" COLLECTION

—OF—

5 Magnificent New Geraniums.

We have to offer this year four magnificent new Geraniums of our own raising. New Geraniums are so numerous that we would not attempt to offer these if they did not possess unusual merit. They are in fact the finest sorts of their color, and can truly be called "stars" among Geraniums. Their growth is neat and compact, and they bloom most profusely at all times, and the size of the flower and truss is probably the largest to be found among Geraniums. They are superior either for pot culture or bedding.

Price 20 cents each; or the 5 for 75 cents.

Jupiter, enormous double flower of the richest dark vermilion.
Mars, large, double flower glowing amaranth scarlet, rayed with intense violet scarlet, and orange yellow center.
Venus, beautiful large single flower of perfect shape, and light orange scarlet color. The finest single Geranium in existence, either for bedding or pots.
Saturn, a beautiful large single flower exactly the color of Mars. A free grower and great bloomer, making a grand sort for bedding.
Reumberta, though this fine sort does not properly belong to the "Star" collection, we add it on account of its rare color and beauty. It is a large double flower borne profusely in immense trusses, its color being a light yellowish orange scarlet, the nearest approach to a pure yellow yet seen in Geraniums.

Chrysanthemums.

We have reduced our list of varieties from several hundred down to the following, which are the cream of all. Every one is a rare and grand sort.

No plant has been so greatly improved during the past few years as the Chrysanthemum, and surely there is not a more satisfactory one in cultivation at the present time. Those who have never seen these grand new sorts in bloom can form no idea of their great beauty. For blooming in October and November, no plant can compare with them. For both out-door and in-door cultivation they are ahead of all other flowers. They can be kept in pots all the year, or placed out during summer. In a sheltered situation they will bloom finely in the open ground; but they produce the best results when potted in September and brought inside to bloom, where they will make a fine display for two months. After blooming they should be placed in a cellar or pit until spring. We have made Chrysanthemums a great specialty, and hope to extend their culture, as we know they are always more than satisfactory. In fact, blooming as they do in November, when all flowers are scarce, makes them a necessity to every cultivator of flowers. They are of the easiest culture, and absolutely sure to do well. Try our Chrysanthemum seed offered elsewhere. It will grow and bloom elegantly the first year, producing a grand display of choice forms and colors.

The various classes are indicated as follows; (J) Japanese; (C) Chinese Reflexed; (I) Chinese Incurved; (P) Pompon; (A) Anemone flowered. The sorts we offer are the very best of each class, mostly new ones, which in many cases are usually sold at 50c. or more each. Note our low prices—

Price, 20 cents each; 3 for 50 cents; 8 for \$1.00. Or the entire collection of 40 superb sorts for only \$4.00.

Ada Spaulding, (I) lower half of flower a rich deep pink, shading in upper portion to the purest pearl-white. Petals very large, broad and solid. Awarded at Indianapolis the National Prize for best seedling, a Silver Cup presented by Mrs. President Harrison; also Certificate of Merit. Silver Medal by Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. First Premium from the New Jersey Floricultural Society, and Medal of Excellence by American Institute, N. Y.

Antolinus, (A) a fine canary yellow Pompon Anemone.

Black Douglas, (P) a large-flowered Pompon, which is almost black in color, each petal having so small a gold tip that the compact double blossoms look as though they were sprinkled with gold dust; excellent.

Bendigo, (I) fine yellow, large and perfect.

Cullingford, (C) enormous flower of the darkest and richest crimson.

Coriolan, (C) dark crimson black; a grand color; plant a great bloomer, and exceedingly showy.



ANEMONE FLOWERED CHRYSANTHEMUM. LOUIS BONAMY.



Christmas Eve, (J) pure white, petals curved and twisted, forming a flower of peculiar appearance and great beauty; it is the latest sort to bloom, and is good at Christmas.

Domination, (J) large pure white, incurved. One of the finest for specimen flowers.

Eugene Mozard, (J) fine dark amaranth. A glorious color. **Elkshorn**, (J) named from its peculiar petals. Fine pearl color. A grand and curious sort.

Edouard Audgier, (J) one of the finest of recent introduction; of enormous size; in color a rich velvety purple-violet, with a silvery reverse; a shade scarcely to be found in this family.

