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Plants, Seeds, Etc.

O. M. RICHARDSON & CO.
CANTON, OXFORD CO., ME.

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WOODBURY'S FAMOUS PANSIES.

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OUR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

FOR those who are not particular as to varieties, we offer these special low-priced collections, enabling them to get more for their money than it would be possible in any other way. The plants are in every way equal to any sent out, and are packed and labeled just the same. We are enabled to sell cheaper in this way, as it gives us the advantage of selecting varieties of which we have the largest stock. All collections sent post-paid on receipt of price.

DOLLAR COLLECTIONS.

- No. 1.—15 choice Geraniums, all different.
- No. 2.—5 Carnations, 5 Geraniums and 5 Begonias.
- No. 3.—12 Verbenas and 6 Petunias.
- No. 4.—6 Hardy Shrubs, all different.
- No. 5.—10 choice Everblooming Roses.
- No. 6.—5 Chrysanthemums and 6 Fuchsias.
- No. 7.—15 choice Window Plants, all different.

TWO DOLLAR COLLECTIONS.

- Collection A.—2 Geraniums, 4 Chrysanthemums, 5 Begonias, 2 Fuchsias, 2 Lantanas, 2 Petunias, 2 Everblooming Roses, 5 Verbenas, 2 Heliotropes, 2 Passifloras.
- Collection B.—4 Carnations, 1 Manettia Vine, 2 Chinese Hibiscus, 1 Brugmansia Arboreæ, 2 Abutilons, 12 Verbenas, 6 Geraniums, 2 Ivies, 6 Coleus.
- Collection C.—27 Choice Window Plants, all different, including many choice and rare plants.

OUR CEMETERY COLLECTION.—Price \$1.00.

- 2 Double White Feverfews, 6 Pure White Pansies, 2 Lantanas, Inocense, 3 Double White Petunias, 6 Snowball Daisies.

A FINE BOX OF PLANTS ALMOST FREE.

It being impossible to foretell the amount of plants we are going to sell of each variety, it often follows that we have a lot of many things left over at the close of the season. To all who send us a dollar order, we will send at the close of the season (about June 15), on receipt of 25 cents, cost of postage and packing, a collection of plants worth from two to four times that amount.

READ BEFORE ORDERING.

In ordering be sure and write your name and address plainly, and remit by money order, postal note, or registered letter at our risk. We cannot accept stamps except for very small amounts, and as we lose a large amount every year by the sticking together of stamps in letters, we cannot give any premiums to persons sending stamps. Silver will go safely if wrapped in a piece of paper.

We pack all plants in wooden boxes and guarantee their safe arrival to any part of the world. We pay postage on all orders, no matter how small.

ANOTHER year still finds us with the same determination to please all who favor us with their orders. By keeping this point constantly in view we can show an increase of over 100 per cent. in our business for the year past; we think such a showing cannot be made by any other seedsmen in this country.

In issuing our Catalogue for this season, we have, as heretofore, avoided misleading our customers with exaggerated descriptions and many colored chromos of rare, new flowers, which exist on paper only, and never materialize except in the mind of the florist. Such a way of doing business is nothing less than downright robbery.

We should be pleased to receive a small order from you, and if everything is not as good as we say, drop us a line and we will refund the money.

Yours truly,

O. M. RICHARDSON & CO.

DISCOUNTS.

Customers may select 20 cents, worth of plants or seeds extra for each dollar's worth bought, our special collections excepted.

IT CANNOT BE DISPUTED

THAT Plants and Seeds grown in the cold North-east are much hardier, healthier and better adapted for all sections of the country than those grown farther South ; this has been proven beyond dispute and has become an established fact.

In growing flowering plants for window culture, we keep our greenhouses as near the temperature of the ordinary living-room as possible ; thus the plants experience no change when taken out and carried to the window garden, but keep right on growing. Our plants are also grown in soil containing no fertilizer, of any kind, which makes them stocky, strong, and in every way far superior to the tender sprouts sent out by most florists, which are forced so much that they are apt to wither and die, even if given the best of care.

OUR BUSINESS

has grown so rapidly that we have never been able to keep pace with it. Last season we built a new greenhouse, the largest in this part of the State, yet our business increased so much that with this addition we were unable to supply the demand. This season we have erected a new building containing packing room, office and seed wareroom, and have also purchased and added to our plant the greenhouse of G. M. Thompson & Sons, thus making our establishment the largest of its kind in the State. With these added facilities we hope to meet all demands this season.

SPECIALTIES IN PLANTS.

Under this heading we offer some of the choicest flowering plants known. We do not confine ourselves to new varieties, but we have selected what we consider the very best, whether new or old. The descriptions given are exactly as the plants grew on our own grounds the past season.

Single Geranium—(Perle).

The most beautiful pure white variety in the world. Petals thick and of great substance, flowers and trusses of the most beautiful shape, being perfectly round and symmetrical. The color is of the purest white, not being tinted in the least by the hottest sun. Fine plants, 20 cts. each.

Beautiful New Geranium—(Sou. de Mirande).

A nice grower, with brilliant green foliage of fine texture; just the right shade of green to show the flower to the very best advantage. The body of each petal is pure satiny white, with a distinct, sharply defined band of brilliant carmine running about each, and narrowing to the center. When brought indoors the carmine predominates in each petal, leaving but small, white centers. Everybody exclaims at sight of the bloom. It proves a thorough surprise, being so totally distinct from other varieties. 20 cents each.

COUPON.

This Coupon, when accompanied by any order from this Catalogue, entitles the sender to any one of the three PREMIUMS offered on last page of cover.

Name of Premium Selected.....

Please write name of Premium selected plainly and pin this Coupon to your order.

O. M. RICHARDSON & CO.

The Beautiful Manettia Vine.

We consider this the most desirable and one of the most beautiful of climbing plants. When grown in the house it is in bloom every day in the year, and when trained around the window, nothing can be more attractive. In the open ground it will grow ten feet or more in a season, covering a large trellis and constantly filled with its fiery blossoms tipped with yellow. It begins to bloom from the smallest cutting, and from then on is constantly filled with flowers at all times. No plant is easier to grow and it attracts admiration from everyone. The plants readily sold for fifty cents each on sight last season. We offer strong, well established plants, in bud and bloom, for the very low price of 15 cents each.

The Grand New Ivy Geranium—(Souv. Chas. Turner).

The grandest and handsomest Ivy Geranium ever produced. Florets $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, in trusses 6 inches across, and of a most beautiful shade of deep, bright pink, approaching scarlet in color; the upper petals feathered with maroon. Plant a strong, free grower with bright, glistening foliage. Everyone who visits our green-houses exclaims at its great beauty, which must be seen to be appreciated. This sort has been awarded numerous certificates of merit in Europe and America. Nice plants, 20 cents each.

Souv. Chas. Turner.

Linum Flavum.

An interesting and pretty plant for winter blooming. Flowers about one inch in diameter, and of a beautiful shade of orange. Easily grown. 15 cents each.

New Hardy Carnation—(Marinette).

Flowers fully two inches across and of the most beautiful shade of pink with a circle of crimson in centre. A very rapid grower and profuse bloomer, being filled with buds and blossoms the entire season and lasting for weeks after all tender plants are destroyed by "King Frost." The flowers are beautifully fringed and delightfully fragrant. Imported from France two years ago, and named by us. Nice plants. 15 cents each.

New Tri-color Geranium—(Isis).

Foliage much like Mad. Pollock, many of the leaves having four colors, but unlike the Mad. Pollock it is a strong, vigorous grower which we consider a vast improvement on that variety, while the foliage is fully as pretty. All lovers of fancy leaved Geraniums cannot help being pleased with it. Strong plants. 20 cents each.

Petunia—(Pink Pet).

Although we have catalogued this among our general list of plants for the past two years, we have decided to give it a place among our specialties this season. It is not a new sort but is very scarce and but little known; the more we see this charming variety the greater becomes our admiration for it.

DESCRIPTION.—The Pink Pet is a perfect Carnation, flowered Petunia, the flowers being about two inches in diameter, perfectly double to the center, and of the most lovely shade of silvery pink imaginable. The plant is of dwarf habit and is a living bouquet of these deliciously fragrant flowers the whole season. This beautiful little gem has been the admiration of every visitor at our green-houses this season. It is entirely different from any other Petunia grown. Price, strong plants in bud or bloom, 20 cents each.

Petunia Pink Pet.

Abutilon Eclipse.

THE LEOPARD ABUTILON.

