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Floral Park,
N.Y.

HYACINTHS - See Page 4.

All About The Mayflower.

ITS FINE PREMIUMS.

**How to Get Up Clubs--Its Great Value and Many Attractions--Increased to Sixty-four Pages--
Future Improvements.**

There are but very few families, especially in the country who will not subscribe for THE MAYFLOWER if it is brought to their attention and its merits properly set forth. Just think of it! This delightful 64-page magazine with its fine colored plates a whole year, and a premium of 20 splendid bulbs, suitable either for garden planting, or for blooming in pots during winter, for only 30 cents (in clubs of 5 or more). In addition to this the one who gets up a club receives a fine club premium for every five subscribers secured and stands a chance of getting one of our large cash prizes, regarding which see opposite page. In view of these inducements we hope that everyone who receives this Catalogue will at once set about getting up a club. By showing the colored plate of the 20 premium bulbs, on cover of this Catalogue, and calling attention to all the good points of THE MAYFLOWER, as per opposite page, (only part of which are, for lack of space, mentioned) it will take but little effort to get most of your friends and neighbors to subscribe; thereby securing some club premiums, possibly a cash prize, besides doing your friends a kindness in getting them THE MAYFLOWER for a year, and 20 fine bulbs, for only 30 cents. The bulbs are all strictly first-class, just imported, and would cost more than double the subscription price, were one to purchase them.

THE MAYFLOWER has 64 or more pages each month, bound in beautiful covers, with elegant illustrations and one or two superb colored plates in each issue. There are to be many special articles during the coming year from noted writers, and some of our issues will be largely devoted to special subjects: For instance, in the January number we shall describe and comment on all the leading novelties in Seeds, Bulbs and Plants. In the March number Fruits and Vegetables will receive special attention. July, all about wild flowers. September, hardy or fall bulbs, and their culture. November, house plants for winter, etc. Each one of these numbers will be of special value.

Do not overlook our "Home Interests" Department, edited by Carrie Goldsmith Childs. It is a constant delight to our lady readers and has done much to make THE MAYFLOWER famous and popular. Thousands of people not interested in flowers and gardening take THE MAYFLOWER regularly for this department. It is worth the subscription price three times over, so they say.

Our serial articles on birds and insects are also highly interesting to our readers, all of whom seem to delight in anything which will help them to better understand and appreciate nature, and this is just what THE MAYFLOWER is doing. It will make every home into which it goes happier more beautiful and better appreciated. Its subscription list, now nearly 300,000, is increasing rapidly, and the magazine will take on new attractions and new improvements from time to time. May we not, dear reader, number you and some of your friends among our readers?

Our Catalogue for 1897.

IT WILL BE A GREAT BOOK, WITH MANY NEW FEATURES.

The magnitude which our business has assumed makes our Catalogue naturally the leading one of its kind in the world; but as complete and attractive as it has usually been, the one which we are now preparing to issue in January next will surpass all previous efforts. The list of articles offered (Seeds, Bulbs, Plants, Shrubs, Fruits, etc.) will be the most valuable, novel and interesting ever presented together. It will make a large book, elegantly illustrated and with numerous colored plates, devoted to SEEDS, both flower and vegetable, all the best novelties and standard varieties; also BULBS and PLANTS, such as Summer-flowering Bulbs, Hardy Bulbs, Hardy Perennials, Window and Bedding Plants, Roses, Ornamental Shrubs, etc., and rare new Fruits of various kinds. It will have many new features, and our patrons will find some delightful surprises, and many changes, which we are sure they will appreciate.

This great Catalogue will be sent free only to our customers. All others must send 10 cents, which is only a part of its cost. Address all orders and other communications,

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.

Mayflower Premiums, Fall, 1896.

Increased to 64 Pages, Greatly Improved, and 20 Elegant Flowering Bulbs Given Absolutely Free to Each One Who Subscribes.

The Most Charming Horticultural Magazine of the World at Only 30 Cents Per Year, in Clubs of Five or More, Including Premium. Single Subscription, 50 Cents, With Premium. 25 Cents Without Premium.

THE 20 PREMIUM BULBS.

Everyone who subscribes for THE MAYFLOWER will receive immediately and absolutely free of all cost, by mail, postpaid, the following 20 Extra Fine Imported Bulbs, suitable for winter blooming in pots or for planting in the garden. They are all extra fine and are worth three times the subscription price. In the case of clubs each collection of 20 Bulbs will be put up separately and all sent to the club raiser for distribution. They are as follows:

- 1 **HYACINTH**—Of some fine large-flowering variety.
- 1 **TULIP**—A brilliant and early blooming sort.
- 1 **NARCISSUS**—A fine sort for early blooming.
- 1 **FRITILLARIA**—An odd and beautiful flower.
- 1 **SPARAXIS**—Spikes of brilliant and beautiful blossoms.
- 1 **IXIA**—Very attractive and richly colored.
- 1 **SCILLA**—Lovely sprays of deep blue blossoms.
- 1 **CROCUS**—Giant Yellow, deep golden, early and profuse.
- 1 **TRITELEIA**—Charming starlike blossoms in abundance.
- 1 **OXALIS**—Elegant sort for winter blooming.
- 2 **FREESIAS**—Giant Bermuda, superb winter bloomers.
- 2 **IRIS**—Richly colored and showy sorts of great beauty.
- 2 **ALLIUM NEAP.**—Large clusters of white blossoms.
- 2 **CLORY OF THE SNOW**—Elegant and early bloomer.
- 2 **GRAPE HYACINTHS**—Dainty spikes of loveliest bloom.

On the first four pages of our September number these Bulbs are fully illustrated and described.

GET UP A CLUB.

ELEGANT CLUB PREMIUMS.

We will give a beautiful present for every five subscribers sent us up to 100, and by showing this offer to friends and neighbors you will find that they will nearly all be glad to subscribe. Each subscriber will get the above premiums, and for every five names, the club raiser may select one of the following offers, which will be mailed free:

10 Named Tulips, 10 sorts.	1 Canna Star '91, p. 41.
1 Chinese Sacred Lily, p. 24.	1 Swainsonia, p. 39.
3 Golden " " p. 25.	1 Giant Snapdragon, p. 40.
1 Lillium Harrisii, p. 31.	1 Rudbeckia, p. 49.
1 " Candidum, p. 31.	2 Chromo Pictures, p. 18.
3 Calla Little Gem, p. 34.	1 Muskberry, p. 61.
1 Black Calla, p. 35.	2 Golden Mayberry, p. 58.
1 Otahelto Orange, p. 37.	3 Jap. Wineberry, p. 59.
1 Cyclamen Giganteum, p. 36.	1 Japan Chestnut, p. 63.
1 Rose Champ. of World, p. 38.	1 " Plum, p. 62.
1 " Clim. Meteor, p. 38.	2 Tree Blackberry, p. 59.
1 Clematis Paniculata, p. 53.	1 " Strawberry, p. 58.

The above articles are described on the pages indicated.

SPECIAL CASH PREMIUMS, \$1,000.

In addition to the above Club Premiums we will on December 1st, give the following to those who secure the most subscribers up to that time: \$500 cash to the one who sends the most subscribers; \$200 cash to the next; \$100 cash to the next largest; \$60 cash to the next; \$40 cash to the next; and to the next ten largest, \$10 cash each.

It will be necessary for each club raiser who competes for these cash prizes to write us some time about December 1st the exact number of subscribers they have sent in. This letter must not refer to any other subject. After comparing these statements with our tally we will award the premiums to the 15 successful ones and notify all who compete.

AGENTS WANTED.—SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

We want one or more permanent agents in every city, town and village to take subscriptions and receive renewals. We will consider anyone who sends us a club of five or more subscribers a permanent agent, if they so desire.

The subscription price of THE MAYFLOWER, including premium, is only 50 cents per year for single subscription; 30 cents per year in clubs of five or more. Price, without premium, 25 cents per year. From all foreign countries, except Canada, one shilling (24 cents) extra must be sent to pay foreign postage.

THE MAYFLOWER.

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Editor.

The Leading Horticultural Magazine—Illustrated—Beautiful Colored Plates—More Than 100

Correspondents the World Over.

THE MAYFLOWER is acknowledged to be the leading Horticultural publication of the world. Its success has been phenomenal, having reached a subscription list of about 300,000 names; and it goes monthly to every civilized country of the globe. It contains 64 pages, bound in beautiful covers, and with one or more beautiful colored plates in each number, and many elegant illustrations. It is devoted to the cultivation of Flowers and Plants, Fruits, Vegetables, and to Gardening and Home Adornment in general. Each issue contains scores of interesting and attractive articles from our staff of contributors, representing every State in the Union and nearly every country in the world.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS.

During the remainder of this year, and next year, the following special articles will be published:

VEGETABLES; Variety in Cooking and Serving. By Eliza R. Parker, the best known authority on the subject. Gives hundreds of ways for cooking and serving vegetables.

COOKING VEGETABLES. Mrs. Jessie Lynch of Oregon has prepared the most complete collection of vegetable recipes ever published. This series will be started after Mrs. Parker's is completed. It gives the following number of ways for using different vegetables: Asparagus, 14; Artichoke, 4; Beans, 20; Beets, 10; Broccoli, 2; Corn, 13; Carrot, 5; Chow-chow, 6; Celery, 15; Cabbage, 22; Cucumber, 9; Cauliflower, 16; Catsup, 10; Egg Plant, 4; Greens, 6; Mush., 16; Melons, 8; Onions, 14; Okra, 5; Peas, 14; Parsnip, 12; Pumpkin, 9; Potatoes, 55; Potatoes, Sweet, 18; Pickles, 35; Salads, 56; Spinach, 8; Salsiy, 8; Squash, 15; Turnip, 6; Tomato, 33; Soups, 57; etc.,—in all 555 recipes. This series is alone worth more than our subscription price.

BIRDS OF THE GARDEN. This beautiful series by Henry Nehrling on our native birds is to be continued for some time longer.

MYSTERIES OF INSECT LIFE. A very interesting series of articles is being prepared on Insects and their influence upon horticulture, which will appear in good time.

THE MAYFLOWER'S EXPERIMENTAL AND TRIAL GARDENS, will be the title of a new department in the near future, wherein will be noted all that is of interest gleaned from our extensive greenhouse and garden tests and experiments with flowers, vegetables and fruits.

SAUNTERINGS IN SUMMERLAND. By J. Torrey Connor. Exquisitely illustrated. An interesting subject each month.

QUALITY FRUIT CULTURE, by Martin Benson, will appear each month. Best methods of growing various fruits to greatest advantage. Pruning, Trimming, Propagating, Insect Remedies, etc. An exceedingly valuable series.

NATURE'S SERIES. By C. L. Allen. Pertaining to insects, birds, etc., and their influences on farm and garden crops, etc. Wonders Among Flowers and Vegetation.

OUR HOME INTERESTS DEPARTMENT, conducted by Carrie Goldsmith Childs, is a constant delight, especially to our lady readers. It is much enlarged and widened, and more interesting than ever.

JAPANESE GARDENS. Mrs. Frank Muller of Japan is writing a series of articles on Japanese Gardens, which we shall soon publish. The gardens of a Japanese Prince will be illustrated and described.

A PARTIAL LIST OF OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

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And a score of others, representing every State and country. As may be supposed, the articles on Flowers and Gardening, which come from all parts of the world, are intensely interesting and useful. Every number is well worth a year's subscription price. This is the verdict of our readers. Each issue is a mine of information, interest and beauty.

ADDRESS, **JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.**

TO • OUR • CUSTOMERS.

IN THE matter of Spring Catalogue trade in Seeds, Plants, etc., there are many large firms competing for favor, but in the matter of Hardy Bulbs and Plants for Fall Planting and Winter Blooming the field seems, by general consent, to have been largely abandoned to us. Those who use choice bulbs for winter blooming in the house or conservatory, or for planting in the garden for early spring blooming, appear in most cases to have settled upon us for their annual supply. The efforts which we have for years put forth to bring this most charming class of flowers before the public, and in introducing new varieties and, above all, our success in being able to supply a superior stock of all kinds, has made our bulbs known and appreciated the world over. If they have for many years proved superior to others it is because we have gone to the trouble and expense of procuring from growers in Holland, France, and elsewhere, a regular supply, year after year, of special, select grades, carefully grown and sorted, that only the very best which can be produced by special effort are shipped to us for our catalogue trade. We naturally desire to maintain the distinction which our house has attained in this respect, and no effort is being spared to do so. The prices of bulbs have materially declined in the past few years, and they are cheaper this year than ever before, yet we can honestly say that in quality our stock is decidedly better than usual. The remarkably low prices at which we now offer Fall Bulbs make it easy for all to have and enjoy a good collection of different varieties, and we hope our customers will order freely, both for winter blooming and for the garden.

This Catalogue is divided into three parts. The first 16 pages are devoted to Bulbs recommended for garden planting. The next 32 pages (of green paper) are entirely devoted to Bulbs, Plants and Seeds which are recommended for winter blooming in the window or conservatory, as well as for garden planting. The next 16 pages are given up to Hardy Perennial Plants, Shrubs and Fruits for garden planting this fall. Those who study the various pages carefully will be able to make a wise and choice selection, adding much to the beauty and pleasures of their homes, and at a trifling outlay of money.

The Mayflower. We trust that none of our patrons will fail to subscribe for this, the most charming publication on Flowers and Gardening in the world, as well as the cheapest. We would not ask this if we did not give more for the money than any other publisher, and know that the magazine, with its premium of twenty elegant bulbs, its sixty-four pages of instructive and interesting reading matter, together with its beautiful colored plates each month, is worth a great deal more than is asked for it. Only 30c. per year in clubs of five or more, including premium.

General Instructions.

WHAT WE DO.

FREE BY MAIL.—We send Seeds, Bulbs and Plants FREE BY MAIL, at the prices named in this Catalogue. This brings them to the very doors of our customers without trouble or expense.

BY EXPRESS.—If a package is ordered to go by express we do not pay the charges; but somewhat larger plants, shrubs and fruits can be sent in this way, and we always add extra ones, enough to more than pay the cost. All the large express companies carry our goods at very low rates.

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

WE PACK all plants carefully in strong wooden boxes, which insures their safe transit through the mails to the remotest parts of the country, or abroad.

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

TO CANADA, MEXICO, HAWAII, most of the **COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA,** and the **WEST INDIA ISLANDS,** we can send goods in large parcels by mail, postpaid. We can ship to other foreign countries by mail only in 8 or 12 ounce packages.

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

PREMIUM.—We give a splendid premium of 5 Beautiful New Tulips to each one who sends us an order from this Catalogue to the value of \$1.00 or more. For full particulars see last page.

WHAT BUYERS SHOULD DO.

FORWARD MONEY with the order and at our risk when sent by post-office money order on Floral Park; greenbacks or gold or silver coin, by registered letter; bank draft or express company's money order.

STAMPS AND SILVER.—Please do not send postage stamps in payment for goods if it can be avoided. Coin, when sent in letters, should be sewed or pasted up in strong paper or cloth, to prevent its breaking through the envelope, which is frequently the case when enclosed loose.

BE SURE to write your name and address plainly. We have on our hands hundreds of orders of last year without names, others without post-office or State, and some with the name or post-office written in such a careless 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 mixed up with anything else you may wish to say. Those who send a neat, plainly written order will be sure to have it filled correctly and with dispatch, and will also receive some valuable "extras."

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.*

Specialties in Hardy Bulbs.

THE CHOICEST GEMS

For Fall Planting and Spring Blooming, at Greatly Reduced Prices.

GRANDEST NAMED HYACINTHS at 10c.

EXQUISITE NAMED NARCISSUS at 5c.

RICHEST NAMED TULIPS at 4c.

Giant-Flowered Crocus, Rare Lilies, Charming Scillas, Iris, Snowdrops, Chionodoxas, Camassia, Tritoleia, Etc.

Special Collection of Elegant Hardy Perennial Plants, Flowering Shrubs, Hardy Climbers, Choice and Rare New Fruits, Etc.

*** FOR CHOICE WINTER-BLOOMING BULBS, PLANTS AND SEEDS, SEE PAGES 17 TO 49. ***

HARDY OR HOLLAND BULBS.

HARDY, OR HOLLAND 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, fragrant, 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. They are now so very cheap that no lover of rare and beautiful flowers need be without a good collection.

CULTURE IN THE GARDEN—Bulbs are especially valuable for outdoor 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 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 the 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 other 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 those which were not.

BEST NAMED HYACINTHS.

Beyond doubt the Hyacinth is the Queen of Spring. Its hardiness, ease of culture, and certainty to bloom would alone insure popularity, but it has the additional merit of being one of the most decorative and ornamental of plants. Its massive spikes of waxen flowers are of the most perfect shape and most delicious fragrance, while its colors sport into a hundred shades, tints and blendings. Out of the long list of Holland growers we have chosen the very cream of all varieties, either for pot or garden culture.

PRICE—All Hyacinths on this page, 15c. each; 2 for 25c.; 3 for 30c.; or more at 10c. each. The 30 sorts for \$2.50.

BEST SINGLE HYACINTHS.

- Amy**—Quite early. Fine spikes of medium-sized flowers of a deep, clear, carmine-red, glowing with richness.
- Argus**—Fine flower and spike. Dark blue with large white center. Extra.
- Certrude**—Tall, with heavy spikes of extra large flowers of a distinct shade of lilac-pink, turning to silver-rose, striped carmine. Extra fine.
- Gigantea**—Thick spikes and large bells of a beautiful flesh color. One of the grandest sorts.
- Grand Marvel**—A most beautiful sort. Large spikes of handsome, bluish-white bells. Few so fine as this.
- La Franchise**—A magnificent variety. Large, long spikes of bluish-white blossoms, turning afterward to a snowy-white; petals very broad, and flowers of great substance and measuring two inches across.
- Mimosa**—Fine, compact truss of rich, indigo-blue bells.
- Mad. Vander Hoop**—Medium spike, but grand, widely-opened bells of milky whiteness. Very beautiful.
- Mad. Hodson**—Compact spikes of exquisite satiny, silvery-pink bells, the shade of the La France Rose.
- Pure D'Or**—Spikes of pretty corn-colored bells.
- Pleneman**—A magnificent sort, with enormous sky-blue bells arranged in graceful spikes of great size.
- Norma**—Beautiful pink, very large, and an extra early bloomer. Exquisite.
- Lord Macaulay**—Bright red, with white center. Extra large spike. A most striking and beautiful sort.
- Gen. Pelissier**—Deep scarlet, compact spike, very early. One of the most showy of Hyacinths.
- Voltaire**—Creamy white; a most delicate and pretty color.