Flora McDonald, (I) it blooms November 1st to 15th; of dwarf, vigorous growth; foliage dark green, of medium size; of the Chinese incurved type of the most perfect form, with very high center; flowers creamy white, of large size. Good for any purpose.

Gloriosum, (J) immense incurved flower of brilliant lemon color. One of the finest yellows.

Isabella Bott, (I) enormous sized incurved flower, of snowy whiteness, and round as a ball; one of the very best.

Koko, (A) a giant-flowered anemone; petals rosy lilac, center creamy white; excellent.

Louis Bonamy, (A) lilac, gold center; large, and very fine.

Lilian B. Bird, (J) large flower, nearly a foot across, and composed of long quilled petals. Color pinkish or flesh. A magnificent sort.

Leopard, (J) an odd and curious sort, being a fine mauve color, freely and distinctly spotted with white. Fine for exhibition.

Lady St. Clair, (I) a superb sort with flower as round and as white as a ball of snow. Elegant.

Mrs. Langtry, (J) an enormous incurved Japanese, flowers one foot across, outer petals long and quilled, inside ones flat, and beautifully incurved; color, pure white; charming.

Mrs. Gilmore, (J) another incurved Japanese, exactly like Mrs. Langtry in size and shape, but soft, delicate, silvery pink in color; grand.

Mrs. Fottler, (J) double, long-pointed petals; opening flat at first, but developing into a large feathery bloom of great beauty. The color is clear, soft rose.

Mrs. Aker Allen, (C) we never took much stock in a sweet-scented Chrysanthemum, yet it is claimed that this has a fine violet fragrance. It is a free bloomer, white tinged yellow.

Mrs. Isaac C. Price, (J) an exceedingly rich chrome yellow; gracefully incurved; free bloomer; good habit; distinct.

Mrs. A. Blanc, (J) an extremely strong and distinct; inside florets erect; outside, reflexed and pendulous; color, rich lavender.



Mrs. Alpheus Hardy, or Ostrich Plume, (J) beautiful beyond description. Enormous flowers with wide incurved petals, which are pure white and covered with long fine hairs. Resembling an ostrich plume. A grand novelty.

Mrs. Frank Thompson, (J) large, incurved Japanese, with broad petals, lined and mottled deep pink, with silvery back: very distinct and beautiful.

Mrs. Geo. I. Tyson, (J) an enormous flower of the incurved Japanese type, very double and perfect in form, with quilled outer petals. Color light magenta purple.

Monadnock, (J) tubular florets, bright yellow. A first-class variety.

Mrs. H. Cornwell, (I) enormous flower of deep golden color. Very double and truly superb.

Nevada, (C) enormous flower, with broad petals, snow white; a grand specimen flower.

Prince of Orange, (C) bright yellow, reflexed, petals bordered with red.

Princess Meletia, (P) lovely blush white, good size, very double and perfect, graceful, and on long stems. This is one of the most lovely sorts for general culture. Do not fail to have it.

Parquette, (P) the finest of all Pompons: lilac rose, imbricated, very beautiful form and graceful habit: magnificent.

Rose Queen, (J) a self color of bright, rose amaranth. Very distinct shade. Flowers, broad cup-shaped, five inches across. One row of petals quilled half way and then flattened on outer ends. Center, well filled. Profuse bloomer.

St. Margaret, (A) yellow with bronzy center. Superb.

Trinbal d'Argent, (A) large white. A glorious sort.

THISTLE, (I) a very full flower, petals long and slender, but stand out bold and straight. Light pink changing to pure white; very showy, and we believe it to be the most marked sweet-scented of any variety.

Val d'Or, (P) the finest golden-yellow Pompon: flowers in great trusses, round shape, and the most glowing yellow.

White Cap, (P) close compact flower, pure white, shaded pink underneath. A splendid sort.

Rose Geranium.

A fine, old and favorite pot plant, or for growing in the garden, on account of its highly fragrant foliage. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.



PASSIFLORAS PFORDTI

Passifloras.

All have heard of the great beauty of the Passion-flowers, though but very few have seen them in bloom, as they are by no means common. They are elegant, rapid growing vines, adapted to window and greenhouse culture, or in the open ground during summer. The flowers are beautiful beyond description. See our special offer for the three sorts.

