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GIANT
FLOWERING
CALADIUM.

FLORAL PARK, NY.
GIANT FLOWERING CALADIUM,
NEW CENTURY.

A New Species from Central America, and 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 a nbly textured, which is very handsome. It does not produce a stalk, but is increased by suckers and is perennial. The leaf stalks are strong and tall, holding the mammoth leaves without the ground. Leaves 1 to 2 feet long by 2-1/2 feet broad, perfectly immune, and rank a plant which for its good horticultural qualities, and the young, and excellent foliage, is a most desirable and splendid addition to any conservatory. Planting Caladiums in a place where the sun will shine a part of the day, and where they can be exposed for the last time before the average frost of the year, is necessary. One color of flowers rise successively from the base of each leaf stalk, and are large, lustrous, and showy. In one place, all the flowers of a different color from the last. Of the whole, all can be improved, and the plant will attract every attention of the garden. We have selected a variety for growing in the garden, and we have used the following description of the plant. The leaves are so large that they can be made with the greatest of care, and can be used for a plant of this kind. The flowers of the Caladiums are of a different color from the last, and are large, lustrous, and showy. In one place, all the flowers of a different color from the last. Of the whole, all can be improved, and the plant will attract every attention of the garden.

Well established plants, by mail, $.75 each, $5 for 10. Extra large plants, by Express, $1.00 each, 5 for $5.00.

"DIADEM" TOMATO.

Peanut, Early Sweet.

Grow some Peanuts for the children. Not at all hard to grow, and stands heat and drought like a salamander. This sort is so early that it ripens in all the Northern States and in Canada, while its quality is of the very best, the nuts being exceedingly sweet and rich when roasted. Any light, sandy, or coarse soil suits them. Pkt., 10c; pint, 25c; quart, 60c.

Japanese Climbing Cucumber

This Cucumber is such a strong and vigorous grower that the vines attain twice the height of ordinary varieties. The vines siphon readily and may be grown on fences, poles or trellises, thus saving much valuable space in small gardens. The fruits are of a fine, lovely green color, about a foot in length. Flesh, thick and firm, and of wonderful quality. Never bitter, and exceedingly fine for pickling as well as for slicing. The vines never mildew, and the fruit is raised well above the ground and is always free from insects, rot or rust. When picked freely a vine will continue bearing during the entire season, and one will keep a good-sized family supplied with this delicious vegetable all summer. Pkt., 10c; oz. 25c.

New Striped Tomato, Diadem

Here we have at last 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 magnificent produce, with high quality, and of a deep dark red, the rich, dark color of the skin breaking with strips and spots of old gold, the beautiful effect of which is admirably shown in above cut. This fruit's unique novelty is still better represented on colored plate in the January (1897) Mail Order, where it is reviewed as one of the important new products of the year. Not only is it beautiful, but in points of excellence in other respects it 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.
Esteemed Friend: 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, which now numbers over 400,000.

We will be glad to send you our large Catalogue of 152 pages and 12 Colored Plates 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 in a condensed form the strongest and best Novelties and Special Offers of our large, regular Catalogue. We hope, through its medium, to open up a business acquaintance with thousands of lovers of flowers who are not, as yet, our customers. For this purpose we send it free to all who desire it. We call attention to our Superior Flower Seeds, Grand Gladiolus, Azaleas, Callas, Begonias, Cannas, New Roses, Chrysanthemums, Carnations, Caladiums, Rare New Fruits, etc. And last, but not least, do not fail to subscribe for our floral monthly magazine, The Mayflower, and secure its superb premium, 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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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 some points, where the express companies touch, we can get some orders entirely by express sent by mail. In such cases we send by express, postpaid, and notify the purchasers to that effect. If a package is ordered to go by express, we do not pay the charges; but larger plants can be sent in this way.

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 insure 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 every item offered in this Catalogue except Mayflower subscriptions to clubs:

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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 Cover.

Address all orders, etc.,

John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, N. Y.
**Verbena Mayflower.**

We can furnish live plants propagated from the original plant of this great new Verbena. Its great merits are color and fragrance like the Trailing Arbutus or Mayflower. The greatest novelty last year. 35c. each; 5 for $1.50; 6 for $1.80; Seed, 25c. pkt.

**New Abutilons.**

Unlike the ordinary Abutilons of slender growth, these are very compact and short-stemmed, making a neat pot plant. The flowers are the most beautiful we have ever seen among Abutilons, being very large, yet short and beautifully cupped and of the most lovely colors. It is safe to say that these varieties will produce five times as much bloom as others.

*Infanta Eulalia*—This is perfect fruit. Plants dwarf and short jointed, producing exquisite large cupped blossoms by the score from the time the plant is four inches high. Blooms all the time; summer and winter. Color a most beautiful soft satin-pink.

*Wm. McKinley*—Like the above, except in color, which is a beautiful clear lemon yellow of exquisite beauty.

**Otaheite Orange.**

An extra fine 10†-plant with glossy green leaves, the true fragrant orange blossoms and abundant little bright oranges, that will hang on the little bush-like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two-inch pot, and we have seen a plant in a common window that was six inches high and had 25 oranges on it. When in full sunlight they are never out of fruit from one year’s end to another; and at least two-thirds of the time they are in flower also. The fruit is very sweet and handsome. Could we have but one plant in our window it would be an Otaheite Orange. In beauty, grace and fragrance there is nothing like its delicate half-scenes of bloom, so indescribably exquisite, dainty, lovely and adorable. Fine plants for blooming and fruiting at home, 25c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Begonia Vernon.**

No other kind of flowering Begonias can begin to compare with the varieties of B. Vernon for beauty and constant bloom. They are so much superior to others that we have concluded to offer none but these. Plants flower perpetually all the year round, the plant being completely covered with bloom at all times especially during winter.

*Crimson*—Produces a profusion of dark crimson flowers.

*White*—Splendid large blossoms, pure white.

*Pink*—Lovely blush and pink shades.

Price, 10c. each; 25c. for 6; or 50c. per dozen.

*Seed*—All colors mixed, 10c. pkt.
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 purplish color.
Emperor of Brazil—Deep rose, with white. A most lovely shade, and a large double flower. A splendid variety in every respect.
Simon Marceau—Large double rose or deep pink.
Dr. D. Moore—Lovely rose with white and violet reflex. Perfectly exquisite.
Mad. Paul de Schreyer—Elegant, large, double red.
Mad. Vander Cruysen—Lovely rose, with large blotch.
Raphael—Immensely double white.
Deutches 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.

Mixed Azaleas.

A very fine collection of more than 35 of the finest sorts mixed, double and single. These will give great satisfaction. 25c. each; 5 for $1.00; the dozen for $7.00.

Golden Leaved Salvia.

One of the finest foliage and flowering plants in cultivation.

