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# CATALOGUE

OF

# GREENHOUSE,

## BEDDING SNEW PLANTS,

CULTIVATED AND FOR SALE AT THE

## FRUITLAND NURSERIES,

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P. J. BERCKMANS, PROPRIETOR

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ITH SINCERE THANKS to the numerous kind friends whose patronage has been so liberally bestowed upon us for many years past, we again present the annual edition of our Spring Catalogue, and beg to assure them, and all others who may favor us with their orders, that no efforts shall be spared to merit a continuance of their favors.

The Greenhouse Department of our establishment has been much enlarged of late, and as our facilities for producing large quantities of healthy Plants have also been increased by improved labor-saving arrangements in our propagating, we are enabled to offer a very extensive stock of the most desirable classes of Plants at very low prices; competing successfully with any establishment North, as a comparison of our prices will show.

We desire also to state that our Plants are all well established in pots, and hardened off before shipping, thereby enabling them to stand carriage safely. In no instance will Plants be sent out that are not well grown and up to value represented.

We possess very extensive collections of Plants not enumerated in this Catalogue as not sufficiently valuable for the general demand. Amateurs can be supplied with these at lowest rates.

Many Plants commended in Northern Catalogues are of no value for this climate, and are consequently discarded from our general collection. We prefer to confine our stock to the really desirable classes of either Bedding, Greenhouse or Basket Plants, of which we offer an immense stock.

#### ORDERS.

Our patrons will confer a favor by writing out their orders plainly and separate from the body of the letter.

#### PACKING.

Plants are packed with the utmost care, so as to insure their safe carriage to most distant points of the Southwest. Out of nearly twelve hundred packages shipped during last year, scarcely a complaint was received, while hundreds of letters from every section of the country conveyed satisfaction of the fine condition of Plants on arrival. Orders netting five dollars will be packed free of charge. Small orders are packed in boxes, for which a charge of 50 cents is made.

#### TERMS.

Cash with the order, or C. O. D. by express, unless expressly agreed otherwise. In sending C. O. D., the collecting charges are added to amount of invoice. Our prices are too low to allow us to deviate from this rule.

#### FORWARDING.

Bedding Plants should, in all possible cases, be ordered by Express, as rapid carriage is of the utmost importance. There is no economy in the differences of charges between *Express* and ordinary Rail Road freight lines. We guarantee every Plant to be in perfect healthy condition when leaving our hands, but after a proper shipment, all losses resulting from delays are at the risk of purchaser.

#### FILLING ORDERS.

Orders are filled as soon after reception as practicable, seldom later than two days. Should certain varieties of Plants ordered be exhausted at the time the order is received, or if they are not in proper shipping condition, the order will only be filled so far as our assortment will allow. We *never substitute unless fully authorized*. Patrons are respectfully requested to state if substitution is allowed should Plants first ordered be exhausted.

#### REMITTANCES.

Preferred in drafts on New York or Augusta, payable to our order, or wherever convenient, and for sums of \$50 and under, by Post Office orders. Money sent through mail is in all cases at sender's risk. When Post Office orders cannot be procured, send the money in a registered letter, advising us by mail of remittance.

#### SMALL ORDERS.

The Postage Law authorizes the sending by mail of seeds, bulbs, plants, etc., at the rate of two cents for every four ounces in weight, the weight of the package not to exceed four pounds. Bulbs, seeds and small plants will be sent by mail, postage paid, if preferred by the purchaser, upon receipt of the amount of the order. No order sent by mail if for less than one dollar. We can, however, send but small plants by mail, and although we use every care in putting them up for this mode of transit, still we cannot be held responsible should they fail to reach their destination, or be damaged on arrival. Wherever practicable Plants should be ordered by Express, as we can then send larger and stronger plants, and always add enough extras to compensate in part for cost of expressage.

#### ATTENTION TO CUSTOMERS.

It is our earnest desire that all the requirements and directions of our customers be scrupulously attended to by our assistants, and we practice the utmost personal supervision, to see that it is carried out. We would, therefore, respectfully request that we be informed if at any time there is cause of dissatisfaction, that we may have it rectified at the earliest possible moment.

Patrons unacquainted with the different varieties of Plants would be more advantageously supplied if, in giving their orders, they would state the object they wish to effect, and leave the selection to us. This will doubtless prove more satisfactory than if made by themselves, as it is no easy matter to judge of the merits of varieties by reading descriptions. When selections are left to us, patrons may rely upon receiving the best Plants and best varieties.

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#### TIME OF PLANTING.

All the tender Plants enumerated in this Catalogue must not be planted out in open ground until Spring frosts are no longer to be apprehended. Although the stock of nearly all varieties is ready for shipment when this Catalogue is issued, we would particularly urge patrons not to order Plants intended for bedding until they can be safely cared for on arrival. Those possessing Greenhouses or pits, or even ordinary cold frames, would, however, be benefitted by ordering early in March, except in the case of new Plants, of which the number is yet limited, and which are noted as to time when they can be supplied.

#### CARE OF PLANTS WHEN RECEIVED.

The Plants should be potted in a size larger pot than they have been grown in, placed in a common cold frame or greenhouse, if possible, until they begin to grow freely. Shade and water must be used as needed. If the Plants are required merely for the border, they can be placed in permanent place on receipt, if the weather is somewhat cloudy; but in general it is preferable to allow the Plants to recuperate from the effect of the packing and carriage, by being kept in a shady place for a few days.

Plants are forwarded without pots. This is a saving of expressage to the buyer, and Plants carry safer than when packed in pots.

#### CATALOGUES.

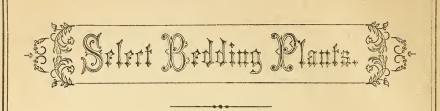
The following Catalogues will be mailed free on application :

No. 1.—DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE of Fruit Trees, Grape Vines, Strawberry Plants, Evergreens, Roses, Flowering Shrubs, issued August 15th.

