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# JOHN LEWIS CHILDS

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IN



GIANT  
FLOWERING  
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FLORAL PARK, N.Y.

## Giant Flowering Caladium.

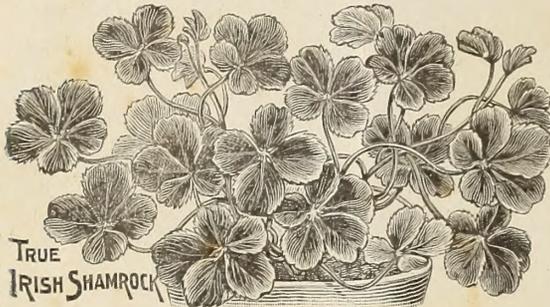
"NEW CENTURY."

The Grandest Foliage and Flowering Plant yet Introduced

Leaves three times as large as any other Caladium, having a heavy leathery texture, and a bright, glossy green color, with metallic luster which is remarkably handsome. It does not produce a bulb, but is increased by suckers, and is perennial. The leaf stalks are strong and tall, holding the mammoth leaves well above the ground. Leaves 2 to 5 feet long, by 2 or 2½ feet broad; perfectly immense, and make a plant which for tropical luxuriance has no equal. Added to this wonderful foliage effect are the mammoth lily-like blossoms; snow-white, changing to cream, with a rich and exquisite fragrance so powerful as to perfume a whole garden. Plants bloom perpetually all summer in the garden, or all the year round in pots. Not only is it a grand garden or lawn plant, but as a pot plant for large windows, verandas, halls or conservatories, it rivals the choicest Palms in foliage, to say nothing of its magnificent flowers. Thrives in any soil or situation, and grows and blooms all the year. As many as 6 to 12 flowers rise successively from the base of each leaf-stalk, and are borne on stems eighteen inches high. Regardless of all we can say in its praise, the plant will astonish everyone with its magnificence—so novel and so wonderfully effective, free-growing and fragrant. One flower is sufficient to perfume a large room with a most delicate aroma. Fine plants 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Extra large plants by mail or express 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

## Red Branched Caladium.

This is much like the Giant Flowering in all respects, except the stems of all the leaves are a rich purple color, and the leaves dark purplish-green and exceedingly handsome. It makes a fine contrast and is in itself a most superb foliage plant. Although just introduced we have large stock and offer it for only 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



TRUE  
IRISH SHAMROCK

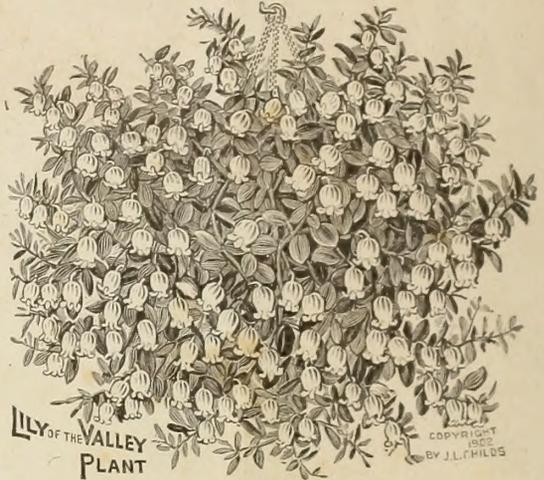
## True Irish Shamrock.

We are glad to be able to offer the true Shamrock, as so many spurious plants have been called Shamrock and sold as such. This stock is genuine, and thoroughly acclimated, having been grown here several years. A very beautiful pot plant with dark chocolate and green foliage. Each stem with 4 or 5 leaves like 4-leaf clover. A lovely foliage plant that attracts great attention. 25c. each; 3 for 60c. We will take the plants back and return money if purchaser after seeing it is not satisfied it is the true Shamrock.

# FREE!

## A Fine Plant of the Giant Flowering Caladium.

As a special inducement to new customers who order from this catalogue we will give a fine plant of Caladium *free* to those whose orders amount to \$1.00 or more. If the order amounts to 75c. Caladium will be sent for 5c. extra, or on a 50c. order we will send one for 10c.



LILY OF THE VALLEY  
PLANT

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## Lily-of-the-Valley Plant.

A beautiful new plant of trailing or creeping habit, being best adapted for hanging-pots or baskets. It has beautiful heart-shaped leaves and branches freely, growing in most beautiful symmetrical form. It is in bloom all the time, the pendulous blossoms appearing at the axils of the leaves and are bell-shaped, pure white, and about the size, form and color of Lily-of-the-Valley. As a specimen pot or basket flower to be suspended in the window it is the finest thing of the sort we have ever seen. Grows very rapidly and makes a lovely plant in a short time. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.

# Our New Century Surprise Collection.

MANY DOLLARS' WORTH OF FINE PLANTS, BULBS AND SEEDS FOR \$1.00.

It is our custom each year, after the heavy spring business is about over, in May, to take the surplus stock of various good things, make it into "Surprise" Collections, and offer them to our customers, giving four or five times the value of their money. In fact, the "Surprise" is in the great amount of fine things one gets for the money paid. These collections cannot be sent until about the middle of May, and will be entirely of our own selection, from kinds of which we have a surplus. No collection will be made up for less than ONE DOLLAR, and from that up to any amount the purchaser may desire. They will be sent free, by mail unless desired by express, and in that case we can send very much more for the money than by mail. All "Surprise" Collections ordered previous to May 15th will be booked and shipped then, but we can continue sending them up to the first of July. We advise our friends to invest a dollar or more in this collection, particularly this year, for we are going to see how good it can be made.

If you possess our large Catalogue, or have no use for this, we would thank you very much to hand it to some one who loves and cultivates flowers.

**Please Notice :- -** One of our customers, a friend of yours, has sent us your name that you might receive this Catalogue of Specialties and Novelties. We assume that you love and cultivate Flowers, Vegetables or Fruits, and will, therefore, be glad to examine it. If so, you will certainly see something herein offered which you will desire to have, and we trust you will not hesitate to send for it, be it only one item, for we want to place your name on our list of customers.

**Our Large Catalogue--** We will be glad to send you our large Catalogue of 136 pages FREE, if you desire to select a more general assortment of Seeds, Bulbs, Plants or Fruits than this special Catalogue contains.

**THIS SPECIAL CATALOGUE** contains the strongest and best Novelties and Specialties of our large, regular Catalogue. We hope, through its medium, to open up a business acquaintance with thousands of lovers of flowers and gardening. For this purpose we send it free to all who desire it. We call attention to our Superior Flower Seeds. Grand Gladiolus, Azaleas, Callas, Cannas, Geraniums, Rare New Fruits and Superb New Vegetables. And last, but not least, do not fail to subscribe for our floral monthly magazine, **The Mayflower**, as per offer on Cover.

We solicit from you, dear reader, a trial order, large or small. When once you have tested our superior goods, we believe you will always remain a customer. We shall certainly try to please you.

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## What We Do.

**We Take the Risk.**—We guarantee that all money sent us shall reach us, if sent by Post Office or Express Company's Money Order, Bank Drafts, Bills or Coin by Registered Letters. We will not be responsible for coin sent in ordinary letters, or for postage stamps.

**Free By Mail.**—We send Seeds, Bulbs and Plants FREE BY MAIL at the prices named in this Catalogue. This brings them to the very doors of our customers without trouble or expense. To points where the large express companies touch, we can send some orders as cheaply by express as by mail. In such cases we send by express, prepaid, and notify the purchaser to that effect.

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

**We Pack** all Plants carefully in strong boxes, which insures their safe transit through the mails to the remotest part of the country or abroad.

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

**Discounts.**—We make the following discounts to those who will get up a club or order largely for their own use. Considering our very low prices, we think them very liberal. Please notice that these discounts cover everything offered in this Catalogue except *Mayflower* subscriptions in Clubs.

Those sending \$	1.00	can select articles amounting to \$	1.10
"	2.00	"	2.25
"	4.00	"	4.60
"	5.00	"	5.75
"	6.00	"	7.00
"	10.00	"	12.00
"	25.00	"	30.00
"	100.00	"	125.00

We advise the formation of large clubs, and the above discounts will certainly pay anyone for some trouble in that direction. See, also, our splendid premium to **MAYFLOWER** clubs, on last pages.

## What Buyers Should Do.

**Forward Money** with the order, and at our risk, when sent by Post-Office Money Order on Floral Park; greenbacks or gold or silver coin, by Registered Letter; Bank Draft or express company's Money Order. Post-Office Money Orders are by far the cheapest and the safest method for remitting, and nearly all post-offices issue them. The fee on a Money Order is only 3 or 5 cents for small sums. We send with this Catalogue an order sheet, envelope and a blank application for a Money Order to us, and earnestly request our patrons to remit by Money Order if possible.

**Silver or Gold** coin when sent in letters, should be sewed or pasted up in strong paper or cloth, to prevent its breaking through the envelope, which is frequently the case when enclosed loose. We will not be responsible for Coin sent to us except in Registered Letter, nor for Stamps.

**Be Sure** to write your name and address plainly. We have on our hands hundreds of orders of last year without names, others without post-office or state, and some with the name or post-office written in such a careless or illegible manner that it is impossible to read them. Keep a correct copy of your order, that you may know when the package arrives if all is correct, as people often forget what they ordered, and complain without cause.

**Please Write** your order plainly and distinctly by itself and do not mix it up with anything else you may wish to say.

**Those Who Send** a neat, plainly written order will be sure to have it filled correctly and with despatch, and will also receive some valuable "extras." Always carry out the price of each article, and after adding the amounts together and deducting the discount, remit the extra sum.

**IMPORTANT**—It occasionally happens that an order is lost in coming to us, or the goods in going to the customer; therefore, if any who order do not hear from us within a reasonable length of time, they should send a duplicate order, naming the date on which the former one was sent and the amount of money enclosed, and in what form. This will enable us to investigate the matter and fill the duplicate order with despatch. No inquiries will receive attention which do not contain duplicate, etc., as here mentioned.

Address all orders, etc.,

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

# VALUABLE VEGETABLE NOVELTIES.

It is our good fortune to be able to offer this year several startling novelties in Vegetables, 7 of which are the peer of any that has been introduced during the last five years. Without hesitation we pronounce the *Crimson Winter Rhubarb*, *Emperor Asparagus*, *Everlasting Cucumber*, *Early Lima Bean*, *Pineapple Onion* and *Rosy Nugget Watermelon* to be the finest, most distinct and valuable New Vegetables that have been introduced, either in America or Europe, for many years.

CRIMSON WINTER  
OR  
EVER READY  
RHUBARB.



## The Crimson Winter or Ever-Ready Rhubarb.

Luther Burbank, of California, the noted Horticulturist and creator of new plants and flowers, considers this the greatest novelty he has ever produced. We made a trip all the way to California to see it and were so impressed with its value that we bought the entire stock. Briefly its wonderful qualities are as follows:

**FIRST.** It is the earliest of all Rhubarb by a long way and fit for use not only in the spring, but all through the summer and fall. As fast as stalks are pulled fresh ones will take their place. In the Southern and Pacific States it may be used all the year round, requiring only water in dry localities to keep it growing. It is particularly fine in winter. Color, bright crimson, except new stalks on young plants.

**SECOND.** It forces readily in the greenhouse or cold-frames, and will become popular and very profitable in the North for this purpose. For winter growing in the Southern and Pacific States it will prove to be a great thing.

**THIRD.** In quality this Rhubarb is simply superb, fully equal in flavor to the finest berries. The stalks are not so bulky, soft and watery as most other kinds, and the skin is so thin and tender that it is not necessary to remove it, and when cooked a beautiful crimson-colored sauce is the result, looking, as well as tasting, like berries. Flavor sprightly and refreshing combining that of the Raspberry and Strawberry, but greatly superior to either as a cooked fruit. In fact, it makes the most delicious sauce and pies we have ever tasted, while its beautiful color when cooked makes it exceedingly attractive and appetizing.

**FOURTH.** It is a rapid and perpetual grower, forming new crowns continually, and is rapidly increased by division; robust and perfectly hardy anywhere. It will stand frosts which would destroy any other sort. This new Rhubarb has qualities which will make it as freely used as any of our standard fruits or vegetables. Large fortunes will be made in growing it for market, and those who start first will reap the greatest harvest.

Mr. Burbank says: "For forcing under glass in the cold North for constant supply for home use, and for growing in California and the South for shipping North and East it promises to be more profitable than anything else which the soil produces."

Set the plants 2½ by six feet apart. Two dry, dormant plants mailed to us last spring by Mr. Burbank, and planted out about May first, grew so vigorously that on July first there were more than a dozen stalks fit to pull, on some of which were leaves measuring 3 feet in length by 2 feet broad. Nov. 1st we were still pulling fine stalks from them.

**PRICE.** While Mr. Burbank has already sold several hundreds plants of this Rhubarb at \$1.50 each, we are able to offer it at the very moderate price of 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; 10 for \$2.00; by mail or express prepaid.

**SEED.**—Per packet of 10 fine plump seeds, 15c.; 2 pkts. for 25c. Grows easily and rapidly from seed making large stalks for use the second year.

## Great Emperor Asparagus.

*Gives an abundant crop the second year from seed.*

It is a fact that this new Asparagus will produce ordinary large full stalks for cutting in less than a year from seed. It is thought to be the variety so long sought by gardeners, which in olden times grew so luxuriantly in the gardens of the Emperor Tiberius, 3 stalks weighing a pound. (Book of the Garden, published in London, 1845.)

It is a fact that Mr. F. B. Fullerton, Special Passenger Agent of the Long Island Railroad, cut last spring from a two or three year old bed of this variety eleven stalks which weighed three and one-half pounds.

Mr. Allen, the well-known Horticulturist, Author and Seed Grower, gives his experience with the Emperor Asparagus in the following letter, and in any favorable locality equally good results may be had by following his method of culture. We never ate finer Asparagus than that cut from Mr. Allen's patch last April, just eleven months from the time seed was sown, and by the way, seed should be sown where plants are to grow permanently to avoid the check of transplanting.

Fine fresh seed of the Great Emperor Asparagus 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 50c. Year old roots \$1.00 per dozen.

*Mr. John Lewis Childs:*

In reply to your query regarding the Emperor Asparagus, I will say: My experience with it is an interesting one, having been quite familiar with it, and have seen some most wonderful growths.

On the 20th of May, 1901, I had a bed prepared in the following manner: Trenches three feet in depth, and one and one-half in width were made, five feet apart. At the bottom of each I put in well rotted manure to the depth of one foot and well packed down. Upon this to the depth of one and one-half feet was well rotted manure and good garden soil thoroughly incorporated. Upon this the seed was sown and covered with half an inch of fine soil, firmly pressed over the seed. The young plants soon appeared and were thinned out to one foot apart in the rows; (they should have been to two feet apart, as experience has taught us.) Growth was rapid, and we soon began to draw in the earth around the plants until the trenches were filled to the level.

Before frost set in there was from each seed four to twelve plants, many of them a quarter of an inch in diameter, and producing seed. We then covered the bed to the depth of three inches with fresh stable manure, after cutting away all the stems.

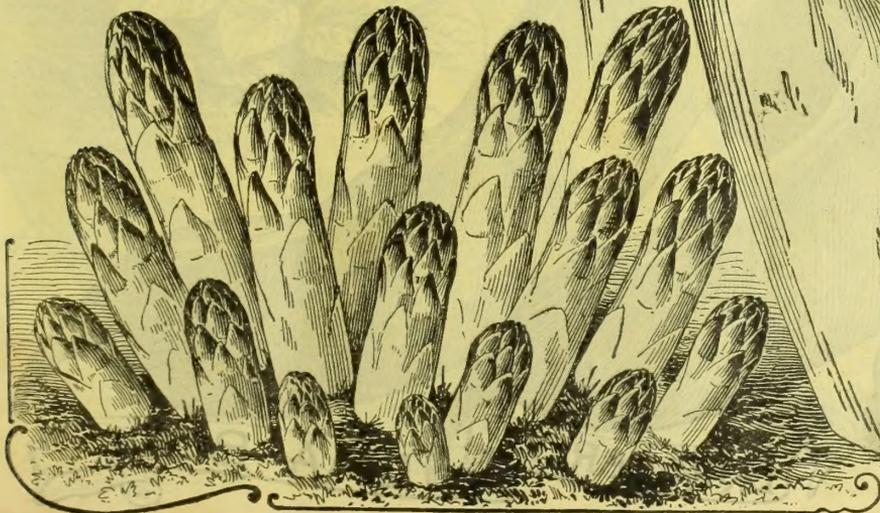
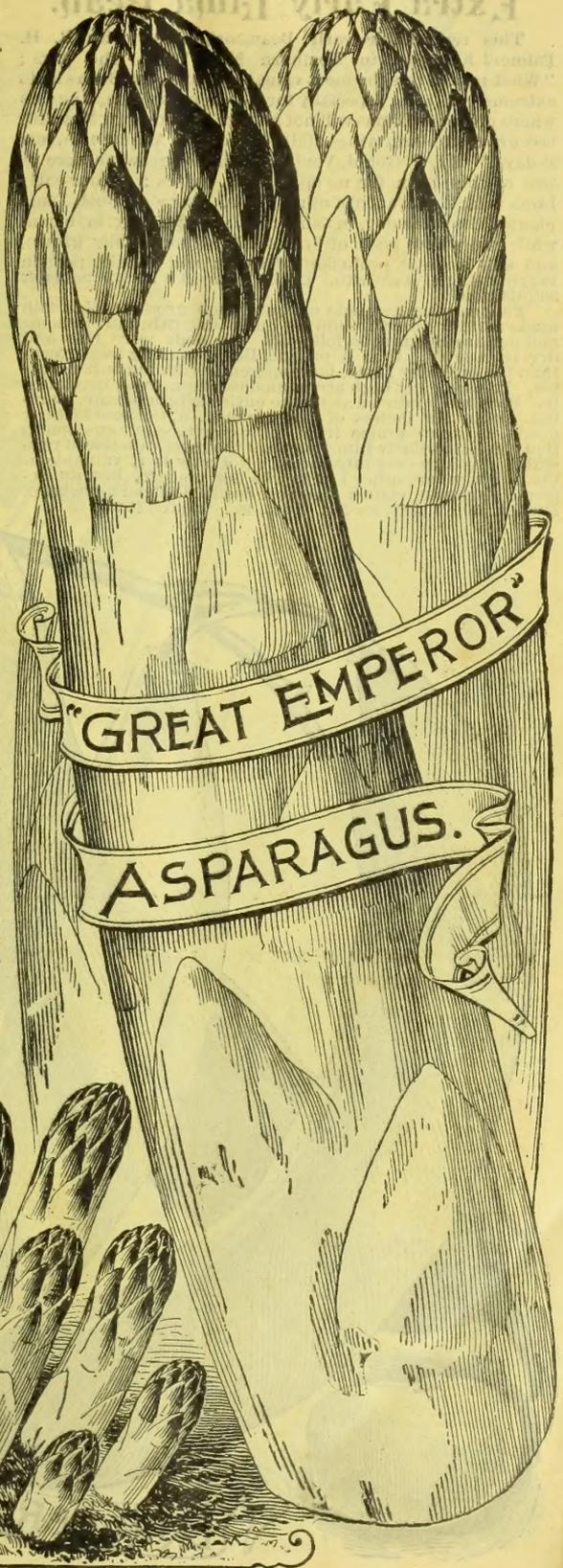
Our first work in the garden in March last was to rake out the straw from the manure and give the bed a slight dressing of common salt, about a bushel to twenty square rods, which, with the fine manure was forked in to the depth of four inches, not deep enough to injure the crowns.

In just eleven months from the date of sowing the seeds, we cut Asparagus half an inch in diameter, and two months later we cut two or three bunches, some of the heads being more than three-fourths of an inch in diameter. The bed now is a picture, the plants are from four to five feet high and very strong, much better than the ordinary bed, at two years from the setting of two year old plants in the ordinary way. We consider this the only way that Asparagus should be grown, and this variety with its remarkable vitality, will, with this treatment, give an abundant crop the second year from seed.

