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SALEM DAHLIA GARDENS

Salem, New Jersey

JANE COWL
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❧ Greetings ❧

WE take great pleasure in presenting this our 1929 illustrated descriptive catalogue of dahlias as grown in New Jersey. Realizing that an enormous number of dahlias is confusing and can serve no good purpose, we have listed only those of superior merit.

We desire to call your attention to the choice New Jersey originations, especially the new ones of this year's introduction. New Jersey dahlias have become famous the country over, not only for their large size and stiff stem, but for their wondrous beauty in both formation and color.

We desire to thank our many customers for their liberal patronage during the past year and for the many kind letters telling us of the success they had with our dahlias, both in the garden and showroom.

We ceaselessly endeavor to maintain a reputation for fairness, integrity and trustworthiness—to do a clean business, satisfactory alike to us and to our customers. Our best business comes from those who send us their orders year after year; they know they can depend on us for good stock and an absolutely square deal. We are proud of these customers—proud of the reputation our dahlias have made, but we are not satisfied. Each succeeding year will find us trying to improve our methods in every department—growing, packing, shipping—to the end that we may better serve the people who look to us for good dahlias.

We did not spray our growing plants in the fields the past season and dug only those that vigorously withstood the ravages of the insects and the adverse weather conditions, therefore our tubers should be as healthy as it is possible for them to be.

Visitors are welcome at all times. Do not fail to see our dahlias during blooming season. Our trial grounds are located only two miles from Salem.

SALEM DAHLIA GARDENS

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Salem, N. J.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ORDER EARLY, directing us when to ship stock. Early orders are solicited to prevent disappointment in case our stock of those selected has been depleted. If you do not find the varieties you want in this collection, write us. We have many not catalogued.

WE GUARANTEE all tubers true to name and also their arrival in good growing condition. We cheerfully replace any that should prove otherwise. Orders are filled from field grown tubers, free from stunt or disease. We do not substitute unless requested.

GREEN PLANTS. We strongly recommend green plants. We have received many very pleasing reports on the plants sent out last Spring and there is a greater demand for them this season. Complete green plant list ready March 25. Send for a copy.

TERMS. Remittance with order. All retail orders are delivered prepaid.

REFERENCES. Dun's, Bradstreet's, or Salem National Bank and Trust Co.

FREE TUBERS. On all retail orders for tubers sent in during January and February we will allow you to select from this catalogue tubers to the amount of 15% of your order; on March orders tubers to the amount of 10% of your order, and on April, May and June orders tubers to the amount of 5% of your order. This does not apply to bargains or collections which have been priced very low.

OUR NEW SERVICE. For the convenience of those who are unable to visit our gardens we will send you a box of blooms during blooming season so that you may make your tuber selections. You pay for the blooms and transportation, but if you order a reasonable amount we apply this to your credit on your dahlia order. Write for further information.

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Key—C., Cactus; D., Decorative; P., Peony; S., Show; H. C., Hybrid Cactus; H. D., Hybrid Decorative.

AMBASSADOR, C. (Broomall)—A large flower of pleasing form; color is a soft, yellow buff, shaded salmon-pink; a stiff upright stem. A great prize-winner.
Tubers, \$1.00; Plants, \$.75

ALICE WHITTIER, H. C., (Reed)—Color a very delicate shade of primrose yellow; exhibition sized flowers and exceptionally deep. Stiff stems and good habit of growth.
Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.25

ADELINE C. LORBEER, C., (Broomall)—One of the best pure red cactus dahlias in cultivation. The medium large flowers are produced on fine stems and stand the hot sun well without bleaching or burning and keeps well as a cut flower, certainly the best of its color for cutting.
Tubers, \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50

ALEXANDER POPE, H. C. (Strobel)—Color is a beautiful shade of crimson, reverse of petals magenta. Petals twist showing reverse. A flower of great depth and size.
Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.25

AMARILLO GRANDE, H. D. (Broomall)—Light yellow. Compared with Sunny South the petals are more broad and the flowers are much larger; in fact, they are enormous and are produced in abundance.
Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.25

AZTEC GLORY, D. (Broomall)—It is a clear picric yellow with deep massive flowers of unusual and most artistic formation held on strong erect stems. Bush about 2½ feet high with glossy green foliage, having somewhat the appearance of holly.
Tubers, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.75