No. 2.—Spring CATALOGUE of Bedding and Greenhouse Plants, etc., issued March 1st.

No. 3.—Wholesale Catalogue for Nurserymen and Dealers, issued in July.

Address: P. J. BERCKMANS, Augusta, Ga.



HIS class comprises Plants suitable for the Summer decoration of flower gardens. Several varieties are also very desirable for greenhouses and parlor collections. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) are perfectly hardy in this climate, and require no protection, although several kinds whose stems die off in the Fall, but whose roots remain alive, are much benefitted by a slight covering of leaves or litter during the Winter.

The most suitable seasons to plant these varieties is from the time that Spring frosts cease, and until June, providing the weather is suitable.

We grow several varieties in large quantities, and offer them at very low rates when ordered by the 100 or 1,000.

23 The prices quoted are for Plants grown in two and three inch pots, and of the ordinary shipping size. Larger specimens at proportionately increased prices.

Prices, unless specially noted, 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

\*ACHILLEA—Free bloomer, dwarf; suitable for rock work or baskets. Millefolia Rubra, red.

Tomentosa, yellow.

\*AGAVE-(Century Plant.)

American green; small plants, 25c.; large, 50c. to \$1.

\*ALOYSIA—Lemon Verbena, lemon-scented foliage. Small, 25c.; large, 50c. AGERATUM CELESTINUM—Perpetual bloomer, flowers pale blue; if

potted in fall will continue blooming all winter.

AGERATUM WHITE TOM THUMB—A dwarf-growing plant, seldom exceeding six inches in height; flowers produced in great profusion during the entire year; color, bluish white. MEXICANUM VARIEGATUM—Leaves finely variegated, flowers

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\*ANEMONE JAPONICA—Quite hardy, but thrives best in a moist, shady place; two varieties, *Red* and *Honorine Jobert* white.

\*BAMBUSA JAPONICA VARIEGATA—Dwarf variegated cane, very neat; fine for rock work; requires rich, moist soil.

BOUVARDIA—Most effective bedding as well as winter-blooming plants; almost continuous bloomers—strong plants. 25c. each.

Bride, blush. Davidsonii, white.

Hogarth, crimson.

Laura, rose.

Leiantha, scarlet.

Elegans, crimson.

Jasminoides, white.

Vreelandii, white.

- \*CANNA—Indian Shot, ornamental foliage plants, several varieties; flowers yellow, orange, crimson, etc.
- \*CARNATIONS—Monthly or tree; very valuable and continuous bloomers during the summer and winter; 10 varieties, all colors. Small plants, 25c; large, 50c.

CESTRUM—Free blooming shrubs. 25c.

Parqui, night-blooming Jasmin; very fragrant at night.

CUPHEA PLATYCENTRA-Most profuse bloomer; flowers tubular, red, tipped black and white; very desirable plant.

Danielsiana, flowers purple.

- \*CHRYSANTHEMUMS—Indispensable for fall blooming; a very large collection of one hundred varieties, including all the varieties of merit of last year; all colors. Three classes: 1st, Large Flowering; 2d, Lilliputian, or very small flowering; 3d, Japanese, with flowers of immense size. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.
- \*CHRYSANTHEMUM LASCINIATUM—Japanese fringe flower; pure white, petals very neatly fringed; an excellent winter bloomer, and exquisite for boquets. By pinching first flower buds as they appear, the plant can be had in bloom until January in the conservatory. 20c.
- CHRYSANTHEMUM—New Japanese, with large flowers of most unique shape and brilliant colors; very distinct and desirable; six varieties. 25c. cach.; \$2.50 per dozen.
- DATURA, or BRUGMANSIA SUAVOLENS—A shrubby plant, growing to a height of six to eight feet in rich ground; flowers white, very large, trumpet-shaped and fragrant, a most excellent plant for effect. 25c.
- FERDINANDA EMINENS--Foliage luxuriant; plant attains a height of eight to ten feet in a single season; very attractive in a lawn as single specimen. 50c.
- ARALIA PAPYRIPERA—Another attractive lawn plant, with very large leaves, and of rapid growth. \$1.
- \*GAZANIA—Showy plants, flowers yellow or orange, with brown or black band.
- HELIOTROPE—Universal favorite; flowers very fragrant, of various shades of bluish purple; excellent for bedding out or for pot culture as winter bloomers. Ten varieties.

HEDYCHIUM—Tall-growing plants, resembling the Canna; requires to be taken up in fall and roots kept from frost.

Coronarium, flowers pale yellow. 25c.

Gardnerianum, flowers yellow. 25c.

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\*HYDRANGEA HORTENSIS-25 and 50c., according to size.

- \*IMPERATRICE EUGENIE—Large heads of pale blue and pink flowers. 50c.
- " \*JAPONIČUM—Flowers blue. 25c.
- " \*JAPONICUM ALBUM—White. \$1.

" \*PANICULATUM GRANDIFLORUM—New; produces large panicles of pure white flowers, an excellent plant. \$1.

\*IBERIS SEMPERVIRENS-Neat dwarf, hardy shrub, with pure white flowers; fine winter bloomer, if kept in the house.

LANTANA—Very desirable class of plants; continually in flower from May until frost; flowers generally of two colors; excellent bedders. Fifteen varieties. 20c.; \$2 per dozen.

MONTANAO HERACLEIFOLIA-A new ornamental plant of rapid growth; foliage large and distinct; grows ten feet. 50c.

\*NIEREMBERGIA GRACILIS-Profuse blooming plant; flowers pale blue. \*RIVULARIS-Creeping; fine for baskets; quite new; flowers white.

NERIUM-Oleander. 25c.; large plants, 50c. Splendens, double rose.

Album Maximum, double white.

Grandiflorum Plœnum, new double rose.

Splendens Coccinea, new double red.

Macrophyllum, very large flowers.

Shaw's Seedling, deep crimson.

Variegatum, flowers striped.