A beautiful and odd trailing variety, the foliage being a lively green thickly spotted with bright yellow, making a most beautiful foliage plant, and add to this the fact that it is never without flowers, and you have a plant of great value. The flowers are of a light orange color and borne in great profusion, both winter and summer. For hanging baskets it cannot be surpassed. While in the garden it always attracts attention. Fine plants, 20 cents each.

Ipomœa Pandurata.**THE WONDERFUL NEW, HARDY MOONFLOWER.**

How shall we describe this wonderful and beautiful new climber? The most glowing description possible to give in words fails in every way to do it justice. It grows from a tuber and is perfectly hardy. Its growth is simply phenomenal, often reaching a height of 25 feet in a season, making a dense shade even down to the ground, and unlike most other hardy vines, it blooms the first season, and has such splendid blooms! Imagine 1000 flowers on a single plant open at once, and measuring from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 inches across, the color being white, shaded to pink and purple in the throat. The plant increases in size and beauty each year, unfolding its lovely blooms for several months. There is no hardy climbing plant in the world that surpasses or even equals the *Ipomœa Pandurata*.

The cut was made from a photo. of a plant on which were counted over 1200 perfect full blown flowers at one time. Many are selling the slim stems which the plant produces, above tuber, as the tuber itself. We wish it understood that we offer only

the finest tubers, sure to grow and bloom at once, at only 35 cents each, postpaid. Four for \$1.

***Brugmansia Arborea*—(Giant Ghost Flower).**

A rank, large leaved tender shrub, and a most rare and wonderful plant. It bears bell-shaped, pure white flowers of remarkable size, often measuring a foot in length by eight inches in breadth, and exceedingly fragrant. Price, 25 cents each.

EAST SUMNER, MAINE, Oct. 26th.

O. M. RICHARDSON & Co.:

The plants I had of you were very nice and have done better than any I ever had before. They have grown well all summer. Not one has failed to grow. The Begonias have been unusually fine.

Respectfully,

NELLIE CARY.

Solanum Jasminodes Grandiflora.

A most beautiful new plant, which inclines to a trailing or climbing habit, but never attains a greater height than 3 to 5 feet, and can be pinched back to a bush form. Its flowers are star-shaped, like a Clematis, and borne in panicles or clusters. In color they are pure white with a violet tinge on back of petals, and on the buds. In pots it is a fine bloomer, both summer and winter; but its grandeur for out-door culture when trained against a wall or trellis, and showing hundreds of these magnificent panicles of bloom, cannot be described. It is a free and constant bloomer, commencing when only a foot high, and like the Manettia, its flowers keep perfect a long time before fading. No more beautiful object can be seen than these two vines growing side by side and mingling their profusion of bloom. Strong plants, 20 cts. each.

*Sol. Jas. Grandiflora.***The New Albino Fuchsia—(Countess of Aberdeen).**

This is a new, clear white sort. The tube, sepals and corolla are all of the purest white and borne in clusters. Flowers single and very beautiful. A neat, thrifty grower, and will doubtless become a great favorite. Price, 20 cents each.

SPECIAL OFFER.

We will send one fine plant of each of these rare and beautiful specialties (fourteen in all), nicely packed and labeled, to any address, for only \$2.25, postpaid.

MESSRS. RICHARDSON & Co.:

BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 23, 1891.

SIRS:—Plants received by express almost two weeks ago, but sickness prevented their acknowledgment. All are doing nicely, as are also those of the last order previous. When time permits, will send another order. Thanks for extra, it was unknown to me. With thanks for promptness I remain,

Yours,

MRS. KIRKLAND, 131 Stockton St.

O. M. RICHARDSON & Co.:

WAILUA OAHU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, August 5th, 1891.

The case of plants you sent to me, June 26th, reached me last night. The letter came some time before. The plants must have been delayed in San Francisco. I think they will grow, as the roots seem quite fresh and the leaves of the Ivy quite green.

Yours respectfully,

MRS. R. HALSTEAD.

GENERAL COLLECTION OF PLANTS.

Abutilons,

Sometimes called Flowering Maple or Chinese Bell Flower, are among the easiest grown and most satisfactory of window plants. They are ever bloomers, being seldom without flowers. Their dainty bell-shaped blossoms intermingled among the rich green maple-like foliage, gives them a charming appearance during the entire year. They seem to smile at the darkest days of our long and dreary winters. Price 10 cents each.

A. Besson.—Rich scarlet flowers with darker veins, leaves pointed and cut like our sugar maples.

Gen. Logan.—Flowers extra large, color red, a strong grower and free bloomer.

Pluton.—Leaves pointed but not cut like the foregoing, color red with a purplish tinge and darker veins.

Etenard.—Flowers bright scarlet and opening very wide. Foliage heavy and large. A fine sort.

Eclipse.—See specialties.

NOTE.—Abutilons should be pinched back to make them bushy. They all do finely, bedded out, in summer, flowering freely and making a fine appearance.

Begonias.

Always pretty and interesting, they require but little sun and are therefore among the easiest plants to grow in the window garden. Beautiful in both leaf and flower they attract admiration from every eye. They do best in a soil of leaf mold and sharp sand, mixed with a little old manure and loam from the garden. Prices except where noted, 10 cents each.

Metalica.—Leaves rough with darker veins overspread with a peculiar metallic-like lustre, giving the plant a most beautiful and odd appearance. The plant is a strong, rank grower, making a splendid specimen in a comparatively short time. Flowers bright pink.

Semperflorens Gigantea Rosea.—A new variety and one of special merit. A wonderfully free bloomer, flowering profusely from October till May. It has rich tropical leaves and magnificent cardinal flowers. It will command attention wherever placed, being round and bushy in form and a true winter bloomer. It has the largest flowers of any of its species. Price 15 cents.

Rubra.—Though not a new variety it is still one of the best. Leaves of the darkest green. Flowers rose color, glossy and wax-like. A winter bloomer. Always good.

Alba Picta.—A new and odd variety perfectly distinct. It is shrubby in habit and of compact growth, having long, slender, pointed leaves of glossy green thickly spotted with silver, the spots graduating in size from the centre to the margin. The branches are upright and curving. Flowers greenish white and produced in great profusion, different from all others and one of the most charming and beautiful Begonias, of recent introduction. Price 15 cents each.

Hibrida Multiflora.—Foliage small and glossy giving it the appearance of having been varnished. Flowers pink and produced during the winter months.

Weltoinensis.—An old and well-known sort, very easy to grow, making fine specimens in a short time. Branches bright red covered with rich, green, maple-like leaves. Flowers pink and very free, giving it the appearance of a huge bouquet when in bloom.

Silver Fleece.—Foliage small and elegant, light green in color with narrow dark edge. Flowers of the purest silvery white. Free grower and altogether one of the prettiest white sorts.

Bronze Weltoinensis.—Similar to the well-known Weltoinensis, though the leaves are somewhat smaller and more pointed. Flowers of a beautiful bronze in color.

Goury.—Foliage very small, leaves round and bright green. Upright in growth. Flowers bright pink.

Manieata Aurea.—Light green foliage beautifully mottled with gold. The most beautiful of all variegated plants. Very scarce. 40 cents each.

Carnations.

The Carnation is grown and admired in every civilized country. There is a tradition relating to the origin of the Carnation as follows: The first florist was a lady and for a time she did a large and profitable business. Soon she had a rival in the shape of a man who opened business in the same city. Angered by this she killed her rival and from his blood, so the story goes, sprang the crimson Carnation. They thrive well in any good soil and are perpetual bloomers. From our own experience we have selected the following as the best. Price 10 cents each.

Anna Webb.—Rich dark crimson in color, a good grower and very fragrant.

Century.—Color a most beautiful bright carmine, and one of the strongest growers in the list.

Silver Spray.—A new, pure white variety. Free bloomer and fragrant.

Portia.—Similar to Century. A well-known variety and needs no commendation.

Heinze's White.—The best known and most generally cultivated of white Carnations. Fine, large flower, sometimes changing to a faint lemon shade in centre, beautifully fringed, and has a delightful clove fragrance. Grown more extensively for cut flowers than any other sort.

Ida May.—This we consider the prettiest variegated sort we have ever seen. The ground-work of the flower is a rich cream color, beautifully striped with bright crimson, a scarce variety and unlike all others.

Chester Pride.—Fine, large flowers of the purest white, streaked with carmine. A favorite sort.

Pres. Garfield.—A dwarf, compact grower. Flowers large and fine form, highly fragrant and of a bright English vermilion in color.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS—(The Queen of Autumn).