The 15 Fine Single Hyacinths for \$1.50.

See Page 20 for Extra Fine and Rare Hyacinths.

BEST DOUBLE HYACINTHS.

- Anna Marla**—Fine and large spikes, florets of the most perfect form. Color, softest lilac-blush.
- Bouquettendre**—Tall stems and compact truss. Beautifully shaped florets of tender rose.
- Bloksberg**—Beautiful light blue. Extra fine large and beautiful truss.
- Czar Nicholas**—An early sort with rosy-pink bells. An old favorite and one of the best.
- Grootvorst**—Compact truss; large and very double bells of bluish-white, with a touch of lilac-rose at center.
- Gothe**—Splendid large flower of one of the best yellow shades.
- Jenny Lind**—Very double flowers. White flushed with violet at the center. Compact spikes.
- La Virginiate**—Spikes of tubular bells, of soft bluish-white. Very pretty and a general favorite.
- Noble Par Merite**—Fine, compact spikes of large double flowers, as perfect as little roses. Waxen flowers, opening a soft shell-pink, gradually deepening as they stand into a deep peach stripe carmine.
- Prince of Saxe Wleomar**—Tall spikes of rich indigo-blue flowers. Fine.
- Othello**—Fine deep indigo black. A very fine and rare color, of exceeding richness and beauty.
- Non Plus Ultra**—Pure snow-white. Very large spikes and large bells.
- Princess Royal**—Dark red with brown center; very showy.
- Carrick**—Azure blue; large compact spike. A magnificent sort.
- Bouquet Royal**—Fine light pink or blush. Extra large spike and very beautiful.

The 15 Fine Double Hyacinths for \$1.50.

MIXED HYACINTHS.

Our Mixed Hyacinths are not ordinary stock, but fine, large bulbs which will give magnificent bloom either in the house or garden. We have marked prices down very low indeed.

	Per doz.	Per 100
Single Mixed, all colors, extra fine.....	75	\$4 50
Double Mixed, all colors, extra fine.....	75	4 50
Double and Single Mixed, extra fine.....	65	4 00
Pompon Mixed, all colors, double and single..	50	2 50
Roman Mixed, all colors, double and single...	50	2 80

See Pages 20 and 21 for other Hyacinths.

Roman Hyacinths.

Not at all like the Dutch or Snow Hyacinths, though they do not suffer by comparison. The slender stems, arching beneath their load of daintily poised bells, are the acme of grace and elegance, while so many spikes are thrown up from each bulb that the whole pot appears a mass of bloom. Roman Hyacinths are extra good for cutting, and so early that they bloom by Christmas, or before, remaining in perfection nearly a month, if the room is not kept too warm. They are extremely early and bloom in the garden with the Crocus. Two bulbs can be planted in a 4-inch pot, or 3 bulbs in a 5-inch pot. The bulbs we offer are extra large and strong. For extra fine bulbs for winter blooming see page 21.

Single White—The most popular of all. Every window should have several pots of these. Exquisite bells, white as the driven snow, and pleasantly fragrant. Never fails to bloom. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

Single Blue—Dark blue bells. About ten days later than the white, with which it forms a fine contrast. A great bloomer. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

Double Light Pink—The Double Roman Hyacinths are larger than the single sorts. This sort has elegant waxy bells of a pale shell-pink. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

Double Dark Pink—Like the above, but a beautiful, clear, bright rose. Spikes long and heavy for this class. 6c. each. One each of the 4 sorts for 20c.

Fine Mixed—Roman Hyacinths, all colors. 50c. per dozen; \$2.80 per 100.

(See also page 21.)

Grape Hyacinths.

One of the sweetest little flowers imaginable, and in masses very striking, making a wave of intensest blue that catches every eye. As hardy as an oak, and as it increases rapidly should be planted in quantities in every garden. Its spikes are just the size for button-hole bouquets, while its long stems enable it to be used to advantage in all bouquets or cut-flower work. If you want a "pot of blue," that will make your window a thing of beauty for a month in midwinter, plant half a dozen bulbs in a 5-inch pot, and treat as other Hyacinths, and you will have your desire. They never fail to bloom, each bulb sending up two flower-stalks that rise to a uniform height of eleven inches, each stalk being crowned with a two-inch spike of tiny white-capped bells of the purest, loveliest shade of deep sky-blue. **Sky Blue**—The most fairy-like of spring flowers. 3 for 5c. 12 for 15c.; 100 for \$1.00.

Indigo Blue—Fine deep indigo tipped white. 3 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for \$1.00.

Snow White—Long spikes of milky-whiteness. Fine for contrast, and quite new. 3c. each; 12 for 25c.; 100 for \$2.00. 3 bulbs each of the 3 sorts for 15c.

Mixed Grape Hyacinths—All colors. 15c. per dozen; \$1.00 per 100.

(See also page 33.)

Pompon Hyacinths.

A class of Hyacinths with comparatively small bulbs, and, as they are usually compact growers, can be more cheaply grown than the larger bulbed class. While the spikes scarcely average as heavy as other Hyacinths, the difference is small, and many specimens are fully equal to the best of the latter. They are splendid for either garden or pots, while for cutting they are the best of all. Every hue, shade and color is found among them; the flowers are large and wax-like, and the spikes airy and graceful. We offer them so low that they ought to be purchased by the dozen for every plant window.

Double Red,
Double Rose,
Double Blue,
Double White,

Single White,
Single Pink,
Single Blue,
Single Red,

Price of above, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; the 8 for 35c.

Mixed Pompon Hyacinths—All colors, double and single. 50c. per dozen; \$2.50 per 100.

Double Tulips.

Double Tulips produce very large double flowers, many of which are as large and showy as a Pæony. They are becoming more and more popular each year, which they justly merit. A very pretty show can be made by planting several colors, such as yellow, white, rose and crimson, in the same bed. The bright colors of the large double blossoms contrast splendidly and make a charming display.

Blue Flag—Bluish purple. Late. Flower beautiful shape.

Duke of York—Beautifully incurved flowers of poppy-red, broadly edged white.

Gloria Solus—Of enormous size and very double. Bright scarlet, edged yellow.

La Candeur—Large and double; wax-like white. Largely used for cemetery planting.

Murillo—Large, graceful flowers of flesh-white, bordered and clouded rose.

Ma Cousine—Of remarkable coloring. Carmine-violet, edged pink and flamed golden yellow and brick-red.

Double Crown—Large and double flower. Dark cardinal-red, with purple shadings. One of the best.

Queen Victoria—Blood red. Very double.

Rex Rubrorum—Large double flower of deepest scarlet.

Rose Blanche—Large, incurved white; most perfect shape.

Rose La Reine—Fine rosy scarlet. A lovely color.

Yellow Rose—A magnificent sort, of very largest size and most perfect form. Deep, brilliant yellow.

PRICE—5c. each, 7 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.; any variety by the doz. at 35c. **Splendid Mixed Double Tulips**—All varieties, 25c. per dozen; \$1.50 per 100; \$10.00 per 1,000.

Bizard and Bybloom Tulips

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. 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, 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

Bizards—Yellow ground, variegated. Fifty fine sorts, mixed, 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.; 100 for \$1.50.

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.....	25	\$1 50
Single Fine Mixed —All colors.....	20	1 25
Parrot Fine Mixed —All colors.....	25	1 50
Byblooms, Fine Mixed —All colors.....	30	1 75
Bizards, Fine Mixed —All colors.....	25	1 50
Duc Van Thol, Fine Mixed —All colors.....	30	1 75
Darwin, Fine Mixed —All colors.....	30	2 00

(See also other Tulips on page 22.)

Single Tulips.

There is no question but that the Tulip is the most popular spring flower that grows. The soft, seductive breezes have scarce whispered in our ears that spring is at hand, ere our eyes, wearied of winter's dull, somber, lifeless tints, are dazzled by a sudden blaze of Tulips in rainbow shades, ribboning the earth with warmth and color. From the first Duc Van Thol scarce peeping above the ground, to the last Gesneriana Tulip, holding its flaming cup high aloft, there is a constant succession of Tulip beauties, single, double, dwarf, half-dwarf and tall, early, medium and late, with blossoms cup-shaped, star-formed, bowl-like, peony-flowered, imbricated like a rose, or twisted, waved and horned like the plumage of some fantastic bird. No garden can be complete without Tulips and plenty of them. Fortunately they are inexpensive bulbs, either in mixtures or named sorts.

Chrysolora—Very large flower and widely opened. Color, a solid golden yellow.

Color de Cardinal—Large cup-shaped blooms of a rich cardinal-red. Intensely brilliant.

Globe de Rigaud—Very large, round, of purple wine color, flaked mauve and white.

J. Van Delf—Beautiful snow-white flower, with lemon eye and anthers. Early.

Kaiser 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.

Miltiades—Fine, pure white suffused with soft pink.

Purple Crown—Fine cup-shaped flower of maroon-cardinal. The rich, dark color is beautifully brought out by satin-like sheen of the petals.

Silver Standard—Beautifully shaped flowers of a fresh carmine-pink flaked and feathered white. Very showy.

Verboom—A grand flower of the richest, glowing scarlet.

Wowerman—Large blooms of deep magenta purple. Fine.

Vanderveer—Extra large, of a lovely violet color. Finest of its color.

Duchess de Parma—Brownish yellow or terra cotta, with yellow markings. Great size and beauty.

PRICE—4 cents each; six for 20c., the twelve for 35c. Any variety by the dozen at 30c. per dozen.

Fine Mixed Single Tulips—All the above, and many others, 20c. per dozen; \$1.25 per 100; \$10.00 per 1,000.

Picotee Tulips.

These bloom later than the above, and are a comparatively new and very beautiful class, the flowers are large, pure white ground, beautifully feathered, flaked, spotted and striped with rose, pink, crimson and scarlet. The blending of colors is truly exquisite. Should have a place in all gardens. Fine bulbs, 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c. 100 for \$2.50.

Variegated Foliage Tulips.

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 midwinter. For the garden they are novel and charming. We advise our customers to plant each variety.

Salamander—Large double flowers, yellow spotted, elegantly variegated leaves.

Rex—Enormous double blossoms of glowing crimson color, and lovely striped foliage.

Van Thol—Double flowers, yellow and scarlet, finely variegated, beautifully white and creamy-yellow leaves.

Standard—Large single scarlet and white striped blossoms and fine variegated foliage.

Purpuratum—Elegant white and green leaves, and large, single blossoms of a fine purple-red.

Golden Rod—Large double yellow.

PRICE—5 cents each; the six for 25c.

Parrot Tulips.

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.

Cloriosa—Yellow, splashed and streaked crimson and green.

Perfecta—Gaily striped yellow and red.

Lutea Major—Fine yellow.

PRICE—5c. each; the 4 for 15c.; 30c. per doz.

Fine Mixed Parrot Tulips—All varieties, dozen 25c.; 100, \$1.50.

Darwin Tulips.

A new race of Tulips which produce only solid self colors and bloom early in May. The flowers are of great size like Gesneriana and are borne on tall graceful stems. The colors are exceedingly rich and varied, ranging through all the shades of rose, deep red, violet, purple-blues to coal black. They are probably the most showy class of Tulips in cultivation, a bed of them producing an effect which for rich splendor is not surpassed by any other flower. A valuable novelty which all should try.

Mixed—All colors and shades, fine bulbs. Dozen, 30c.; 100, \$2.

Large Black—Pure coal-black.

Large Blue—Fine color.

Large Rose—Soft and delicate.

Large Crimson—Very showy.

Large Violet Purple—Odd color.

PRICE—6c. each; the 5 for 25c.

Duc Van Thol Tulips.

These are the earliest to bloom, either in the garden or in pots. For list of varieties see page 22.

Tulipa Gesneriana.

The grandest Tulip in existence. Tall growing and late blooming, with large, long leaves, and tall erect flower stalks, which support great waxen blooms larger than teacups, 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 sombre background as with a flaming torch.

Scarlet Blue Center—The true Gesneriana as described above.

Scarlet Black Center—Very fine, but not so showy as above.

Scarlet White Center—New and fine.

PRICE—5c. each; the 3 for 12c.; either sort at 40c. per dozen.

Two Grand Tulips.

Greigi—The most magnificent of all Tulips. Its large, green leaves are variegated with black spots, while the flower, which is of the largest size, is clear transparent scarlet, as clear and beautiful as a sheet of wax. No other Tulip has a color like it, and none are so strikingly beautiful. Its magnificent color shows up almost like a torch in a dark night. Splendid for pots or the open ground, being a hardy, rank grower, and early. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Golden Crown—Enormous large flower, golden yellow, the edges of the petals being beautifully margined and penciled with rich crimson. Exceedingly showy. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

The Crocus is the recognized harbinger of spring. Between the lulls of late winter's tempest its brave little flowers first appear, minding not the least frosts or flurries of snow. For six weeks its bright flowers smile saucily at us, quite sure of their welcome. Their cost is so trifling that all can afford to plant them freely. The Crocus has been much improved late years in size of blossom and variety of colorings. Crocus are extra fine for borders, etc., and are particularly charming dotted by twos and threes over the lawn. When up, they come in earliest spring and peep through the grass, as the wild flowers do in the meadow.

Fine Mixed Crocus—Of all colors. Fine select bulbs, 10c. per doz., 60c. per 100; \$4.00 per 1,000.

Fancy Named Crocus.

The following are extra fine named sorts, of odd and beautiful colors.

Dandy—Fine blue, white edged; lovely.

Othello—Rich purple-black.

Montblanc—Large snow-white; grand.

Purpurea Grandiflora—Rich purple; enormous.

Cloth of Gold—Bright yellow, black spots.

Brilliant Yellow—Rich bright yellow.

Van Speyk—Extra large, rich violet-purple, striped white; the finest of the large-flowered striped sorts.

Sir John Bright—Lovely azure blue, large fine flower and a profuse bloomer.

PRICE—15c. per dozen; \$1.00 per 100; 3 each of the 8 sorts for 30c.; 12 each for \$1.00.

(See also page 26.)

CROCUS BIFLORA.

MAMMOTH YELLOW.

Mammoth Yellow Crocus.

It is astonishing the amount of blooms a single bulb of this Crocus will furnish. The handsome flowers are very large and brilliant, and a row of them is a wave of gold. Not another flower of its season makes such a display of brightness or becomes such a complete mass of bloom. More than twenty blooms have been counted from a single bulb. Bulbs are about the size of a tulip and bloom extra early. 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.; 100 for \$1.75.

Crocus Biflora.

A favorite, because of its extreme earliness as well as for its general beauty. The flower-cup is beautifully flaked and feathered with purple on the outside, while the inside is white and yellow, tinged blue. Quite fragrant also, and a most profuse bloomer. A truly lovely flower and particularly adapted to pot culture. 3c. each; 5 for 10c.; 12 for 20c.

Giant-Flowered Crocus.

This Giant strain is a special mixture of the best new sorts and improved seedlings, prepared for us in Holland by those who make a specialty of these bulbs. Only those sorts with the largest flowers and best colors are admitted in the mixture. Either for garden or house this Crocus mixture cannot be surpassed. Crocus for the house do not thrive under dry heat or gas, but do well in any sunny window of moderate temperature; they can even be grown in rooms almost destitute of fire heat. This strain of Crocus will be to our customers a revelation of beauty such as they cannot anticipate. Try them, both in the garden and in pots, by all means. Do not miss the beautiful treat they will afford you. See cut on page 26. 15c. per doz.; \$1.00 per 100.

SINGLE NARCISUS.

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 a 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. 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 different types.

BEST DOUBLE NARCISUS.

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.

Albo Pleno Odorato—A pure white flower of medium size, but very double. Late.

Incomparable—Medium early. Large, handsome flowers, as double as a rose. Bright canary, interspersed with orange center petals.

Pumilus Plenus—Pure yellow. Dwarf.

Orange Phoenix—Nearly pure white outer petals. Center well filled with mixed white and deep orange petals.

Van Sion—Old, but unexcelled. Extra fine for cutting. Single, star-like perianth, and long, double trumpet filled with beautifully crimped petals. Deep golden yellow.

BEST SINGLE NARCISUS.

Leedsii—A lovely early sort, pure white perianth straw cup. **Trumpet Major**—Golden yellow. One of the best for massing. Fine also for winter blooming. Early.

Scoticus or Golden Lily—Perianth white, trumpet ball yellow. Extra for forcing.

Pseudo Daffodil, or Lent Lily—Yellow. Very early.

Stella—A favorite vase or corsage flower. One of the best for house culture. Extra large star-like flowers, creamy-white, with clear yellow cup. Early and quite distinct.

Princeps—Elegant large trumpet of a delicate canary yellow, and large sulphur-white perianth. One of the most elegant and beautiful of all Narcissus. See cat.

DOUBLE NARCISUS.

Cynosure—Yellowish perianth, deep orange cup stained crimson. Very fine.

Nana—The lovely dwarf golden Daffodil.

Incomparabilis Simplex—The fine old golden Daffodil.

PRICE of above, double and single Narcissus, 5c. each; 5 for 20c.; the 15 sorts for 50c. any variety at 40c. per dozen.

NARCISUS POETICUS.

Well known and loved by all. Exquisite garden flowers yet equally valuable for winter blooming in pots, of which Ornatus is the grandest. Plant these lovely Poets Narcissus freely.

Poeticus, Pure White—With scarlet-edged crown. Very fragrant. Most popular of all for cutting. Late.

Dozen 30c.; per 100, \$1.50.

Poeticus Ornatus—Fine for either garden or pots. Blooms three weeks earlier than the old Poeticus, and is even larger and finer. Per dozen, 35c.; per 100, \$2.00.

Poeticus Poetarum—Pure white petals with orange scarlet cup. New. Per dozen, 60c.

Poeticus fl. pl. Double—The charming double Poeticus. Pure white with Jasmine fragrance. Per dozen, 40c.

PRICE of above Poeticus Narcissus 5c. each, the 4 for 15c.

NARCISUS CORBULATA.