BIG CHIEF, H. D., (Success)—Color rich autumn shades; general effect is salmon-buff. Immense flowers carried erect on long, stiff stems; free bloomers. Stock limited.
Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00

BARBARA REDFERN, D. (Redfern)—Color is a wondrous combination of old rose and old gold. Outside of petals is dull gold the reverse delicate old rose. Bloom is very large and borne on stiff stems. Excellent bush growth and prolific bloomer.
Tubers, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.75

***CITY OF TRENTON, D. (Prentice-Fisher & Masson)**—A large exhibition decorative borne on top of cane-like stem. An autumn colored dahlia defying adequate description. The face of petals, a rich glowing tangerine, reverse crushed-strawberry red. The petals curl gracefully, giving a two toned effect and creating an impression of whorls or tongues of flame radiating from a full center.
Tubers, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.75

***CASPER G. WARE, D. (S. D. G.—Bowen)**—Our 1926 introduction which has given universal satisfaction wherever grown. Flowers are large, regularly formed and produced profusely on strong stems. Color bright clear violet rose. Bush medium to dwarf and very vigorous. Blossom is an extra good keeper and has exceptional exhibition and commercial qualities.
Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75

DERRILL W. HART, D. (Broomall)—Capucine yellow shading to grenadine red, in cool weather almost copper color. The large, well formed flowers of this variety are held erect on fine stems.
Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00

Varieties prefixed with an () are New Jersey originations.

CASPER G. WARE

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***EMMA MARIE, H. C. (Dahliadel)**—A favorite because of its pleasing shade of clear pink with a creamy white center and its combination of exhibition and commercial qualities not found in many dahlias. A robust grower, producing deep, full-centered blooms averaging 8 inches in diameter on 3 to 4 foot stems in ordinary field culture.

Tubers, \$1.00; Plants, \$.75

***EASTERN STAR, D. (Dahliadel)**—Color a soft saffron yellow with old gold shadings. Flowers of great substance and good keeping qualities with full centers, held on strong, erect stems. Excellent bush growth and free flowering. Grows 10 inches without forcing.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75

- *ELITE GLORY, D. (Kennedy)**—A monstrous flower, but strange to say is not awkward but is both pleasing and spectacular in appearance. The color is a brilliant rich red without any apparent purple or maroon shading. A good keeper and a winner wherever shown. Scored 92 at A. D. S. trial grounds. Tubers, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.75
- ELIZA CLARK BULL, D. (Boston)**—It gives us great pleasure to recommend this beautiful white dahlia. It is regularly formed and very large, producing 10 to 11 inch flowers in the hottest weather and did not burn a particle right out in the open field. Excellent stems and generous blooms. Tubers, \$1.75; Plants, \$1.00
- EL GRANADA, H. C. (Boston)**—An immense orange; the petals twist and interlace, showing at the tips a creamy yellow reverse. Good stems. Tubers, \$1.00; Plants \$.75
- ELDORADO, D. (Boston)**—A very large vivid gold blossom which has depth. The flower has substance and the stem is good. Dwarf bush. Tubers, \$1.00; Plants, \$.75
- ELSIE DANIELS, H. C. (Meachen & Sherman)**—An especially fine type of exhibition dahlia, full center of creamy white shading to a lilac pink on outer row of petals. The low bushes are wonderful producers of large flowers on straight, stiff stems. Tubers, \$1.00; Plants, \$.75
- ELLINOR VANDERVEER, D. (Seal)**—An incomparable dahlia of exquisite beauty and great size, having every desirable quality. One of the best dahlias ever brought from the Pacific coast. Blossoms are of glowing satiny rose pink, and are of great depth and substance and held far above a sturdy bush on long stiff stems. Prolific bloomer and great prize winner. Tubers, \$1.00; Plants, \$.75
- EAGLE ROCK BEAUTY, H. D. (Broomall)**—A more beautiful combination of pink and cream than is displayed in this glorious creation would be difficult to imagine. It is in a class by itself and unanimously admired by all who have seen it. It is vigorous in growth, with good habits and strong stems holding perfectly erect the immense blooms which are full to the center and produced in abundance until frost. Tubers, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.50
- EAGLE ROCK SUNSHINE, C. (Broomall)**—The color is a deep shade of yellow, the flowers are very large and held perfectly erect on strong stems. It shows no tendency to become pendant even under the most unfavorable conditions. Blooms are full to the center until frost. Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00
- EAGLE ROCK JEWEL, H. C. (Broomall)**—Cream overlaid cameo pink (shell pink), this combination making it a most beautiful dahlia. The large flowers are borne on strong stems; it is a vigorous grower and a free bloomer. Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00
- EAGLE ROCK GEM, C. (Broomall)**—Maize yellow shaded orient pink; this is certainly the finest shaped strong stemmed dahlia yet produced; its form is much finer than Ambassador and the flowers always stand perfectly erect. Tubers, \$15.00; Plants, \$7.50
- *ELKRIDGE, H. C. (Griffith)**—A beautiful white with strong stem, robust grower good substance, continuous bloomer and a good commercial variety. Tubers, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.75