We are still cutting from our bed, stalks averaging one foot long, and about an inch in thickness at the base, and five-eighths of an inch thick one inch below the tips.

Floral Park, Aug. 2nd.

C. L. ALLEN.



## Extra Early Lima Bean.

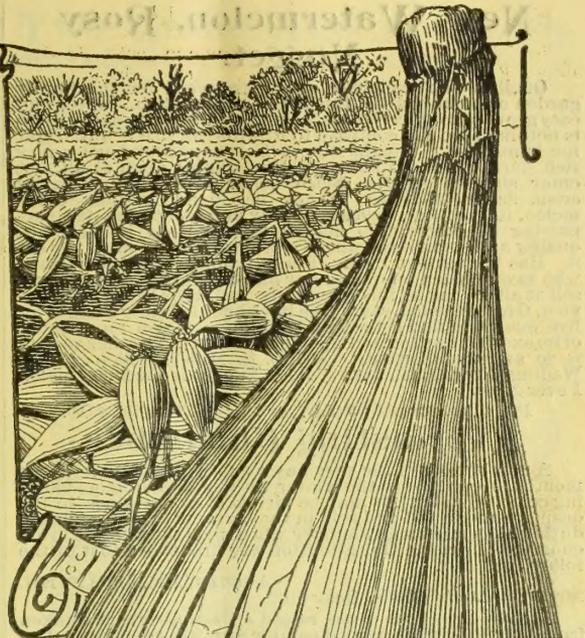
This remarkable early Bean originated with B. H. Palmer, Kennedy, in Northern New York, who says: "What makes this the most valuable of all Lima Beans is its extreme earliness, especially for Northern latitudes like this where ordinary Limas will not mature. Seed sown May 24th last grew into large vines and ripened seed August 19th, just 85 days." Mr. F. Gould, Ventura, Cal., who grew an acre or two of this Bean for us last season, writes: "Your early Lima is far in advance of other kinds. Burpee's Bush Lima planted the same day, in same field, is now nicely in bloom while yours have pods of first setting almost fully grown, and still a great profusion of bloom and smaller pods in varying stages of growth. Looks to me like a *very valuable acquisition*."

The planting we made on our home grounds May 15th made a quick growth, showing buds June 15th, and blossoms and mature Beans soon followed. All pods were ripe and dry in August. It is a prolific Bean, making less growth than the ordinary Lima, but apparently yielding much better. Poles six feet high accommodate the growth very nicely. Pods are produced along the entire length of vine, starting within six inches of the ground. With these facts, it needs no extra praise from us to convince our customers that the Extra Early Lima is one of the most valuable of vegetable novelties ever introduced. Not only is it valuable in the North, where other Limas will not mature, but its extreme earliness makes it a most desirable Bean anywhere. Packet, 20c.; 3 pkts. for 50c. Pint, 65c. Quart, \$1.25.



## Stewart Pineapple Onion.

This remarkable Onion has for three generations been grown by one family by the name of Stewart in Denton, Indiana Co., Pa., and our attention was first called to it by one of our customers of that place (Mrs. M. C. Marshall) who thought it was so valuable that it ought to be introduced to the world. We secured our first stock of it (a few bulbs and a little seed) in 1899, and have since carefully grown and tested it and its wonderful qualities have astonished us. Its shape is entirely unique; nothing like it among Onions which fact is certified to by two of the largest Onion seed growers, one at Weathersfield, Conn., and another in California. As seen by the cut its shape is like a pineapple, 5 inches long and 6 to 7 inches in circumference. Color, very light yellowish brown. Skin thin, flesh white and a flavor which is to vegetables the same as the pineapple is to fruits, — delicate and delicious beyond compare, rich, tender and crisp. For family use it is unsurpassed, while for market it is a winner, its great beauty and novel shape attracting every eye. That such a treasure should have remained hidden in one little town for three generations is a wonder. It is the most novel and distinct Onion yet introduced. Pkt., 10c.; ½ oz., 30c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$7.00.



### Onion.

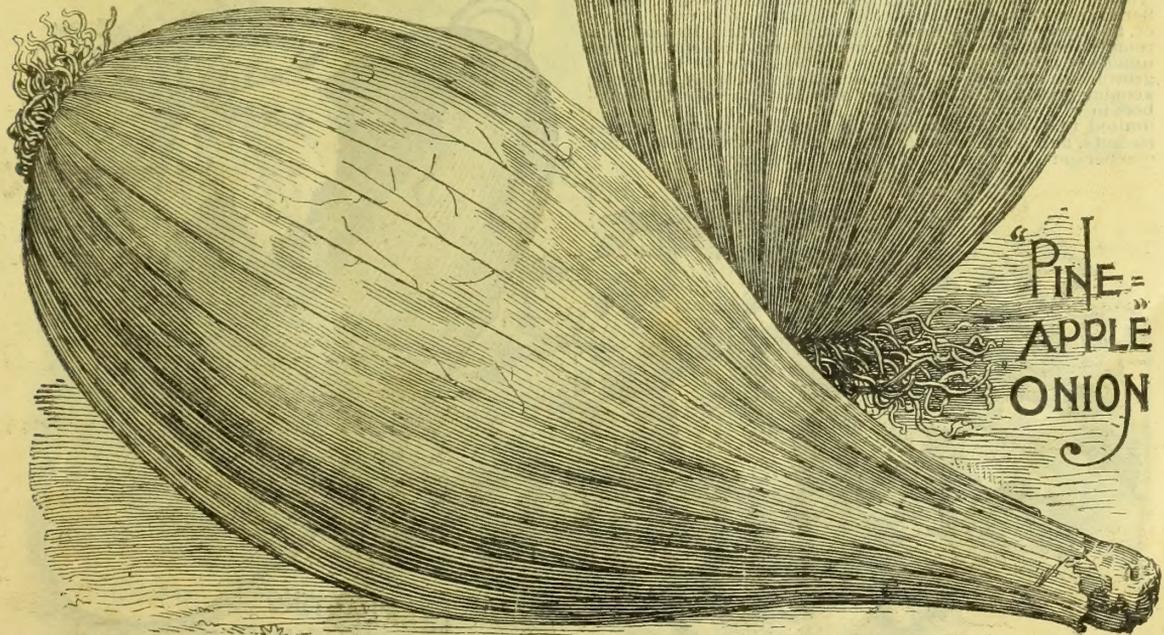
#### Egyptian or Perennial Tree

— In this we have an entirely new variety of Onion. It differs from those raised from seeds or sets, from the Top Onion, Potato Onion, in the fact that when once set out, without the slightest protection, it will come up year after year as soon as the frost breaks ground, and grows so rapidly that it is ready for market or home use two or three weeks before any of them. It is usually ready for the table early in May. Is unsurpassed for sweetness

and tenderness. It is perfectly hardy in all sections of the North. Pint, 20c.; quart, 30c., postpaid; peck, by express, \$1.50.

EGYPTIAN TREE ONION

"PINE-APPLE" ONION



# New Watermelon, Rosy Nugget.

Of all the Watermelons ever introduced for the family garden or home market this is the most superb. In free and easy growth, productiveness, beauty and superb quality there is nothing that can compare to it, while its size is just right for home use. Weight 15 to 22 lbs., shape round, color very rich dark green. Kind very thin, almost none at all, but outer shell is hard. Flesh solid, absolutely no cavity crisp, flavor such as cannot be found in any other melon, its richness, delicate quality and sweetness far surpassing all others. No matter what we say its delicious quality and sugary sweetness will astonish you when you eat it. Has been grown by Mr. Frank Banning, Kinsman, Ohio, who says, "When offered in our markets no other melon will sell at all so long as this one can be had. Ellis Bros., Nurserymen, Greenville Pa., say, "We have handled Rosy Nugget for five years and find it the most profitable melon on account of its excellent eating and keeping qualities. No other variety is so sweet and crisp." Mr. E. S. Miller, melon grower, Wading River, N. Y., says, "Rosy Nugget is the finest melon I ever grew."

Price, 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 25c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$3.00.

# Everlasting Cucumber.

A new variety of the very finest quality that will keep for months, even far into the winter without decaying or changing color. In short, it may be picked from the vines in the open ground in fall and sold in the markets in fine condition during December and January when good Cucumbers bring enormous prices. Our attention was first called to it by the following letter. -

AUBURN, ME., June 29, 1901.

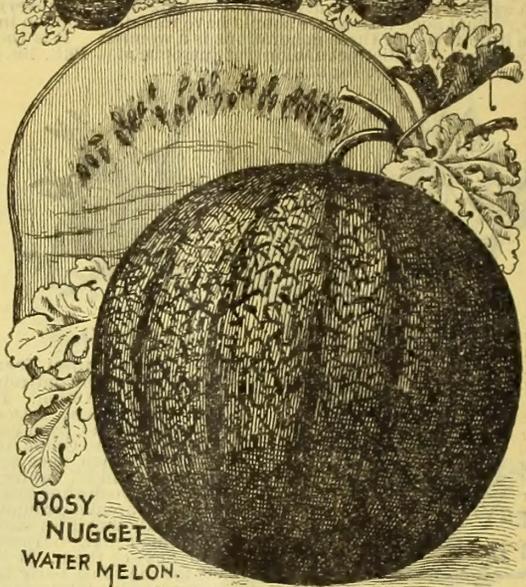
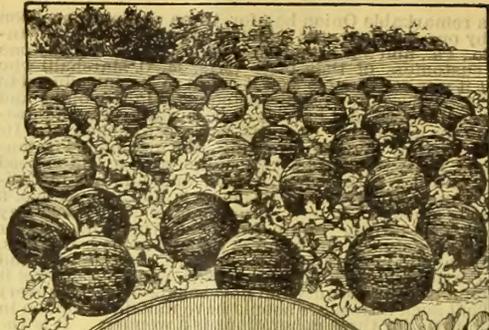
Mr. John Lewis Childs, Dear Sir:-

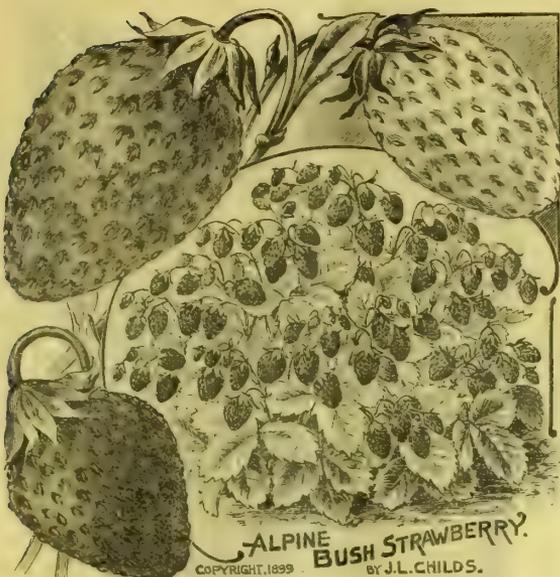
I have for three years raised a Cucumber that if taken from the vines when a good eatable size will keep from drying up or changing color and in fact look as handsome the next March as when picked from the vines. It is also very meaty and tender and a strong grower, being also very fruitful. It has seemed to me that this Cucumber would be a good one for dealers to keep over to ship for it would look as well off the ice as on. Yours very truly,

W. A. NOYES.

We at once asked Mr. Noyes to send us a sample Cucumber which he did. It was a fair size, average specimen in proper condition for eating. It was taken from the vine Aug. 5th, and sent to us by mail in a tight box. After examining it, it was left in our office where it laid in full light and the intense heat of summer until early in November, or three months before it showed the least sign of decay or change of color. Had it been picked in September or October and properly stored in a cool cellar it would undoubtedly have kept far into the winter. We secured the entire stock of Seed from Mr. Noyes and have had small crops grown in several different states during the past season. In every case, it has proved to be magnificent. It is of the white, spiny type, of good size, uniform perfect shape and rich dark green color, which seems to hold forever. Quality the best of any Cucumber we have tasted. Vine, strong, vigorous and a rapid grower, and early bearer. Resists bugs, drouth and disease to a remarkable degree. In short, outside of its wonderful keeping qualities, it is the finest all-round Cucumber we have ever grown, but of course its great value and novelty is in its long keeping qualities. With it one may have delicious Cucumbers in winter from summer, or fall growing. Stock is so limited that we can offer this magnificent novelty only in packets, and not more than three packets will be sold to any one person. Pkt., of 10 seeds 25c.; 3 pkts., for 60c.

Stewart's Pippin Onion





ALPINE BUSH STRAWBERRY.  
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### Alpine Everbearing Bush Strawberries.

Fruits in four months from seed. Wonderful berries, having no runners, but growing into immense stool plants; fruit similar to other Alpine. Enormous yielder, single plants in this State having yielded one pint of berries at a picking in November. Fine for borders, as they throw out no runners, and are singularly beautiful when loaded with their dense crops of fruit; grows easily from seed, the seedlings bearing well the first summer. Perfectly hardy and of exquisite flavor. City people, or others, who desire to do so, can grow the bush varieties admirably in pots. They are well adapted to pot culture, and will even fruit well during winter. We know of no greater novelty.

**Everbearing Bush White**—Beautiful snow-white fruit of exquisite flavor. Per pkt., 15c.

**Everbearing Bush Red**—Like the above, but a fine crimson color. Per pkt., 15c.

One packet each of the two sorts for 25c.

## Two Grand New Tomatoes.

**Great Mississippi**—On receipt of the following letter from A. W. Martin, Duncan, Miss., in the fall of 1899, we purchased stock of this new Tomato and have grown a large crop. In bringing it to our attention Mr. Martin said: "I have grown a wonderful Tomato plant. It is 8 feet 2 inches high and has a circumference of 15½ feet. It has ripened 167 Tomatoes on it and as many blossoms, and still it grows. As to the flavor of the fruit, it is far more delicate and sweet than the common Tomato. This plant came up in a row of Beet seed sent me from the Agricultural Department at Washington and is supposed to be of Foreign origin."

Other letters from the neighborhood confirmed Mr. Martin's report and the Tomato evidently created a genuine sensation. We grew a large crop of it this season and find it to be, as Mr. Martin says, a remarkable grower and cropper. While we had no specimen plant that came up to this, we can readily believe that they might even exceed that record if given special attention, as the growth and yield for ordinary field cultivation was perfectly marvelous. The Tomatoes are of medium to large size, bright deep crimson, and as smooth as wax. We have never seen a more beautiful fruit of any variety, or fruit which run so uniformly even in size and beauty. It is certainly a great acquisition, and we are fortunate in having stock sufficient to offer it at 10c. per packet; 3 pkts., 25c.

**Diadem (Striped)**—Here we at last have what leading horticulturists all over the world have devoted years to producing. A tomato of high quality with a beautifully striped or variegated skin. Can you imagine anything more unique? Diadem is a tomato of medium size, perfect shape, high quality and of a deep ruby red, the rich dark color of the skin being broken with stripes and spots of old gold, and very beautiful. Not only is it beautiful, but in points of excellence in other respects it is quite up to Picture Rock, which is now the standard of perfection. As all our customers will want this fine novelty, we offer it at only 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts., for 25c.



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GREAT MISSISSIPPI TOMATO.

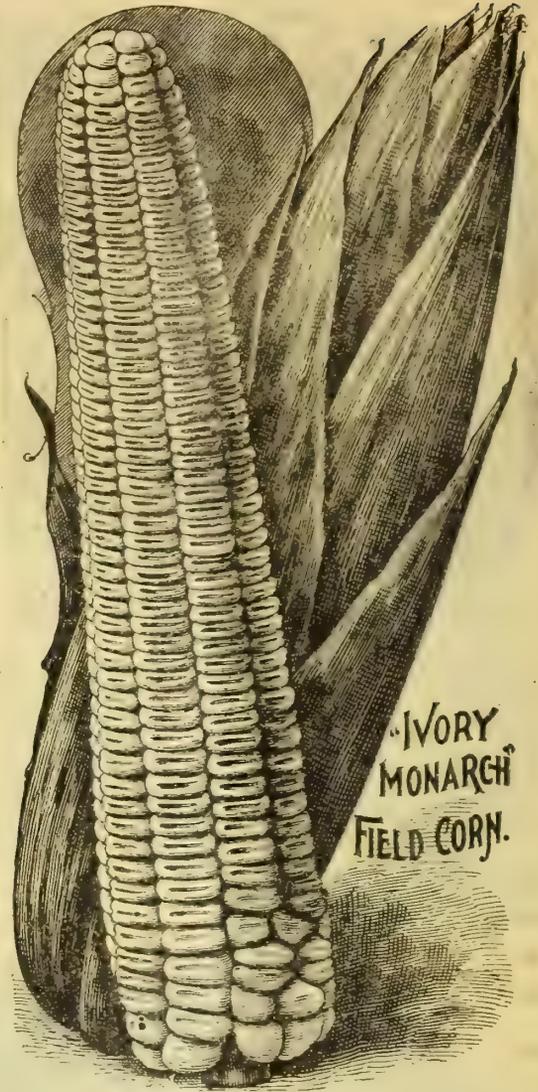


## Wonder Forage Plant.

Most productive hay or fodder plant known. Grows 12 to 14 feet high and ripens a heavy crop of seed in 100 days from sowing. It can be mown down when it reaches 5 or 6 feet for hay, and will grow up again so quickly that 3 to 5 mowings are secured in a season. One pound of seed covers an acre sown broadcast, or in drills 12 to 18 inches apart, dropping seed 6 inches apart. The broad dark green leaves closely resembles corn and surpasses in nutritive value any other forage plant. It is greatly relished by all kinds of stock, either green or cured. For seed purposes plant 3 feet apart each way and cultivate. There will be 40 stalks to each plant and 20 seed heads which are from 12 to 24 inches long and covered with seed. Besides a heavy crop of fodder it will yield 3,000 pounds of seed per acre unequalled for poultry food and will ripen in any latitude that will ripen corn. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkt., 25.; lb., \$3.50.

## Teosinte.

As a forage or fodder plant this is the great thing for the South. In appearance it resembles corn, but the leaves are much longer and broader and sweeter. It grows twelve feet high, producing a number of shoots, which are thickly covered with heavy foliage. Eighty-five stalks have been grown from one seed, and it produces forty tons to the acre. At the rate hay and other stock feed costs, Teosinte will yield \$300 worth of fodder or ensilage to the acre. Plant it as you would corn. W. J. Pitts, of Stockton, Ga., writes: "I cut two two-horse loads of forage from an ounce of seed." It may be cut two or three times during the season. It never suffers in drouth or rain. Three pounds of seed is enough for an acre. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.