A rarely beautiful flower, both for winter blooming in the house or for the garden. Three to six bulbs can be planted in an ordinary pot and will produce a charming lot of flowers during February and March. Each bulb bears 3 or 4 flowers at a time. As will be seen by the cut the blossoms are very beautiful in both form and habit; color, a fine shade of bright brilliant yellow, and fragrant. In the garden they are hardy and bloom early in the spring. It has been called the Golden Fairy Lily, and well does it merit the name.

Golden Yellow—Rich and beautiful.

Citrinum—Lovely citron yellow.

Clusi—Pure white. New and exquisite.

PRICE 6c. each; the 3 for 15c. 5 of each for 40c.

MIXED NARCISUS.

Mixed Narcissus—All sorts, Double and Single, many varieties, and will make a magnificent bed, blooming year after year. Per dozen 35c.; per 100, \$2.00.

(See also page 23 for other Narcissus.)

NARCISSEUS PRINCEPS.

New Giant Narcissus.

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 were fully five inches. May be grown in garden or pots.

Trumpet Maxim—Medium early. Flower $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches across. Very broad petals, slightly reflexed, and long, heavy trumpet. Rich golden yellow.

Golden Spur—Flower $4\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

Horsfieldi—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.

Sir Watkins—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.

Henry Irving—Fine yellow trumpet with sulphur perianth. Great size and beauty.

PRICE—10c. each; the 5 for 40c.

Jonquils.

These dainty flowers 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.

GIANT JONQUILS.

Tennor—Beautiful silvery color; new and fine.

PRICE—5c. each; the 4 for 12c. Either sort at 30c. per doz.

NARCISSEUS SIR WATKINS.

Tritelleia Uniflora.

This is the "Starflower," 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. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.

(See also page 33.)

Iris Hispanica.

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 5-inch pot 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—2 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for \$1.00.
Pure White—Large flower and fine clear color.
Pure Yellow—Rich deep golden.
Blue—A fine rich shade.

PRICE—4c. each, or one each of the three for 10c.

Scilla Siberica.

Hardy and fine. Blooms at the very edge of winter, and laughs at storms and sleets. Beautiful 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. Nothing finer for pots. 2 for 5c.; 15c. per doz.; \$1.00 per 100.

New Early—A new early blooming variety of Siberica. Now offered for the first time. 4c. each; 3 for 10c.

Snowdrops.

The earliest flower that blooms, and of such hardiness 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 lawns.

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, 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.; 100 for 85c.

Double Giant—A double form of large flowering Snowdrop. Very beautiful. 4c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.
 (See also page 33.)

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 a 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. 3 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.

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 forays 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.

Lucillae—Lovely azure blue, with large pure white center; very beautiful.

Sardensis—Dark blue with small white and pink center.

Timoulsi—Dwarf; fine bright blue; new and rare.

Gigantea—Very large size; fine light blue with white eye; new and rare.

PRICE—2 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 25 for 25c.; 100 for 75c.

(See also page 33.)

Snowflake.

The airily poised 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 nine inches high. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

SNOWFLAKE.

COCKADE HYACINTH.

Hyacinthus.

Species of Hyacinth, valuable alike for the garden and for pots. Very hardy and early to bloom.

Cockade—A real curiosity. First, a frizzed, cockade-like spike, an inch or two in length, appears above the soil, and as it slowly rises on its long stalk, it becomes five or six times as long as at first, developing into a long feathery blue plume, and lasting for weeks in that condition. One of those pretty, odd things that everybody likes. Perfectly hardy in the garden, and fine for pots. 5c. each; 3 for 12c.; 12 for 40c.

Belgicus—A distinct species of Hyacinth that we urge our customers to plant largely. It resembles the Grape Hyacinth more than any other, yet is very distinct, its spikes being much longer and looser and the bells wider and larger in every way. It is also equally adapted to garden or pots, producing a mass of bloom that is very striking and beautiful. Like all small flowers this should be planted in masses to produce the desired effect. Five or six bulbs may be planted in a 5-inch pot, and will need no more care than other Hyacinths. We offer this species at prices so low that our customers can afford to plant them in quantities. There are three colors, white, pink and violet. Price of mixed bulbs, 3c. each; 2 for 5c.; 5 for 10c.; 12 for 20c.

COLCHICUM.

Camassia 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. 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.

Colchicum.

The Colchicum, or "Autumn Crocus," is a very worthy flowering bulb. After its foliage dies down in September it throws up numerous gay-colored flowers, similar to the Crocus, but larger and more showy. Colors white, pink, blush, violet, etc.; delicate and beautiful. 5c. each; 3 for 12c.; 12 for 40c.

Bulbocodium Vernum.

An early spring flower that is closely allied to the Crocus and requires the same treatment, either in pots or in open ground. Each bulb produces a mass of pretty, purple-red flowers. Fine for edging. Blooms very early. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

BULBOCODIUM VERNUM.

CAMASSIA ESCULENTA.

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 hardiest, handsomest and best. We grow at Floral Park about five acres of Lilies and the bulbs we offer are large, healthy and vigorous, as well as very low in price.

- Auratum**—(THE GOLDEN BANDED LILY OF JAPAN.) We offer fine large bulbs of these at prices so low everybody can plant them freely. \$1.50 per dozen. 20
- 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. 75
- 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. 1 00
- Auratum Wittel**—Lovely pure white with golden band but without spots. 75
- Auratum Pictum**—White, spotted crimson, with one-half of the band red, the other half golden. Very fine. 75

One each of above 5 Rare Auratums, \$3.00.

- Brownii**—A grand Lily, but very rare. The large, wax-like flowers are chocolate purple on the outside, snowy white inside. Stamens a rich chocolate brown. Blossoms large and trumpet-shaped. 60
- Cordifolium**—A rare and beautiful dwarf form of *L. Giganteum*. 75
- Childsi**—The plant grows only ten 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 hardy and robust. 1 00
- Bermuda Easter Lily**—This grand Lily (Harrisii) is one of the most popular of all winter blooming bulbs. We have a fine stock of strong bulbs which we offer remarkably low. Per doz., \$1.00. 15
- Candidum**—A well known hardy garden Lily; snow-white, fragrant blossoms; one of the best varieties for forcing and an established favorite. Per doz., \$1.00. 10
- Chalcedonicum**—Intense scarlet, like *Excelsum*, in shape and habit; very brilliant. 75

LILIAM EXCELSUM.

LILIAM HUMBOLDTI.

- Corlidion**—A beautiful Lily; with upright, perfect, star-shaped flower of clear yellow; fine and attractive. 15
- Concolor**—Like *Corlidion* except in color which is a bright scarlet. 15
- Excelsum**—This remarkable Lily attains the wonderful height of 5 to 6 feet. It produces from 8 to 12 nodding rich apricot-hued blooms; has a delightful perfume, and its stately form makes it attract attention wherever grown. You will be delighted with it. 60
- Humboldtii**—A majestic Lily; flower orange yellow, spotted with purple, large and handsome. 30
- Elegans Bicolor**—Truly magnificent, being Tulip-shaped, and bloom in June. The blossoms are large and of exceeding bright and striking colors; robust, hardy and free bloomers. Exceedingly showy, being of a brilliant red color, flamed with yellow; very large and perfect. Per doz., \$1.50. 15
- Elegans Midnight**—Rich, velvety crimson-black, a most superb color. Exceedingly rare and beautiful. 25
- Longiflorum**—White, trumpet formed; very fragrant. A lovely Lily, being almost exactly like the Bermuda Easter Lily, but blooming a little later, and hardy in the open ground, therefore a grand variety for garden culture as well as for pots. Per doz., \$1.25. 15
- Longiflorum Takesima**—A fine variety with large white blossoms, slightly tinged violet. 15
- Longiflorum Variegatum**—The leaves of this variety are most beautifully variegated white and green, making a plant of great beauty. Sold a few years ago at \$5.00 each. 30

- Kramerii**—A rare Japanese Lily closely allied to *Auratum*. Growth slender, flowers very large, *Auratum* shaped and of the most superb tint of color, being a delicate rosy pink, so soft, delicate and exquisite as to be utterly indescribable. No Lily superior to this. 35
- Leichtlini**—The most popular yellow Lily, though very scarce. Flowers large, lemon yellow with few black spots. Stately and grand. 75
- Parrvi**—One of the very rarest, choicest and most beautiful of all Lilies. Elegant for pot culture as well as for the garden. Flowers partly trumpet-shaped, like *Harrisii*, and of a golden yellow color, very deep and glossy. Exceedingly fragrant and blooms early. 75

- Pardalium** (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
- Pomponium Rubrum**—This magnificent species resembles a gigantic *Tenuifolium*, growing about three feet in height, having numerous fiery scarlet flowers.. 30
- Pomponium Aureum**—Tall and graceful, with fine drooping flowers in great profusion; yellow, spotted black. 30
- Speciosum Rubrum** (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. Lovely rose and white, spotted crimson. 15
- 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 each petal adds to its beauty. 30
- 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. 1 00
- S. Henryi**—A great novelty, being no less than a fine yellow *Speciosum* of robust growth. It is the most hardy and vigorous of its class and a great bloomer. Color fine yellow, exquisite. 2 00
- Superbum**—Three to six feet high; flowers from five to forty, nodding brilliant orange red; blooms in July. This is one of the grandest of all Lilies. It is capable of growing and producing an astonishing number of flowers. Per dozen, \$1.50. 15

- Tenuifolium** (THE CORAL LILY OF SIBERIA). A little beauty. The brightest of all Lilies. Grows 20 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)—This is a plant of stately habit, growing from 4 to 6 feet high; foliage is dark green and very long, bearing an immense number of double, bright orange-red flowers spotted with black. Per dozen, \$1.00. 10
- Tigrinum Splendens** (Tiger Lily)—Orange salmon, spotted black. Per dozen, 40c. 5

- Umbellatum**—One of the very best, blooming in June or July, with very large perfect flowers and dazzling colors. They are robust growers and produce an enormous head of bloom. Colors range from black red through all the shades of crimson, rose, yellow, buff, apricot, &c., many being finely spotted and variegated. 25 finest sorts, mixed, Per dozen, \$1.50. 15
- Wallacei**—This Lily is very floriferous, each bulb throwing up from 4 to 6 flower stems, each one of which is crowned with 3 to 10 beautiful upright blossoms of a delicate bright apricot color. It is very perfect in form and a most desirable sort. Per dozen, \$1.00. 10
- Washingtonianum**—A beautiful and sweet Lily growing several feet high and bearing a great mass of delicately tinted white blossoms which are freely spotted with black. 25

Extra Choice Bulb Collections AT LOW RATES.

15 Hyacinths, Single, named.....	See page 4	\$1 30
15 " Double, "	" 4	1 30
12 " Rare, "	" 20	2 00
4 " Roman, "	" 5	20
4 " Pompon, "	" 5	35
12 Tulips Double, "	" 6	40
12 " Single, "	" 7	35
15 " Rare, "	" 20	60
8 " Duc Van Thol, "	" 20	25
3 " Sweet Scented, "	" 7	15
6 " Variegated Foliage, named...	" 8	25
4 " Parrot, named, "	" 8	25
5 " Darwin, "	" 8	25
15 Narcissus, Double and Single, named	" 10	50
4 " Poeticus, named, "	" 10	15
5 " Rare, "	" 11	40
6 " Polyanthus, "	" 23	35
10 " Extra Rare, "	" 23	1 25
12 Crocus, 4 sorts, named.....	" 26	25
7 Oxalis, finest sorts, "	" 28	30
7 Ranunculus, finest sorts, "	" 32	20
7 Anemones, "	" 32	20
3 Sacred Lilies, 3 sorts, "	" 25	30
100 Hyacinths; double and single, mixed.	" 4	4 50
100 Hyacinths, Pompon, mixed.....	" 5	2 50
100 Tulips, double mixed.....	" 6	1 50
100 " single, "	" 7	1 25
100 Crocus, finest, "	" 9	60
100 Narcissus, mixed.....	" 10	2 00
100 Freesias, "	" 27	75

8 Rare Trees for \$1.00.

A Superb Collection of Rapid Growing, Ornamental Flowering Trees.

To close out a surplus of stock, trees, some of which are 5 to 6 feet tall, we will for *only one dollar*, send by express or freight the following eight superb varieties.

Double Flowering Peach—Large crimson blossoms, as double and fine as Roses.

Blood Leaved Peach—Deep red foliage; highly ornamental, large white blossoms.

Cinko, or Malden Hair Tree—Lovely foliage, like a maiden-hair fern.

Mountain Ash—Large clusters of bloom, and highly ornamental red berries.

Tulip Tree—Bears a profusion of large tulip-like blossoms.

Purple Beech—A rare tree, with highly ornamental purple foliage.

Catalpa—Immense panicles of Gloxinia-like flowers.

Fern Leaf Tree—Superb fern-like foliage.

These fine trees are well worth 50c. each, and those who take the 8 for \$1.00 can be sure that they are getting a great bargain.

5 New and Rare Fruits for 60c.

A collection of new fruits which will be sent by mail postpaid for only 60c., 3 collections for \$1.00, as follows:

1 Childs' Golden Japanese Mayberry. See page 58.

1 Childs' Great Japanese Wineberry. See page 59.

1 Childs' Tree Blackberry. See page 59.

1 Japan Muskberry. See page 61.

1 Japan Tree Strawberry. See page 58.

3 Rare Shrubs for 75c.

Three of the most rare, beautiful and desirable Shrubs known to cultivation, by express (too large to mail) for only 75c., as follows:

Double White Lilac—Immense clusters of pure snow white blossoms of great beauty and fragrance. Large size, which will bloom next season, and which usually sells for \$1.00.

Daphne Cneorum—A small, low-growing shrub, with spiral branches of dense evergreen leaves. The flowers are a lovely pink color, in dense clusters, and are borne profusely in early spring, and more or less during the entire summer and fall. The delicate beauty of the blossoms is great, but their fragrance is marvelous.

Japanese Maple—Well known on account of its highly ornamental foliage.

A RARE COLLECTION OF 5 Winter Blooming Plants for only 60c.

To induce many of our customers to try a few choice new plants for winter blooming we offer the following collection of 5 splendid sorts for only 60c., by mail postpaid.

1 Calla, Little Gem. See page 34.

1 Otaheite Orange. See page 37.

1 Rose, Champion of the World. See page 38.

1 Begonia, Vernon. See page 39.

1 Giant White Scented Snapdragon. See page 40.

10 Hardy Ornamental Shrubs LARGE SPECIMENS AT A BARGAIN.

To close out a quantity of large Shrubs which will after this season be too large to be sold, we make this remarkable offer: For only \$1.50 we will send by express ten large beautiful Shrubs, ten fine sorts named, ready for immediate effect. The selection must be left to us, but they will be all fine varieties, and some of them very rare. These large Shrubs would cost 50 cents to \$1.50 each at most nurseries.

30 Hardy Perennial Plants 10 Fine Sorts, 3 of each, Large Specimens at a Bargain.

For only \$1.50 we will send by express 30 fine Hardy Perennial Plants, such as Peonies, Iris, Spireas, Day Lilies, etc., in 10 sorts, 3 of each, fine large roots, which will flower profusely next spring. Just the thing to scatter along borders or for permanent beds or shrubbery.

8 New Fruit Trees for \$1.00.

For only one dollar we will send by express or freight the following 8 rare new Fruit Trees. We make this low offer to close out some surplus stock which will soon be too large for shipping. Some of the trees are now 5 or 6 feet tall, and are well worth 50c. each.

1 Idaho Pear—Largest and finest pear. See page 63.

1 Plum, Shipper—See page 62.

1 " Juicy

1 Apricot, Russlar—Very fine variety.

1 " Japanese.

1 Prunus Simonl—King of Plums.

1 Apple, Ruby Gem—Superb sort of great size and beauty.

1 Apple, Clowing Coal—Extra fine, and exquisitely beautiful. See page 63.

Bulbs for Winter Blooming.

Extra Large, Strong and Well-Grown Specimens of the Choicest Kinds,
Selected Particularly for Winter Blooming.

FAR SUPERIOR TO ORDINARY GRADES, AND
WILL GIVE MAGNIFICENT RESULTS.

Grandest Hyacinths, Richest Tulips, Rarest Narcissus, Giant Freesias and Crocus, Exquisite Sacred Lilies, Oxalis, Ornithogalum, Fritillarias, Iris, Lilies, Ixias, Callas, Cyclamen, Etc., Besides

New and Rare Bulbs of Various Kinds.

CHOICE PLANTS AND SEEDS FOR WINTER BLOOMING,
Including Childs' Giant White Scented Snapdragon.

ALL the Bulbs, Plants and Seeds offered on the following green paper pages are selected especially for winter blooming. For this purpose the largest, strongest, best-shaped Bulbs are chosen, and in most cases they have been especially grown to secure the highest state of perfection. Not only are they superior to ordinary good grades for winter blooming, but for planting in the garden they will prove equally superior. In either case the profusion and quality of bloom will astonish those who are not accustomed to planting such high grade stock.

Culture 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, Tritileia, Alliums, Scillas, Chionodoxa, etc., are comparatively new, and beautiful beyond description.

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

Hyacinths,	Crocus,	Anemones,
Scillas,	Iris,	Lily of the Valley,
Lillium Harrisii,	Lillium Candidum,	Freesias,
Calla,	Chionodoxa,	Tulips,
Narcissus,	Brodiaea,	Snowdrops,
Allium,	Oxalis,	Ixias,
Sparaxis,	Triteleia,	Fritillarias,
Ornithogalum,	Sacred Lily,	Jonquils,
Camassia,	Tropaeolum,	Erythronium,
Calochortus,	Ranunculus,	Cyclamen,

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.

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 anyone 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.

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WINTER FLOWERS.

HOW TO HAVE THEM IN PROFUSION.

Notes, Comments and Cultural Directions Which Insure Success. A Little Money Properly Expended Will Fill Your Windows With Brightness and Fragrance.

IN NEARLY every home there is someone who loves to cultivate flowers in the winter, and there is always one or more windows that can be used for that purpose. To fill these windows with beautiful flowers and plants during winter is only a question of knowledge—knowledge which will lead to a proper selection of kinds. The proper plants will grow and thrive without any special care. They will bloom profusely. They will be beautiful and fragrant, brilliant and fascinating, and they cost very little. What are they? First and foremost we say Hardy Bulbs, the cultivation of which is fully described on the foregoing page. Follow the directions there given and success is assured. They are so very cheap that one dollar will purchase a great many.