Habit, compact, short-painted and branching, with an abundance of foliage, which is of a fine yellow shade, hardly a trace of green about it. The flowers are light transparent scarlet of exceptional brilliancy. The color of the foliage is constant and does not change when bolted out in the hot sun. In fact, its color is perhaps intensified by heat. The brilliancy of the flowers against the yellow foliage produces the most striking effect we have ever observed in any plant. Not only is the plant a fine border but it is also a magnificent pot plant blooming at any and all times of the year without intermission. For winter it is particularly fine, and the most brilliant plant that can be grown in one's window or conservatory. Strong plants, 15c. each; 5 for 50c. Seed will bloom in 3 months. 500 per packet.
Begonia.

NEW SWEET-SCENTED.

These are brand new, and were shown on the Colored Covers of THE MAYFLOWER, June issue, 1889, and created a great sensation. Hundreds of people wrote asking where the plants might be purchased, so great was the interest aroused. Not only are the flowers deliciously scented, but they are borne in the most fascinatingly beautiful sprays, clusters a foot to eighteen inches wide, lovely, graceful and charming. Plants fine, vigorous growers, with luxuriant and beautiful leaves, and the flowers are borne at all times of year, particularly in fall and winter. Extra fine for the holidays. The two colors harmonize, and produce a most lovely effect. These are Novelties of the highest order.

Sweet-Scented White—Pure white.
Sweet-Scented Pink—Charming sea-shell pink.

Fine Plants, 30c. each; one of each for 60c.

Begonia.

DOUBLE DWARF VERNON

A new dwarf form of the fine Double Vernon Begonias offered on foregoing page. Plant dwarf and compact, loaded at all times with fine double crimson blossoms; a perfect little gem. New this year. 25c. each; 3 for 65c.

Hybrid Begonia Seed.

We offer a grand mixture of fine large flowering Begonias. Choice Hybridized Seed of all kinds, including Sweet-Scented, Double Vernon, Bismarck, Mastodon, Luxuriant, etc., etc. This is the finest Mixed Begonia Seed ever offered and will produce an endless variety of fine sorts. Pkt. 15c.
Fancy Caladiums.

Easy to grow in summer either in beds or pots. For piazzas or summer conservatory decoration they are unrivalled. Their beautifully shaped and glossy foliage is elegantly variegated in the most telling manner. One, perhaps, is regularly dotted with round raised spots of white, another is ribbed and veined with pink or scarlet, or yellow, while still another is flushed or marbled with white or shaded almost black. In fact, the immense leaves are so marked with delicate and vivid colors, as to make them as showy as great and peculiar flowers. The small early leaves do not always show all the fine colors of the large ones which come later. Our collection is superb, comprising over 80 named kinds of which the following are the best.

Duc de Ratavor—White and dark green beautifully mottled. Green band around each leaf and wide ribs of dark red.

Louis Duplesses—Fine net-work of green veins on white ground. Extra large ribs of intense crimson.

Wrighti—Dark green with large distinct spots of pure white and deep crimson.

Ed. Moreau—Ground color of leaf emerald green with distinct crimson ribs of numerous splashes of pure white.

Dr. Neubrunner—Ground color of leaf very light olive-green shading to white. Numerous large crimson spots.

Jupiter—Very dark olive-green with metallic luster. Large, distinct ribs of bright crimson, freely mottled white.

L'Aurora—Deep sea-green with pink-shaded center and prominent pale pink ribs.

Mons. A. Hardy—Magnificent large leaf, the ground color being composed of an intricate net-work of white, green and crimson with large blood-crimson mid-ribs.

Napoleon III.—Enormous size leaf, almost as large as Caladium Esculentum. Deep olive-green shading toward the center to lighter olive. Crimson center with bright crimson mid-ribs and large splashes of blood-red.

Princess Alexander—Ground color of leaf delicate pink, the mid-ribs and veins being dark olive-green.

Reine Victoria—Deep, lustrous green freely mottled with white, and a few spots of crimson.

Guambara—Very light olive-green, almost white, freely spotted with lavender. The center and fork of the leaf showing deep crimson. A rarely fine sort.

Boros—Very dark green freely mottled with pink.

Clio—Delicate pink interwoven with a lace-work of green veins. Mid-ribs dark olive-green, and a double border of green around each leaf.

Price.—Above sorts, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the $1 for $2.00.

Mixed Fancy Caladiums.

A grand assortment, some 100 kinds, many of them very rare and grand. 15c. each; $1.50 per doz.

7 Beauties for $3.00.

For $3.00 we will send 7 extra fine new and rare sorts which are perfectly immense. Space does not allow us to give names and descriptions.
New Carnations.

During the past few years great strides have been made toward improving the Carnation. The florists' skill in this direction being well shown in the following varieties. In respect to introduction, there are a number over 1,000, but the selected is very few of any size of growth, freedom of bloom, or beauty of color and fragrance. For pot culture none can equal the Carnations. To Mr. Eden and Lawson we have two very distinct new sorts of great value.

Big Pink—Enormous size and the finest pink we have ever produced. Superb large petals and long stems, of the most perfect points and great beauty. Leaves solid dark, bright, lively pink.

White Cloud—One of the best seedlings and a long stem. Flowers of gigantic size, pure white, and beautifully fragrant. Its fragrance is one of the keenest and purest of bloom. A fine in all colors for the greenhouse.

Eldorado—Exceptionally fine for color and vigor. A short, yellow calyx.

Cenl Maceo—Very peculiar. Flowing from in diameter 4 to 6 inches; 12 petals, in color, under -polished. This is the very best and most fragrant and its fragrance is one of the keenest and purest of bloom. A fine in all colors for the greenhouse.

4 Carnation Novelties.

Pure Cold—Brought from Europe, a new discovery, and to be seen by our readers for the first time.

Fred Dougas—A new discovery, one of the finest, and most vigorous. Its fragrance and bloom is one of the keenest and purest.

Torch—Brought from Europe, a new discovery, and to be seen by our readers for the first time.

Colliath—Brought from Europe, a new discovery, and to be seen by our readers for the first time.

Superb New Carnation, Blue Bedder.

This new Carnation is not only valuable as a flower for the house, but it is a florist's paradise. While the petals, are not of one color, but a free blend, and the petals of white, and blue, and violet, and yellow, and the edges of the petals are shaded with shades of blue. The size is 3 inches, and the blooming is of the choicest in the house.

Carnation, Mrs. Lawson.

This is one of the newest novelties of the times, and is said that thirty thousand plants were sold for the original stock by the large dealer. It is probably the largest Carnation known, as it flows from on magnificent long stems, and the most lovely pink shade quite unlike any other. As a pot plant it is the best Carnation known, for the great size. Price each, 25 cents.

4 Carnations, each, 10 cents.

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Lawson's 4 Carnations, each, 10 cents.

Lawson's Carnation. 

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(Quids' Dwarf Everblooming Calla. This is of a dwarf habit and does not grow tall and sparsely 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 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, 25c. each; 3 for 30c.

New Sweet-Scented Calla Fragrans.

