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This will in no way encroach upon the regular Floricultural and Horticultural topics, if THE MAYFLOWER has to be enlarged to make room for it, but will be a distinct feature by itself, and one with which all our readers will be greatly delighted, and from which they will receive much valuable information. It is the hope of Mrs. Beecher and Mrs. Childs to make this Department, with the help of our other contributors, so interesting, instructive and useful that THE MAYFLOWER will become famous for it as well as for Gardening and Floriculture.

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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 of post-office written in such a careless or 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.

Write Your Order plainly and distinctly by itself, and not mix 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.

When to Order.—We shall be prepared to fill orders from this Catalogue about the tenth of September, and while planting may be done as late as December, we earnestly advise our patrons to order and plant in September or October, as it is the best time.

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 here mentioned.*

General Culture of Holland Bulbs.

HOLLAND, OR HARDY BULBS, are most deservedly popular. In the flower garden they have wrested two months of each year from Winter's stern grasp. Before the last snowdrift has melted, the Snowdrop, Scilla and Crocus appear, close followed by a score of others that have made the name "Spring Flowers" synonymous with beauty and fragrance. Indoors they have won equal triumph. The place of honor once held by the tender Geranium and Begonia, belongs now to the Hardy Bulbs, that, while enduring the most hardships and extremes, are at the same time the most beautiful and the most certain to bloom.

Our sales of these bulbs are something enormous. The quantities in which we buy secure us the choice of Holland's annual output, and we give our customers the benefit of it in the fine, plump, heavy bulbs we send out, and the remarkable low price at which we offer them, especially in quantity.

Bulbs for Winter Blooming.

Bulbs are the most important winter bloomers for window culture. They are the easiest cared for of all flowers, and absolutely sure to bloom abundantly. Geraniums or Roses may from some cause fail, but bulbs never. Nothing is more pleasant or cheerful during a dreary winter than a few pots filled with Hyacinths, Tulips, Crocus, Narcissus, etc., displaying their brilliant colors and emitting their delightful fragrance for weeks. Add to these the many new bulbs which are now being cultivated for winter flowers, and at a very little trouble or expense a display of winter flowers can be produced which will be the center of attraction in any neighborhood. Freesias, Ixias, Triteleia, Calochortus, Alliums, Scillas, Chionodoxa, etc., are comparatively new and beautiful beyond description.

The following is a list of the most desirable bulbs for winter bloom, being of the easiest culture and sure to produce the most satisfactory results:

Hyacinths,	Saxifraga,	Anemones,
Scillas,	Crocus,	Lily of the Valley,
Lilium Harrisii,	Iris,	Freesias,
Calochortus,	Lilium Candidum,	Tulips,
Calla Lily,	Chionodoxa,	Snowdrops,
Narcissus,	Brodiaea,	Ixias,
Allium,	Oxalis,	Bulbocodium,
Sparaxis,	Triteleia,	Winter Aconite,
Ornithogalum,	Babiana,	Fritillarias,
Lachenalia,	Sacred Lily,	Erythronium.

Their culture is very simple. They can be potted during September, October or November, watered well and set away in a cellar or any cool dark place to make roots, when, after remaining four or six weeks, or as much longer as desired, they can be brought out for blooming. We earnestly advise potting the bulbs as early as possible, especially if flowers are desired as early as New Year's, for the longer time they have to make roots the better they will bloom. By bringing out a few pots at different times a succession of bloom can be kept up all winter. If they are kept in a cool place while in bloom, the flowers will keep perfect a long time. For the benefit of those who desire more explicit cultural directions, we give it here in detail:

SOIL.—The variety of soil is not a very important item in bulb culture. Any good garden loam will answer, but if we had a variety to choose from, we would take a rich, sandy soil and mix it with a small quantity of leaf-mold. Do not use manure unless it is very old and well pulverized, and then only in small quantities, or it may cause the bulbs to decay, or encourage too rank a growth of foliage.

FLOWERING BULBS IN WATER.—Some people flower Hyacinths and other bulbs in glasses of water, and while they look pretty growing in this way, we cannot recommend it, for, with the exception of the Chinese Sacred Lily, the flowers will be greatly inferior to those grown in soil, and their period of bloom will also be much shorter. Water does not contain nourishment enough to bring the flowers to full perfection. This, however, is not the case with the Chinese Sacred Lily, the bulbs being so large and strong they bloom as elegantly in pebbles and water as in soil.

TIME TO PLANT.—Bulbs can be planted from September to December, and some kinds even later, but the earlier the better will be the result, especially if desired for early blooming. Plant in September or October if possible.

PLANTING.—In planting, set the bulbs just below the surface of the soil, so that they will be entirely covered. Set the bulbs down in the soil and cover them; do not press them in by force, for this packs the soil under them, and when the roots start they are apt to lift the bulb.

AFTER PLANTING.—They should be well watered and set away in some cool, dark place to make root. A cellar is best, for it is desirable that they should be kept moist and as cool as possible, hence a warm, dry place is not a good one. Water them from time to time as the soil becomes dry. They should remain in this position at least four weeks, and as much longer as possible, it being desirable that they should have good roots before bringing them out to bloom. They should, however, be brought out when vigorous top growth sets in.

BLOOMING.—When brought from the cellar or store-room, the pots of bulbs should be placed in a light, sunny window. See that they are watered frequently and have as much fresh air as possible. Keep them free from dust, and when in bloom they will last much longer kept in a cool atmosphere than in a hot one.

TREATMENT AFTER BLOOMING.—After the bulbs are through blooming, if one has the room or convenience, it is best to let them remain in the pots where they are for a few weeks to mature their bulbs. They can then be set away in the cellar and allowed to dry out, in which condition they can remain until planting time—the following September. They can then be taken out and planted in the open ground. By remaining there a season, they will recover much of the strength which they lost by being forced during winter, and are in most cases all right for winter blooming again. Many people who do not have a place in their windows for the plants after the flowers have faded, prefer to throw the bulbs away and buy a new supply every year. Of course, this is a good plan if one cares to do it, and there is no doubt but that fresh imported bulbs will give much better bloom than those which have been grown and flowered here once or more, yet it is too bad to throw the bulbs away, and we would advise any one who can to keep them and plant them in the garden. We have known people who have a light cellar to succeed very well by placing the bulbs there as soon as they have bloomed. The bulbs ripen up well, even in partial light, if the air is not too hot or freezing cold.

Culture in the Garden.

Bulbs are especially valuable for out-door planting, as they bloom at a time when the garden is utterly destitute, and make it gay and attractive. Scillas, Snowdrops and Crocus appear as soon as the snow is away, and are quickly followed by Hyacinths, Narcissus, Tulips, etc. The display which a few of these bulbs make in the early spring is indeed charming, and they are always appreciated more than any other class of flowers, for they come when most needed.

The many forms and rich and varied colors of the Tulip make this bulb one of the most important of all garden flowers for a gay and dazzling display. For delicate fragrance and refined beauty and grace, the Narcissus, with its great variety of form and charming colors, is always admired and is one of the most pleasing of all bulbous plants. Of Hyacinths we need not speak for they are well known; their large, round spikes of bloom in a garden or window lend a charm which no other plant can rival. No class of flowers are so easy to grow or surer to bloom than bulbs, and it is an established fact that they always surprise those who plant them by proving much better than one unacquainted with them can imagine.

For garden culture bulbs do not require a very rich soil, and are easily cared for. Plant in October, which is the best month. Late in the fall the beds can be covered with leaves or other coarse litter, which should be removed early in spring. After the bulbs are through flowering, the leaves soon turn yellow and die, and are then ripe enough to be taken up and stowed away for planting again in the fall, leaving the beds to be filled with other plants for summer display, or, if desired, they can be left in the beds the whole year.

PREPARATION OF BEDS.—Spade up so that the beds will be a little higher than the surface, so that water will readily drain off. If the soil is poor add a liberal quantity of well-rotted manure.

TIME TO PLANT.—September and October are the best months for planting bulbs in the garden. Set them from one to six inches apart, according to variety or size, and from one to three inches deep.

PROTECTION.—After planting, the beds should be covered with leaves, straw or any coarse litter (as a mulch or protection), which should be removed when the bulbs start in early spring. This is not necessary to save the bulbs, for most kinds are perfectly hardy in any situation without protection, but it is most advisable to do it, for it preserves the vitality of the bulbs to a great extent, and when in bloom you can notice that those which were protected will be twice as good as these which were not.

Rare Perpetual Blooming Plants, FOR WINTER FLOWERING.

The following plants have been selected with great care, and they are among the very finest of all perpetual bloomers and for ornamental foliage. They are particularly fine for winter decoration, being free to flower, and very handsome, and sure to succeed well in any good window or conservatory.

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The Mexican Primrose.

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A New Decorative Plant of Great Beauty.

There is scarcely a decorative plant listed that is more striking in foliage and habit than this, and certainly none other that will stand as much downright neglect and hardship as will this. Nothing but frost, or a continual drenching with water, has terrors for it. It will grow in a dark hall, a cool bedroom, or stand on the mantel in the heated sitting-room. It will stand gas and dust, and will go for months without a drop of water, yet remain as thrifty as ever. Singularly beautiful as well as easily grown. Erect, rigid, sword-like leaves; in some old specimens reaching a length of from four to six feet. The leaves are thick and fleshy, a dark green color, with clouded bars of white. In May and June it sends up long plummy flower spikes, which in their soft feathery whiteness, remind one of an Agave's flower. The splendid outlines of this plant together with its distinctive marbling, make it a superb plant for jardinières, centers of vases, etc. It will also grow splendidly out of

doors in summer. Just the plant for sunless windows or halls, where nothing else will grow. It is new and little known to cultivation, but a plant which all will delight to possess. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Resurrection Plants.

This is something that always interests the children and the older folks alike. There it is, a shrunken rounded ball of tightly-folded leaflets, dry and dead. We drop it in a bowl of tepid water, and soon one frond-like tip curls slowly outward, then another, and another, until in a short time there is floating in the dish a beautiful metallic-green plant; a great, loose, expanded rosette of fine fern-like leaves, both odd and beautiful. This experiment can be repeated many times, the plant curling tightly together when dry, and expanding when soaked in water. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Of all the rare plants we ever introduced, this seems to deserve first place as a plant for *everybody*, and one which will thrive in rich or poor, wet or dry soil, or in sun or shade, and bloom profusely the year round in pots, or all the spring, summer and fall in the garden. It is strictly a perpetual bloomer, as it is in flower at all times of the year, a good specimen showing most of the time from ten to thirty large saucer-shaped blossoms, about three inches across. The superb colors, combined with airy grace and beautiful form, goes to make a flower which is perfection itself. The plant seldom grows over ten inches in height, but inclines to a trailing habit, spreading its branches over the ground, or drooping over the sides of the pot, holding its large, silky flowers erect, so that their unsurpassed beauty is seen to best advantage. As a plant for hanging pot or basket it is unexcelled. Each blossom keeps perfect many days, before fading, and when it drops others are out to take its place, and this succession of beauty is continued from one year's end to another. The plant is a free grower, succeeding in any soil or situation, and commencing to bloom almost as soon as the cuttings are potted.

PRIMROSE

As a window plant it combines great hardiness and ease of culture with unsurpassed beauty and delicate loveliness, and profusion of bloom. In the open ground it grows freely and blooms profusely all summer, and, in fact, until winter is upon it, as early frosts do not injure it.

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THE MARVELOUS
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PLANT

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Manettia Vines.

A poor vine is little but an eye-sore; but a thrifty *Manettia* is lovely beyond all question. 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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

Russelia Juncea.

This plant has long, wiry, leafless stems which grow in graceful, drooping masses, flowing like hair. On these bare stems are borne quantities of long, tubular flowers of the most vivid scarlet color, something like a *Manettia* bloom, but more numerous. It is a novel and beautiful plant, suitable either for beds in summer or for pot culture. In pots it blooms the entire year, especially during the winter and early spring months. The great drooping masses of bloom is like a fountain of coral, scarlet and green. In the South it is perfectly hardy and a superb garden flower. In any climate it is one of the very easiest of all plants to grow, and certainly one of the most brilliant and persistent bloomers. It is a valuable addition to our standard list of best plants. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

A Grand New Abutilon.

Abutilon, Infanta Eulalia.

It would be difficult to find a more unique flowering plant than this. Unlike the ordinary *Abutilon* of scraggy growth, it is very compact and short jointed, making a very neat pot plant. The flowers are the most beautiful we have seen among *Abutilons*, being very large yet short and beautifully cupped, and of the most lovely pale satin-pink color imaginable. It produces its flowers by the score both summer and winter. It is safe to say that this plant will produce five times as many flowers as any other *Abutilon* under the same condition. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Begonia Vernon.

If there is a more satisfactory flowering plant than Begonia Vernon, we are unfortunate enough not to know it. For constant and profuse blooming there is no window plant that can approach it, and as a winter bloomer it is decidedly a plant which cannot be surpassed. Thrives in any window for anybody, and always loaded with bloom.

Crimson. Produces a profusion of dark crimson flowers. Many of our customers regard this as the very finest pot plant for perpetual blooming in existence. It is certainly a plant which must be in every collection. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

White. Splendid large blossoms of delicate white, blush and pink shades. In other respects exactly like the above, and a plant of perpetual beauty. 20c. each.

One plant of each for 30c.

Water Hyacinth.

The translucent delicacy of the Water Hyacinth's tints, and its sparkling, frost-like crystallization of texture, can not be caught by the artist's brush or pictured to the reader's imagination by cold type. In every sense it is a peculiar and beautiful plant. Each plant is a rosette-like cluster of smooth, round green leaves, to each of which is attached a singular puffed, bladder-like petiole or leaf-stalk that enables the plant to float like a boat, until the mass of feathery indigo-blue roots—themselves a notable feature in this plant—find mooring to their notion and send anchoring roots into the soil below. When the long full spikes of superlatively beautiful flowers appear, no praise can be too high for them. Each flower in the spike is the size of a silver dollar, a blending of lilac-rose and azure-blue tints, with the upper and slightly hooded petal blotched a deep metallic blue, with golden spot in the center, and sparkling in the sun as though sprinkled with diamond dust. The soil in the tubs should be one-third rotted manure. After once started the plants enjoy the hottest sun. If growth becomes too matted, thin out or they will not bloom well. Grows well in small vessels in the window, or in tubs or pools out of doors. Blooms best in full sun, no matter how hot it may be. It is an odd, curious, and wonderfully beautiful plant, and all lovers of rare flowers should have it. Fine plants for blooming soon, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

Oxalis Ortgiesi.

One of the few pot plants that will bloom every day in the year. A robust but neat-habited grower with pretty three-lobed leaves of a dark olive green above and shining crimson purple beneath. The flowers are freely borne in clusters on long stems above the foliage. They are star-like and of a clear golden yellow. A most unique and beautiful pot plant. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

THE WATER HYACINTH.

Fuchsia Trailing Queen.