HYACINTHS. The Queen of winter-blooming bulbs. Nothing can rival the stately grandeur of its massive spikes of beautiful colors, its exquisite fragrance and chaste beauty. Easy to grow and sure to bloom for anyone, under any conditions. Plant them freely. Three bulbs can be put in a five or six-inch pot, and will make a show fit for a Queen.

NARCISSUS. Golden and white colors of rare richness, in numerous shades, which are often blended together in a charming manner. Exquisite forms, superb fragrance. The greatest rival of the Hyacinth and, like it, a free and sure bloomer. You can not have too many. They cost little. Be sure to plant them freely, and not omit the Polyanthus varieties.

SACRED LILIES. Species of the Narcissus, from the Orient, where they are loved, cherished and even revered. And well they may be, for what flower can be more lovely and fragrant, more fascinating and more lovable, or easier to grow either in sand, soil, or pebbles and water?

TULIPS. For brightness and brilliancy they are supreme. Great, nodding, cup-shaped blossoms which fairly glow with brilliant colors. And, oh so cheap! What a lot of rich varieties may be had for a few cents.

LILIES. Two stately varieties for winter blooming—the Bermuda Easter Lily and L. Candidum. Their beauty, stateliness and rich fragrance has made them the aristocratic flowers of the day. Easily grown, sure to bloom, and unsurpassed for church and other decorations. But plant large, strong bulbs. Throw away no time or money upon weak ones.

FREESIAS. Dainty blossoms of the highest order. Delicate, charming and beautiful. Everybody loves them. When a dozen bulbs can be had for 10 cents there is no excuse for not having them in abundance. Plant five or six in a 6-inch pot.

CROCUS. Of quick growth and quick to bloom. Lovely balloon-shaped flowers of rich, delicate colors. Fairy blossoms almost like Lilies. Fill several pots with them. They cost so little and are so satisfactory.

OXALIS. A few bulbs will fill a large pot with charming foliage and gay blossoms. They commence growth and bloom as soon as planted. Cannot do without them.

IRIS. Some varieties, particularly Hispanica, are indispensable for winter blooming. They cost so little and a pot of half-dozen bulbs, of different colors, will be one of the most attractive in a collection of winter flowers.

SCILLA CLUSI and ORNITHOGALUM. Large bulbs which at once inspire confidence. Each must have a 8-inch pot, and each will produce enormous heads of exquisite flowers and create a sensation wherever seen. Their cost is insignificant in comparison with their great merits.

CHIONODOXA and SCILLA SIBERICA. Rich colors in shades of blue, graceful, airy sprays of starry blossoms. To see them in a mass is to lose one's heart in admiration; so easily grown, so cheap, so eminently lovely.

GRAPE HYACINTHS. Miniature spikes of azure-blue bells, tipped with white. A flower of the gods. Like Lily of the Valley, one would miss the season without them. Sure to bloom early. Pot several bulbs together. Exquisite for small bouquets. So dainty and so cheap.

IXIAS, SPARAXIS and FRITILLARIAS. Odd flowers; little known and seldom seen, yet most charming in every particular and of trifling cost. Try them.

CYCLAMEN. Strictly winter bloomers, with most beautifully marked and shaded foliage and flowers, combining at once exquisite beauty with delicate, rich and brilliant colors. Grow in four or five-inch pots in a cool window.

CALLAS. The most popular of window plants. Always seen where plants are grown. The Little Gem (new) is the pet among plants wherever it is known. It will soon be in every collection. Childs' Dwarf Ever-Blooming, the King of Callas, produces flowers all the time, of great size. Growth dwarf and compact, requiring comparatively little room. The Black Calla is a curiosity, for winter blooming. Flowers as dark as midnight. Easily grown.

ROSES. As a rule Roses are not apt to do well in the window during winter, but Champion of the World and Climbing Meteor are exceptions. They are two of the most glorious Roses that bloom, and are better adapted to window culture than most other varieties.

GIANT WHITE SCENTED SNAPDRAGON. No new plant ever attracted the great amount of praise and admiration in our greenhouses that has been showered upon this grand winter bloomer, for further particulars of which please see page 40.

BEGONIA VERNON. One of the very choicest of winter-blooming plants. No collection complete without it. A real gem in every way. Very cheap; plant several.

CANNA, STAR OF 1891. Still the best of all Cannas for pot culture, and the only one that will bloom freely all winter. A truly glorious plant in every particular.

OTAHEITE ORANGE. The gem of window plants. Exquisite blossoms, fruit and foliage. No plant ranks above it for the winter window garden. Now very cheap.

OLEA FRAGRANS. Beautiful waxy foliage and dainty clusters of flowers which have the honor of being the sweetest flower that blooms. No other flower can approach it in fragrance.

SWAINSONIA. The plants combine exquisite fern-like foliage with superlatively lovely blossoms and graceful habit. A profuse winter bloomer, usually the pride of the window. Cannot be omitted.

GENISTA. Rightly called "Shower of Gold," and it is at home in any window, where it will show its golden blossoms of marvelous fragrance in profusion.

ABUTILONS. Some of the new sorts, like Infanta Eulalia and Souv. de Bonne, are great acquisitions to the winter garden. Profuse bloomers; graceful and beautiful in both foliage and flowers.

FOLIAGE PLANTS. These are always essential to a properly filled window. Handsome green foliage is nature's setting for her floral gems. On page 41 is offered a good selection.

SEEDS FOR WINTER BLOOMING. Bear in mind that some of the most lovely pots of flowers you can have for this winter may be had from a 5-cent packet of seed. Pages 43 to 45 give a list of varieties which are suitable for this purpose, and everyone is a gem. Try a few pots of them. They will astonish you, especially the great Japanese Imperial Morning Glories.

Be sure to keep bulbous plants well watered during growth and blooming. Never allow the soil to become dry.

Oxalis are always very satisfactory winter bloomers, but Sacred Lilies and Hyacinths take the lead. Try our new Japanese Double Sacred Lily.

Bulbs naturally bloom very early in the spring when the weather is cool. Therefore when flowering in winter, if kept in a rather cool temperature, the flowers will keep perfect a long time.

All kinds of Lilies succeed admirably in pots, though but few will come into bloom before spring (excepting Candidum and Harrisii). Yet Auratum, Tenuifolium, Elegans and Umbellatum may be had in bloom by May.

The great hardiness of bulbous plants makes them particularly valuable for winter blooming. If they should happen to get frozen some cold night, even when in full bloom, they are not likely to be injured by it.

A splendid collection of 20 winter-blooming bulbs is the MAYFLOWER Premium. For only 50c., or 30c. in clubs, you can get THE MAYFLOWER for a year and this superb collection of 20 Bulbs. Do not fail to take it, especially if you have never tried to grow bulbs for winter blooming. This collection, with THE MAYFLOWER to instruct you, is just the thing to start in with.

New and Rare Hyacinths

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Minerva (Double)—Orange yellow. Extra large flower, the largest and best of all double yellows.

La Tour d'Auvergne (Double)—Very early flowering, and the best of all double whites. Florets large and wax-like and spikes of immense size. Very early to bloom and the finest double Hyacinth for pots.

Marechal Niel (Double)—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 twelve spikes. A pot of three bulbs tested by us last winter showed 36 spikes in bloom at one time.

Grand Maître (Single)—A tall grower, with huge thick trusses of the loveliest clear porcelain-blue flowers of the most perfect shape, and measuring nearly two inches across. A superb sort and very floriferous.

General Havelock (Black)—A grand single Hyacinth with enormous compact spikes of bloom which are 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.

King of Yellows (Single)—A deep creamy-yellow. Fine spikes and beautiful bells. The best yellow of all.

La Grandesse (Single)—Finest Single white. Very large spikes and bells. Color, clear waxy white.

Mammoth or Lily Hyacinth (Single)—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 bluish. A large spike of these beautiful lily-like bells is indeed a most superb object.

Roi des Belges (Single)—Fine, massive spikes, crowded with medium-sized flowers that open a rich self-crimson, gradually turning into a dark, glowing crimson. The brightest color among Hyacinths.

PRICE—The above grand Hyacinths 25c. each; five for \$1.00; the 12 for \$2.00.

See Pages 4 and 5 for other Hyacinths.

Mixed Hyacinths for Winter Blooming.

A fine mixture of double and single Hyacinths made up from only such named kinds as are particularly adapted for winter blooming. Extra large, strong, select bulbs which will give magnificent results. Price of these grand bulbs, 2 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 12 for \$1.35.

Roman Hyacinths.

We offer extra strong, selected bulbs of this indispensable winter bloomer, which will surprise you with their enormous quantities of large, well-filled spikes.

Selected White. The early blooming, pure white Roman. Large, selected bulbs for pot culture, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for \$1.00.

Double White. This new double white sort needs no special praise to induce people to plant it. The spikes of bloom are large and fine, flower double, pure snow-white and very fragrant. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 12 for \$1.50.

Canary Yellow. Beautifully shaped bells in airy graceful spikes; in color a soft, pleasing canary-yellow. Really the finest of all yellow Hyacinths. Large, select bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.; 12 for \$1.50.

Single Red. Offered now for first time, Very fine. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Double Blue. Fine double blue; offered now for the first. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

One Bulb each of the five sorts for 50c.; 3 each for \$1.35.

(See also page 5.)

Tuberous-Rooted Tropaeolum.

The tuberous-rooted, winter-blooming Nasturtium for pot culture, which is one of the most charming window vines one can possess. Pot bulbs in good soil and treat them like other winter bulbs, but do not be discouraged if they are slow to start. They will, after a while, throw up little needle-like shoots, which should be supported on strings or trellises. After a short time they will develop beautiful tiny foliage which will be followed by hundreds of brilliant flowers which keep perfect a long time, and make an object of the most charming beauty.

Tricolor. Fine scarlet, tipped black and yellow. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Polychyllum. Yellow; extra fine. 20c.

Azureum. Lovely blue; the only blue form of Nasturtium. \$1.00 each.

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 placed 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. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for \$1.00.

Allium Hermetti. Like the above, but of a pinky-white color. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 15c.

Allium Moly. Bright golden yellow. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 15c. Three each of the three sorts for 10c.

Brodiaeas.

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.

Mixed all Sorts—Including Lactea, Laxa, the Floral Fire Cracker, Twining Hyacinth, etc. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.

Duc Van Thol Tulips.

These are the best of all for house culture, and the first of all to bloom out of doors. In habit they are 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.....	Price of these varieties 4c each, the 8 for 25c. Each sort by the doz., 30c.
Cold Striped —Scarlet, striped gold.....	
Rose —White, shaded with clear rose....	
Scarlet —Brilliant, dazzling scarlet.....	
Violet —Lovely violet, crimson white border.....	
White —A fine pure color.....	
Orange —A fine bedder.....	
Vermilion —Fine color.....	

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.

Crimson—A new sort. Fine violet crimson.

Variegated Follage—An exceedingly showy pot plant. Leaves bordered with golden yellow, and flowers bright scarlet banded with yellow.

PRICE—5c, each, the three for 10c., 30c. per dozen.

Mixed Duc Van Thol Tulips—All colors, single and double, 30c. per dozen, \$1.75 per 100.

Sweet-Scented Tulips.

A new class of Tulips, with a charming fragrance, as well as beauty and brilliancy. Customers will be delighted with them either for pots or the garden.

Prince of Austria—Enormous flower, of broad and round form, and of the same lovely orange-scarlet as T. Greigi. Delightfully sweet scented, and the finest of all Tulips for winter blooming. A great acquisition.

Fiorantina—Large golden-yellow, very sweet. Buds, when closed, look like an enormous Tea Rose. Exquisite.

Macrosila—Brilliant red, with dark zone-like center, bordered yellow. Size of Tulip Gesneriana. Exceedingly brilliant.

Other Winter-Blooming Tulips.

The following Tulips of various kinds, both single and double, are well adapted to pot culture for winter blooming. We supply extra large strong bulbs. These are the grandest Tulips in cultivation.

Alba Maxima (Double)—Enormous flower, perfectly double, like a Paeony, and pure white in color, with a delicate, shadowy tinge of soft pink. Exceedingly fine.

Cramoise Brilliant (Parrot)—Deep dark crimson, with large, star-shaped black center. Extraordinary large sized. The most beautiful of all Parrots and the best one for winter blooming.

Cottage Maid (Single)—White bordered with pink. Beautiful, of immense size, most unique in color, and one of the loveliest Tulips that ever bloomed, either for pots or the garden.

Golden Tournesoli (Double)—Exceedingly fine for winter blooming. The finest double yellow Tulip in cultivation. Flowers very large and double, and of a beautiful golden-yellow color.

Golden Crown (Single)—Enormous flower, bright golden-yellow with beautifully scarlet fringed petals. A very striking color and a great beauty.

Goldfinch (Single)—Beautiful golden-yellow; blooms very early. This Tulip has no superior among yellow varieties.

Imperator Rubrorum (Double)—Enormous bright scarlet; the finest of all scarlets, especially for forcing.

Joost Van Vondal (Single)—Beautiful glossy rose, red and white, the colors mingled and blended together in a charming manner. One of the largest, earliest and most beautiful of Tulips.

Mariage de Ma Fille (Double)—Immense flower of the most perfect shape and superb coloring. Currant-red, banded and flaked and feathered with pure white.

Princess Wilhelmina (Single)—Exquisite pink. The largest and finest single pink Tulip in cultivation.

Proserpine (Single)—Very large, broadly opened flower, of a deep, satiny-rose color. Extra fine.

Salvator Rose (Double)—Gigantic size, elegant shape, and of the loveliest soft rosy color, with pure white stripes.

Scarlet Perfection (Single)—Fine, soft, almost transparent scarlet of exceeding brilliancy. Flower of the finest shape and largest size.

Tournesoli Improved (Double)—Bright red with yellow margin, and very sweet scented. Flower of immense size. One of the best of all Tulips for winter forcing, and a variety of exceptional merit.

White Swan (Single)—Large, pure-white flower; extra fine for winter blooming. Its beautiful blossoms are borne on long, graceful stems.

PRICE—Six cents each; 3 for 15c.; or more at 5c. each. The 15 for 60c. Any variety at 50c. per dozen.

(See other Tulips on pages 6, 7 and 8.)

Price of these lovely, fragrant Tulips, only 6c. each; the three for 15c.; 50c. per dozen.

Two Grand Narcissus.

For winter blooming few bulbs are so popular and so largely grown as the Paper White Grandiflora and Double Roman Narcissus. Realizing their importance, we have, by special contract, secured from France a quantity of bulbs of each, which are of EXTRA SIZE and STRENGTH, especially for pot culture, and the amount and beauty of bloom from these fine bulbs will be far greater than from ordinary ones.

Paper White Grandiflora—An improvement on the common Paper White, the flower being about twice the size, of beautiful star-like form, pearly whiteness and delicious fragrance. It is a very early and profuse bloomer, and can be had in full beauty at Christmas and New Year's. One of the very finest of winter-blooming bulbs. Large, select bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

Double Roman—This is one of the most beautiful and fragrant of all the Narcissus family. It is grown so extensively in Palestine and Turkey, that it is known as the Sacred Narcissus of Constantinople. In Jerusalem it is the leading favorite of all flowers. Flowers very double, pure white with yellow center and borne in large clusters. Its fragrance is superb, and it blooms very early and freely either in pots or the open ground. A grand winter bloomer. Large, select bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

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 orange blossoms.

Grand 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. Very fragrant.

Grootvorst—White with lemon cup. Very pretty.

Lord Canning—Extra fine dark yellow.

Queen of Netherlands—Very early and extra large and fine. Pure white; exquisite fragrance.

Bathurst—Fine pale yellow, delicate and beautiful.

Newton—Fine yellow with deep orange cup. Extra free bloomer.

PRICE—7c. each; three for 20c.; the six for 35c. Any variety at 65c. per dozen.

Polyanthus Narc. Bazelman Major—The flower of this new and rare variety is three times as large and beautiful as any other. It is very much finer than the Chinese Sacred Lily. Pure white with yellow cup. Extra large bulbs, 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

Rare Winter-Blooming Narcissus.

The following Narcissus are extra fine new sorts of great size and supreme beauty. Do not fail to try one or more of them either in the garden or in pots for winter blooming. Their beauty will be a revelation to you. Extra large bulbs for winter blooming.

Golden Spur—Flower $4\frac{1}{2}$ 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. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

Horsfieldi—An early and remarkably beautiful flower. Of the most perfect trumpet form, the trumpet deep yellow and the perianth pure white. Grand. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

Sir Walkins—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. See cut on page 11. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 12 for \$1.30.

Henry Irving—Large golden yellow, round shape, great size and beauty. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 80c.

Princes Major—Enormous large trumpet of the most beautiful form. Golden yellow with great sulphur white perianth. One of the most lovely of all. See cut, page 11. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 50c.

Moschatus—Enormous trumpet-shaped flower, white with a delicate lemon tinge. Unlike any other and beautiful beyond description. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 12 for \$1.30.

Emperor—Broad rich yellow trumpet, perianth deep primrose. Its foliage is very strong and the blooms enormous in size. Probably the most superb Narcissus in cultivation. Flowers of great substance. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Empress—Like Emperor, but with a white sulphur tinged perianth. Perfectly magnificent. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Sulphur Phoenix (Double)—Enormous pure white flower, almost as large as a Peony. Exquisite fragrance. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 12 for \$1.30.

Poeticus Ornatus—The great early-blooming Poeticus. Superb for pots. 5c. each; 3 for 12c.; 12 for 40c.

One each of the 10 Rare Sorts for \$1.25; 3 each for \$3.00.

(See also Pages 10 and 11.)

Chinese Sacred Lily.

This is the one great winter-blooming bulb which is more eagerly sought after than any other; and we are pleased to announce that we have, by sending an agent to China every year, for three years, found where the true variety is grown, and are, therefore, able to supply the demand with the true large-flowering variety (at a very low price.) The Chinese Sacred Lily is properly a Narcissus of the Polyanthus type. The bulbs are very large, and each one sends up from five to twelve spikes, which bear clusters of large, perfect, waxy-white blossoms with a yellow center, and of a powerful and delicious fragrance, which is not excelled by any flower. About one bulb in three will produce double flowers; the others, single, like the cut here shown. It is impossible to import the double and single ones separate, as the Chinese grow them mixed. They grow well in pots of soil; but the most popular way of blooming them is the Chinese method, as follows: Fill a bowl, or some similar vessel, with pebbles, in which place the bulb, setting it about one-half its depth, so that it will be held firmly, then fill with water to the top of the pebbles and place in a warm, sunny window. The bulb will at once commence a rapid growth and bloom in two or three weeks.

