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Dear Friends:

In this, our annual catalogue, we have endeavored to furnish our customers with a handy, compact reference book that would be of service throughout the entire year.

We want all who grow dahlias to grow the best dahlias and it is our pleasure to give you the benefit of our experience at all times.

The stock grown at Colonial Farms is of the finest quality and is sure to give entire satisfaction. We stand ready to replace or refund the purchase price on anything listed in our catalogue that does not render you entire satisfaction.

New facilities for handling your orders are being continually added to take care of the growth of our business.

We show our appreciation of your patronage by offering you stock of excellent quality at the lowest prices, carefully packed, and by giving your orders our best attention.

Faithfully yours,

COLONIAL FARMS.



THE DAHLIA today is one of the outstanding flowers of our gardens and no garden can afford to be without them and be complete.

For those who have never grown this beautiful flower the gate is open to much adventure and enjoyment.

The culture is comparatively easy and can be grown successfully under adverse conditions, requiring little care, and always giving a reward that is greater than most other flowers. Its great wealth of color and varied types and forms makes this a miraculous flower that will each day reveal a new beauty to be enjoyed.

On the following pages you will find various phases on each step of growing the best dahlias, giving the instructions as brief as possible and still giving the helpful information required that you may grow dahlias most successfully.

The various locations and conditions make it almost impossible to give rules that apply at all times, but in most instances our experience will be valuable to you.

An Invitation

We extend a welcome to all to visit our dahlia gardens in blooming season, September and October, and see our large collection of dahlias. There is no formality of admission and you are not obliged to buy. It is our pleasure to have you enjoy the gardens with us.

COLONIAL FARMS is located one mile east of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, and one mile north of the Lincoln Highway, where the soil and climate is ideal for growing dahlias and the flowers and roots develop to perfection.

ORDER EARLY. Orders are filled in rotation. To insure the reservation of the varieties selected, mail your order today.

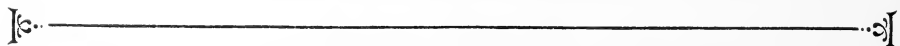
SUBSTITUTIONS. We do not substitute unless directed to do so when sold out of varieties that you have ordered. If the season is far advanced a second choice many times prevents delay in completing the order.

TIME OF SHIPPING. Unless you specify a certain shipping date, your order will be shipped to arrive at the proper time to plant in your locality.

THE PRICES of stock listed in this catalogue are for delivery, prepaid.

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COLONIAL FARMS, COATESVILLE, PA.



THIS LITTLE DAHLIA CATALOGUE IS VALUABLE to those interested in flowers and should it not be of interest to you we would appreciate your passing it to a friend who takes pleasure in growing them.

The History of the Dahlia

The dahlia was first discovered in Mexico in 1615, where it was growing in the wilderness of the Sierras in myriads of many colors and all with open centres.

The Spanish botanists, Cervantes and Cavanilles, were the first to appreciate the greatness of this flower. Seeds of the dahlia were received at the Royal Gardens at Madrid in 1789 by Abbe Cavanilles. The first of these seeds flowered in 1790, producing semi-double flowers which were named after Dr. Andrew Dahl, a Swedish botanist, thus giving the dahlia its name as we have it today.

Previous to 1814 we have no record of there being a double dahlia, the first to be produced by the Botanic Gardens of Brussels, Belgium. Many countries in Europe had made attempts to grow this flower, but were without success. The dahlia in its wild state grew in high elevations and in low temperatures and when this information was conveyed to European growers they made noticeable advancement.

As early as 1814 there were about twelve distinct varieties and, for the next twenty years, few more varieties had been added.

The first Cactus variety was introduced in 1864 in Mexico and sent to England and named Jouerzi in honor of President Jouerez, of Mexico. It was exhibited in London in 1880, and was the means of many new dahlias being introduced, being the parent flower of many varieties existing today.

The first success with dahlias in our own country was about 1832, when they were exhibited at the Pennsylvania Horticulture Exhibition, the roots having been imported from Europe.

In the following twenty years the possibilities of the dahlia had exceeded all expectations and the dahlia as we know it today would cause the botanist of previous days to stand in amazement.

