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SUPPLEMENT TO CATALOGUE

FOR 1899.

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The following are novelties and specialties for 1899. I do not send out a new catalogue this season.

Please note change of prices and some corrections on page 4 of this supplement.

Mrs. Shepherd's Grand New "GOOD VENTURE" Geraniums.

Great interest is being awakened in Geraniums, and the improvements made in them the past few years is marvelous. This mixture of seeds is saved from my Grand New Seedlings, which embrace every shade of red and pink imaginable, snowy white, blush, the new aureole types, beautifully veined flowers, many Sou. de Miranda types, besides some of the new eastern varieties, such as Mad. Bruant, Fleur Portevine, etc. A rare and splendid collection. 15c pkt, large pkt. 25c.

Grand New White-fringed Poppy, "MAID OF THE MIST."

A magnificent, new white, single, peony-flowered poppy that rivals even the lovely Romneya Coulterii in beauty. The flowers measure from 7 to 10 inches across; the petals are very large, over-lapping, daintily incurved, deeply and irregularly fringed. The ovary is a beautiful, silvery, pea green; the stamens long, with light tan-colored anthers. The flowers are borne on long stems, and instead of looking upwards as do most poppies, turn their faces outwards. The dainty center, with its fringe of stamens encircled by its fluffy setting, suggests a pretty face looking out from white mist. 15c pkt.

ASPARAGUS Sprengeri. Very easily grown from seed. One of the loveliest vines ever offered. 10c pkt.

BEGONIA, Semperflorens Rosea. A beautiful variety exactly like Ver-non, excepting the flowers are bright pink. A fine bedding plant. 10c pkt.

CENTAUREA, "New Marguerite." One of the most lovely flowers imaginable. Pure snowy white. Keeps for two weeks in water. Exquisite for bouquets. 10c pkt.

CARNATION, best perpetual varieties, splendid mixed. 25c pkt.

CARNATION, "New Marguerite." Perfectly lovely varieties that grow from 12 to 14 inches high. They bloom in a few weeks from seed and produce myriads of magnificent double flowers, all shades and colors, plain and variegated. 10c pkt.

CYCLAMEN. "California Giants." Bright red, white and pink. Separate, 20c pkt. Splendid mixed 15c pkt.

CINERARIA GRANDIFLORA, "English Prize" varieties. Mxd, 15c pkt.

COSMOS SULPHUREA. Orange Yellow. Tall growing plants with

handsome lacinated foliage. The flowers are brilliant orange yellow and make a splendid show. From the South. 10c pkt.

CLIANTHUS PUNECEUS. Not new, but rare. It can be trained in bush form, or to climb. The foliage is finely divided and the flowers hang in clusters on a thread-like stem. They are most vivid scarlet and shaped like a parrot's beak. Very showy and beautiful. 10c pkt.

NEW IMPROVED "Japanese Morning Glories". Perfectly grand; new varieties. Ruffled and frilled. Immense flowers, as big as saucers. Perfectly lovely colors. Splendid mixed. 15c.

MINA LOBATA. Omitted from catalogue last season. A magnificent climber. Long flower spikes, buds bright red; flowers canary yellow. A plant in bloom is like fiery flames. 10c pkt.

PRIMULA CHINENSIS. Large flowering varieties, splendid mixed. The very best. 15c pkt. P. Violet blue, 15c pkt. The two for 25c.

STOCK "Snowflake." A charming, pure white stock, that grows about ten inches high. Flowers are snowy white and very double. Pretty for pot plants and borders. Its dwarf habit makes it distinct from any other variety.

Three Pretty, New Sweet Peas.

HER MAJESTY. Large, bold flower; standards, bright rose carmine, wings carmine lake.

KATHERINE TRACY. Exquisite bright pink. Large, perfect flowers.

AURORA. Gigantic, expanded shell-formed flower. Striped orange rose on white. 5c pkt. Double and mixed 5c pkt. California seedlings, ch. mx. 5c pkt.

NOVELTIES IN GERANIUMS.

Mrs. Shepherd's Set of Grand New Seedling Geraniums.