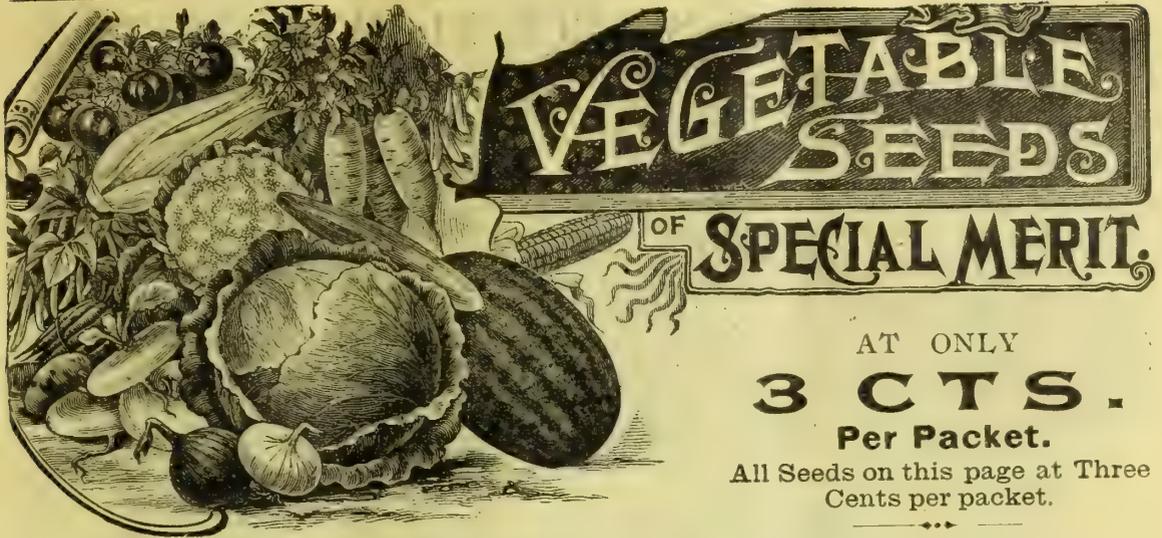
## New Field Corn

## Ivory Monarch.

We are pleased to introduce this glorious new white Corn, it being a fitting companion to our now world famous Golden Superb. It is even a little earlier than Golden Superb, therefore the earliest and by all odds the finest white dent variety. Ears long and slender, cob small, kernels very large and ivory white in color. Makes a most beautiful ear and is enormously prolific. We first discovered this Corn in possession of a farmer on the Eastern end of Long Island. He had grown it for 25 years, having received it from another farmer who had grown it a long time. It has never been introduced, though those who have grown it grow no other, considering this to be the best of all field corns. It is sure to become as famous as Golden Superb. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 40c.; 2 lbs., 75c., postpaid. By express or freight, peck, \$2.00; bushel, \$6.00.

F. O. Tenny, Pa., Sept. 6th, writes: "The Golden Superb Corn I purchased of you is a wonder. I planted twenty acres of it and it is a sight to look at. It is nearly ready to cut, and I think without doubt it will yield 100 bushels per acre. Old farmers say they never saw the like. As a general thing this year fodder is awfully tall, but mine is not. It is about ten feet, while most all other is from twelve to fifteen feet and not eared like mine."

*The only variety that can beat this is the Ivory Monarch.*



We have determined to offer a selected few of the leading Vegetable Seeds at 3 cts. per packet, and at a correspondingly low price by the oz., and lb. For this purpose we have secured large stocks, all of high class strains. They are better than box seeds at the grocery store, one-half of which, on the average, are yearly returned unsold, and a commission of nearly one-half of what those sold bring is paid to the groceryman; yet the box business is profitable. They are far better than the free seeds distributed by the Government, an abuse now grown so great as to seriously affect the legitimate seed trade, and ruins some of those engaged in it, while the miserable quality of seed distributed aggregates a great loss to those who use it. In short these 3 ct. seeds are first class commercial strains, though they may not come up to our special selected and highly bred strains

**ASPARAGUS, Mammoth**—A fine large strong growing sort, good for heavy or light soils. Oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.25.

**ARTICHOKE, Globe**—This is cultivated for its unopened flower-buds, which are cooked like Asparagus. Oz., 10c.

**BEEF, Improved Early Blood Turnip**—Very fine quality, and an old popular sort. Oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

**BEEF, Improved Long Smooth Red**—Long, handsome roots, of fine quality. A great cropper and a good keeper. Oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.

**CARROT, Improved Long Orange**—A very popular variety for stock feeding. Heavy cropper. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

**CABBAGE, All-Seasons**—As the name would indicate, good for all seasons—early, medium or late. A sure header and long keeper; quality very fine. It is a remarkably good new sort. Head large and solid, round with flat top, finest quality, and ready for market almost as early as the standard early sorts. Oz., 15c.; lb., \$1.50.

**CABBAGE, Early Express**—Fine quick growing sort, and a favorite everywhere. Oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.25.

**CAULIFLOWER, Autumn Giant**—Extra large and fine. Oz., 50c.

**CELERY, Boston Market**—One of the very best. Oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.40.

**CRESS, Extra Curled**—An appetizing relish, of fresh piquant taste, often added to lettuce and other fresh salads for variety. Very easy to grow and can be sown in any little nook or vacant spot. Oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.

**CUCUMBER, Green Prolific Pickling**—A standard pickling variety, with slender, dark green fruit, very crisp. Oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

**CUCUMBER, Improved Early Russian**—One of the most valuable. It is so very dwarf, hills need be only three feet apart, yet it is one of the most prolific varieties of all, and that in hot, dry weather that crisps nearly every other variety, root and branches. Oz., 20c.; lb., \$2.00.

**EGG PLANT, Improved Spineless**—It is of the N. Y. Purple type, but much larger in size, and of the richest glossy purple color. In quality it is unsurpassed. Its stems and leaves are devoid of spines and the plants can be handled without discomfort. Oz., 25c.

**GROUND CHERRY**—Something like the old Husk Tomato. Easily grown on any light soil and very prolific bearers of tender little fruits, each enclosed in a husk. For pies, sauce and preserves they are much liked, and if left in the husks will keep a long time in a cool, dry room. Oz., 20c.

**LETTUCE, Golden Heart**—A very handsome large-growing variety of rich golden yellow color. Good quality, grows quickly and is ready to use early. Oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

**LETTUCE, Curled Simpson**—A fine sort, still able to hold its own against all new-comers. In every respect this is a first-class sort, and always popular. Oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

**MUSKMELON, Bay View**—A very profitable sort to grow, as they will yield 3,000 to 4,000 melons to the acre, and these large, handsome ones, of sweet, delicious flavor, popular with both buyer and seller. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

**ONION, Yellow Danvers**—A fine standard variety. Oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

**ONION, Southport Red Globe**—Fine globe-shaped and a good cropper. Oz., 10c.; lb., \$1.00.

**PEPPER, Large Bell**—A fine old standard sort, large, bell-shaped. Oz., 15c.; lb., \$2.00.

**PUMPKIN, Large Cheese**—An old standard sort, and a grand variety large field crop. Oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

**RADISH, Early Scarlet Turnip**—A fine quick-growing early Radish, of fine eating qualities. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

**SQUASH, Sibley**—Another fine winter Squash that keeps well nearly all winter. Shell hard and flinty; pale green in color. Flesh a brilliant orange-red; very dry and rich in flavor. A fine baking variety. Oz., 15c.; lb., 75c.

**SQUASH, Perfect Gem**—This sort is good for summer and winter use. Thin skinned, fine grained and of very pleasant flavor, will keep almost any length of time. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

**SWEET CORN, Early Minnesota**—One of the best very early sorts. Pint, 15c.; quart, 25c.

**SWEET CORN, Mammoth**—Immense ears of superb quality; very late. Can scarcely be omitted from a first-class garden. Pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.

**TOMATO, Ignotum**—Esteemed as the perfection of a Tomato. Extremely early and a great cropper. Fruits large, smooth, without green spots or cores, and almost entirely free from cracks or rotten spots. Oz., 15c.; lb., \$2.

**TOMATO, Peach**—A distinct, medium sized Tomato, of very peculiar but pleasant flavor. The fruit of this Tomato is about the size and shape of a peach and is of soft, peachy-red color. Oz., 15c.; lb., \$2.00.

**TURNIP, Early Flat Dutch**—Clear, white skin and juicy, crisp flesh. A fine sort for either market or home garden. Oz., 5c.; lb., 45c.

**TURNIP, Purple Top Ruta-baga**—Oz., 5c.; lb., 45c.

**WATERMELON, Mountain Sweet**—A fine old sort, so deliciously sweet and tender that it will almost melt in one's mouth. The best variety for the extreme North, where few Watermelons succeed. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

**WATERMELON, Phinney**—An early, oval variety, prolific, sweet and crisp. One of the best. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

# EXTRA CHOICE SELECT FLOWER SEEDS.



"GIANT  
COMET"  
ASTER.



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## Asters.

The acknowledged queen of autumn annuals. Indispensable for the flower garden, fine as a show plant for fairs and exhibitions, and charming pot plants. Very profuse bloomers, with exceedingly beautiful flowers of most exquisite colors and almost perfect form. There are several forms of Asters, some being imbricated like the Rose, some loose and globular like a Pæony, while others are partly incurved like the Chrysanthemum. In regard to height they are classified as tall, half-dwarf and dwarfs. The tall varieties are fine for the center of large beds and for cutting, as their flowers are borne on long stems; the dwarfs are particularly fine for borders or masses of one color, as they are so compact and bloom so profusely as to seem like so many bouquets set in the ground; the semi-dwarf are good for all purposes, and extra fine for pot culture.

It is a good plan to make two or more successive sowings, two weeks apart, to prolong the season of bloom; seeds can be sown in hot-beds, or house and afterwards transplanted, or they can be sown in open ground. In hot, dry weather, mulch liberally with old manure or coarse litter, and do not let them suffer for water. Our list of varieties is a fine one. There is not a poor sort among them all. Per pkt.

- Giant-Branching Comet**—A superb new Aster, growing 18 inches high, with enormous flowers borne on long, graceful stems. The plant branches freely, carrying from 20 to 40 of its magnificent flowers. Each flower is as double and perfect as a Pæony, 5 to 6 inches in diameter, with center filled with a charming whorl of petals, after the true comet style. All colors mixed.....15
- Giant-Branching Comet, Carmine**—Fine bright color.....10
- " " " **Carmine, Striped White**.....10
- " " " **White, Striped Pink**.....10
- " " " **Rose Pink**—A lovely color.....10
- " " " **Pure White**—A real giant in size and magnificence. Stems 12 to 15 inches long.....10

One pkt. each of the above six for 50c.

- Giant Comet**—The plants are tall and of much vigor, while the flowers are of such extraordinary size that they may without contest be said to be largest of any in existence. Flowers are formed of large twisted and curled petals, and look exactly like the most refined forms of Japanese Chrysanthemum. They must therefore take first place among Asters of unique beauty. Many colors mixed.....10
- Giant Comet, White**—Immense size, snow white.....15
- Giant Comet, Sulphur Yellow**—Superb novelty.....15

**Semple's Marvel**—A new American Aster of wonderful beauty and profusion. Plants grow 20 inches high, branch freely in an upright manner, producing a great number of magnificent blossoms on long stems. The flowers are very double and perfect, and possess the richest colors. They bloom a little later than most kinds and escape the ravages of the Aster beetle. One of the good recent novelties. Per pkt.

- Semple's Marvel, Crimson**.....10
- " " **Delicate Pink**.....10
- " " **Pure White**.....10
- " " **Rich Purple**.....10
- " " **Lavender**.....10
- " " **Mixed Many Fine Colors**.....10

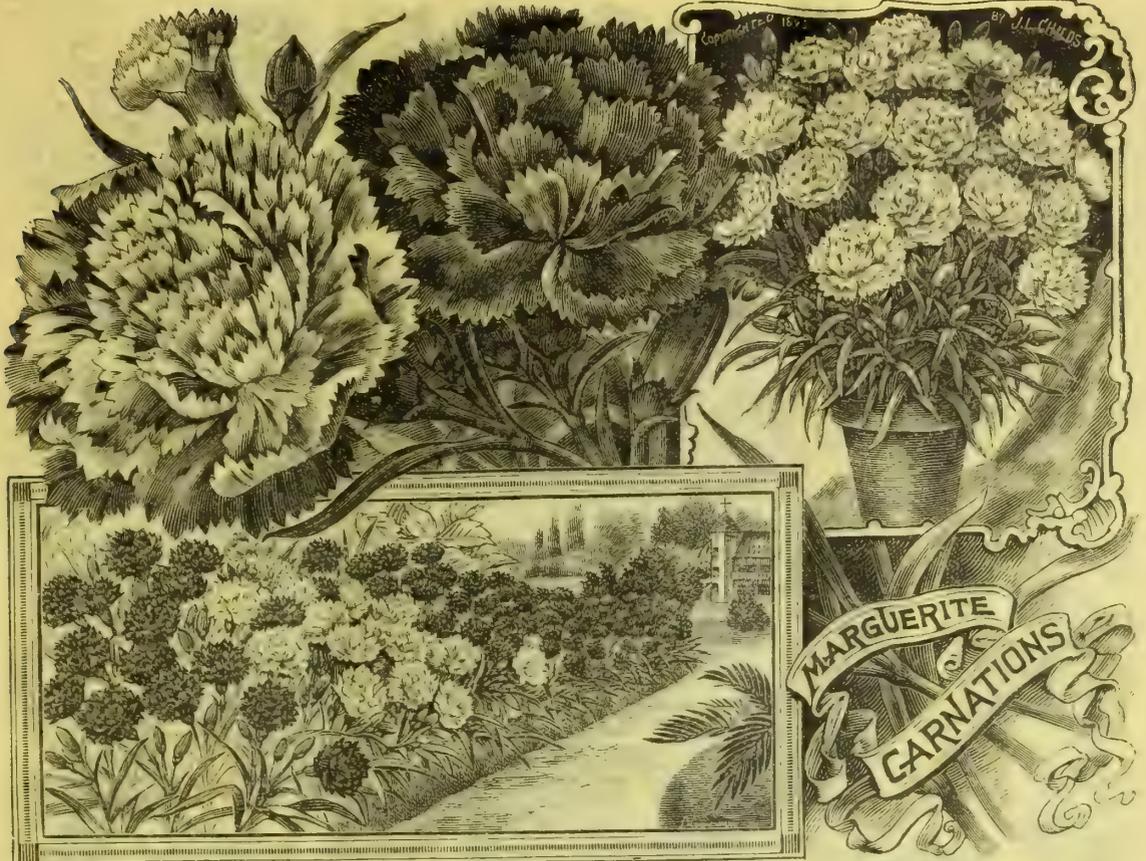
One pkt. each of the six for 40c.

- Japanese**—New Asters of great size and beauty, like Japanese Chrysanthemums. They are of immense size, measuring from five to six inches across, with long petals curiously waved and curled, so as to give them a striking resemblance to the Chrysanthemum. It is a vigorous growing plant, fourteen or fifteen inches high, well branched, and producing quite a number of these enormous flowers.....10
- New Rose**—Tall sort, about two feet in height. One of the very best varieties, and a profuse bloomer. Outer petals are full recurved and inner petals beautifully incurved and imbricated like the Rose. Mixed colors.....10
- Truffaut's Pæony-Flowered**—The most perfect Pæony-type known. Tall growing, and bearing an enormous quantity of extra large, double flowers beautifully incurved and of every shade, from pure white to glowing crimson. Twenty colors mixed.....5
- Vick's Branching, Pure White**—A strange grower of branching habit, and continues to grow and bloom later in the season than any other variety. The flowers are very large, often four inches in diameter, borne on long stems, adding greatly to their value for vases and bunches. The petals are more or less twisted or curled in such a manner as to give the blooms the appearance of large graceful Chrysanthemums. Fine for cutting.....10
- Vick's Branching, Mixed Colors**.....10

## Mixed Asters.

A bed of mixed Asters, all kinds, colors and varieties, is certainly attractive. We offer mixture of both dwarf and tall-growing sorts separate.

- Mixed Tall-Growing Asters**—All sorts and colors; will make an interesting and attractive bed. Large pkt.....20
- Mixed Dwarf Asters**—All the low-growing or dwarf sorts. Large pkt.....15



## Carnation, New Marguerite.

A New Strain of Dwarf, Perpetual Blooming Carnations, Which Flower in 3 or 4 Months from Seed.

The plant is of dwarf, compact and pretty habit branching closely above the ground, with vigorous stalks which need not be supported by sticks. It flowers abundantly in a great variety of colors throughout the year, and the calyx never bursts. But what renders this variety far superior to any other is that the flowers appear in about three months after sowing the seed. Moreover, it produces at least 80 per cent. of double flowers, which are large and perfect. The plants grow easy everywhere, both in sandy soil and heavy loam, and will give the greatest satisfaction. Indeed, they signify an improvement on all other Carnations which nobody ever thought of. Think of getting Carnations to flower from seed in about four months, which last throughout the winter, and of various colors, white, pink, scarlet, purple-red, striped, mottled, flaked, variegated, etc. We say without hesitation that it is the most important flower seed novelty in many years. They are alike valuable for pot culture and for garden. Do not sow cheap Marguerite Carnation seed; it will disappoint you. Per pkt.

**Mixed Colors**—Half dwarf, the finest strains, with large, double blossoms, blooming in three months from time of sowing. . . . . 10

**Pure White**—Extra fine . . . . . 10

**Rosea**—Fine clear rose color . . . . . 10

**Scarlet**—Deep, bright scarlet . . . . . 10

**Purple**—A remarkable rich color . . . . . 10

**Violet**—Fine violet color . . . . . 10

**Striped and Variegated**—Many colors. All beautifully blotched, mottled and variegated. . . . . 10

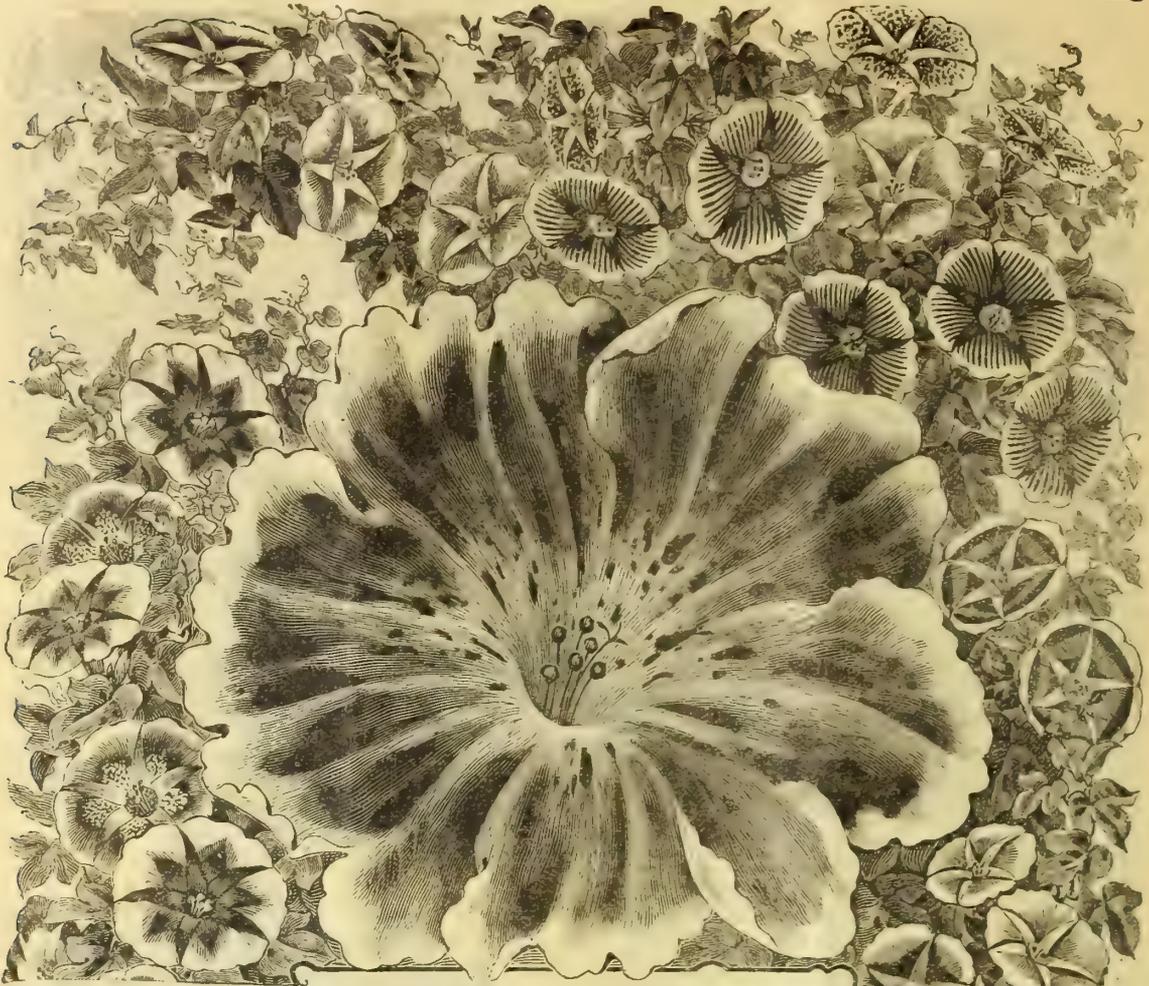
One packet each of the seven above offered for 50c.