EAGLE ROCK BEAUTY

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- ***EVA L. QUADLING, D. (Quadling-Nuneviller)**—Immense full-centered blooms, held well above the foliage, petals folding almost to the stem. Color carmine and spectrum blended, back same with pale mauve veining; center oxblood red. Ideal bush growth and a medium free bloomer. An excellent variety for both exhibition and cutting, being a good keeper. **Tubers, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.75**
- ***EDNA FERBER, H. C. (Fisher & Masson)**—Color a glistening coral, shading to old gold at the base of petals. Petals curled and twisted, making a very full flower. One of the largest hybrid cactus varieties and a winner wherever shown. **Tubers, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.50**
- ***FAITH GARIBALDI, D. (Garibaldi)**—This is a superb rose pink of great size. Does not require heavy disbudding for immense blooms. Bloom is held straight on a long, stiff stem. **Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75**

BARBARA REDFERN

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FLAMING METOR, D. (Barker)—A brilliant vermilion or orange. Blooms large and carried on erect stems. A popular cut flower variety.

Tubers, \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50

FORDHOOK MARVEL, D. (Burpee)—A giant in size, carrying its bloom on strong, cane-like stems. The color is a lovely shade of peach red, shading to strawberry pink. The whole flower is suffused with a sparkling salmon-orange sheen of metallic luster.

Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00

***FORT MONMOUTH, H. C. (Kemp)**—The predominating color is a rich claret with brightness unusual in darker tones. Flowers full centered and well formed borne on stiff stem well above the foliage. Prolific grower and bloomer, tall bush with flowers a foot in diameter.

Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00

GOLDEN FLEECE, D. (Seal)—The huge blossom is a rich, creamy, golden yellow with a satiny sheen, frequently tipped with white giving it a silvery frosted appearance. Stem long and stiff, bush medium tall.

Tubers, \$4.00; Plants, \$2.00

HARRY SHELDON, JR., D. (Murphy)—An enormous bloom with white center and pink outer petals. Wonderful exhibition flower.

Tubers, \$1.00; Plants, \$.75

- *HERALD TRIBUNE ELITE, D. (Kennedy)**—It is a rich pure white of splendid form and wonderful keeping qualities, extra fine stems. Plants are thrifty growers.
Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00
- *JERSEY'S BEAUTY, D. (Waite)**—This is certainly a beauty and should be grown in every garden on account of its wonderful color and extra fine stems; it is in a class by itself, a most wonderful pink. A prize winner wherever shown.
Tubers, \$.75; Plants, \$.50
- *JERSEY'S BEACON, D. (Waite)**—Chinese scarlet with a paler reverse, giving a two-toned effect; a very large flower, vigorous grower, good stem.
Tubers, \$1.00; Plants, \$.75
- *JERSEY'S SOVEREIGN, D. (Waite)**—A new shade hard to describe, a beautiful orange; flowers are good size on fine stems; free bloomer.
Tubers, \$1.00; Plants, \$.75
- *JERSEY'S SUPREME, D. (Waite)**—A very pleasing shade of clear laelia pink, flowers medium size; free bloomer with good stems.
Tubers, \$1.00
- *JERSEY'S IDEAL, D. (Waite)**—Dark lavender pink, flowers large and of splendid formation and borne face up on top of the stem, and the long petals falling down make a very deep flower.
Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.25
- *JERSEY'S CAPRICE, D. (Waite)**—One of the autumn shades, a blending of pink, amber and gold. The flowers are large and of good form, and substance; stem is rigid, holding the flower erect.
Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00
- *JERSEY'S EMPRESS, D. (Waite)**—Anthracene violet in color, the flowers have a very pleasing formation with narrow and wavy petals. Blooms are enormous but stems are somewhat fleshy. A sunproof bloom recommended for exhibition.
Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.25
- *JANE COWL, D. (Downs Dahlia Farms)**—Deep massive bloom of bronzy buff and old gold, blending darker towards the perfect center. Broad petals, with just enough twist to add the refinement so often lacking in the largest dahlias. A stem of unusual strength holds this giant decorative over a bush of ideal growth, while the foliage is the thick leathery kind that insects seldom bother. Winner wherever shown.
Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00
- JOY, D. (Bessie Boston)**—A clear silver lavender without a trace of white. Grows tall and blooms profusely, stems very good.
Tubers, \$5.00 ; Plants, \$2.50
- *KING SOLOMON, H. C. (Andrews)**—A beautiful orange buff with an iridescent sheen on the twisted petals, forming an exceptionally beautiful dahlia. Good stem and profuse bloomer and it can truly be said that "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as one of these."
Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75
- *KATHLEEN NORRIS, D. (Fisher & Masson)**—A bloom of gigantic proportions, probably the greatest pink decorative dahlia in commerce. Color a true rose pink, later deepening to mallow pink, but paler in the young central petals. Broad overlapping petals with twisted ends, never showing an open center. Great bloomer and excellent keeper; bloom stands right up on the stem.
Plants, \$7.50