Madame Modjeska. An ideal geranium, new and distinct. The flowers are perfectly round and flat, the petals over-lapping; the buds when first unfolded are velvety orange salmon, the fully opened flower pure salmon pink; the edges of the petals grow lighter with age; the two upper petals are veined pink at the center, with a fine white eye, and measure two inches across. No one can fail to be delighted with this lovely geranium. It has the most perfectly formed flowers and the loveliest color of any variety I have ever seen. 50c each.

Desdemona. A rare and unusual color. Flowers most exquisite pure rose pink, with a fine white eye, deep pink lines at base of upper petals; beautifully formed. A color that is noticed by everyone. No one should fail to have it. 25c each.

Bonnie Rose. Seedling from Sou. de Miranda. A perfectly charming variety and a splendid bloomer. The flowers have a white ground, beautifully flushed and marked with most lovely shade of pink. Much handsomer than the parent. 25c each.

"Ariel." Seedling from Sou. de Miranda. Exceedingly dainty and pretty. Foliage small, light green, with a darker green zone. Airy clusters of flowers; the three lower petals are a bright salmon red, the two upper ones half white and half red, the white being delicately lined and flushed with red. A charming combination. 25c each.

Brilliant. Fine large flowers, color an exquisite vermillion red, most intense and penetrating; attracting attention even at a distance. Very handsome foliage. 25c each.

Zoned Beauty. A beautiful plant even without flowers. Medium sized leaves with a heavy black zone which extends nearly to the margin of the leaf. Flowers very large, color beautiful pink, delicately veined and marked. When first opening they are flushed salmon pink in the center with almost white edges. Very lovely. 25c each.

Three Magnificent Bedding Geraniums.

"GORGEOUS," "SPLENDID" and "CHARMER." The plants are round and spreading. In the two former the flowers lie in great globes on long stems over the ground and out in every direction, making a brilliant show. **SPLENDOR** has immense balls of crimson, shaded scarlet flowers. **GORGEOUS** has perfectly dazzling scarlet balls of flowers. In both the flowers are large and almost overlap each other. They have a sheen that reminds one of the bloom of ripe fruit. **CHARMER** is a fine companion to the two above because of its beautiful zoned foliage, and the marvelous number of its large brilliant pink flowers, that completely cover it, all the year. 25c each.

The above geraniums all have very handsome foliage and in most varieties are beautifully zoned. They are vigorous and healthy and stand the hottest sun. The set for \$2.50.

Two Beautiful Tricolor Or Sunset Geraniums.

Two, very handsome English geraniums, which I have not been able to name, as they are not listed in any American catalogue. I therefore number them 1 and 2. They are indescribably beautiful; make fine pot plants and thrive in the ground where they can be somewhat sheltered from the hot sun. They are very effective in lath houses among Begonias. The largest leaves measure from three, to three and a half inches across.

NO. 1. Center of leaf silvery green, broadly zoned with coppery red, splashed with shining chocolate; margin, bright golden yellow.

NO. 2. Center, green; zone, exquisite rose pink, splashed with chocolate, broadly margined white. The foliage varies on these lovely plants, giving very charming combinations on the different leaves. 35c each, 60c for two.

NEW HYBRID GERANIUM, "Flashlight". A cross between zonale geranium, Gettesburg and multi-bracteam, a species from Asia. It has handsome palmate foliage five inches in diameter, borne on long, graceful stems; velvety green with a bronzy zone. Flowers borne in great profusion on long stems, in light airy umbels of a lovely, tender carmine color. They last a long time and are very attractive. The plant is a climber, or trailer. 25c each.

MAD BRUANT. A grand variety. White, veined with carmine lake, florets regularly bordered with bright solferino; the arrangement of color is exquisite, often intermingling and producing a striped effect; the trusses are large and beautifully formed; the plant is a good, healthy grower and very free flowering. Price 25c.

FLEUR POITEVINE. Large single flowers; brilliant rosy carmine, marbled and striped pure white, producing an aureole of deep orange carmine at the center. A very distinctly colored variety.

J. RICAUD. A double variety, enormous trusses, purplish crimson of a very intense shade, center very distinctly marked white.