Those who have never seen these grand new sorts in bloom can form no idea of their great beauty. For autumn flowers nothing else can compare with them, coming as they do when other flowers are scarce. They are at present the most popular flower not excepting even the rose. They should be set in the open ground during summer in a rich place and the branches nipped back to make them bushy, until the middle of August, when they should be lifted and potted, disturbing the roots as little as possible, and placed in a cool room. They should not be subjected to fire heat any more than is necessary to keep out frost. After blooming they should be cut down and placed in the cellar until spring.

New Japanese Varieties.

John Lane.—Sold for the first time last season, one dollar per plant being charged for it. Color rose-pink with peach shadings on under side of petals, ends of centre petals tipped with gold. Considered a grand novelty. Price 25 cents.

Lillian B. Bird.—Splendid for cut bloom. Color pale flesh. Long tubular petals of perfect form. Claimed by some to have flowers twelve inches in diameter, but we do not make such mistakes, although the flowers are very large. Price 15 cents.

Mrs. Richard Elliott.—A grand yellow, form regular and very double. Price 15 cents.

Mrs. Levi P. Morton.—Very unique and distinct. Flowers large and of a charming silvery pink. Price 15 cents.

Mrs. A. Blanc.—A magnificent variety, outer petals rosy lavender, centre soft, clear rose with a touch of gold. Price 15 cents.

Mrs. Alpheus Hardy.—We expected great things of this Chrysanthemum, but were so disappointed in its behavior last season that we have no use for it in our catalogue.

Standard Sorts.

Christmas Eve.—A late flowering, pure white sort, petals incurved, should be in every collection.

Puritan.—One of the choicest and largest grown. Silvery pink changing to pure white. Very early.

Minnie Palmer.—Outer petals very long, decreasing in length toward the centre. Pure ivory white.

Blanch Neige (See cut). Small, very double, incurved, pure white flower. Fine for corsage bouquets.

Rubra Striata.—Centre creamy white, outer petals pink, reflexed and beautiful.

Incomparable.—Brick red, variegated and marked with yellow.

Prices of Standard Chrysanthemums, 10 Cents Each.

The besetting sin of the Florist is said to be exaggeration and over-coloring. Put him in a room full of the newer Chrysanthemums, and his wildest flights and most daring adjectives fall short. He has met his defeat in the field of description.

Cacti.

Epiphyllum Truncatum.—This is the well-known crab or lobster Cactus, the branches composed of short jointed pieces and drooping. The flowers are bright crimson, very showy, and at times borne in endless number. 15 cents each.

The Queen Cactus—(*Phyllocactus Latifrons*).—This grand Cactus grows several feet high, with large, flattened stems. The flowers appear at evening and last all night, and are the grandest of all night blooming plants, being of enormous size, nearly one foot across, and of the purest white color, delicately shaded pink outside, with a most lovely form and texture. It is not unusual for a large plant to have 30 to 100 of these enormous flowers at once. It blooms freely every year, and is indeed a rare plant for anyone to possess. We have a very fine stock, and offer strong plants at the extremely low price of 50 cents each.

Cereus Triangularis.—This is not a free bloomer, but the great beauty of its flowers make up for this scarcity. Flowers pure white, measuring 12 to 14 inches across and are followed by bright scarlet fruit the size of a goose egg and of a flavor like the strawberry. It has often been called the strawberry pear. 25 cents.

Agave Americana or Century Plant.

The variegated Agave or Century Plant is not often seen. It grows to a large size and makes one of the most ornamental plants for the lawn or veranda during summer. In the winter it can be kept in the cellar or any place away from severe freezing. Fall frosts do not hurt it and it can be left out till late in November. It has long, thick leaves, which are green, with wide borders of yellow. It is a fine thing to grow with a collection of Cacti and other rare plants. It will never die with the roughest kind of treatment, and when once had will increase in size and beauty each year. 25 cents each.

☞ The above Cacti are fine established plants.

Double Petunias.

Our strain of Double Petunias are very fine and are admired by every visitor to our green-houses. Price 10 cents each.

Gem.—Mottled, purple and white.

Murillo.—White, mottled, crimson.

Snowdrift.—Large, pure white flower.

Pink Pet.—See specialties.

Fuchsias.

The Fuchsia is a native of South America, and named in honor of Leonard Fuchs, a botanist. In its wild state, the Fuchsia bears an abundance of purple berries which are preserved in sugar and eaten by the natives who inhabit the country to which it belongs. Fuchsias delight in a rich soil and shade from the noonday sun.

Phenomenal.—The giant Fuchsia the flowers of which are twice the size of any other sort in cultivation. We have actually had flowers that measured over three inches in diameter. In growth it is very robust, growing tall and strong. Color of corolla purple, sepals bright carmine. A most wonderful variety. Price 15 cents each.

Mrs. E. G. Hill.—This is undoubtedly the finest pure white Double Fuchsia ever produced. Raised by Victor Lemoine of France and but recently imported into this country. It resembles Phenomenal in all save color. Flowers extra large, full and double, and of the purest snow white, tubes and sepals bright crimson. A variety that

must become a general favorite. Price 15 cents each.

Storm King—(Fran Emma Topfer).—This grand new Fuchsia is as good as ever, and is what is known as the perpetual flowering Fuchsia, blooming a greater part of the year. The foliage is of a glowing green and the plant has a beautiful weeping habit. In profusion of bloom it is indeed remarkable; we have counted over two hundred buds and blossoms on a plant at one time. Tube and sepals glowing carmine, corolla white streaked and tinted with carmine. Very large and double. Price 10 cents each.

Cleopatra.—Very large and double corolla of an azure blue color passing to dark violet. Extra full. Price 10 cents.

Elm City.—Sepals rich crimson in color, enclosing the violet purple corolla forming globular balls. Very double and one of the best. 10 cents each.

Lustre.—The freest grower we have ever seen. The rapidity with which it will grow if given a good chance is remarkable. We had a plant of Lustre in one of our green-houses that had one hundred and six full blown flowers on it at one time. Flowers single, tube and sepals white, corolla carmine. Price 10 cents.

Duke of Albany.—A strong growing single variety with bright crimson tube, sepals and corolla, sepals reflexed. Price 10 cents.

Venus Vitrex.—Upright in growth, tube and sepals white, corolla dark purple. Price 10 cents each.

Countess of Aberdeen.—See specialties.

GERANIUMS.

The Geranium is a native of the Cape of Good Hope, and is now propagated and distributed all over the civilized world. We have the finest collection of Geraniums in New England, and we catalogue only the best sorts. Prices 10 cents except where noted.

Anna Scott.—Single. Large, perfect trusses of the most dazzling crimson.

Baron Duranteau.—Double. A magnificent dark crimson variety with purplish tinge.

Bruantii.—Color light vermillion, trusses large and carried well above the foliage. Double.

- Emily Lemoine.**—Double. A very bright pink.
Evening Star.—Single. Pure white with a beautiful carmine centre.
Evangeline.—Double. Pure white in color.
Fire Ball.—Double, and of the most intense fiery red.
Guillion Mangelli.—Double. Trusses as large as coffee cups, color rich crimson.
Gilded Gold.—Double. Bright orange, nearest approach to yellow.
Golden Dawn.—Similar to the above.
Jewel.—Very Double. Dwarf and compact, color bright scarlet.
James Y. Murkland.—Double, creamy white, with salmon centre and blush margin.
 Very fine.
Josephine.—Double, light blush, a delicate color.
Lucretia.—New Double, color bright pink, a charming sort. Price 15 cents.
Loraine.—Single, orange salmon, very free.
M. A. Hunt.—Double, orange salmon, with capucine and bronzy shades.
Maiden's Blush.—Double. White suffused with rose. Beautifully fresh and delicate.
Mad. Hoste.—Double. Ground color of flower pure white, with a bright rose centre.
 The plant is of dwarf habit, with distinct coloring. Very fine for bedding. Price 15 cents.
Mary Hill.—Double. Color bright pink with a large white centre.
New Life.—Single. Flowers bright scarlet striped with white. Always interesting.
Princess Maude.—Single. Bright scarlet with white eye. Beautifully formed flowers.
Queen of the Fairies.—Double. A bi-color variety. Rich flesh color mottled with white. Fine.
Satisfaction.—Double. Bright blood crimson, one of the most dazzling colors we have ever seen.
Single Apple Blossom.—Light pink, a well-known sort.
Double Apple Blossom.—Similar to the above only double.
White Swan.—Double. Color of the purest white. Considered the finest double white Geranium. 15 cents each.

Fancy Leaved Geraniums.