Bulbs are hardy, and bloom well in the open ground; but their greatest value is for winter blooming. After blooming during winter, they should be planted in the open ground as early as possible in the spring. Our bulbs are expected to arrive from China in October. All orders for them will be booked and the bulbs sent out, as soon as they arrive. To make sure of getting the best bulbs, order as early as possible this fall. Most of the Chinese Sacred Lilies sold here so cheaply are Bermuda grown and in no respect equal to those imported from China. Beware of such worthless stock.

Price—Imported Chinese Bulbs, ready Oct. 1st, large and selected, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 8 for \$1.00.

Japanese Double Sacred Lily—This is very fine with large clusters of double blossoms similar to the Double Roman, but larger and finer. Offered this year for the first and sure to become very popular. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 8 for \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER—One each of Chinese, Japanese Double and Golden Sacred Lilies for only 50c.; 3 each for 80c.

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, large and small, 2 for 5c.; 12 for 25c.

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THE GREAT GOLDEN SACRED LILY

A Magnificent Winter Flower Which Each One Should Plant.

AS compared with the Chinese Sacred Lily this produces a much larger flower, though the bulb is smaller. Its fragrance is even better and its color a deep glowing yellow. Each bulb produces several spikes of bloom, and thrives in soil, sand, or pebbles and water, as described on opposite page. Bulbs bloom very quickly after planting and may always be had for Christmas and New Year's, or even earlier. No winter flower is more beautiful, fragrant, or easier grown. May be had in flower at any time all winter, stands freezing and any amount of abuse, and is sure to do well for anyone in any window. The bulbs are so cheap that three or four should be planted in a 5-inch pot or a bowl of pebbles and water. It is also perfectly hardy and may be planted in the garden, where it will bloom in spring, almost as early as the Crocus. This splendid flower is a highly improved species of the great *Narcissus* family, as is also the Chinese Sacred Lily. Fine large flowering bulbs, 6c. each; 2 for 10c.; 6 for 25c.

SPECIAL OFFER:—For only 30c. we will send one each of Chinese, Japanese Double and Great Golden Sacred Lilies.

Giant Flowered Crocus.

FOR WINTER BLOOMING.

Our growers in Holland have made up a mixture of named Crocus from such sorts as produce flowers of extraordinary size and beauty, and such as will be particularly fine for winter blooming. It is the finest Crocus mixture ever made up, and either for pot or garden culture we can strongly recommend it, and those who wish an extra fine show of Crocus will certainly find this grade to be better than anything they ever before saw. The bulbs are strong and vigorous and the flowers will be enormous, and of all the finest colors—blue, purple, striped, white, yellow, etc. For pot culture Crocus are always a success, blooming freely with little or no care save an occasional watering. Only the largest, rarest and most beautiful of all named Crocus are used in making up this mixture. Price, 15c. per dozen; \$1.00 per 100.

Mammoth White—Enormous pure white lily-like blossoms.

Mammoth Yellow—Gigantic bulbs which produce large golden blossoms in great masses.

Mammoth Striped (Lord Fielding)—Great blossoms beautifully striped violet on white ground.

Mammoth Blue (Sir J. Franklin)—Largest and finest blue.

PRICE of above Mammoth Crocus, 3c. each; 25c. per dozen. One each of the 4 sorts for 10c.; 3 each for 25c.; 12 each for 90c.

(See also Page 9.)

Winter-Blooming Iris.

Some of the Iris are among the most charming of winter flowers, and they are surely easy to grow, and will bloom most freely for anybody. Try a few pots of them.

Reticulata—The earliest of all bulbs to bloom. Very handsome, large, purplish red blossoms, 10c. each.

Persica—Exquisite large blossoms of a greyish color beautifully marked with bright peacock spots, 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.

Pavonia—The Peacock Iris. Very fine and an early bloomer, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.

Hispanica—For full description and cut see page 12. For winter blooming we supply extra large, strong bulbs. Mixed Colors, 15c. per dozen.

Bianche Superb—Pure white.

Lilaceus—Fine lovely blue.

William I—Large yellow.

Price, 4c. each; the 3 for 10c.; 3 of each for 25c.

Freesias.

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. 2 for 5c. 15c. per dozen; \$1.25 per 100.

Leichtlini Major—Rich orange yellow and white. 2 for 5c. 15c. per dozen.

Mixed Colors—Second size bulbs. 10c. per dozen; 75c. per 100.

Giant Bermuda—A magnificent strain of mixed hybrids, of various colors, from pure white to deep orange, shaded blotched, straw color, etc. Flowers very large and freely produced. 2 for 5c.; 20c. per dozen; \$1.50 per 100.

Mammoth French—We have secured a limited number of Freesia Bulbs of enormous size. The magnitude of bloom which one of these bulbs will give will be perfectly astonishing. For winter blooming they are immense. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 7 for 30c.; 12 for 50c.

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.

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 6-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 very few plants or bulbs, and are for that reason doubly worthy of a place in every collection of winter-blooming bulbs. Try them.

Multiflora Alba—Pure white.

Bowl—Deep pink; large, robust and fine.

Lutea Major—Bright yellow; large flowers in large clusters; magnificent.

Hirta—Deep red; fine.

Versicolor—Rose and white; lovely color; beautiful.

Price of above—5c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 30c.

Double Yellow—New. This beautiful Oxalis is a free bloomer and bears large double flowers, as perfect as Daisies; color brightest yellow. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Bermuda Buttercup—New large-flowering yellow. Very fine. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Mixed Sorts of 25 finest varieties. 15c. per doz.

SPECIAL OFFER—For only 30 cents we will send one bulb each of above seven sorts.

Lily of the Valley.

We offer strong, imported pips, that have been grown especially for winter blooming. Plant half a dozen 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 growth, and the size of their lovely fragrant bells. 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.

Scilla Glusii.

Unlike any other bulb. Stately habit with luxuriant recurring 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 midwinter or a little later; in the garden it blooms in late spring. For bedding plant about ten inches apart each way. In pots use a 5 or 6-inch size for a single bulb. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

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.
Pure White—Large snow-white bells of exquisite beauty.
Coal Black—Large coal-black, contrasting finely with the white, 10c. each; the two for 15c.; 3 of each for 40c.

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 Aureum—Fine golden yellow in large clusters. New and rare. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
Ornithogalum Umbellatum (Star of Bethlehem)—Fine pure white, perfectly hardy. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

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 add them to their collection.

Aiba Mutabilis—Fine white with blue eye; lovely.

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.

Double Rose—Large double flower, fine rose color.

Maculosa—Fine rosy pink.

Titus—Very bright yellow; large and splendid.

Price of above, 5c. each; 40c. per dozen. One each of the 5 sorts 20c.; 3 each for 50c.

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.

Sparaxis 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 combinations 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.

Grandiflora—Rich crimson, yellow center.

Madame Pescatore—Salmon red with maroon and yellow markings; extra.

Paragon—Rich purple with large yellow center and velvety crimson rings; superb.

Queen Victoria—Blue, with white and purple markings. Price, 6c. each; the 4 for 20c.

Caribaldi—A new Sparaxis of enormous size and exquisite coloring. A most glorious flower, twice the size of any other variety. 15c. each.

TWO GRAND LILIES.

LILIAM HARRISI and **CANDIDUM** are the two best of all Lilies for winter blooming in pots and certainly among the most important of all flowers for winter decoration. Recognizing their great importance, we have for several years made special efforts to secure from our growers in Bermuda and France, extra strong bulbs of enormous size especially for pot culture, such as will produce an astonishing amount of extra large and fine blooms. In this we have been very successful and our extra strong bulbs of these two lovely Lilies have become famous for the number and beauty of the blossoms they produce. Our stock is this season finer than ever before, and we offer these special select bulbs with the assurance that they will prove more than satisfactory. For bulbs of ordinary size see our list of Lilies, pages 14 and 15.

Harrisii, or the Bermuda Easter Lily—Large, pure white, trumpet-formed flowers, of great beauty and fragrance; as a winter-bloomer nothing can surpass it. Plant in six to eight inch pots of good soil and treat like other winter blooming bulbs. It is impossible to describe the charming beauty of this Lily as a pot plant. Extra strong bulbs of enormous size, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00; 12 for \$3.50.

Candidum—This lovely Lily produces from six to thirty lovely waxy-white blossoms, which have the most delicious fragrance of all Lilies. It is one of the most charming winter flowers and sure to bloom freely. Treat same as *L. Harrisii*. Extra strong bulbs of enormous size, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 12 for \$2.25.

SPECIAL OFFER—For 50c. we will send one bulb of each of these two Grand Lilies; 3 of each for \$1.25; 12 of each for \$4.50.

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, bluish 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. For house culture, plant five or six bulbs in a 5-inch pot, and treat as Hyacinths. They are charming winter bloomers.

Mont Blanc—Large and double; pure white.

Fire Ball—Fine double scarlet.

Apollo—Magnificent yellow.

Black Turban—Large, double, black; odd and superb.

Belladonna—Rose, black edge.

Rockolico—Fine spotted; new and fine.

Robinson—Fine, pure rose; extra.

Price 4c. each; 3 for 10c.; the 7 for 20c.; 30c. per dozen.

Clant French Mixed—50 different colors; magnificent. 15c. per dozen; \$1.00 per 100.

Very beautiful and brilliant spring flowering bulbs, which should be found in all gardens. They possess a beautiful range of very fine colors, such as brilliant scarlet, red, blue, rose, striped, carnation, etc. For pot culture they are very fine indeed and succeed best if left in the same pot year after year

without removing or disturbing. The time has now come for Anemones to be grown extensively.

Blue Gem (Single)—Fine blue.

The Bride (Single)—Extra pure white.

Scarlet Perfection (Single)—Intense scarlet, very showy.

Ceres (Double)—Extra fine Double, white.

King of Scarlets (Double)—Bright scarlet.

Blue Amiable (Double)—Dark blue, extra.

Rosette of Nice—Very distinct and beautiful, fine rosy pink; very early and profuse bloomer.

Price—4c. each; 3 for 10c.; the 7 for 20c.; 30c. per doz.

Double Mixed—All colors, 15c. per dozen.

Single Mixed—All colors, 15c. per dozen.

Triteleia Uniflora.

One of the most charming, fairy-like white flowers for winter. See page 11 for full description. We have secured some extra large and strong bulbs which will be extra fine for pots. Try them. Price, 3c. each; 20c. per dozen.

Camassia Gusickii.

A most important new bulb, and suitable either for the garden or for winter blooming in pots. The bulbs are very large, leaves a foot long and of beautiful olive green color. Flower stems 2 to 3 feet high, bearing an enormous raceme of hundreds of star shaped blossoms. Color, a lovely sky blue, exceedingly delicate and pleasing. We believe that this is destined to become a most important winter flower. Fine large bulbs, 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

Erythronium Hartwegii.

This new variety is the finest yet introduced and should be extensively planted for winter blooming as well as for the garden. Perfectly hardy. Flowers very large, light yellow, borne on long, slender stems, each bulb sending up 5 or 6 blooms, as shown in cut. Foliage as well as the blossoms is exceedingly handsome and several bulbs will make a most unique and graceful pot of bloom. Fine, large bulbs, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

ERYTHRONIUM HARTWEGII.

Grape Hyacinths.

Among the most charming of winter flowers. Sure to do well and bloom profusely. We offer extra large, select bulbs for winter blooming, three colors, as described on page 5. Price, 3 cents each; 12 for 20c.

Scilla Siberica.

Fully described on page 12. Here we offer extra large, selected bulbs, for winter blooming, and advise our friends to try them. Nothing finer for small pots. Price, 3c. each; 20c. per dozen.

Giant Snowdrop.

Another charming little flower for winter. See large cut and description on page 12. Perfectly charming for small pots, and we can supply extra large and strong bulbs for winter blooming at 3c. each; 25c. per dozen.

Chionodoxa.

The charming "Glory of the Snow," fully described on page 13. It is also a rare gem for winter blooming, and the large strong bulbs which we here offer are selected for that purpose. Four varieties, 3c. each; 20c. per dozen.

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 eight or twelve 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. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 7 for 60c.

ARUM ITALICUM.
some. A free grower and very hardy. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Arum.

Species of Calla, fine for winter blooming, being exceedingly odd, curious and interesting.

Dracunculus—Stem tall and spotted like an adder. Leaves large and handsome. Flower exactly like a Calla, a foot in length and of a reddish black color; curious and beautiful. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Italicum—Very pretty; foliage dark green, finely veined with white, making a fine effect; flowers white, shaded green; curious and handsome. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Childs' Dwarf Everblooming Calla.

It is our good fortune to have come into possession of this most valuable of all Callas. The following facts will convince anyone of its great superiority over the old sort. It is of a dwarf habit and does not grow tall and scraggly like the old variety, but is strong and compact with a great abundance of lustrous dark green foliage. It is a true ever-bloomer, its flowers appearing in great abundance both summer and winter when grown in pots, or it will bloom profusely all summer long in open ground and being potted in September, will continue blooming without intermission all winter. The same plant will grow and bloom for years without once ceasing, and the quantity of bloom which a good plant will produce is astonishing. It is estimated that six plants of the old sort will not produce so many flowers in the course of a year as will one plant of this new dwarf variety. A large plant is hardly ever without one or more flowers and its dwarf compact habit makes it a much more desirable pot plant than the old variety. Its flowers are of large size and snowy white in color. All in all it is one of the most desirable plants we ever offered. Plants of blooming size 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00.

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.

PRICE—Large flowering bulbs, 20c. each; three for 50c. **Mammoth Size**—We have a few bulbs of mammoth size at 35c. each, three for 80c.

Giant California Callas—Large flowering Callas, which come from California, are now extensively grown and very popular. The bulbs are of a large size, start quickly and are soon in bloom, and continue in bloom all winter. Flowers large and snow-white. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Improved Cyclamen.

Few pot plants are so desirable as Cyclamen, especially for winter blooming. Though they are universal favorites, they are not seen in general cultivation to the extent that they should be, considering their ease of culture, great beauty and long season of bloom. Bulbs commence blooming in the fall and continue in the greatest profusion till June, each flower keeping perfect a month before fading, and a good bulb will show at all times from 12 to 50 well developed blossoms. They are of the most delicately beautiful colors, ranging from dark red to white, delicate blush and pink shades prevailing. Often the flower will be spotted and marked, or in other ways showing two distinct colors.

The foliage is also very beautiful being variegated with different shades of green, and helps to show off the flowers which rise above it to a remarkable degree. In fact, a plant in bloom always looks like a tastily arranged vase of flowers and foliage. After blooming all winter bulbs should be allowed to rest over summer in a dry state like Calla.

Persicum—Extra fine strain, all colors mixed. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

Giganteum—Grand large flowering form, mixed colors. This is the perfection of Cyclamen, the enormous blossoms of various delicate and brilliant colors are perfectly fascinating and last a month before fading. 25c. each; 3 for 50c.

Large Rhodian—Imported from Smyrna. Bears large pearly white flowers early in winter. Foliage very handsome, being marbled and variegated with white and yellow. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Beautiful * Winter-Blooming * Plants.

We offer on this and the four following pages a few Plants which are particularly adapted to Winter Blooming. We have a good stock of fine, well-grown plants of all of them, which have been carefully grown for winter use. Do not omit to try a few of them, especially the Otaheite Orange, Swainsonia, Roses, Begonia Vernon, etc.

Otaheite Orange.

MOST UNIQUE POT PLANT IN CULTIVATION.

An extra fine pot plant with glossy green leaves, the true fragrant orange blooms and abundant little bright oranges that will hang on the little bush like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two-inch pot, and we have seen a plant in a common window, that was but 15 inches high and had 23 oranges on it. With good sunlight they are never out of fruit from one year's end to another, and at least two-thirds of the time are in flower also. The fruit is very sweet and handsome. Could we have but one plant in our window it would be an Otaheite Orange. In beauty, grace and fragrance there is nothing like its delicate leafy sprays of bloom, so indescribably exquisite, dainty, lovely and adorable. Fine plants for blooming and fruiting at once, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Olea Fragrans—(Fragrant Olive.)

Is the sweetest flower that blooms. It belongs to the Olive family and is never without flowers, either summer or winter. The flowers are small, creamy white, and borne in dense clusters. Each individual blossom, though no larger than the head of a shawl pin, has more sweetness than the largest and most fragrant Lily. Its fragrance is also delicate and charming, really the finest of all flowers, and you cannot pass a plant without noticing it. It succeeds well in any window. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

Bridal Rose—(Rubus Floribunda.)

A remarkable plant with leaves resembling a blackberry in shape; its flowers are produced during winter, and are as double as a Paeony and almost as large. Color, pure white, and when a plant one or two feet high shows a score or more of these enormous flowers, which they often do, the sight is most novel and attractive. New and little known. Will create a sensation anywhere. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Genista, Shower of Gold.

As a plant for late winter and early spring blooming, (especially for Easter), it is almost without an equal. Flower golden yellow, very fragrant, and borne in large 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. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

Champion of the World.

This is the Rose for Everybody, the Best and Freest Bloomer for Winter.

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. 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.

It is the most healthy and vigorous Rose in cultivation, for its handsome rank foliage has never been known to mildew under any conditions.

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.

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 everblooming, often as large and fine as La France, or the best hybrid perpetuals.

Strong, well-rooted plants for winter-blooming, 20c. each; three for 50c.; seven for \$1.00; 15 for \$2.00, postpaid. Extra large plants which can be sent only by express, 50c. each.

Climbing Meteor.

THE GREATEST OF ALL NEW ROSES.

This Rose, which we now introduce, might properly be called a Perpetual-Blooming Climbing General Jacqueminot. Though a sport from that finest of all Hybrid Teas Meteor, it is much larger and of a deeper, richer color equaled only by the peerless Jacqueminot, but will produce twenty blossoms to Jacqueminot's one. It is a Rose which will make 10 to 15 feet of growth in a season and show a profusion of bloom every day. Foliage strong, healthy and luxuriant. Buds exquisite; flowers large, beautifully shaped and of that rich, dark, velvety crimson color seen only in the Jacqueminot. Much deeper and richer than Meteor.