## Heliotrope.

**NEW EARLY FLOWERING MAMMOTH.**

This new strain of Heliotrope blooms in a very short time from seed, and plants are as easily raised from seed as Pansies or Asters. The seedlings make a rapid growth and are in bloom in a short time. They bloom abundantly in the garden all summer, or all the year round in pots. The panicles of bloom are often six inches across, three times as large as ordinary Heliotrope, while the colors range from indigo-black through all shades of blue, to almost pure white, and some with red tints, others with large white eyes. In fragrance they seem to surpass the ordinary. . . . . 15





**Japan Morning Glories—(Climber.)**

**CHILDS GIANT IMPERIAL.**

A new strain with gigantic blooms as large as Moonflowers, colors, markings, and variegations never before seen, and of indescribable beauty. Seed germinates quickly, and the vines grow rapidly and are soon in bloom. The flowers are borne by the hundreds, are of enormous size, five or six inches across, and of the most delicate, vivid and blending colors to be seen in any flower. Some will be pure white, others crimson, brick-red, light and dark blues, pinks, etc., while others show a rich and varied combination of colors blended together in a most enchanting way: spotted, blotched, striped, stained, penciled, bordered, mottled and variegated in every conceivable manner. To add to their beauty the leaves of many of the varieties are richly marbled and variegated white and green. Nothing among flowers can furnish a more beautiful sight than a screen, hedge, or trellis of these Giant Morning Glories. To secure the beautiful varieties which we here offer our agent traveled in Japan, from garden to garden, collecting a little seed from each one, as the best cannot be bought in quantity, and is not to be compared with any Japanese Morning Glory seed which may be put upon the market...

- Mixed, All Colors**—More than 100 kinds (Oz. 50c.).....15
- Ceres**—Extra fine. Bright magenta, with wide white border. Foliage variegated.....10
- Aurata**—Elegant yellowish foliage, often marbled white; flowers of various colors. Perfectly exquisite.....10
- Antigone**—Marbled foliage, large sky-blue blossoms.....10
- Giant Yellow**—A new Morning Glory from Japan of the Giant Imperial Type, and a most novel and beautiful color, being a fine yellow. A most valuable addition to flowering vines.....20
- Double Mixed Colors**—Many plants from this seed will produce double blossoms.....20

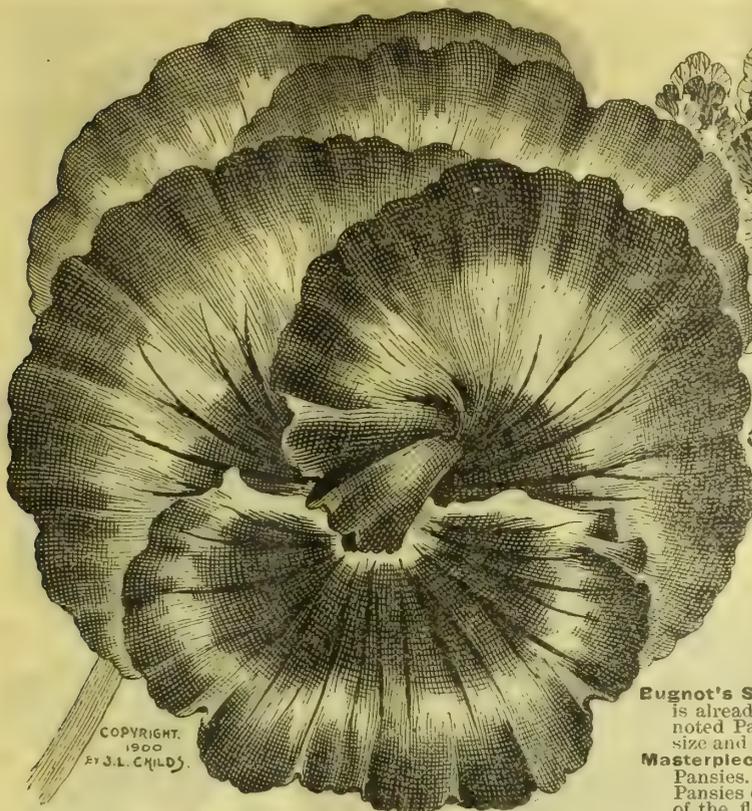
**FUCHSIA-FLOWERED MORNING GLORY.**

A perfect gem of a vine, being of very slender graceful growth, with beautiful foliage and climbing rapidly to a good height. Its lovely blossoms are about the size of a Fuchsia and droop in the same manner, hanging by long thread-like stems. Color fine lilac pink. A decidedly lovely and novel vine..... 5

**COMMON MORNING GLORY.**

- Mixed Colors**—The old-fashioned climbing Morning Glory (oz, 10c.)..... 3
- Dwarf or Bush Morning Glory**—Fine mixed colors. Grows in bush form..... 5





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**Childs' Grand Pansies.**

A universal favorite with young and old. Every child sees the face in the Pansy, and, aside from its great beauty, we all treasure it as the symbol of modest worth and true affection. The smallest yard must have its Pansies. Not poor, forlorn plants, struggling unaided with heat and drouth and hard-baked ground, though even there yielding us handfuls of cheery bloom; but, rather, strong, vigorous plants, rioting in the cool, deep mellow beds they love, made rich with fertilizers, kept free from weeds and shaded from the hot afternoon sun. In such a bed one may gather great velvety Pansies by the hundreds,—flowers so radiantly beautiful that they scarcely seem of the earth. Although the Pansy loves coolness, and gives its largest, finest blooms in early spring and late autumn, they are so easy to grow that those living in the South can grow superb ones by giving rich bed, sheltered location, and abundant water. Sow seed early in house or in open ground. In the open ground sow seed very early in spring, while the ground is yet cool and moist, for late autumn and fall bloom, or in August and September for spring and early summer bloom. For fall-sown seed have the bed moist and kept shady by boards or papers until the plants appear. These will make vigorous plants that will endure the winter if protected by a few evergreen boughs, or other light covering. Do not let the plants seed if you wish to keep them in bloom freely all the time. Poor Pansy seed is dear at any price.

Our Pansy seed is the very choicest product of Europe, and the various strains and distinct varieties we offer are the best known to cultivation.

**General Collection of Pansies.**

- Large-Flowering, Choice Mixed Colors**—A superb strain of choice large-flowering types, including all colors. Will give great satisfaction. Is surpassed only by our Jennings and Imperial German ..... 5
- Fancy Striped, Mixed**—These are real gems of fantastic coloring. A strain made up of various colors, all elegantly and grotesquely striped and variegated. These Pansies will be greatly admired for their odd and beautiful and distinct stripes ..... 10
- Fancy Margined, Mixed**—The large, fine blossoms of these are of various colors, white, blue, black, yellow, purple, etc., all with beautiful margins of white and gold bordering each flower. The effect is very unique and beautiful ..... 10



**Scarlet and Red Mixed**—This is a mixture of all the new colors in scarlet and red which have been recently introduced, such as Fiery Face, Cardinal, Fire King, etc. It runs largely to very bright colors ..... 10

**Trimardeau Giant, Mixed Colors**—These are famous for their extraordinary size, though the form is not so perfect as the Imperial Germans. A fine range of choice colors ..... 5

**Eugnot's Superb Mixed**—Needs no praise, for it is already famous as the best selection of a noted Pansy fancier. Flowers extraordinary in size and coloring ..... 10

**Masterpiece**—One of the greatest novelties in Pansies. Their chief difference from all other Pansies consists in the novel and beautiful form of the flower, the border of every petal being conspicuously curled and fluted. The tints and colors are also wonderful, varying through all shades, and there are many striking and unique combinations, especially among the fringed varieties ..... 15

**Peacock**—A Pansy of superb and varied colors, most of them showing that glorious and luminous bronze-blue seen only in peacock feathers. It is a finely colored strain and cannot be too highly praised ..... 10

**Freya**—Another exceedingly fine European novelty of last year. Flowers large, deep velvety purple, shaded blue and scarlet, with a beautiful white rim. A characteristic of this bloom is that the back is distinctly marked like the front, which gives it a conspicuously full flowering appearance. It is a richly colored variety ..... 10

**Ruby Red**—The richest colored Pansy yet introduced, and comes quite true from seed. Flowers large and of a rich dark ruby-red, and having a texture almost like velvet. The depth and richness of color will vary in different plants, but all will be grand ..... 10

**Snow Queen**—A perfect beauty, being a pure snow-white which always comes true from seed. A great bloomer ..... 5

**Yellow Bird**—Very large flowers of a pure bright yellow color. A fine bodder ..... 5

**Fire King**—Fiery yellow and reddish purple, rich and unique coloring ..... 5

**Silver-Edged**—Dark, rich velvety purple, with distinct white edge. Lovely for cutting and for funeral work ..... 5

**Black Giant-Flowered**—A new black Pansy of the largest size; a rich coal black; very fine and striking ..... 10

The above 15 Pansies for \$1.00.

**Childs' Imperial German Pansies.**

Introduced by us several years ago, and now the leading favorite throughout the world. Many inferior stocks have been placed on the market under the name, but as the introducers, we may be depended upon to furnish the true variety. Large flowers of the finest coloring; stout, robust, bushy growth, withstanding the heat and producing fine large flowers during the entire summer. Flowers of great substance and beauty. Five distinct shades mixed ..... 10

**Jennings' Pansies.**

A wonderful new strain of Pansy which has been developed in Conn. The flowers are truly the LARGEST and FINEST COLORED we have ever seen. Among a lot we had last spring some of the blossoms measured 4 1/2 inches across, and there were new and fantastic colors that we had never before seen among Pansies. All colors and shades were represented. No amount of praise can do full justice to them. Seed, 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 50c. Fine strong plants, 80c. per dozen.

# SWEET PEAS



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## Sweet Peas.—(Climber.)

*Our Great Collection of Grand New Varieties.*

One of the dear old flowers that will never go out of fashion. Everyone who has a yard ought to grow quantities of this sweetest of all flowers, that is not only a beautiful low-growing vine for garden and decoration, but one of the most useful of all in furnishing material for vases, bouquets and all cut flower work. Plant quantities of these lovely flowers and cut them with a lavish hand. Their presence will bring pleasure in the sick room, adorn your friends' otherwise empty vases, and make happy the flower-hungry children with no pretty yards and flowers of their own; for every flower you pick, two will come to fill its place. Easy to grow anywhere if sown early, very early. For the largest and finest blossoms, dig a trench six inches deep, put in two inches of rotten manure, a little earth, and sow the seeds over this three inches apart in the row, covering an inch and a half deep. Do this as early as the ground can possibly be worked in the spring, and as the plants grow, fill up the trench around them with rich earth. Such planting will produce enormous quantities of flowers of the largest size.

**Our Grand Large-Flowering Mixed Sweet Peas**—The finest mixture possible, as only the largest-flowered or "Grandiflora" type (Eckford's) is used. More than 100 different colors; perfectly magnificent. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 40c.; 1 lb., 75c.

**50 Sorts in One Pkt. for 10c.**—For 10c. we will send a packet containing 50 seeds—mixed—one seed each of 50 different named varieties.

## 50 Grandest Named Sweet Peas

at 5c. per pkt., 10c. per oz. The 50 sorts for \$1.50.

### Double Sweet Peas.

The new double sorts produce flowers nearly half of which will be double, as shown by cut. Very beautiful and attractive. 10c. per pkt.; the 5 pkts for 30c.

- Double Pink.
- Double Scarlet.
- Double White.
- Double Black.

**Double Mixed Sweet Peas**  
—Several colors. Pkt., 10c.

### Bush Sweet Peas.

Grow in bush form and need no support.

Mixed Sorts..... 5

### Cupid Sweet Peas.

New trailing sorts.  
Mixed Colors..... 5



DOUBLE SWEET PEA



MAYFLOWER  
VERBENA.

### The Mayflower Verbena.

With the habit, beauty and fragrance of the Trailing Arbutus, a plant equally valuable for the garden or pots and a perpetual bloomer—what more can be desired. It is named Mayflower because the shape of its blossoms, its color, and fragrance are almost identical with the wide-famed and cherished Trailing Arbutus, or as it is called in New England, Mayflower. The flowers are rich and powerful in fragrance as the Arbutus. The Verbenas, being of a creeping or trailing habit, like the Arbutus, with clusters and individual flowers much the same, one can easily imagine how the addition of the same fragrance may make a close imitation of that most beautiful of all wild flowers.

- Mayflower Pink**—Varies from light to deep pink, like the Arbutus, with the same unexcelled fragrance. Perfect form and great beauty. A lovely pot or garden flower..15
- Mayflower White**—Pure snow white, with same delicious Arbutus fragrance. Comes absolutely true from seed..15

#### MOSS VERBENAS.

- Purple Blue**—This new Verbena produces a mass of fine moss-like foliage, and as the branches spread out over the ground in all directions a lovely carpet of mossy green is formed, above which are borne the delicate clusters of purple-blue blossoms in the wildest profusion. The effect is most charming. Blooms in a very short time from seed. It is novel and beautiful.....10
- Pure White**—It is absolutely pure snow white, the blossoms having the same delicate fragrance as the Sweet Alyssum, and form in such profusion that a single plant contains 100 or more clusters at all times; new and fine..10

#### CHILDS' PRIZE VERBENAS.

Famous as the finest strains of Verbenas known. We grow four acres of these superb flowers, and we know what we are talking about when we say they are the finest of all Verbenas. The plants are vigorous and short-jointed and perfect sheets of bloom. The trusses are very large, the flowers of mammoth size, perfect form and embracing the richest and most velvety colors. They are also delicately sweet-scented. The range of color is great, and shades are mostly very delicate and dainty. In coloring they are, in fact, perfectly exquisite, there being very little of the common old blue and purple colors among them. In their place we have delicate blushes, lavenders, pinks, velvety indigos, intense scarlets, whites, mottled, striped, variegated, etc., in fact a thousand different colors and combinations.

**Childs' Prize, Mixed Colors**—Hundreds of delicate shades. Enormous sized flowers; prodigious bloomers.20



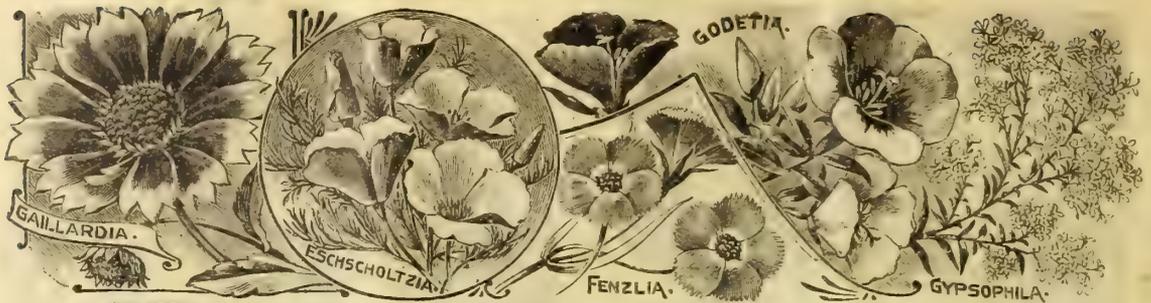
YELLOW  
COSMOS  
Cosmos.

The most attractive of fall flowers.  
**Childs' Hybrids Mixed**—All colors mixed, white, pink, crimson, rose, purple, etc..... 5  
**Julia E. Lee**—It was Miss Julia E. Lee, of New Mexico, who first sent us seed of the Cosmos and enabled us to introduce it to the world, and all will admit that the world owes her much. This new strain, which we have named in her honor, is so early in blooming that seed sown in the open ground at corn-planting time will commence blooming in July and continue until frost. What more need to be said of it? Its flowers are large and fine, and show all the rich and delicate colors (from crimson to white) found among Cosmos.....10  
**Ruby**—New dark crimson. Grand.....20



"Shoo-Fly" Plant.

An important new plant of the Physilis family. It is claimed that flies will not stay in a room where it is growing if they can conveniently escape, and our tests show such to be the case, though what there is about it that repulses them is not clear as the plant or flower has no odor. Aside from this most remarkable quality it is a most beautiful flowering plant, and blooms in a very short time (60 days) from seed. It is particularly valuable as a winter bloomer, the blossoms being large, cup-shaped and of a lovely light blue color with a white center. It is a profuse bloomer in pots both summer and winter. In the garden it grows too rank and weedy to be of value, but as a pot plant is fine.....10



# General List of Flower Seeds.

AT THREE CENTS PER PACKET.

These well-known garden flowers require but little description. We do not claim that our stock and strains of them are extraordinarily fine, as is the case with our Specialties in Choice Select Flower Seeds, which commence on page 9 and run to page 15, but we do claim that they are as good as can be had anywhere, and much better than the average.

**Price**  
**3 CENTS**  
**Per Pkt.**

We have made a uniform price of 3 CENTS PER PACKET for these well-known flower seeds. It matters not whether you take one packet or one hundred, the price is 3 CENTS PER PACKET.

**ASTER, Liliput-Flowered**—Plant of medium height, almost smothered beneath a cloud of tiny button-like flowers as double as anything well can be. A charming sort.

**ASTER, Washington**—Fine exhibition sort. A tall grower of pyramidal habit. The largest-flowered Aster on the list; fine form and splendid colors. Mixed colors.

**ASTER, Imbrique Pompon**—Fine flowers, almost as round as a ball. Mixed colors.

**ARTIMISIA CRACILIS**—Beautifully cut, feathery foliage of fine fragrance and great beauty. Its habit of growth is pyramidal, 4 to 5 feet high, and every branch covered with a thick growth of fine, feathery foliage, which is of the brightest emerald green color. It is particularly adapted to cut-flower work, and all will find it useful and highly satisfactory.

**ARCEMONE CRANIFLORA**—Flowers of snowy whiteness, the center filled with golden stamens. Its shape is like that of a saucer, opening nearly flat, its immense size making it very conspicuous. Grows 18 inches high, and has beautiful foliage.

**AMARANTHUS, Mixed Sorts**—Are valuable on account of their very beautiful and often brilliantly colored foliage, sometimes surpassing the best Celosias.

**ANTIRRHINUM, Tom Thumb**—Mixed colors; fine Snapdragons, growing only eight inches high; flowers large; colors very brilliant, orange, scarlet, yellow, maroon, white, rose, striped, etc.

**BRACHYCOME (SWAN RIVER DAISY)**—A graceful, Cineraria-like flower, often called Swan River Daisy. Plants bloom quickly from seed and remain in bloom a long time. Plants only grow from six to eight inches high, and are fine for edgings, as their blossoms are profusely borne and are pretty and attractive; also a fine basket plant for the house.

**CALENDULA, Double Mixed**—A superb flower; large, double and perfect to the center; rich shades of yellow. A fine plant for fall and winter blooming in pots, being of dwarf, robust habit, blooming all the time.

**CALLIOPSIS, Dwarf Compact**—Mixed colors; fine low-growing plants, producing thousands of blossoms.

**CLEOME (SEIDER FLOWER)**—A garden flower of superb merit, one that will grow vigorously in any situation and bloom profusely all the time from spring to late fall, caring not for prolonged droughts or for continuously rainy weather. The flowers are borne in large clusters; some are of snowy whiteness, others fine pink, with long, scraggy stamens, which stand out in all directions, suggesting its common name, "Spider Flower."

