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SISSON'S PEONIES

1922 List

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THE SISSON MEMORIAL PRIZE OF \$200.00 FOR A NEW PINK PEONY

Founded by W. A. Sisson of Rosendale, Wisconsin, in honor of his mother, Pamela Whitcomb Sisson, 1833-1920.

Conditions of competition:

1. The winning variety must be a peony in a shade of deep pink, not previously introduced into commerce.

It must be approved by the judges as an important addition to best existing varieties.

2. The prize shall be open for competition from May 15, 1921, to July 15, 1925, unless it be awarded before the latter date.

3. The prize is to be awarded by the Nomenclature Committee of the American Peony Society for blooms shown at an annual exhibition of that Society.

4. At least three blooms must be shown, with not less than 15-inch stems, with foliage.

5. The winning variety is to be named Pamela Sisson, and a root of it is to be presented to W. A. Sisson.

TO MY PATRONS AND CORRESPONDENTS— GREETINGS

During last season I became convinced that the general public was in favor of divisions in at least the expensive varieties and so I began to supply the demand. I am so pleased with the plan that I have decided to sell nothing but divisions and I am now listing all varieties that I have to sell.

List No. 1 covers about all that the usual peony grower has to offer. I will furnish a nice planting root with at least two eyes, probably three or more eyes. Your choice at one dollar per root.

List No. 2 covers the better or newer and expensive grades. In this list you will find, I think, all the best and up-to-date Seedlings known. I have all of Shaylor's and Thurlow's and the best of Brand's, Franklin's, and Lewis.' I also bought every high-priced peony that I could find for sale. This I shall continue to do from year to year so that my list may be depended on to include anything that is worth while.

I believe you will appreciate the chance to buy divisions of these rare and costly roots at about one-third what they cost me. In securing these varieties I have spent a little fortune. I have bought from leading growers and introducers throughout the country. I have been amazed to find a great many of the varieties scarce and hard to get at any price. And again I have been amazed and made sick at heart on receipt of roots which were decayed and had sickly eyes and often there was but one eye, although the root was supposed to be full-sized or a one-year plant. One has to take it or leave it. I have made the prices as low as I possibly could for this year in list No. 2. After I have had time to grow and multiply them I shall be able to reduce the price. And so as I have said, I believe you will appreciate your chance to help

yourself to almost anything on the market at one-third the price. If you do not see all you want on my list, write me about it, I may have it or can secure it for you.

SOMETHING NEW

You will find my methods of doing business quite different from any other firm in this line.

First—I sell nothing but divisions and these divisions fit the price, or the price fits the divisions.

Second—I pay my own expenses. I do not ask you to pay my expenses, postage, packing, war taxes, insurance, etc. Upon receipt of your order it will be acknowledged at once and it will be placed in your hands by **pre-paid** express or Parcels Post insured. I guarantee safe arrival and will make good on any damaged root. Do you know of any person or firm that is doing or will do this?

Third—I will give a gratis root with every order in this way, i. e. When you send me an order, name a number of varieties that you would like gratis, on a par with those you have ordered, and I will be sure to send you at least one gratis root and perhaps more, according to the size of your order. I ask you to select your own gratis root so you will be sure to receive just what you want and you will be saved the annoyance of finding that I have sent you something that you already have.

Fourth—I do not send my folder and price list to members of the Peony Society or to any person or persons whatsoever, except to those who write to me and ask for it. I have no expensive catalogue. I run a small Ad. in the Flower Grower and in the American

Peony Society Bulletin. I assume that anyone interested in my line will write me. To others I do not want to take up their time and I do not want them to take up my time. I am busy, I have all that I can possibly do, but I am not too busy to give my business immediate attention. If you write me, your letter will be answered the same day it is received here. I do not go to bed until the correspondence for the day has been attended to. Do you know of any person or firm in the peony business that is doing or will do this?