Good plants for hanging pots or baskets are rare—as rare as they are beautiful. Nothing is so pretty as a pot suspended in a window filled with luxuriant foliage and bright blossoms. This new Fuchsia never grows erect, but always trails down over the side of the pot, and is the most beautiful of all plants for suspension. Luxuriant without being weedy, procumbent without being sprawling, clothed with handsome foliage, and loaded with hundreds of gracefully drooping flowers, nothing more could be asked for as a basket plant. A well grown plant of this Fuchsia is a weeping fountain of waxen scarlet and violet-purple bells, and it remains in this condition for months at a time. Very robust and easy to grow, the branches reaching a length of four and five feet, blooming and growing nearly the whole year. The leaves are dark green, ribbed and rayed with red or crimson, which makes them luminous and handsome. Flowers and buds long and graceful, and borne in large clusters at the ends of the vines. When expanded the flowers are very large in size, tube and sepals bright rosy scarlet, while the corolla, at opening is a rich violet purple, changing the second day to a fine shade of crimson, the two colors in the same cluster contrasting beautifully. A good specimen will show hundreds of flowers at once, and the effect when suspended in a window is truly glorious. It grows and blooms nearly the whole year 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Genista.

"SHOWER OF GOLD."

A grand winter bloomer. Not altogether a new plant, but one of winter's rare beauties which has been sadly overlooked. As a plant for late winter and early spring blooming (especially for Easter), it is almost without an equal. It is of a shrubby nature, like a Lantana. Its foliage is very ornamental, and of a glaucous green color. Flower golden yellow, very fragrant and borne in long drooping racemes, and in such quantity as to almost hide leaf and branch, most truly a "Shower of Gold." It is one of the easiest plants to grow we ever saw, and is absolutely sure to bloom profusely in any window. As a plant for rare beauty, delightful fragrance, and ease of culture, it has no superior, and should adorn every home. Some idea of its beauty and profusion of bloom may be had by closely observing the cut here shown. It is an accurate production from a photograph of a plant which bloomed in our greenhouse last winter. But neither picture nor words can do justice to its majestic beauty. Fine plants for blooming at once, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

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Special Low Prices.

We desire to call attention to the following special offers. At these low prices no one need be without a few choice flowers. They are, of course, first-class bulbs in every respect, and sent by mail, postpaid, at prices named:

5 Tea Roses, 5 sorts named.....	\$ 50
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5 Fine Flowering Shrubs, named.....	50
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12 Mixed Hyacinths, double and single, " 21.....	80
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12 Pompon Hyacinths, mixed, " 20.....	50
20 Double Tulips, named, " 22.....	1 25
25 Single Tulips, named, " 23.....	1 50
7 Duc Van Thol Tulips, named, " 24.....	30
12 Double Tulips, mixed, " 25.....	40
12 Single Tulips, mixed, " 25.....	30
12 Parrot Tulips, mixed, " 25.....	30
7 Narcissus Polyanthus, named, " 27.....	50
100 Crocus, fine mixed, " 17.....	60
6 Oxalis, named, " 28.....	25
15 Pkts. Seed for winter blooming, " 14.....	50
8 Pkts. Pansy Seed, " 8.....	50
5 Dozen fine Strawberries, " 40.....	2 00
10 Rare new Grapes, " 44.....	1 00
4 New Callas, " 35.....	1 30
21 Rare Lilies, " 34.....	2 50
20 New Double Iris Kaempferi, " 39.....	2 00
4 New Apples, very fine, " 46.....	80

20 Flowering Shrubs for \$1.50.

For only \$1.50 we will send an elegant collection of 20 finest flowering Shrubs, 20 varieties named, fine large bushes by express, or smaller ones by mail, postpaid. This is a rare opportunity to get a fine collection.

30 Hardy Perennial Plants for \$1.50.

For only \$1.50 we will send 30 of the finest hardy perennial plants, 30 sorts named, large plants by express or smaller ones by mail, postpaid. Do not fail to secure this fine collection. It will include Iris, Paeonies, Spireas, Day Lilies, etc.

10 Rare Ornamental Trees for \$1.00.

To close out some surplus stock, we offer 10 fine Ornamental and Flowering Trees for \$1.00, as follows: 1 Ginko or Maiden Hair Tree, 1 Catalpa, 1 Balm of Gilead, 1 Mountain Ash, 1 Russian Mulberry, 1 Paulownia, 1 Golden Poplar, 1 Purple Beech, 1 Tulip Tree, 1 Hardy Orange. It is a beautiful collection of rapid-growing trees, and at one dollar is hardly one-quarter of their value. Sent by mail or express, but only small trees can be sent by mail.

20 Fine Fruit Trees for \$1.50.

This most remarkable offer is made only to close out some surplus stock. The trees are well worth five dollars, and are as follows: 5 Peaches, different sorts; 2 Plums, Abundance and Pottawatunle; 5 Filberts, Kentish Cob; 1 Crab, Martha; 1 Pear, Vermont Beauty; 1 Chestnut, Japan Giant; 1 Prunus Simonl, 1 Nectarine, 3 Fay's Prolific Currant. This fine collection of fruits can be sent only by express. Price, \$1.50.

"Surprise" Collection

\$3.00 or \$4.00 Worth of Fine Bulbs for \$1.00.

To meet the demand of our large trade we import a very large stock of Bulbs, in most cases getting more than needed, to make sure of having enough. After business is about over, in November, we make this surplus up into "Surprise" Collections, and offer them to our customers, giving them three or four times the value of their money. The "surprise" comes in the great amount of fine bulbs one gets for the money paid. These collections cannot be sent out until about November 10th, and will be entirely of our own selection from kinds of which we have a surplus. The purchaser can state whether they are wanted for the garden or for winter blooming, and we will select accordingly. No collection will be made up for less than **One Dollar**, and from that up to any amount the purchaser may desire. In all cases one will be surprised at the amount of fine bulbs he gets for the money. They will be sent free by mail, unless desired by express, and in that case we can send more for the money than by mail. All "Surprise" Collections ordered previous to November 10th will be booked and shipped then, but we can continue sending them through November and December. Our "Surprise" Collections always give unbounded satisfaction. They are indeed a surprise.

Superb Pansy Seed.

FOR FALL SOWING.

Pansy seed sown in the fall makes the finest plants for early spring blooming. For a more complete list of Pansy seed see our Spring Catalogue.

- Giant Excelsior. Mixed Colors**—The growth and general habit of the Giant Excelsior is compact, strong 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 sort. The colors are truly wonderful, including over a hundred different shades and combinations, with blendings and markings entirely new, and of the 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, and yield flowers almost as large and free as in early spring. 15
- Trimardeau Giant**—An entirely distinct and splendid race; growth vigorous and compact; flowers of good form and size which is truly **GIGANTIC**. Colors are rich and varied. Splendid mixed. 10
- Peacock**—A Pansy of superb and varied color, most of them showing that glorious and luminous bronze-blue seen only in peacock feathers. It is a finely colored strain and cannot be too highly recommended. 15

TRUE IMPERIAL GERMAN PANSIES.

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.

- Snow Fairy**—Pure snow white, large and beautiful; splendid for cemeteries. 10
- Black Knight**—Pure coal-black, rich and beautiful color 10
- Deep Yellow**—Very fine rich golden color. 10
- Azure Blue**—Truly lovely; glorious. 10
- Mixed Seed**—Of more than fifty distinct varieties of Imperial German, including the above kinds. 10

SPECIAL OFFER—For only 50c. we will send the above eight packets of Superb Pansy Seed.

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ROSE

CHAMPION OF THE WORLD

THREE GRAND WINTER BLOOMERS.

H. M. Wolff, Florist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

THREE GRANDEST WINTER-BLOOMING PLANTS.

*T*HERE is no doubt but that the three following plants of recent introduction are the most satisfactory winter bloomers in cultivation. Their novelty, superb beauty, and ease of culture recommend them to every lover of flowers in the land, and that all our customers may enjoy their beauty and fragrance the coming winter, we have grown an enormous stock of fine plants, which we offer at a special low price.

—✧ NEW ✧ ROSE —

“Champion of the World.”

This is, in all round good qualities the grandest ever-blooming rose in cultivation. For winter-blooming it surpasses all others; and as a winter-bloomer it stands without a peer among flowering plants. It flourishes and blooms freely when all other roses fall. It is the

Champion Bloomer. It commences to bloom as soon as potted from the propagating bench, and continues in the greatest profusion all the time, both **Summer and Winter**. It is claimed that one plant of it will produce more flowers during the year than ten plants of any Tea Rose. It is always in full bloom. Plants which have bloomed all summer in the garden may be potted in the autumn, and they will immediately start new growth and bloom profusely all winter in any window. Returned to the garden in the spring they will again bloom all summer, without intermission. It is truly a perpetual bloomer, never without flowers.

Champion in Hardiness. Though a perpetual bloomer it is as hardy and robust as an oak, standing the severe winters of Vermont, where it originated, in the open ground, without the slightest protection, and commencing its season of bloom earlier than any other sort. For a hardy garden rose it is as valuable as it is for pots.

Champion in Fragrance. It has the most delicious and powerful rose fragrance, which is maintained during the whole year. Its perfume in December is as rich, delicate and sweet as it is in June.

Champion in Vigor. It is the most healthy and vigorous rose in cultivation, for its handsome rank foliage has never been known to mildew, under any condition, indoors or out. It is **absolutely mildew proof**, under any and all conditions. It is impossible to make it mildew.

Champion in Form and Color. Its blossoms are perfectly double to the center, and of the most perfect shape, both in bud and blossom, while its color is a degree of loveliness which few roses can equal, being a rich, deep rosy pink, darker and richer than Hermosa, and a shade the delicate richness of which is seldom seen. Its size is very large for an ever-bloomer, often as large and fine as La France or the best hybrid perpetuals.

For Winter-Blooming. This rose surpasses all others. It will flourish and bloom profusely where all other sorts fail, and is just what has long been wanted, a fine free-flowering rose for window culture during winter, which will succeed with any one.

PRICE.—Strong pot-grown plants for winter blooming, 25 cents each; 5 for \$1.00, by mail, post-paid. Extra large plants, by express, 60 cents each; 3 for \$1.50.

The Otaheite Orange.

The great beauty, novelty and popularity of this plant is, indeed, wonderful. Since we first introduced it, several years ago, it has become the plant of the day. It is a truly grand pot plant, and one which succeeds with and surprises everybody. 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. For winter blooming it is so truly superb we have grown an enormous stock of it which we offer at a very low price, that each one and all of our customers may be able to possess it. Strong plants, for blooming this winter, 25 cents each; 3 for 60 cents; 5 for \$1.00.

Dwarf Ever-Blooming Canna, Star of 1892.

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 blood scarlet color, rayed and bordered with pure gold, is a novelty of an entire new departure—a new garden flower and a new perpetual blooming pot plant of unsurpassed grandeur. It is a seedling from “Star of 1891” and differs from that grand variety only in the color of its blooms, which are a deeper blood scarlet. As a pot plant for blooming, both summer and winter, this Canna is a novelty of immense importance. It has already become recognized as the most valuable and important flowering plant among those who know it. It is utterly impossible to have a plant which is more easily grown or more effective in bloom. The enormous panicles of flowers which are borne continually even on plants only a foot or two in height and in small pots is, indeed, marvelous, and the intense color of the blossoms makes such plants objects of the most effective beauty. We honestly believe it to be the finest of all winter-blooming plants, and as a garden flower nothing can surpass it. Fine plants 25 cents each; 5 for \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER.—For only 60 cents we will send one fine plant each of the above three best of all winter-bloomers. Get your friends to order with you.

Publishers of the MAYFLOWER, Floral Park, N. Y.:

Dear Sir:—I send you the following club of.....yearly subscribers to the MAYFLOWER (including the premium at present offered to each subscriber) and enclose payment for same at Club Rates. Please send me the following as my premium for getting up the Club:

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Specialties and Novelties.

A few pages here are devoted to a few extra fine Bulbs, of recent introduction, of which we make a specialty. Our large Bulbs of *Lilium Harrisii* and *Candidum*, *Freesias*, *Sacred Lilies*, *Ixias*, etc., have a wide reputation for superior excellence and our patrons will find the three new *Hyacinths*, here offered for the first time, extra fine in every respect.

The New Black Calla.

Among recent bulb introductions we doubt if there has in several years been anything brought out which is so eminently desirable as this. It is a bulb which has come to stay, and find its way rapidly into every collection of winter flowers. We say *winter flowers*, as it is strictly a winter bloomer, and will bloom no other time. Its flowers are enormous, fully a foot in length; color, clear coal-black, so intense that it really shows a brilliancy, and, as may well be imagined, it is a flower of the most striking oddity and beauty. A person who possesses a bulb of this Calla, has, indeed, a treasure which will be the envy of the entire neighborhood. The bulbs are large, and should be potted in the fall, and when growth commences set in a window. After blooming, the foliage will die down, and the bulb should be kept dry for planting again in the fall. In addition to its great beauty and oddity, it has a fine fruity fragrance. It is a native of the Holy Land. Fine bulbs 40c. each; 3 for \$1.

Fritillaria Meleagris.

The newer varieties of this charming bulbous plant produce flowers of great and peculiar beauty, and they are really among the most desirable of all fall bulbs for any purpose. They are superb for flowering in pots during winter, and for early spring blooming in the garden. Nothing can possibly be more satisfactory. They are very hardy and succeed in any situation; and the large curiously-colored flowers always attract great attention. They are of various colors and shades, but all are regularly and distinctly checkered, looking in some cases like a piece of calico. Our tests of this *Fritillaria*, both indoors and out, have for the past two years attracted the attention and admiration of all visitors to Floral Park. The great size of the blooms, graceful, airy habit, and their peculiar and striking and beautiful colors, go to make a flower which everyone will delight to cultivate. We earnestly recommend our customers to plant this bulb freely, both in the garden, and in pots for winter blooming. Its beauty will be a revelation to all.

Mixed Colors—All shades, 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

Chinese Sacred Lily.

The popularity of this flower is something phenomenal. We were the first to bring this into general notice, and have always taken a pride in offering none but the highest grade of bulbs. Each bulb is of great size and produces a mass of long luxuriant foliage, in itself a thing of marked beauty. But this is not all, each bulb throws up from four to ten spikes of large, beautiful flowers, of the handsome Polyanthus Narcissus type. These flowers are of a lovely wax-like white, with yellow center, and have a most powerful but delicious fragrance. They can be grown in pots of soil, but the most popular way is to grow them in water, Chinese fashion. To do this, place the bulb in the center of a glass bowl with pebbles enough around its base to hold it firmly in place. Fill gently with water and place in a sunny window until it blooms. It will grow with astonishing rapidity and bloom in a few weeks. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

TWO GRAND LILIES.

One of the grandest of all decorative plants is a tall snow-white Lily in bloom. It is the consummation of dignity and beauty, grace and purity. As the symbol of the resurrection and heaven-born purity, tens of thousands are used each year in Easter decorations. In many places the ladies of the congregation have a beautiful custom of furnishing and arranging the Easter decoration themselves. We offer here a special selection of gigantic sized bulbs that will grow into tall, stately plants crowned with dozens of waxen Lilies, whose snowy chalice breathe forth sweetest incense. A grander ornament for greenhouse, window or chance cannot be obtained. They can be planted at any time in the fall, and by procuring several bulbs and planting at three-week intervals, from September until November, a glorious display of Lilies will be obtained throughout the late winter and spring, and some one of the bulbs will be sure to be in bloom at Easter-tide. Plant them in deep pots, the top of the bulb two inches below the rim. As the Lily grows give plenty of water.