OTHOUND GRASSIFOLIA-A low-growing succulent plant, which will doubtless prove invaluable for ribbons or edging off flower beds, or for rock work. Newly introduced. MBAGO CAPENSIS—An excellent plant, almost continuous

PLUMBAGO bloomer; flowers pale blue. 25c.

PANSIES-Strong plants, seedlings from best English, French and Belgian varieties. \$1 per dozen.

PETUNIAS-Double. Twelve best varieties, all colors; continuous bloomers.

\*PYRETHRUM-Double white feverfew, a most valuable bedding plant; perpetual bloomer.

\*Golden feather; foliage golden yellow, very fine.

PENSTEMON-A very desirable class of plants, of comparatively recent introduction, very hardy; flowers shaded and mottled, and of all shades of white, blue, scarlet, crimson and pink; continuous bloomers.

PHLOX-Perennial, free blooming and hardy plants, well adapted for bedding; all colors, from pure white to dark crimson, with darker or lighter centres, striped, etc. Fifty varieties. 20c.; \$2 per dozen.

PINKS-Carnation; several fine varieties: colors white, red, pink, striped, spotted. Small plants, 25c.; large, 50 to 75c.

Paisley, dwarfer than Carnation; flowers of various shades; clovescented. 25c.

Mule, or Hybrid Pinks; excellent bloomers in winter or summer; white, crimson, rose. 25c.; \$2 per dozen.

SALVIA-A popular class of plants; should be in every collection. 20c.; \$2 per dozen.

Splendens, scarlet; best for bedding.

Involucrata, pink.

Skinnerii, crimson; fine winter bloomer.

Splendens Alba, pure white.

- Elegantissima, white and scarlet striped, apt to sport; some of the flowers may be of solid colors, others striped red and white, others again half white and half red.
- \*SEDUM-In variety; fine for ribbons or edging in flower garden or rock work.

SOLANUM CAPSICASTRUM-Jerusalem Cherry; dwarf bush, covered during winter with bright scarlet berries; fine for winter decoration. 25c.

\*TRITOMA-Very show plants; flower spikes from ten to twelve inches; deep orange and yellow; constant bloomers, perfectly hardy. 25c.

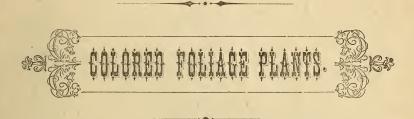
VERBENA—Our collection of this universal favorite is very select, and comprises all the best varieties of this and former years. Colors white, red, scarlet, crimson, blue, with all intermediate shades, variegated, spotted, etc. \$1 per dozen.

VIOLETS—Sweet-scented; double. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen, DOUBLE WHITE.

DBL. BLUE NEAPOLITAN.

KING OF VIOLETS-Very large, dark blue.

MARIE LOUISE—New, very large, deep blue, best of the class. 25c. \$2 per dozen.



HE introduction of variously colored plants of great decorative effect, and susceptible of standing through our dryest summers, has added much to the resources of our flower gardens. Most of these plants show to best advantage when planted in masses, ribbons or borders, bringing the different colors in pleasing contrast. The great advantage of these plants is that they retain their varied and brilliant colors when other favorite flowers cease to bloom. We grow these very extensively, and can supply the most desirable classes for massing or ribbon planting, at very low rates, when ordered in large quantities.

Prices, (unless noted) 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen; \$10 per 100, at purchaser's choice, but not less than twelve of a kind. If selection is left to us, we will furnish as follows: 10c. each; \$1 per dozen; \$8 per 100.

ACHYRANTHUS—Plants of great value for massing or ribbon borders, by their brilliant foliage.

Aureus Reticulatus, light green foliage, marked with gold and crimson. Acuminata, violet crimson foliage, robust grower.

Lindenii, foliage deep blood red, veined lighter, most distinct and valuable; the best of its class. For planting in alternate rows with other foliage plants it has no superior.

Verschaffeltii, bright violet crimson; fine bedder.

\*ARTEMISIA STELLERIANA—Dwarf, trailing habit, foliage silvery white. ALTHERNANTHERA—Dwarf, bushy habit; growth from six to twelve inches; foliage purple, yellow, pink, etc.; especially effective for ribbon

borders. Amœna, yellow, brown and rose.

Amabile, brown, red and yellow.

Panorychoides, green, crimson and straw color.

Spatulata, carmine and green, foliage long.

Versicolor, rose and deep crimson, foliage broad.

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- P. J. BERCKMANS' SPRING CATALOGUE.
- ABUTILON THOMPSONII—Shrubby plant, leaves exquisitely mottled with gold, stands our dryest weather to perfection. Small plants, 20c.; \$2 per dozen; large, 50c.
- AGERATUM VARIEGATUM—Leaves beautifully variegated white, and produces a profusion of pale blue flowers; very desirable.
- BASELIA VAR—A shrubby species of the Madeira Vine; leaves finely variegated.
- CENTAUREA GYMNOCARPA—A most striking and valuable bedding plant; foliage silvery grey, beautiful; strictly a first-class plant. 25.
- \*CINERÁRIA MARITÍMA-"Dusty Miller," foliage silvery white; fine plant for ribbon borders, in connection with Althernanthera and Achyranthus.
- COLEUS—A class well entitled to the first position as ornamental foliaged plants; the colors vary from the deepest crimson to maroon, bronze, golden yellow, with various colored markings; very thrifty and indispensable in flower garden, whether as single plants or for massing in groups; should not be sent until end of March, as they are susceptible of being injured by cold weather. Our collection embraces all the varieties of merit.

#### GOLDEN.

Beauty of Widmore, red green and yellow.

Beauty of St. John's Wood, crimson, yellow edge, leaves lasciniated. Chameleon, changeable in color, pink, white, yellow, rose and crimson

on dark ground; at times plants are entirely without variegation. Golden Gem, crimson and gold margin, and crimson markings.

Lasciniata, yellow and crimson, deeply cut leaf.

Her Majesty, deep purple red, narrow beaded gold edge.