- Silver Geranium, Mad. Salleroi.**—Leaves round and of a beautiful silvery green, edged with pure white. Seldom grows more than six inches in height. One of the finest plants known for edging flower beds. 10 cents each.
Mount of Snow.—A strong grower branching freely, leaves notched and ruffled and light green in color, edged with white. Flowers scarlet. 10 cents each.
Happy Thought.—The improved sort. Centre of leaf white, with green edge. Flowers scarlet crimson. 10 cents.
Oak Leaf.—Leaves resemble those of an oak. Bright green with black centre. 10 cents.
Tri-color Geranium, Isis.—See novelties.

Scented Geraniums.

- Rose.**—The well-known rose Geranium. 10 cents.
Fern Leaf.—Leaves finely divided. Has the strongest and most delightful fragrance of any sort we have ever seen. 10 cents each.
Variegated Pennyroyal Scented.—Leaves light silvery green, edged with white and beautifully cut and ruffled. 15 cents each.

Ivy Geraniums.

- Horace du Choisel.**—Flowers of grand size, petals imbricated, pale blush, bordered with white and salmon. Very free flowering. 10 cents each.
Jeanne d' Arc.—Flowers very large and double, and of the purest white, fine spreading habit and free flowering. Distinct and fine. 15 cents each.

L' Elegante.—Leaves light silvery green, edged with pure white. A most beautiful plant. 15 cents.

LaRosiere.—Double. Glistening rose color; a beauty.

Souv. Chas. Turner.—See specialties.

Bronze Geraniums.

Prince Bismark.—Leaf, light yellowish green with rich chocolate zone. Flowers single and salmon in color. Price 10 cents.

Corrinne.—Leaves yellow with narrow zone. Flowers double, large and perfect and of the most dazzling orange scarlet. Extra fine, 15 cents each.

Heliotropes.

The Heliotrope is a native of South America and is most common in Peru, and in ancient times great healing powers were erroneously ascribed to it in cases of cancer. Heliotrope delights in a light, rich soil, with plenty of root room and all of the sunlight possible.

Albert Deleaux.—A very rank grower, foliage variegated green and yellow. Trusses large and rich lavender in color. Very free flowering. One of the best. 10 cents each.

White Lady.—Flowers extra large and of the purest white. 10 cents.

Sapphire.—Light Lavender. Producing immense quantities of bloom. The finest of its color. 10 cents.

Passifloras.

Constance Elliott.—A most valuable novelty. Vine a rapid grower, short jointed and quite hardy. It will winter in the ground as far north as Massachusetts, with slight protection. The flowers are of medium size, ivory white in color and exquisitely fragrant. It commences to bloom when very small, and the smallest plants will bloom in a very short time after planting. Grand as a pot plant for window culture. 20 cents each. 3 for 50 cents.

Utilis.—Flowers large and light purple in color. Very fragrant. A most rapid grower. 10 cents each.

We will send four beautiful Passifloras, all different, for only 50 cents.

Pelargoniums.

Victor.—A beautiful dark maroon flower with crimson centre and margin. 20 cents.

The Bride.—A most charming pure white flower, much admired.

Lady Mary.—Large, crimson with maroon centre.

Tom Thumb.—Blossoms small, pink veined with rose. Plant very dwarf. Prices except where noted, 15 cents each.

Lantanas.

One of the best summer-flowering tribe of plants for our climate; equally fine in dry or wet weather, sun or shade. There are few bedding plants that bloom more continuously or afford a greater variety of color than the Lantana. When grown with a single stem and trained as standards, with fine bushy tops and straight stems, besides being in bloom all summer, they present on the lawn or piazza an effect that is not surpassed by any other plant.

Innocence.—Pure white flowers, wonderfully free, of strong growth, best white. 10 cts.

Jacques Minot.—Orange, changing to bright orange-yellow and red, exceedingly fine and showy; a grand and brilliant variety. One of the very freest in bloom. 15 cents.

Ivy.

German.—A vine of rapid growth, beautiful, dark green, glossy foliage, excellent for covering walls, arbors, etc. 10 cents.

English.—The well-known European variety. 10 cents.

Variegata.—Foliage marked white. 15 cents.

Finest Tea or Ever-blooming Roses.

Fine, Large, Healthy Plants, 15 Cents each except where noted.

Sunset.—Identical in every respect with *Perle des Jardins*, from which it is a sport, except that its color is of that rich, tawny shade of saffron and orange, similar but deeper than the

coloring of Safrano. In size, vigor and productiveness it is in all respects the same as the variety from which it sprung, except the color of the young foliage is a much deeper crimson.

The Bride.—This is undoubtedly the finest white rose ever offered. The buds are very large and of exquisite form, and the full flower is very double, measuring from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 inches in diameter. The color is a delicate creamy white. The blooms will last in a fresh state, after being cut, longer than any other white variety.

Perle des Jardins.—Without doubt the finest yellow rose in cultivation. Canary or golden yellow; flowers large and beautifully formed; handsome in every stage of development, from the smallest to the open bud. No rose of its color ever cultivated for cut flowers up to the present time is now so valuable as this.

Niphetos.—An elegant Tea Rose. Very large and double; deliciously sweet. Color pure snow white. This variety is extensively grown where large, pure white, pointed buds are in demand.

Mme. Marthe du Bourg.—One of the most exquisite of the new Roses. The habit and foliage are beautiful, denoting a ready grower; the flower is large, perfectly double, and of rounded form; the outer petals recurve at the edges, showing a nicely pointed centre; the color is creamy white, touched with carmine or pale heliotrope on the edges; texture heavy. 25 cts.

Madame Hoste.—Another season's trial has proved this grand Rose very valuable and exceedingly beautiful; extra large flowers and superb buds, very full and delightfully perfumed; color, soft canary yellow, deepening at centre to pure golden yellow, beautifully flushed with pale amber; edges and reverse of petals rich creamy white; has proved excellent both for garden and pot culture. 20 cts.

Marie Van Houtte.—An exceedingly lovely Rose, not excelled by any; the flowers are extra large, very double and full, and deliciously tea scented; color, pale canary yellow, passing to rich creamy white, elegantly shaded with pale rose; a constant and profuse bloomer.

Mad. Devacout.—A magnificent Rose; beautiful clear canary yellow; delicious tea fragrance; large, very double and full; beautiful in bud and flower.

Queen Natalie of Servia.—A queenly Rose; the flowers large, deep and full, with a rich luscious fragrance; color, lovely shell pink, finely tinted with rosy salmon; profuse bloomer; very beautiful.

Monthly Cabbage.—This fine old variety is still in great demand; the flower is bright rosy pink, and remarkably full and fragrant; a constant bloomer; known also as the Hundred-leaved Rose.

Black Rose.—Flowers very dark crimson, approaching black; an odd variety. 20 cts.

London Rose.—Blooms in clusters; color, beautiful rosy crimson; very fragrant.

Hardy Roses.

We have selected these as the finest of the hardy Hybrid Perpetuals. Fine plants, 20 cts.

Captain Christy.—A magnificent Rose; extra large flowers; very double and full; color, a lovely shade of pale peach, deepening at the centre to rosy crimson; very beautiful, and one of the finest roses of recent introduction.

Comte de Paris.—A new rose of great promise, bright, vivid crimson when first opening, becoming darker and delicately shaded with violet purple as the flowers expand; very large and full; petals of good substance and very sweet; a magnificent rose.

Coquette des Alps.—One of the finest White Hybrid Perpetuals; a profuse bloomer; flowers, pure white, sometimes shaded with blush; large, very full and fragrant.

Paul Neyron.—We recommend this grand Rose, and ask special attention to it; the flowers are immense; it is probably the largest Rose grown, and one of the finest; bright, shining pink, very clear and beautiful; very double and full, finely scented; blooms the first season and all summer. No collection is complete without this magnificent variety.

Hardy Climbing Roses.

Mrs. Gunnell.—Soft rosy blush, becoming almost white; large clusters, full and double; one of the best; much admired. 25 cents.

Triumphant.—An excellent variety; flowers large, very double and compact; color, deep rose, changing to pale carmine; beautifully shaded and variegated. 25 cents.

Remember all hardy shrubs and hardy roses will be sent out at the proper time of planting, about May 10th, but all orders must be received before that date.

Salvia.

Beautiful autumn flowering plants, will grow and thrive everywhere. Price 10 cents.

Greggi.—A most beautiful new variety, very free flowering; blooms continuously through the summer. The flowers are rather small, but are of a most brilliant cherry color. One of the most desirable.

Splendens.—One of the finest of fall blooming plants, being completely covered in autumn with long spikes of dazzling scarlet flowers, remaining in bloom until cut down by frost.

Verbenas.

We have raised this season, many thousand fine Verbenas of our celebrated mammoth strain, and are going to sell them to you at prices never before heard of.