For winter blooming it has few equals in beauty, and probably none in profusion. Just the Rose to train up in a conservatory or bay window, where its exquisite blossoms will show to wonderful advantage every day, summer or winter. Price of large, strong, well-rooted, healthy plants for abundant blooming, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00, postpaid.

SPECIAL OFFER:

For only 50c. we will send one fine plant each of Champion of the World, Climbing Meteor and three other splendid Everblooming Roses of different colors, for winter-blooming, 5 in all for 50c.; only 10c. each.

Swainsonia, or Swanflower.

A new plant for winter blooming which surpasses any novelty that has been brought out in many years. In fact, it will be hard to name a plant now in cultivation which can equal it in beauty and general good qualities. It has a most beautiful fern-like foliage and blooms perpetually every day in the year, its blossoms being the shape and nearly the size of Sweet Peas, and borne in great clusters of twenty to forty. These clusters appear at the axils of the leaves, and a single branch shows many clusters of blooms at all times. The plant is a free and rapid grower, beginning to bloom in three or four weeks from cuttings, and continuing for years. It is easier to grow and manage than a Geranium, thriving in any soil and in any window, and is a superb bedding plant for the garden in summer. We believe there is no plant so easy to grow, or one that thrives and blooms under all conditions as does this charming Swanflower.

Pure White—Large, milky white; exquisite.
Deep Red—Fine dark red, with large white blotches.

Price, 30c. each; the two for 50c.

Begonia, Vernon.

No other kinds of flowering Begonias can begin to compare with the varieties of B. Vernon for beauty and constant bloom. They are so much superior to others that we have concluded to offer none but these. Plants flower perpetually all the year round, the plant being completely covered with bloom at all times, especially during winter.

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.

White—Splendid large blossoms, pure white.

Pink—Lovely blush and pink shades. In other respects exactly like the above, and a plant of perpetual beauty.

Yellow Leaved—This new variety of Begonia Vernon has pure white blossoms slightly shaded or bordered with exquisite silky pink, while the foliage is of a charming yellowish color. The flowers are borne perpetually both winter and summer, and the exquisite beauty added to the superb color of the leaves makes a plant not only beautiful beyond description, but exceptionally odd and striking, and it must be placed at once on the list of the extraordinary choice and desirable pot plants.

Price, 15c. each; the four sorts for 50c.

New Abutilons.

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 conditions.

Souv. de Bonne—The most beautiful in foliage of all Abutilons. Each leaf has a broad distinct margin of pure white, making a most conspicuous plant. The long stemmed flowers are of golden yellow color veined with scarlet. It is a remarkably free bloomer, either in pots or bedded out during summer, and is always a most attractive specimen plant, especially for exhibiting. The leaves are so very large and so distinctly marked with white, and the flowers so showy that everyone is attracted to it.

Snowstorm—Large, pure white; finest of its color.

Grandiflora—Rich, golden yellow. An extra fine bushy grower.

Price, 15c. each; the four for 50c.

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**GIANT WHITE
SCENTED
SNAPDRAGON**

A. BLAND

**Giant White Scented
Snapdragon.**

This remarkable new plant has in one season jumped to foremost place among choice winter-blooming plants. No novelty in our greenhouses has attracted the attention or received praise equal to this. It is a perpetual bloomer, compact and branching in habit, sending up flower spikes by the dozen, one to two feet in length, almost as large and more beautiful than *Gladolus*. Color, pure white, with lemon tinged throat, and of lovely fragrance. Flowers keep two weeks after being cut. It has created a sensation in the New York flower market. Fine plants 25c. each; 3 for 60c. Extra large plants, by express, 50c. each.

Dwarf Winter-Blooming Canna, Star '91.

A very Dwarf Canna which will show bloom every day in the year, its flowers being borne in great compact panicles, often as large as a man's hat, and of the most intense fire scarlet color, rayed and bordered with pure gold, is a novelty of an entirely new departure—a new garden flower and a new perpetual blooming pot plant of unsurpassed grandeur.

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 for immediate blooming, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Grevillea Robusta.

A splendid decorative plant, much quicker growing than a Palm, and very effective with its long, drooping, silky foliage, deeply cut like a large growing Fern or a pinnate leaved Palm. No window complete without it. It is very easy to manage, and can be easily grown from seed if desired. Fine plants, 20c.; 3 for 50c.

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PALM
WASHINGTONIA
FILIFERA.

Filifera Palm.

One of the best window Palms, needing no petting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant fan-shaped leaves of a rich, dark, leathery green. Picturesquely fringed with long threadlike filaments along the segments of the leaves. The plant is a compact grower well adapted to pot culture, succeeding in any situation and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. It will make a grand ornament during winter, and in summer it can adorn a veranda, or be placed in a shady place about the garden or yard, or used for a center in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.

SPECIAL OFFER—For only 75c. we will send one each of these 6 fine foliage plants.

Parrot's Feather.

This consists of long trailing stems completely clothed with whorls of the most exquisite foliage which is finely cut. If planted in a water-tight hanging basket so the soil can be kept very wet, or water standing on the surface, it will trail down over the sides in a most charming manner. In a tank or lake it prefers shallow water and will run about over the surface in a charming manner. 15c. each; 3 for 50c.

Sword Fern.

A magnificent plant for window decoration, and particularly well adapted to house culture, being robust, hardy and free growing. Its beautiful green fronds often grow 4 to 5 feet in length and produce a charming effect. A splendid decorative plant. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Sanseveria Zealanica.

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. 20c. each.

Nepeta Glechoma.

This new Nepeta is hardy, fragrant and pretty, its small round leaves finely marked with white. Very fine for hanging basket, standing any abuse and looking cheerful under it. One of the prettiest things in the world with which to carpet graves, as it roots wherever it touches the ground and forms an impenetrable net-work of vines through which weeds and grasses cannot creep. It will grow in any kind of soil, in sun or shade, hot or cold location, and is ever a mass of green and white refreshing to the eye. Unsurpassed for vases, hanging pots or baskets. 15c. each; 3 for 50c.

Lovely Winter Blooming Plants at 10c. Each.

The following are all Lovely House Plants for winter and we have grown a fine lot of them with the view of offering them very cheaply to encourage their culture.

PRICE: 15c. each; any two for 25c.; any 5 for 50c.; or more at 10c. each.

ALYSSUM, Double White—Fine for pots or bedding—always profusely covered with clusters of double white and very fragrant flowers.

ASPARAGUS Tenuissima—A most lovely foliage plant for window culture. Indispensable for cut flowers.

CARNATIONS, New Dwarf—These two sorts do not grow over one foot in height, and are therefore admirably adapted for pot culture in windows. They branch freely making thick, compact plants, which are continually loaded with most beautiful flowers, and bloom perpetually. Just the sorts for windows.

Winter Cheer—Rich dark crimson; very profuse; often showing 20 to 50 flowers at a time.

Little Gem—A fine and constant bloomer, each flower showing a beautiful blending of pink and white colors.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS—All the finest varieties, for list see Spring Catalogue.

COLEUS, New Dr. Ross—Enormous leaves, like a Rex Begonia but more exquisitely colored, being a blending of yellow, crimson, pink, green, chocolate, etc. A grand specimen plant. Finest sort yet seen.

Mrs. Saunders—This splendid variety differs from all other Coleus in having a wedge of creamy white in the center of the leaf, with a clearly defined margin of oxide green, bronze, crimson and purple. This central wedge shaped creamy white blotch occupies the greater half of the leaf, and is sometimes splashed with magenta.

ELETTERIA CARDAMOMUM—An enthusiastic correspondent always ends his letters by a reference to "that fragrant Cardamomum plant that I cannot help but like." A very pretty plant with fragrant foliage, and spikes of charming white flowers that resemble an Orchid, and last for weeks without fading. It is an easily grown pot plant, and always admired. Its fragrance is rich and refreshing like the sweet bay, and unsurpassed for working into bouquets.

GERANIUMS—20 different sorts, double and single.

JASMINE, Grandiflorum—In a warm room bloom all fall, winter and spring steadily. Very beautiful and fragrant. White, star-like flowers.

Grand Duke—Beautiful glossy foliage and large, double, creamy-white flowers. Very fine.

Gardenia Florida—(CAPE JASMINE.) Large double flowers, pure white, wax-like and fragrant. Extra fine.

Night Scented—One of the sweetest of all perfumes. Graceful star-like blossoms of delicious fragrance.

LOTUS, Pelyorensis—A charming plant with long wavy plants of Asparagus-like foliage, of a charming silvery color. Highly ornamental.

LYCHNIS, Plenissima—A new perpetual blooming plant suitable either for the garden or for pots. It is particularly fine for winter blooming. Flowers lovely pink, in great profusion.

PASSIFLORA, Fordti—The best for pot culture as it blooms when but a foot high. Large, handsome fringed flowers, exhibiting a mingling of white, pink, brown and blue in its coloring, making a flower of the most fascinating beauty.

Constance Elliott—One of the most graceful of all vines, worth a place in every home for its exquisite foliage. The shining, leathery, five-fingered leaves airily fringing the slender stems, and festoon-supporting pillar or trellis until after the snows of winter begin to fall. Flowers pure white.

RESURRECTION PLANT—This is something that always interests the children and old folks alike. There 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.

ROSES—30 finest Ever-bloomers, of all colors.

MANETTIA VINE—Most beautiful of all winter blooming climbers.

OXALIS, Ortgesii—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.

SALVIA, Splendens Compacta—An improvement on the old variety, it being of dwarf, compact growth with plenty of beautiful foliage and long showy spikes of the most brilliant scarlet flowers, borne continually.

Alba—Like the above, except in color, which is white.

Striata—The bloom of this variety is freely striped and mottled white and scarlet.

Purpurea—Flowers in large spikes and of a rich royal purple color. Fine.

Pitcheri—Fine graceful spikes of blue flowers.

SOLANUM, Jasminoides Grandiflora—A beautiful half climber, easily kept in bush shape by a little pinching, or can be allowed to climb or trail at will, as it never grows too large for a window. Mostly grown as a house plant, for which its size and long profusion of star-like flowers well adapt it, but it is even more pleasing grown as a summer vine at the foot of a pillar or window. The panicles of pure white bloom are very pretty and are profusely borne both summer and winter. It is never without flowers.

Rantonetti—The flower is of the very deepest and clearest blue, which is brought out more vividly by a yellow center. Is not a climber, but forms a neat little bush two feet high, which is covered with bloom.

Azureum, or Blue Solanum—Its flowers are a fine deep azure blue, and borne in large, dense panicles, and are extremely beautiful, and are produced most of the time during the entire year. It is a splendid pot plant as a climber for the window or conservatory.

SMILAX—The dainty, yet luxuriant masses of the glossy Smilax are as handsome in the window as any other flower and as the plant is easy to grow, any one can possess it. A beautiful climber for the arch of a plant stand, wreathing it in a bower of the loveliest green. The finest foliage we have for bouquets, cut flower work, etc., as it is so beautiful and spray-like, and lasts for hours without wilting. Flowers small, white and fleecy, and exceedingly profuse and fragrant.

TRADESCANTIA, Multicolor—This is a remarkable variety of Tradescantia, in that its pretty striped leaves show every tint of silver, bronze-green, pinkish crimson, rose, and grey, in their markings. An extra fine basket plant, as it stands dust, dryness, and extremes of temperature.

VIOLET, Swanley White—In pots it grows luxuriantly and is loaded with flowers. In the garden it is hardy with slight protection, and greets us in early spring with a profusion of its large, sweet-scented blossoms. The growth of the plant is vigorous and healthy, bearing in great numbers very large, perfectly double flowers of pure snowy whiteness and unexcelled fragrance. It is not uncommon for a plant to have as many as fifty large flowers open at once, and they present a beautiful sight.

Lady Hume Campbell—The finest blue Violet. Flowers extra large and sweet, borne in great profusion on long stems. Plant rank and strong grower, producing flowers by the hundred.

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Tenifolium Double—Like the above, with large double blossoms. 35c.

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Mixed Pæonies—Ten sorts. \$1.25 per dozen.

Japanese Tree Pæonies.

The most magnificent flower one can have in June. The new sorts which we imported a few years ago bear flowers more than a foot across, very double and of the brightest color, from white to intense scarlet, pink, mottled, variegated, etc. We have over 30 named kinds. \$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen, by express. They are too large to mail, and will bloom next spring.

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Hardy Pyrethrum.

Charming plants which are profusely in bloom on Decoration Day, and furnish an abundance of the very choicest blossoms for cutting.

Snow Ball—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 fernlike, 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 to 4 inches across, and beautiful beyond expression. It blooms most profusely in June, when rare gems are particularly scarce. 20c. each; 6 for \$1.00.

Double Scarlet—Like the above except in color which is a fine deep scarlet, making a most charming contrast. 30c. each; one each of the two sorts for 40c.

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 spellbound in the presence of its magnificent firelike 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. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

New Perennial Phloxes.

Those who remember the thin-petaled white and the dull-hued purple Perennial Phlox of old-fashioned gardens can scarcely recognize these new Phloxes as the same flower. These new varieties are in bloom from June until frost, and are in huge panicles of close bloom like a Hydrangea, while the individual florets are twice the size of the old-time Phlox and the shades of color the brightest, richest and clearest. There are no finer or more useful perennials than the Perennial Phloxes, or which will give more complete satisfaction. The variety we offer are new and fine, and the plants we send out will bloom magnificently the coming summer. They are cheap, and we hope that all our customers will plant them.

Atheis—Beautiful rosy-scarlet tinged with salmon. Very bright and showy.

Snow Cloud—White, suffused with purple. Extra fine.

Charlotte Salson—White, suffused with pink, deepening toward the center to bright vermillion.

Lasollet—Enormous flower and truss, individual flowers being 1½ inches across. Color, light crimson tinged with lilac and shaded lighter toward the center.

Diplomat—Beautiful light lilac with crimson eye. Very large flower and truss.

Eclair—Deep, bright purplish crimson. Extra large.

The following four sorts are Early-flowering Phloxes, as they begin to bloom very early, continuing all summer:

Master Morty Hulse—Beautiful rose-lilac, marbled with white. Flowers large and of beautiful form.

Master Clarence Hulse—Pure white. Flowers and truss of very large size and exceedingly beautiful.

Master Sylvester Hulse—Beautiful lilac-rose.

Miss Hattie Hulse—Pure white, with beautiful pink eye.

Price of all above Phloxes, 15 cents each; four for 50 cents; the ten for \$1.00.

MISCELLANEOUS HARDY PLANTS AT 10c.

Price of the following Beautiful Hardy Plants, 15c. each; 2 for 25c.; 5 for 50c.; or more at 10c. each.

Asters.—Hardy. Two lovely and free-blooming varieties,—one deep purple, the other lavender.

Apios Tuberosa—The well-known and lovely Tuberos Rooted Wistaria; a superb vine.

Blackberry Lily—Very ornamental.

Calliopsis Lanceolata—A superb and constant bloomer, with large golden blossoms.

Eulalias—Elegant ornamental grasses, growing ten feet high, with beautiful foliage and large feathery plumes. We have three varieties—Zebrina, Japonica and Gracilima. Should be in every garden.

Lychnis Viscaris—One of the best herbaceous perennials with tall spikes of handsome crimson flowers, very double and profuse. It is doubly useful because it comes so early in the season, while flowers are yet scarce.

Hop, Golden Cluster—A picturesque vine with its wealth of dark green deeply-cleft leaves and its long festooning sprays of golden-yellow Hops with their grateful, homely fragrance and graceful beauty as well as usefulness.

Hemerocallis, Lemon Lily—The clear yellow lily-like flowers are borne on long, stiff stalks, making them superior flowers for large vases or for pulpit bouquets.

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.

Hibiscus, Childs Hardy Hybrids.

Sweet Mary—This plant was known in olden times only as Sweet Mary, producing an abundance of beautiful leaves all summer, which are indispensable for bouquets and cut flowers. This lovely old plant has almost gone out of cultivation, and we know that many of our customers will thank us for re-introducing it.

Achillea Grandiflora—A most useful and beautiful hardy perennial plant which furnishes a profusion of the choicest double white flowers all summer. It commences to bloom by the first of July and is a perfect mass of bloom until frost, as many as 5,000 flowers having been counted upon the plant at one time. Flowers pure white, perfectly double, and produced in large sprays, and are unsurpassed for all sorts of cut-flower work, bouquets, etc. It is perfectly hardy anywhere, and so vigorous that it will take care of itself among weeds. For cemetery planting there is nothing finer, for it is sure to live, thrive and bloom profusely year after year. For clumps or masses in the garden it is extra fine. The plants we send out will bloom profusely this summer.

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. 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.

Day Lily, Large Blue—Lovely blue flowers on tall spikes.

Variegated Leaved—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.

Mountain Fleecce—One of the latest bloomers we have flowering with the Chrysanthemum. Its great sprays of feathery white bloom are not only pretty in the garden, but are in great demand for all sorts of floral work.

Statice, or Thrift—This is a dainty little plant, forming compact tufts of narrow green foliage, which makes it particularly valuable for edging. The flowers are a clear bright pink, and borne in clusters on tall stems. It blooms all summer long, and is a very pretty, desirable and useful flower, really the best of all hardy plants for edging walks, beds, etc.

Spiraea Filipendula—Grows two feet high, with large, feathery plumes of the most charming white blossoms.

Spiraea Elegans—Pure white, in large, compact spirals.

Spiraea Ulmaria—Fine foliage and elegant flowers.

Platycodon Grandiflora—A lovely free blooming plant.

Yucca Filamentosa—The stately clumps of stiff, bayonet-like leaves, bristling out from the center in every direction, are extremely ornamental, but in mid-summer they take on an added glory. Thick, woody flower stalks are thrown up, growing as high as a man's head, and bear at their summit immense compound panicles of creamy, bell shaped flowers, each floret two inches across. A single panicle will contain 300 or more florets, and will be two feet in length.

Phlox Subulata—One of the finest of low, turfy-growing plants, fine for carpeting under trees, around rock work, edging beds, etc. Early in spring is very showy with its cloud of bright pink blossoms. We do not understand why this is not more widely grown, for it is perfectly hardy, and once planted will take care of itself.

Candytuft, Hardy—A plant of exquisite beauty, being of low, compact, spreading growth and producing its profusion of bloom in May or June when pure white flowers are particularly scarce. Its profusion of bloom is so great that a bed of it looks at a little distance like a mass of fleecy snow just fallen. Few hardy plants will give as much real satisfaction as will this beautiful gem. Lifted late in the fall, it will bloom well in the house during winter. Perfectly hardy and foliage ever green. Attractive every day in the year.