Pfordti, the most beautiful of all Passifloras, having flowers 5 to 6 inches across, and borne profusely at all times, even on very small vines not over 1 to 2 feet. As you look at an open flower you see the sepals are pearly white, while the broad petals are of a lovely violet pink. The numerous stamens are dark blue, with two or three rings of white near the base, below which is a dark brown color. It is difficult to imagine a more lovely flower. Fine plants which will soon bloom, 25c. each.

Constance Elliott, a most valuable novelty. Vine a rapid grower, short jointed and quite hardy. It will winter in the open ground as far north as Massachusetts, with slight protection. The flowers are of medium size, ivory white in color and exquisitely fragrant. It commences to bloom when very small, and the smallest plants will bloom in a very short time after planting. Grand as a pot plant for window culture, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Arc-en-Ciel, the flowers of Passiflora Arc-en-Ciel, or Arch of Heaven, have the same delightful fragrance as the Narcissus. In color the raised part is pure white, the center citron colored, the outer circle dark and the inner white, shaded to blue; a truly lovely combination. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

SPECIAL OFFER.—For only 50 cents we will send one each of the three fine sorts.

Salvia Splendens Floribunda.

This is greatly superior to the old Salvia Splendens, in several respects. It is a freer bloomer, more compact in habit and better spikes of bloom. Splendid for pot culture for winter blooming, and for the open ground in summer. Few flowers make such a dazzling show as this Salvia. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00.

Carnations, Perpetual- Flowering.

The Carnation's home is wherever flowers are loved and seen throughout the civilized world, and it is most justly a universal favorite. Its free-blooming qualities, ease of culture, beautiful form and colors, and delicious perfume are qualities which recommend it to every one. In growing this flower it is better to have young plants every spring to plant out. They will flower more or less during the summer, and in the fall can be potted and brought inside for winter blooming, and are almost certain to do well. In spring they can again be bedded out and will bloom finely all the season, but will be too much exhausted for another winter's blooming. The following are the best known varieties.

Price 15 cents each; 3 for 40 cents; the 8 for \$1.00.

Silver Spray, a most charming pure white variety. Large flower in great profusion; habit dwarf and compact.

Anna Webb, dark crimson black, a very rich and fine color.

Tidal Wave, very dwarf, large flowers of a charming pink color.

Harrison, fine white, striped with red and rose, very beautiful.

Century, fine large flower, deep carmine.

May Queen, elegant rosy pink color; fine free grower.

Secretary Window, the most brilliant scarlet yet seen in Carnations. Plant, free grower and constant bloomer.

Hautzes White, light buff white, very distinct and beautiful.



PERPETUAL FLOWERING CARNATION.

Palm, Washingtonia Filifera.

A beautiful Palm is one of the finest additions that can be made to any collection of plants, but the high prices of the best varieties have prevented most people from possessing one. Then, again, there are but few of the best sorts which succeed well with ordinary window culture. It is therefore with pleasure that we are now able to offer one of the most beautiful sorts in existence, and one that is hardy and robust enough to succeed anywhere, at a price which brings it within the reach of all. It has elegant dark green, fan-shaped leaves, from which hang thread-like filaments as seen in the cut. The plant is a compact grower, well adapted to pot culture, succeeding in any situation, and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. It will flourish in any window for anybody, making a grand ornament during winter, and in summer it can adorn a veranda, or be placed in any shady place about the garden or yard, or used for a centre in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. All Palms of the fan-leaved sorts have, when young, leaves of a long, narrow shape, developing the round fan-shaped ones as they grow older. Therefore, when you get your plants and see long leaves instead of round ones, do not think that a young sort has been sent you. Strong plants 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

Seeds.—The seed of this magnificent Palm is easily grown and sure to germinate. Per paper, 15c.

Heliotrope.

The Heliotrope is a favorite pot plant on account of its panicles of lovely sweet blossoms. It is not however seen at its best in pots. Planted out of doors in a good sunny situation over summer it is perfectly magnificent, being loaded with large clusters of bloom all the time. Try a few plants in the garden, and you will be delighted with the result.

Albert Delaux, a superb sort, having beautiful yellowish leaves and large clusters of violet colored blossoms. Fine for garden or pots.

Mad. Bloney, compact grower, with large clusters of white flowers. Superb.

Black Seedling, a fine sort with large clusters of dark indigo blue flowers.

Price 15 cents each, or the 3 for 40 cents. Seed, 10 cents per pkt.