Extra fine plants four to six inches high, only 35 cents per doz., \$2.50 per hundred, post paid, all colors mixed, including many sweet scented and rare sorts. We want all who receive this catalogue to try a doz. or more and for this reason have put the price lower than ever before.

Miscellaneous Plants and Vines.

Ageratum.—A pretty, rapid growing plant, either for bedding or pot culture. Flowers bright blue and produced in marvelous quantities. Price 10 cents.

Jassemine.—A graceful vine, justly celebrated for its pure white star shaped and fragrant flowers. Nice grower and free bloomer. Price 15 cents.

Oxalis.—Pink flowers. A fine basket or vase plant. Fine bulbs. 5 cents each. 50 cents per dozen.

Cigar Plant.—Flowers red, tipped with white, resembling lighted cigars. 10 cents.

Primroses—Chinese.—Among the most useful and desirable of plants for house culture. They delight in a cool, partly shaded place. Care should be taken not to give too much water. White, 10 cents. Pink, 15 cents.

Tradescantia.—(Wandering Jew).—A well-known trailing plant, sure to thrive under the most adverse circumstances. Green foliage, 10 cts. Silver, green and purple foliage, 10 cts.

Ruella Formosa.—A pretty window plant. Flowers bright scarlet and borne on long stems. 10 cents each.

Feverfew.—Too well known to need comment. Flowers about the size of a silver quarter, pure white, double and produced in endless quantity. Price 10 cents.

Farfugium Grande.—Foliage plant. Leaves round and feathery and covered with bright yellow spots, giving the whole plant an odd appearance. Price 20 cents.

Heath.—(Sage Fern).—Foliage finely cut and very fragrant. A fine basket plant. 10 cts.

Dew Plant.—A rapid growing plant for baskets, foliage sparkling as though covered with dew. Flowers pink. Price 10 cents.

Hardy Phlox, Hattie Hulse.—Flowers large and of the purest white. Considered one of the finest of all hardy Phloxes. Price 15 cents.

Oleander.—As a rich plant this has no rival. All the improved varieties bloom from May till October, very profusely. They can be kept over winter in any kind of cellar or pit in which it does not freeze. They love plenty of water and rich ground well manured. If the plants grow too high, plant them out in open ground and cut down two or three feet, and hundreds of young shoots will come up, forming nice bushy plants. Double pink, the best of all. 25 cts.

Gloxinia.—White with purple throat. Fine flowering bulbs. 20 cents each.

Madeira Vine.—One of the most rapid growing and desirable of window vines, grows from a bulb. Fine bulbs, 5 cents each.

Wax Plant.—Has thick, fleshy leaves, growing moderately fast, and bearing umbels of beautiful flesh colored flowers, from which are exuded large drops of honey-like liquid. One of the best plants for house culture, as it stands the extremes of heat and cold better than most plants, and is not easily injured by neglect. It can be trained to climb on trellis work to almost any height, and when in bloom, which continues for upwards of five months, is a most interesting plant. 10 cents.

Calceolaria.—Another exceedingly showy house plant, which when in bloom, is, indeed a

rare beauty, having hundreds of showy pocket-like flowers of various colors. Give plenty of water and partial shade. Gold spotted with crimson. Price 10 cents each.

Calla—(Lily of the Nile).—Should be in every collection. It grows freely and requires an abundance of water, and produces large, pure white blossoms during the winter and spring. The resting period during June and July can be given by turning the pots on their sides, without watering, in a shady place. Price from 10 to 30 cents.

Cobea Scandens.—Handsome, free-flowering, climbing plants, growing rapidly, with large, bell shaped flowers. They are among our best summer climbers, and are excellent for training in the green-house and conservatory, especially the variegated-leaved variety, the leaves of which are beautifully marked with creamy white. 15 cents each.

Bridal Rose.—Large, double, pure white flowers, very showy and desirable. 8 cents.

Bedding Plants.

We offer here a few Annuals and other plants suitable for the flower garden. We make the prices low and no doubt they will give satisfaction.

Geraniums .—Our selection of varieties,	- - -	75 cts. per doz., \$5.00 per hundred
Verbenas .—Mixed colors,	- - - - -	35 " 2.50 "
Pansies .—Mixed colors, fine strain,	- - - - -	50 " 3.00 "
Asters .—Mixed colors,	- - - - -	30 " 2.00 "
Dianthus Pinks .—Colors,	- - - - -	30 " 2.00 "
Zinnias ,	- - - - -	25 " 1.75 "
Pansies .—Good strain,	- - - - -	35 " 2.50 "
Coleus .—Many varieties,	- - - - -	50 " 3.50 "
Petunias .—Mixed colors,	- - - - -	50 " 3.50 "

Vegetable Plants.

These can be easily sent by mail and always grow and give good results. They will come very handy to people who live away from green-houses and desire early vegetables.

Tomato Plants.—Good stocky plants about one foot high, of the following varieties: **PERFECTION, CANADA VICTOR, CARDINAL, ACME, MAYFLOWER AND GOLDEN QUEEN**. Price 40 cents per dozen, by mail; \$2.50 per hundred, by express.

Celery Plants.—Nice plants transplanted and cut back, of the following sorts: **GOLDEN HEART, HENDERSON'S WHITE PLUME AND BOSTON MARKET**. Prices 15 cents per dozen; 60 cents per hundred, post paid.

Cabbage Plants.—**EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD, FOTTLER'S BRUNSWICK, ALL SEASONS AND SUREHEAD**. Price 20 cents per dozen, post paid; 75 cents per hundred, by express.

Cauliflower Plants.—**SNOW BALL AND EARLY PARIS**. 30 cents per dozen; \$2.00 per hundred, by mail.

Pepper Plants.—**BELL AND SWEET MOUNTAIN**. 40 cents per dozen.

Lettuce Plants.—**TENNIS BALL AND BOSTON MARKET**. 20 cents per dozen; 60 cents per hundred, post paid.

Hardy Shrubs.

We offer below a few of the most beautiful flowering shrubs which are perfectly hardy. As shrubs and hardy roses are grown in the open air, they cannot be sent before May 2nd, but all orders for them must be sent in **BEFORE THAT TIME**. This is important as they are grown for us on contract. This stock is from one to two years old, large and healthy, and ready for immediate bloom.

The Hydrangea Grandiflora continues to be one of the best and most handsome Hardy Ornamental Shrubs ever grown. It blooms finely the first year and gets better and grows larger with age; it grows three to four feet high, is perfectly hardy in all parts of the country, needs no protection in winter, blooms in July and August, when other flowers are scarce, and remains in bloom two or three months. The flowers are pure white, afterwards changing to pink, and rich coppery red, and are borne in immense pyramidal trusses, more than a foot long and nearly as much in diameter; the plant is of bushy and compact growth, and when laden with its great masses of bloom is exceedingly striking and attractive; it is deservedly popular, and in great demand for lawn, park and cemetery planting wherever known. 25 cents each.

Treatment.—No special treatment is required; the **Hydrangea** will grow and thrive in

all ordinary situations; the bush should be cut back every spring, at least one-half of last season's growth, dug around and well manured. The finest flowers are borne on the new or young wood, and are largest and best when the plant has made a strong, vigorous growth.

White Lilac.—The rare and beautiful White Lilac is much sought after, but is very scarce. We have now ready a fine lot of strong plants, which we offer at lowest price. 20 cts.

Mock Orange or Syringa.—A rapid growing, medium-sized shrub, with very fragrant white flowers. 20 cents.

Spirea Prunifolia—(Bridal Wreath).—Very beautiful; flowers pure white and perfectly double, like little daisies. Price 20 cents.

Weigela Candida.—New and fine; pure snow-white flowers, borne in great profusion. Good autumn bloomer. 20 cents.

Weigela Rosea.—This is one of the most charming shrubs in cultivation; it cannot be too highly recommended; the flowers are large and of a rosy color; they are borne in such profusion that the whole plant appears a mass of lovely bloom. 20 cents each.

Wisteria Frutescens.—An elegant climbing vine, hardy and vigorous, and blooms much earlier than the other varieties; pretty violet-purple flowers, borne in large clusters and very fragrant. 20 cents.

New White Wisteria.—A rare and elegant variety, contrasting finely with other sorts. Flowers are borne in long, pendulous clusters, pure snowy white and deliciously sweet. 35 cts.

Evergreen Sweet-Scented Honeysuckle.—A hardy, vigorous grower; blooms nearly all the season; deliciously fragrant; flowers buff, yellow and white; very desirable for veranda and trellis work. 20 cents.

Summer Flowering Bulbs.

Our bulbs are all finely selected, sound, and sure to bloom the first season.