Princess Louise, crimson scarlet, broad yellow edge.

Princess of Wales, deep purple red, blotched, narrow gold edge.

Queen Victoria, bronzy crimson, broad yellow margin.

Setting Sun, red crimson centre, bright yellow edge.

#### DARK OR VELVET COLEUS.

Beauty, deep crimson and green.

Columbia, green and purple.

Charm, deep brown.

Gem, deep brown green.

Glow Worm, claret crimson, very distinct.

Marshallii, purple and green margin.

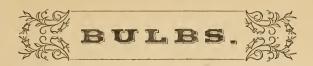
Spangle, green-veined crimson.

Verschaffeltii, velvety crimson; finest bedder.

- GNAPHALIUM LANATUM VARIEGATA—A new compact growing plant, leaves downy, white and blotched yellow, a most excellent bedding variety, invaluable for ground work of flower beds planted in carpet style.
- GNAPĤALIÚM TOMENTOSUM—Leaves narrow, silvery white. 20c.; \$2 per dozen.

\*STACHYS LANATA—Leaves downy white, good bedder; excellent to plant in ribbon borders with Coleus and Althernanthera.

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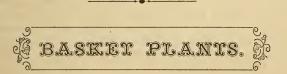


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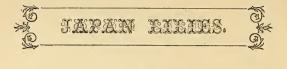
#### AMARYLLIS FORMOSISSIMA—Jacobean Lily, crimson, superb. 50c. "JOSEPHINE—White striped pink. \$1. "LONGIFLORA—White and pink.

- DIELYTRA (or Dicentra) SPECTABILIS—"Bleeding Heart," a well known plant with heart-shaped, rose-colored flowers; needs a shady situation. 25c. each.
- DAHLIAS--Our collection comprises nearly two hundred extra selected varieties, embracing every shade of red, yellow, brown, white, lilac, purple, deepest maroon, variegated and tipped, together with the Lilliput or Bouquet varieties, a class now much esteemed. Dahlias should be planted out as late as possible, in order to prevent the plants from flowering during the dry summer months, their best season of flowering being September and October. If the plants have been allowed to exhaust themselves by profuse blooming during the summer, no fine flowers can be expected at their proper blooming season. Dry roots can be furnished until the first of May at 25c. each; \$2.50 per dozen. Fifty varieties, our choice, \$10; strong plants from spring cuttings at \$2 per dozen.
- GLADIOLUS--Plant in ordinary garden soil; set bulbs two to three inches deep. To keep a constant flowering from May to fall plant at different times from March until June. Fine named varieties, 25c. each; \$3 per dozen. Unnamed, in good mixture, \$1.00 per dozen.
- TIGRIDIA--Shell Flower. Plant in rich and somewhat shaded situation, or water freely during dry weather. 25c. each; \$2 per dozen.
- TUBEROSES-Double, \$1 per dozen; \$6 per 100.

TUBEROSE "PEARL"---À great improvement upon the old double variety, flowers larger and produced in greater abundance; habit compact; flower stalk seldom growing above two feet in height. 50c. All these bulbs, except Amaryllis Longiflora, should be taken up in the fall, kept free from frost in dry sand, and planted in early spring.



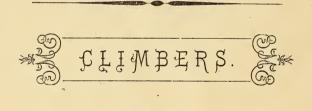
For the convenience of persons unacquainted with the most desirable varieties of this class, we will send 12 distinct varieties for \$2. This quantity is sufficient to fill a basket with bowl 12 inches wide.



NLESS these are planted in a partially shaded place, and well watered during their period of vegetation, they will not succeed as well as expected. For pot culture they are most desirable. Pot as early as possible, using good mellow soil and leaf mould, mixed. Water only when vegetation commences, and give ample pot room. Keep plants in a cool, airy place when flowering.

\*LILIUM AURATUM—Japan Golden Lily, a great acquisition; flowers from ten to twelve inches in diameter; white spotted carmine, with a rich broad gold band upon each petal; very fragrant; large flowering bulbs. \$1 each; second size, 50c. each.

LILIUM LANCIFOLIUM ALBUM—White, 50c. " RUBRUM—Red, 30c.



Price, 25 cents, except where noted. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) are hardy; the others are for house culture.

\*AKEBIA QUINNATA—Of rapid growth, flowers deep maroon, in early spring.

\*AMPELOPSIS VEITCHII—A new Japanese plant of rapid growth; excellent.

BIGNONIA-Venusta; rich orange.

Capensis, orange; quite bushy; for covering walls, dead trees, etc.

CISSUS DISCOLOR—Foliage beautiful crimson, white and green; stems die in winter, unless kept under high temperature.

CLERODENDON BALFOÜRII—A plant of exquisite appearance; flowers bright scarlet, encased in a bag-like calyx of pure white, very desirable. Plants in 3 inch pots, 25c.; 6 inch, 50c.

COBEA SCANDENS—Flowers bluish purple, fine for outdoor culture. " ALBIFLORA—New; flowers pure white.

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\*DOUBLE YELLOW JESSAMINE—(Gelsemium Sempervirens, fl. pl.) This variety was discovered near Columbus, Ga., and differs from the common variety, in having perfectly double flowers, which are produced in great profusion during spring, and in small quantity nearly all summer. The stock of plants is yet very limited. Ready May 1st. \$1 each.

ECHITES PICTA—Foliage veined white, requires much heat. 50c.

- FICUS REPENS—Evergreen; excellent for walls, rock work, or for covering rustic work in greenhouses.
- HOYA CARNOSA—Wax plant; a popular plant. 25c.; large plants, 50c. \*IPOMEA SELOWII—Flowers pink, convolvulus shaped, root tuberous; perennial; very desirable.
- IVY GERMAN or PARLOR-Desirable for trellis work.
- JASMINUMS CATALONIAN—Flowers white.
- " OFFICINALIS--Flowers white, star shaped.
- LOPHOSPERMUM SCANDENS—Flowers tubular pink; excellent for house culture.
- **PASSIFLORA**—Plants of great beauty.