LA RODA, D. (Broomall)—Silvery rose pink; large, well formed flowers held erect on strong stems. Bush growth, medium height.

Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00

LA GOLONDRIMA, H. D. (Broomall)—Silvery white shaded phlox purple, the general effect being a light lavender; very large flowers of distinct and pleasing shape, held well above the foliage on good stems.

Tubers, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.75

LAVENDULA, D. (Broomall)—The color is a pleasing shade of lavender throughout. It is a strong grower with fine stems and habit, while the bloom itself is very large. Tall grower. One of the best cut flowers to date.

Tubers, \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50

MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN, D. (Pelicano)—One of the finest we grew last year; a giant flower on good stems. Color is mulberry, suffused with gold.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75

MRS. FRANCES E. BULLARD, P. (Broomall)—Beautiful light pink, flowers of immense size and borne on strong stems in the greatest profusion; blooms are extra full and deep for a peony dahlia often coming full decorative. A winner wherever exhibited.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75

MARIAN BROOMALL, H. C. (Broomall)—Pink and white, descendant of Gladys Sherwood, but more cactus in shape than that variety and with better stems and habit. Very beautiful and one of the best cut flowers in our garden. Grows 12 inches across.

Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00

***MARGARET MASSON, D. (Fisher & Masson)**—A beautiful silvery rose pink of great depth and size. Wonderful exhibition variety on account of its good keeping qualities and fine upright stem.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75

***MARGARET WOODROW WILSON, D. (Fisher & Masson)**—Color is opalescent pink, with face of petals creamy white, reverse phlox pink. A very large blossom with good stem.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75

MORDELLA, D. (King)—A real art dahlia of a beautiful bright clear shade of apricot buff. Its large blossoms are held above the foliage on long, graceful stems. Plants are strong, vigorous, profuse bloomers.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75

MARMION, D. (Tyler)—Color is pure golden yellow with bronze suffusion on reverse of petals, deeper bronzy tone on high center and outer edges of petals. Florets long, wavy and curly; form perfect; prolific bloomers. The long cane like stems hold the huge blooms erect.

Tubers, \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50

MIRAFLORA, C. (Broomall)—White tinted violet-pink, the petals are long, straight and rather narrow. The flowers, 8 to 10 inches without disbud-
ding, are borne profusely on first-class stems. There is nothing like it in dahlias.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75

MILDRED BROOKS HOOVER, H. D. (Broomall)—The originator describes it as one of the best in his garden. Color, spinel-red, very unusual in dahlias. Net price.

Plants, \$7.50

MAIDENS BLUSH, H. D. (Broomall)—Immense in size with long wavy petals. Color, rose pink or blush. More like an immense orchid than a dahlia. Net price.

Plants, \$15.00

***MY MARYLAND, H. C. (Downs Dahlia Farms)**—A bloom of unusually delicate pink with the faintest suggestion of lavender. The petals are tipped with ivory, and are pointed and whorled and twisted in a daintily attractive manner all their own. The bloom is large, the stem is good, and the plant is one of those bushes with leatherlike foliage.

Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00

MARION BROOMALL
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NICHU, H. C. (Boston)—Cheerful bloomer of large, clear yellow blossoms with closed centers. Flower is held erect on a strong stalk.

Tubers, \$1.00

NETAWAKA, H. D. (Broomall)—Orange yellow base shading to jasper red, reverse of petals bright carmine. The petals are twisted so that the reverse color is very much in evidence. The large flowers are borne on good stems, very distinct and pleasing both in form and unusual coloring.

Tubers, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00

NANCY SUE LANG, H. D. (Broomall)—Immense star like flowers, red tipped gold; good stem. Although plant is a dwarf grower it is very robust.

Tubers, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

ORANGE GOLD, H. C. (Broomall)—Rich orange-yellow, medium large, good free-blooming habit, producing full-centered flowers in abundance until frost.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$. 5

PRIMULA REX, D. (Broomall)—Very light cream or primrose color; one of the best of its kind in existence; the flowers are immense with every good quality; medium grower.

Tubers, \$3.50; Plants, \$1.75

ELITE GLORY

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***POP STEWART, D. (Fisher & Masson)**—A remarkable flower of great size. A rosy pink, but as the flower matures it tones out into a most exquisite shade of the purest lilac pink. Wonderful grower profuse bloomer with splendid stem and a great prize winner. **Tubers, \$1.00; Plants, \$.75**

PAPILLON, H. C. (Boston)—Large old rose with yellow shadings, good form, free bloomer, good stem. **Tubers, \$1.00; Plants, \$.75**

PAUL REVERE, D. (Bissell)—One of the finest reds in existence, never fades or burns in the strongest sunlight. Excellent stem. **Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00**

PRIDE OF STRATFORD, D. (M. & S.)—Predominating color, cadmium orange shading to light orange at the base of petals, reverse rose doree. Very large flowers on strong stems. **Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00**

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QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL, D. (Burns)—It is a large primrose yellow with a strong stem, perfect type. A flower that fulfills the dream of Dahlia lovers. One of the largest of all Dahlias measuring from nine to twelve inches across, grown without forcing. The stems are usually strong and is a wonderful keeper. **Tubers, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.25**

***ROMAN EAGLE, D. (Fisher & Masson)**—An immense autumn colored dahlia of a flaming, brilliant burnished copper; much admired in the Eastern shows. Good stem; medium height plant. **Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75**

ROLLO BOY, H. C. (Pelicano)—Delicate shade of amber, shading to old gold. Vigorous plant of medium height, producing large flowers in great profusion on the best of stems. **Tubers, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00**

ROSE FALLON, D. (Harding)—Color is deep old gold, a most perfectly formed giant with good stems and able to stand for days after being cut. An outstanding variety; winner wherever shown. A large stock of this wonderful variety allows us to make the price very reasonable.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75

REGAL, D. (Boston)—The plants grow medium height and are one of the first to bloom. Blooms on rigid stems well above the foliage. Color, a delightful combination of autumn shades, bronze, heavily suffused with dull old rose, and shading to gold at the base of the petals, giving an effect of burnished copper. One of the largest and best dahlias from the Pacific coast.

Tubers, \$20.00; Plants, \$10.00

RICHELIEU, D. (Redfern)—A deep velvety red of the old Jack Rose. (Phlox purple). Sturdy bushes with an abundance of flowers carried at right angles to the strong, straight stems. An exhibition and cut flower variety that keeps a long time after being cut.

Tubers, \$.75; Plants, \$.375

SISKIYOU, H. C. (Broomall)—A wonderful introduction that has created a sensation wherever shown. Grows 9 to 11 inches without forcing. Color, pink tinged mauve. Plants are dwarf but sturdy and vigorous and the flowers are held perfectly erect on strong stems.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75

SAGAMORE, D. (Badetty)—Color, amber gold, elusively shaded with a warm salmon rose and orange buff. A good grower and excellent bloomer. Blooms are highly prized for their color and keeping qualities.

Tubers, \$1.00; Plants, \$.75

SEAL OF CONNECTICUT, D. (Ailing)—A large, clear yellow on good stems. Vigorous grower of medium height; prolific bloomer. First at New York.

Tubers, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

SILVERADO, C. (Seal)—The immense blooms are of white, gradually shading toward the center to a delicate silvery lavender. Bush growth tall, stems extra long and strong.