More than 8000 varieties have been introduced and named up to this time; each year new introductions appear and older ones are dispensed with. The older varieties in order to be retained must possess unusual merit.

Some New Introductions For 1927

The varieties in this list are among the best that has been offered to dahlia lovers up to this time. The unusual colorings and size and the formation of the flowers has surpassed all previous seasons. The interest in dahlias is paramount and the shows the coming season have much in store for those interested in this wonderful flower.

AZTEC GLORY

This new Hybrid Cactus Dahlia is lemon yellow, with most attractive well-formed flowers. The stems are strong and hold the flowers erect. This variety is destined to become a great favorite. **Tubers, \$15.00 each**

ADELINE C. LORBEER

A pure bright red Cactus Dahlia that is sure to become a very popular variety. This variety is an excellent cut flower and will not burn in the sun. **Tubers, \$15.00 each**

ELITE GLORY

This dahlia has created a great sensation in the Dahlia World due to its great size and perfect habits. The color is a radiant bright red and very effective. Its having strong habits and texture gives it good keeping qualities. This variety has been awarded many prizes during the past season. **Tubers, \$10.00 each**

EMMA MARIE

A beautiful Pink Hybrid Cactus Dahlia that is unsurpassed. The color is a most delightful shade of pink that is sure to attract, the centre shades to white. A fine exhibition variety. **Tubers, \$3.50 each**

ELIZA CLARK BULL

A pure white Decorative Dahlia that has much depth and great size. The formation is perfect and the giant flowers stand the heat well. During the past season this variety has gained much popularity at the shows and is sure to be in demand. **Tubers, \$5.00 each**

ISLAM PATROL

A Giant Hybrid Cactus Dahlia that is velvety crimson-scarlet tipped with pure gold. An early variety that blooms and holds its perfect formation to the end of the season. **Tubers, \$4.00 each**

Add a few new varieties each year

- OPPORTUNITY**—A Hybrid Show Dahlia that is very pleasing. The color is buff and gold. One of the best Dahlias of this type.....**\$2.00 each**
- PENITENT PAT**—This Decorative Dahlia is yellow shading to buff and the flowers are more than six inches in diameter. The petals are twisted and incurved and gives the flower a very attractive appearance.
Tubers, **\$2.50 each**
- PERPLEXITY**—The flower is well named. This Cactus Dahlia is always a prize winner. The color is crimson—purple and the blooms are borne on long stems held well above the flower.....Tubers, **\$2.00 each**
- PRIDE OF SAN FRANCISCO**—Beautiful rose salmon flowers held upright on stiff stems. This is one of the outstanding Decorative Dahlias.
Tubers, **\$2.00 each**
- SUN MAID**—A new Decorative Dahlia that is gaining much popularity. The flowers are very large and compact, the formation is perfect and the coloring is blended gold and red.....Tubers, **\$7.50 each**
- T. A. LEONARD**—A brilliant rich cerise flower of the Decorative type. A variety that is sure to please because of the unusual coloring.
Tubers, **\$2.50 each**
- THE TITLE HUNTER**—This is a large Decorative Dahlia. The color is salmon shaded with buff, and the flowers are well supported above the heavy green foliage. The variety won many prizes last summer. Our stock of this variety is very limited.....Tubers, **\$3.00 each**
- THE SCREAMER**—A new Peony Flowered Dahlia that is one of the best in this class. The flowers are large and full, and the color is a beautiful purple shade. The plant is very strong and blooms continually.
Tubers, **\$2.00 each**
- VIVIAN WRIGHT**—A vivid pink flower of the Decorative type that grow on long straight stems and makes an excellent cut flower. One of the best bloomersTubers, **\$2.00 each**
- WELCOME**—A giant Decorative Dahlia of fine form and great depth with very broad petals. The color is ivory and soft yellow, the reverse of the petals are apricot. The variety is low growing and must be well disbuddedTubers, **\$1.50 each**
- WESTWEGO**—Large blooms of fawn and rose that are very compact. The stems are very large and the variety blooms profusely. A good Decorative DahliaTubers, **\$5.00 each**

Cactus Dahlias

The formation of the cactus dahlia resembles the chrysanthemum very much, the petals being long, narrow and incurved.