Braziliensis, red and blue.

Decaisneana, blue.

Kermesina, crimson.

Trifasciata, foliage with three broad light stripes.

- RHYNCOSPERMUM JASMINOIDES-Evergreen; flowers white, very fragrant. 50c. Needs some protection in winter.
- \*MANETTIA CORDATA—Produces innumerable scarlet tubular flowers, constant bloomers, roots perennial; excellent for trellis.
- MYRSOPHYLLUM ASPARAGOIDES—Indispensable for window gardening; excellent.
- \*SOLANŪM JASMINOIDES—Potato vine; flowers white; very desirable for outdoor culture; hardy.
- \*SOLANUM JASMINOIDES VARIEGATA—With variegated leaves; growth less rapid.

\*SOLLYA HETEROPHYLLA--Flowers blue; hardy.

TECOMA JASMINOIDES—Flowers with carmine centre; a fine house plant.

TRADESCANTIA ZEBRINA--Foliage striped; valuable for baskets and rock work.

TRADESCANTIA WARSCEWIZII--Green.

TASCONIA LŒVIS—Crimson; most profuse bloomer; excellent for outdoor culture.

THUNBERGIA LAURIFOLIA--Flowers pale blue.

"FRAGRANS-Flowers white; one of the best house climbers; perpetual bloomer.

\*VINCA VARIEGATA--Periwinkle or Ground Ivy, with variegated leaves.



ONALES OR HORSE SHOE—Very desirable bedding plants, withstanding our dryest summers, and furnishing a continuous harvest of flowers.

We do not give a list of varieties of this class, as the favorites of one season are often superceded by improved kinds the next year. Our collection is very extensive, and numbers upwards of one hundred and fifty varieties. Of these we have selected about thirty of the best. The colors embrace scarlet. crimson, pink, salmon, pure white, with all intermediate shades. Price, 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen; \$10 per 100, including the best varieties of last year.

SILVER, GOLD and BRONZE-With foliage of exquisite markings, and very desirable for house culture; unsuited to open ground. 25c. each; large plants, 50c.

TRICOLOR-"MRS. POLLOCK"-Leaves green with bronze crimson zone and yellow margin; unsuited for bedding out; exquisite variety for pot culture, the best of its class. 50c. each.

DOUBLE--Nearly all of very vigorous growth and luxuriant foliage; stand our dryest weather to perfection; desirable as bedding or pot plants.

Andrew Henderson, dark scarlet.

Ascendency, light rose.

Emile Lemoine, deep pink.

Gloire de Nancy, carmine ruby, very good.

Capitaine l'Hermite, rose-tinted amaranth.

Mme Lemoine, bright rosy pink, extra.

Marie Lemoine, pink, dwarf.

Marie Crousse, red.

Imperatrice Eugenie, beautiful pink.

Jeanne de St. Maur, vermillion.

Tom Pouce Cerise, cherry red dwarf habit.

Terre Promise, light red.

Mme Rudolph Abel, pink.

Louis Van Houtte, scarlet.

Scintillant, scarlet, fine truss, dwarf.

Marie Elizabeth, light pink. 25c.

M. Gladstone, deep cherry; immense florets; extra. 25c.

Princess Teck, deep scarlet, very large floret. 25c.

Price, 15c. each, except where noted. Twelve varieties, our choice, \$1.50. Large plants in 5 inch pots, 70c. each; \$3 per dozen.

 DOUBLE WHITE GÉRANIUM.—"ALÎNE SISLEY." Flowers not so double as in the colored varieties. Price, \$1.50 each. Ready April 1st.
 DOUBLE SALMON GERANIUM.—"ASA GRAY." Light Salmon; Ready April 1st. Price, \$1.50.

SCENTED.—Apple. 25c.

Cocoanut. Dr. Livingstone, otto of rose. Oak-Leaved, rose-scented. Oak-Leaved, citron-scented. Musk, or Pepper. Nutmeg, or Spice. Pennyroyal. Peppermint. 50c. Rose-scented. Little Pet, cut leaved; flowers large; dwarf habit. 25c. 25c. Lemon. Price where not marked, 15c.; \$1.50 per dozen. IVY-LEAVED—A few varieties of this class succeed here. They are best

adapted for baskets or vases, or to be trained on trellises. Elegans, green foliage, flowers pink. 50c.

Gem, flowers white and purple. 50c.

Holly Wreath, leaves blotched white. 50c.

L'Elegante, variegated leaves. 50c.

## Pelargoniums and Hybrid Perpetual Geraniums.

This class is remarkable for their large showy flowers, which combines various colors and markings. They are also known as "Lady Washington," or "Royal Family" Geraniums. Their period of blooming extends through the Spring months. 20 varieties; prices, 25c. each; \$2.50 per doz. Large plants, 50c. each; \$5 per doz.

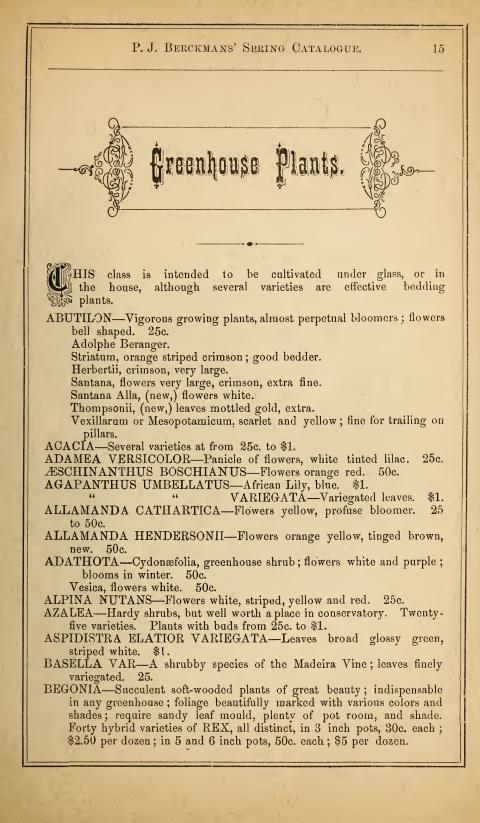
### ORMAMENTAL GRASSES.