Harrisii, or the Bermuda Easter Lily—The monstrous bulbs we offer of this will produce plants over four feet in height and bearing great numbers of immense waxen snow-white trumpets. Nothing can be more beautiful. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00; 12 for \$3.50. Bulbs of ordinary size, 15c. each; 3 for 35c; 12 for \$1.25.

Candidum—(THE MADONNA OR ANNUNCIATION LILY)—As fragrant and spotlessly pure as the Harrisii, but with broad, widely-opened flowers, instead of the reflexed, trumpet form of the latter. Tall and stately growing and a sure bloomer. No flower has a more superb fragrance than this. Bulbs of enormous size, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 12 for \$2.25. Bulbs of ordinary size, 10c. each; 12 for \$1.00.

One enormous Bulb each of Harrisii and Candidum for 50 cents.

Freessias.

A new class of Bulbs, splendidly adapted for winter blooming, and are, we believe, the most popular winter blooming Bulbs for amateurs. They are always sure to succeed and bloom elegantly for anyone in any situation, and the great beauty and fragrance of the flowers are everywhere admired, almost as no other winter bloomer is. The blossoms or buds when cut and placed in vases of water will keep perfect two weeks. In pots they commence blooming early and continue for a long time, the stems branching freely and producing several clusters of bloom in succession. Four to six bulbs can be planted in a five inch pot. They commence growth immediately after planting and need not be put away to form roots like Hyacinths, unless it is more convenient to do so. Planting successively from September to November will give a succession of bloom through the winter. We cannot too earnestly urge customers to plant this charming winter flower. Their free growth, abundant bloom, delicate beauty and charming fragrance will be a surprise and delight to all. The bulbs we supply are extra large and strong. We take

special pains to secure the largest and best bulbs, as we are the largest sellers of it in the country.

Refracta Alba—Pure white, very sweet and popular. Fine large bulbs. 3c. each; 20c. per dozen; \$1.50 per 100.

Giant Bermuda—A magnificent strain of mixed hybrids, producing flowers of various colors, from pure white to deep orange, shaded, blotched, straw color, etc. The flowers are very large and freely produced. 3c. each; 25c. per dozen; \$1.50 per 100.

Mammoth French—We have secured from France a limited number of Freesia Bulbs of enormous size. They are about the size of a small Tuberose, and the quantity and magnitude of bloom which one of these bulbs will give will be perfectly astonishing. For winter blooming they are immense, one bulb being equal to ten of ordinary size. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 7 for 50c.; 15 for \$1.00.

Scarlet Freesia (*Anomatheca Cruenta*)—This is much like a Freesia in all respects except that it does not flower so early. Its flowers are bright scarlet, blotched with dark carmine, and very showy. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Ixias.

The Ixias produce their beautiful flowers in spikes, and are of the most dazzling and brilliant colors and sure to attract great attention. It is only a few years that they have been grown in this country to any extent, but in that time, like the Freesias, they have become very popular. For pot culture in the house they give great satisfaction, being of easy culture and free bloomers. Half a dozen bulbs may be planted in a five-inch pot, and the display will be magnificent. For open ground culture give them winter protection with leaves or straw. They are very cheap, and all lovers of odd and beautiful flowers should certainly have them.

Each. 3 for. 12 for

Crateroides—This is a dwarf Ixia, and the finest of all for winter blooming. It produces its flowers very early in January or February, and a pot of them is a most beautiful sight. The spikes of bloom are compact and of the most vivid scarlet color..... 10 25 75

Erubescens—Fine light blue; very pretty... 6 15

Snowdrop—Fine white with blue eye; lovely 6 15

Titus—Very bright yellow; large, splendid.. 6 15

One each of above four fine colors, 20c.

Mixed Sorts—Our mixed Ixias are particularly fine, and comprise more than sixty fine varieties of all colors, shades, markings and variegations. 25c. per dozen.

Sparaxis.

These are much like Ixias, except they bear their flowers more drooping than in erect spikes. The blossoms are very large and open flat, presenting some of the most curious and beautiful combination of colors to be found. Their exceeding beauty at once captivates all beholders, and it is difficult to find a pot of flowers which will be more generally admired or bloom better than a pot of these fascinating Sparaxis. They require the same treatment as Ixias or Freesias, which is simply to plant several bulbs in a pot of good soil, set

them away and when growth commences bring them out and set in a sunny window.

Mixed, all colors—More than fifty finest sorts, representing all colors and combinations of fantastic shades; very beautiful. 3 for 10c.; 30c. per dozen.

Snowflake.

The airily-poled bells of the Snowflake are exceedingly graceful. The snowy bells are touched at each petal tip with freshest green, a contrast most beautiful. Can be grown in a cool window, in the border, or at the foot of the rockery. Delicately fragrant. Grow about 9 inches high. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 55c.

BLACK IRIS.

The Black Iris.

A most remarkable novelty in the form of a beautiful large flowering Iris, the color of which is nearly coal black. The large blossom is exceedingly odd and attractive. 50c. each.

Four Grand New Lilies.

Those who desire something new, rare and of remarkable beauty cannot do better than try these four superb new Lilies. They will surely fill the bill.

Childsi—A seedling raised from *L. Pardalinum* and a most unique novelty. The plant grows only 10 inches high, a pyramid of luxuriant foliage, crowned with a cluster of 30 to 50 brilliant blossoms. These are of large size, perfect shape and in color brilliant orange-scarlet, spotted black. The effect produced by this crown of flowers set on a tuft of dark green leaves is very pleasing and not to be found elsewhere among Lilies. As a pot plant it is a perfect gem, and for the garden even more valuable. It is as hardy and robust as an Iris and sure to succeed in any situation. \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00.

Auratum Macranthum—This grand variety of *L. Auratum* produces bulbs of great size which throw up a growth of remarkable strength and vigor. The flowers are pure ivory white, with a golden band through each petal, and numerous golden yellow spots. It is a beauty and unlike any other. Large bulbs \$1.00 each.

Auratum Rubro Vittatum—Flowers of enormous size, pure snow white thickly spotted with crimson and with a wide dark blood-red band through the center of each petal. Its great beauty is a marvel to all who behold it. Very fragrant. Large bulbs \$1.00 each.

Speciosum Opal—We had thought that no *Speciosum* could exceed *Melpomene*, but this new Lily is even larger, grander, and, if possible, more richly colored. Like the opal, for which it is named, the eye drinks in its lovely tints with delight. To say that it is a frosted, glistening, white, delicately clouded and suffused with rosy blush and spotted with rosy scarlet, is to convey but a slight idea of its perfect loveliness. The deeply recurved petals are snowy white at the tip, gradually deepening in color to the base of each petal, which is blotched with a raised, moss-like fringe which glistens like diamonds. The flower is very large, and the plant robust and hardy, improving in beauty each year. \$1.00 each.

SPECIAL OFFER—For the sake of introducing these 5 new Lilies we will send one bulb each of the 4 for half price, \$2.00.

HYACINTH, MARECHAL NIEL—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.

Three Remarkable Hyacinths.

The three following new Hyacinths bloomed with us for the first time last winter, and they show such remarkable beauty and characteristics that we cannot too strongly recommend them to our customers. They are the three grandest sorts we ever offered.

General Havelock—(Black.) A grand single Hyacinth with enormous compact spikes of bloom, which is of an indigo black color. Its odd and striking color makes it peculiarly conspicuous, and it is indeed a rare and glorious plant when in bloom. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

Mammoth or Lily Hyacinth—A new sort with gigantic pendulous bells, each one of which is almost as large as a small lily, and of the same shape. Color white, delicately shaded blush. A large spike of these beautiful lily-like bells is indeed a most superb object. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

Marechal Niel—A glorious Hyacinth, as double as a rose and of a charming soft pink color. A prodigious bloomer, each bulb throwing up as many as 12 spikes. A pot of 3 bulbs tested by us last winter showed 36 spikes in bloom at one time. On this account it is certainly one of the most remarkable and satisfactory of all sorts. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

One each of the 3 new sorts for 65c.

SEEDS FOR WINTER BLOOMING.

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Castor —Large, fine flower of crimson-violet lightly bordered pink.....	6	15	50
Couronne d'Or —A magnificent sort of the very largest size. Golden yellow.....	7	20	75
Duke of York —Beautifully incurved flowers of poppy-red, broadly edged white.	6	15	50
Gloria Solus —Of enormous size and very double. Bright scarlet, edged yellow.	5	15	50
LaCandeur —Large and double. Wax-like white, outer petals feathered green. Largely used for cemetery planting.	5	12	45
LeBlason —Large and peony-like. White, deeply bordered rose. Lasts long.....	5	12	45

	Each. 3 for. pr doz		
Leonardo da Vinci —Brilliant red and yellow. Very double and gay.....	7	20	75
Murillo —Large, graceful flowers of flesh-white, bordered and clouded rose.....	15	40	1 40
Ma Cousine —Of remarkable coloring. Carmine-violet, edged pink and flamed golden-yellow and brick-red.....	5	12	45
Purple Crown —Large and double flower. Dark cardinal-red, with purple shadings. One of the best.....	10	25	90
Queen Victoria —Blood-red Very double.	6	15	50
Raphael —A superb flower; as large as some peonies, with cupped shell-like petals of creamy white, lightly feathered rosy blush. Exceedingly beautiful.....	20	50	1 50
Rex Rubrorum —Large double flower of deepest scarlet. Extra bodder.....	5	12	45
Rose Blanche —Large, incurved white of most perfect shape.....	10	25	90
Rosine —Blush, flushed lilac pink. Lasts a long time. Very large flower.....	5	12	45
Rose La Reine —A striking flower of brilliant cerise-red, unlike any other.....	10	25	90
Tournesol —Early and fine. A large double flower of scarlet and yellow.	10	25	90
White and Purple —White, clouded and blotched light purple. Late.....	5	10	35
Yellow Rose —A magnificent sort of very largest size and most perfect form. Deep, brilliant yellow.....	5	12	45
Splendid Mixed Double Tulips —All varieties, 40c. per doz.; \$2.50 per 100; \$22.50 per 1,000.			
One Bulb each of above 25 magnificent double Tulips \$1.25; 3 of each for \$3.50.

No description can do justice to the beauty and rich coloring of this class. The fire and glow of warm colors, the startling and vivid contrasts, the exquisite flaking and feathering, the bizarre bandings and markings, that have made the Tulip famous, are at their zenith in the single early class. From the hundred or so named sorts listed by Holland growers, we have selected twenty-five sorts that can hardly be surpassed.

each. 3 for per dz

Adeline —Large flower of violet-crimson, with eye of primrose-yellow.....	15	40	\$1 50
Alda Maria —Most beautiful. Amaranth-rose, striped and flaked white.....	10	25	75
Chrysolora —Very large flower and widely opened. Color, a solid golden yellow.....	10	25	75
Color de Cardinal —Large cup-shaped blooms of a rich cardinal-red.....	5	15	50
Duc d'Orange —Bowl-like flowers of deep, rich yellow, suffused brightest scarlet.....	5	12	45
Globe de Rigaud —Very large, round, of purple-wine, flaked mauve and white.....	5	15	50
Golden Standard —Lower half of flower golden yellow, the upper half suffused and blotched deep scarlet.....	10	25	75
J. Van Delf —Beautiful snow-white flower, with lemon eye and anthers. Early.....	10	25	75
Keiser Kroon —Outside of each petal bright scarlet, broadly bordered yellow; inside, deep yellow, zoned with a wide center-band of velvety scarlet glowing like fire.....	10	25	90
Lac Van Ryn —Color, white lightly suffused with crimson, lemon eye, and center ring of crimson-wine.....	5	12	45
Miltiades —Fine, opening pure white but becoming suffused with soft pink.....	5	15	50
Paragon Goldebloem —White and gold.....	6	15	50

Proserpine —Large broadly-opened flower of a deep, satiny rose. Extra fine.....	15	35	1 25
Purple Crown —Fine cup-shaped flower of maroon-cardinal. The rich, dark color is beautifully brought out by the satin-like sheen of the petals.....	6	15	50
Roi Pepin —Immense flower of the most perfect shape and superb coloring. Current-red, banded and flaked white; the inside shows a yellow eye.....	15	40	1 30
Rosa Mundi —White, deeply suffused rose.....	5	12	45
Rose Grisdellin —Exquisitely delicate coloring. Lower half of flower white with citron eye; upper half a soft rosy-pink.....	6	15	50
Silver Standard —Beautifully-shaped flowers of a fresh carmine-pink, flaked and feathered white. Extremely showy.....	6	15	50
Thomas Moore —A handsome flower of bright orange. Very distinct.....	6	15	50
Van Gooyen —Beautiful rose and white.....	6	15	50
Verboom —A grand flower of the richest, glowing scarlet.....	8	20	65
Waterloo —A satin-like flower of deep blood-red. Fine for bedding early.....	6	15	50
Wowerman —Large blooms of a deep magenta-purple. Very distinct.....	6	15	50
Wapen Van Leiden —A beautiful flower. The snowy groundwork of each petal is blotched with pinkish carmine.....	6	15	50
Yellow Prince —Wide, spreading flowers of a fine bright yellow.....	6	15	50

Fine Mixed Single Tulips—All the above, and many others, 30c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$16.00 per 1,000.

One Bulb each of above 25 sorts, \$1.50; 3 of each for \$4.00.

These are the best of all for house culture, and the first of all to bloom out of doors. In habit they are very dwarf, and somewhat smaller flowered than other Tulips. They are noted however, for the depth and purity of their colors, and as they bloom two weeks in advance of all other Tulips, are quite indispensable in the garden.

Crimson —Fine for contrast.....	5	12	40
Cold Striped —Scarlet striped with gold.....	8	20	75
Rose —White, shaded with clear rose.....	8	20	75
Scarlet —Most brilliant, dazzling scarlet.....	5	12	40
Violet —Earliest of all.....	10	25	90
White —A fine pure color.....	10	20	75
Yellow —Brilliant yellow. A fine bedder.....	8	20	75

One Bulb each of the 7 sorts, 30c; 3 of each for 75c.

DOUBLE—These are popular for house culture, as they are so certain to bloom, and so early and fine. No other double Tulips are as well adapted to pot culture. A pot of these Tulips are very brilliant, and being double remain perfect a long time. Pot them in sandy soil with good drainage.

Red and Yellow —A showy, bright flower of deep red and yellow.....	6	15
Violet Crimson —A new sort, fine violet red.....	10	25
Variegated Foliage —An exceedingly showy pot plant. Leaves bordered with golden yellow, and flowers bright scarlet banded with yellow.	10	25

Each. 3 for 15c; 3 of each for 40c.

A flower more bizarre, fantastic or grotesque, would be hard to find. A bed or clump of them always attracts much attention. They are six, seven, and eight inches across, with petals toothed, horned, twisted, and waved, now loosely incurved, now spread flatly out like a star. Some are yellow, some are crimson or again dashed, flaked or feathered with green, gold or scarlet. Fine to plant among shrubbery, or for bedding. They grow ten inches in height, and bloom just after the double Tulips.