Probably the greatest novelty of last year. 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 30c.

Galla, Little Gem.

A perfect miniature Calla, growing 8 to 12 inches high, and producing perpetually very large snowy 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, 3c. each; 3 for 30c.

Spotted Galla.

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.

Galla Everblooming Calla.

It is a true overbloomer, 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 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, 25c. each; 3 for 30c.

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Boston Ferns.

The finest decorative plants in cultivation, and in addition to the well-known standard variety, we are able to offer several new and most unique varieties. All as robust vigorous and as easily grown as the original Boston Fern.

Boston Fern (Original)—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.

Narrow Frond Boston Fern—Fronds of this sort are much narrower than the above, longer and very graceful and handsome. 35c. each.

Broad Frond Boston Fern—Fronds twice the width of the ordinary Boston Fern, not quite so long, therefore presenting a very distinct appearance. Exceedingly handsome. 40c. each.

Tuberous-Rooted Boston Fern—In foliage this does not differ much from the original variety, but numerous bulbs, the shape of narrow eggs are formed on the roots which may be taken and kept dry for months without killing their vitality. When planted they sprout and grow like any other bulb, 30c. each.

Stag Horn Boston Fern—Elegant broad fronds, the edges being flattened and divided into many wide pinnules resembling a stag's horn. The most unique and beautiful of all Boston Fongs. 50c. each.

Pigmy Boston Fern—This is the real gem of the lot. A plant makes a dense mass of hundreds of beautiful fronds as 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 Fongs and will, when known, be the most popular. Fine plants 30c. each; 4 for $1.00; 10 for $2.00.

SPECIAL OFFER—For $1.50 we will send one fine plant each of these 5 Boston Fongs.
The Great Ismene.

Those who are familiar with the true 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. Strong flowering bulbs, 25c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

The Yellow Calla.

The Yellow Calla (Calla Hastata) is one of the rarest and most eagerly sought of all bulbs. They should be potted in the spring and they will start growth at once and commence blooming in a short time. The bulbs are strong and send up numerous flowers, which are a bright golden yellow with a black center. The color is one of the most beautiful shades of yellow seen among flowers, and the jet black center lends to the blossom a peculiar charm. Bulbs are very scarce, and a year or two ago sold at $1.50 each. We now have a large stock of strong flowering bulbs which we offer at 30c. each; 2 for 50c.
Filifera Palm.

One of the best window Palms, needing no potting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant fan-shaped leaves. The leaves are broad, leathery green, gracefully-fringed with long, three-finger-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 window, 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 lose, when young, leaves of a long, narrow shape, developing the round, fan-shaped ones as they grow older. Strong plants, each, 5 for 25c. 10 for $1.00. Seed, per paper, 10c.

Rudbeckia, "Golden Glow."

A hardy perennial plant growing eight to ten 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 spray of bloom, as photographed by Mr. William Falconer, the best authority on plants in this country, says of it: "When I saw the double-flowering form of Rudbeckia Laciniata in bloom in your grounds at Floral Park, I was amazed, for I had never before seen a double-flowered Rudbeckia, and I was delighted with the freshness and gorgeousness of the blossoms, and their brilliant yellow color. The plant you gave me grew up royally and threw up strong, branching flower stems six feet high, bearing with clusters of golden blossoms as large as fair chrysanthemums, and all having an elegant, graceful appearance, without any of the stiffness in leaf or blossom found in Sunflowers. Many eminent florists and amateurs have seen it here, and all admired it. As cut flowers the blossoms lasted well. In fact, unhesitatingly regard it as the most desirable introduction among hardy perennials since we got Clerantis Pachypoda. It is the most effective flowering plant for August and September in cultivation.

Strong plants which will bloom freely this season, each, $1.00; 5 for $4.00; 10 for $8.00.

Everblooming Chrysanthemums.

I perfectly Double and Bloom from July to January.

Plants begin blooming and blooming on our grounds in July and on Nov. 1st were still full of flowers and buds, while those in pots continue blooming for the winter. It may be used either as a garden or pot plant, and is perfectly hardy in the open ground. The flowers are of the Chinese type, perfectly double and produced by the hundreds. No other sort can equal it in perfection. Plants of dwarf habit, 15 to 24 inches high, with perfectly healthy foliage and enormous blossoms, all of which produce blooms. Mr. Duneen says that the plants in his garden have always begun blooming by July 1st, and are perfectly hardy as winter without protection. A new Chrysanthemum which may be grown either in the garden or in pots, and which will produce such a crop of double white which we have never seen is the greatest marvel now. With its plants alive in beautifully all the summer and fall in open ground, and at all times of the year in pots.

Everblooming, White—Pure white, full double.

Everblooming, Yellow—Bright golden-yellow.

For each; the , 5 for $1.00, or more at 10c. each.
New Roses.

Winter Gem—This is the greatest Rose Novelty in years, owing both to its beauty and to its unparallelled 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-purple color. Euds perfectly exquisite and the open flower full and double. It is the strongest, hardest, most vigorous and rapid-growing Tea Rose in cultivation. One plant of it will produce more good roses throughout the year than 12 plants of any other Tea Rose grown. This is saving 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 scent, and most deliciously scented. More fragrant than any other Tea Rose. It is so strong and vigorous that it never mildews, and a rapid grower, blooming at once from small cuttings. It is the greatest rose for amateurs, and one that will positively bloom at all times of year. Strong plants, 25c. each; 3 for 50c.

Childs' Jewel—The most remarkable Rose in cultivation. It produces flowers which range in color from dark orange-yellow to crimson, variegated, bledtched, mottled, etc. A plant in bloom shows no two flowers alike. Some will be dark yellow, others light yellow, buff, saffron, pink, blush, apricot, etc., while others will be variegated in a most beautiful manner. 20c. each.

Crimson Rambler—This new Rose is the evolution of the hour, and well it may be, for it is indeed a marvel. It originated in Scotland, and is a hardy, everblooming, climbing Polyanthus. It is perfectly hardy in the open ground, will grow 8 to 10 feet in a season, is in bloom all the time from early spring to late fall, the flowers appearing in great quantities 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. It is always in bloom, even when very small, and is easily trimmed to a bushy grower. Being the introducer in this country, we have the largest and finest stock of this superb Rose. 25c. each; 3 for 50c.

Climbing Meteor—Buds exquisite; flowers large, beautifully shaped, and of that rich dark velvety crimson color seen only in the Jacemimont. For winter blooming it is just the Rose to train upon a conservatory or bay window. In its exquisite blossoms will show to wonderful advantage. 20c. each.

Climbing Bride—Like Climbing Meteor, but pure white, very large, double and fragrant. 20c. each.