Coleus.

These are well known for their highly ornamental foliage. The Coleus is the most popular of all foliage bedding plants. Some of the newer varieties are simply exquisite either for masses or for single specimens, or for growing in pots.

Golden Verscheffelt, a new sort of fine golden yellow foliage.

Queen Victoria a fine hardy sort, its leaves having a velvety texture, brick red with a fine distinct border of yellow.

Progress, beautiful green leaves, thickly spotted with black, and variegated yellow and crimson.

Negro, a large, rank sort, with enormous black leaves.

Firebrand, dark leaves, rayed and flashed with fire red.

Dawn, new; beautiful; the center of the leaf being bright rosy scarlet, bordered with black, which color is again bordered with green.

Oddity, new; leaves light greenish yellow outside, while underneath they are a fine reddish purple.

Price 15 cents each; \$1.10 per dozen; \$7.00 per 100. One plant each of the 7 fine sorts, 75 cents.

Pelargoniums.

These, better known as Lady Washington Geraniums, are the most beautiful of the Geranium tribe. Flowers very large and of the most beautiful colors and markings. We have a magnificent variety, all of the finest large flowering sorts. They are superb. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.

Gazania Splendens.

A most beautiful plant either for pot culture or bedding out during summer. It is a low trailing habit like an ice plant, and producing freely large blossoms of a bright orange color, and having a jet black circle at the base of the petals. On each petal in the line of this circle is a pure white spot. The combination is striking and pretty. 15c. each.

Eleteria Gardamomum.



ELETERIA GARDAMOMUM

ling some of the most beautiful before fading. 25c. each.

A plant little known and hardly in cultivation in this country, but one of great beauty and usefulness. Its foliage and general habit closely resembles that of a Cannas, but rarely grows over two feet high. The leaves have a highly aromatic fragrance, which is very fine, especially for scenting clothes or working into bouquets or vases of flowers. The seeds are also highly aromatic, and when taken in the mouth have a pleasant taste, and add a delicious fragrance to the breath. For this purpose they are often sold at high prices. The foliage of the plant is in itself highly ornamental, to say nothing of its fragrance, but when in bloom it is indeed charming. It blooms during the fall or early winter. Flowers white, borne in spikes and closely resembling orchids, and last for weeks

New Double-Flowered Ivy-Leaved Geraniums.

This magnificent new form of Geraniums recently introduced from England and France, is one of the most glorious gems of the floral world. Its bright, glossy, ivy-like leaves, graceful and trailing habit, and numerous trusses of large, double, gray colored flowers combine to form an object of the most striking contrasts and beauty. Always robust and healthy, they are of the easiest culture either in pots, hanging baskets, or the open ground, in windows, conservatories or the garden.

Cloire D'Orleans, beautiful rich crimson magenta flowers, produced in great abundance; habit, dwarf and compact.

Jeanne d'Arc, pure white, very double and fine.

LaRosale, fine rose.

Price 20 cents each; the 3 for 50 cents.



VIOLET, SWANLEY WHITE.

NEW DOUBLE WHITE

Perpetual Flowering Violet.

Price, 15 cents each, 4 for 50 cents, 12 for \$1.25.

Swanley White, of all the varied and beautiful novelties in plants which are being introduced, this is one of the best. As a plant for pot culture in the house for winter and spring blooming, or for planting in the garden or in frames it is equally valuable. In pots it grows luxuriantly and is loaded with flowers. In the garden it is hardy with slight protection, and greets us in early spring with a profusion of its large, snowy, sweet-scented blossoms. The growth of the plant is vigorous and healthy, bearing in great numbers very large, perfectly double flowers of pure snowy whiteness and unexcelled fragrance. They can be grown in pots or in the open ground. If desired particularly for winter flowering they do best if planted out in the spring and potted in September, and if the buds are pinched off during the summer the plants will be all the stronger for winter. It is not uncommon for a plant to have as many as fifty large flowers open at once, and they present a beautiful sight and perfume a whole room. Though this Violet is called "Perpetual," it is difficult to get it to bloom during the hot weather. It blooms elegantly in fall, winter and spring.