#### ALL HARDY IN THIS LATITUDE.

\*GYNERIUM ARGENTEUM-Pampas Grass, a most ornamental plant, with silvery plume-like spikes of flowers; very hardy, and thrives in any ordinary rich soil. 50c.

- \*ERIANTHUS RAVENNA-Attains a height of ten to twelve feet, throwing up numerous flower spikes. Flower spikes greyish white; blooms profusely and remains in bloom a long time; needs space to show its merits. 25c.
- \*PANICUM PLICATUM—Grows to a height of three feet; leaves evenly pleated and streaked white. 25c.

P. J. BERCKMANS' SPRING CATALOGUE. 14 meriaceous Plants. For Furnishing and Ornamenting Greenhouses During Summer Months. HESE Plants are held in great esteem in Europe, where, together with Begonias, Caladiums, etc., they are the most desirable for the purpose above stated. When greenhouses are emptied of the plants which they are destined to contain, and protect during winter, the Gesneriaceous Plants are ready to take their places, and by their varied and admirable colors amply repay for their cultivation. We have for years possessed large collections of Gloxinias, Achimenes, Eucadonias, etc., which have attracted much attention when in bloom. These plants vegetate during the summer only. The tubers must be kept in dry sand during winter, and potted off in March. Plunge the pots in a hot bed, where they will soon commence to grow. As they increase in size, give larger pots and water regularly during their period of vegetation. Dry tubers can be furnished from November to March. After the 1st of April we can only supply the plants in vegetation, and as they must then be shipped in pots, the prices will be from 50 to 100 per cent. advance upon those of the dry tubers. ACHIMENES-40 varieties; all shades of white, red, blue; 25c. each; \$3 10 Exquisite summer bloomers; flowers large tubular, pendant in some varieties, erect in others; colors blue, white, red, with every imaginable shade and combinations; remains in bloom during several months. NÆGELIA--Many varieties combine, besides magnificent thyrses of variously colored flowers, the most admirable velvety foliage. In some varieties the leaves are of bronze maroon, others crimson bronze, or deep green, marbled with black, purple and deep red. 30 varieties of the latest novelties; 50c. per tuber; unnamed in fine variety, 25c. each; \$2.50 per doz. PLECTOPOMAS-Six varieties, (dry tubers.) \$1 each. Hybrid varieties, somewhat allied to Nægelia; flowers large tubular, of various colors; very free bloomers. TYDEA-Profuse bloomers, flowers of various shades, pink, red and crimson, spotted and mottled. Their period of blooming extends from April to October. 10 varieties, (dry tubers,) 50c. each.



- B. ARGYROSTIGMA VEITCHII—Foliage spotted white: flowers white: an excellent new variety. 25c.; large plants, 50c. B. GLAUCOPHYLLUM—A trailing variety, fine for baskets; flowers
- orange red; a desirable new plant. 25c.; large plants, 50c.
- WINTER-BLOOMING VARIETIES-All of easy culture and desirable 20c. each; \$2 per dozen, except when noted. plants.
  - Dregii, flowers white.
  - Fuschioides, flowers red.

Multiflora Hybrida, flowers pink.

Nitida Alba, flowers white.

Weltoniensis, flowers pink. Best of its class.

Saundersii, flowers scarlet crimson.

- BELLEPORONA OBLONGATA-Profuse bloomer from October until spring; flowers crimson scarlet. 25c.
- BLETA TANKERVILLŒ-Orchid; flowers white and brown; blooms in spring; a showy plant. Blooming size, \$1; small plants, 50c.
- CALADIUM-Leaves beautifully veined, spotted and marked, of every imaginable color, one of the finest genus of plants for greenhouses or in moist situations; perfect gems. The dry roots should be preserved in sand during winter and again potted in February. Twenty varieties, 50c. to \$2 each. Collections of twelve varieties for \$5.
- CALCEOLARIA-Beautiful blooming plants from spring until fall; require rich loam and shade; several varieties of different colors. 25c. each.
- CALLA ÆTHIOPICA-Lily of the Nile, white trumpet-shaped flower. 50c. Nana, a dwarf variety, both as to growth and size of flower. 50c.

CENTRADENIA-Dwarf, soft-wooded plants, foliage dark green and red. Winter bloomers for conservatory.

25c. Rosea, Floribunda and Grandiflora.

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- COCOLOBA PLATYCLADA-Flat stems, a curious plant for ferneries, a good bedder. 25c.

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- CORDYLINE CANCEFOLIA—Allied to Dracœna, of rapid growth. 50c. to \$1.
- DRACCENA—Dragon tree, foliage crimson and brown, of easy culture for the conservatory. From 50c. to \$2.

DAPHNE INDICA-Sweet-scented Daphne. 75c. to \$1.50.

- DURANTA PLUMIERII—Tall-growing conservatory shrub; flowers blue, succeeded by yellow berries, which are retained all winter. 50c.
- EUPATORIUM--Winter-blooming plants of easy culture, flowers white. 25c.

ECHEVERIA-Soft-wooded plants with bright flowers. 50c. to \$1.

EUPHORBIA SPLENDENS—A thorny shrub with bright red flowers, continuous bloomer. 50c.; large plants, \$1.

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FUCHSIA—Ladies' ear-drop, a very popular class of plants, where they succeed. Our protracted summers are unfavorable to their growth, and but few varieties will stand the hot weather. Valuable for spring flowers. 25c. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

FERNS AND LYCOPODIUMS—A fine collection, at from 25c. to \$1.

FITTONIA ARGIRONEURA—A low-growing hothouse plant, with leaves exquisitely veined with silver, a perfect gem. 25c.