**CALLIOPSIS, Large (PERENNIAL)**—Graceful and profuse blooming plants, with large, striking flowers of a brilliant golden yellow, and remains in bloom all summer. Its long, wiry stems fit it admirably for bouquet making, while its golden cloud of blooms, far above the foliage, makes it a capital bedder.

**CENTAUREA CYANUS, Victoria**—Forms a dense mass of foliage and branches, above which are borne hundreds of lovely blue blossoms. Grows about one foot high and begins to flower within thirty days after seed is sown.

**CENTAUREA CYANUS, Double**—A new double-flowered form which comes pretty true. Remarkable for the new shades and combinations of colors it shows.

**CHRYSANTHEMUM, Annual, Mixed Colors**—Plants grow from 12 to 18 inches high and bear a profusion of blooms, each flower being belted and zoned with the most clear and vivid colors. This intenseness of coloring has earned them the name of "Painted Daisies."

**CELOSIA, Dwarf Feathered, Mixed**—Pretty plumes of bright-colored flowers.

**CHERIANTHUS, Fairy Queen**—This fine little flower is a close relative of the Stocks and Wallflower. One of those bright flowers that give a quick return for one's care, blooming a month after seed is sown, either in garden or pots. One who has never seen them does not realize how bright and pretty their little clusters of maltese-cross shaped flowers are. They form a perfect mass of blooms, and for small bouquets, filling floral baskets, etc., they are just the flower one needs in quantity.

**ESCHSCHOLTZIA, Mixed Colors**—The Eschscholtzia is one of the hardiest and most easily grown of our annuals. It is also a very showy one, growing rapidly and coming into bloom soon after the plants are above ground. The foliage is finely cut and handsome and the flowers exceedingly showy, large and freely produced.

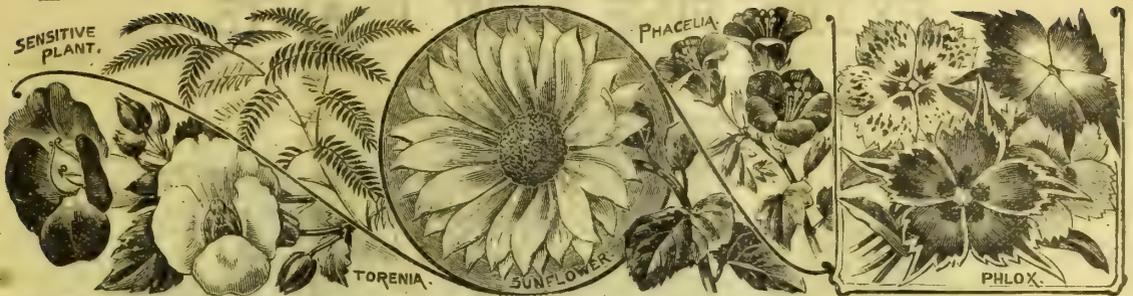
**FENZLIA, Mixed Colors**—Charming low-growing plants, forming mat-like tufts of foliage, thickly dotted by a long succession of beautiful white or rose-purple throated flowers.

**GAILLARDIA, Mixed Colors**—These bear a profusion of very highly colored, daisy-like blossoms that are very attractive.

**GYSOPHILA ELEGANS**—Everyone who is fond of bouquets ought to grow this. It produces long, fine, mist-like sprays of tiny white flowers that are one of the finest things in the world for all cut-flower work, softening all hard lines, toning down all glaring colors and giving the finish to a bouquet that filmy lace does to a rich dress. Blooms very quickly.

**GODETIA (SATIN FLOWER)**—A handsome flower and particularly useful because it will grow in shady places where so few really fine flowers can be grown. They bloom a long time, and so profusely that the foliage is almost hidden by the many large, wide-open flowers, of shining satin texture, and of the most delicate and lovely colors. Mixed.





**HIBISCUS, Hardy Hybrids, Mixed**—(PERENNIAL)—A fast-growing perennial that in one season attains the height and dimensions of a shrub. - Exceedingly fine for clumps or an ornamental hedge or screen, as they last always, never winter-kill, and in mid-summer when shrubby flowers are scarce, they bear for weeks enormous flowers as large as tea saucers, white, blush, pale and deep pink, rose, etc., the most of them with deeper-hued eye. Plants from spring-sown seed will bloom in September.

**HIBISCUS, Golden Bowl**—This is a plant which grows about two feet high and begins to bloom early from spring-sown seed, the enormous flower measuring 5 or 6 inches across, beautifully cupped and of the most exquisite, soft, canary-yellow, with large black center.

**HONEYSUCKLE, Mixed**—Everyone knows the Honey-suckle, with its delicious fragrance, but everyone does not know that it is quite easily grown from seed, blooming the second season, with ordinary care.

**LYCHNIS, Burning Star**—A blaze of brilliancy for months, if plants are kept from seeding. Star-like blossoms covering the dwarf, bushy plants as with a cloud. Perfectly hardy, and blooms even better the second season than the first. Mixed colors.

**MIRABILIS, Tom Thumb**—Mixed colors. A new dwarf strain of great beauty. Grows only 12 inches high, and each plant is a compact mass of lovely yellowish leaves, which, in evening, are hidden by hundreds of gay blossoms of all colors and variegations.

**MORNING GLORIES**—(CLIMBER)—The old-fashioned Morning Glory, as easy to grow as any weed. Brilliant, beautiful flowers of every shade of white, blue, pink, scarlet, and variegated. The standard vine. Mixed, all colors.

**MAURANDIA**—(CLIMBER)—It has an exceedingly graceful habit, very handsome, dense foliage, pretty, fox-glove-like blossoms, borne in great profusion, and keeps green until after severe frosts. A beautiful vine for hanging baskets, with its dainty white, maroon, and rose-colored blossoms. Mixed colors.

**NIGELLA**—Often called Love-in-a-mist, from the curious way in which the pretty blue blossoms are veiled by the feathery, close-enveloped foliage. Dwarf mixed.

**MICRONETTE, Pyramidal or Giant Tree**—A robust grower with numerous large spikes of flowers. Branches very freely and blooms for a long period; very sweet.

**PETUNIA, Nana Compacta**—A dwarf bedding Petunia, almost smothered under its load of beautifully variegated flowers, and blooming all summer.

**OXALIS, Mixed Colors**—Some of the annual Oxalis are very pretty border plants, and blossom very quickly from seed.

**GENOTHERA**—(EVENING PRIMROSE)—Large, saucer-shaped blooms of the purest white or softest, richest shades of yellow, and deliciously fragrant.

**PEAS, Lord Anson, Trailing**—These are of a trailing and not of a climbing habit, and are dwarf and bushy, differing greatly from the ordinary Sweet Peas. Their flowers are the largest and most beautiful in form and color of all flowering Peas, and will greatly delight all who plant them. They also commence blooming about three weeks earlier than Sweet Peas, and continue all summer. Two colors, pure white and sky blue mixed.

**PASSIFLORA CRACILIS**—This "Fairy Passion Vine" is a charming annual; it has pretty light green leaves and is a very dainty and graceful thing for hanging baskets, pots or trellises; will grow to the height of 5 or 6 feet out of doors; the flowers are white followed by seed fruits, at first light green shaded white; when ripe they turn bright shining red and burst open, disclosing fiery scarlet seeds; the entire plant becomes covered with these fruits and the effect is very pretty indeed.

**PHACELIA CAMPANULATA**—An easily grown annual that will commence to bloom a month from the time seed is sown in open ground. Erect, cup-shaped flowers of a lovely blue. Flowers borne profusely and a long time. One of the loveliest shades of blue.

**SCHIZANTHUS, Childs' Winter-Blooming**—The "Butterfly Flower." An easily grown plant, bearing quantities of gay, butterfly-like flowers, beautifully marked and spotted. The plants are such profuse bloomers that each branch looks like an immense panicle of lovely blossoms, and closely resembling some species of Orchids. For winter blooming in pots the Schizanthus is one of the most desirable of all flowers. Plants from seed sown in November will be full of bloom from January to May.

**SUNFLOWER, New Double Dwarf**—Compact grower, with large double flowers.

**SUNFLOWER, Multiflorus**—If planted singly in good soil, this new Sunflower reaches the enormous height of from 12 to 15 feet, and is richly branched from the base up to the top, each branch bearing a multitude of medium-sized golden-yellow flowers with small black center, which offers an invaluable material for bouquets and garnishing purposes.

**SENSITIVE PLANT**—(MIMOSA)—A curious plant with delicate, fern-like leaves that fold closely together if touched, as though they were wilted by a hot blast.

**TORENIA, Mixed Colors**—A neat pot plant, but of little account for the garden.

**TRAILING HOLLYHOCK**—This is a hardy perennial, sending out vines which trail over the ground in a beautiful manner. It is really a beautiful miniature Trailing Hollyhock, the leaves and flowers being similar to that glorious old plant, and it has the double advantage of being a constant bloomer, from early spring until late fall. The flowers are bright crimson in color and produced freely, as are also the vines and foliage.

**VIOLET**—Seeds slow to germinate, but not at all hard to grow. Every garden should have a good bed of these favorites.

**VINCA**—Lovely garden or pot plants, producing a profusion of bright blossoms at all times. Seed started early in pots makes lovely blooming plants by early summer, which will continue in growth and bloom for a year. As bedding plants for the garden they rival the Geranium. Their soft and delicate colors and profuse blooming habit make them at all times attractive. Do not omit them. Mixed colors.

**VERBESINA, Occidentalis**—Blossoms profusely from June to October, the blossoms being large, richest and brightest golden-yellow in color, closely resembling a Cosmos, and borne on long, graceful stems. Seed sown in pots at any time during winter will be up and blooming within a few weeks.

**YUCCA FILIMENTOSA**—The stately clumps of stiff, bayonet-like leaves, bristling out from the center in every direction, are extremely ornamental. Flower-stalks grow as high as a man's head, and bear at their summit immense compound panicles of creamy, bell-shaped flowers, each floret two inches across.



Price of all these sorts, 3 Cents per Packet.

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FLORAL BUTTERFLY PLANT.

### Floral Butterfly Plant.

No plant possesses so many good points as do these two glorious new Commelinas. Of graceful trailing habit, superb for carpet bedding or for hanging pots. *In pots they bloom every day in the year.* In the garden from May until frost, showing daily scores of large winged, butterfly-like blossoms. Color (No. 1) the most beautiful blue to be found in any flower. A shade so exquisitely lovely as to baffle description. Thrives in sun or shade, wet or dry, rich or poor soil; as easily raised as a weed from seed or cuttings, grows rapidly, flowers at once, and propagates so easily that plants are very cheap. Blooms in 50 days from seed.

**No. 1**—Exquisite Blue, like tropical butterflies.

**No. 2**—Rosy Pink, in other respects like No. 1.

Strong plants for blooming at once, by mail, guaranteed to grow, 20c. each; the 2 for 30c.; 5 for 60c.

**SEED** of both colors mixed, 25 cts. per pkt.

### Filifera Palm.

One of the best window Palms, needing no petting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant fan-shaped leaves, of a rich, dark, leathery green, picturesquely fringed with long, thread-like filaments along the segments of the leaves. The plant is a compact grower, well-adapted to pot culture, succeeding in any situation, and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. It will make a grand ornament during winter, and in summer it can adorn a veranda, or be placed in any shady place about the garden or yard, or used for a center in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. All plants of the fan-leaved sorts have, when young, leaves of a long, narrow shape, developing the round, fan-shaped ones as they grow older. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 6 for \$1.00.

**SEED**—Per paper, 10c.



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**Childs' Dwarf Ever-blooming Calla.**

This is of a dwarf habit, and does not grow tall and scraggly like the old variety, but is strong and compact, with a great abundance of lustrous dark green foliage. It is a true everbloomer, its flowers appearing in great abundance both summer and winter when grown in pots, or it will bloom profusely all summer long in open ground, and being potted in September will continue blooming without intermission all winter. The same plant will grow and bloom for years without once ceasing, and the quantity of bloom which a good plant will produce is astonishing. It is estimated that six plants of the old sort will not produce so many flowers in the course of a year as will one plant of this new dwarf variety. A large plant is hardly ever without one or more flowers, and its dwarf, compact habit makes it a much more desirable pot plant than the old variety. Its flowers are of large size and snowy white in color. Price 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Spotted Calla.**

The leaves of this beautiful Calla are deep green, with numerous white spots, which give the plants a magnificent appearance. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

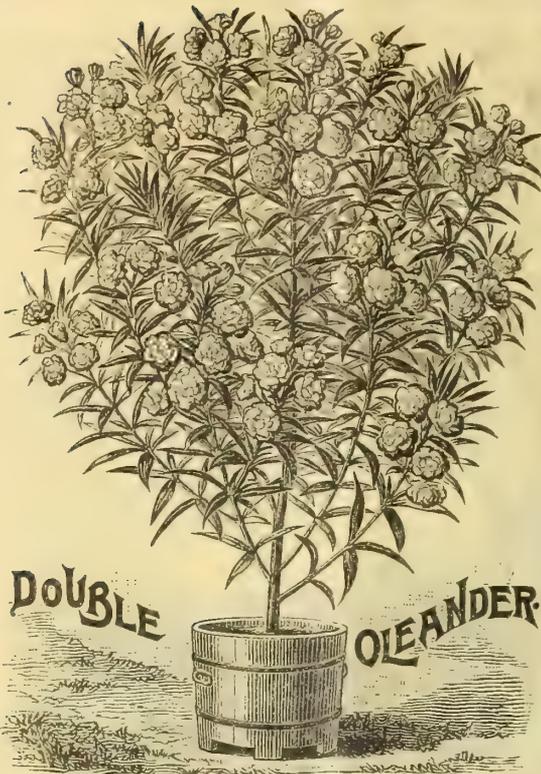
**CHILD'S DWARF EVERBLOOMING CALLA**

**New Sweet-Scented Calla, Fragrans.**

One of the greatest novelties of recent years. It is identical with Childs' Dwarf Everblooming, possessing the additional charm of delicious fragrance. This new Calla was originated by Luther Burbank, of Cal., who speaks of it thus: "The plants are of medium size, compact in growth and bloom profusely. It has not only a most charming flower, produced in a profusion never before surpassed, but also with a genuine, sweet, lasting fragrance all its own, but similar to the fragrance of Violets or Lilies." With us it blooms all the time, and the flowers are very large and fine. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

**Calla, Little Gem.**

A perfect miniature Calla, growing 8 to 12 inches high, and producing perpetually very large snow-white blossoms. It begins to bloom when only a few inches high in a three or four inch pot, and a well established plant in a large pot is never without flowers, summer or winter, and sometimes shows a dozen at once. Our stock is TRUE. Fine plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.



**Oleander.**

What home is complete without its tub of Oleander? A very tractable plant that can be grown in almost any soil or situation, kept growing all the year, or rested in the cellar, its dark green willow-like foliage is in itself neat and pleasing; but when in bloom it is beautiful beyond expression, with its many large, delicate satin-like flowers.

**Pink**—Large blossoms of fine rosy pink. Very double.  
**White**—Magnificent large snow-white double blossoms.  
**Crimson**—Fine deep crimson-red. Extra.  
**Yellow**—Large and very beautiful.

**Variegata**—Leaves bordered with creamy white; flowers pink, very double. A magnificent plant, the contrast of foliage and delicate color of blossoms being very striking.

Price, 35c. each; the 5 for \$1.25.



**LITTLE MONARCH FERN BALL.**

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**Azalea Indica.**

Elegant pot plants, much used for Easter decorations. Though attaining a good size, commence to bloom when very small. The flowers are large and very beautiful, always much admired, and range from white to deep crimson in color, with all intermediate shades and markings. Easily grown in a window. Our plants are finest new varieties, imported last year, and are greatly superior to the older well-known sorts. Many of them are very double, and the colors of all are greatly improved, as well as the flowering qualities. We have such a large and fine stock of Azaleas that we can offer them at unprecedented low prices. All the plants we send out are of blooming size.

- Niobe**—Fine double white, flower large, bush compact.
  - Bernard Andres**—A good double flower of a rich rosy purple color.
  - Simon Mardeur**—Large double rose or deep pink.
  - Dr. D. Moore**—Lovely rose, with white and violet reflex. Perfectly exquisite.
  - Mad. Paul de Schreyver**—Elegant, large, double red.
  - Raphael**—Immense double white.
  - Deutsche Perle**—Large double white. Very early.
  - Ceres**—Fine double white, striped crimson. Great bloomer.
  - Apollo**—Deep brick red, semi-double and fine.
  - C. de W. Anne**—Double, rosy pink, flaked white.
  - Chicago**—Very large, double and perfect. Deep carmine clearly bordered white.
  - Grand Rouge**—Extra fine deep rich crimson red.
  - Alice**—Elegant light rose. Extra fine.
  - Louise**—Beautiful pale pink.
  - Illustris**—Semi-double, white and crimson.
  - Empress of India**—Fine double, brick-red, edged white.
- 25c. each; 3 for 60c. The 16 for \$3.00.

**Mixed Azaleas.**

A very fine collection of more than 25 of the finest sorts mixed, double and single. These will give great satisfaction. 20c. each; 3 for 50c; 7 for \$1.00.

**Fresh Fern Balls.**

These are large round basket-like bunches of Fern roots interwoven with moss. When suspended in a window and watered elegant green foliage starts out from every side, top and bottom, making a highly ornamental object, and one that keeps fresh and green for many years. Grows well in sun or partial shade and is a novel and beautiful object. These Fern Balls are made in Japan and we import them fresh every year. Greatest success is had with strictly fresh stock.

- Little Monarch (Air Fern)**—A small Fern Ball, but very closely woven and contains a great quantity of eyes which produce a luxuriant growth of extra fine fronds, which stand out well and make the most beautiful effect. This is a complete novelty, having never before been offered, and we assure our friends it will be a great treat. We can offer it at the very low price of 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00, by mail.
- Japanese Standard**—The standard or ordinary Fern Ball, 50c. each, by mail.
- Giant**—These are very large Fern Balls, too large to mail and are sent only by express. 75c. each.



MONARCH PRIMROSE.

### Cyclamen Giganteum.

Few pot plants are so desirable as *Cyclamen*, especially for winter blooming. Though they are universal favorites, they are not seen in general cultivation to the extent that they should be, considering their ease of culture, great beauty and long season of bloom. Bulbs commence blooming in the fall and continue in the greatest profusion till June, each flower keeping perfect a month before fading, and a good bulb will show at all times from 12 to 50 well developed blossoms. They are of the most delicately beautiful colors, ranging from dark red to white, delicate blush and pink shades. Often the flower will be spotted and marked, or in other ways showing two distinct colors. All colors mixed, fine home-grown bulbs, 25c. each; 3 for 50c.



### Monarch Primroses.

These are the new large-flowering *Obconica-Sinensis* Hybrids of various colors, as large and fine as *Primula Sinensis*. Colors, pink, violet, blush, rose, lilac, white, etc. Very charming flowers, being borne in large trusses, and at all times of the year in great profusion. They bloom very quickly from seed, and the large showy blossoms are borne continuously for a year, and when we realize that these flowers are as large as *P. Sinensis*, and almost as varied in colors, their great value is at once apparent. Plants very vigorous and easily grown as a *Geranium*.

**Seed**—All colors mixed, 15c. per pkt.  
**Plants**—Fine healthy stock, ready to bloom, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

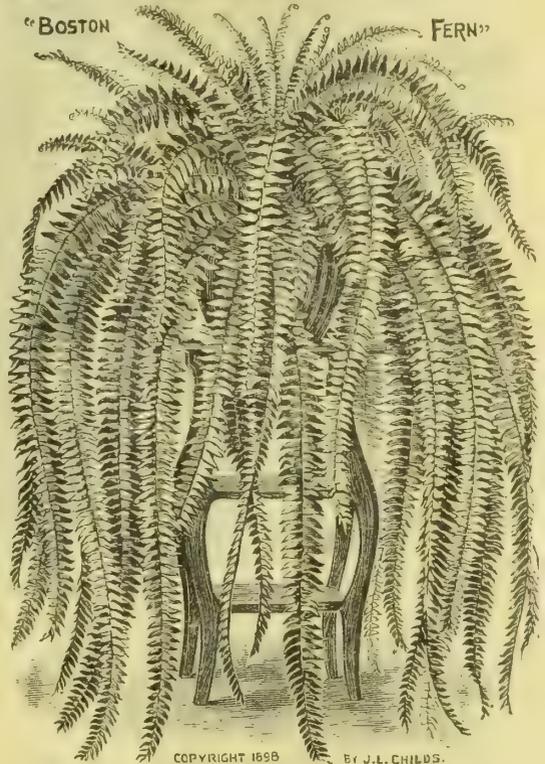
### Baby Primrose.