Tubers, \$4.00; Plants, \$2.00

***TRENTONIAN, D. (Fisher & Masson)**—A large flower of an Indian skin color, a blending of old gold, amber and coppery bronze. Highly recommended for either garden or exhibition on account of its size, stem and color.

Tubers, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75

UNCLE REMUS, D. (Broomall)—Rhodamine purple; large flowers on extra strong stems; an extra strong grower.

Tubers, \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50

WORLD'S BEST WHITE, D. (Murphy)—One of the best pure white dahlias; fine stem, free bloomer, full to the center.

Tubers, \$1.00

***WALDHEIM SUNSHINE, D. (Peacock)**—The most remarkable new dahlia of last year. The true deep yellow that will show up yellow under artificial light. The reflex is darker, and there is a rich golden suffusion around the beautiful, full high center. The form is beautiful, with long wavy, twisted and whorled petals, which relieve the immense size from stiffness. The stem is long and stiff, holding the flower from facing to upright. It is a splendid free bloomer, and last season was in full bloom with perfectly full centers until killed down by the frost in November. The plant is a very strong, sturdy grower. In all, it is the greatest of all yellows, and is in a class by itself.

Tubers, \$15.00; Plants, \$7.50

***WATCHUNG SUNRISE, D. (Smith)**—In color it is a golden amber with the reverse of petals showing rose pink and each petal edged rose pink, making it very distinctive. Flowers are massive on strong, erect stems.

Tubers, \$.75; Plants, \$.375

QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL

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CHOICE MIXTURE IN DAHLIAS

We are in position this year to offer the greatest value in mixed tubers that we believe has ever been offered the buying public. Made up of varieties listed in this catalogue and all labelled. Price, per collection of six, \$3.00; per dozen, \$5.50. Sent postpaid and guaranteed to reach you in good growing condition.

UNLABELLED DAHLIAS

We will send you twelve dahlias made up of good varieties for \$3.00. These dahlias are not all labelled and no two alike will be sent out.

HOW TO GROW CHOICE DAHLIAS

Dahlias will grow in most any soil. Soil that will grow potatoes or cabbage will grow good dahlias. In planting, the soil should first be put in the best possible condition, thoroughly pulverized to a considerable depth. Dig holes six inches deep and from three to four feet apart. Always lay the tuber flat on its side, the size of which makes no difference as long as it has one strong eye or sprout. Cover about three inches, leaving the rest of the soil to be filled in after the plant comes up. If more than one sprout comes up remove all but the strongest. Do not fail to cultivate and cultivate often, especially after each rainfall, until plants have obtained a good root growth. Dahlias may be planted as soon as there is no danger of frost up to July 15th in this vicinity.

If planted early they should be "cut back"—that is, the top should be pruned out about the first of August in this locality so as to bring them in bloom the latter part of September, they being a Fall flower, and at which time they should be at their best. Four eyes should be left on the stalk. These four shoots will produce the first four flowers. In pruning be sure to bore a hole in the stalk two or three inches above the ground so as to allow the water to drain from the plant. Take the point of a small bladed knife and insert in the stalk and make a hole about the size of a lead pencil. This will be sufficient for all purposes and will not injure the plant. An early and late crop of flowers may be grown by this method.

If planted in mid season pinch out the center when the plant is 8 to 12 inches high. This will throw the strength into the next two lower eyes. These shoots also should be pinched back so as to leave one pair of eyes on each branch. By the time these get a start the second set of eyes on the main stalk will grow along with the four above. These six stalks should bear the first six flowers. By such pruning you will have a low growing plant which should produce thirty to forty blooms, according to variety.

Another method of growing dahlias is to plant rather late, about August 1st in this latitude, and let one single stalk grow, prune all side branches, thereby throwing all the strength into the main stalk, thus producing one immense exhibition flower.

In forcing, rake some pulverized sheep manure into the soil around the roots when the plant comes into bud and water well, at least twice a week, about six buckets to a plant at each watering. However, we do not recommend forcing if tubers are to be used next season.

If these directions are followed you should be able to grow dahlias of which you will be justly proud.

DAHLIA SEED

Owing to the fact that we harvested more seed than we need for our own planting, we will dispose of a limited amount. These seed should be as good as can be purchased anywhere as there were no poms or singles within a mile of our gardens.

Packet of 100 seeds, mixed varieties, \$3.00.

Packet of 100 seeds, selected from the most outstanding varieties, \$5.00.