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CHOICE SEEDS, AND POTATOES.

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TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS,
AND ALL OTHERS WHO WANT TO BUY SEEDS
DIRECT FROM THE GROWER.

KIND FRIENDS:— In again sending you my annual SEED CATALOGUE, I take this opportunity of thanking you for the liberal patronage bestowed on me, and for the many kind letters and testimonials, in regard to the good quality of my seeds. I do not boast of having the largest seed house in the country, or of issuing the most magnificent catalogue, filled with illustrated beauty, and bewitching rhetoric. (which all understand the customer really has to pay for in high priced seeds.) But rather, I am proud to say that what I do, I try to do well, and by personally growing most of the seeds, — carefully testing them, — and putting them up myself, — I KNOW WHAT I AM SELLING, and am able to supply good-sized packets at a reasonable price.

☞ My stock of seeds the present season, is the largest and best I ever had to offer. THEY ARE RAISED FOR MY CUSTOMERS. No seeds are sent out on commission, to be returned and sold in after years.

☞ I put in extra packets with every order, and send everything by mail, carefully packed, and postpaid at prices given. ☞ I guarantee entire satisfaction in every thing I offer, in so far that, should any prove otherwise, I will refill the order gratis.

HOW TO SEND MONEY.

Registering letters. Although letters sent in the usual way very seldom get lost, it is, perhaps, best to register those containing \$1.00 or more, or send a money order [when it can be procured] payable at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. I will put in enough extra seeds, to pay the expense.

☞ Postage-stamps taken same as cash. *EJ*

A FEW UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS.

Hillsboro, Oregon: Feb. 1885.

Mr. A. T. Cook:—Your garden seeds are very good I know by experience, and I can get them from you for just half what I have to pay for them here; and about twice the amount in a packet.

Adieu, Mrs. D. Mc.Lin.

Medina, Ohio; Feb. 17, 1885.

Friend Cook:—The seeds and potato-eyes all came to hand in excellent order. Many thanks for the extras.

Respectfully, A. I. Root.

Westport, Ind. April 1. 1885.

Kind Friend:—I received the seeds all right, and all that I bought seeds for, are well pleased with them. I am more than pleased with the extras that you put in. Your well-wisher, Wm. Cann.

Tyler, Lincoln Co. Minn. March 31, 1885.

Mr. A. T. Cook:—Inclosed find an order for three Collections of seeds, also for other seeds and plants.

We have had your seeds the past two years, and they have done splendidly. I never saw such beets, cabbages, turnips, &c. as we raised from your seed last year. Yours truly, Mrs. H. M. Fredenburg.

Brooklyn, N. Y. April 4, 1885.

Mr. A. T. Cook:—The seeds all came to hand in good time and splendid condition. Please accept my thanks. I was greatly surprised and pleased at the quantity and quality of the same. Your generosity and promptness, exceeds any I have ever dealt with, and I shall freely use my influence among my friends in your behalf. Yours respectfully, S. C. Gifford.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTION BOX OF SEEDS!

A COMPLETE COLLECTION OF CHOICE

Vegetable Seeds for the FAMILY GARDEN.

25 PACKETS, well filled with the BEST SEEDS, mailed for 65 cents.

In order to induce new customers to give my seeds a fair trial, I make the following liberal offer for 1886. I will send free by mail on receipt of sixty-five cents, my SPECIAL INTRODUCTION BOX OF SEEDS, (worth at retail \$1.50.) making a complete Family Vegetable Garden, containing my full regular-sized packets of all the best

NEW AND STANDARD VARIETIES.

I can make this special offer, only by growing and papering the 25 varieties in IMMENSE QUANTITIES,— doing all my own printing and manufacturing,— and selling only for cash.

I can positively make no changes, for the boxes are already packed awaiting orders.

BEANS, New Golden Prize Wax.
BEET, Four Best Varieties, mixed.
CARROT, Early Short-Horn.
CABBAGE, Four Best Varieties, mixed.
CELERY, Crawford's Half-Dwarf.
CHICORY, Large Rooted. [for coffee, etc.]
CUCUMBER, Improved White Spine.
LETTUCE, Four Best Varieties, mixed.
MUSKMELON, Golden Netted Gem.
WATERMELON, Peerless. (early, delicious.)
ONION, Large Red Wethersfield.
PARSLEY, Extra Fine Curled.
PARSNIP, Improved Hollow Crown.
PEPPER, New Golden-Dawn Mango.