Constantinople —Fine deep crimson, sometimes dashed orange.....	5	12	40
Gloriosa —Yellow, splashed and streaked crimson and green.....	5	12	40
Perfecta —Gaily striped yellow and red, sometimes solid color.....	5	12	40
Rubra Major —New. Brilliant blood red and of the largest size.....	15	35	

One Bulb of each for 20c.

Fine Mixed Parrot Tulips—All varieties, doz. 30c; 100, \$2.

Bizard and Bybloom Tulips.

Like all the other late, tall-growing Tulips, these are well adapted to growing among shrubbery, or in clumps along the perennial border. They are very fine also to cut for vases and remain perfect for many days. It seems strange they are not more commonly grown, for their large, cup-like blooms, feathered and flaked as only a Tulip can be, are always admired more than any other. In Europe they are called Show, or Exhibitor Tulips. Byblooms have white, light, or violet grounds, flaked and feathered, rose, lilac, pink, purple, violet, scarlet, black and crimson. Bizards have yellow grounds, flamed and blazed, maroon, black, scarlet, bronze and brown. We offer a fine mixture of every imaginable color and marking. We know our customers, if they could but see a bed of these in their gorgeous splendor, could not resist the temptation of buying a liberal quantity of them.

Byblooms—White grounds, variegated with various colors. Fifty finest sorts, mixed. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

SPECIAL OFFER—For only 75c. we will send 12 bulbs each of Byblooms and Bizards.

Variegated Foliage Tulips.

These are quite new to cultivation, and are splendidly represented by a colored plate in the August Mayflower. These Tulips are doubly desirable in that the foliage as well as the blossoms is very handsome. The broad green leaves are elegantly bordered or striped with white or creamy yellow, which sets off the brilliancy of the blossoms to great advantage. For pots they are just superb and bloom splendidly in mid-winter. For the garden they are novel and charming. We advise our customers to plant each variety.

Each, 3 for

Salamander —Large, double flowers, yellow spotted elegantly variegated leaves.....	10	25
Rex —Ergamous double blossoms of a glowing crimson color, and lovely striped foliage.....	10	25
Van Thol —Double flowers, yellow and scarlet, finely variegated, beautiful white and creamy yellow leaves.....	10	25
Standard —Large, single, golden yellow blossoms and fine variegated foliage.....	10	25
Purpuratum —Elegant white and green leaves, and large single blossoms of a fine purple red color.....	10	25

SPECIAL OFFER—One Bulb each of the 5 sorts for only 40c; 3 of each for \$1.00.

Tulipa Gesneriana.

The grandest Tulips in existence. Tall growing and late blooming, with large, long leaves, and tall, erect flower stalks, which support great waxen blooms larger than tea-cups, of the most vivid, glossy, coral-red, each flower showing a deep blue-black blotch at the base, that further enhances its beauty. They remain in bloom a long time, and clumps of this grand flower are particularly fine planted among evergreens or shrubbery, lighting up their somber background as with a flaming torch. Much inferior stock has been sent out under the name of *GESNERIANA*, but we have always been careful to secure the true variety, which is twice the size of that sometimes sold under the same name. 6c. each; 3 for 15c; 12 for 50c.

Golden Crown (YELLOW GESNERIANA)—Exactly like the above, except its grand blossoms are of a fine yellow color, banded with orange. Forms a superb contrast with the scarlet Gesneriana. 10c. each; 3 for 25c; 12 for 90c.

Mixed Tulips.

Our Mixed Tulips are of extra fine quality, being made up from first-class named sorts and much superior to the ordinary grades.

	Per doz.	per 100
Double Fine Mixed—All colors.....	\$ 40	\$2 50
Single Fine Mixed—All colors.....	30	2 00
Parrot Fine Mixed—All colors.....	30	2 00
Byblooms Fine Mixed—All colors.....	50	3 00
Bizards, " ".....	45	2 75

DOUBLE NARCISSUS.

The Narcissus.

The Narcissus is fast becoming a rival to the Hyacinth and Tulip. The massive spikes of the one and the vivid colors of the other are missing, but the Narcissus—the Daffodil of the poets—has charms of its own to counter-balance these. For cutting or wearing it is the best of the three, being by far the best vase flower of the spring. Most of the garden sorts are particularly showy in masses, and do not require frequent re-setting to keep in vigor and flower, needing no care, in fact, beyond the planting. Others of this family are among our best pot bulbs, their clustered stars and stately trumpets of white, and cream, lemon, orange and yellow, giving variety, fragrance and warmth of color to our window gardens. In pots they may be had in bloom from Christmas until April. Out of doors, from the earliest to the latest, they last fully two months. Our collection is particularly choice one, and true to name. We offer our bulbs at a low price to encourage extensive planting. Try a few bulbs both for the house and garden. They will prove so beautiful and increase so rapidly you will feel doubly repaid for your outlay.

Most of the garden Narcissus do well in pots, but they are so cheap and hardy that they are more generally used for garden planting. Flowers for cutting or wearing are never in such demand as in spring. For this purpose Narcissus are indispensable. They can be grouped along the border of shrubberies, or at the foot of rockeries, or under trees. Every one should have early, medium and late sorts, as well as some of each of the different types of flower; saucer Daffodils, (Biflorous, Poeticus, etc.), Chalice-flowered, (Stella,) Trumpet-flowered, (Spureus Maximus, Trumpet Major, etc.), and Camellia-flowered, (Double Incomparable, etc.) They are always more effective if planted in groups or masses. Plant 4 inches deep and do not disturb often than once in three or four years.

		Each. 3 for	
Aurantius —Beautiful Gardenia-like flowers, and very double. The large outer petals are sulphur-yellow, the small center petals of sulphur and orange. Very early, and bloom well in house.....	5	12	
Albo Pleno Odorato (Double)—A pure white flower of medium size, but very double. Late	5	12	
Biflorous (Single)—Graceful, snow-white flowers with golden cups. Always borne in pairs. Rather late. Per dozen, 40c.....	5	12	
Incomparable (Double)—Medium early. Large, handsome flowers, as double as a rose. Bright canary, interspersed with orange center petals	5	12	
Leeds! (Single)—A lovely early sort, pure white perianth with straw cup.....	10	25	
Orange Phoenix (Double)—Nearly pure white outer petals. Center well filled with mixed white and deep orange petals. Very showy.....	8	20	
Sulphur Phoenix (Double)—Very perfect flower with broad, spoon-shaped petals. Color, soft canary yellow, a few orange petals showing.....	20	50	
Van Sion (Double)—Old, but unexcelled. Extra fine for cutting. Single, star-like perianth, and long, double trumpet filled with beautifully crimped petals. Deep golden yellow.	5	15	
Trumpet Major (Single)—Golden yellow. One of the best for massing. Fine also for winter blooming. Early.....	5	15	
Poeticus (Single)—Pure white with scarlet-edged crown. Very fragrant. Most popular of all for cutting. Late. Per dozen, 40c.....	5	10	
Poeticus, fl. pl. (Double)—Fine, double form of above.....	6	15	
Poeticus Ornatus (Single)—Fine for either garden or pots. Blooms three weeks earlier than the old Poeticus, and is even larger and finer...	6	15	
Stella (Single)—A favorite vase or corsage flower. One of the best for house culture. Extra large star-like flower, creamy-white, with clear yellow cup. Early, and quite distinct.....	5	12	
Spureus Maximus (Single)—A more poetical name for this is "Vase of Beaten Gold." Immense trumpet-shaped flower of deepest, richest yellow. A lovely sort, and very showy.....	15	40	
One each of above 13 sorts, 75c.			
Mixed Narcissus , all sorts, Double and Single. Many varieties. 50c. per dozen.			

Giant Trumpet Narcissus.

The demand for these exceeds the supply, making the prices higher than for other Narcissus. However, we advise all to try at least one of these newer sorts. They will be a revelation of unexpected beauty. In form and color they are perfection itself, while in size they are truly gigantic. Last winter we measured a number that had received but ordinary care, and not a flower was less than 3½ inches in diameter, and some were fully 5 inches. They can be grown either in garden or pots.

Golden Plover—Medium early. Flower 3½ inches across. Very broad petals, slightly reflexed, and long, heavy trumpet. Rich, golden yellow. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

Golden Spur—Without exception the grandest Narcissus we ever saw. Flower 4½ to 5 inches across and nearly as long. Petals of the perianth broad and smooth, long and widely flared trumpet, with deeply frilled and furrowed border. Color, a deep golden yellow. Blooms early and flowers last three weeks before fading. A splendid forcing variety. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Horsfield—An early and remarkably beautiful flower. Of the most perfect trumpet form, the trumpet deep yellow, and the perianth rich, creamy white. Grand for cutting. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Sir Walkins (Known also as "The Giant Welshman.") Comes in before Golden Spur fades. Is of the chalice-flower type, or half-trumpet form. A gigantic flower, 4 or 5 inches across, with broad wing-like petals that shade from canary yellow at the tips to golden yellow at the base. Cup, golden yellow. Very attractive, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

One Bulb each of these 4 glorious sorts for 75c.

Narcissus

Corbulata.

Another little gem for either pots or border. The bulbs are small and the foliage small and rush-like. The lovely little flowers are produced about mid-winter, in the house, or early spring out-of-doors. The flowers are deep golden-yellow, and from their curiously inflated trumpet have received the not inappropriate name of Hoop Petticoat Narcissus. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.

Polyanthus Narcissus.

These are considered the best of all Narcissus for pot culture, and by many esteemed the most beautiful. By starting the dry bulbs at intervals from September until January, a succession of flowers can be secured from Christmas until the first of May. No trouble to grow. Treat as you would Hyacinths. The flowers of this class are borne in large clusters and are exceedingly fragrant, like the largest and finest orange blossoms.

Each. 3 for

Aurora —Fine for small pots, as it is a dwarf grower. Pretty creamy white flowers, with orange cup.....	8	20
Paper White Grandiflora —A decided improvement on the old Paper White, itself one of the most popular of all winter flowers. This is the earliest of all, blooming by Christmas, and with its long-stemmed clusters of starry white flowers—much larger than the old variety—is indeed most beautiful. Very fragrant also.....	10	25
Double Roman —A splendid sort, that blooms in a few weeks from time of planting. Good grower with tall stems and fine clusters of extra large flowers. Outer petals creamy white. Center of flower filled with small white and deep orange petals, while the whole flower is so spicy and sweet that one cluster will perfume a whole room.....	8	20
Etoile d'Or —Medium late. Bright straw with orange cup.....	8	20
Grande Soile d'Or —This has every possible merit, without a fault. A medium early bloomer that lasts a full month in flower. Large clusters of exceedingly pretty flowers, of a clear lemon with deep orange cup. Deep and refreshing fragrance.....	8	20
Grootvorst —Dwarf grower. White with lemon cup. Very pretty.....	8	20
Staten General —A grand sort, with large clusters of white and orange flowers.....	8	20

One Bulb each of above 7 sorts for 50 cents.

Mixed Narcissus—We offer a fine mixture of hardy Narcissus, all sorts, double and single, extra fine for bedding and massing, at 50c. per dozen; \$3.50 per 100.

Jonquils.

These dainty little fellows are a gleam of gold when in bloom, and large clumps or masses of them are always admired. They are extra fine for pots, from their beautiful color, profusion, and delightful fragrance. Four or five should be planted to a 5-inch pot.

Single—Small flowers, but dainty and sweet. Always plant in masses. 4c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

Double—Very perfect little flowers that last a long time. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

Giant Odorous Jonquils.

We think this is one of the finest yellow-flowered bulbs on our list, for house culture. Flowers twice the size of other Jonquils, but retaining the same beautiful color and handsome shape together with profusion of bloom. Three bulbs are enough for a 4 or 5-inch pot. These Giant Jonquils are also very fine for garden culture. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.; 25 for \$1.00.

GIANT JONQUIL.

COLCHICUM.

Colchicum.

(AUTUMN CROCUS.)

The Colchicum, or "Autumn Crocus," is a very worthy flowering bulb. After their foliage dies down in September they throw up numerous gay-colored flowers, similar to the Crocus, but larger and more showy. Colors white, pink, bluish, violet, etc.; delicate and beautiful. 7c. each; 75c. doz.

These varieties of Oxalis are all for winter blooming. They make the most beautiful hanging pots and baskets, producing a mass of flowers all winter, which in brilliant and beautiful colors are truly charming. Winter blooming Oxalis are always sure to please. Plant five or six bulbs in a six-inch pot. They commence growth immediately after planting, and need not be set away to form roots like most other bulbs. They bloom during the entire winter, a thing we can expect of but very few plants or bulbs and are for that reason doubly worthy of a place in every collection of winter blooming bulbs. Try them and you will be delighted. Each 3 for. Pr doz.

Multiflora Alba —Pure white.....	5	10	35
Bowl —Deep pink; large, robust and fine	5	12	40
Lutea Major —Bright yellow; large flowers in large clusters; magnificent	5	12	40
Hirta —Deep red; fine.....	5	10	35
Versicolor —Rose and white; lovely color; very beautiful.....	5	12	40
Double Yellow —New. This beautiful Oxalis is a free bloomer and bears large double flowers, as perfect as Daisies; color brightest yellow.....	10	27	75
Mixed Sorts of 25 finest varieties.....		5	20

SPECIAL OFFER—For only 25 cents we will send one bulb each of above 6 sorts.

Triteleia Uniflora.

This is the "Star-flower," now becoming so popular for both winter and spring blooming. Although dwarf, the pretty, starry blooms, each more than an inch across, are borne on stiff stalks well above the recumbent foliage. The flowers are white, tipped and faintly striped lilac-blue, and, if the stem or foliage is unbruised, are remarkably sweet-scented. A fine window plant if several bulbs are planted to a pot, as they bloom steadily for two months, and need no fussing with to succeed. Out-of-door they form one of the neatest of all spring edgings, increasing rapidly until they form a matted row that from early spring until early summer, is one mass of starry blooms that are even finer and larger than when grown in the house. A pretty flower that has come to stay. 3c. each; 3 for 6c.; 12 for 20c.

Magnificent plants both for pots and the garden. They bloom early and profusely, and are exceedingly showy. The colors are brilliant and cover a large range of different shades and combinations. Four or five bulbs planted in a five-inch pot and make a beautiful display for a long time in winter, and are absolutely sure to bloom well in any situation, treated like Hyacinths. In the open ground they are perfectly hardy, increase rapidly and make a magnificent display. It is really one of the most satisfactory of all Holland Bulbs, and as they are very cheap we advise our customers to plant them largely both for winter blooming and in the garden.

All Colors Mixed—3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 20c.; 25 for 35c.
Pure White—Large flower and fine clear color.
Pure Yellow—Rich deep golden.
Blue—A fine rich shade.

Price, 5c. each, or one each of the 3 for 10c.

Ornithogalum Arabicum.