Fifth—When I receive an order, it is going to be filled in its entirety if it is a physical possibility and filled promptly. This last season I did exactly this with every order I received. On the other hand I want to tell you what treatment my orders received. I sent out scores of them to dealers and firms all over the country. If I received any acknowledgment at all, it was at least a week in coming and the average time it took to fill orders was from two to six weeks and not a single order that I sent was filled in its entirety. I never knew what I was going to receive until the shipment arrived, and every one arrived short and the shortage was sure to be exactly the varieties I needed most. During the last of the season I was working day and night and became near a nervous wreck. To avoid against shortage I placed duplicate orders with a half dozen firms, but still I ended up short. Of course, I had my own stock to fill my own orders, but I was trying to buy new stock to plant in my garden. Unless you look ahead you will never have an up-to-date stock.

Sixth—I am determined to please my customer that gives me an order. In case you think the roots I send you are not what they should

be, I want you to write me about it. If I cannot please you and we are unable to come to any agreement, then you may return the roots to me at my expense and I will send you my check to cover your remittance. I am not just sure if I will make this promise on anything but the expensive roots. I cannot spend time handling cheap roots and then having them refused.

Please read the foregoing carefully and tell me if this is not good news.

When I come to buy new stock in the coming years, how I wish that I might know of some person or firm with whom I could just give my order and know that the order would be filled and I would not have to give it a moment's worry and could go ahead with my regular work with a clear mind. There is nothing like that in store for me. Having given an order I have to follow it up with weeks of correspondence and telegrams and in the end the order is never completely filled.

ABOUT PLANTING

Ordinarily I need not say anything about planting, but so much has been written lately about it, planting too deep and planting on top of the ground, that I fear you will not use your common sense.

My advice is to plant the root in the usual way. However, if you want these small roots to catch up with a big root in one year's time, you better use care. Press the dirt very tight around each little rootlet, pack the root in the dirt very carefully. Do not use anything but good garden soil. After planting heap over the top with a leaf mulch. This will protect from freezing and thawing and serve as a drain. In the

Spring when the eyes start to come up, see if they need help by brushing aside the mulch. When the stalks are well up, then mulch around the plant very heavy, I repeat very, very heavy. This is to protect the little roots from the burning sun and retain moisture. If you will do this, you will find that you will have a nice large root the following fall, and the next Spring a wealth of flowers. If you do not give your roots this attention, they may die and in any event they will not do well. There is nothing so nice to cover over peonies and all over the peony field, as leaf mulch. Always have a big mulch pile ready to feed the small roots especially, but put it on top of the soil and not in it. Finally—use your common sense in planting and add to the soil the things you know it must have.

MY STOCK IS LIMITED

It may be well to remember that my stock is limited. While I have invested a small fortune, I would need to be a millionaire in order to stock up sufficiently to take care of all orders I might receive. Therefore, if you know what you are going to need for the Fall of 1922, you had better write me at once and we will see what we can do. I shall begin filling orders the last of August and continue until freeze up. I do not do a wholesale business! I am retail only. It is not meant that any customer shall have more than one root of any one variety. If you desire more than one root of any one variety, please state why. I do not compete for business. Prices subject to change without notice.

Reference—Rosendale State Bank.

W. A. SISSON,
Rosendale, Wisconsin.

SISSON'S PEONIES

List No. 1—Price one dollar each.

A nice planting root of probably three or more eyes.

Adolphe Rousseau (D. and M. 1892).
Achille (Calot 1855).
Agida (Unknown).
Aksarben (Ros. 1908).
Albatre (Crousse 1885).
Albert Crousse (Crousse 1893).
Alexander Dumas (Guerin 1862).
Alexandriana (Calot 1856).
Alice De Julvecourt (Pele. 1857).
Andre Lauries (Crousse 1881).
Armandine Mechin (Mechin 1880).
Asa Gray (Crousse 1886).
Atrosanguinea (Calot 1850).
Auguste Lemonier (Calot 1865).
Auguste Villaume (Crousse 1895).
Augustin d'Hour (Calot 1867).
Aurore (Dessert 1904).
Avalanche (Crousse 1886).
Baroness Schroeder (Kelway 1889).
Beaute de Villecante (Gambault 1856).
Ben Franklin (Brand 1907).
Bertha (Terry).
Berlioz (Crousse 1886).
Boadicae (Unknown).
Boule De Neige (Calot 1862).
Cameron (Crousse 1879).
Canari (Guerin 1861).
Candidissima (Calot 1856).
Charlemagne (Crousse 1880).
Claire Dubois (Crousse 1886).
Claude Gelee (Lemoine 1904).
Clio (Peterson 1901).
Commodore Emge (Brand 1913).
Constant Devred (Calot 1868).
Couronne d'Or (Calot 1873).
Crimson Victory (Rosenfield 1908).
De Candolle (Verdier 1860).
Defiance (Terry).