Plant is exceeding graceful and ornamental, with slender flower stalks rising above the light green leaves, and bearing many dainty-colored flowers. New flower stems are constantly appearing as fast as the old ones fade, and the same plant is always in bloom. The foliage grows in a tufted compact mass, while the graceful flower stems reach high above it. Very hardy and easily grown in window gardens and apartments. Beautiful for cutting. One of the most charming pot plants grown.

**Seed**—10c. per pkt.  
**Plants**—Fine blooming plants, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

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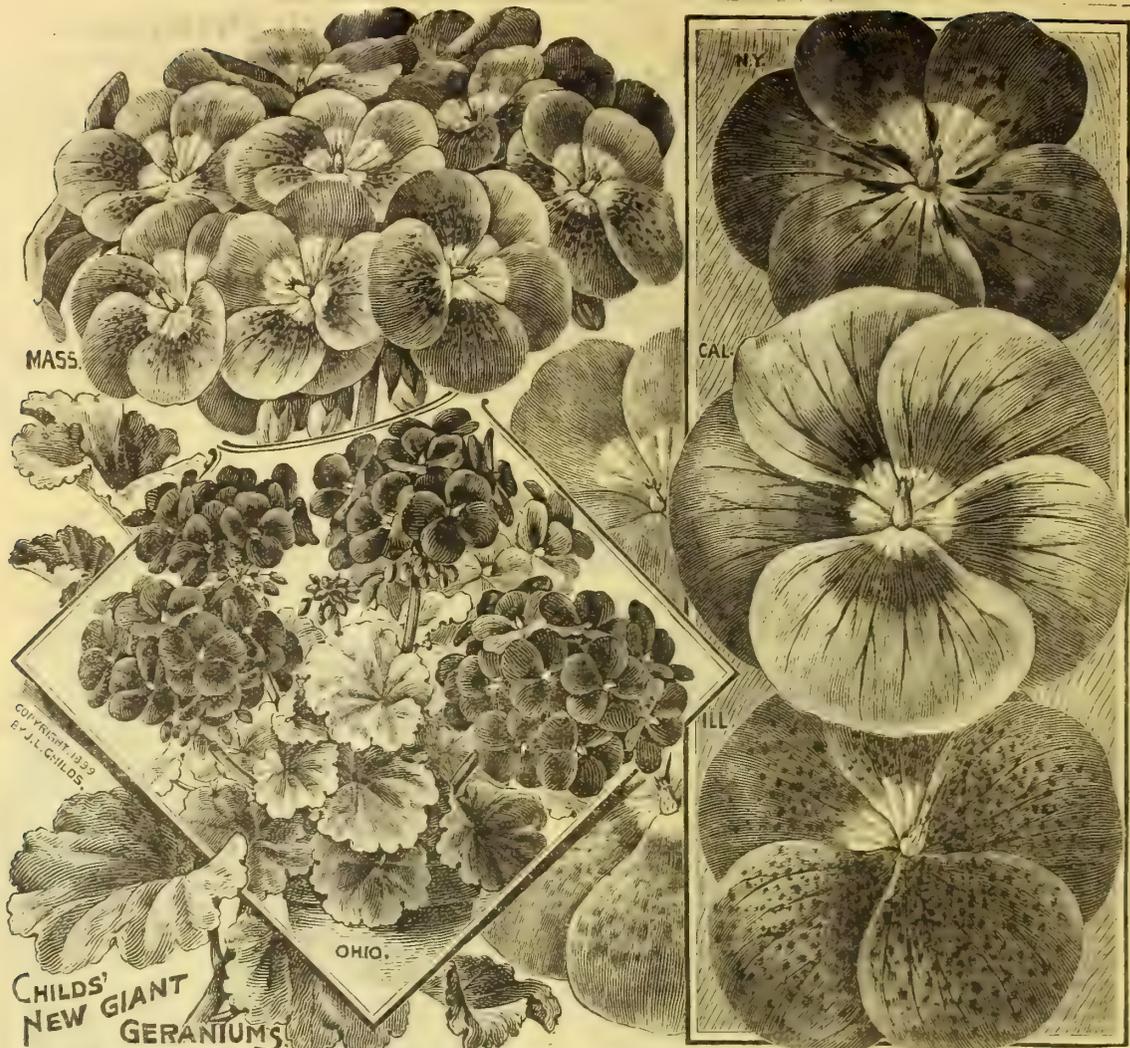
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### Boston Fern.

The finest of all the decorative Ferns; thrives in any room, window or veranda.

**Boston Fern**—Of all decorative plants for house culture this is perhaps the most imposing and satisfactory. It is so hardy that it will stand and thrive in most any situation in a room, even if out of the sun's rays. No Fern is so good in this respect. Plants form an immense number of graceful drooping fronds, varying in length from two to five feet, and always of a fresh, healthy, and beautiful green color. These fronds keep in perfect condition for years. We cannot too highly recommend it. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Pigmy Boston Fern**—This is the real gem of the lot. A plant makes a dense mass of hundreds of beautiful fronds no wider than one's finger, which grow to a considerable length and curve most gracefully. For small pots and baskets it is the finest thing yet introduced. Grows readily in any window or on a veranda in the open air and is an object of exquisite beauty the whole year, summer and winter. By far the most valuable of all the Boston Ferns and will, when known, be the most popular. 15c. each.



### Child's New Giant Flowered Perfection Geraniums.

These Geraniums are in their way most remarkable Novelties, for they show great improvement over sorts previously introduced, in habit, vigor, size and quality of bloom and in radiant coloring. For three years they have been the admiration of all who have visited our conservatories. Habit, compact, with large healthy foliage. Flowers perfect in shape, round and sometimes beautifully cupped. Trusses immense and the blooming qualities of the plant truly wonderful. But in color they are perfect marvels, showing combinations and brightness of tints hitherto unknown. The spotted or speckled varieties are very novel and extremely attractive.

- Malne**—Pure white, slightly tinged pink. Large flower and magnificent truss.
- Georgia**—Delicate sea-shell pink. Extra fine and large.
- Virginia**—Large, extra fine, salmon-pink. A fine shade.
- Massachusetts**—Extraordinary size and beautifully colored. Exquisite pure pink with white rayed center, freely spotted or speckled.
- California**—Salmon-pink, white center; beautiful velvety crimson-scarlet. Very rich.
- Indiana**—Pale like-pink, slightly spotted. Large and fine.
- Illinois**—Soft pink, white center, thickly spotted deep crimson. Distinct and very beautiful.
- Iowa**—Rich, velvety crimson. Extra large.
- Pennsylvania**—Pure snow white; best of its color.
- Ohio**—Flower like a Pelargonium. Deep blood scarlet, veined black; upper petals rayed intense orange-scarlet.
- Kansas**—Intense orange-scarlet, each petal beautifully veined with a dark color.
- New York**—Enormous clusters of great substance; beautiful round flowers. Soft pink; perfectly exquisite.
- Kentucky**—Beautiful soft rose, with numerous spots.
- Oregon**—Flowers very large and perfectly magnificent. Orange-scarlet clouded and mottled with pure white.
- Missouri**—Good flower of peculiar color, being scarlet freely mottled with gray. Quite distinct.
- Michigan**—Bright, deep, orange-pink with blue tinted centers. A very delicate, pleasing and beautiful color.
- Colorado**—White, tinted violet-pink. A shade so delicate and shifting as to be perfectly exquisite.

- New Jersey**—White, tinted, veined and spotted.
- Connecticut**—Enormous flower, often measuring 2 1/2 inches across. Leaves gigantic in size with conspicuous dark zone. Color intense scarlet.
- Wisconsin**—Bright violet-crimson, white rayed centers freely spotted.
- Washington**—Very curious, clusters of bloom branching, that is, 2 or 3 additional clusters will grow out of each main cluster. Color fine pink freely spotted.
- Florida**—Enormous flower and foliage. Peach-pink, grading to mottled white at edge of petals, white center. Grand.
- Dakota**—Large scarlet tinged black.
- Vermont**—Pink mottled and rayed crimson. Large Pelargonium-like flower. Extra.
- Nebraska**—Enormous round flower. Crimson with small white eye. Dwarf and compact. Foliage finely zoned.
- Maryland**—Flowers 3 inches across. Scarlet, white eye.
- Alabama**—Deepest, darkest red; a grand and rich color.
- Idaho**—Bright rose color, center rayed white, and spotted.
- New Hampshire**—Extra large flower, of fine round shape. Enormous truss; color light red; dwarf habit.
- Rhode Island**—Color a fine mottling of peach-blow and white rayed violet-purple. Enormous size like a Pelargonium.

Price, 15c. each; \$1.50 per dozen. The 50 sorts for \$5.00.

**GERANIUM SEED (From above sorts)**—This will produce magnificent varieties, many as good as those here named. It is the finest Geranium seed ever offered. Plants from seed bloom in a few months. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts., 50c.

ROSE  
"WINTER GEM"



### Rose Winter Gem.

**The Greatest Pot-Bloomer of all Fine Roses.**

This is the greatest Rose novelty in years, owing both to its beauty and unparalleled blooming qualities. It is a Tea Rose of remarkably strong and vigorous growth and a prodigious bloomer all the year. It flowers all the time, particularly during winter, hence its name. The blossoms are borne on long graceful stems, are of large size and a lovely crimson pink color. Buds perfectly exquisite and the open flower full and double. It is the strongest, hardiest, most vigorous and rapid growing Tea Rose in cultivation. One plant of it will produce more good Roses in the year than 12 plants of any other Tea Rose grown. This is saying a good deal, but it is true. The plant will bloom continually, and nothing but killing it outright will check it. The blossoms are singularly beautiful in shape, color and poise, and most deliciously scented. The greatest Rose for amateurs, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.



### Grimson Rambler Rose.

*The Glorious New Hardy Climber.*

This will grow 8 to 10 feet in a season, the flowers appearing in great panicles as large as a man's hat and of a deep rich crimson color, like blood-colored velvet. The flowers, when cut, last two weeks in water, and fully a month on the bush, which is a perfect mass of rich crimson at all times. It can be grown in various ways, as a pillar rose, as a trellis rose, and for covering a wall it has no equal, and when pegged down it will form a bed of itself. Cut back it is a magnificent pot rose for the window. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

### Fine Everblooming Roses.

- Archduke Charles**—Brilliant crimson, shaded violet.
- Bridesmaid**—A lovely new Rose of large size and perfect form. Exquisite soft sea-shell pink, with a satin lustre.
- Catharine Mermet**—Large, full, well formed; clear delicate flesh color. Fine for winter.
- Duchess de Brabant**—Exceedingly robust and fragrant. The color is a delicate rose, richly shaded.
- Etoile de Lyon**—One of the best. A free bloomer, flower large, of a rich creamy yellow, and finely cupped.
- Golden Gate**—Large, full flowers; buds long and beautiful.
- Color**, rich, creamy white, tinged with golden yellow.
- Mad. Jos. Schwartz**—Extra large, full and sweet. Pure white, tinted and shaded pure yellow.
- Mile. F. Kruger**—Full and fragrant; buds elegant shape. Rich copper yellow, peach shadings.
- Queen's Scarlet**—Always in bloom, and the color unusual, being a dark, rich satiny crimson.
- Snowflake**—A new white Rose, with lovely waxen blooms.
- Sylph**—Ivory white, clear rose center, superb color.
- The Bride**—Beautiful foliage and perfect double flowers of the very largest size, and of the most snowy whiteness.

Above 12 Everblooming Roses, 10c. each; the 12 for \$1.00.



## The Gladiolus.

*The Gladiolus is our leading specialty, and our collection is the largest and finest in the world—in fact, we supply most of the bulbs which the world uses. We grow about 100 acres of them.*

The Gladiolus is the most satisfactory, the most desirable and the most popular of all garden bulbs. Nothing else of the kind costs so little, and nothing else grows and blooms so readily for anybody and everybody in any soil or climate. It is, in fact, the most satisfactory garden flower, thriving and blooming, as it does, with the least care and attention, and makes a display which, for brilliancy and beauty of coloring, few bulbs can equal and none surpass. The Gladiolus is to the flower garden what bread is to man, "the staff of life." Our collection is so large that many of the finest and highest priced sorts of European catalogues can be supplied by us by the ten thousands, and we offer them at very low prices. Not only do we grow the finest varieties of *Gandavensis* by the million, but also Lemoine's New Hardy Hybrids. But the finest of all Gladiolus is the new strain, Childs. This novelty is of such sterling worth that it deserves more than special attention.

**CULTURE.**—Gladiolus are of the simplest culture. Plant at any time from April to July, in any fairly good soil, well spaded. Set in rows three inches apart, or in masses six inches apart each way. Plant in full sun, if possible, and keep down weeds. They bloom from July to October. After fall frosts, lift the bulbs, and after removing the tops let them dry for two or three weeks in any airy position under cover. Then, after removing the roots, store them in a cellar, or any cool, dry place, away from frost, for planting again the following spring. We have issued a little book which tells all about Gladiolus and their culture. Price, 10c.

### ELEGANT NAMED GLADIOLUS CHILDSI.

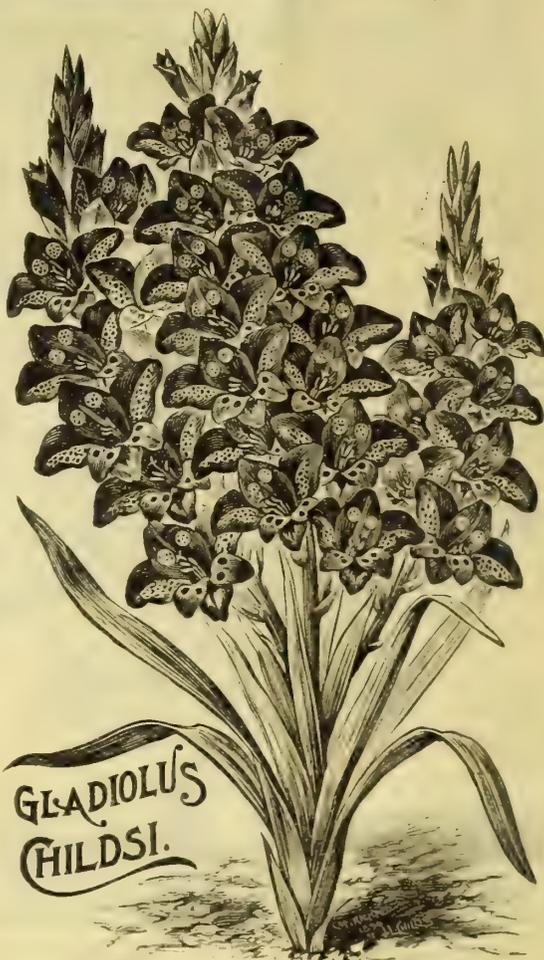
*Following 15 sorts, 5c. each; 50c. per dozen. The fifteen for 60c.*

- Aurea Superba**—Foliage yellowish. Flowers and spikes large. Soft orange-scarlet, distinct white blotches.
- Bowdin**—Large, orange-scarlet, pure white throat.
- Boston**—Flaming orange-scarlet, with large white throat.
- Columbia**—Light orange-scarlet, freely blotched and penciled with bluish purple. Throat freely mottled.
- Dr. Sellow**—Large spike and large flower. Deep, rich rosy crimson, penciled, rayed white.
- Ethel**—Beautiful soft rose color, with white and crimson.
- Henry Gillman**—Deep salmon-scarlet, pure white bands.
- Livonia**—Light red, with white mottled throat.
- Mohonk**—Large size. Deep dark pink, spotted throat.
- Nezinscott**—Bright blood scarlet, with deep velvety crimson-black blotches and white mottling in throat.
- Old Oxford**—Slaty crimson heavily clouded with blue.
- Wm. Falconer**—Spike of great length and flowers or enormous size. Light pink and bluish, mottled.
- Mrs. Beecher**—Beautiful deep rosy crimson. Large, well opened flower, with pure white throat, freely spotted.
- Marginata**—Fine salmon, with crimson and white throat.
- Princeton**—Large flaming red, with violet-white throat.

### FIND MIXED GLADIOLUS CHILDSI.

**First Size**—All colors and varieties. Every one an exquisite beauty. Large flowering bulbs, 3 for 15c.; 8 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.; 100 for \$3.00.

**Second Size**—All fine blooming bulbs. 25c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.



## Gladiolus Childsi.

They are very tall and erect, often standing four or five feet high, with spikes of blooms over two feet in length. They branch freely, in most cases each stem producing three or four spikes of bloom, and bloom much earlier than ordinary varieties. The flowers are of great substance and of gigantic size, frequently seven to nine inches across. The form of both the flower and spike is perfection itself, and they last in bloom a long time before fading, owing to their great substance and vigor, but the most remarkable feature is their coloring. Every color known among Gladiolus is represented and many never before seen, particularly blues, smoky-grays and purple-blacks, all having beautifully mottled and spotted throats, made up of white, crimson, pink, yellow, etc.



**Madame Monneret**—Delicate rose; very fine flower.  
**Napoleon III.**—Bright scarlet; white line in each petal.  
**Reine Blanche**—Pure white, dark carmine blotch.  
**Reverend Berkeley**—Light rose and tinted blotch.

### Mixed Gladiolus.

Our mixed Gladiolus are not the poor, dull colors, old discarded red sorts and worthless seedlings usually sent out as Mixtures. On the contrary, they are made up from splendid named sorts, brightest and most varied colors, white, yellow, pink, rose, blush, intensens scarlet, carmine, violet, striped, blotched, variegated, etc. All old, common and poor sorts have been discarded, and this mixture is of the highest grade.  
**Mixed, All Colors, First Size**—Extra large flowering bulbs; per dozen, 30c.; per 100, \$2.25; per 1,000, \$20.00.  
**Mixed, All Colors, Second Size**—These are all fine blooming, young, vigorous bulbs. Per dozen, 15c.; per 100, \$1.00; per 1,000, \$8.00, by mail.

### Lemoine's New Hardy Hybrids Gladiolus.

The odd and fantastic markings of these Gladiolus and their beautiful shape resembles the fascinating beauty of the Orchid. Yellow, carmine, white, brown, green, pink, etc., are blended together, producing an effect seen in no other flower. They are of recent introduction, therefore new and quite unknown. It is useless to attempt to describe their regal beauty, for it cannot be done. They must be seen. Besides their gay colors and odd markings, they have two very important points of superiority over other sorts. First, they bloom two or three weeks earlier, and are in full perfection before others appear; and, secondly they are hardy and may be left in the ground over winter, from year to year, without lifting in autumn; yet we do not advise this plan, as we think it better to lift them in the fall and store them in the cellar, that they may be planted out in the fresh mellow soil in spring. They do well either way.

We offer a splendid mixture of Gladiolus Lemoinei, all colors and varieties. More than 100 sorts, at 25c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.

### Gladiolus and their Culture.

This is a complete and unique treatise on the Gladiolus, giving all needed information regarding the different species and their culture. It is finely illustrated, and is a valuable work on this most important garden flower. Price 10c. postpaid.