RADISH, Early Scarlet and Golden Summer.
SALSIFY, or Vegetable Oyster.
SQUASH, Perfect Gem. [best squash grown.]
TOMATO, Four Best Varieties, mixed.
GOURD, Japanese Nest Egg.

FLOWER SEEDS.

ASTER, Finest double, mixed colors.
CALENDULA, Officinalis, "Meteor."
FLOWERING-BEAN, Purple, (Climber, 10 ft.)
MORNING-GLORY Finest mixed, 20 ft.
SWEET WILLIAM, Choicest colors.
MIXED FLOWER SEEDS. Over 200 choice varieties, mostly annuals, in one package.

I send all the above 25 packets of seeds, carefully packed in a box, by mail to any address, postpaid for 65 cents. Two Boxes for \$1.00. Five Boxes for \$2.00.

This is the best offer I have ever made, please show it to your neighbors and get them to send with you. By getting up a club among your friends, you can get your seeds free.

East Randolph, N. Y. Apr. 1885.

A. T. Cook:—The Complete COLLECTION of garden seeds I got of you last Spring proved entirely satisfactory. I cannot prize your seeds too highly.

Yours with great kindness and respect,

Jennie Palmer.

Chetco, Oregon. Feb. 20, 1885.

A. T. Cook:—I enclose \$4.00. for seed "Collections." I was well pleased with the seeds you sent last year. and if they continue to be as good you will hear from this place more extensively in the future.

Yours very truly, J. B. Wilson.

Vegetable, and Flower Seeds.

I have taken much pains to give a select list of only the best varieties, rather than a bewildering long one. I hope every one who has not planted my seeds, will give me at least a trial order.

My mixed vegetable seeds have been received with much favor. They are especially desirable for small gardens where an assortment is wanted. In no other way can such a variety be planted in the average garden. They are the choicest strains grown separate, and carefully mixed.

All my seeds are put up in IMPROVED PACKETS, which are very convenient for the customer. The Beans, Peas, and Corn are put up in full ounce packets, and all the other packets are good size. ALL SEEDS 5 CENTS A PACKET, except where otherwise noted.

LIBERAL DISCOUNTS.—As an inducement for the formation of clubs, or to market gardeners and those who order larger quantities than usual for their own use, I make the following

LIBERAL DISCOUNTS ON SEEDS IN PACKETS.

Persons sending	\$1.00	may select seeds	in packets	amounting to	\$1.40
"	\$2.00	"	"	"	\$3.00
"	\$3.00	"	"	"	\$4.75
"	\$4.00	"	"	"	\$6.50
"	\$5.00	"	"	"	\$8.25
"	\$10.00	"	"	"	\$18.00
"	\$25.00	"	"	"	\$50.00

The above liberal rates are only on seeds IN PACKETS ordered from the following list.

ASPARAGUS.

Conover's Colossal.

BEANS [Dwarf].

New Golden Prize, 10 cts.,
Ferry's Golden Wax,
Brown Speckled Valentine,
Canadian Wonder,
Crystal White Wax.

BEANS [Pole].

Cook's Improved Lima, 10 c.
Dreer's Improved Lima,
Can't be Beat,
Golden Butter,
Southern Prolific.

BEEF.

New Eclipse,
Early Egyptian,
Yellow Turnip,
Long Smooth Blood,
above varieties mixed.

CABBAGE.

Early Jersey Wakefield,
Early Winningstadt,
Henderson's Early Summer,
Fotter's Drumhead,
Premium Flat Dutch,
above varieties mixed.

CARROT.

Early Short Horn,
Danvers Orange,
Improved Long Orange,
White Belgian,
above varieties mixed.

CAULIFLOWER.

Early Snowball, 25 cts.,
Lackawanna, [New], 25 "
Early London, 15 "
above vari. mixed 20 "

CELERY.

Crawford's Half-Dwarf,

Boston Market.

La plume Chestnut,
Golden Self Blanching, 10 c.
above varieties mixed,

CHICORY. Large Rooted.

CHUFAS or Earth Almonds, 10

CORN.

Cook's Extra Early Sweet,
Early Marblehead,
Rose's Improved Evergreen,
Mammoth Sugar,
Cook's Improved Egyptian Popping Corn, 10 c.

CUCUMBER.

Early Russian,
Early Green Cluster,
Improved White Spine,
Long Green,
above varieties mixed.
West-India Gherkin,

CRESS.

Curled, or Pepper-grass,

DOCK.

Broad Leaf, (best greens). 10

EGG-PLANT.