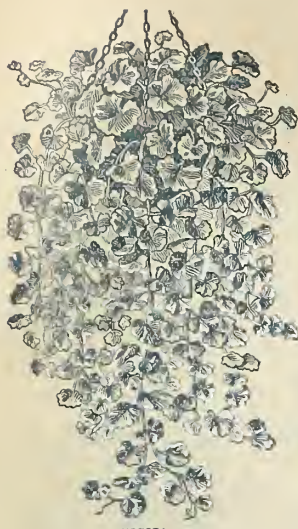
Double Purple Violet, Maria Louise, to contrast with the white we offer this fine double, deep bluish purple, sweet-scented variety, recently introduced. Desirable for pots or the garden, plants hardy and bloom almost as freely as the white, especially in winter and spring. Flowers large and sweet.

Mad. Millet, a fine bluish color having a decided reddish cast. It is called the red violet, and is the nearest to a red color of any sort. It is fine to grow in contrast with the others.

For 55 cents we will send one plant each of the 3 sorts.

Nepeta Glechoma.

A new trailing plant of the Catnip family, with beautiful white and green leaves. The leaves also have a refreshing fragrance. It will no doubt become one of our most useful plants for festooning work such as drooping from hanging baskets, vases, fancy pots, etc., its graceful, rapid growth rendering it unequalled for this purpose, while we have no doubt it will also be largely used in cemeteries to cover the graves, as it is entirely hardy and we think more ornamental than almost anything in use for that purpose at present. For massing in the garden or on the lawn, to trail over stones or stumps or in fact for any sort of decoration it is splendid. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.



NEPETA.

Two Rare Ferns.



SWORD FERN

WALKING FERN.

Sword Fern, a magnificent sort with beautiful fronds, often four to five feet in length, a hardy robust grower, and valuable for pots, baskets, vases, or the garden. 25c. each.

Walking Fern, a very rare and curious hardy fern, suitable either for pot or open ground culture. It is known as the "Walking" Fern from the fact that its leaves run out to a long slender point, which strikes in the ground and takes root, a new plant springing up and in like manner establishing another plant a foot or more away. In this way they will walk quite a distance in the course of a season. 25c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER.—For 10c. we will send one plant each of these two Ferns.

Centrodedia Floribunda.

A lovely little plant, and almost entirely unknown. It is of easy culture, producing compact bushy little plants only a few inches in height, which are covered with lovely pink flowers all winter. We feel sure it will prove a treasure with any one. 15c. each.



Rivinia Humilis.

A very pretty plant on account of the long racemes of bright scarlet berries with which it is loaded at all times of year. It grows like a weed and begins to bloom and fruit when very small. It is exceedingly ornamental both summer and winter. Its beauty being so entirely unlike that of other plants it is always an odd and attractive object in any collection. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Double Petunias.

A few of the best double Petunias are well worthy of a place in every garden. We offer two of the best we have ever seen. They are very free bloomers, and are splendid either for pots or the garden, their large double fimbriated blossoms being exceedingly showy. 20c. each.

Lucy Longstreet, fine crimson, fringed and variegated with white, large and double and splendidly fimbriated.
Snowdrift, large double fimbriated flower of purest snowy whiteness; extra good.

Euphorbia Splendens.

Often called "Crown of Thorns," as the thorny crown which encircled the head of our Saviour was made (it is supposed) from this plant. The two specimens from which our stock was grown came from China, and were beautifully trained on wire frames, and are highly ornamental, especially when in bloom. It is a curious and rare plant, worthy of general cultivation. 30c. each.

Tradescantia Multicolor.

This is a beautiful trailing vine, the foliage of which is composed of many colors; bronze, silver, pink, gray, rose, crimson, etc. It is very beautiful, and will grow in any part of any light room, whether the sun strikes it or not. It grows rapidly and propagates freely. Very beautiful for decorating. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.



POT SHRUBBERY.

By "Pot Shrubbery" we mean such hard wooded shrubbery plants as the Azalea, Abutilon, Oleander, &c., which are not hardy, and are therefore grown mainly in pots and used for decorating the lawn or veranda in summer, and the window or conservatory during winter. They make up one of the most useful and ornamental classes of flowering plants in existence, and every lover of beautiful flowers should have a good collection of them. They grow freely at all times and remain in the same pot or tub until they outgrow it. They may be moved about and set anywhere on the lawn or veranda, or taken anywhere for decorative purposes. If you have no window or conservatory to winter them, just set them in a warm cellar and they will come out in the spring bright and fresh and ready for abundant growth and bloom after their long rest. They cost but little, are of but little trouble in their care, and when once possessed are good for many years' usefulness and beauty. Who does not admire and love the beautiful Abutilons, Oleandas, Jasmynes, Brugmansias, Plumbago, Hydrangeas, &c.