### Gladiolus Seed.

It is very interesting to raise Gladiolus from seed. The range of colors and beauty of bloom in seedlings is very great. One never sees two seedlings alike. Sow seed in light, sandy soil in the open ground, about corn planting time, and shade until they germinate. Might be started earlier in hot-beds, if desired. Seedlings generally bloom the second summer.

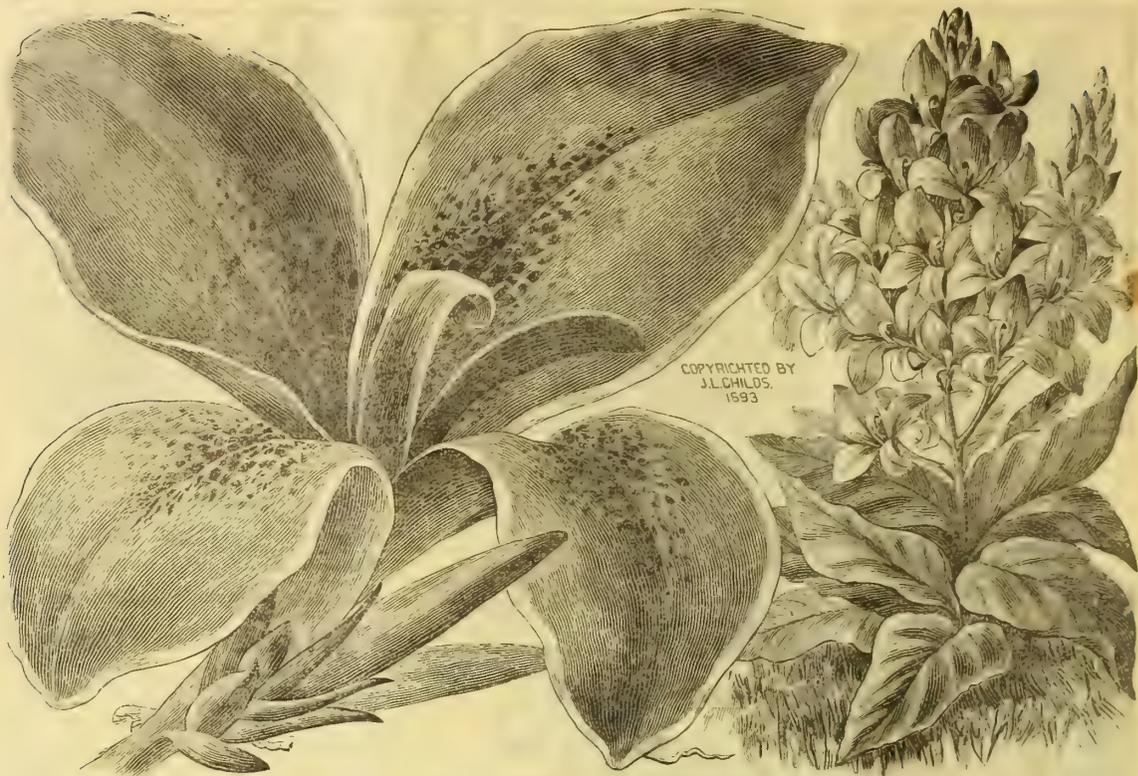
**Hybrids, Mixed, All Colors**—Very fine, Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.  
**Lemoinei Hybrids, Mixed**—Sometimes blooms the first summer, and always the second. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., for 25c.  
**Childsi, Mixed Colors**—Finest of all. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts., 50c.

One pkt. each of Hybrid, Lemoinei and Childsi for 25c.

### Choicest Named Gladiolus. 5 Cents Each.

Price of the following 20 fine sorts, 5c. each; 5 for 15c., or more at 3c. each. Any sort at 25c. per doz. One each of the 20 sorts for 50c.

- Adison**—Dark amaranth, with white stripes.
- Ajax**—Beautiful striped.
- Augusta**—Lovely pure white, with blue anthers.
- Brencleyensis**—Vermilion-scarlet; fine old variety.
- Ceres**—Pure white, spotted with purplish rose.
- Conquete**—Large and fine flower of bright cherry-red, with a conspicuous pure white blotch.
- Champs de Mars**—Saffrino, distinct white blotch.
- Emma Thursby**—White ground; carmine stripes.
- Gen. Phil. Sheridan**—Fiery red, white line running through each petal, and a large, pure white blotch.
- Gen. Sherman**—Large fine scarlet.
- Isaac Buchanan**—Very fine yellow. Excellent spike.
- John Bull**—White, slightly tinted with sulphur.
- Lamarck**—Cherry, tinted orange, pure white center.
- Lacross**—Orange-scarlet, flamed maroon; fine flower.
- Latone**—Delicate rose, creamy white stripes and blotches.
- May**—A lovely pure white flower, finely flaked bright rosy crimson; superb. This is one of the finest for cut flowers.



NEW PINK CANNA, CLARA BARTON.

## Canna Novelties.

*The grandest Cannas ever introduced.*

**Clara Barton**—Without the slightest hesitation we pronounce this the finest flowering *Canna* yet introduced, and the only one with a good, bright, clear pink color. Plant very dwarf and compact, about two feet high, with luxuriant, wide, musa-like leaves and gigantic spikes of bloom which rise just to the top of the foliage. Flowers very large, wide petaled and perfect in shape, and of a most beautiful clear bright pink color. As a profuse and continuous bloomer it is a marvel, each plant showing several large clusters of bloom continually from May to November. Nothing like it among *Cannas*. Grand for masses, borders, clumps, single specimens, or for pots. The greatest bloomer and the most beautiful in color.

**Red Cross**—A splendid companion to the above, being of taller growth (3 feet) and most beautiful rich purple-black foliage. In this respect it equals *Black Beauty*, and is surely a grand ornamental foliage plant. Added to this it produces great flaming scarlet clusters of immense perfect blossoms. One of the largest, brightest and richest colored flowers to be found among *Cannas*. As a pot plant it is almost as valuable as it is for the lawn or garden, its beautiful foliage and flowers making it a most attractive object.

**PRICE**—These being the two finest flowering *Cannas* in the world we desire to place them within reach of every one. We offer them at 55c, each; the 2 for 60c.; or \$3.00 per dozen.

**Little Gem**—This is the dwarfiest *Canna* that has yet been introduced. Color bright orange-scarlet with a slight gold band about some of the petals. The plant grows only about eight to twelve inches high, but the panicles of bloom are as large and fine as those found on varieties growing much larger. It is, therefore, a perfect beauty as a pot plant, and for edging beds of taller-growing *Cannas* it is indispensable. A most valuable *Canna*.

**Musafolia**—This is the finest foliage *Canna* yet seen with enormous musa-like leaves, 3 x 5 feet, of a dark green, bronze tinged color, the edge of the leaves being beautifully banded with bronze-purple. In size and beauty of foliage it is a revelation, and makes a clump or single specimen plant for the lawn which no other foliage plant can approach. It is a seedling of the well known *Robusta*, but with foliage twice as large as well as more graceful and wavy. Attains a height of 8 feet, beautiful and symmetrical at every stage of growth.

Above two 25c, each; the 2 for 40c. \$2.00 per doz.

The 4 fine sorts for only 80c.

## Grand Flowering Cannas.

**Alsaise**—A vigorous grower, 4 feet, with large panicles of bloom. Spikes full, dense, and producing early and continuously. Color lovely creamy white, the nearest to a pure white yet seen among *Cannas*.

**Alphonse Bouvier**—Rich, luxuriant foliage and enormous panicles of great wide blood vermilion color.

**Augusta**—Enormous flowers, beautiful canary-yellow with a silvery hue, inside slightly dotted with red. Both in foliage and flower it is grand, 5 feet.

**Crozy Improved**—Tall, fine spikes, finest and freest bloomer. Scarlet bordered yellow, 3 feet.

**Coronet**—Semi-dwarf; bright green foliage and large trusses of pure sulphur-yellow flowers. Absolutely a pure yellow. Exceedingly fine.

**Egandale**—This is a dwarf, very compact, free-blooming dark-leaved variety. Foliage is dark maroon; flowers bright cherry. An exceedingly free bloomer.

**Florence Vaughan**—The queen of the fancy spotted varieties. Flowers of enormous size, petals exceedingly broad and of perfect shape. Color, bright canary yellow thickly spotted with vivid scarlet, 4 feet.

**F.J.F. Hunt**—Fine large flower and beautiful compact truss. Color, pure canary yellow freely striped with scarlet. A grand new variety, 3 to 4 feet.

**Golden Star**—Very dwarf, with large panicles of bright golden color, 2 feet.

**Italia**—Flowers very large, each petal 4 to 5 inches, and most beautifully colored. Brightest scarlet, with a broad yellow border, irregularly blotched and spotted, 5 feet.

**Improved Rainbow**—Each leaf is beautifully variegated with pink, scarlet, orange, gray, green, etc.

**Maiden's Blush**—Very large, fine flower of a lovely blush white, 3 to 4 feet.

**Paul Bruant**—Largest and finest, light scarlet.

**Paul Marquant**—3½ feet high, fine healthy growers, flowers very large and borne in large panicles. Color very peculiar, being sort of a salmon shaded red.

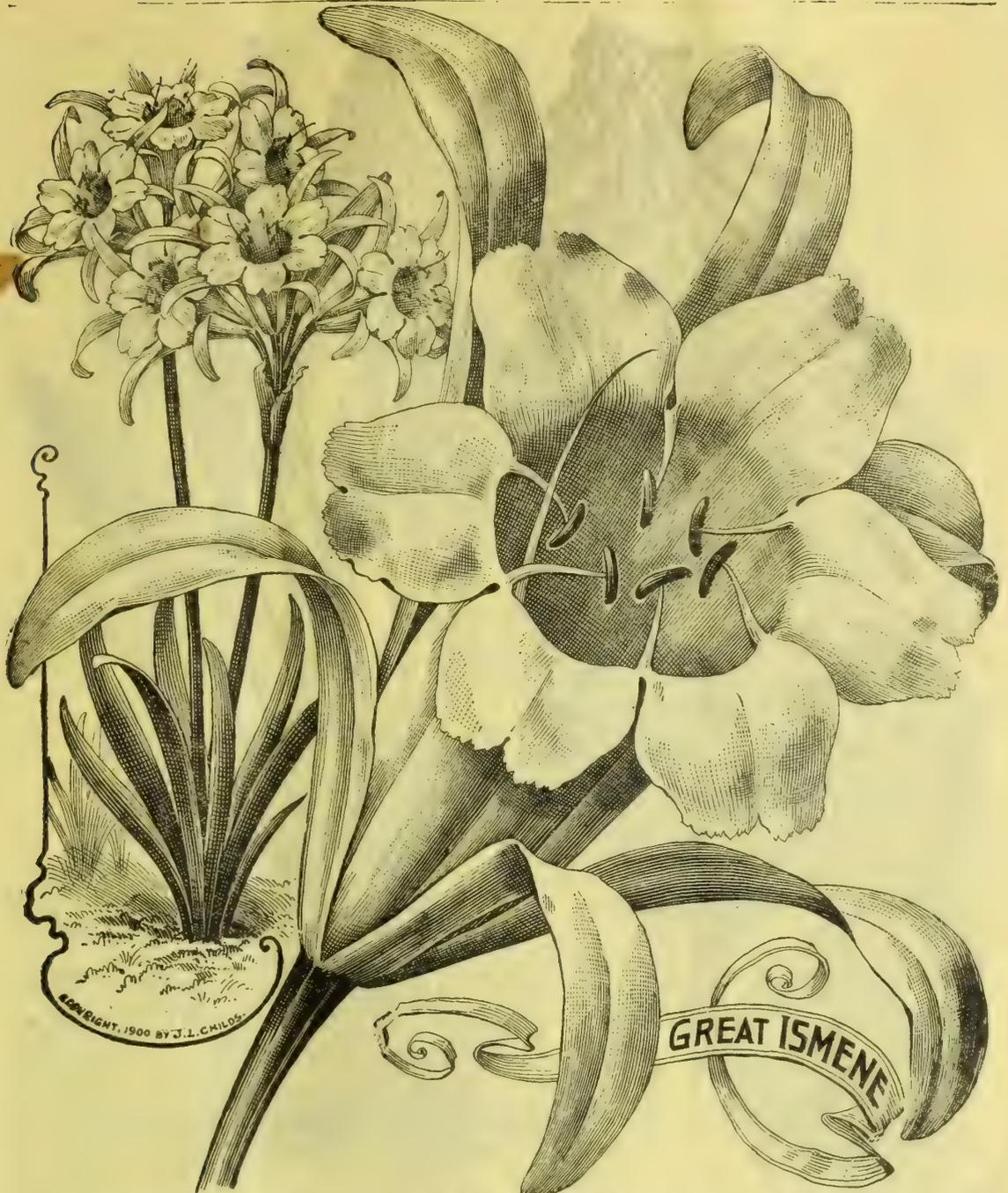
**PRICE**—15c, each; any 6 for 75c.; the 12 for \$1.75. Any sort at \$1.25, per dozen, postpaid.

BY EXPRESS—Any of the above at \$1. per doz. \$6. per 100.

## Canna Seed.

**New Hybrids**—Choice hand saved seed from the grandest new Hybrid varieties. Seedlings bloom in 2 or 3 months. Will give magnificent results, 20c. per pkt.

**Fine Mixed**—A magnificent strain of all colors, and finest flowers 10c. pkt.



## The Great Ismene.

(*Ismene Calathena Grandiflora*.)

Those who are familiar with the true Giant Ismene cannot say enough in praise of its beauty and purity. The flowers are of very large size, like an Amaryllis, novel form and of snowy whiteness, and are also exceedingly fragrant. It is really one of the most lovely of all the great Amaryllis tribe, having a peculiar grandeur which one can appreciate at sight, but cannot describe. Bulbs are large and strong and begin to flower in two or three weeks after planting, sending up tall flower stems, which bear several of its magnificent blossoms. As a pot plant it is grand, and as a garden bulb treated like a Gladiolus it is one of the choicest of all flowers. Do not fail to try it. It will more than please you for it is superior to the Bermuda Easter Lily as a flowering bulb. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; 15 or \$2.00.

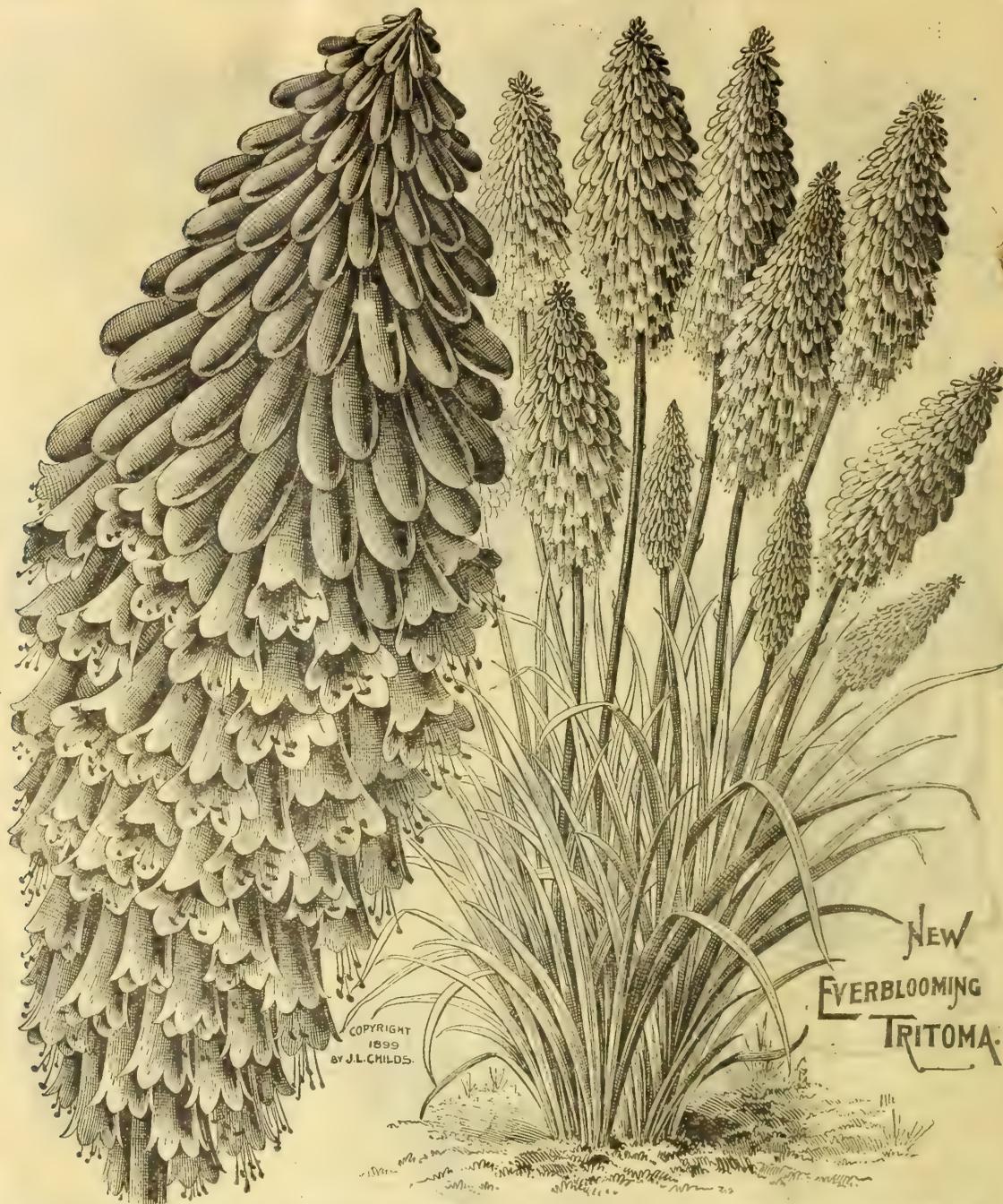
## Childs' Superior Tuberoses.

**Excelsior Pearl**—Introduced by us fifteen years ago. It is the finest bloomer of all Tuberoses; habit dwarf, flower stalks short, spikes and blossoms enormous in size and very double and fragrant. The finest for pots as well as for the garden. Large select bulbs, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.; 100 for \$3.00.

**Tall Double**—The old popular variety. Splendid for the open ground. 5c. each; 5 for 20c.; 12 for 40c.

**New Variegated**—The leaves of this variety are bordered with creamy white flowers single but very large and of exquisite fragrance. Bulbs continue to grow and bloom year after year. It makes a most magnificent plant. It blooms several weeks earlier than the other sorts, which greatly adds to its value. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

**Single Orange Scented**—Large spikes of beautiful single orange-like blossoms. 10c. each; 3 for 20c. 12 for 75c.  
One bulb each of above four sorts, 25c.; 3 of each for 60c.



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NEW  
EVERBLOOMING  
TRITOMA.

## THE EVERBLOOMING TRITOMA.

**Everblooming Scarlet**—The grandest bedding plant ever introduced, surpassing the finest Cannas for attractiveness and brilliancy, equal to the Gladiolus as a cut flower and blooms incessantly from June until December, regardless of frost. Plants perfectly hardy in open ground all winter south of Philadelphia; farther north they must be protected or wintered in a collar like the ordinary Tritoma. Just bury the roots in sand; nothing more is required. Should be planted out very early in spring, and will commence growth and bloom at once, growing larger and finer every day. Plants show from 6 to 20 grand flower stalks all the time, each holding at a height of 3 to 4 feet a great cluster of flame-colored flowers of indescribable beauty and brilliancy. Each cluster keeps perfect several weeks, and when it fades 2 or 3 more are ready to take its place. Fall frosts do not kill it or stop its blooming, and it is as brilliant as ever long after all other garden flowers have been killed. For cutting it is unsurpassed, and the beautiful long spikes keep several weeks in water. Without a single exception, it is the most desirable garden flower. It has created a sensation in the New York cut flower market. Strong plants that will soon bloom, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00; 12 for \$2.00. Seed, 15c. per pkt.