Improved N. Y. Purple, 10

Very Early Dwarf Purple, 10

GOURD:

Japanese Nest-Egg. 10 cts.

Dipper, 10 cts.

LETTUCE:

Sugar-Loaf,

Early Prize Head,

Hanson,

Green-Fringed,

above varieties mixed,

MUSTARD. White French.

MUSK-MELON:

New Surprise,

Green Nutmeg,

Bay View.

Golden Netted Gem (new).

above varieties mixed,

WATER-MELON:

Peerless,

Phinney's Early,

Cuban Queen,

Mammoth Ironclad,

above varieties mixed.

ONION:

Large Red Wethersfield.

Yellow Danvers,

White Globe,

New Queen, [very early].

above varieties mixed.

PARSNIP:

Improved Hollow Crown,

Guernsey,

above varieties mixed.

PEAS:

Bliss' American Wonder,

Bliss' Abundance,

Bliss' Ever-bearing,

Yorkshire Hero,

PARSLEY:

Extra Fine Curled,

PEPPER:

New Golden Dawn,

Ruby King, 10 cts.

Large Sweet Spanish,

Red Cayenne,

above varieties; mixed.

PUMPKIN:

Large Cheese,

Connecticut Field,

Tennessee Sweet Potato, 15

above varieties mixed, 10

RADISH:

Early Scarlet Turnip,

Golden Yellow Summer

French Breakfast,

Long Scarlet Short Top.

above varieties mixed,

Chinese Rose Winter,

Cal. mammoth White Win.

RHUBARB. Linnaeus,

SALSIFY, or Vegetable Oyster.

SPINACH. Round Leaved.

SQUASH:

Perfect Gem,

Cocoanut,

Summer Crookneck.

Hubbard,

White Pineapple (new). 10

above varieties mixed.

SUNFLOWER,

Mammoth Russian.

TOMATO:

Livingston's Favorite,

Essex Early Hybrid,

Golden Trophy,

Golden Rural,

above varieties mixed.

Livingston's Beauty (new) 25

Small Pickling Varieties, 10

STRAWBERRY TOMATO, or

Ground Cherry 10 cts.

PURPLE HUSK TOMATO. 10

TURNIP:

Jersey Lily, new,

New White Egg,

Yellow Aberdeen,

Purple-Top Strap Leaf,

above varieties mixed.

RUTA-BAGAS, or SWEDES:

White French or Sw't German

Purple Top Yellow.

FLOWER SEEDS.

Amaranthus, mixed varieties,

Aster, finest double mixed, 10

Balsam, finest double mixed,

Balloon Vine, (Love in a Puff)

Calendula Officialis, Meteor.

China Pink, finest double mx'd

Cockscomb,

Cypress Vine, Rose, 15 feet,

Flowering-Bean, Purple, 10 ft

Helichrysum, [Everlasting] 10

Hollyhock, finest d'bl mx'd 10

Marigold,

Morning-Glory, finest mixed,

Pansy, choicest mixed, 10

Petunia, fine mixed,

Phlox, choicest mixed colors, 10

Poppy, Carnation double mx'd

Portulaca, fine mixed,

Ricinus, [Castor-Oil Bean.]

Sensitive Plant,

Sweet William, choicest colors,

Verbena, best vari. mixed, 10

Zinnia, double, mixed colors,

Cotton Seed, for flower garden.

Mixed Flower Seeds, over 200

choice varieties in one pkt. 10

MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS.

Broom Corn. Potato Seed,

Tree Bean, Animated Oats.

White Dhoura. Jap. Tree Pea.

HERBS.

Anise, Caraway,

Catnip, Horehound, 10

Lavender, 10 Sage,

Sweet Basil, 10 Wormwood. 10

Beans, Peas, and Corn, by the Pint, Quart, etc.

COOK'S IMPROVED EGYPTIAN POPPING CORN. Pint, 40 cts.; quart, 70 cts.
 COOK'S IMPROVED LIMA BEAN, " "
 NEW GOLDEN PRIZE WAX, " "
 BLISS' EVER-BEARING PEAS, " "

All other, BEANS and PEAS, Pint, 35 cts. quart 60 cts.
 SWEET-CORN and SUNFLOWERS. Pint, 30 cts. quart, 50 cts. All sent postpaid.

SEEDS BY THE OUNCE, ETC.