Delachei (Delache 1856).
Delicatissima (Unknown).
Denis Helye (Verdier 1860).
Dr. Boisduval (Guerin 1850).
Dr. Bretonneau (Guerin 1850).
Dr. Caillot (Verdier 1856).
Dorchester (Richardson 1870).
Duchesse De Nemours (Calot 1856).
Duc de Wellington (Calot 1859).
Duke of Clarence (Kelway).
Edouard Andre (Mechin 1874).
Eduhis Superba (Lemon. 1824).
Emma (Terry).
Emperor Nicolas (Crousse 1897).
Etta (Terry).
Eugene Bigot (Dessert 1894).
Eugene Verdier (Calot 1864).
Eugenie Verdier (Calot 1864).
Felix Crousse (Crousse 1881).
Festiva Maxima (Mieliez 1851).
Floral Treasure.
Fragrans (Banks 1805).
General Dodds (Crousse 1893).
Germaine Bigot (Dessert 1902).
Gigantea (Calot 1860).
Gloire De Chas. Gombault (Gambault 1866).
Glori d'Douai (Kelway).
Golden Harvest (Rosenfield 1900).
Governor Johnson (Brand 1907).
Grandiflora (Richardson 1883).
Grandiflora Rubra (Unknown).
Henri Demay (Calot 1866).
Jeanne d'Arc (Calot 1858).
Jeannette Oppliger (Brand 1913).
King Phillip (Raymond).
La Brune (Verdier 1860).
La Coquette (Guerin 1861).
Lady Leanora Bramwell (Verdier 1854).
La Grange (Unknown).
Lamartine (Poelman Moon).
La Pearle (Crousse 1885).
La Rosiere (Crousse 1888).

La Sublime (Parmentier 1850).
La Tendresse (Crousse 1896).
La Tulipe (Calot 1872).
L'Ecletante (Calot 1860).
L'Indispensable (Unknown).
Little Sweetheart (Brand 1907).
Livingstone (Crousse 1879).
Louis Van Houtte (Calot 1867).
Lynda (Brand 1907).
Mad. Barrillet Des Champs (Calot 1868).
Mad. Boulanger (Crousse 1886).
Mad. Bucquet (Dessert 1888).
Mad. Crousse (Calot 1866).
Mad. De Galhau (Crousse 1883).
Mad. De Verneville (Crousse 1885).
Mad. De Vatry (Guerin 1863).
Mad. Ducel (Mechin 1880).
Mad. Emile Galle (Crousse 1881).
Mad. Emile Lemoine (Lemoine 1899).
Mad. Eorel (Crousse 1881).
Mad. Geissler (Crousse 1880).
Mad. Leben (Calot 1855).
Mad. Lemoine (Calot 1865).
Marechal MacMahon (Calot).
Marechal Valliant (Calot 1864).
Marguerite Gerard (Crousse 1892).
Marie Jacquin (Verdier).
Marie Lemoine (Calot 1869).
Marie Stuart (Calot 1856).
Mattie Charles (Pleas).
Masterpiece (Kelway 1895).
Mathilde de Roseneck (Crousse 1883).
Meissonier (Crousse 1886).
Mireille (Crousse 1894).
Modele de Perfection (Crousse 1875).
Modeste Guerin (Guerin 1845).
Mons. Dupont (Calot 1872).
Mons. Jules Elie (Crousse 1888).
Mons. Krelage (Crousse 1883).
Nelly Pleas (Pleas).
Nobleissima (Meillez 1858).
Octavie Demay (Calot 1867).