Highland Mary—A sport from Agrippina, which originated in Canada, and, like the fine old variety, is a persistent bloomer both summer and winter, with a stronger and better growth; flowers double the size and exceedingly sweet. As to color, it is without exception the most exquisite and delicately colored rose we ever saw. Blossoms beautifully cupped, each petal being white with a delicate lemon tinge, just enough to make it perfectly exquisite. But this is not all; each petal is also bordered with a delicate band of pink, which blending with the white and lemon tinge, makes a combination which is truly fascinating. No other Rose in the world like it. It will bloom all the time, either in the garden or in pots, is hardy in the open ground with slight protection, and a most exquisite variety for cutting. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

SPECIAL OFFER.—One each of these & grand New Everblooming Roses for $1.50.
RARE NEW FRUITS.

In our regular Catalogue, 16 pages are devoted to New Fruits, some of the best of which are offered here. In fact the Blackberries, Raspberries and Peach here offered are the finest in existence.

Childs' Everbearing Tree Blackberry.

For a Blackberry, it is the largest, finest flavored, most profile, 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 were 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 reported that the plant grafted 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 quailty, 15 cents each; 5 for 75 cents; 12 for $1.25.

Iceberg Blackberry.

It bears loads of delicious, snowy berries, which are not only white, but a true bluish that the seeds, which are unusually small, may be seen in the ripe berries. "Clusters larger than those of Lawton; berries at least a 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, 25 cents each; 5 for $1.00; 12 for $3.00.

Tree Strawberry, or Strawerry-Raspberry.

This is one of the most unique and at the same time the largest and most beautiful berry of any kind that has yet appeared before the public. It comes to us from Japan and is of the Raspberry family, though in many respects it resembles a Strawberry, growing on a bush two feet high. The plant is entirely hardy in any location, and a most prolific yielder, ripening an enormous crop of fruit in July and August, and more or less all the time up to November. In quality the fruit is called good, though not so highly praised as either the Strawberry or Raspberry, but quite as good as most Blackberries. It is very fine when cooked, and makes a jelly which has a unique flavor, and is superior to the jelly of any other fruit. In habit of growth the plant is distinct from both the fruits named. The root is perennial, throwing up numerous, strong branching shoots, which are covered with its large, beautiful berries the whole summer, from early in July until freezing weather, ripening it a perfect crop. The canes or shoots die to the earth in winter, new ones being thrown up the following spring, which begin blooming and setting fruit at once. The foliage is light green in color, bright, clean, cheerful and pleasing, and exempt from attacks of all insects and diseases. The berries are globular, slightly oblong in form, monstrous in size, a rich glossy, ruby-red color, sweet and melting. 1st each: 5 for 50 cents; 12 for $1.00; 30 for $2.00. Seed, 100 per pkt.

Raspberry.

Souchet Everbearing White—An extra large berry of a beautiful light amber-red color. Plant has the same general habit as Childs' Alsummer, but it is better suited for dry soils. Perfectly hardy, vigorous and a great grower both summer and fall. The fruit is of extra fine quality. In fact, we think it the finest day-old of all Raspberries, therefore most desirable for the home garden. Its beautiful color contrasting with red or black varieties makes a very attractive dish when served together, in many respects this is the very finest Raspberry in cultivation.

Alsummer—Like the above, a true everbearer, the berries being large and deep ruby-red in color, contrasting finely with the white variety.

Price, 1st each, the two for 85 cents, or $1.00 per dozen.
Strawberry,

GREAT WASHINGTON.

The real giant among big Strawberries. This important new sort originated in the State of Washington. Samples which we received in February were potted, and bore fine fruit in April. Several hundred plants planted out in April fruited fairly well, though no fruit was expected the first season. The berry is not only the very largest and handsomest in cultivation, but by all odds the best flavored. It is also a great cropper, and vines are extremely healthy and vigorous, a merit not possessed by any other large sort. What more need be said? It is certainly the grandest Strawberry ever introduced. 60c. per doz.; $1.00 per 100.

The Everbearing Peach.

This is one of the most remarkable of Peaches, as it combines many desirable qualities which make it of great value for family use. 1.—Its long continued bearing period. The first ripening begins about in July, and successive crops are produced until the beginning of November. Fruit in all stages of development—ripe and half grown—may be seen upon the tree at the same time. Two-year-old trees bear freely. 2.—As the tree blossoms during a long period, a complete failure has never happened since the original tree first began to bear, ten years ago. 3.—The fruit is creamy white, mottled and striped with light purple and with pink veins; oblong in shape, and tapering to the apex; flesh white, with red veins near the skin; very juicy, vinous and of excellent flavor; quality very best. Freestone, of the Indian type. No praise can do justice to this magnificent novelty. It is really one of the finest things we ever offered. Freest, size, prolific, best quality, and bears continuously for three months. What more can be desired? Fine trees for fruiting next year, by mail, 30c. each; 3 for 75c.; 7 for $1.50.

Apple, Bismarck.

This new dwarf Apple is indeed a wonder. Little trees a foot or so in height will bear a few apples of enormous size, either growing in pots or in the ground. A little tree 12 inches high, which we imported from France last winter, bore a fine large apple the following summer. Fruit very large, of brilliant color, and borne freely on trees two years old. A most unique pot plant and a fine little tree for the garden, the great apples on such very small trees attracting great attention. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.
NEW MULTIFLORA ROSES.
Roses from Seed, Blooming in 60 Days.

Multiflora Seedling Rose.

Mixed Flower Seeds, 100 Kinds.

Rosa Multiflora Hybrids—All colors mixed, choicest seed. Each

Perfectly hardy: in the garden they bloom all summer. From a packet of seed one will get Roses of various colors—white, pink, crimson, etc., and the flowers are all double, highly colored and very sweet. Greatest yearly roses worth, and gives unlimited satisfaction.
SPECIALTIES IN

CHOICE SELECT FLOWER SEEDS.

Our Special Improved Strains of Leading Annuals, Perennials and Climbers.

ONLY SELECT SEEDS OF IMPROVED STRAINS OFFERED.

The ordinary commercial grades of flower seeds, such as are usually sold, can be and are sold at a very low price. They are grown and harvested in large crops, much like grain. They are produced cheaply, sold cheaply, and are, in fact, cheap in every sense of the word; and he who sows them has no right to complain at their poor quality. They cannot possibly be anything else. Seed of high quality can be produced only by thorough, careful, painstaking and expensive methods. We do not offer our customers the ordinary commercial grades of seed. Our stocks are special strains of special varieties bred up to the highest mark of perfection and selected with great care, and for this reason we grow and offer but a limited number of varieties; only those which are of the greatest merit and sure to give satisfaction everywhere. The very best varieties, bred up to an unequalled mark of perfection, have made our seeds famous the world over.

We will give THREE packets of any ONE kind for the sum that TWO packets would cost. For instance, any one variety listed for 5c., three packets of it may be had for 10c. Any one 10c. pkt., three pkts. may be had for 20c.: three pkts. of a 15c. sort for 30c. etc.

Antirrhinum, Giant Scented, or Snapdragon.

A new giant-flowered strain of the grand old Snapdragon, which in size and beauty of bloom, either in pots or garden, almost equals Gladiolus. For pkt.