Tuberoses.

Tuberoses are among the most desirable of summer flowering bulbs. They should be set so that the top of the bulb will be just below or about even with the surface of the ground.

Excelsior Pearl.—The finest sort in the world. Perfectly double, pure white, and very fragrant. Nice bulbs, only 6 cents each; 60 cents per dozen.

Gladiolus.

We have an unusually fine strain of mixed Gladiolus, embracing many fine colors and markings. Gladiolus should be planted about three inches deep, in good soil, when they will make a most gorgeous display the latter part of the summer. Prices—fine mixed bulbs, 5 cents each; 50 cents dozen. Finest *Lemoini Hybrids*, 10 cents each.

Richardson's Beautiful Lilies.

THEIR CULTURE.

Lily bulbs should be planted quite deep, say not less than six or eight inches. They do not require very rich soil like most flowers. They thrive best in a partially shaded situation and are entirely hardy, requiring no protection whatever, though perhaps in very much exposed situations it might be advisable to give a slight covering of leaves or other litter. Lilies should be left undisturbed to increase in size and beauty from year

Lilium Auratum.

Lilium Candidum.

to year. They can be planted in spring or fall, as preferred. We offer a few which we believe to be the very finest sorts only, for our climate.

Lilium Auratum—(The Golden Rayed Lily of Japan).

This magnificent variety is the finest of all Lilies; a clump of it in full bloom is worth going a long way to see. The strong, straight stocks grow three to six feet in height, and are well able to bear the superb clusters of great blossoms they produce; the magnificent flowers are often a foot across. The color is pure white, exquisitely spotted with rose, and rayed and banded with golden yellow in the most beautiful manner; maroon-tipped stamens in high contrast with the flowers. This noble Lily is certainly one of the most valuable and ornamental of flowers, and should be planted by every one. 25 cents each.

The Lovely Bermuda Easter Lily.

Too much cannot be said in praise of this grand flower; its pure color and delicious fragrance are unsurpassed, and so easily grown and sure to bloom. While in great demand for winter flowering, this superb variety is almost equally valuable for general planting. North of Washington, D. C., should have protection during winter. Prices—large bulbs, 20 and 25 c. each.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—The bulbs we offer are the *True Bermuda Easter Lily (Lilium Harrisii)*, specially grown by the most experienced growers in Bermuda. We call attention to this, as some dealers are sending out the ordinary Japanese Longiflorum for the Bermuda Lily.

Candidum.—The old white garden lily. Large, pure white flowers, in clusters; blooms earlier than others, but not always the first year. 20 cents each.

Longiflorum.—The well known Easter Lily. A very early flowering variety with lovely pure white trumpet-shaped flowers about six inches in length. Excellent for pot culture and admirably adapted for the open garden. Nice bulbs, 20 cents each.

SPECIAL OFFER.—We will send one bulb of each of these four splendid Lilies for 75 cents, and include FREE a bulb of the Excelsior Pearl Tuberose.

SEEDS—(Not Chaff).

Richardson's Sound, Northern Grown Seeds Cannot be Excelled.

A Pointer.

Perhaps there is no business in which so much deception is practiced as in the seed trade. The general practice among most of the seedsmen is to mix the seeds left over from year to year with the new crop, which accounts for the fact that about half of the seeds planted fail to germinate. Now we want it distinctly understood that all seeds remaining in our warerooms at the close of the season are immediately burned.

WE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPETE WITH CHEAP SEEDS.

Hints on Sowing Seeds.

The best soil for growing most flowers from seed is a rich mellow loam with enough sand to prevent baking of the surface after a rain. Success in the flower garden greatly depends on sowing the seed properly; as a general rule the smaller the seeds the nearer the surface they should be planted, while the finest seeds should be sown on the surface with just a little fine soil sifted over them and pressed down lightly. The surface should never be allowed to become dry until the plants get a start. It is a good plan to cover the places where fine seed is planted with inverted boxes or old newspapers weighted down with stones, as it is much better to confine the warm and moist vapors than to let the soil become dry and then water it, as in the latter case many of the seeds would be washed away. If heavy rains should occur before the plants are up it is well to cover the beds with boards or other material. As soon as up they require all light and air. Many kinds may be started in a box in the window where they can be better cared for, and then transplanted to the garden when of sufficient size.

Discounts on Seed Orders.

For a remittance of \$1.00 you may select seeds to the value of \$1.25. For \$2.00 you may select \$2.60, and for \$3.00 you can buy \$4.00 worth. This applies to seeds in pkts. only.

\$1.00 Collection.

For one dollar we will send 25 pkts. of seeds, a good assortment of both vegetables and flowers, making a complete garden. In making up this collection we select such varieties as, in our judgement, are best adapted to the locality from which the order is sent.

Specialties in Flower Seeds.

We have made a careful selection of the most beautiful and rare kinds of Annuals and offer them under this heading. They are all lovely sorts and no end of pleasure may be derived from their cultivation.

Sweet Peas.

Richardson's Bouquet Collection.—A large collection pkt. of about one oz. of the following beautiful, new sweet peas, mixed; will certainly give all lovers of this charming flower a rare treat:

ADONIS, BRONZE PRINCE, AUTUMN TINTS, FAIRY QUEEN, IMPERIAL BLUE, INDIGO KING, INVINCIBLE CARMINE, PRINCESS LOUISE, PRINCESS OF WALES, QUEEN OF THE ISLES, VENUS, VIOLET QUEEN, SPLENDID LILAC. Price for this big collection pkt. only 25 cents.

Victoria Aster.

We have the finest strain of this Aster ever produced. The flowers are large, full and double, brilliant in color and most beautifully imbricated. The plant grows in pyramidal form about two feet in height. We were more than pleased with it when we saw it in bloom on our own grounds last season. All colors mixed. Price 15 cents per pkt.

Dahlia Seed.

The finest and most beautiful Dahlias may be easily raised from seed. We offer seed of both double and single, mixed, that will produce many new and beautiful varieties. Price per pkt. 10 cents.

Aster Victoria.

PANSIES.**THEIR CULTIVATION.**

The Pansy is a popular flower with both florists and amateurs, giving abundance of bloom until after severe frosts, enduring our hard winters with safety, and greeting us in the early spring with a profusion of bright blossoms. It will flower better in the middle of summer, if planted where it is somewhat shaded from the hot sun, and especially if furnished with a good supply of water, but in almost any situation will give fine flowers in the spring and autumn. Pansy seed may be sown in the hot-bed or open ground; if sown in the spring, get in early as possible, so as to secure flowers during the early rains. Seeds sown in a cool place in June or July, and well watered until up, produce fall flowering plants. To have good flowers, the plant must be vigorous, and make a rapid growth. Young plants give the largest flowers. Old worn-out plants should be replaced. If the plants come into bloom in the heat of summer the flowers will be small at first, but as the weather become cooler they will increase in size and beauty. Often plants that produce flowers two and half inches in diameter during the cool, showery weather of spring, will give only the smallest possible specimens during the dry weather of summer.

Richardson's Choicest Pansy Seed.

Famous Woodbury Strain.—See illustration on first page of cover. Flowers three inches across and of every shade and color known in this lovely flower, petals heavy, velvety and of great substance. The best authorities who have seen this strain, pronounce it superior to any other ever set out. Price per pkt. of 100 seeds, all colors, mixed, 20 cents.

Bordered, Mixed, every flower having a beautiful and distinct border. 20 cts. per pkt.
Pure White per pkt. 25 cents.

French Pansies.

DARK PURPLE, INDIGO BLUE, GOLD MARGINED, LIGHT BLUE, PURE YELLOW, SILVER EDGED. Any of the above 10 cents per pkt.

Large Flowering German.

Lord Beaconsfield,	- -	pkt. 10 cents	Prince Bismark,	- -	pkt. 15 cents
King of the Blacks,	- -	pkt. 10 cents	Snow Queen,	- -	pkt. 10 cents
Emperor William,	- -	pkt. 10 cents	Delicata,	- -	pkt. 10 cents

Grand Collection Packet of Pansies.

We will send for 25 cents, a pkt. containing 20 seeds each of the above 15 varieties of rare Pansies. This pkt. will contain 300 seeds of every known color and marking found in this lovely flower. The finest and largest collection of Pansies ever put into a single pkt.

New Marguerite Carnation.

Perpetual blooming Carnation that flowers from seed in three months. This is a new wonder in the floral world. Here is a Carnation that blooms from seed as soon as an annual, while the flowers are magnificent, very large and coming in rich, solid colors of deep, velvety black to the loveliest shades of pink; also white, splashed with crimson, variegated and bizarre. Plant a strong grower, profuse bloomer. Will bloom all winter in the house. Pkt. 25 cents; 5 for \$1. Plants that will soon bloom, 20 cts. each; 3 for 50 cents.