Hardy Pinks—Magnificent early-blooming garden flowers, which are always greatly admired, both for their delicate beauty and perfume.

Snow—A fine edging plant, in early summer a mass of pure white flowers. Very fine, and perfectly hardy.

Anne Boleyn—Like the above, but a rich pink, with darker center. A most charming combination of color.

Hardy Marguerites—A popular daisy-like flower, largely grown now for cutting and wearing. Graceful and modest, and very profuse, blooming a long time each season.

White (Pyrethrum Utigenosum)—Large white flowers with a golden center. A fine late summer and fall flower.

Golden—Large golden yellow flowers in great profusion. A fine contrast to the white variety.

New Double Iris Kaempferi.

A wood cut of this size cannot properly show these new Iris, therefore we have had prepared a magnificent stipple lithograph in 18 colors, size 16x33 inches, eight times larger than this page, and 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 15c. 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 or 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 lifetime 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. These Iris received highest award at the World's Fair.

Blue Jay—Dwarf habit, large flower; fine azure blue freely veined and mottled white. Extra fine.

Charmer—Lovely light blue, with white center and veins. Large and handsome.

Dinah—Light silvery lilac, veined purple blue. Dwarf habit, large flower.

Eclair—Lovely pure white. Extra large and fine.

Mahogany—Very large flower, deep mahogany red.

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

Hannibal—Light blue freely veined deep blue. Yellow center.

Mt. Fuji—Grayish white, finely veined celestial blue, with blue and yellow center.

Mt. Hood—Light blue shaded darker. Bright orange center.

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

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—Purplish blue, shaded indigo; yellow markings.

Victor—Fine porcelain blue, veined.

Price—15c. each; four for 50c.; the fifteen for \$1.50.

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

SINGLE VARIETIES.

We offer ten rarely beautiful single varieties from Japan.

Blue Bird—Clear dark blue.

Como—Reddish amaranth with large white center.

Exquisite—Fine porcelain blue.

Shadow—Enormous wavy petals, dark indigo blue with peacock lustre and golden center. Grand.

Snowbound—Large pure white, with golden bands.

Cranite—Grayish white, overlaid fine blue.

Souvenir—Lovely rose pink, with delicate blue veins.

Violet Cap—Pure white, veined, and suffused dark blue.

Neptune—Reddish gray, freely veined.

Quakeress—Light lavender, tinged rose.

Price of above rare single varieties: 15c. each; the ten for \$1.00.

Fine Mixed Single Varieties—twenty-five kinds, 10c. each; three for 25c.; twelve for \$1.00.

THREE ELEGANT NEW SORTS.

These three new Iris Kaempferi are now offered for the first time. They are grand. Price, 30c. each; the three for 75c.

Mrs. C. T. Saxton—Pure white, enormous size and triple extra double. The finest double variety.

Senator Lexow—Enormous flower like Shadow, but much larger; great wavy petals a foot across. Indigo blue.

Spotted Beauty—Large size, very double; silky white freely and finely spotted with violet crimson.

German Iris.

Another good old flower, as handsome as an Orchid, now found in many new colors. A striking flower of crepe-like texture and most exquisite coloring, the gauzy veining reminding one of the delicate tracing of the butterfly's wing. We grow acres of Iris, and know you can find no finer list of varieties than the one here presented. They bloom in May and June, when there is a dearth of flowers.

Alveira—Upright petals, light blue; falls, rich brilliant purplish blue, flaked and feathered.

Candicans—Uprights, fine light blue; falls, feathered.

Honorable—Uprights, bright deep golden yellow; falls, finely feathered and veined yellow and maroon.

Mad. Cheri—Uprights, pearly white, deeply feathered at edges of petals with sky-blue; falls, white, delicately suffructured blue; tall and very early. A grand variety.

Neclecta—Uprights, fine blue; falls, deep blue; large flower.

Florentina—Lovely blue, very sweet scented.

Pearl—Delicate lavender; falls, deep lavender.

Penelope—White; falls, veined purple.

Queen of the Gypsies—Uprights, smoky lavender-bronze; falls, feathered and veined rich plum, white, buff, etc.

Stenophylla—Beautiful self-color, light blue, shaded darker.

Souvenir—Uprights, brilliant yellow; falls, freely veined.

Velveteen—Light yellow; falls, deep velvety purple-black.

Price 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; the whole 12 for only \$1.00.

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

BEAUTIFUL HARDY FLOWERING VINES.

Wistaria.

A favorite vine, that will grow twenty-five feet in a single season. Just the thing for second-story verandas, or as a tree climber, or to train against a high wall. In early spring is covered with great massive clusters, sometimes two feet long, of lovely pea-shaped flowers.

Alba—A mass of white flowers in spring, the clusters of bloom reaching two feet in length. 75c. each.

Sinensis Magnifica—Fine large clusters of lovely blue flowers, produced in great masses. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Ampelopsis Veitchi.

The fashionable wall climber of the day. Clings tightly by suckers thrown out along the stem, to rock, brick, etc., and is a wall of living green the summer through, turning in autumn to a flaming crimson, when it is fairly gorgeous. It stands the dust and dry air of cities admirably. Nothing else can take its place. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

Honeysuckle.

The dear old Honeysuckle is never out of place, at the rich man's mansion or the poor man's cottage. For a cheap, hardy, robust, yet lovely vine, it is the chief standby. Flowers exceedingly beautiful and very fragrant.

Fuchsia Flowered—Large clusters of long, trumpet-shaped flowers, that droop like a Fuchsia, and are of a brilliant coral red. Very fine.

Golden Leaved—Marvelously effective. It bears innumerable sprays of the most perfect little leaves that are covered with a net-work of gold and green, often marked with pink also. The gold deepens at the tip of the sprays and there is nothing finer to combine with corsage bouquets, while for trimming floral baskets they are the finest things we know of. A strong grower, with white blossoms. A unique vine.

Halliana—The best white monthly Honeysuckle, with dark green foliage, which keeps fresh and green nearly all winter, and beautiful clusters of the sweetest-scented flowers that open a snowy white and turn a pale yellow. These flowers are produced in profusion from early spring to late fall. A fine vine for a large trellis, or to train at the end of a veranda, or over tall screens.

15c. each; the 3 for 40c.; \$1.50 per dozen.

Clematis Davidiana.

This is a lovely species of Clematis, growing in bush form three or four feet high, and yielding through the summer great panicles of lovely blue flowers, which are exceedingly handsome and very fragrant. The foliage is large and luxuriant, and the plant is, all in all, one of exceptional beauty. It is perfectly hardy in any locality, and blooms profusely when only a foot high. This lovely Bush Clematis will be a rare attraction in any garden or border, and we have such a very large stock of strong healthy plants that we can offer it at the extremely low price of 20c. each.

Clematis.

The finest vine in existence for small trellises, or piazza pillars. Used also to cover rock-work, mound, stumps, etc., or can be used as a low trailer, pegging its shoots down to the ground. Foliage neat, habit graceful, and for months a solid sheet of bloom, the large starry flowers actually hiding the foliage. The flowers are from 4 to 9 inches across, extremely showy. All of these are perfectly hardy. And are the finest varieties:

Ramona—A strong, rampant grower, fully three times as strong as Jackmanni, often growing ten feet the first season. It is a perpetual bloomer, flowers appearing both in the old and the new wood, giving an abundance of blossoms all through the season. In color a very deep sky-blue, lovely and distinct from any other. In size the flowers surpass anything we have ever seen. Perfectly hardy and very vigorous; new and grand. 80c.

Henryi—This is the finest of all white Clematis, and should find a place in every collection. It is not only a vigorous grower, but is a remarkably free and continuous bloomer, beginning with the earliest and holding on with the latest. Flowers large, of a beautiful creamy white. 60c.

Jackmanni—This is perhaps the best known of the fine perpetual Clematis, and should have credit for the great popularity now attending this family of beautiful climbers. The plant is free in its form of growth, and an abundant and successful bloomer, producing flowers until frozen up. The flowers are large, of an intense violet purple, remarkable for its velvety richness. 50c.

Paniculata—We cannot well say too much in praise of this vine. A clean, thrifty, robust growing vine, of graceful habit, with attractive glossy foliage, and covered in August and September with a sheet of clustered snow white bloom of the most delicious fragrance. No other vine so completely covers itself with flowers. An arbor or portico over which this Clematis is trained, is a wall of white for the time being, and what makes it the more striking is that nearly all other vines have ceased blooming at that time. The panicles of bloom are very pretty for cutting, the pretty star-like florets, with their feathery stamens appearing to fine advantage contrasted with the larger and more vivid flowers of the early autumn garden. Perfectly hardy; grows rapidly. Fine vines, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 6 for \$1.00.

Coccinea—A graceful festooning vine of elegant appearance. Bears a profusion of shining coral-scarlet buds and flowers all summer. Blossoms bell-shaped, very bright and beautiful. Fine for decorating. 20c.

Crispa—Something like Coccinea, but more broadly bell-shaped, and their color a fine blue tipped with white. Very neat looking. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

One each of above 6 fine Clematis, \$2.00.

HARDY ♦ FLOWERING ♦ SHRUBS.

Every true lover of Horticulture, in its highest sense, finds special delight in the cultivation of Flowering Shrubs. They possess a charm, a grace and a beauty which is supreme; one's soul is drawn toward them in adoration, and it seems to meet, in return, a love which can make its existence known. They stand by our gate, our doorway and our paths, scattered singly or in groups over the lawn or in stately hedge or background and as they develop and make the seasons rejoice with their beauty and fragrance, we grow to love and cherish them, to some degree, as members of our family. Each one brings a special joy with its season of bloom, and they are really part of our home life; certainly loving companions, greeting us when we return, and bringing to our every day life beauty, cheer and happiness. No, we who love nature, beautiful and refined homes, cannot realize complete happiness without Hardy Flowering Shrubs, and our love for them, together with knowledge and experience in cultivating them, has suggested the following varieties, every one of which is a gem. Hardy, robust, free-flowering, and exquisitely beautiful. They are the best, and our customers cannot go astray in selecting any of them. Floral Park would be incomplete if one sort was missing, and as we grow and sell Shrubs by the hundred thousand we can offer first-class, healthy bushes at extremely low rates.

ALTHEA.

PRICE: All Shrubs on this and next page, fine plants, by mail, 15c. each; 2 for 25c.; 5 for 50c.; or more at 10c. each.
Extra large bushes, by express, 30c. each; 2 for 50c.; 5 for \$1.00; more at 20c. each.

Althea—A fine tall growing shrub, that once planted is good for a lifetime. Blooms when but a slip of a plant, but eventually reaches the size of a small tree. Always a symmetrical, upright grower, well clothed with a dark green foliage, and bears every year, without fail, a profusion of large, showy, double flowers, that closely resemble Hollyhocks in shape and colors, but often larger in size. They bloom from midsummer until frost, at a time when few other shrubs are in bloom. Fine for cemetery planting, or for grouping upon the lawn. The following are new double varieties of superb beauty. In Europe this is the most popular of all flowering shrubs. No flowering tree or large shrub can approach it in majestic beauty.

Rubra—Fine double red, large and brilliant.
Meehanii—Enormous double white flowers having a fine red center. Magnificent.

Double White—Great snowy blossoms; exquisite.
Double Mixed—Extra fine; all colors and variegations.

Almond, Flowering—Lovely low growing shrubs, which in early spring are from base to tips of its branches wreathed in a profusion of double rose-like pink and white blossoms of the most delicate beauty.

Berberis, Purple Leaved—A lovely shrub with dark purple leaves and racemes of orange-colored flowers.

Berberis, Thunbergii—Flowers followed by bright red berries, which remain on the bushes all winter and are exceedingly ornamental.

Callicarpa Purpurea—A lovely shrub, loaded all winter with clusters of pretty blue berries.

Cydonia Japonica—Large flaming red blossoms very early in spring. A grand old shrub.

Exochordia—A new Japanese shrub of great beauty. Blooms early in spring and is a complete mass of snowy white bloom.

Fern Leaf Tree—A beautiful tree of a low shrubby growth, making a superb large foliage shrub. Its leaves are like beautiful fern fronds, so finely laciniated and graceful, often two feet in length by 10 inches in width. Color very dark green while the stems are dark ebony red. It also bears large bunches of red berries, and in autumn the leaves color very brightly at the touch of frost. It is one of the very finest shrubs in cultivation. It is hardy and robust and succeeds in any situation. As a specimen shrub or small tree for the yard or lawn it is grand.

EXOCHORDIA.

BERBERRY.

Deutzia—Favorite small shrub, completely covered with flowers when in bloom. Unsurpassed for specimen clumps and for cutting, bouquet making, etc.

Crenata, fl., pl.—Four feet high. In June is covered with double white blossoms, like tiny roses, in lovely panicles, exceedingly pretty.

Rosea, fl., pl.—Exactly like above, but of a lovely rose color. Very fine.

Cracilis—Grows only two feet high, but is weighted to the ground with its load of white Lily-of-the-Valley-like blossoms. Fine for forcing in winter.

Calycanthus Florida—The "Sweet Shrub" so long a favorite in gardens. The purplish flowers have an exquisite pine-apple fragrance of which one never tires, and a spray of which will perfume a whole room. Can not be omitted from any lawn or garden.

Privet, California—A fine rapid-growing evergreen shrub.

Hydrangea Paniculata—Generally considered the most valuable and ornamental shrub in existence. Bushy and robust, every branch tipped in mid-summer with an immense close panicle of flat, snow-white flowers of gigantic size. The trusses of bloom are ten to twelve inches long and nearly as thick through, and last for two or three months, turning pinkish toward the last. No other shrub makes such a show on the lawn or is so universally admired. Grand for cemetery use, and always blooms finely the first summer.

Hydrangea Impreterice Eugenia—A fine hardy sort producing great flat cymes of sky-blue, among which are scattered great star-shaped white or pink blooms. Exceedingly showy and a rival to the famous Paniculata.

Sweet Pea Shrub—The shrub of shrubs for bouquet makers. When it is in bloom it is really but a big bouquet itself, so full is it of dainty sprays of large, lovely rose-pink blooms to which the graceful pinnate foliage is an admirable background. Very hardy and robust, and commences to bloom when but a foot high. Its glorious flowers are borne in clusters and are the size and shape of the most lovely Sweet Peas, but its color is more beautiful. The amount of bloom which one of these little shrubs will carry is astonishing, and the sight presented is one of remarkable beauty. Blooms profusely in June and July and to some extent all summer.

Spirea, Japanese—These new Spireas bloom from early summer until frost, and are not only very handsome in the flower garden, but are quite indispensable for cutting, furnishing the fine, feathery, fluffy spikes so necessary to bring out the full beauty of a bouquet. Very easy to grow and entirely hardy.

Bumalda—So dwarf and compact it can be grown where large shrubs would be out of place. A cloud of lovely rose-pink flowers for months. Very fine.

Fortunei Rosea—A medium-sized shrub and a great bloomer. Panicles of delicate pink flowers of wonderful beauty.

Fortunei Alba—Like the above, but pure white.

Spirea Van Houttei—In early spring a weeping fountain of bloom, that cannot be counted for numbers. Solid wreaths of snow-white flowers. Two and three feet long. Grand beyond expression.

Thunbergi—A lovely shrub, with pretty, dense, fern-like leaves that in autumn take on the most glowing high colors. The bush is a sheet of white blossoms in early spring, and grows to a good size.

Aurea—A grand shrub to group with the Purple-leaved Berberry. Leaves larger than other Spireas; tri-lobed, and shading from a light golden-green to a rich orange yellow; flowers white. Truly superb.

Syringa, Mock Orange—This much resembles the Orange in bloom, but the flowers are large and more deeply fragrant. When in bloom, their delicious orange odor is wafted by the breeze a long way.

Tamarix—A curious shrub, unlike any other. Slender growth, covered with peculiar fine, feathery foliage. In spring it is a mass of spray-like blossoms of a clear pink.

Weigella—We have seen canes of three and four feet long one solid wreath of flower thorn tip to end, and fifty more such canes could have been cut from the bush.

Snowball, Double White—The grand old Snowball will never go out of fashion. One of the most ornamental of all shrubs when heaped with its mimic snow. This new variety is a marked improvement on the old Snowball, both in foliage and flower. Its immense balls or rosette-like blossoms are grand.

Forsythia—(Golden Bell.) Lovely old shrub which blooms exceedingly early.

Fringe, Purple—A round-headed large shrub, with pretty foliage and curious misty clusters of feathery bloom that seem to wrap the whole bush in a purple cloud of smoke.

Jasmine Officinalis—Blossoms all the season, producing a profusion of white star-like blossoms of great fragrance.

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.

We have for years made a specialty of Choice Fruit Novelties and have introduced nearly all of the leading ones for ten years past. The varieties here offered are all of recent introduction, and each and every one possesses great merit. 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.

At prices named we send strong, robust, young stock by mail, postpaid, but by express we can send much larger trees, especially Peaches, Apples, Plums, etc. Strawberries, Raspberries, Dewberries, Grapes, etc., are of course as well sent by mail as by 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. We have no San Jose Scale.

Choice 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. Our readers will appreciate this 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. 60c. per doz.; \$2.50 per 100; \$17 per 1,000.

Meeks Early. This is a most important new berry, inasmuch as it is the EARLIEST and BEST of all early varieties. It is a good week ahead of any other in ripening, and it is also of large size, fine quality and very productive. No other early variety can compare with it, and it must find its way to every collection. 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000.

Minicola. For a general all-round 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. It is a most vigorous grower, its foliage being of great size and wonderfully healthy and luxuriant. The fruit is borne on long 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; \$15.00 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 Strawberries, fruit being very large and handsome, produced in great quantity and of sweet fine flavor. Being extremely late in ripening it greatly prolongs the Strawberry season, especially if one has Meeks Early to commence with and Minicola for intermediate. Fine vigorous plants, 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000.

SPECIAL OFFER.—Six plants each of the above four finest Strawberries for \$1.00; 12 each for \$1.50; 100 each for \$6.00.

Grapes.

Everyone that has a bare fence, wall or outbuilding 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 it 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, hardy and vigorous. 15c. each; \$1.50 dozen.