Officinalis Alba (Grand-Mothers Garden).
Officinalis Rosea (Grand-Mothers Garden).
Officinalis Rubra (Grand-Mothers Garden).
Perfection (Richardson 1869).
Peter the Great (Kelway).
Philomele (Calot 1861).
Pierre Dessert (D. and M. 1890).
Plutarch (Kelway).
Pottsi (Potts 1882).
Pres. Roosevelt (Holland 1905).
Prince Imperial (Calot 1859).
Princess of Wales (Kelway).
Purpurea Superba (Delachi 1855).
Princess Beatrice (Kelway 1886).
Queen Victoria (Whitley 1808).
Rachel (Terry).
Red Cross (Hollis 1904).
Red Jacket (Harrison).
Rose d'Amour (Calot 1857).
Rose Here (Brand 1907).
Rubens (Delachi 1854).
Rubra Superba (Richardson 1871).
Rubra Triumphans (Delachi 1854).
Sisters Annie (Brand 1907).
Solfatare (Calot 1861).
Souvenir De L'Exposition De Bordeaux (Dessert 1896).
Souvenir De L'Exposition Universelle (Calot 1867).
Susan B. Anthony (Brand 1907).
Suzanne Dessert (Dessert & Mechin 1890).
Tenifolia Flore Plena (Grand-Mothers Fern Peony).
Triomphe De L'Exposition De Lille (Calot 1865).
Umbellata Rosea (Unknown).
Venus (Kelway).
Victor Hugo (Crousse 1885).
Victoria Tricolor (Van Houtte).
Ville de Nancy (Calot 1872).
Volcan (Lemoine 1898).
William Penn (Brand 1907).

LIST NO. 2

At prices quoted I will give you a suitable root for planting and will try to give you two eyes or more. If you receive any root that has not two eyes, it will be one of the expensive and rare roots and I shall be glad to have you return anything that is not entirely satisfactory to you in these expensive roots and I will refund your money.

Alsace Lorraine (Lemoine 1906).....	3.00
Amanda Yale (Brand 1907).....	2.00
A. M. Slocum (Franklin).....	7.00
A. P. Saunders (Thurlow 1919).....	7.00
Archie Brand (Brand 1913).....	4.00
Auguste Dessert (Dessert 1920).....	15.00
Aureolin (Shaylor 1919).....	4.00
Aviateur Reymond (Dessert 1915).....	4.00
Ball O' Cotton (Franklin).....	10.00
Bayadere (Lemoine).....	3.00
Beauty's Mask (Hollis 1904).....	2.00
Brand's Magnificent (Brand 1918).....	9.00
Bunker Hill (Hollis 1906).....	15.00
Candeur (Dessert 1920).....	10.00
Celestia Lewis (Lewis 1921).....	8.00
Charles McKellip (Brand 1907).....	2.00
Cherry Hill (Thurlow 1915).....	9.00
Chestine Gowdy (Brand 1913).....	2.00
Clemenceau (Dessert 1920).....	10.00
Cornelia Shaylor (Shaylor 1919).....	20.00
Edwin C. Shaw (Thurlow 1919).....	12.00
E. G. Hill (Lemoine 1906).....	2.00
Edwin W. Becker (Franklin).....	5.00
Eileen Kelway (Kelway).....	5.00
Elizabeth Barret Browning (Brand 1907)	9.00
Ella Wheeler Wilcox (Brand 1907).....	2.00
Elwood Pleas (Pleas 1900).....	4.00
Enchantress (Lemoine 1903).....	3.00
Estavette (Dessert 1910).....	2.00
Eunice Shaylor (Shaylor 1919).....	10.00
Exquisite (Kelway 1912).....	9.00