Red, White and Blue Lilies.

A great interest has recently sprung up in the cultivation of water plants, and nearly all florists are giving them space in their catalogues. No class of plants introduced into the public parks all over the country during the past two or three years has created such a decided sensation as the three following magnificent ever-blooming Red, White and Blue Water Lilies which can be grown from seeds as readily as Poppies or Balsams. Seeds planted from the first to the middle of March in teacups of soil and water, will make fine little plants by the first of June, and if planted out then, either in tubs or a pool, will begin blooming in July, and continue to produce a profusion of flowers every day until frozen up in the fall. The leaves are very ornamental, having serrated edges and are very different from those of the common Water Lily.

NOTICE.—Neither pen nor brush can possibly do anything like justice to the beauty and grandeur of these three lovely Water Lilies. They very happily represent our National Colors, the "Red, White and Blue."

Blue Zanzibar Water Lily (*Nymphaea Zanzibarensis azurea*).—Plants from the seed of this magnificent variety will yield flowers varying from a light to a very dark, deep blue. The stamens of all are a bright, golden yellow, tipped with the same shade of blue as the petals. The flowers open at about 7 a. m. and close about 5 p. m., each flower opening four days in succession, and giving off a most delightful Opoponax-like odor.

Red Zanzibar Water Lily (*N. Zan. rosea*).—This is a superb and very rare variety of the blue, and like it in every respect except its color, which varies from rich pink to a deep rose, almost crimson in some specimens; the yellow stamens tipped with the same shade of red as the petals.

White Night-Blooming Water Lily (*N. Dentata*).—This grand species, unlike the *Zanzibarensis* varieties, opens its flowers at about 8 o'clock at night, remaining expanded until noon the next day. They are pure, pearly white, with petals expanded horizontally so that the flowers are perfectly flat like a star, thus differing from all other varieties; odor most peculiar and agreeable. The seeds are longer in germinating than the others, but they are just as easy to raise. Price of seeds 15 cents per pkt. We will send a pkt. of each for 40 cents.

MESSRS. O. M. RICHARDSON & CO.

MAINE STATE COLLEGE, ORONO, JUNE 23, 1891.

Dear Sirs:—Your fine box of live plants was duly received last night and is highly appreciated. The plants have been set out and bid fair to do well. We are more than thankful for the generous quantity you sent.

Yours truly,

A. B. AUBERT.

Very Rare Petunias—(Large Flowering Grandiflora).

These grand Petunias are indeed wonderful; many of the flowers actually measure 5 inches across. They are the admiration of all who see them. The seed is very scarce and consequently high in price, but the grand and beautiful flowers will more than pay for the extra outlay.

Prince of Wurtemberg.—A magnificent variety; flowers of extra large size, color dark purple, with very deep, beautifully tigered throat. Pkt. 25 cts.

Princess of Wurtemberg.—Equally as large and fine; flowers of a charming rose color, with large white throat, veined with maroon. Per pkt. 25 cts.

Large-Flowering, Fine Mixed.—All colors, a fine strain. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

Lupinus—(The Bride).

A magnificent new sort entirely different from all others. The flowers resemble miniature sweet peas and are borne in compact spikes like Hyacinths. The flowers are pure white and their fragrance rivals the Hyacinth. The plants grow about one foot in height, branching freely, making a shrubby plant. They begin to bloom in about two months from sowing the seed and are constantly filled with flowers until checked by frost. Pkt. 20 cents.

Shirley Poppy.

So much has been said already in praise of this charming section of the poppy family that any further comment in the same direction would appear unnecessary. And yet it seems almost impossible to tire in our admiration, or to stint our praise of anything so exquisitely fragile and beautiful. The ever-varying forms and constantly changing hues which are daily displayed on good masses of them, bring more quickly the relief of novelty than is the case with more enduring flowers, and if we regret the shattering of to-day's perfection, the sight of the many flower buds which are straightening their slender necks in the evening sun, brings the assurance of still richer charms to-morrow. The brilliant flowers craning their necks to catch the earliest sunbeams, and the well-contended murmur of insect life, are charms which render a sowing of these Poppies essential in my garden. All honor be to him who, by tireless patience and excellent judgment, gave to our gardens one of its greatest charms.—[*Campanula*, in *AMATEUR GARDENING*, Aug. 24th, 1889.] Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cents.

Richardson's Superb New Chinese and Japanese Pinks.

The *Dianthus* Pink is among our most popular Annuals, blooming continuously the entire season; with its many charming colors and sweet perfume it is always a favorite.

Our new Chinese Pinks are an improved and very superior strain of the *Dianthus*. The flowers are two inches across and as perfect and double as a Carnation, with a delicious clove fragrance. Price per pkt. containing a mixture of many beautiful colors, 10 cts.

The Japanese Pinks are single and of mammoth size, from 3 to 4 inches in diameter, beautifully striped and stained and constantly in bloom. Per pkt., mixed, 10 cents.

SPECIAL OFFER.—We will send this collection of beautiful flowers with one pkt. of Pansies, amounting to \$2.55, for only \$1.75 post paid, to any address. 15 Pkts. in all.

Select List of Choice Flower Seeds.

In selecting flower seeds for our large trade we do not confine ourselves to growing or obtaining all kinds in the same locality as most others do. We have found by experience that it is impossible to grow first-class seed of all varieties in the same climate. Most of our flower seeds are grown in America, while there are certain kinds that mature much better in the sunny climate of France and Germany. Thus we have obtained the purest, freshest and best from all countries, and as a whole they cannot be equaled.

Every pkt. dated so that it is impossible for us to sell you old seeds even if we so wished.

Annuals That Bloom First Season.

NAME.	PRICE PKT.	NAME.	PRICE PKT.
<i>Aster</i> .—Peony Flowered Perfection, mixed,	.10	<i>Hollyhock</i> .—Choice double varieties, mixed,	.05
“ German Quilled, “	.05	<i>Larkspur</i> .—Sow early. Extra fine, mixed colors,	.05
“ All colors, mix. of many varieties,	.05	<i>Lobelia</i> .—A trailing plant, mixed colors,	.05
“ Dwarf Bonquet, all colors, mixed,	.05	<i>Marigold</i> .—Double African, mixed,	.05
“ Pure White, extra fine strain,	.10	“ French striped, mixed,	.05
<i>Antirrhinum</i> .—(Snap Dragon).—Spikes of gay colored flowers. They usually survive the winter and flower the second season,	.05	<i>Mignonette</i> .—Sweet scent. new sorts, mixed,	.05
<i>Sweet Alyssum</i> .—Fragrant, fine for bouquets,	.05	<i>Nimulus</i> .—Beautiful Tigered flowers, fine,	.05
<i>Amaranthus</i> .—Ornamental foliage,	.05	<i>Mirabilis</i> .—Four O’Clock, or Marvel of Peru,	.05
<i>Balsam</i> .—Fine, double, mixed colors,	.05	<i>Myocotis</i> .—For-get-me-not flowers, blue, hardy,	.05
“ Dwarf, double, mixed colors,	.05	<i>Phlox Drummondii</i> .—All colors, finest mix.,	.05
<i>Bartonia</i> .—Large, yellow flowers,	.05	<i>Pansy</i> .—Good quality, all colors, mixed,	.05
<i>Calliopsis</i> .—Mixed colors, good for a mass of color,	.05	<i>Poppy</i> .—Single flowered, mixed,	.05
<i>Candytuft</i> .—A highly prized Annual, mixed,	.05	“ Double flowered, mixed,	.10
<i>Clarkia</i> .—Likes a cool situation, hardy,	.05	<i>Petunia</i> .—Small flowering, single, mixed colors,	.05
<i>Cockscomb</i> .—Three sorts, mixed, a curious flower,	.05	<i>Petunia</i> .—Double flowering, mixed,	.20
<i>Dianthus</i> .—The Chinese and Japanese Pinks,	.05	<i>Portulacca</i> .—Single, all colors mixed,	.05
<i>Datura</i> .—Double, mixed colors,	.05	“ Double, all colors mixed,	.15
<i>Dahlia</i> .—See specialties in seeds.	.05	<i>Ricinus</i> .—(Castor Oil Bean).—Mixed,	.10
<i>Everlasting Flowers</i> .—All varieties mixed,	.05	<i>Sweet William</i> .—Hardy Perennial,	.05
<i>Gourds</i> .—All ornamental sorts mixed,	.05	<i>Stock</i> .—(Pen Week).—Best double, mixed colors,	.10
<i>Grasses</i> .—Ornamental, for decoration,	.05	<i>Scabiosa</i> .—(Mourning Bride).—Mixed,	.05
<i>Helianthus</i> .—(Sunflower).—Russian, double, yellow,	.05	<i>Sensitive Plant</i> .—Minosa,	.05
		<i>Tropeolum</i> .—(Nasturtium).—Common mix.,	.05
		“ Dwarf “	.05
		<i>Zinnia</i> .—Elegans, finest double, mixed,	.10

Climbers.