In magnificence there is nothing like this among winter blooming bulbs or plants. It is a native of Arabia. Bulb large and solid, closely resembling that of Hyacinth, and requiring exactly the same culture; leaves long and narrow; flower spikes 18 to 24 inches high, strong and graceful, bearing an immense cluster of large, pearly-white flowers, having a jet-black center. The illustration gives a good idea of its great beauty. The individual flowers keep perfect many weeks before fading, so that for more than a month this grand spike of bloom is in full glory. Its durability is almost without equal among flowers. Add to this its delicate aromatic fragrance and we have a winter bloomer which all must admit stands without a rival. Its culture is the easiest, as it will grow in any position in any window. A bulb can be planted in a four inch pot, or several in a larger pot or box. Pot in September, October or November. They can even be kept and planted as late as February first. For open ground culture they do well if protected from freezing severely. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 90c.

Ornithogalum Umbellatum.

The good old Star of Bethlehem, of our grandmothers' gardens. Altogether different from Arabicum. It soon forms mats of narrow, silver-striped foliage, dotted in early summer with a profusion of dainty-white stars. Makes a neat edging for herbaceous borders, and is perfectly hardy. It can be grown in pots also. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 15c.

Snowdrops.

The earliest flower that blows, and of such iron-clad hardness that it minds neither sleet nor snow. Exceedingly graceful and pretty, its nodding white flowers touched with green. Snowdrops bloom a few days before the Crocus and Siberian Scilla, but last until these are nearly gone. It is especially fine when planted in clumps and masses to contrast with the deeply blue masses of the Scilla. Much used also for planting through the grass on the lawn, and for skirting woodland walks and drives.

Snowdrops, Single—Small, but exceedingly pure and graceful. 3c. each; 3 for 8c.; 12 for 25c.

Snowdrops, Double—A few days later. Very double. 4c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

Elwesii, The Giant Snowdrop—As we now, March 20th, sit at our desk with a dainty little bunch of this Snowdrop before us, picked from a large bed of it on the lawn, we can fully realize what a gem it is. The grace and beauty of the large blossoms is enchanting, but what can we say of its fragrance, it is rich and so delicate, unlike any other flower, and really second to none. This fine new Snowdrop was introduced recently from the mountains of Smyrna. It is three times as large and fine as the common Snowdrop, and a great acquisition, either for the garden or for pots. For winter blooming it is just superb, its large, snowy flowers appearing in profusion, and showing great beauty and airy grace. We have secured several hundred thousand fine bulbs direct from Smyrna, and offer it extremely low. Price, 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.; 25 for 60c.

Gamassia Esculenta.

A beautiful bulbous plant, with tall spikes of fine blue flowers in late spring. Several can be planted in a pot together for winter blooming, and will make a fine display. In the garden they increase rapidly, and soon show great masses of their Star-like flowers. Fine to cut for vases or large bouquets. 5c. each; 3 for 12c.; 12 for 40c.

Bulbocodium Vernum.

A very early spring flower that is closely allied to the Crocus, and requires the same treatment, either in pots or open ground. Each bulb produces a mass of pretty purple-red flowers. Fine for edging. Blooms very early. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

Ranunculus.

We know of no other low-priced bulb that is so shamefully neglected. Their long, wiry stems fit them admirably for cutting, and for late spring bedding they have few equals, blooming, as they do, so freely, and bridging over the gap between the Tulips and the early garden flowers. For this purpose plant them three or four inches apart and two inches deep, with the claws downwards. They bear the most lovely flowers imaginable, pink, white, black, yellow, red, blush and variegated, each about two inches in diameter, and as double and as perfectly imbricated as a Dahlia or Rose. After the foliage turns yellow the bulbs should be lifted and not replanted until late in the fall, or they will spring up before winter. Always choose a sheltered location. They can be kept dry, and planted early in spring, if desired. For house culture, plant five or six bulbs in a 3-inch pot, and treat as Hyacinths. They are charming winter bloomers.

	Each,	3 for
Blanch Superb —Large and double; pure white.....	6	15
Fireball —Fine double red.....	5	10
Jaune Supreme —Magnificent yellow; fine.....	6	15
Queen of Holland —Large, double, black. Odd and superb.....	10	25
Rockolico —Fine spotted. New and fine.....	6	15
Finest Mixed —25 grand double sorts, per doz., 30c.	5	10

SPECIAL OFFER—For only 25c. we will send one bulb each of above 5 named sorts.

Anemones.

These are to be treated in all respects as Ranunculus. For pot culture, the bulbs are best left in the same pot year after year without disturbance. The dried ginger-like roots are not very promising, but they grow without trouble and produce quantities of graceful flowers that are noted for their range of coloring and the intensity of many of their shades. Fulgens is the noted "Scarlet Wind Flower" of Palestine, and is one of the earliest of spring flowers.

Single—All colors mixed; per dozen 25c.

Double—All colors mixed; per dozen 30c.

Cardinal's Hat—Superb Cardinal; very early. 10c each; 3 for 25c.

Blue Gem—(Single)—Fine blue. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.

The Bride—(Single)—Extra pure white. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Fulgens—(Single)—Intense scarlet; very showy. 5c. each; 3 for 12c.

Beauty—(Double)—Blue and white. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.

Ceres—(Double)—Extra fine double; white. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.

King of Scarlets—(Double)—Bright scarlet. 5c. each; 3 for 12c.

Lord Palmerston—(Double)—Dark blue; extra. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.

Marie Antoinette—Red, variegated. 5c. each; 3 for 15c.

Rosette of Nice—Very distinct and beautiful; fine rosy pink; very early and profuse bloomer. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

SPECIAL OFFER.

For only 40c. we will send one bulb each of the 10 sorts; 3 of each for \$1.00.

VIOLA PEDATA.

Viola Pedata.—(Birdsfoot Violet.)

This is also quite commonly known as the "Wild Pansy." By far the finest of all native violets. Pretty divided foliage and lovely sky-blue flowers, with a satin-like sheen possessed by no other Pansy or Violet. The flowers are often as large as a small Pansy, and in spring are a mass of bloom, giving a few scattered blooms throughout the season. Treat them as you would Pansies. They make a charming border to a rocky bed, and for this purpose should be planted three inches apart. Do not cover deeply. For house culture several roots should be planted in a pot together. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 60c.

Allium Neapolitanum.

Immense quantities of this bulb are sold every year. Florists find it indispensable, its pearly-white blossoms lasting so long, and its long stems and airy grace fitting it for all cut-flower work. Other people like it because it is so sure to bloom and so daintily pretty. It is hardy out of doors, in a sheltered location, but indoors is one of the easiest of all bulbs to grow. Three or four bulbs can be planted in a 4-inch pot. The bulbs and foliage are small, but the stems rise to a height of eighteen inches, bearing beautiful umbels of fine starry flowers that remain perfect for a month or more. 3c. each; 3 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.

Calochortus.

These bulbs are little known or cultivated, as they are not hardy enough to stand our winters in the open ground without protection, but, for blooming in pots, they are unsurpassed. The flowers are very large, borne on long stems, and are of the most charming butterfly colors—white, yellow, buff, crimson, purple, spotted, and shaded in a charming manner. For winter bloom they require only to be potted (4 or 5 in a five-inch pot,) and treated like Hyacinths or Crocus. When in bloom they will be a marvel of beauty and last a long time. There are two classes, the "large-flowered" and the "small flowered." The former all have large, upright blossoms; the latter smaller, bell-shaped, and drooping. Both classes are entirely distinct, and both very beautiful.

Splendid Mixed, all colors. 6 for 15c.; 12 for 25c.

An entirely new class of bulbs, particularly adapted for winter blooming. The flowers are of various forms, colors and sizes, all exceedingly interesting and beautiful and of the easiest culture. In the open ground they are hardy with slight protection, but their greatest value is for winter blooming in pots. They are so little known or cultivated that they are exceedingly interesting as pot plants. Their flowers are odd and beautiful, and produced freely.

Each.

Coccinea or Floral Fire Cracker—This is a flower of striking beauty, and one that catches every eye. Its blooms are borne in clusters, at the end of long, slender stems, and droop like a Fuchsia. They are two to three inches in length, of a deep bright crimson-scarlet color, tipped with green and white. In this lovely flower our friends will find a most beautiful and novel thing. 3 for 25c.; 12 for 50c.

Lactea—Fine, pure white, graceful and pretty.

Laxa—Our extensive tests of winter blooming bulbs have revealed few sorts worth more for general culture than this new Brodiaea. Its flowers are borne in great umbels, are of a lovely blue color and last for a long time. It also grows and flowers with the greatest freedom in any situation, and is one of the most reliable bulbs in cultivation for a sure and satisfactory display of bloom. 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

Mixed Sorts—Fine mixed Brodiaeas of all sorts and colors. 20c. per dozen; \$1.25 per 100.

Lachenalia.

This is an entirely new bulb and much unlike anything else in cultivation. They are grown mainly for winter blooming in pots, for which purpose they are admirable. Their great oddity, novelty and beauty make them a most desirable plant for winter blooming. They require exactly the same treatment as Hyacinths. The flowers are borne in beautiful spikes, and they remain in bloom for about two months, which is a most desirable feature in any plant. The colors are a curious and odd blending of yellow, scarlet and shades of olive green, green shading to yellow, etc. The only difference in the varieties is that in one yellow will predominate, scarlet in another, and green in another. The stems and leaves are also very beautiful, being spotted with black and reddish brown.

Fine Mixed Sorts—15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 12 for \$1.40.

CHIONODOXA.
Glory of the Snow.
(CHIONODOXAS.)

Once to see this floral gem is always to want it. Resembling somewhat *Scilla Siberica*, it yet differs from it, and has a charm peculiarly its own. The purest, clearest tones of blue are to be found in these flowers that appear so early that they are often overtaken by winter's last frosts, and become literally Glories in the Snow. Blue is always a scarce color among house plants, and as the *Chionodoxas* succeed well in the house, a pot or two of them should be grown in every window. Like all small bulbs, several should be planted in the same pot as they appear best in masses.

Their greatest value, however, is for garden planting. Here they increase rapidly and soon form great clumps that in early spring are a cloud of blue flowers in dainty sprays just long enough for cutting or to wear. They are natives of high mountain regions, and perfectly hardy in the coldest parts of the country. Plant two inches deep.

Lucillæ—Lovely azure blue, with large pure white center; very beautiful. 3c. each; 12 for 15c.; 25 for 25c.

Sardensis—Dark blue with small white and pink center. 3c. each; 12 for 15c.; 25 for 25c.

Timouli—Dwarf; fine bright blue; new and rare. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.; 25 for 50c.

Gigantea—Very large size; fine light blue with white eye; new and rare. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.; 25 for 50c.

Allini—A fine new sort. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

SPECIAL OFFER.—One each of the 5 sorts, 10c.; 3 of each, 30c.; 12 of each for 75c.

Scillas.

These are all showy, easily grown bulbs, fine alike for house or garden. *Scilla Siberica* is probably the most popular of all spring bulbs for massing, its intense color making a wave of deepest blue that attracts every eye. We offer our bulbs at prices so low that every one can afford them.

Each. 3 for

- Clusi**—Unlike any other bulb. Stately habit, with luxuriant recurving strap-leaved foliage, surmounted by an enormous pyramidal corymb of starry flowers, of a beautiful blue. It is one of the most striking flowers one can have, and very easy to grow. In the house it blooms by mid-winter, or a little after; in the garden it blooms in late spring. For bedding plant about ten inches apart each way. In pots use a five or six inch size for a single bulb..... 15 30
- Siberica**—Hardy and fine. Blooms at the very edge of winter, and laughs at storms and frosts. Beautiful little spikes of deepest blue flowers, freely produced, and for a long time. Everyone who possesses a foot of ground ought to grow this. It should always be planted in groups, either in house or open ground..... 3 6
- Campanulata, Blue**—Beautiful spikes of Hyacinth shaped flowers. A fine sort for cutting, and for winter blooming..... 5 10
- Campanulata, White**—Like the above but pure white..... 5 10

Winter Aconite.

This appears just after the single snowdrop. Its large, glossy, yellow flowers, set in a close cup of leafy green, are wondrous cheerful in the dull spring landscape, when even the grass is still brown, and the Tulips and Hyacinths yet underground. The Winter Aconite can be flowered in cool room, used as edging for other bulb beds, planted under the edge of evergreens, or naturalized under trees, or around rock work. It increases rapidly, and must become a general favorite. 3c. each; 3 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.

Lily of the Valley.

Too well known to need description. Everyone knows their value for out-door blooming, but all do not realize that their sprays of fairy bells can be obtained in winter just as easily. We offer strong, imported pips, that have been grown especially for winter blooming. Plant half a dozen pips in a four inch pot, keep rather cool until well started, then bring to the light and warmth, and keep freely supplied with water. You will be surprised at the rapidity of their growth, and of the size of their lovely fragrant bells. If you wish them for Easter start them in February. We can supply the bulbs all winter. 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.

ERYTHRONIUM.

Saxifraga Granulata, Fl. Pl.

We believe this is to become one of the most valuable winter flowers in existence. It is a most valuable acquisition to winter bloomers, as well as a splendid thing for garden culture. The bulbs are very small, and at least three should be planted in a pot together to get the best results. Their treatment should be the same as that of Hyacinths, Crocus, etc. The flowers are borne in profusion, are as double as the best roses, and pure snow-white in color. One can readily appreciate the value of such a fine double white flower during winter, or in the garden during the spring months. It is perfectly hardy and will thrive most anywhere. It is known in Europe as the "Fair Maid of France." We have imported an enormous quantity of it and offer it at the very low price of three bulbs for 10c; 12 bulbs for 30c.

Babianas.

Treat these just as you would Ixias or Sparaxis. Like them, it is fine to light up the conservatory or window during the dull days of late winter and early spring, when our other plants are fast fading. The bulbs are small, and several can be grown in the same pot. They bear showy spikes of richly-colored flowers that are usually quite sweet scented. Give them light sandy soil, with good drainage, and you will be rewarded by large flowers in various shades of blue, lavender, magenta, crimson, etc.

Mixed Sorts—All colors, 5c. each; 3 for 10c; 12, 35c.

Erythronium.

Easily grown bulbs with distinctive, broad, mottled foliage, and large, nodding, Lily-shaped flowers of great beauty. They are perfectly hardy in the garden, but are the finest when grown in-doors. They afford a pleasing variety in the window, being so unlike the plants usually found there. Pot the bulbs as soon as received, as they lose their vitality if kept dry a good while. They bloom early and freely in pots.

Grandiflorum—A beautiful species. It grows about six inches high, with wide leaves mottled purplish-brown and green, and lovely, creamy-yellow flowers.

Smithi—Pure white, becoming tinged with purple.

Hartwegi—A new sort with beautiful, large, golden-yellow blooms.

Price, 7c. each. 3 for 20c.

Rare Lilies.

The brush cannot paint, or the pen portray the exquisite purity and delicacy, yet magnificent grandeur of the stately Lily. It is the plus ultra of floral beauty, and we urge our friends to each year add a few Lilies to their collection. No other flower will so adorn our homes when in bloom, and they constantly improve after planting. We feel sure if our readers could see a good collection of from 20 to 40 different sorts in bloom, they would never rest until they had a goodly number of their own. As a rule, Lilies are of the easiest cultivation, especially the following, which have been carefully selected as the very hardiest, handsomest, and in every respect the best.