Concord. The old standard variety. It is of fine flavor and iron-clad hardness, 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.; \$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; \$2.00 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.

Niagara. No Grape has been so largely advertised as this, and none so extensively planted during the first 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.

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. Flesh tender, juicy, sweet, with a strong native aroma. Medium early. 15c. each; \$1.50 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 hardness. It is in every way a very choice variety. 15c. each; \$1.25 dozen.

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

RASPBERRY "GREAT AMERICAN" New Raspberries.

Great American—This giant berry is the "Eureka" of Luther Burbank, we having purchased the stock three years ago and grown it here at Floral Park. It is the largest Raspberry in cultivation, being a real giant by the side of our common garden varieties like Cuthbert, Gregg, Souhegan, etc. The above cut shows the comparative size. Color, bright red, firm, very productive, of a luscious, piquant, acid flavor, so much admired. Twice as large as Shaffer's Colossal, which is one of the largest berries in cultivation. Bushes compact in growth, free from prickles, robust, and of iron-clad hardness. This is one of the great berry novelties of our time and must become the standard in every garden. Strong bushes, 20c. each; 7 for \$1.00.

Souche White—A large berry of light amber, almost white, color. A luxuriant grower, free bearer, and hardy. Berries extra large, and of a peculiar rich, sugary flavor. One of the highest flavored of all berries. 20c. each; 7 for \$1.00.

Childs' Allsummer—An everbearer, commencing to ripen its large berries in July and continues until killed by autumn frosts. The plants are strong and vigorous, growing three to five feet in height, standing erect without stakes or other support. Foliage very large and rank, dark green above and silvery white underneath. In hardness nothing can surpass it, as it has never been injured in the severest climate. It is immensely prolific, the berries being of great size, and dark red in color; quality extra fine. Mrs. Stowe, of Montana, says: "It has fruited for five years and borne a full crop each year, no matter how hot the weather. Our plot is 45 feet in length by 15 feet in width, besides a single row 115 feet long. From this plot and the row we picked last year fully 11 bushels of berries. Is not that a good yield? For five years the yield has been very uniform. In 1889 the yield during July was 244 boxes; August, 175 boxes; September, 27 boxes, an abundance of green fruit being killed by frost September 25th. In many sections where the season is long enough its October crop is the largest." To see it at its very best it must have a moist soil or plenty of water. 20c. each; 7 for \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER—One plant each of the above three New Raspberries for 50c.; 3 of each for \$1.25; 12 of each for \$4.00.

Best Standard Raspberries.

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 culture.

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 and juicy.

Thompson's Early Prolific—The earliest Raspberry yet introduced, and a great cropper. Berries of fair size, bright crimson color, and of extra fine quality. Perfectly hardy and a sure cropper.

Kansas—The King of all Black Cap Berries. Medium early, large size, great productiveness, excellent quality and perfect hardness, make it superior to any other black variety.

Price, 60c. per dozen; \$2.00 per hundred.

Hybrid Berry, Primus.

A hybrid between a Blackberry and a Raspberry. We have owned the entire stock for three years and it has been tested thoroughly. It is one of Mr. Burbank's greatest productions, and he says of it: "This was my first success with Blackberry-Raspberry Hybrids, and it has been fully tested for several seasons. It is one of the most productive berries known, and is larger and more regular in shape than any other berry. Its flavor is unique; nothing like it has before appeared. All pronounce it superior when cooked, and eaten raw it is claimed to be the best berry ever tasted."

This berry is really enormous in size of fruit and vigor of growth. Its flavor is like that of a Raspberry and Blackberry combined; fruit long and handsome, of a Mulberry-black color. Its season of fruiting is earlier than either the Raspberry or Blackberry, following closely upon the Strawberry, often before Standard Blackberries commence to bloom. Bushes incline to a trailing habit, and are best trained upon wires, like Grapevines. It is somewhat of a perpetual bearer, showing more or less fruit all summer. In a greenhouse it is a great thing, for it will fruit splendidly all winter, and prove exceedingly profitable. It is as hardy as an Oak in any climate, and a sure cropper every year.

This is one of the most remarkable of all new fruits seen during this generation. A berry of sterling worth in every particular. It is twice as large and in every way superior to the New Logan Berry which is being so highly praised.

Price, 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00; 6 for \$2.50.

Gooseberries.

We offer three remarkable varieties of recent introduction.

Industry—A Gooseberry of strong, vigorous growth, free from mildew or other diseases, and large handsome fruit of a delicious quality. The berries are dark cherry in color, and when ripe are rich and sugary.

Keepsake—Very large, light green, and of the richest quality. Considered to be the finest new Gooseberry in many years. Strong grower and an immense cropper, like Industry, but one or two weeks earlier. Blooms late after frosts, and is therefore a sure cropper.

Lancashire Red—In size the berries are the largest known, almost rivaling plums. Color, a rich plum-red, while the quality is exceedingly sweet and delicious. The plant is entirely free from mildew, being an exceedingly strong and healthy grower and a prodigious bearer.

Price, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 12 for \$2.00. One each of the three sorts for 60c.; 5 each for \$1.50.

Childs' Golden Japanese Mayberry.

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-ellow 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. 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. We have every reason to believe that the common wild Salmon Berry of Oregon is being sold as the Japanese Mayberry. As the introducer, we have the genuine stock, and we hope people will not be deceived by that which is bogus. Childs' Japanese Golden Mayberry is not a wild or native berry of any country, but is a Hybrid raised by Luther Burbank, from Japanese species.

PRICE—Strong two-year-old plants, from open ground, 15c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for \$1.00.

The Tree Strawberry.

A new fruit from Japan which bids fair to prove a great success. It is certainly extremely novel and curious. The fruit closely resembles a Strawberry, though it is borne on a bush like a Raspberry. It is hardy, prolific, of fine quality; very handsome, both as a fruit and as a shrub. It is a most unique plant in every respect, and we believe will give great satisfaction. Price, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

5 New Fruits for 60c.

For only 60c. we will send by mail postpaid, the following 5 rare New Fruits, 3 collections for \$1.50.

I JAPAN MAYBERRY,

I TREE STRAWBERRY,

I TREE BLACKBERRY,

I MUSKBERRY,

I WINEBERRY.

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 five to seven 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 we picked about September first 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 berries proved to be the largest and finest ever seen, and that the symmetrical branching of the plants makes them perfect little trees.

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

Two Fine Blackberries.

Price.—3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for \$2.50.

Erie. It is in every sense a superb Blackberry, being enormously prolific, hardy, the fruit large in size, perfect in shape, sweet and luscious in quality. Is soft and melting to the taste, being rich and sugary to the very core.

Early Harvest. The earliest Blackberry grown, and in every way a grand good sort. Often grows eight feet high and a perfect mass of fruit from top to bottom.

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 plants 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 "burs" 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.

CHILDS GIANT RUBY CURRANT

Currant.

A favorite old garden fruit, which of late years has been wonderfully improved, and the variety here offered can bear little or no comparison to the old garden sort:

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 remarkably strong growth, the leaves being large but less leathery than Fay's or Cherry. In the size and quality 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 the 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, 1893. 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, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; 100 for \$10.00.

Grandall Tree Currant.

We were the first to call general attention to this most excellent fruit, and for the last four years it has had with us a tremendous sale, and as far as we have heard has in every instance proved greatly satisfactory. It is a strong and rapid grower, attaining a height of seven to nine feet and branching freely into a fine symmetrical tree form; single shoots often grow four to five feet in one season. It bears every year a tremendous crop of large black fruit nearly the size of a grape, the quality of which is entirely unlike that of any other Black Currant, as it has none of the odor or disagreeable flavor common to black sorts. Its quality is very fine indeed, and is not excelled for cooking in any form, either for pies, jelly, jam or sauce. Its flavor is that of the Sweet Currant, combined with the acid of the Cherry Currant. It is almost sure to commence bearing the first year and certainly will yield a big crop the second year. The fruit begins to ripen the middle of July and continues to the middle of August, the large berries being borne in clusters of four to twelve and cling to the tree a long time after they are ripe before dropping. The currant worm does not infest this sort and it is, in fact, entirely exempt from all insect ravages, either in foliage or fruit. It is of iron-clad hardness and will stand the most severe climate without a particle of injury in any respect.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has taken a great interest in this new Currant, and the Agricultural Report of 1889, contains a fine colored plate of it, and among other things the report says: "It is an enormous bearer, the fruit being large, about one-half inch in diameter. In quality, raw, it is superior to any of the European Black Currants, having no strong odor or unpleasant taste. It is well adapted for sauces, pies, jellies, etc. It is never attacked by currant worms or other insects, and is perfectly hardy." This is a strong endorsement and is as true as gospel. The Grandall Tree Currant should certainly have a position in every garden. Price of strong, healthy plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

DEWBERRY.

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, 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 fruits.

Lucretia—(True.) We find this to be superior in every particular to any other variety which has been offered. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

Crystal White—A new sort, the berries of which are crystal white in color, though not so large as *Lucretia*, but exceedingly juicy, rich and sweet. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.

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 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, 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.; 7 for \$1.00.

Muskberry.

A new berry belonging to the Raspberry family; a rank grower, reaching 5 to 8 feet in height, and branching. Foliage large and luxuriant, berries dark ruby red, and of a peculiar cone-like appearance. Exceedingly sweet, but possessing a sort of musky flavor, which is greatly liked by some but not by others. As a fancy berry it is unique and should have a place in all good collections of fruit. As hardy as an Oak and will thrive in any waste or out of the way place. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

The Dwarf Rocky Mountain Cherry.

This wonderful fruit was discovered in 1878, in the mountains of Lorimer County, Colorado. It is one of the most productive fruits that grow. It is not uncommon to pick 15 to 20 quarts of fruit from a three year old bush, and 80 cherries have been counted on a branch 12 inches in length from a two year old bush. The fruit when ripe is a jet black and of a size somewhat larger than the English Morello. In flavor superior to any other variety. It is ornamental as well as useful both in flower and fruit. It bears every year, grows to a height of four feet and has never been affected by insects or disease. On account of its small growth it can be grown in a little space where there would not be room to plant a larger growing cherry or other tree, and is a superb thing to plant on the lawn or among shrubbery. It is one of the most startling novelties of last year. As it blooms and bears fruit when only a foot high it may be grown in a pot, if desired, like the Otaheite Orange. Price, 20c. each; 7 for \$1.00.

Three Grandest Plums.

Since the introduction of our Wineberry and Mayberry, nothing has been offered in the way of new fruits which can compare in value and importance to these new Plums—Burbank's greatest production. They are crosses with Japan varieties, and possess the most distinct characteristics; are the most beautiful, most luscious, best bearers and keepers, hardest and best adapted to all soils and climates. They were introduced by us last year.

Delaware or Dwarf-Weeping Plum. A superb and highly ornamental tree of short, symmetrical growth and long branches which droop to the ground. Owing to its dwarf habit it can be grown in space that would not admit of a larger kind. The best Plum in existence, with a most exquisite flavor like that of the Delaware Grape. It is described by some as possessing the flavor of the Apricot, Grape, Plum and Watermelon combined. Fruit of good size, purple flesh and skin, with white bloom. It is exceedingly productive, and ripens very early. Tree hardy and healthy, bearing when but two feet high. A perfect gem of a fruit and ornamental tree combined, and should be on every lawn and in every garden. It is destined to be the most popular Plum of the future, as it is certainly the most beautiful and luscious.

Shipper. Tree a large, rank grower, and enormously prolific. Fruit of large size, rich, juicy and sweet. Form and color of Imperial Gage, but handsomer, and the best Plum for shipping yet introduced. Hardy, robust and heavy annual cropper. The most profitable of all market Plums, as it is of the best quality, largest size, most prolific and best shipper.

Juicy. This glorious new Plum is a cross between Botan and Robinson. The fruit is the size of the former and three times larger than the latter, and of perfect shape. Skin thin and transparent, light yellow, underlaid with scarlet—as beautiful as wax. In quality it seems to us that there is no other fruit which can approach it. It has a delicious sweetness, mingled with a sprightly acid, and a high melting plum flavor, surpassing anything we ever saw. When fully ripe it is so juicy that when the

skin is broken its delicious pulp flows out like honey. The tree is a hardy, rank, luxuriant grower, though of dwarfish habit. It blooms so late in spring that frost never injures the crop. In this respect it is valuable beyond estimate. It begins to bear when very small—trees scarcely three feet high often producing large crops. When of fair size it is an enormous yielder, and the fruit ripens early. The fruit keeps a long time after ripening, often fifteen to twenty days in hot weather, before decaying. We have received them from Northern California in the finest possible condition, notwithstanding the week's journey in close packing. Trees perfectly hardy.

PRICE of these Three Finest Plums, 30c. each; the 3 for 75c. Large trees, by express, 50c. each; 3 for \$1.25. Plant them by all means.

Peaches.

There is no tree which makes a more rapid growth and comes into bearing sooner after planting than the Peach. Trees small enough to go by mail will bear in three years, and their cost is so little that every home in our land should be abundantly supplied with this most valuable and delicious fruit. These new varieties are particularly fine, and superior in many respects. They are all extremely hardy, some of them being able to stand the climate of Canada.

Excelsior. A wonderfully good new Peach, which originated near Lowell, Mass. The tree is a dwarf of low-spreading, willow-like habit of growth, and the fruit buds are so hardy that it produces a full annual crop when all others fail. Fruit medium to large, rich orange-yellow, splashed with carmine on the sunny side, flesh yellow, juicy, very sweet, tender and rich. Pit small and a perfect freestone. The low growth and great beauty of this tree make it a desirable ornament for the lawn or garden. When loaded with its large, luscious fruit, it is one of the most strikingly beautiful small trees it is possible to have.

Dwarf Japanese. This is the earliest of all Peaches, ripening two or three weeks ahead of Alexander, and maturing in about eight weeks from time of blooming. It is a dwarf growing, very stocky variety from Japan, bearing when three or four feet high; a little tree, one year planted, matured twenty-four fine specimens. The blooming season is later than other varieties, making it almost free from the danger of damage by late spring frosts. Fruit large, beautiful crimson and yellow, heavily overlaid with red, really having the appearance of blood red. The flesh is rich, juicy and most excellent quality, and much the same color as outside. It is the most fragrant of all Peaches, a single specimen being so sweet as to fill a whole room with the delightful fragrance. The trees are very productive, bear extremely young and can be planted very closely together. It requires so little room that it may be grown on the lawn or in any nook or corner which would not accommodate a larger variety. It is a perfect gem of a fruit, and like the Bougoume Apricot, Bismarck Apple and Rocky Mountain Cherry, can be grown even in a large pot or tub.

Champion. Fruit very large often 10 inches in circumference. Flavor most delicious, juicy, sweet and rich, surpassing most other varieties. Color, a beautiful creamy-white, with a bright red cheek, most strikingly handsome in appearance. Its season of ripening is very early.

The Lemon Peach. A most unique variety, and a tree in bearing looks as though it was full of lemons instead of peaches. Extra fine and entirely distinct fruit, being oblong or lemon-shaped, pointed at the apex. Color, pale lemon when ripe. It is of large size, fine specimens measuring over 13 inches in circumference; medium early, and is of the finest quality and immensely productive.

The Orange Peach. This glorious Peach is a highly valuable and distinct variety, its enormous fruits closely resembling large, luscious oranges, and a tree in bearing reminds one of the orange groves of Florida.

Price, 25c. each; \$1.50 per dozen; the 5 for \$1.00.

The Childs Quince.

The fruit grows to an enormous size, larger than the largest Apples. In shape it is nearly round, resembling an Apple very much, with smooth skin. It is of very mild, pleasant flavor, so much so that when ripe it is delicious to eat raw from the hand as one would eat a good Apple. For cooking it is superb. Its flesh is so tender that it will bake or stew as readily as an Apple and in less time. The tree is a large, rank, luxuriant grower with heavy foliage and bears enormously, beginning when they stand in the nursery rows and only a few feet in height. It is indeed, a pretty sight to see these little trees, each bearing a number of Quinces of such tremendous size.

Mr. Burbank, the originator, writes: "Two-year-old trees of the Childs Quince are now bending almost to the ground with their fruit, which hang almost from the soil up the stems to the very tops. Some of these trees are only three and one-half feet high. I doubt if you realize what a grand fruit it is. It is the earliest Quince to ripen, earliest to bear, productive to my astonishment every season, smooth, handsome, lemon-yellow fruit, very large, and cooks in five minutes." Price, 75c. each; 3 for \$2.00.

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 cannot wonder at this remark when one sees this splendid fruit growing and tastes its luscious flavor. The tree attains a large size and 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. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

New Apples.

It was our good fortune a few years ago to come into control of 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 if only to get grafts.

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.

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.

Glowing Coal.—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 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.

Bismarck.—This new Dwarf Apple is indeed a wonder. Little trees a foot or two in height will bear a few apples of enormous size, either growing in pots or in the ground. A little tree 12 inches high, which we imported from France last winter, bore a fine large apple the following summer. Fruit very large, of brilliant color and borne freely on trees two years old.

Lorain Sweet.—An Apple of great size and superb quality. It ripens in early fall and is the most delicious Sweet Apple grown, flesh being exceedingly tender and melting, and of the most luscious flavor, reminding one of the sweetness of honey. Should be in every orchard.

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Apricot, Bougoume.

A new sort from Japan, and the finest yet introduced. It is so very dwarf, that it requires no more room than a good shrub, yet growing luxuriantly with large, healthy foliage in great abundance, and marvelous crops of delicious fruit. It can even be grown in a large pot or tub, like a Hydrangea or Oleander, and will fruit abundantly. It is perfectly hardy and bears when only two to three feet high. Fruit ripens in early summer, before Peaches or any other good fruit, in fact the earliest of the Apricots. Fruit large and a beautiful golden color, rich, sweet and juicy, of finest flavor, and good, solid flesh. A most valuable new fruit. 30c. each 4 for \$1.00.

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Eleagnus Longipes.

This is a new fruit from Japan. It is a shrub, fruiting when only three or four feet high, and probably never exceeds five or six feet when fully grown. The fruit is borne in quantity the whole length of the branches, is oblong or olive shape and about the color of a dark red cherry. It has a small pit and an excellent flavor, being rich, juicy, sprightly, and more luscious than the cherry. It ripens in July and August and the fruit remains in good condition a long time before dropping. The bush is perfectly hardy and robust. Price, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

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