<i>Cobea Scandens</i> .—A beautiful vine, bell shaped flowers,	.10	<i>Ipomea</i> .—(Moonflower).—Very beautiful, mixed,	.05
<i>Cinary Bird Flower</i> .—Beautiful cut leaves, yellow flowers,	.10	<i>Sweet Peas</i> .—An elegant and fragrant climber, mixed, oz. .15,	.05
<i>Convolvulus</i> .—(Major).—Mixed, all colors, Morning Glory,	.05	<i>Sweet Peas</i> .—Scarlet Invincible, .20 oz.,	.05
<i>Cyprus Vine</i> .—An elegant vine, white and scarlet flowers,	.05	“ “ Vesuvius, oz. .15,	.05
		“ “ Fairy Queen, oz. .15,	.05
		<i>Climbing Nasturtium</i> ,	.05

Choice Flower Seeds

FOR GREEN-HOUSE OR WINDOW CULTURE.

<i>Abutilon</i> .—Choice Hybrids,	.15	<i>Carnation</i> .—Choice, mixed,	.15
<i>Coleus</i> .—Extra large, mixed,	.20	<i>Primrose</i> .—(Chinese).—Pink and white,	.20

Tested Vegetable Seeds.

SPECIALTIES.

Peach Tomato.

This little gem of Tomatoes, shown in the accompanying engraving, is early and wonderfully productive. The fruit bears some resemblance to a peach in form, size and color. Eaten raw it suits our taste the best of any Tomato we have ever eaten, being very mild and pleasant. Per pkt., 10 cents.

Fordhook Squash.

A new winter Squash of great merit. Of a handsome, bright yellow color outside, and straw-yellow within. The flesh is as dry as *Pike's Peak*, and much sweeter, making it the best in quality of all Winter Squashes. Placed in a cool, dry room, it keeps in perfect condition throughout the winter and spring. The stem is thin and hard, and also the roots, furnishing absolutely no food for the Squash borer, and consequently is perfectly free from their attacks. Per pkt., 10 cents; oz., 20 cents.

Paris Pickling Cucumber.

First introduced last year, the PARIS PICK-

LING is entirely distinct from all sorts hitherto known, and is *decidedly the best of all in quality for pickling*. The young Cucumbers, when of the proper age for pickling, are slim and slender, from three to five inches in length, and the entire surface of the skin is covered with delicate, black, hairy spines. So crisp and brittle are these little fruits that they snap freely, and, when ready for pickling, show *absolutely no signs of seeds*. Per pkt., 10 cents; 3 pkts. for 25 cts., or 7 pkts. for 50 cents, post paid.

Blond Blockhead or Sunset Lettuce.

In hardness and compactness of head, as well as in form, it resembles the Neapolitan Cabbage Lettuce, but differs in being of a *rich, golden yellow color*. Of very handsome appearance, it is also of delicious quality; it is slow to seed, withstands summer heat, and is also an excellent keeper after being cut. Per pkt., 10 cents; oz., 25 cents.

Yosemite Mammoth Wax Bush Bean.

THE YOSEMITE, or *Monster Wax*, is a very distinct novelty, combining exquisite quality and productiveness with enormous size. The mammoth pods average 8 to 10 inches in length, are the thickness of a man's finger, full of fleshy pulp, and of a rich golden color, making a most handsome appearance either on the plant or on the table. We feel sure that the unusual size and handsome waxen appearance will make this *giant among Beans* a favorite for family gardens and for exhibition. Per package, 10 cents; per pint, 50 cents; per quart, 90 cents; post paid, by mail.

We will send one pkt. of each of these specialties for only 40 cents, post paid.

Tested Vegetable Seeds.

STANDARD LIST.

NAME.	PKT.	OZ.
Beet — <i>Blood Turnip</i> .—Sweet and tender, a fine sort.....	.05	.10
“ <i>Eclipse</i> .—Best early sort.....	.05	.10
“ <i>Lane's Improved Sugar</i> .—Best for stock.....	.05	.10
Cabbage — <i>Fettler's Improved Brunswick</i> .—Earliest large sort.....	.05	.20
“ <i>All Seasons</i> .—Good for summer or winter.....	.05	.25
“ <i>Surehead</i> —Large, certain to head.....	.05	.25
“ <i>Early Jersey Wakefield</i> .—Standard early variety.....	.05	.20
Carrot — <i>Long Orange</i> .—Improved.....	.05	.15
“ <i>Danvers</i> .—A fine variety.....	.05	.15
Celery — <i>Dwarf Golden Heart</i> —Finest flavored.....	.05	.35
“ <i>White Plume</i> .—Self blanching.....	.05	.40
Cucumber — <i>Boston Pickling</i> .—Immensely prolific.....	.05	.10
“ <i>Green Cluster</i> .—Early and productive.....	.05	.10
“ <i>Arlington</i> .—Largely grown, good.....	.05	.10
Onion — <i>Yellow Globe Danvers</i> .—Mild flavor, large.....	.05	.30
“ <i>Large Red Wethersfield</i> .—Early.....	.05	.25
Parsnip — <i>Improved Guernsey</i> .—Fine strain.....	.05	.10
Pepper — <i>Red Chili</i> .—Best for pepper sauce.....	.05	.30

NAME.	PKT.	OZ.
Pepper — <i>Large Bell</i> .—Large, bright red.....	.05	.30
Radish — <i>French Breakfast</i> .—Early, fine flavor.....	.05	.15
“ <i>Earliest Carmine</i> .—Very early, good.....	.05	.15
Squash — <i>Hubbard</i> .—The standard variety.....	.05	.10
“ <i>Marblehead</i> .—Resembles Hubbard.....	.05	.10
“ <i>American Turban</i> .—A fall variety.....	.05	.10
“ <i>Early Bush Crookneck</i> .—Best summer sort.....	.05	.10
Turnip — <i>Amber Globe</i> .—Good keeper, firm and sweet.....	.05	.10
“ <i>White Egg</i> .—A new, large, smooth variety.....	.05	.10
“ <i>Carter's Imperial</i> .—Best Ruta Baga.....	.05	.10
Lettuce — <i>Black Seeded Tennisball</i> .—A popular sort.....	.05	.20
“ <i>Hanson</i> .—Large heads, fine quality.....	.05	.25
Melon (Water) — <i>Phinney's Early</i> .—Very early, fine quality.....	.05	.10
“ “ <i>Vick's Early</i> .—Another very early sort.....	.05	.10
“ “ <i>Mammoth Ironclad</i> .—Large size.....	.05	.10
Melon (Musk) — <i>Montreal Nutmeg</i> .—Large, fine and early.....	.05	.15
“ “ <i>Surprise</i> .—A very good variety.....	.05	.15
Mustard — <i>White</i> .—Best for salad.....	.05	.10
Tomato — <i>Perfection</i> .—Perfectly smooth, early.....	.05	.40
“ <i>Canada Victor</i> .—An early, smooth sort.....	.05	.30
“ <i>Golden Queen</i> .—Best yellow tomato.....	.05	.30
Pea — <i>Burpee's Extra Early</i> .—Good quality, early.....	.05	.40
“ <i>Alaska</i> .—Very early market variety.....	.05	.40
“ <i>Black Eye Marrowfat</i> .—Fine flavor, later.....	.05	.40
Sweet Corn — <i>Cory</i> .—One of the earliest.....	.05	.40
“ “ <i>Boston Market</i> .—Early, large ears.....	.05	.40
“ “ <i>Early Minnesota</i> .—Early, tender and sweet.....	.05	.40
Bean — <i>Golden Wax</i> .—Stringless, fine quality.....	.05	.50
“ <i>Giant Wax</i> .—An Abundant bearer.....	.05	.60
“ <i>Aroostook</i> .—Early, good baker, prolific.....	.05	.50
“ <i>Horticultural</i> .—A fine shell bean.....	.05	.40
Pop Corn — <i>White Rice</i> .—Best all around sort.....	.05	.40
“ <i>Golden Tom Thumb</i> .—Early and fine... ..	.05	.40

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