Auratum (THE GOLDEN BANDED LILY OF JAPAN)—We offer fine large bulbs of these at prices, so low everybody can plant them freely. Try them. They are just as beautiful and perfect now, as when they sold at \$5.00 a bulb. Per dozen, \$2.00..... 25

Bermuda Easter Lily—The best of all Lilies for the house; sure to bloom. Snow white waxy trumpets of large size and superb beauty. Very fragrant..... 15

Candidum—The sweet old Garden Lily. Nothing sweeter or more beautiful. Always popular. Per dozen, \$1.00..... 10

Elegans—Grand, large tulip-shaped blossoms of many shades and colors. The umbels of upright, cup-like flowers are very pleasing. Among the earliest of all Lilies to bloom. The mixed ones we offer are very fine, and will give a wide range of color. Mixed, many fine colors, \$1.00 per dozen..... 10

E. Flore Pieno—A fine double Lily. Beautiful fringed petals blotched white in center of the flower..... 40

E. Bicolor—A very showy early Lily. Large flowers of a bright red flushed with orange. Striking and handsome..... 10

E. Midnight—A lovely large cut shaped Lily, of deepest blood-black color. The darkest and one of the rarest and richest of all..... 50

E. Leonard Joerg—Light yellow, spotted black; grand..... 15

Longiflorum—Long trumpets of the purest white. Flower large, but plant quite low in growth. Very fragrant. As fine as Harisii for garden..... 15

Pardallum (LEOPARD LILY)—Rich scarlet and yellow flowers, spotted with rich brown. Robust and free flowering. A superb Lily and one which will give the greatest possible satisfaction. Succeeds in all situations. No garden complete without it..... 15

Superbum—Three to six feet high. From five to forty beautiful nodding flowers. With its brilliant orange-red flowers, this native variety makes one of the finest displays of any Lily..... 15

Tenuifolium (THE CORAL LILY OF SIBERIA)—A little beauty. The brightest of all Lilies. Grows twenty inches high, with finely-cut foliage, slender stems and beautifully-shaped flowers of a shining coral red. One ought to grow them by the dozen, they are so fine for cutting and make such grand clumps for the lawn. Blooms very early..... 20

Tigrinum, fl. pl. (DOUBLE TIGER LILY)—A duplicate of the old Tiger Lily, but with very double flowers of brilliant orange red spotted with black. A superb sort..... 5

Tigrinum Splendens (IMPROVED TIGER LILY)—Bright orange, thickly spotted black. As hardy as an oak..... 5

Speciosum (LANCIFOLIUM)—Large, wide flowers, recurving more or less at the tips. Among the showiest of all Lilies and perhaps the most robust and the most radiantly beautiful. Very fragrant and hardy. No garden complete without some of them.

S. Monstrosum Album—A variety of the above, with broad, flat stems and immense heads of flowers, often fifty flowers in a cluster..... 20

S. Melpomene—Words cannot describe the beauty of this variety. Frosted white, spotted, clouded and bearded with pinkish crimson. Petals deeply recurved and widely bordered. Exceedingly fine..... 50

S. Praecox—Large, perfect and beautiful. Frosted white, with a tinge of blush at the tip of petals. The plush-like fringe in the center of each petal adds also to its rare beauty..... 10

S. Rubrum—Lovely rose and white, spotted crimson. Grand old variety..... 20

S. Opal—We had thought that no specimen could exceed Melpomene, but this new Lily is even larger, grander, and, if possible, more richly colored. Like the opal, for which it is named, the eye drinks in its lovely tints with delight. To say that it is frosted, glistening, white, delicately clouded and suffused with rosy blush and spotted with rosy scarlet, is to convey but a slight idea of its perfect loveliness. The deeply recurving petals are snowy white at the tip, gradually deepening in color to the base of each petal, which is blotched with a raised, moss-like fringe which glistens like diamonds. The flower is very large, and the plant robust and hardy, improving in beauty each year..... 1 00

Umbellatum—Twenty-five finest sorts mixed. Cup-shaped flowers, resembling Elegans. Robust growers, and great bloomers. They range through buff, apricot, rose, crimson, yellow, etc., to almost black, many sorts being finely spotted. Per dozen, \$1.00..... 15

Wallacei—Very floriferous, hardy and showy; bright-apricot blossoms, large, erect and beautiful. Each bulb sends up many stems which bear several of the lovely blossoms in an umbel..... 10

SPECIAL OFFER.

The 22 Lilies here offered are the most beautiful and satisfactory garden sorts, and we will send one fine bulb each of the whole 22 (which amount to \$7.95) for only \$2.50.

FOR OTHER RARE LILIES SEE PAGE 13.

Callas.

Several important new Callas are here offered. The Little Gem is a perfect wonder, and everybody should have it.

Little Gem—All that need be said about this sterling novelty is that it is a perfect miniature Calla, growing 8 or 12 inches high and producing perpetually very large snow-white blossoms. It begins to bloom when only a few inches high in a three or four-inch pot, and a well-established plant in a large pot is never without flowers, summer or winter, and sometimes shows a dozen at once. The greatest plant novelty of late years and yet the sensation of the day. Our stock is TRUE and the largest in the world. Cut shows the comparison of the Common Calla and Little Gem growing side by side. The plant for everybody. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Childs' Dwarf Ever-Blooming—Habit dwarf and compact, with handsome glossy foliage, and large snow-white flowers. The old Calla, as every one knows, is a shy bloomer. This new sort is always in bloom, summer or winter, blooming for years without once ceasing. It can be grown in the open ground in summer, and lifted again in the fall, or it may be kept growing in pots all of the time. A great improvement as a pot plant over the old Calla, requiring less room, and producing much larger and finer flowers and five times as many of them. Stock very scarce. 75c. each.

Giant California Callas—Large flowering Callas which come from California are now extensively grown and very popular. The bulbs are of large size, start quickly and are soon in bloom, and continue in bloom all winter. Flowers large and snow-white. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Black Calla See page 9. 40c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER.—For only \$1.30 we will send one each of these 4 Callas.

HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS.

For a complete list of these charming plants see our last spring's Catalogue, pages 119 to 125. All the plants there offered can be supplied this fall. The few offered on this and the following page are exceptionally fine and should be in every garden.

SPECIAL OFFER—For only \$1.50 we will send a complete collection of 30 Hardy Perennials, all different.

Day Lilies—Variegated.

Leaves as handsome as a flower. A rosette-cluster of almost white leaves, lightly striped with green and yellow. Flowers pretty pale lilac-blue on tall spikes. Fine also for pots. Altogether this is one of the very finest (certainly one of the most attractive and ornamental) of all hardy plants. 20c. each; 3 for 50c; 12 for \$1.50.

Mertensia Virginia.

This lovely early spring blooming flower has been in our sample grounds for several years, but it is only this year that we have been able to get a stock of it to offer. It has not yet been generally introduced, yet its beauty rivals that of the lovely old Bleeding Heart. It blooms with the Dicentra, or a little earlier, the flower being large and bell-shaped, and borne in great drooping panicles on stems a foot or more in height. The blooms in the panicle do not all open at the same time; are pink at first, changing in a few days to a lovely blue, so that the panicle shows these two most lovely and delicate colors. The effect is most charming and makes this one of the very choicest hardy perennials of our collection. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Peonies.

The favorite of to-day, as it was fifty years ago. Luxuriant foliage plants, with magnificent double, incurved flowers of enormous size and rich coloring. Nothing can surpass the intensity of the dark varieties, that fairly glow with a radiant fire of richness, while the white and pale varieties are very soft and delicate in their coloring and all deliciously fragrant.

Fragrans—Fine rich pink with an exquisite perfume. Large and double. 30c. each.

Double White—Pure and fragrant. Enormous size and very double. 30c. each.

Giant Peony—This is a Peony which grows four to six feet high, and bears flowers nearly as large as a man's hat, which resemble a perfect rose. In fact the flower is the same shape, fragrant and exquisite satin-like pink color as Baroness Rothschild Rose. It is beautiful beyond description. One of the most beautiful flowers that ever bloomed. Fine roots, \$1.00 each.

Old Scarlet—The true, old, large, double scarlet Peony of our grandmothers' gardens. A grand flower which we all love. 30c. each.

Tenuifolium—Fine-cut, fern-like foliage of exquisite beauty, and blooms in May. Color, rich fiery scarlet, and as double and perfect as a rose. An extremely rare plant of fascinating beauty. Fine roots, ready to bloom, 50c. each.

Dicentra Spectabilis.

The old Bleeding Heart, the flower of our childhood, which is as lovely to-day as then, though not so common. Bears in early spring long graceful chains of pendulous bloom of exquisite beauty. Fine for winter blooming in pots. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

Calystegia Pubescens.

A fine double perennial Morning Glory. Various called Rose Vine, Double Morning Glory, California Rose, etc. A hardy Perennial vine, coming from the roots each spring, and bearing quantities of pale satiny-pink flowers, as full and double as Roses. Spreads pretty badly in rich, mellow soil, but is just the vine for rockeries, banks, poor, hard soil, where nothing else will grow, or a hundred other places, where a rarely handsome trailing or climbing vine is needed that is able to take care of itself. The vines we send out will bloom the first season, and continue all summer. Its long vines, wreathed in a profusion of large double rose-like blossoms are very attractive. Also, blooms well in the house. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Perennial Poppy.—(*Papaver*.)

If there is a more gorgeous flower anywhere than the Perennial Poppy we fail to know it. The most indifferent observer stands spell-bound in the presence of its magnificent fire-like scarlet flowers with their silken texture and foil-like heart of innumerable purple-black stamens. Each bloom is as large as a saucer, and sits perched like a bird on the end of a swaying, hairy, slender stem, high above the deeply-incised and handsome foliage. Many consider it the most showy flower that blooms. A grand plant to light up dark corners and dull shrubbery. Do not disturb them after planting as they dislike removal. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Hibiscus.

Child's New Hardy Hybrids.

A fast-growing perennial that in one season attains the height and dimensions of a shrub. Exceedingly fine for clumps or an ornamental hedge or screen, as they last always, never winter-kill, and in mid-summer, when shrubby flowers are scarce, they bear for weeks enormous flowers as large as tea-saucers, white, blush, pale and deep pink, rose, etc., the most of them with deeper-hued eye. Plants from spring-sown seed will bloom in September of the same year. So perfectly hardy are these Hibiscus we believe they would survive at the North Pole. So large and showy are its blooms that it has been termed the giant flower. Height, four to six feet. Fine roots, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00. Seed, 10c. per pkt.

Hemerocallis Flava.

(Lemon Lily.)

If everyone does not know the Lemon Lily, they ought to, for it comprises in one plant entire hardiness, profusion and beautiful and fragrant bloom. Last summer we counted 868 buds and full-blown blooms on a medium-sized specimen at one time. The clear yellow, lily-like flowers are borne on long, stiff stalks, making them superior flowers for large vases or for pulpit bouquets. There is no yellow Lily so beautiful as this. Very vigorous and easily grown. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Hardy Pyrethrum.—(*Double White*)

One will go a long way before he will see so desirable a hardy perennial plant as this. It is perfectly hardy, living, flourishing and blooming year after year. Its foliage is fern-like, lying in a beautiful tuft upon the ground. The flower stems are long, wiry and graceful, springing from the crown of the plant in great numbers, and each having an enormous flower as white as snow and double and perfect to the center. Flowers often 3 or 4 inches across, and beautiful beyond expression. It blooms most profusely in June, when such rare and beautiful gems are particularly scarce. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Beautiful Flowering Shrubs at 10c. Each.

For a complete list of our elegant flowering shrubs, see pages 157 to 163 of our last Spring's Catalogue. From that collection we have selected the following rare sorts of which we have a large stock and offer them at the remarkably low price of 10c. each, provided not less than three kinds, or 30c. worth, are taken. Or we will send 20 varieties, our selection, for only \$1.50. This is a rare opportunity.

- Althea**—(Tree Hollyhock.) Double mixed, large double hollyhock-like blossoms borne in great profusion and of various colors.
- Andromeda Marilana**—(Lily of the Valley Shrub.) Lovely white blossoms, like Lily of the Valley, borne in great panicles.
- Berberis Purple Leaved**—A lovely shrub with dark purple leaves and racemes of orange colored flowers.
- Berberis Thunbergi**—Flowers followed by bright red berries which remain on the bushes all winter and are exceedingly ornamental.
- Buxus**—Fine for hedges or borders. Foliage evergreen and very handsome. 60c. per dozen.
- Blota Aurea**—Lovely dwarf Golden Japanese Cedar. Rare and exceedingly beautiful.
- Bush Honeysuckles**—Valuable and highly ornamental shrubs, with very fragrant Honeysuckle blossoms. We have two colors, red and white.
- Callicarpa Purpurea**—A lovely shrub, loaded all winter with clusters of pretty blue berries.
- Calycanthus**—The fine old Sweet Scented Shrub.
- Current, Red Flowering**—Fine clusters of red blossoms very early in spring.
- Current, Yellow Sweet**—Fine yellow blossoms which are exceedingly fragrant.
- Cydonia Japonica**—Large flaming red blossoms very early in spring. A grand old shrub.
- Clethra Alnifolia**—Fine spirals of sweet scented white blossoms, borne profusely in August.
- Deutzia Cracilis**—A small shrub which robes itself in a profusion of lovely white flowers very early in spring. A perfect gem.
- Deutzia Rosea**—Fine Rose colored blossoms.
- Elder, Golden**—A very ornamental shrub, for its leaves are a fine golden yellow color all summer. New and rare.
- Euonymus Aurea**—A glorious evergreen shrub, its large dark-green leaves being most beautifully variegated with yellow.
- Argentea**—Like the above but with silver variegations instead of golden.
- Exochordia**—A new Japanese shrub of great beauty. Blossoms early in spring and is a complete mass of snowy white bloom.
- Forsythia**—(Golden Bell.) Lovely old shrub which blooms exceedingly early.
- Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora**—Undoubtedly the grandest of all shrubs.
- Hamamelis**—Blossoms in late autumn after its leaves fall.
- Jasmine Officinalis**—Blossoms all the season, producing a profusion of white star-like blossoms of unexcelled fragrance.
- Kalmia Latifolia**—(Laurel.) A superb evergreen shrub, with lovely blossoms.
- Magnolia, Glauca**—Elegant small tree or large shrub.