ABUTILON.

Abutilons, Perpetual.

A charming class of free-flowering plants which grow and blossom the whole year. Their flowers are large and bell-shaped, and of elegant colors. The foliage is very beautiful; in fact, if they did not bloom at all they would still be worthy of culture on account of their elegant leaves. They make a splendid show in the open ground during summer.

Rosaeflora, beautiful rose.

Snowstorm, beautiful pure white.

Gigantea Multiflora, a seedling raised by Mr. Davis of the Treasury gardens in Washington. A strong, rank grower, producing in great numbers orange brown flowers of gigantic size. A splendid novelty.

New Double, one of the grandest of all plants for house culture or for planting out during summer. It has beautiful maple-like leaves of a lovely green color, spotted and mottled with yellow, which gives the plant a most beautiful and odd appearance. The flowers are perfectly double, rich deep orange, shaded and streaked with crimson.

Good Craquelus. A seedling raised by us which proves to be most curious and beautiful. The plant is a handsome, free grower, the blooming shoots producing two flowers at the axil of each leaf, one of which is a beautiful orange red, the other deep crimson. The two blossoms of different colors growing in pairs on the same plant is indeed a novel and beautiful feature.

Grandiflora, an enormous flower, and borne in great abundance. Fine deep yellow.

Price, 20 cts. each; any three for 50 cts.; or the 6 for 75 cts. They are all extra fine, perpetual blooming varieties.



DOUBLE

POMEGRANATE

Double Pomegranates.

The double flowering Pomegranates are little known to cultivation and seldom seen, being comparatively new. It is a plant of much beauty, producing at various times a profusion of blossoms which are as large and double as a Camellia. The plant is best wintered in a cellar where it will drop its leaves and start afresh in the spring. They commence blooming when small, and continue growing until they are several feet in height, and are splendid decorative plants, their flowers possessing unusual beauty.

Double White, clear and pure.

Double Scarlet, very bright.

30 cents each, or the 2 for 50 cents.

Jasmine.

A most beautiful plant producing flowers of exquisite beauty and fragrance. The blossoms clear and delicate, resembling a piece of wax. The fragrance is as powerful and delicious as that of any flower known to cultivation. In fact there is not more than two or three other flowers which can equal it.

Grandiflorum, (or *Catalonian*), flowers star-shaped, pure white and highly fragrant. It will bloom all winter long without once stopping, from October to May, and will bloom freely in the open ground in summer. 15c. each.

Grand Duke, beautiful shining foliage and large double blossoms of a creamy white color. Very delicate and fragrant. 25c. each.

Cardenia Florida—*Cape Jasmine*, large pure white waxy blossoms of unexcelled beauty and fragrance. 25c. each.

For 50c. we will send one of each.



BRUGMANSIA ARBOREA.

Brugmansia Arborea.

(Angels Trumpet or Wedding Bell.)

This is one of those plants of which words fail to convey a true idea of its magnificence, and people who see it for the first time are bound to be delighted far beyond their expectations. It is a hard wooded plant growing three to four feet high and branching. It blooms at all times of the year, in a window or conservatory, or it can be cultivated in the garden during summer and wintered in a cellar or pit. The flowers are drooping, bell shaped, over a foot long and eight or nine inches wide, of a creamy white color and very sweet. The striking beauty of a plant bearing a dozen or more of those gigantic flowers cannot be described. They must be seen to be appreciated. They bloom very freely and it is not uncommon for a plant to have 20 or 30 blossoms open at once. They make magnificent lawn plants when plunged in the ground during summer, and the great fragrance of the blossoms can be detected for a long distance. It can be relied upon for a profusion of flowers at Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. For church decoration at Easter, or other times, it has no superior. It is a very rapid grower and thrives under all conditions. We do not know of a plant requiring less care and attention than this. It is absolutely sure to thrive and bloom freely, even when small. Plants small enough to go by mail make a very rapid growth and will bloom in a short time. Price of fine plants by mail, postpaid, 30c. each; 3 for 75c. Extra large, by express, \$1 and \$3 each.