Giant White—This remarkable new plant has jumped into foremost place among choice winter-bloomers. No novelty in our greenhouses has attracted the attention or received praise equal to this. It is a perpetual bloomer, compact and branching in habit, sending up flowers spikes by the dozen, one to two feet in length, almost as large as and more beautiful than Gladiolus. Color, pure white, with lemon-tinted throat and a lovely fragrance. Flowers keep two weeks after being cut. It has created a sensation in the New York flower market.

Giant Yellow—Exactly like the above except in color, which is a beautiful canary 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Asters.

The acknowledged queen of autumn annuals, indispensable for the flower garden, in the 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 irrorated like the Rose, some loose and globular like a Peony, while others are partly incurved like the Chrysanthemum. In regard to height they are classifiable as tall, half-dwarfs 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-dwarfs 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 hotbed or house and afterwards transplanted, or they can be sown in the 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.

Giant-Branching Comet—A super new Aster, growing 18 inches high, with fine杭州 flowers, borne on graceful stems. The plant branches freely, carrying from 20 to 40 of its magnificent flowers. Each flower is double and vivid as a Peony, 2 to 3 inches in diameter, with center filled with a charming wheel of petals, after the true Comet style. All colors mixed—10

Giant-Branching Comet, Carmine—Pure bright color—10

Giant-Branching Comet, Carmine Striped White—10

Giant-Branching Comet, White Striped Pink—10

Giant-Branching Comet, Rose Pink—A lovely color—10

Giant-Branching Comet, Pur White—A real giant in size and magnificence. Stems, 24 to 35 inches long—20

Giant-Branching Upright, White—A grand white, branching Aster, with large, double upright blossoms on double upright stems—20

Daybreak—A sport from the well-known Branching Aster, bearing immense Peony-like double upright blossoms of the lowest sea-shell pink color. No other Aster produces such large and beautiful blossoms in such reckless profusion, and their lasting qualities are such that, when cut and placed in water, they will keep two weeks—10

New Rose—Tall sort, about two feet in height. One of the best varieties and a profuse bloomer. Outer petals are large recurved, and inner petals beautifully incurved like the rose. Mixed colors—10

Semple's Marvel—A new American Aster of wonderful beauty and profusion. Plants grow in large clumps, branch freely in an upright manner, producing a great number of marvelous blossoms on long stems. The flowers are very double and perfect. It is one of the finest colors. They bloom a little later than most kinds and escape the danger of the Aster beetle. One of the great good things of recent introduction. Mixed all colors—10

Semple's Marvel, Crimson—10

Semple's Marvel, Lavender—10

Semple's Marvel, Pink—Very delicate—10

Semple's Marvel, Purple—Rich—10

Semple's Marvel, Pure White—10

Harlequin—One of the most curiously marked flowers known. Lovely pure white petals, exceedingly large, interspersed with deep blue or bright red petals, making bright splashes and stripes of color on the snowy groundwork. Mixed colors. Making height—10

Que'd German—One of the tallest and branched, flowers beautifully quilted, and noted for the clearness of their colors. Profuse bloomers. Mixed colors—10

Snow Ball—A dwarf pure white variety with enormous flowers, beautifully irrorated like an incurved Chrysanthemum. An exquisite variety—10

New York Quilled—A decided novelty in color, being a good lemon yellow—10

Japanese—New Aster of great size and beauty, like the well-known Japanese Chrysanthemums. They are of frame so size, measuring from five to six inches across, with large petals curiously waved and curled, so as to give them a striking resemblance to the Chrysanthemum. It is a vigorous growing plant, 14 or 15 inches high, well branched, and producing quite a number of these enormous flowers—10

Truffaut's Pearson-flowered—A valuable and standard variety. The most perfect Pearson 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—10

Twenty colors of mixed labeled—10

Reine des Halles—A French introduction of much merit. This Aster is of medium height, robust and free flowering, blooming earlier than any other variety known. Mixed colors—10

Lilliput-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—10
CATALOGUE OF SPECIALTIES AND NOVELTIES FOR 1901.

CARNATIONS.

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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 one 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 ppt.

Mixed Colors—Half dwarf, the finest strain, 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 remarkably rich color.......................... 10

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

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

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

Heliotrope.

LEMOINE'S New Early-Flowering Giant.

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 sorts.......

Per packet 15
Dahlia.

We shall have in our future issue some new and very interesting Dahlias that will be the talk of the flower garden. We have found that these flowers will show off to great advantage the large variety of flowers grown from our seeds. Among the many varieties are Zinnias and a Morning Glory from seed. The large Dahlias come from seed. They are remarkable by easy culture, and are in very soil. The roots are propagated and carefully placed in the house in March. As soon as the flowers appear, the plants are dug up and planted in the garden. We know this to be a very successful way of propagating the flowers. Some of the largest, most beautiful Dahlias of the season have been grown from seed. We shall have some of these flowers in our future issue and hope to produce some of the finest Dahlias of the season.

Hollyhock.

Of the finest sort of flowers that can be grown in the garden, the Hollyhock is one of the very few that will thrive in any soil. The plants are very hardy, and may be raised in the garden by covering the seeds with straw and setting them out in the spring. The flowers are very beautiful, and will grow to a great height.

Freesia.

It is not generally known that the Freesia is one of the most fragrant flowering plants. They are grown in great quantities in our garden and come from seed. Some of the finest strains are raised in the spring, and will bloom in the fall. They will grow to a great height, and will bloom for a long time. They are very hardy, and will thrive in any soil.
Dianthus.

An indispensable garden flower and one fitted equally to adorn the poor man's garden or the spacious grounds of the millionaire. Never out of place in any situation. Succeeds in any soil. Stands neglect, heat and cold, and is as near treated as a plant can well be. Like their near relative, the Carnation, the Dianthus is superlatively beautiful, many varieties possessing a radiant-like fire that is impossible to describe, but it is the very essence of richness and beauty. A grand flower, for cutting or flower work, and succeeds well in pots for winter bloom if treated like Carnations. Sow early either in house or open ground, and plants will not only bloom all summer and fall, but will survive the winter and bloom the next season. Never sow any but the best seed of Dianthus if you would have the choicest flowers. Grows about one foot in height, branching freely, and is always strong and erect. Per pkt.

**Diacanthus, floripia.—**Splendid double flowers of the richest, darkest shades, fringed, mottled, striped, spotted, banded, margined, etc., in a most elegant and beautiful manner. 10

**Dianthus, bell.—**Fine for contrast. 10

**Eastern Queen.—**Grand flowers 3 or 4 inches across, beautifully striped and shaded, and having colors which are like the richest silks. 5

**Mourning Cloak.—**Largest single flowers, purple black. 5

**Imperialis.—**Double Imperial Pinks. Robust, bushy growers, bearing great quantities of large double flowers of rich, glowing colors. 3

Childs' Giant Imperial Jap. Morning Glories.