- Magnolia, Grandiflora**—The grand flowering Magnolia of the South.
- Mahonia Aquifolia**—A rare and beautiful evergreen shrub, its leaves in winter showing all the color of finest Autumn foliage.
- Orange Trifoliata**—A new hardy orange which grows and blooms in the garden in any Northern State.
- Privet, California**—A fine rapid growing evergreen shrub.
- Privet, Golden**—With golden leaves. Very rare.
- Retinospora Plumosa Aurea**—A rare form of Golden Cedar; very dwarf with great plume-like fronds of golden foliage. A most beautiful pot plant.
- Rubrus Odorata**—Elegant foliage and large red blossoms, borne all the season.
- Snow Ball**—A fine old shrub known by all.
- Spiraea, Aurea**—Fine golden foliage and clusters of white bloom. Highly effective.
- Spiraea, Fortunei Alba**—A glorious flowering shrub with large clusters of feathery white flowers borne for a long period.
- Spiraea, Fortunei Rosea**—Like the above except a fine rose color. Exquisitely beautiful.
- Spiraea, Thunbergi**—Lovely foliage which in Autumn colors highly. A profuse bloomer in May.
- Spiraea, Van Houttei**—One of the very finest shrubs known. Each branch is a long spiral wreath of elegant white flowers of unsurpassed beauty.
- Sweet Briar**—A fine species of rose with showy flowers and berries and deliciously scented foliage.
- Sweet Pea Shrub**—(Robinia.) A most glorious shrub bearing a profusion of pea-like blossoms of the most lovely pink color.
- Tamarix**—A beautiful and well known shrub.

Beautiful Vines.

We offer the following extra choice Hardy Flowering Vines at the low prices named.

- Ampelopsis Velchii**—Lovely rapid growing vine for brick or stone. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.
- Clematis**—Extra fine varieties, Jackmanii, Ramona, Gem, Henryi, etc.; for full list see Spring Catalogue, page 163. 60c. each; 3 for \$1.50.
- Clematis**—Paniculata, Cocchine, Crispa or Davidiana. All extra fine and varied sorts at 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
- Honeysuckle**—Hailiana, Fuchsia Flowered, Golden Leaved and Japanese Purple, the 4 finest of all Honeysuckles. 15c. each; the 4 for 50c.
- Akebia Quinata**—A well known and rapid growing hardy vine of great beauty. 15c. each.
- Celastrus Scandens**—The beautiful Bitter-Sweet. 10c. each.
- Wistaria Sinensis**—A fine rapid growing vine with long racemes of lovely blue flowers early in spring. 15c. each.

New Double Kaempferi Iris.

We have prepared a magnificent stipple lithograph of this Iris, in 18 colors, size 16x33 inches, showing flowers in natural size and colors. It is a magnificent picture, and we will supply it in rollers by mail, free of charge, if ten cents is sent to pay cost of packing and postage. Write for it at once and get your friends to do the same. When seen, everybody will want it.

These new Iris from Japan rival the Lily in stateliness, the Peony in majestic beauty, the Orchid in marvelous delicacy and blending of colors, the Chrysanthemum in profusion, and surpasses almost every plant in the size and kingly magnificence of its flowers. Think of a plant sending up to the height of three feet a dozen flower spikes, each spike bearing from two to four enormous blossoms eight to ten inches across, and of the most delicate and beautiful colors, markings and combinations. Think of a bed of all colors, white, indigo, violet, lavender, mauve, sky-blue, royal purple, bluish, yellow, etc. Your imagination can conceive of nothing grander, and when you see them you will realize that they are infinitely more grand and beautiful than your imagination could portray. Such are these new double Iris Kaempferi, the king of hardy perennial plants. Once planted in your garden they are a joy for a life-time without further care, blooming profusely in June and July, during which time they are the greatest attraction your garden or lawn can contain. We have about one hundred fine named varieties recently imported from Japan, among the best of which are the following.

Believing that the public do not realize the beauty and value of these new Iris, which are really among the grandest and most fascinatingly beautiful of all flowers, we here offer twenty of the finest varieties at a price which we hope will tempt all to plant them.

Blue Danube—Deep luminous peacock blue with yellow center, medium height. Flowers very large and extra fine.

Beth Mallock—Dwarf habit, magnificent large flower. Delicate lavender freely suffused with white; beautiful.

Chameleon—Dwarf habit, flowers very large and beautiful; grayish white freely mottled with purplish crimson. Bright yellow center. Extra fine.

Crystal—Crimson violet, shaded blue and veined white.

Frate—Silver gray, freely and distinctly veined with blue. Bright yellow center.

Gold Bound—Tall and showy with flowers of enormous size, probably the most beautiful of all. Pure snow-white with large gold-banded center.

Hyde Park—Large flower, purplish blue and white freely mottled, variegated, intermixed.

Hannibal—Light blue, freely veined with deep blue.

Norma—Large beautiful flowers, reddish blue, freely marked and veined with white.

Orion—Deep rich crimson amaranth with yellow center. Large flower and dwarf habit.

Orion—Tall and strikingly handsome; pure white, each petal having a wide border of lilac red; very distinct.

Othello—Deep rich purplish blue, light yellow center. Medium height and very fine form.

Pyramid—Tall and showy, flower very large; light violet blue with slight white veins.

P. C. De Rohan—Purplish blue, shaded violet, with red at center. Fine large flower.

Robert Craig—Tall and very large; French white, shaded with violet toward center. Extra fine.

St. Ogg—Dwarf habit, purplish blue shaded indigo, with yellow markings.

Saturn—Deep violet, freely veined and marked with white.

Templeton—Light violet, shaded and mottled with reddish pink and white. Late bloomer.

T. S. Ware—Violet red, veined white, with a white center.

Victor—Medium height, large flower; ash gray, freely and distinctly veined with azure blue; orange center.

PRICE—Fine plants, 15c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for \$1.10; the whole 20 for \$2. Any one variety by the dozen, at \$1 per dozen.

Mixtures—Fine Mixed Double Iris Kaempferi, more than 100 varieties, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c.; 15 for \$1.00.

German Iris—Fine Mixed Sorts—A lovely collection of all colors. Will all bloom finely. 6 for 40c.; 12 for 75c.

German Iris—Named Sorts—For only \$1.00 we will send a collection of 15 finest named sorts.

CHOICE AND RARE FRUITS.

THE Fruit Garden is an indispensable part of any rural home. It is a delight, a satisfaction, a convenience, a profit, and a source of the most healthful and delicious food supply any family can have. Beginning with the Strawberry, in May, the supply is never exhausted until the last winter Apples have gone. Juneberries, Cherries, Raspberries, Wineberries, Currants, Blackberries, Plums, Peaches, Pears, Grapes, etc., follow successively. They save expense, are luscious and convenient, and any place well stocked with fruits always finds a ready sale at a good price; they enhance its value often many times in excess of its cost. To accommodate our customers who wish a few fruits we have carefully prepared a limited list of varieties which is likely to suit any person in any part of the country, and which can be sent by mail, postpaid, at prices named. If anyone can receive them by express, however, larger ones can be sent that way at the same price. The trees here offered are young and thrifty and will make a very rapid growth and bear quickly. When fruit trees or shrubs are received before they can be planted they may be safely kept for any length of time by having the roots packed in boxes of moist soil and stored in a cool cellar or shed. It is important to order fruit trees early, that they may be planted out before the foliage starts. See our Spring Catalogue for Complete Fruit List.

At prices named we send strong, robust young stock by mail, postpaid, but by express we can send much larger trees, especially Apples, Cherries, Plums, etc. Strawberries, Raspberries, Dewberries, Grapes, etc., are of course as well sent by mail as express, as far as size is concerned. Our fruit stock is all vigorous and healthy, and whether you have it sent by mail or express it will be sure to please you by its rapid and vigorous growth and early bearing.

**SHUCKLESS
STRAWBERRY**

Strawberries.

Of all the fruits known to cultivation the Strawberry is conceded to be the most luscious, and is a universal favorite; yet it is not grown by one-half the people who might grow it just as well as not. It is but a few hours' work to plant a Strawberry bed and care for it through the year, and no work can possibly yield a better return. Strawberries bought in the market are not to be compared with the luscious, ruby beauties, fresh and ripe from the vines. The following are the very best varieties in cultivation—the cream of all—including extra early, medium and late sorts.

Shuckless. It is not often that we have a more important novelty to introduce than this. It is a thorough departure from the general run of Strawberries, differing from all others in one most important respect, and in this point lies its great value, and we are sure our readers will appreciate it when we say that in picking the fruit the berry parts from the calyx something like the Raspberry, thus avoiding the irksome task of hulling them before they can be placed upon the table. The hull remains upon the stem. This one point should, and we believe will, make this the most popular berry for home gardens that has yet been introduced. Aside from this advantage, the berry is of large size, beautiful color, of rich, sweet flavor and a hardy, robust grower, producing one of the largest crops of all berries. Everyone who loves and cultivates Strawberries must, of course, have this variety. If only a few plants to grow a stock from. 75c. per doz.; \$3.00 per 100; \$20 per 1000.

Minicola. For a general all-around Strawberry we believe this to be the finest variety in cultivation. It originated on Long Island and has been cultivated here for ten or a

dozen years by a few growers, and was first introduced into general cultivation by us last year. The fruit is of very large size and exceedingly sweet and luscious in quality, in this respect surpassing any other variety except Childs. It is a most vigorous grower, its foliage being of great size and wonderfully healthy and luxuriant. The fruit is borne on tall stems which hold them well up from the sand and dirt below. The berries are perfect in shape, beautiful in color, enormous in size and exceedingly prolific, succeeding well on all soils. Either as a market, home or exhibition berry it is par excellence. Could we grow but one variety this would be our choice. Fine plants, 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$10.00 per 1,000.

Childs'. It is really the largest and handsomest sort grown, the berries being perfect in shape, of the deepest rich ruby color with a sparkling lustre like glass. Ripens perfectly to the core, and is exceedingly sweet and of a most luscious quality. A berry which should be grown for its great size, beauty and extra quality. Fine plants, 75c. per dozen; \$3.00 per 100; \$20.00 per 1,000.

First Season. This is not only the latest variety, but it has another important advantage: It will bear a fair crop of fruit the first season it is planted, especially if the plants are set quite early in the spring on good soil. It is one of the very best croppers among all Strawberries, fruit being very large and handsome, produced in large quantity and of sweet, fine flavor. Being extremely late in ripening it greatly prolongs the Strawberry season. Fine, vigorous plants, 60c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000.

Lovett's Early. One of the first, if not the very first, of all Strawberries to ripen. Though unlike most early berries it is of oblong shape, large size and rich, deep ruby color, firm, handsome, very fine flavored, and an enormous yielder. 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000.

SPECIAL OFFER.—We will send 12 plants each of these 5 finest Strawberries for \$2.00.

Childs' Golden Japanese Mayberry.

It is now conceded that the Wineberry is the most valuable berry ever introduced, and the most remarkable of the many fine fruits which have come from Japan. It is now eclipsed, however, by this Golden Japanese Mayberry, which is offered this year for the first time. This is the most remarkable of all fruit novelties ever introduced, and, like the Wineberry, belongs to the Raspberry family. It grows in sturdy tree form, six to eight feet high, and ripens its fruit before Strawberries, a month before the earliest Raspberries, and before some of them have hardly wakened from their winter's rest. The bushes are distinct from other berries, with spreading, tree-like tops, large, bell-shaped, pendulous blossoms, which hang along the entire length of the branches in pairs or triplets. These large, handsome blossoms are followed by great glossy berries which are of a golden-yellow color, and in quality sweet and luscious beyond description. There is nothing like it in cultivation, and its extreme earliness makes it at once the most important of all small fruits. The bushes are entirely hardy in any location, and increase in size, vigor and bearing qualities for four or five years after planting before they reach the zenith of their luxuriance and productiveness. We purchased this berry when there was only about a dozen plants of it, and it cost a small fortune. The stock is yet limited; but we have concluded to offer it this year, but necessarily at a price which may seem high, yet when compared to its real value it is extremely cheap. Those who purchase now and propagate it for sales, a year or two hence, will reap a rich harvest. Sold last spring for \$5.00 each. Price now, for strong plants from open ground, \$1.00 each; 4 for \$3.00.

Pears.

We offer below what we consider to be the two most valuable new Pears which have been introduced of late years. They are certainly superb in every respect.

Idaho—This is the greatest wonder among new fruits, and is certainly the king of Pears. The fruit grows to an enormous size, often weighing a pound and a half, and entirely coreless and seedless. It is yellowish in color outside, while the flesh is nearly snow-white and of the very richest quality found among Pears. It is a seedling, raised in Idaho, which fruited the fourth year. Its wonderful size, luscious quality, phenomenal bearing qualities, even when trees are very young, and the fact that the fruit is entirely coreless, brought it at once into great prominence, and a stock company was formed, known as the Idaho Pear Co., which for several years controlled the entire stock. Everything claimed for it has been more than realized, and the Idaho is the Pear to plant above any other. It is hardy and vigorous, flourishing alike in hot or cold climates. If you have room for only one tree, let it be an Idaho Pear. Price of fine, vigorous young trees of genuine stock, 50c. each; 3 for \$1.25.

Vermont Beauty—This lovely Pear was color-plated in THE MAYFLOWER last year, and is without doubt the finest early variety in cultivation. It originated in Vermont, and is, therefore, of iron-clad hardness. It is an abundant and annual bearer, the fruit ripening a little later than the Seckel, and greatly superior to that variety in size and beauty, and equals it in luscious quality. In form it is of full medium size, bright yellow, covered on the sunny side with fiery carmine-red, making it one of the most beautiful, highly-colored fruits. Flesh, rich, juicy, aromatic and luscious. It should stand at the head of all Pears. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

CHILDS GIANT RUBY CURRANT

Currants.

A favorite old garden fruit, which of late years has been wonderfully improved, and the two varieties here offered can bear little or no comparison to the old garden sorts.

Childs' Giant Ruby—This is the finest of all Currants. It originated in Ulster County, N. Y., and was introduced by us last year. It is of remarkably strong growth, the leaves being large but less leathery than Fay's or Cherry. In the size and quantity of the fruit this variety is really a marvel. The berries are very large, borne in enormous clusters of twenty to thirty, yet leaving room near the wood to make picking easily done without bruising or crushing the berries. In color they are the most beautiful ruby scarlet, sparkling and glossy, and being so large in size they catch every eye and sell more readily, and for much better prices than any other variety. It is now being largely planted where Fay's and other sorts have been pulled out, for it is a greater and surer bearer than any other Currant grown. In this locality it easily produces three or four times as

much fruit as Fay's or Cherry, and the fruit is certainly much finer in every respect. Mr. N. Hallock, a Long Island fruit grower, says: "I have grown the Giant Ruby Currant for four years. Bushes three years set yielded the past season five pounds of fine fruit, where Fay's Prolific in same lot has been an entire failure. Of the seven or eight kinds I grow, Giant Ruby yields double the quantity of fruit of any of them." This Currant is so greatly superior to any other variety that we feel we cannot say enough in its praise. It is splendidly represented by a colored plate in *THE MAYFLOWER* of January, last year. No one can realize the mass of fruit which a section or branch of this variety will bear until they see it. Price, fine thrifty bushes, 25c. each; 3 for 60c; 7 for \$1.00; 12 for \$1.50.

Crandall Tree—A new Currant, growing six to nine feet high, and branching in a fine symmetrical tree form. It produces enormous black fruit the size of small grapes, and in endless quantity, the trees just bending to the ground with their immense crops. Fruit very fine flavored and excellent for canning, preserving, or cooking in any manner. Bears well first year. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

CHILD'S
EVERBEARING TREE
BLACKBERRY

Childs' Everbearing Tree Blackberry.