FITTONIA VERSCHAFFELTII—New, of larger growth, with bright rose-veined leaves, exquisite. 25c.

FITTONIA GIGANTEA—New, the largest of its class, leaves veined with pale pink. 25c.

GOLDFUSSIA ANISOPHYLIA-Flowers lilac; good bloomer. 25c.

HABROTHAMNUS ELEGANS—Flowers tubular carmine, of easy culture; constant bloomer. 25c.

HIBISCUS SINENSIS—Chinese, double red; yellow; single red; most effective shrub; constant bloomers, and very desirable. Small plants, 25c.; large, 50c.

HIBISCUS COOPERII—Foliage tricolor. 50c.

HETEROCENTRON-Good winter bloomers; alba, white; rosea, pink. 25c.

ISOLEPIS GRACILIS—An elegant grass-like plant, suitable for hanging baskets. 25c.

JASMINUMS-Fragrant flowering shrubs.

Sambac, Arabian Jasmin, flowers white; very profuse bloomer. 30c.; large plants, 50c.

Grand Duc of Tuscony, very double white. 50c.

Officinalis, climber; flowers white. 25c.

Grandiflorum, Catalonian Jessamine. 30c.

Multiflorum, Star Jessamine, flowers white, star-shaped. 50c.

JUSTICIA-Winter-blooming plants.

Carnea, pink. 25c.

Nervosa, blue. 25c.

LIBONIA FLORIBUNDA—A neat greenhouse shrub, flowers orange and scarlet; free winter bloomer. 25c.

LOPEZIA ROSEA-Flowers pink, very neat; winter bloomer. 25c.

LYCOPODIUMS—Of varieties for rock work and hanging baskets, from 25 to 50c.

MARANTA-Handsome foliage plants, of various colors; prices from 25c. to 50c.

Discolor, leaves upper surface green, under side purple.

Porteana, green and purple.

Zebrina, green, striped, dark green.

MAHERNIA ODORATA—Flowers yellow, fragrant; fine for baskets. 25c.

MIMULUS MOSCHATUS-Musk plant; dwalf, with strong odor of musk. 25c.

MELASTOMA ELEGANS—Beautiful hothouse plant; winter bloomer; flowers purple. 50c.

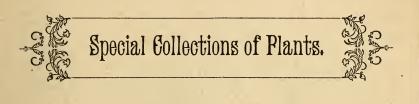
MEYENIA ERECTA—Dwarf shrub, flowers violet. 25c.; large size, 50c. " " Alba, flowers white. 25c.

MURRAYA EXOTICA—A rare shrub of the orange tribe; flowers white;
very fragrant. \$1 to \$2.
ORNITHOGALUM CAUDATUM-Bulbous plants; flowers green and
white. 50c.
PENTAS CARNEA—Profuse bloomer; flowers pink. 50c.
PLUMBAGO CAPENSIS-An excellent plant; almost continuous
bloomer; flowers light blue; a fine bedding plant, and for winter
decoration. 25c.
PANICUM VARIEGATUM—A variegated grass of creeping habit; fine
for baskets or vases 25c.
PILEA MUSCOSA—Artillery plant; exceedingly curious; flowers very small, emitting a puff of smoke on opening. 25c.
PRIMULA SINENSIS—Chinese Primroses; fine seedlings of different
shades and colors. Small plants, 25c. ; large, 50c.
PRIMROSE-Dbl white Chinese; very valuable winter bloomer. Small
plants, \$1; large, \$1.50.
PLEROMA BENTHAMIANA—Flowers purple; winter bloomer. 50c.
POTHUS ARGYREA—Foliage marbled white, trailing habit. 50c.
POINSETTIA PULCHERRIMA-Tall-growing plants, valuable for deco-
rative purposes in winter; leaves preceding the insignificant flowers are
bright crimson; requires high temperature in winter to bring it to
perfection. 50c.; large plants, \$1 to \$2.
ROGERIA-Winter-blooming shrub; flowers pink. 25c.
RONDELETIA-Profuse flowering plant; flowers scarlet. 25c.
RUSSELLIA JUNCEA-Foliage resembling the bulrush; flowers scarlet;
very neat and desirable. 25c.
ROCHEA FALCATA—Flowers scarlet. 50c.
RUELLA ANISOPHYLLA—Flowers light lilac; good winter
bloomer. 25c.
RUELLA FORMOSAFlowers deep scarlet; perpetual bloomer. 25c.
REINECKA CARNEA VARIEGATA-A plant resembling the ribbon
grass; very neat and desirable, of dwarf habit. 25c.
RICHARDIA ALBA MACULATA—A bulbous plant of the Calla tribe,
with beautiful spotted leaves; flowers shaped like those of the Calla;
pure white; bulbs need to be kept dry and from frost during winter.
50c. each. SCUTTELLARIA—Flowers on terminal spikes; bloom during spring; fine
for house culture. 25c. each.
Pulchella, rosy scarlet.
Purpurea, rosy purple.
Mocciana, scarlet.
STEVIA-A popular winter-blooming plant; flowers white. 25 and 50c.
STAPELIA—Curiously shaped and colored flowers; soft-wooded house
plants of easy culture. 25 and 50c.
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intense green, veined with golden yellow; one of the finest new foliage
house plants. 50.
SAXIFRAGA-Strawberry Geranium, low growing plants, suitable for
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and Tricolor. 25c.
TABERNAMONTANA CORONARIUS-Evergreen shrub, flowers,
white, very fragrant, resembling the Grand Duke Jasmin, 50c.

TORENIA ASIATICA—Flowers blue; very desirable. 25c.

THYCIRTUS HIRTUS—A new Japanese plant, blooms in the fall; color lilac, marbled white; require shade; keep roots dry in winter. 25c.
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VALLOTA PURPUREA—(Amaryllis.) Bulbous plant; blooms in August; flowers scarlet; very desirable. 50c.