Fanny Crosby (Brand 1907).....	2.00
Faribault (Brand 1918).....	4.00
Florence Nightingale (Brand 1907).....	2.00
Frances Shaylor (Shaylor 1916).....	7.00
Frances Willard (Brand 1907).....	4.00
Georgiana Shaylor (Shaylor 1908).....	4.00
Ginette (Dessert 1915).....	4.00
Gismonda (Crousse 1895).....	2.00
Golden Wedding (Pleas 1900).....	2.00
Goliath (Hollis 1909).....	2.00
Grace Loomis (Saunders 1920).....	9.00
Grover Cleveland (Terry).....	2.00
Harriet Farnsley (Brand 1916).....	2.00
H. F. Reddick (Brand 1913).....	2.00
Helen Wolaver (Brand 1918).....	2.00
Henry Avery (Brand 1907).....	4.00
Isoline (Lemoine).....	7.00
James Boyd (Thurlow 1919).....	7.00
James Kelway (Kelway 1900).....	2.00
James R. Mann (Thurlow 1920).....	10.00
Jeanne Gaudichau (Millet 1903).....	3.00
Jeannot (Dessert 1918).....	10.00
Jessie Shaylor (Shaylor 1916).....	7.00
John M. Lewis (Lewis 1922).....	15.00
Jubilee (Pleas 1908).....	6.00
Judge Berry (Brand 1907).....	4.00
June Day (Franklin).....	9.00
Karl Rosenfield (Rosenfield 1908).....	2.00
Katherine Hayemyer (Thurlow 1921).....	15.00
Kelway's Glorious (Kelway 1909).....	15.00
Kelway's Queen (Kelway).....	12.00
Lady Alexandra Duff (Kelway 1902).....	5.00
La Fayette (Dessert 1904).....	2.00
La Fee (Lemoine 1906).....	5.00
La France (Lemoine 1901).....	4.00
La Lorraine (Lemoine 1901).....	5.00
Laura Dessert (Dessert 1913).....	8.00
Le Cygne (Lemoine 1907).....	10.00
Lewis' American Beauty (Lewis 1921).....	10.00
Longfellow (Brand 1907).....	4.00
Lora Dexheimer (Brand 1913).....	2.00
Lord Kitchener (Renault 1916).....	2.00

Louisa Brand (Brand 1913).....	2.00
Loveliness (Hollis 1907).....	4.00
Luetta Pfeiffer (Brand 1916).....	10.00
Lucy E. Hollis (Hollis 1907).....	3.00
Luella Shaylor (Shaylor 1919).....	10.00
Mabel L. Franklin (Franklin).....	10.00
Mad. Auguste Dessert (Dessert 1899).....	2.00
Mad. Gaudichau (Millet 1909).....	5.00
Mad. Jules Dessert (Dessert 1909).....	4.00
Mad. Rousseau (Crousse 1886).....	2.00
Mafeking (Kelway)	5.00
Marguerite Gaudichau (Millet & Son)....	4.00
Marie Crousse (Crousse 1892).....	2.00
Marquis C. Lagergreen (Dessert 1911).....	2.00
Martha Bulloch (Brand 1907).....	9.00
Mary Baker Eddy (Hollis).....	4.00
Mary Brand (Brand 1907).....	3.00
Mary C. Lewis (Lewis 1921).....	8.00
Mary P. King (Franklin).....	4.00
Mary Woodbury Shaylor (Shaylor 1916)..	15.00
Maud L. Richardson (Hollis).....	2.00
Midnight (Brand 1907).....	2.00
Midsummer Night's Dream (Pleas 1906)..	6.00
Mignon (Lemoine 1908).....	4.00
Milton Hill (Richardson 1891).....	2.00
Miss Salway (Kelway 1905).....	5.00
Mons. Martin Cahuzac (Dessert 1899).....	2.00
Mont Blanc (Lemoine 1899).....	3.00
Moses Hull (Brand 1907).....	2.00
Mrs. A. G. Ruggles (Brand 1913).....	4.00
Mrs. Carew (Brand 1907).....	2.00
Mrs. C. S. Minot (Minot 1914).....	20.00
Mrs. John M. Lewis (Lewis 1921).....	10.00
Mrs. M. P. Clough (Shaylor 1919).....	10.00
Mrs. Shaylor Force (Shaylor).....	25.00
Mrs. Chas. Gilbert (Shaylor 1919).....	5.00
Mrs. Edw. Harding (Shaylor 1918).....	30.00
Nymph (Harrison).....	2.00
Nymphaea (Thurlow 1919).....	6.00
Old Silver Tip (Brand 1918).....	4.00
Opal (Pleas 1908).....	5.00
Othello (Lemoine 1916).....	6.00