Double Flowered, we have secured a limited stock of a double flowered sort, which produces one flower growing out of the other. It is like the single in all other respects. It is grand. Strong plants, 50c. each.

SEED. We can supply seed of the single Brugmansia at 25c. per packet. It germinates quickly and makes a rapid growth, blooming in about a year.

Azalea, Indica.

A most beautiful shrub for house culture, growing quite large, but commences to bloom when very small. Its beautiful flowers are of various colors and markings. We have a fine collection of choice named sorts. 50c. each; \$5.00 per doz.; larger, \$1.00 each.

Plumbago.

Little known, being quite new, but really one of the most pleasing pot plants one can have. In the South they are hardy and make a great show, blooming all summer. In pots they bloom both summer and winter, and on account of their large clusters of bloom and lovely clear colors they are very striking and beautiful.

Larpentae, a most beautiful shade of clear, light blue; extra fine. 15 cts. each.

Capense Alba, like the above but pure white. 20 cts.

Coccinea, bright scarlet, new and very rare. 50 cts.



AZALEA, INDICA.

Hydrangeas.

The new sorts of pot Hydrangeas are a great improvement on the older ones. Indeed they are a plant which every one greatly admires on account of their soft pleasing colors and enormous panicles of bloom, which keeps perfect for months, changing their colors several times. The following are the best:

Ramulus Picta, a new sort for pot culture, which is simply grand. The flowers are pinkish blue in color, and borne in enormous panicles, which keep perfect a long time. New and very rare.



HYDRANGEAS.

Rosea, a splendid sort, bearing large panicles of beautiful rose colored blossoms which change to blue. It is a profuse bloomer, and an elegant pot plant. New and very fine.

Thos. Hogg, pure white, very large and fine.

Price, 20 cents each, or the 3 for 50 cents.



Chinese Hibiscus.

The Chinese Hibiscus bloom freely both summer and winter, and its enormous flowers of such flaming colors and borne so profusely makes this plant one of the most satisfactory it is possible to have. It is a plant which is always sure to delight the possessor far beyond their expectations. The great flowers, some double and some single, are six inches across, while the colors are so intense and striking that they catch the eye when a long way off. They grow very freely and rapidly and any one can succeed with them. As specimen plants for large pots they are unsurpassed. They can be wintered in a cellar or pit with safety, and if one does not care to grow them all winter, one should have two or three for summer display.

Cigantea, its flowers are of enormous size, often 8 to 10 inches across, opening flat, and of such a vivid crimson scarlet color that they can be seen for a long distance like a flaming torch. It is hard to find anything among flowers more strikingly showy. A large specimen plant plunged in the ground here at Floral Park together with a Brugmansia, was all the past summer a center of attraction.

Colleri, buff yellow with crimson scarlet base. Very fine.

Sub-Violacea, bright crimson tinted violet. Enormous flower.

Versicolor, large flower, beautifully striped, crimson, rose and white.

Cooperi, the leaves of this variety are beautifully variegated with three colors, rose, white and green. Flowers crimson; very beautiful.

Minneatus, enormous double flowers, brilliant vermilion scarlet. Perfectly grand.

Auriantica, large double orange colored flowers; an early and profuse bloomer.

Zebrina, large double flowers, edged and striped with creamy yellow and white.

Price, 20 cents each; 3 for 50 cents; the 5 for \$1.20.



DOUBLE OLEANDER.

Oleander.

An old and popular plant, well known and admired for its profusion of large double blossoms of delicate colors. The varieties here offered are greatly superior to the old ones usually met with, their flowers being extra large and double, and they commence blooming when very small. Their beauty will be a revelation to those who are acquainted with only the older sorts. Have one or two Oleanders in your collection of plants by all means.

Grandiflora, new finest double white; extra large.

Cloriosum, brilliant carmine pink; very double.

Henry Mares, delicate rose, slightly bordered with bright rose; double and very fragrant; extra fine.

Prof. Durand, double white, with yellow throat.

Kenwood, large double rose.

Price, 50 cents each; 3 for \$1.00, or the 7 for \$1.50.

Acacia

Farnesiana.

A lovely shrub on account of its beautiful foliage and lovely yellow, sweet scented blossoms. It is one of the most charming pot plants that can be grown. Perfectly hardy in the south. 25 cents each.