A new strain with gigantic blooms as large as Moonflowers, with colors, markings and variegations never before seen, and of indescribable beauty. Some, d like some with quilled and feathered petals, and many with beautiful marbled and variegated leaves. Like all Morning Glories, the seed germinates quickly, and the vines grow rapidly and are seen in bloom before they reach a height of two foot. The flowers are borne by hundreds, are of enormous size, like great Moonflowers, 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 some brick-red, light and dark blues, pinks, etc., others show a white ground and varied combination of colors blending together in a most enchanting way. Spotted, banded, striped, 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. Our seed is not to be compared with any which may be put upon the market. Mixed, 50 colors. 10

"Shoo-Fly" Plant.

An important new plant of the Physalis 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 repels them is not clear as the plant or flower has no odor. Aside from this its most remarkable quality is its 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 woody to be of any value, but as a pot plant it is exquisite. 10
Mignonette.

Mignonette is the French word for "little darling." No more expressive word could well be found for the sweet, homely flower that by its merits alone has won its way as the favorite of all, though hundreds of showier flowers were its rivals. No garden is complete without its plot of Mignonette, no nobody finished without its song of this sweet-smelling flower. We pride ourselves on our choice strains of this favorite flower, and believe no finer seed can be prepared anywhere. Sow early in the ground for summer blooming, and in pots any lime for the window. For the

Common Sweet—The old small-flowered variety; very sweet. Per oz., 25c...

Pyramidal or Giant Tree—A robust grower, with numerons large spikes of flowers, very sweet. Per oz., 25c...

Cant White Spiral—First introduced by us several years ago. It is distinct from all other sorts; rank, luxuriant foliage, densely cut and delicately ornamented. Each plant bears great quantities of large, snow-white spikes, that are very pretty for cutting and for small bouquets. Grows and blooms in any situation with greater freedom than any other sort.

Machet—The finest of all. Plant bushy and a profuse bloomer, with extra large spikes of a pretty brick-red color; exceedingly fragrant. Much inferior seed of this variety is on the market. Ours is strictly pure...

Golden Queen—Pyramidal habit, with flowers of a yellowish color. Very good...

Crimson Queen—A fine variety with large spikes of dark red flowers...

Improved Victoria—Large, compact spikes are exceedingly fragrant, seeming to surpass in this respect all other varieties. It is a robust and healthy grower and produces a well even to dry soil and hot sun, where most Mignonettes fail...

For the, we will send one packet each of the seven sorts.

Double Portulaca.

Mixed Colors—Large blossoms as double as Roses and of the greatest variety of colors and variegations. Our seed is extra choice and will produce large double flowers...

Double Yellow—The brilliant color...

Double Scarlet—Coral and bright...

Double White—Pure and beautiful...

Single Grandiflora—Mixed colors...

Improved Shirley Poppies.

No better flower seed Novelty will be offered this year than this new strain of Shirley Poppy, grown, selected and improved by Mr. Wilks, the original producer of the Shirellas. Habit of plant dwarf and sturdy, blossoms of all most size and of the most charming colors to be found in any flower. No doubt can be raised in any choice. For the

New Giant-Flowered Dwarf Nasturtium.

of all Nasturtiums this new strain is the most beautiful and useful, as well as the largest in size and most varied in color. The blossoms are simply enormous in size, and there is a marvelous range of colors and an infinite variety of new shades. Cheerful yellow, sunny orange, deep red, golden brown, all shades of yellow, red, blue, and green, and brown, canary color, burnt orange and black, with all combinations, making a feast of color to the eye. These all thrive under the most adverse conditions, are very hardy, require the least attention, and have a perennial habit. We are sure they will be of great value, and in demand for the coming season. We are in the habit of offering a new strain of Nasturtiums each year.
**CATALOGUE OF SPECIALTIES AND NOVELTIES FOR 1901.**

**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 with heat and drought and hard-baked ground, though even there yielding us handfuls of cherry bloom; but, rather, strong, vigorous plants, thriving in the cool, deep, meadow 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 velocity Pansies by the hundreds,—flowers so radiantely 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. Now seed early in house or 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 shaded 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.

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.

**Large-Flowering, Choice Mixed Colors—** A superb strain of choice large-flowering types, including all colors. Will give great satisfaction.

**Trimarcaul Giant, Mixed Colors—** These are famous for their extraordinary size, though the form is not so perfect as the Imperial German. A very distinct strain.

**Cassie’s Giant Odier—** Seed saved only from selected flowers of the very largest size and most beautiful coloring. A very distinct strain.

**Bugnot’s Superb Mixed—** Needs no praise, for it is already famous as the best selection of a noted Pansy breed. Various in size and excellent coloring.

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

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

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

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

**Black Chiffon—** A large dark purple flower, having a raised size; a rich coal black; very fine and striking.

**Cardinal—** Deep scarlet, the brightest color in Pansies, and one that comes pretty true from seed.

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

**Giant Excelsior—** Cold type cannot convey an idea of the indescribable richness, the varied and exquisite coloring, the large size, perfect form and great substance of the blossoms. Plants are compact and bushy, and produce great quantities of flowers, borne well above the foliage, on strong stems. Owing to their vigor this strain withstands the hot and dry weather better than any other variety, and produces its great, beautiful blossoms in profusion all summer. Over a hundred different shades and combinations of colors.

**Fancy Striped Pansies.**

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 cold and beautiful and distinct stripes.

**Fancy Scarlet and Red Pansies.**

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

**Fancy Margined Pansies.**

The large, fine blossoms of these are of various colors, white, blue, black, yellow, purple, etc., with beautiful margines of white and gold bordering each flower. The effect is very unique and beautiful.

**Children’s 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.

**Mixed Colors.**
New Marguerite Centaureas.

For an early summer garden, no flower surpasses these superlative Centaureas. Each plant produces scores of ruffles which are borne on long, wiry stems, and are exceedingly graceful, either for cutting, for vases, or for corsage wearing, as they come in an extra large size. Flowers 2 to 3 inches across, of the most lovely texture, and superb fragrance. Sow seed in open ground very early; the plants will be a foot and blooming and setting seed for several months. Their beauty and value may be judged when we say that they are superior in every way to Carnations, not only in beauty and usefulness for cutting, but in fragrance as well. They grow like a weed in any situation.

Per pkt.
- Pure White—Perfectly divisible...
- Odorata Purple—For cutting, contrasting nicely.
- Mixed, All Colors.

Elegant New Phloxes.

Childs' Jubilee—This scarlet Phlox is one row Star Phlox and is a perpetually flowering variety. The flowers are a bright red and shade on the lower surface of the petals, are up to six inches in size, and are borne in clusters at the ends of branches. This variety is perpetual flowering, and flowers are abundant from May to September. Each stem produces an abundance of flowers, and the plants are excellent for the cutting garden. The flowers are of a bright red color.