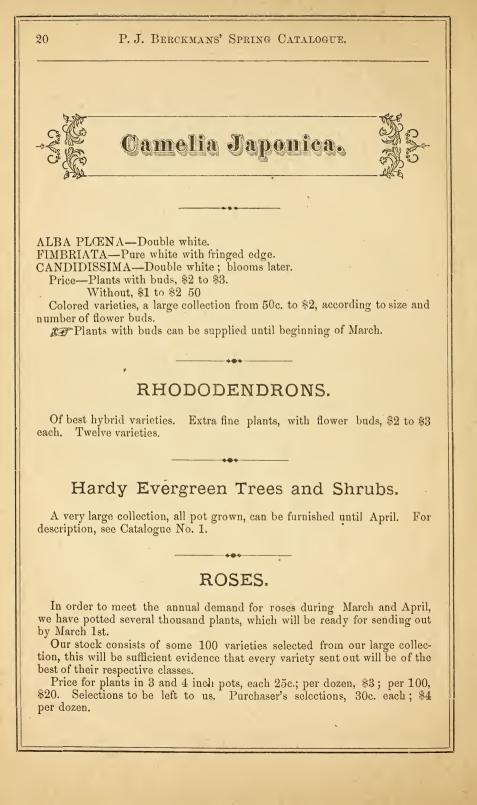
VERONICA—Shrubby summer blooming plants; flowers blue and white. 25c.; large, 50c.



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Collections	of	12	Greenhouse	Plants,	all	distinct,	\$ 3	00
"	"	25	"	"	66	"	5	00
"	-66	50	"	"	"	"	13	00
"	"	100	"	"	"	66	15	00
66	66	100	Bedding	"	66	"	10	00
"			"	"	"	"	5	00





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BEANS—Dwarf Bush, per pkt. qt.	" Winnigstadt10
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Early Valentine10 30	Large Late Drumhead10
Early Mohawk10 30	Stone Mason10
Black Wax10 40	Premium Flat Dutch10
White Kidney10 25	Red Dutch
BEANS-Pole or running, pkt. qt.	Large York 5
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Indian Chief	Early Wyman25
Giant Wax15 75	Marblehead Mammoth Drum-
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Early Blood Turnip	CORN—Garden Varieties
Perpetual Spinach	Early Extra Dwarf Sugar10
Swiss Chard or Silver Bect 5	Evergreen10
Long Red Mangel	Moore's Early Concord10
Yellow Globe Mangel 5	CRESS OR PEPPERGRASS
BORECOLE OR KALE	Broad Leaved 5
Dwarf Curled or German Greens.10	Extra Curled 5
CARROT	Water Cress10
	CUCUMBER
Early Horn	Early Russian
Long Orange	" Green Cluster 5
CATEDDITIADO	" White Spine 5
CATERPILLARS10	Long Green Prickly 5

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New York Improved Purple10	Daniel O'Rourke's10 30
White Fruited10	McLean's Little Gem10 50
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Green Curled10	Laxton's Prolific10 40
Broad Leaved10	Late.
French Moss15	Champion of England10 30
GARLIC—Sets per lb50	Marrowfat Black Eyed10 25
KOHL RABI	PEPPER per pkt.
Early White Vienna10	Large Bell10
Purple Vienna10	Cayenne (true)10
LEEK	Red Cherry10
Broad London or Flag10	PUMPKIN
LETTUCE	Corn Field 5
Large India10	RADISH
Brown Winter Cabbage10	French Breakfast 5
Brown Dutch 5	Scarlet Turnip 5
Curled Silesia 5	Olive Shaped 5
Butter10	Long Salmon 5
Summer Cabbage 5	SALSIFY or OYSTER PLANT 10
Ice Drumhead 5	SPINACH
Tennis Ball10	Round 5
MELON, MUSK	SQUASH
White Japan10	Yellow Scolloped Bush 5
Nutmeg 5	White " " 5
Hackensack15	Summer Crookneck Bush 5
MUSTARD	Boston Marrow 5
White 5	Turban
Black 5	YOKOHAMA15
OKRA	TOMATO
Dwarf Green 5	Arlington
PARSLEY	Trophy10
Curled	Canada Victor10
Plain Leaved 5	TURNIP .
PARSNIPS	Early Dutch 5
The Student 5	Early Yellow Dutch 5

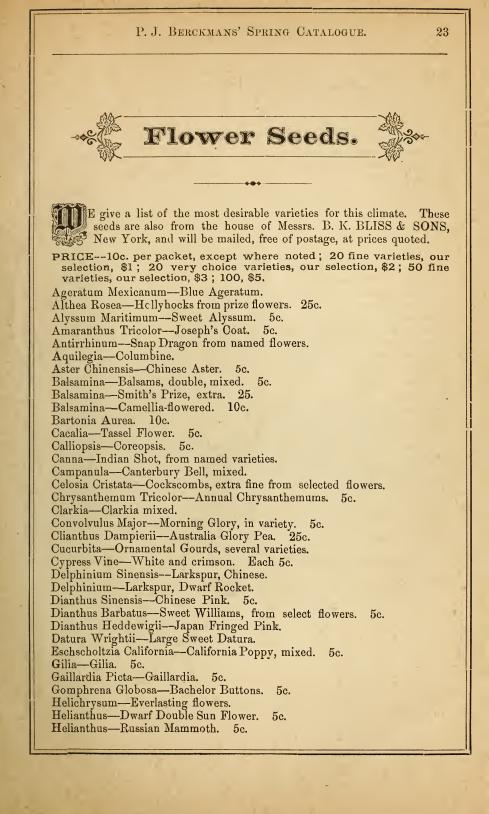
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Inches.	Per 1,000   Inches.	Per 1,000
$2\frac{1}{2}$	\$6 50 5	
3	10 00 6	
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#### HAND MADE POTS

Size.	Per 100   Size.	Per 100
4	\$2 00 11 Wit.	h Handles
5	3 00 12	
6	4 50 13	
7	7 00 14	
8		each 1 00
9		" 1 25
10	15 00   17	" 1 50
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