THE FOLLOWING SEEDS — Asparagus; Beet; Carrot; Chicory; Musk-Melon;
 W. Red, & D. Yellow Onion; Parsnip; Cheese & Conn. Field Pumpkin; Radish; Spinach;
 Turnip. and Ruta-baga. Price per Ounce 10 cts. One-fourth pound; 30 cts.
 Cucumber; Water-Melon; Squash. Oz. 15 cts. One-fourth lb 50 cts.
 Lettuce; Queen & Globe Onion, 20 " " 60
 Cabbage; Celery [except Golden Self Blanching,] 25 " " 75
 Golden Self-Blanching Celery, 60 " " \$2.00
 Tomato seed, 30 " " \$1.00.

NOVELTIES, and SPECIALTIES.

POPPING CORN, Cook's Improved Egyptian. This is no untried variety, I have been improving and perfecting it for the past twelve years. Its productiveness is unapproached by any other variety, 3 to 6 ears on a stalk. (Have had as many as eight ears on a single stalk.) I have raised two and a half bushels of ears on 50 hills. Its popping qualities cannot be excelled, bursting out to immense size, rich melting, tender and delicious. It is very nice for feeding young chickens, nothing can be better. Every one who has poultry should raise a quantity for this purpose. Boys & Girls as well as older ones, can get a nice income growing this corn to sell. It has sold readily at from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per bushel of ears.

My crop this season is the admiration of all visitors, every one pronouncing it the finest popping corn ever seen. I think I have enough to supply all demands, but would advise early orders. Extra selected seed, Pkt. 10 cts. three for 25 cts, Pint, 40 cts. quart, 70 cts.

STRAWBERRY-TOMATO.

I am Headquarters for the genuine STRAWBERRY TOMATO, [Winter, or Ground Cherry] seed. This remarkable husk tomato, is unequalled for canning preserving, pies, &c. They are handsome, - of a bright golden color, enormously productive, and will keep (if left in the husk) till Mid-Winter. They should be in every garden, and are indispensable where fruit is scarce, or likely to fail. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. Oz. 35 cts. 4 oz. \$1.00 lb \$3.50

JAPANESE NEST-EGG GOURD.—This new and beautiful variety, varies in size from a pigeon's egg up to a goose egg, but mostly the size of hens eggs, and so exactly the color and shape, as to almost deceive the naked eye. The shells are hard and durable, and make the very best nest-eggs, as they neither freeze or crack, and hens like them much better than glass eggs. The largest ones [when sowed in two], make excellent pots for starting tomatos, strawberry, and other plants. The Nest-Egg Gourd, is a rapid and desirable climber: quickly covering old sheds or any unsightly object with a mass of green foliage, thickly dotted with beautiful white eggs. Boys you can make money growing this gourd, and selling them to your nabors, for nest-eggs. Pkt, 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. oz. 50 c.

SUNFLOWERS.—Mammoth Russian. Heads 10 to 22 inches in diameter; excellent for feeding poultry and horses. It is the BEST EGG-PRODUCING FOOD known for poultry; they eat it greedily, fatten well upon it, and obtain a bright, lustrous plumage, and strong healthy condition, better than on most any other food. It can be raised cheaper than corn, and is determined to be of great value as soon as it becomes generally known. Pint 30 cts, quart 50 cts.

CHUFAS, or Earth Almonds.—These very closely resemble in sweetness and richness of flavor, a cocoanut. They are much grown in the South for fattenning swine, poultry, etc. They succeed perfectly at the North: my plants yielding from three to six hundred fine chufas each. They are a rich and healthy food for poultry of all kinds. Directions for planting, etc. with each packet. Pkt. 10 cts, 3 for 25c.

Pint 40 cts. quart 70 cts.

ONION, Large Red Wethersfield.—The best and most popular variety, either for home use or for market. My strain of seed cannot be surpassed. Pkt. 5 cts. oz. 10 cts.

one-fourth lb 30 cts. one lb \$1.00 postpaid.

BEANS: New Golden Prize.—This magnificent new variety cannot be too highly praised. Early, and very productive: pods long, brittle, and ENTIRELY STRINGLESS: of a rich golden wax color. I consider this decidedly the best dwarf bean, I ever raised. Pkt, 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. Pint 40 cts, quart 70 cts.

SWEET CORN.—Cook's Extra Early. The VERY BEST, and earliest sweet corn grown: ears 6 to 8 inches long: very productive, and sweet. Pint 30 cts. quart 50 cts.