For a Blackberry it is the largest, finest flavored, most prolific, fruiting for two months, and requires no stakes. This fine novelty, of which we control the entire stock, is surely one of the most desirable new things we ever offered, and what we say of it we speak from what we have seen and tested, and not from what others say. It grows from 5 to 7 feet high, branching freely into a fine tree form, as seen in the cut, straight and erect, requiring no stake. The berries are of enormous size, equalled only by the Erie; borne in large clusters, which commence to ripen early in July and continue into September, making its fruiting period nearly two months or more. The finest Blackberries we ever ate were picked about September 1st from some of these plants, which had been ripening fruit since July 8th. They are exceedingly sweet, juicy and delicious, melting in the mouth without a particle of hard core. Its delicate flavor, great productiveness, enormous size, long season of bearing and perfect hardiness in the coldest parts of the country, make it the most valuable of all berries for family use. Some of our customers who bought it last spring report that the plants fruited last summer, and the berries proved to be the largest and finest ever seen, and that the symmetrical branching of the plants make them perfect little trees.

Price.—First quality, large and strong, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

Mr. E. S. Black, Monmouth County, N. J., August 14th, 1889, says: "I am not surprised to hear of the enormous sale your Tree Blackberry is having. When it was growing here, on the place of which I am foreman, visitors who saw it have offered me \$5 each for one or more plants of it. Its straight, stout and symmetrical growth and loads of large and most luscious berries borne for so long a period, place it at the head of all Blackberries for family use."

CHILD'S JAPANESE WINEBERRY.

Great Japanese Wineberry.

This magnificent fruit, which was introduced by us three years ago, is now acknowledged to be one of the most valuable fruit novelties ever introduced.

Growth and Hardiness.—It belongs to the Raspberry family, is a strong, vigorous grower, attaining the height of 4 to 6 feet, 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 reddish brown hair or moss, which makes the plant odd and handsome.

Fruit.—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 sherry wine color. The "burrs" and stems are covered with a heavy reddish moss, like a Moss Rose bud, giving the plant a most unique and beautiful appearance. 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. It is absolutely free from all insect ravages.

For Canning and 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 also makes the most delicious jelly.

For Syrup and Wine.—The Wineberry makes a syrup which, for flavoring, is superior to all other fruit juices. As a flavor for soda water it is delicious and novel. It will make more wine from the same bulk than any other fruit, and good judges have pronounced it the most delicious wine.

Time of Ripening and Productiveness.—The fruit commences to ripen early in July, and continues in bearing for a long time. It is the most productive berry known, the bushes being literally covered with its large clusters of luscious fruit, which are very easily gathered. Owing to their novelty, superb flavor and great beauty they sell more readily and at far better prices than any other berry.

Price.—First-class, vigorous plants, for fruiting first year, by mail, postpaid, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 15 for \$1.00. Two-year old plants, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; 10 for \$2.00.

Seed.—Fresh seed, per pkt., 15c.; 4 pkts. for 50c.

Grapes.

Every one that has a bare fence, wall or out-building, or a few feet of vacant ground, can plant a few grape vines and reap an annual harvest of luscious fruit. Owners of country places, or even of city lots, need never be without an abundant supply of grapes in season. There is no fruit that yields a more prompt or generous return. Everybody can grow it, and everybody should have them in abundance. The following sorts are the very cream of the hundreds of varieties which are before the public. They are mostly varieties of recent introduction and of improved quality.

Brighton—A very early sort and also a very beautiful one, as it is of a bright red color, and most sweet and delicious in quality. Vine hardy and vigorous. 15c. each; \$1.50 per doz.

Concord—The old standard variety. It is of fine flavor and iron-clad hardiness, and there is no locality where it will not succeed. 15c. each; \$1.25 per dozen.

Golden Pocklington—A very sweet and delicious grape of a beautiful amber color; hardy, vigorous and productive; a magnificent sort. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Moore's Early—A seedling from Concord and as rugged, robust and hardy in every respect. The berry is much larger, but a less number are borne in a bunch. It ripens fully two weeks earlier than Concord and is one of the most valuable early varieties. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Moore's Diamond—This is probably the finest of all white grapes. The vine is hardy and healthy in growth, vigorous and perfectly free from mildew. Berries large, and of a beautiful light straw color—almost white—and of a most delicious quality, having few seeds and a pulp which melts in one's mouth like snow. 20c. each; \$2 per dozen.

Moyer—An extra early grape about the size and color of the old Delaware but with a larger bunch. It is, perhaps, sweeter and more delicious than any other grape grown, in this respect being superior to the Delaware. It has beautiful red berries which are very handsome, and the vine is a hardy, robust grower, vigorous and productive. Originated in Canada. 20c. each; \$2.00 per dozen.

Wyoming Red—Color of berry similar to Delaware, but possibly a brighter red, and in size it equals the Concord. Vine healthy and robust, with thick, leathery foliage, withstands mildew and diseases, and is a sure cropper in every locality. Fresh, tender, juicy, sweet, with a strong native aroma; ripens medium early. 15c. each; \$1.50 doz.

Niagara—No grape has been so largely advertised as this and none so extensively planted during the past few years, and we may say none have proved more profitable. It is the leading white grape of the day. Berries very large, borne in large bunches. Flavor sweet and delicious, there being but very few varieties which can equal it. It is exceedingly productive and as hardy and robust in any locality as the Concord. 15c. each; \$1.25 per dozen.

Worden—A splendid large grape of the Concord type, but earlier and larger in bunch and berry, and usually of much better quality. Vine healthy, hardy and robust; a really magnificent variety. 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Vergennes—Berries light amber, rich and delicious in quality; large, and hold firmly to the stem. Originated in Vermont, and is a vine of iron-clad hardiness. It is in every way a very choice variety. 15c. each; \$1.25 per doz.

SPECIAL OFFER—For only \$1.00 we will send one fine vine each of these ten best Grapes.

New Dwarf Juneberry.

We were first to call attention to this excellent fruit, three years ago, and can claim the largest share of credit for having brought before the public this most superb new berry. It is a native of Alaska, and, therefore, of the most iron-clad hardiness. It is a quick grower, forming dense clumps of bushes which seldom grow higher than a man's head, though they bloom and bear heavily when only one or two feet in height. The berries are the size of ordinary cherries, being green in an unripe state, then changing to bright scarlet, and, when fully ripe, to a dark purple blue; and as the three colors hang in clusters upon a bush they present a most charming and appetizing sight. After the berry is fully ripe it will keep on the bush in perfect condition for two or three weeks without decaying or dropping. It is exceedingly sweet and has a peculiarly rich and luscious flavor. We do not hesitate to pronounce it the most charming fruit to eat raw from the hand we have ever tasted. Aside from its value as a fruit it is one of the most showy flowering shrubs, as it blooms very early in the spring—before leaves start—and every stem and branch of the bush is a solid wreath of delicate feathery whiteness, so numerous are the flowers. No garden is complete without this magnificent fruit. Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

Dewberries.

Since we first introduced this valuable fruit, several years ago, it has become very popular, and is now largely grown in all sections of the country. It is, as is generally known, a climbing Blackberry, the vine growing very long and may be allowed to trail over the ground or may be trained up to trellises, like Grapes. It is hardy and robust and a sure annual bearer, the berries being larger, sweeter and superior in every respect to Blackberries. The fruit is borne in great quantities and is of a soft, pulpy nature, sugary and delicate, and seems to melt in one's mouth like ice cream. The berries are very large, often more than two inches in length, and a glossy, sparkling black color. It is perfectly hardy and does not succor from the roots but is increased from the tips, like Black Cap Raspberries. When in bloom in the spring it is very ornamental indeed, the flowers appearing in large quantity and are of great size and snowy whiteness. Many wild and worthless plants of the Dewberry have been sold, and no doubt many people have been disappointed in them, but those who plant the genuine *Lucretia* will be delighted with it and prize it as one of the very choicest of fruits.

Lucretia. (TRUE.) We find this to be superior in every particular to any other variety which has been offered. The fruit is borne in great clusters, is of mammoth size, and the most luscious flavor. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.

Crystal White. This is a new sort, the berries of which are crystal white in color, though not so large as *Lucretia*, but exceedingly juicy, rich and sweet in flavor. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Gooseberry, Industry.

A Gooseberry of recent introduction, and a great favorite on account of its strong, vigorous growth, freedom from mildew or other diseases, and its large, handsome fruit of delicious quality. The berries are dark cherry in color, and when ripe are rich and sugary in flavor. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 12 for \$1.50.

Prunus Simoni.

This fruit was first introduced into France from Northern China, and is as hardy as the leading varieties of Apple, having stood without injury, in Iowa, 40 degrees below zero. It forms a small tree with fair size, long, oval leaves of a dark shining green. Its flowers are pure white, and are borne very early in the spring. Fruit large, nearly round, and exceedingly handsome, being of a dark cinnamon color. Flesh fine apricot yellow, firm, and has a peculiar aromatic flavor not found in Plums we cultivate, and equaled only by the *Nectarine*. So strong is its aroma that one fruit will scent a large room with its delicious perfume. With us it fruits splendidly, and we believe it will be a success in every part of the country. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

Raspberries.

A profitable small fruit that succeeds in any situation, and when once planted yields year after year quantities of toothsome berries which every one is fond of. Every garden should have a variety of them, they are so easily grown, prolific, and desirable as food. The following varieties are the best, and include four beautiful and different colors—red, yellow, black and purple—which make a charming contrast when dished up together. All these varieties are perfectly hardy in every climate.

Cuthbert. A very large red variety of superb quality. It is always of large size and an enormous yielder, and grows freely in any situation. It will adapt itself to any wild or out-of-the-way place and make a splendid wild berry, if one has not the time to give it garden culture. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$2.50.

Golden Queen. This is a sport from the Cuthbert, and is exactly like that excellent berry in all respects, except that its color, when ripe, is a fine, rich golden-yellow. It is of high quality, pulpy, juicy and delicate to the taste. No garden should be without it on account of its beautiful color and high flavor. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$2.50.

Earhart. After several years of cultivating and experimenting we have made up our mind that there is no better black cap than this. The fruit is of large size and produced in enormous quantities, fine jet-black color and superior in flavor to most black varieties. We find it to be an even bearer in the truest sense of the word, as when it once begins to fruit in July it yields abundantly until killed by frost in late fall. In September and October, especially, it bears very freely from the new canes. It is so prolific that the ends of the branches are really immense panicles of fruit. It is a berry which we can highly recommend. Price, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$4.00.

Muskingum. This is an improvement on the old Schaeffer's Colossal, and a berry of great merit. It is a cap variety, though purplish red in color, while its juice is a rich, sparkling ruby. It is valuable, mainly, for the enormous amount of fruit which the bushes produce. Fruit is very large in size and superior in quality to any of the black caps. It has more flesh to the quantity of seed than any other Raspberry we know. Perfectly hardy and a strong, robust grower. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER. For \$1.50 we will send 6 plants each of these 4 finest Raspberries.

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New Apples.

It was our good fortune a few years ago to come into control of two or three new apples of superior quality. They are so valuable that they will become leading favorites, and we advise our customers to plant a few trees of them if only to get grafts.

Ruby Gem—As its name implies this is an apple of the most brilliant ruby-red color imaginable, and being of large size and perfect in form it is the handsomest variety we have ever seen. Every one is as fair and perfect as though moulded of wax, and the season of ripening is early autumn. The tree is a heavy bearer, commencing when very small to yield an abundant crop; flesh very tender and melting, juicy and of delicious, pleasant, sub-acid quality. Tree a strong grower and heavy annual bearer; a most luscious and valuable apple for home use and the most profitable one for market, as its attractive appearance causes it to sell at a high price. Strong two-year trees, 20c. each; 7 for \$1.00.

Glowing Coal—In this new apple we have combined large size, great beauty and superb quality. The fruit is enormous in size and as fair as wax; one-half bright shining red while the other half is intense scarlet, and as they hang on the trees the large, beautiful fruit can be seen for a long distance, glowing almost like a coal among the dense green foliage. It is of extra fine quality, mild sub-acid, and ripens early in September. Tree rank, vigorous grower and a great and early bearer. This will become the finest of all apples for market. Its great beauty and size, as well as its unexcelled quality will place it at the head of all. Strong two-year trees, 20c. each; 7 for \$1.00.

Martha Crab—Crab apples are now being extensively planted as ornamental trees for the lawn or door-yard, and are for this purpose as valuable as they are for fruit. This is the best variety we know. It produces in early spring a great abundance of large, showy blossoms which make the tree while in bloom an object of great beauty. The fruit soon attain their size and are a bright, glossy yellow shaded with light, bright red, very handsome, indeed. The quality is a mild, clear tart, surpassing all other crabs we have ever grown for all culinary purposes, and fair to eat from hand. Tree is a vigorous grower and bears profusely when very small. Its ornamental and useful qualities combine to make a tree which all should possess. Fine two-year trees, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

Two Faced—We never brought out a more unique novelty than this. It originated in Cayuga County, N. Y., and the original tree has been known for many years, but this is the first time it has ever been propagated and put upon the market. The tree bears an apple which is in size and shape similar to the Tallman Sweet; its peculiarity being that every fruit is equally divided. One half is sour, like a Greening, and the other half is sweet, like the Tallman. This is one of the most peculiar freaks which has ever been observed in vegetation. Its oddity, as well as its fine bearing qualities, and the excellent quality of the fruit, both the sweet and sour portion, will make it immensely popular, and we advise our customers to plant one or two trees, if only for the purpose of raising some grafts. 50c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER—One each of these 4 new Apples for 50c.

MULBERRY. DOWNING

Downing's Everbearing Mulberry.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher once said: "I regard Downing's Everbearing Mulberry as an indispensable addition to every fruit garden, and I would rather have a tree of it than a bed of Strawberries." One can not wonder at this remark when one sees this splendid fruit growing and tastes its luscious flavor. The tree attains a large size, but begins to bear when very small. In fact, when only a few feet in height. The fruit is about one and one-half to two inches long, jet black in color, very juicy and exceedingly sweet and rich in flavor. Like the Russian Mulberry, the fruit begins to ripen in July and continues for two months or longer. As a lawn or street tree this Mulberry is a real beauty and should be grown for this purpose, even if its fruit were not eatable. Its foliage is large, dense and luxuriant, and remains bright and green the whole summer. We consider this one of the finest new fruits. 50c. each; 3 for \$1.25.

Two Curculio-Proof Plums.

These two valuable Plums have proved in most localities to be nearly or quite curculio proof, therefore, they should be gladly welcomed and universally planted. But this, however, is not their only good qualities. They are large, beautiful, luscious, and bear well the second year after planting.

Abundance—The fruit is of a splendid amber, turning to bright cherry-scarlet, with a delicate white bloom, and highly perfumed. Flesh light yellow, juicy and of delicious sweetness. It is enormously prolific, ripens early in August and is claimed to be entirely curculio-proof. 20c. each; 7 for \$1.00.

Pottawatamie—An immense annual bearer, fruiting enormously when the trees are very small. The fruit is most beautiful, being fine yellow, overspread with pink; flesh golden-yellow, sweet and luscious. Ripens in July. 20c. each; 7 for \$1.00.

Choice Nuts at a Bargain.

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