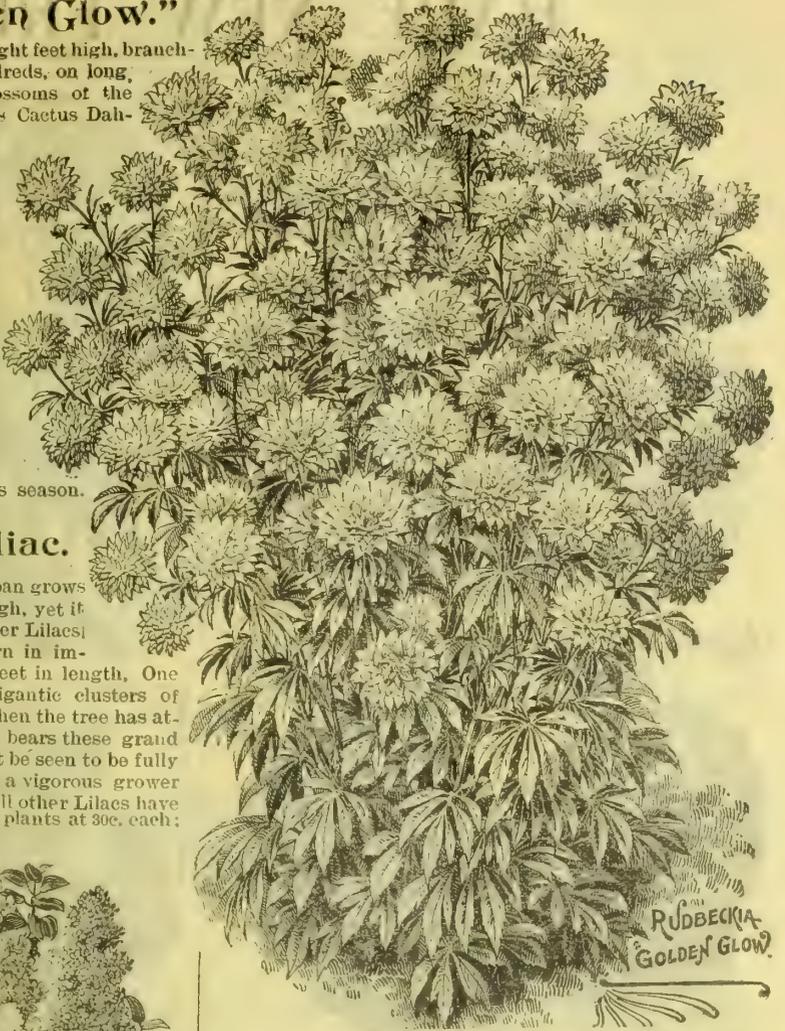
**Everblooming Yellow**—This is like the above in every respect except color, and possibly spikes are more compact. Color much lighter, being a bright orange-yellow. Very fine indeed, and contrast magnificently with the scarlet 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

One each of the two kinds for 50c.

## Rudbeckia "Golden Glow."

A hardy perennial plant growing eight feet high, branching freely, and bearing by the hundreds, on long, graceful stems exquisite double blossoms of the brightest golden color and as large as Cactus Dahlias. The cut represents a plant in bloom, as photographed. Mr. William Falconer, the best authority on plants in this country, says of it:

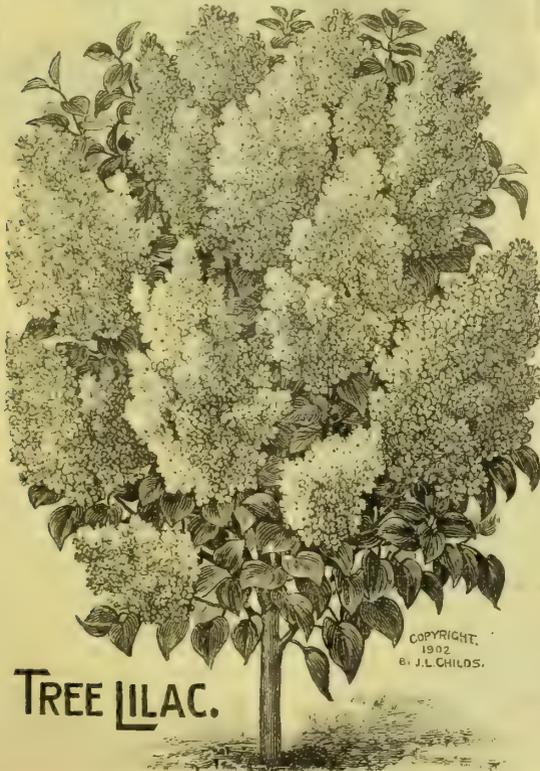
The plant you gave me grew vigorously and threw up strong branching flower stems, six feet high, laden with sheaves of golden blossoms as large as fair Chrysanthemums, and all having an elegant, graceful appearance. Many eminent florists and amateurs have seen it and all admired it. As cut flowers the blossoms last well. I unhesitatingly regard it as the most desirable introduction among hardy perennials." It is the most effective flowering plant for August and September in cultivation. Strong plants which will bloom freely this season. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.



RUDBECKIA  
"GOLDEN GLOW."

## Japanese Tree Lilac.

This wonderful new Lilac from Japan grows to a fine symmetrical tree 30 feet high, yet it blooms well when only a shrub like other Lilacs. The flowers are pure white, and born in immense clusters often more than two feet in length. One may easily imagine the effect such gigantic clusters of blooms may have on a shrub, but when the tree has attained its full growth of 30 feet, and bears these grand compound clusters by the 100, it must be seen to be fully appreciated. It is perfectly hardy and a vigorous grower everywhere. Blooms in July after all other Lilacs have faded. We can offer young, thrifty plants at 30c. each; 3 for 75c.



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TREE LILAC.

## Peonies.

The favorite of to-day, as it was fifty years ago. Luxurious foliaged plants, with magnificent, double incurved flowers of enormous size and rich colorings. Nothing can surpass the intensity of the dark varieties that fairly glow with a radiant fire of richness, while the white and pale varieties are very soft and delicate in their coloring.

**New Giant**—Like an enormous double Rose, of a bluish, almost white color; a Peony which grows 3 to 4 feet high, and bears flowers nearly as large as a man's hat, the flower is the same shape, fragrance, and exquisite satin-like pink color as Baroness Rothschild Rose. It is beautiful beyond description. Fine roots, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



TREE  
PEONY.

- Fragrans**—Deep crimson-pink, double and very sweet. 20c.
- Double White**—Pure white, very scarce. 40c. each.
- Humulis Single**—Large, purple-rose; very early. 25c. each.
- Officinalis fl. pl.**—The grand early flowering, old-fashioned double crimson Peony. 25c. each.

One each of the 5 sorts for \$1.00.

# RARE NEW FRUITS.

In our regular Catalogue, 10 pages are devoted to New Fruits, some of the best of which are offered here. In fact the Blackberries, Fig and Apple here offered are the finest in existence.



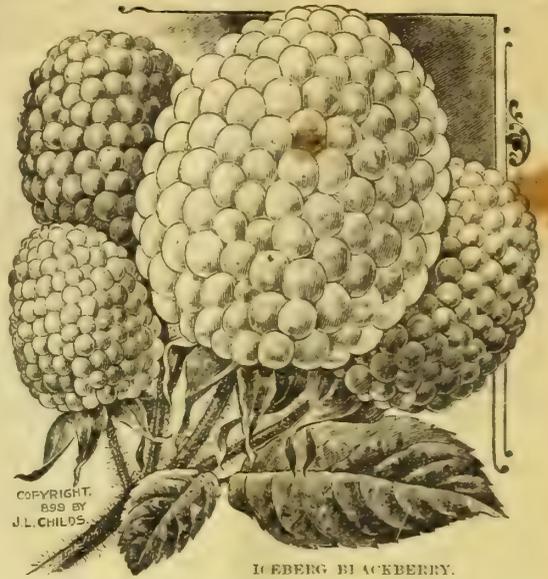
**Childs' Everbearing Tree Blackberry.**

For a Blackberry, it is the largest, finest flavored, most prolific, fruiting for two months, and requires no stakes. It grows from five to seven feet high, branching freely into a fine tree form, as seen in the cut, straight and erect. The berries are of enormous size, equalled only by the Erie, borne in large clusters, which commence to ripen early in July and continue into September, making the fruiting season nearly two months or more. The finest Blackberries we ever ate we picked about September first from some of these plants, which had been ripening fruit since July 8th. They are exceedingly sweet, juicy and delicious, melting in the mouth without a particle of hard core. Its delicate flavor, great productiveness, enormous size, long season of bearing and perfect hardiness in the coldest parts of the country, make it the most valuable of all berries for family use. Some of our customers who bought it last year report that the plants fruited last summer and berries proved to be the largest and finest ever seen, and that the symmetrical branching of the plants makes them perfect little trees.

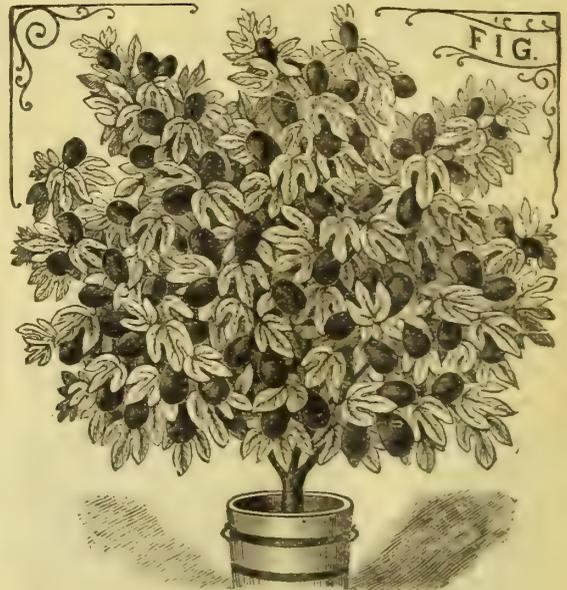
Price, first quality, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

## Iceberg Blackberry.

It bears loads of delicious, snowy berries, which are not only white, but so transparent that the seeds, which are unusually small, may be seen in the ripe berries. Clusters larger than those of Lawton; berries at least as large, earlier, sweeter and more tender and melting throughout, though as firm as Lawton is, when ripe. No garden should be without this grand White Blackberry. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; 15 for \$2.00.



ICEBERG BLACKBERRY.

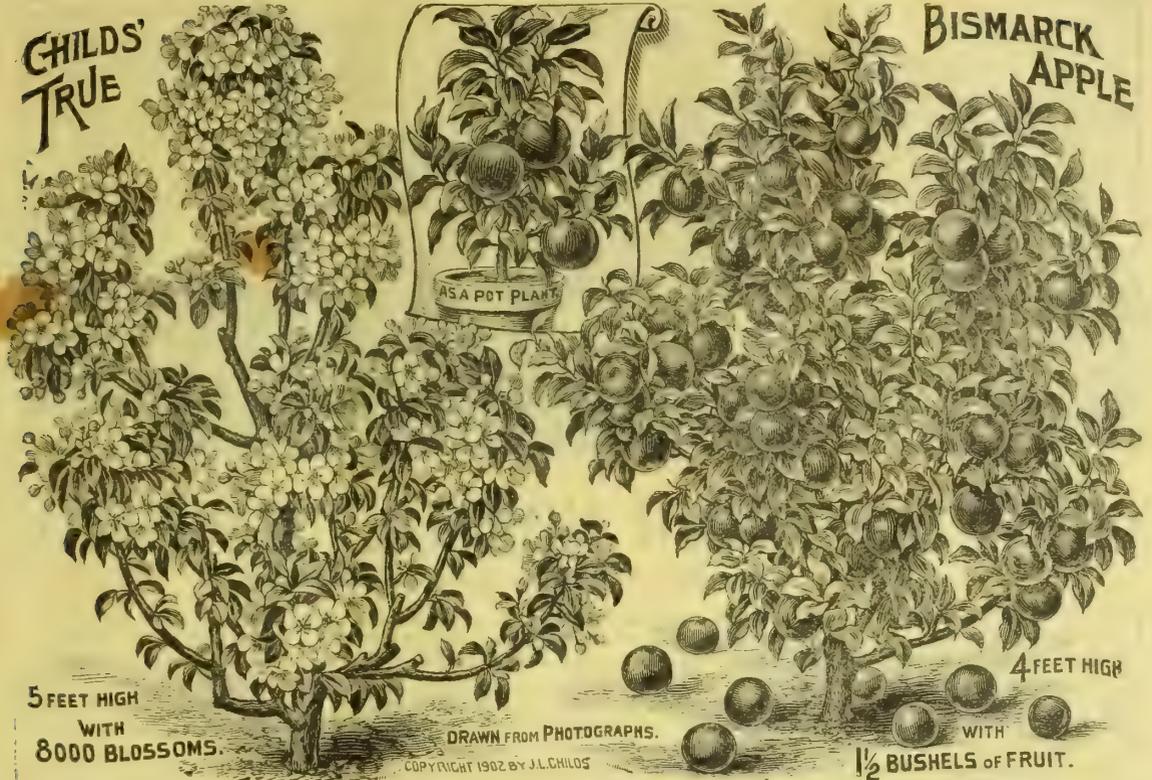


**Fig, Brown Turkey.**

A most popular and easily kept tub plant that will beautify the lawn or veranda all summer and winter safely in the cellar, although with slight protection it is hardy in the latitude of New York. Good grower, with a luxuriant growth of large, wide leaves, and bearing at a year old an abundance of sweet, pulpy fruit, unsurpassed for eating fresh. They are also very fine for preserving or pickling, or to dry. South of the Middle States can be grown in the open ground. Here on Long Island they are hardy out doors if protected during winter. Nothing more luscious than Figs fresh from the tree, especially when eaten with cream like Strawberries. Brown Turkey is large, oblong, dark brown; rich and delicious flavor; very productive, often bearing three crops in a season. A two-year-old tree of this sort bore over two hundred fine figs. The hardiest and best Fig for garden or pots. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

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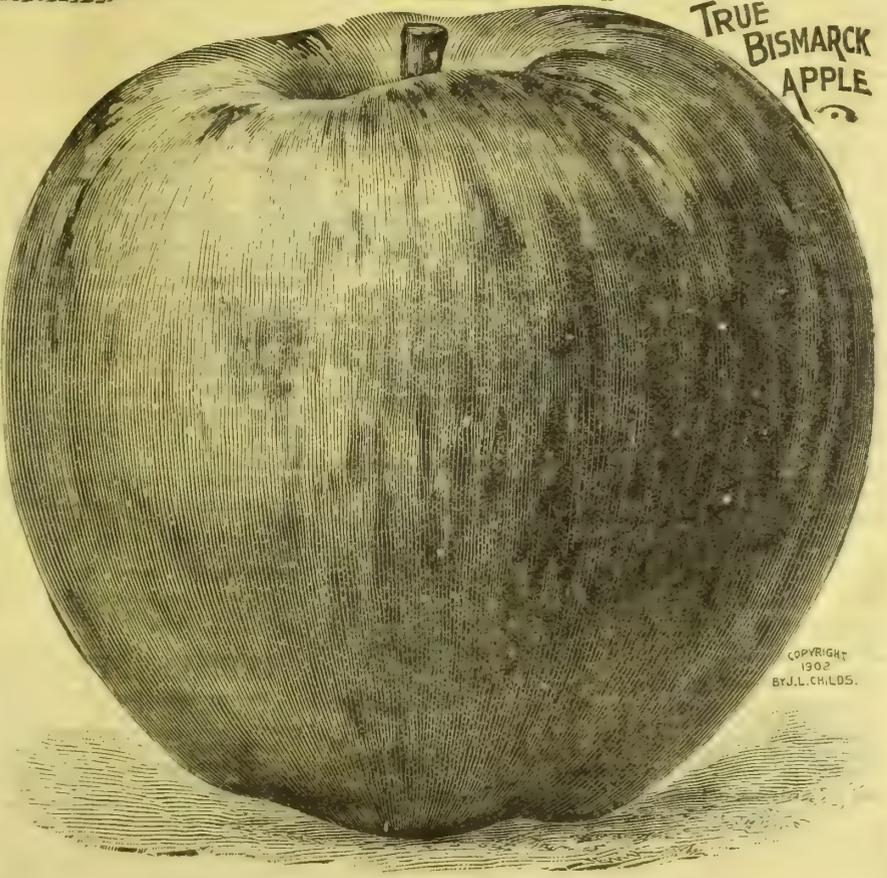
**BISMARCK APPLE**



**Childs' True Bismarck Apple.**

**TRUE BISMARCK APPLE**

Introduced a few years ago, but true stock has been very scarce, so much so that we never dared tell the whole truth about this wonderful Apple, as our stock was not sufficient to supply the demand. It is a pity that much spurious stock has been sold, and many people who think they have the Bismarck Apple, know nothing about the merits of the true variety, which was introduced in America by us. Our stock this year is sufficient for all demands, and we now tell you just what the true Bismarck is. A dwarf Apple, fruiting generally the second year from grafts, even on trees only 12 to 18 inches high, and may be grown in flower pots. Size of fruit 15 inches in circumference, weight 18 ounces, color light green, with bright crimson on exposed side. Above cuts made from photographs of trees three years old, 8,000 blossoms on a 5 foot tree, 1 1/2 bushel mammoth Apples on a 4 foot tree. In our Bismarck orchard are 100 trees of this sort. Smallest Apple tree known; largest fruit known. A perfect wonder. A most unique lawn or garden tree, or as a pot or tub plant it will astonish everyone. Year old trees, many of which will fruit at once, 35c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



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# THE MAYFLOWER MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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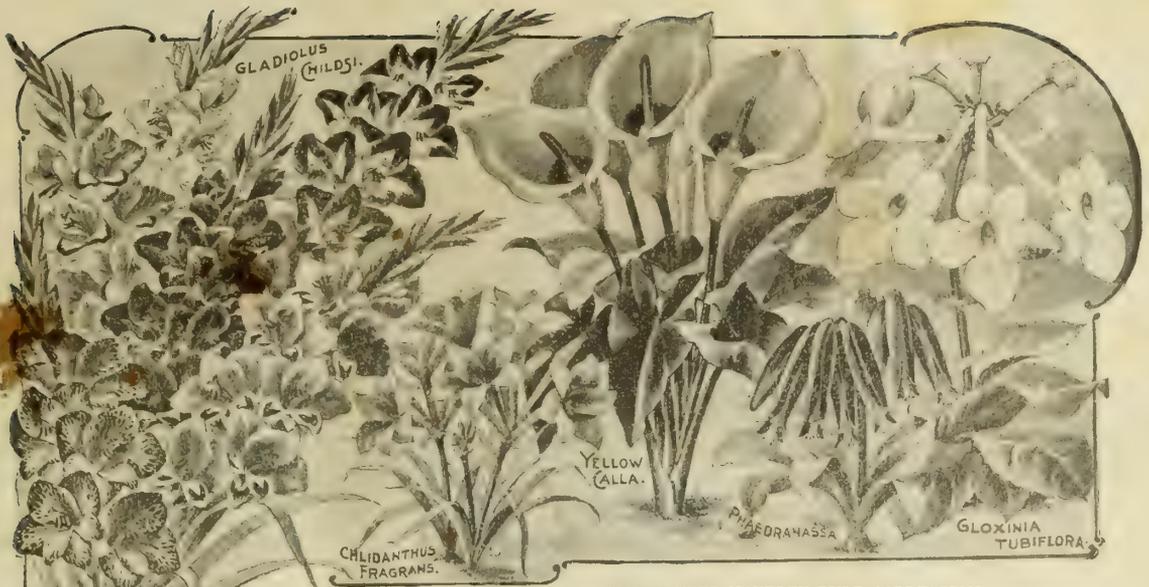
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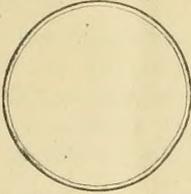
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