GARDEN DOCK.—Unrivalled for VERY EARLY greens. Grows large enough to cook, before asparagus shows itself above ground, and is, to my taste, much better. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

PEPPER.—New Golden-Dawn Mango. The earliest, sweetest, handsomest, and most productive pepper grown. Entirely free from fiery flavor. My plants averaged 15 full-grown mangoes each. Pkt. 5 cts. 6 for 25 cts.

PEAS.—Bliss' American Wonder (true seed). Best in quality, immensely productive. I have counted 23 large pods on one vine. Height 10 to 12 inches. Earliest and sweetest wrinkled pea in cultivation. Pint 35 cts, quart 60 cts.

PEAS.—Bliss' Ever-Bearing. New, season medium to very late; quality unsurpassed in sweetness and flavor. After repeated pickings, the vines continue to bear large pods well filled with fine peas, until cut down by frost. Height about two feet. Pint 40 cts, quart 70 cts.

MUSK-MELON, Golden Netted Gem.—Very early, prolific, sweet as honey and a gem indeed. They are thick-meated, the flesh is light green in color, and uniformly of fine luscious flavor. The most desirable, and profitable small musk melon that can be raised. Pkt. 5 cts 6 for 25 c.

NOVELTIES, and SPECIALTIES; (Continued).

CHINESE YAM, or Cinnamon Vine:—A pretty climber. 12 to 20 feet, very desirable for baskets or vases; or for covering screens and arbors: or training about the door or window. Flowers, small white and grow in clusters. They have a sweet, cinnamon fragrance. Tubers hardy, and may remain in the ground all winter, —they will grow larger from year to year.

Pkt. [6 bulblets] 10 cts, 3 for 25 cents,

SPECIAL OFFER! ON RECEIPT OF SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS, I WILL SEND BY MAIL, ONE PACKET EACH, OF ALL THE ABOVE NOVELTIES, AND SPECIALTIES: —16 Packets in all, and worth \$1.20 at my low catalogue rates.

P O T A T O E S .

I make a specialty of growing NEW AND CHOICE varieties of Potatoes; and of the twenty-five varieties I have raised, I select the following as the best.

COOK'S ROYAL.— I now offer for the first time, this magnificent new variety, which is worthy the attention of every potato grower in the country. Tubers oblong, flat, and VERY HANDSOME, perfectly smooth, with eyes even with the surface. In yield it has proved remarkably prolific, a sure cropper, even in unfavorable conditions. Season, medium. It is a good keeper: pure white skin and flesh, and either baked or boiled, of a most delicious, and rich flavor. I am the originator, and have the entire stock: have put the price very low that all my friends may try it. Price, 25 strong eyes 50 cts, 60 eyes, \$1.00 100 eyes, \$1.50 250 eyes, \$3.00

Positively no more than 250 eyes of the above variety sold to one customer.

I have had the best success sending potato eyes, and have received only the most favorable reports from all sections. It is much the cheapest way to obtain new varieties. I leave a nice piece of potato with each eye, one eye being sufficient for a large hill. I send them correctly labeled, and packed in a box, to any address prepaid, at above rates. I will send 50 eyes of each of the above five varieties, for only \$2.00

ARTICHOKE, MAMMOTH-WHITE, PRICE SAME AS POTATOES.

All orders will receive my PERSONAL ATTENTION, and be filled with the utmost promptness and care. Please Address

COOK'S IMPROVED LIMA.—Best Lima Bean grown; 10 days to two weeks earlier than Dreer's Improved. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts, Pint 40 cts. quart 70 cts.

POTATO SEED:— I have the pleasure of offering a very choice strain of Potato-seed: now you can try your hand at raising seedling potatoes. 1 pkt: 5 cts. six for 25 cts

EARLY MAINE.—New: In earliness, quality and productiveness, this new variety surely takes the lead of all the list. It deserves a trial in every garden. 50 strong eyes, 50 cts.

EARLY SUNRISE.—Very early. Tubers oblong, solid, uniform, and handsome. Desirable for its extreme earliness, excellent quality, and great productiveness. 50 eyes, 50 cts,

DAKOTA RED;—A large, very handsome. long potato; thrives well on both sand and clay soils. Flesh white, of fine flavor; tastes much like the good old Peachblow; will be very popular as soon as known, 50 eyes, 50 cts,

EMPIRE STATE;—New, season late, is of vigorous growth, and very productive and an excellent table potato, fine grained and solid. A very valuable variety, 50 eyes, 50 cts.

A. T. COOK,
Clinton Hollow, Dutchess Co., N. Y.