Pasteur (Crousse 1896)	2.00
Paradise (Hollis 1907)	5.00
Phillippe Rivoire (Riviere 1911)	10.00
Phoebe Carey (Brand 1907)	4.00
Phyllis Kelway (Kelway 1908)	5.00
Pierre Duchartre (Desert 1899)	2.00
President Wilson (Thurlow 1918)	20.00
Pride of Essex (Thurlow 11916)	6.00
Primevere (Lemoine 1907)	2.00
Prince of Darkness (Brand 1907)	2.00
Queen of the Pleasance (Pleas 1899)	2.00
Raoul Dessert (Dessert 1910)	6.00
Reine Hortense (Calot 1857)	2.00
Renee Marie (Dessert 1920)	10.00
Richard Carver (Brand 1913)	2.00
Rosa Bonheur (Dessert 1905)	3.00
Rose Shaylor (Shaylor)	10.00
Rosette (Dessert 1918)	5.00
Ruth Brand (Brand 1907)	2.00
Sarah Bernhardt (Lemoine 1906)	2.00
Sarah Carstenson (Terry 1903)	5.00
Sarah K. Thurlow (Thurlow 1921)	15.00
Secretary Fewkes (Shaylor 1916)	7.00
Serene (Franklin)	4.00
Shabona (Harrison 1890)	2.00
Shaylor's Dream (Shaylor)	25.00
Solange (Lemoine 1907)	4.00
Standard Bearer (Hollis 1906)	10.00
Stephanie (Terry 1891)	2.00
Supreme (Hollis)	4.00
Suzette (Dessert 1911)	2.00
The Gem (Pleas 1909)	4.00
Therese (Dessert 1904)	3.00
Thomas C. Thurlow (Thurlow 1919)	20.00
Tourangelle (Dessert 1910)	4.00
Victoire de la Marne (Dessert 1915)	4.00
Walter Faxon (Richardson)	4.00
W. F. Christman (Franklin)	10.00
Wilton Lockwood (Shaylor 1919)	10.00
Welcome Guest (Hollis 1904)	2.00
William F. Turner (Shaylor 1916)	2.00
Winnifred Doume (Brand 1913)	2.00
Winnikenni (Thurlow)	2.00

LIST NO. 3

Here are a few Japanese and single peonies that I can offer in one-eye divisions. Probably most of the roots that I would furnish would have two or more eyes.

Alma (Shaylor).....	3.00
Altar Candles (Pleas).....	3.00
Ama-no-sode (Japan).....	10.00
Black Prince (Thurlow).....	2.00
Clio (Peterson 1901).....	1.00
Darkness (Brand 1913).....	1.00
Helen (Thurlow 1922).....	10.00
Knight of the Thistle (Kelway).....	3.00
Magnificence (Kelway).....	3.00
Mikado (Barr).....	2.00
Nellie (Kelway).....	5.00
Noonday (Kelway).....	5.00
Pride of Langport (Kelway).....	4.00
Rare Brocade (?).....	1.00
Tomatbako (Japan).....	10.00
Tora-no-maki (Japan).....	4.00 5.00

additions.

Silvia(Saunders 1921)

Matilda Lewis(Saunders 1921)

Martha A. Twyman(Wettengel 1920)

Sarah M. Wettengel(Wettengel 1919)

Charles Neidel(Wettengel 1919)