Per pkt.
- Odorata Purple—For cutting, contrasting nicely.
- Mixed, All Colors.

Grandiflora Mixed Colors—A fine assortment of mixed colors, large flowering.

Pure White
Coccinea—Brilliant red
Rosea—Fine clear rose
Isabelina—Fine yellow

Alpine Everbearing Bush Strawberries.

Fruits in one month are ready. Wonderful berries, having no runners, but growing fine in full-sized plants; fruit similar to other Alpine. Easiest to grow, single plants in this State having yielded one quart of berries all picking in November. Fine for borders, as they throw out no runners, and are singularly beautiful when laden with their delicious fruit. Grown easily from seed, the seedlings bearing well the first summer. Perfectly hardy and of exquisite flavor. City people, or others, who desire to grow 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 than these charming Bush Strawberries.

Everbearing Bush Red—Like the above, but a fine crimson color. Per pkt. 75c.
Everbearing Bush White—Beautiful snow-white fruit of exquisite flavor. Per pkt. 75c.

One packet each of the two sorts 15c.
New Giant-Flowered Petunias.

A giant-flowered strain which originated in California. The Double is particularly fine.

Childs' New Hybrids—Stripped, blotched and stained. Large funnel-shaped flowers of intense brilliancy and vivid marking: never out of bloom; fine for pots.

Giant-Flowered Single, Mixed Colors—Large single flowers of a great variety of superb colors and fancy markings. Exceedingly beautiful.

The Rainbow—Hand colored flowers with golden yellow throats; exquisite and comes true every time.

Fringed Perfection—A highly perfected strain, the petals of which are highly ruffled and fringed.

Giant-Flowered Double, Fringed, Mixed Colors—This strain of giant-flowered Petunias originated in California, and it is one of the most valuable new flowers that has ever come from that state. They are the largest and finest colored Petunias ever yet seen. Their size and beauty will be a revelation to all who see them.

A large per cent. comes double from seed than from any other strain we know.

Good Double Mixed Colors.

Ten-Weeks Stocks.

To our mind, we do not catalogue a finer flower than the Ten-Weeks Stock. It has every merit of a perfect flower—a compact habit, many and long spikes of closely-set, large double flowers, each an double as a rose, fine of texture, exceedingly sweet, and varying in color from snow-white to red, blue and yellow. It is a grand bedding and a finest plant blooming the winter through. It develops its greatest perfection in the cool atmosphere of our Northern States. In the South and West a cool situation should be chosen, sheltered from the midday sun. This plant requires rich, mellow soil, and must never be allowed to suffer for water. Poor soil will result in poor flowers. It is wise then useless to plant inferior seed of this flower, that has been brought to its present high standard by careful breeding and high cultivation. Our seed is of the very best, and will please all who try it.

Per pkt.

Early Ten-Weeks—do of the finest colors mixed.

Rich crimson

Clear blue

Yellow, new and fine

Dwarf German—Mixed colors. An extra fine strain of large-flowered Stocks.

New Large-Flowering Globe Pyramidal—One of the finest of all. Immense spikes of true flowers, in almost rainbow colors. We have counted twenty-three different shades in a single bed of these flowers in bloom at one time.

Giant Perfection—One of the finest for the open ground, growing to the height of 2½ feet; flowers also of immense size. Many beautiful colors mixed.

Snowflake—A superb. Flowers as perfect as though cut out of wax. Much grown as a pot flower for cool rooms.

Diamond Flower—(lonopsidum).

A dainty little annual with tufts of tiny foliage and beautiful little white and violet-blue flowers that bloom within a month from the time seed is sown. It will grow in the open ground, over rock-work, or in pots, never exceeding three inches in height, and rarely two. The tiny flowers have a glittering sheen that has given them their name of Diamond Flower, and being surrounded by a wreath of bright green foliage they show to wonderful advantage. For pot culture in winter it is just superb.
Sweet Peas—At 5c. per pkt.

This Collection All at 5c. per Packet, 10c. per Oz.

America—Bright cardinal and white stripe.
Apple Blossom—Shaded pink and rose.
Aurora—Salmon and white stripe; large.
Blanche Burpee—Pure white, slightly hooded.
Blushing Beauty—Light delicate pink.
Capt. of the Blues—Purple mauve, and blue wings
California—Very light soft pink.
Captivation—Purplish magenta; quite unlike any other.
Coquette—Light violet shading to primrose.
Countess of Radnor—Lavender standard and blue wings.
Crown Jewel—Violet and rose-pink blended.
Dorothy Tennant—Deep rose mauve.
Duke of Clarence—Bright rose chartreuse.
Duke of Sutherland—Purplish maroon; indigo-blue wings.
Duke of York—Bright rose, primrose and light pink.
Emily Eckford—Rose-purple changing to almost blue.
Eliza Eckford—White, shaded and edged with light pink.
Emily Lynch—Rose-pink standard; wings light pink.
Emily Henderson—Pure white, large hood flowers.
Ex. Ey. Blanche Ferry—Rose-pink and white.
Fashion—Light purplish crimson.
Golden Gate—Lavender and pinkish lavender blended.
Gorgeous—Bright orange and orange-rose.
Crey Fray—Marbled or watered purple on white.
Her Majesty—Bright rose; one of the prettiest.

SPECIAL OFFER—For only 5c. will send one packet each of 50 distinct and magnificent Sweet Peas.

50 Sorts in One Pkt. for 10c.—For use, we will send a pkt. containing 50 seeds—mixed—one seed each of 50 varieties.

Our Grand Large-Flowering Mixed Sweet Peas—The finest mixture possible, as only the large-flowering or "Grandiflora" type (Eckford's) is used. More than 100 different colors. Per half pound Pkt. 25c. oz. 10c.; 1/4 lb. 35c.; 1/2 lb. 65c.; 1 lb. $1.00; 2 lbs. $2.00.

Dwarf Sweet Pea, "Cupid."

White Cupid—This is a Dwarf Sweet Pea, the plant growing only two inches high, yet spreading out and forming a solid mat of foliage and flowers one and one-half feet across. The blossoms are pure milk white, very sweet of largest size and great substance, and borne on stems four inches long; three flowers on each stem. It begins to bloom as early as May, and, unlike the climbing Sweet Pea, continue in profusion until killed by frost. This is a remarkable feature, and makes it at once one of the most superb plants for bedding, massing and edging in cultivation. A truly unique variety. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; 1/4 lb. 35c.; 1/2 lb. 65c.; 1 lb. $1.00; 2 lbs. $2.00.

Pink Cupid—Exactly like the above, but a lovely pink color. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; 1/4 lb. 35c.; 1/2 lb. 65c.; 1 lb. $1.00; 2 lbs. $2.00.

Mixed Cupid—Five or six different colors. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; 1/4 lb. 35c.; 1/2 lb. 65c.; 1 lb. $1.00; 2 lbs. $2.00.

Double Sweet Peas.

The new double sorts produce flowers nearly half of which will be double. Very beautiful and attractive.