ALPHONSE RICARD. A strong grower, dwarf and branching, and producing flowers in great masses. Both floret and truss are of enormous size, single, or slightly doubled and color a brilliant shade of orange red.

BEAUTE POITEVINE. Semi double. Enormous flowers, auroea pink, shading to bright salmon in center; the grandest of all the light fancy Bruants.

MARQUIS de GALARD. Trusses of immense size; color rosy cerise shading to orange, a very striking color, and quite new. 15c.

ALPINE BEAUTY. Double white; very dwarf. The flower stems are

long and stiff. Both floret and truss are of unusual size. A grand bedder. 15c.

MD. JAULIN. This is an entirely distinct color in the Bruant or bedding type. Center of flower very delicate pink bordered with pure white semi-double. The finest variety offered in years. 15c.

L'AUBE. A grand, new, white bedding variety, with enormous trusses of large round flowers of good substance that do not burn in our hottest suns; color, pure snow white. 15c.

FRANCIS PERKINS. The grandest bright pink bedding variety to date; a fine grower, and stands the sun perfectly; very free in bloom; long stems hold the flowers well above the foliage. 15c.

AGAPANTHUS UMBELLATUS. The "Blue African Lily" or "Fourth of July flower." This plant was omitted from the catalogue. It is an old favorite. A grand bedding plant and a splendid pot plant. It is especially fine planted in groups. The flowers are arranged in umbels on long stems, twenty-five, thirty or more forming one head. Each one is on a slender, wirey stem; lily-like in form. They are an exquisite light blue, shaded lighter in the center. They keep for two or three weeks in water and are magnificent for decoration. They are in full bloom on the Fourth of July and their blue blossoms make a fine combination with scarlet and white. 15c, 25c and 50c each. 75c, \$2 and \$4 doz.

Agapanthus Umbellatus Variegata. Like the above, only the foliage is white, beautifully striped with green. 25c and 50c each.

HEMEROCALLIS KWANSO, Fl. Pl. Double Variegated orange lily. A perfectly hardy variety that blooms for months during the summer and fall. It increases fast and makes very large clumps. Omitted from catalogue. 10c, 25c and 35c each. 75c, \$1.50 and \$2.75 doz.

FREESIAS. From July to October. 10c to 20c doz.

HIMALAYA FAIRY GRASS PLUMES. Nothing can be more dainty and charming than the plumes of this pretty India grass. It is something entirely new and as it keeps for years without shaking off, it cannot but be very popular. 40c doz. post paid.

Corrections and Reductions in Catalogue.

Page 4 Sweet Pea "Cupid," 10c pkt.

" 10 Carnations "California Beauties," cannot supply.

" 18 Abutilon Savitsi, 25c, Beautiful Bells 15c.

" 19 Begonias Afterglow, Yosemite, Kathleen, Manzanita, Rosengold, Enchantress and Atala, 25c.

" 19 Begonias Beatrice and Beauty, 50c. Brilliant 35c.

" 30 Daphne 35c., Flammarion, Ianthé, Ernani, 25c.

" 21 Marjorie Daw 25c to 50c, Dearest May 15c to 25c. Begonia Sauli, cannot supply.

" 22 Cannas Maiden Blush, Peach Blow, Philadelphia, Orange Queen, New Pink Canna, Austria, Italia and Burbank, 25c.; Golden Pearl 40c, Sunset 30c, Alsace 15c. The set of eleven Cannas, \$2 00.

" 23 Physalis Franchetti 15c to 25c. Rudbeckia Fulgida, discarded.

" 24 Tecoma Velutina, 25c. Variegated Yucca, large plants \$1.50 to \$5.00.

" 25 Small plants of new Hybrida "Wichuriana" Roses 20c. Large, 50c.

" 26 "Yellow Rambler" Rose, small plants 20c; large, 50c. Mosella, 25c.

" 34 Chrysanthemum "Emerald Gem," 15c.

" 39 Set of new Seedling Geraniums 20c each, set \$1.00.

" 54 Grand Seedling Amaryllis \$4 per dozen.

" 63 Echinocactus Polyacistus, cannot supply.

When ordering *always make a second choice* in case any varieties in first selection are out of stock.