Double Pink.
Double Scarlet.
Double Black.
Double White.
Double Mixed, all colors.

Above Double Sweet Peas, 10c. per pkt.; the 5 pkts. for 50c.

CHILDS.

N. J. LEWIS CHILD.

FLORAL PARK, N. Y.
Childs’ Prize Verbenas

Famous as the finest strain 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 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 embrace 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, striped, variegated, etc.; in fact, a thousand different colors and combinations.

**Childs’ Prize, Mixed Colors**—Hundreds of delicate shades. Enormous sized flowers; dwarf, compact habit, and prodigious bloom.......... 10

**Childs’ Prize, Pure White**—Comes true from seed. Great trusses of snowy blossoms of exquisite fragrance .......... 15

**Childs’ Prize, Scarlet**—A very intense scarlet .......... 15

**Extra Choice Mixed**—Many fine colors .......... 5

**Mayflower**—Mixed colors .......... 29

**Zinnias.**

From early childhood the Zinnia has been a special favorite with us, and the strain which we cultivate in our first little garden we still grow and sell as our Improved. We have selected the stock seed every year for twenty-five years. This careful selection has brought it to wonderful perfection. This Zinnia is a robust, free grower, furnishing an abundance of large, double blossoms, which are of varied and brilliant colors, during the entire summer and fall. Each flower keeps perfect for six weeks before fading, and each plant is a great mass of bloom all the time, making a show which is peculiar. Nothing else can fill their place. Seed should be started inside, or in the garden about corning planting time.

Per pkt.

**Childs’ Improved, Mixed Colors**—Saved only from select flowers, perfect in shape and color. The finest strain of Zinnias in cultivation. Every plant will produce immense double blossoms of various colors, from white to deep crimson, maroon, pink, orange, scarlet, violet, princess, ball, striped, etc. Every plant will give fine double flowers. Single and poor flowers long ago disappeared from this strain .......... 10

**Improved, Striped**—A good strain, representing all the leading colors, but all striped. This is really the finest strain of Striped or Zebra Zinnias in cultivation .......... 10

**Fire Ball**—Dwarf habit, large double blossoms of intense scarlet, as round and perfect as a ball. It makes a fine border or mass, its bright color and perfect habit showing to great advantage .......... 10

**Snow Ball**—Exactly like Fire Ball, except color. White, snow-white, and makes a charming contrast .......... 10

**Double Yellow**—Blossoms large, and bright golden yellow, 5

**Lilliput, Mixed Colors**—This strain is the gem of beauty and perfection in Zinnias. Plants small and of beauty, each one bearing scores of beautiful little blossoms of the most perfect shape and brightest colors. These charming little Zinnias are gems indeed, and should be in every garden .......... 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 41 and run to page 79, but we do claim that they are as good as can be had anywhere, and much better than the average.

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**ARTIMISIA CACILIS**—Beautifully cut, lacy foliage of fine fragrance and green beauty. Its habit of growth is handsome. It is best grown in garden borders with a thick growth of fine, feathery foliage, which is a bright green color. It is particularly adapted for cut-flower work, and a well used, useful and highly satisfactory. It blooms from June to October. It is often used as a pot or vase plant with golden staters. Its shape is like that of a small, top-heavy plant, but it is very nice making it very conspicuous. Grows in rich loamy soil and has boundless foliage. Few garden flowers so perfectly harmonize.

**ASTER, IMERIQUE POMPON**—Its flowers, almost round as a ball. Twenty-five colors, mixed.

**ARGENANTHUS, Mixed Sorts**—Are valuable on account of their very beautiful and often brilliantly colored foliage, sometimes surpassing the best flowers. Growth is compact, only eight inches high; flowers large; colors—very brilliant, orange, scarlet, yellow, mottled, white, rose, striped, etc.

**BRACHYCOME (Swan River Daisy)**—A graceful, Gerbera-like flower, often called Swan River Daisy. Plant blooms quickly and remains in bloom for 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.

**CALYTHENOMON, Tom Thumb**—Mixed colors. For San Francisco, growing only eight inches high; flowers large; colors—very brilliant, orange, scarlet, yellow, mottled, white, rose, striped, etc.

**CALENDULA, Double Mixed**—A superb flower, large, double, and perfect in every 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 flowers.

**CALLIOPSIS, New Double**—This new double form of the old Coreopsis is most desirable flower for garden culture, as it grows freely and blossoms continually in any soil or situation. The flowers possess all the rich and varied colors of the single form, and are always greatly admired. All colors, mixed.

**CALLIOPSIS, Lanceolata (Triennials)**—One of the best-blooming plants, with large, striking flowers of a bright golden yellow, and blooms from August to October. This plant is very free in blooming, flowers being above the foliage, making it an capital border plant. CENTAUREA CYANUS, Victoria—This variety is much lower, and blooms above the foliage, which is borne hundreds of lovely blue blooms, from August to November. Large, and grows to flowers within thirty days after seed is sown.

**CENTAUREA CYANUS, Double**—A new dwarf variety which comes in pinks, blues, and many of the colors being stripes for variegated.

**CHRYSANTHEMUM, Annual, Mixed Colors**—A new dwarf variety which comes in pinks, blues, and many of the colors being stripes for variegated.

**CHRYSAEIS, Dwarf Feathertop**—Panicles of double blossoms.

**CHERIANTHUS, Fairy Queen**—This fine fall flow is richly colored all the year round, with its most brilliant shades of rose and scarlet, and forms a perfect mass of bloom, bearing a month after seed is sown. A very hardy plant, and a great favorite for forcing in the greenhouse, and it is very profitable to form a large stock of the plants.

**ESCHSCHOLTZIA, Mixed Colors**—The Eschscholtzia is one of the handsomest, most evergreen of our hardy flowers. It is a low-growing and blooming low-growing plant, and its beauty is greatly enhanced by the bloom seen after the plants are above ground. The flowers are very hardy, and are borne in large numbers, of which there is a great choice, and a very few of the colors, exceedingly showy, are very suitable for pot plants. They are almost everything that can be desired in a flower for edging flower beds or for borders. Snowflakes, which are very beautiful and make fine edgings for borders, are excellent for pot plants, and the flowers are exceedingly showy in the pot, and can be had in all the best colors. They bloom very well in the open ground, and are invaluable for pot plants, and the flowers are very hardy and bloom the whole season.

**FENLIA, Mixed Colors**—Fenlilia is a hardy perennial, and is of wonderful beauty, blooming at all seasons of the year, and producing a fine mass of bloom after the flowers are above ground. The flowers are of a rich red color, and are borne in large numbers, of which there is a great choice, and a very few of the colors, exceedingly showy, are very suitable for pot plants. They are almost everything that can be desired in a flower for edging flower beds or for borders. Snowflakes, which are very beautiful and make fine edgings for borders, are excellent for pot plants, and the flowers are very hardy and bloom the whole season.

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