The Hybrid Cactus dahlia has petals that are shorter, wider and the formation is more full than the cactus type. The outer edge of the flower is quilled and incurved. This type of dahlia is often mistaken for the decorative type.

- AMBASSADOR**—This dahlia is one of the best ever introduced and has won much favor wherever exhibited. The color is soft buff, shaded salmon-pink and borne on long erect stems well above the foliage. The Ambassador ranks high among dahlias and is probably the best cactus dahlia known\$1.25 each
- CIGARETTE**—H. C.—Creamy-white petals tipped with orange. The flowers are of good size and very artistically arranged\$1.50 each
- CORAL**—A coral-pink variety that is a very good bloomer and is fine for cutting25c each
- COUNTRY GIRL**—Golden yellow suffused salmon; produces a quantity of blooms30c each
- ESTHER R. HOLMES**—H. C.—Bright orchid-pink, borne on long stems and has great blooming qualities\$1.00 each
- F. W. FELLOWS**—A beautiful salmon-pink flower shading to terra-cotta at the base of the petals. Fine erect stems are perfect in formation, making it an excellent cut flower50c each
- FRANCIS LOBDELL**—H. C.—Bright pink flowers shading to white; good size and formation85c each
- GOLDEN GATE**—The flower is a deep golden yellow shading to golden amber. The plant is very sturdy50c each
- GOLDEN WEST**—Deep rich yellow overlaid with orange; the flowers are borne above a mass of light green foliage60c each
- JEAN CHARZOT**—H. C.—Giant flowers, red shading to orange and yellow at the tips of the petals\$1.00 each

THE SELECTION.—The first and most important thing to be considered in growing dahlias successfully. First, select the stock from a reliable grower, where you obtain healthy stock free from stunt and disease. The best stock is always cheaper at a higher price than inferior stock at a low price.

The personal likes and dislikes are second to be considered, and no one can do this for you entirely, but much assistance can be offered if you state the type, color, etc. Often the grower can make a better selection, knowing the habits and form of the various varieties than the buyer, and when the selection is left to us, we make the selection with the same care we would for ourselves and do not take this means of dispensing with varieties we wish to discard, but send varieties that we have in large quantities and feel there will be ample left to meet all requirements.



Mariposa

MARIPOSA—H. C.—Lavender pink, shaded lighter at outer edge of petals. This beautiful flower has depth as well as diameter and produces a stem well able to support the flower. Mariposa blooms freely and always retains a compact centre. For exhibition purposes it is sure to win a prize.....\$1.00 each

MRS. ETHEL F. T. SMITH—H. C.—White with a tint of cream, shading to lemon in the centre. Always produces large flowers and very little disbudding is necessary. \$1.00 each

MRS. WARNAAR—H. C.—The flowers are large and attractive. The color is rose shaded to white at the outer edge of petals65c each

SISKIYOU—H. C.—Pink with mauve tint. The flowers of Siskiyou are among the largest ever produced and rank high among the prize-winners.

The plants are vigorous and produce abundance of flowers..\$2.50 each

SUCCESS—Clear canary yellow. A continuous bloomer. The flowers are borne on long stiff stems and have lasting qualities.....25c each

THAIS—A beautiful combination of pink and white. While this is an old introduction, it is still an admirable flower50c each

U. S. A.—H. C.—Deep orange shade of fine formation. A profuse bloomer. An excellent variety\$1.00 each

THE LOCATION.—Select an open sunny location in which to plant your dahlias, out of the reach of trees. Dahlias will not grow well if planted near a wall or solid board fence; they require plenty of fresh air and sunshine. It is very necessary that the tubers have good drainage as they will not thrive with wet feet. Where the soil is heavy sufficient drainage can be obtained by placing sand beneath the plant at the time of planting.

PREPARATION.—The soil is very important and if the ground for planting is selected in the fall and decomposed manure spaded under at that time, the first task is well begun. In the spring keep the soil well cultivated until time of planting and do not permit the weeds to grow. The kind of soil is not nearly so important as the condition. At time of planting spade the soil well to a depth of twelve to fourteen inches and if the soil is not sufficiently moist it should be wet in advance of planting time.

We sell dahlia divisions, not plants.

The Collection of Six **\$2.50** **ATTRACTION**—H. C.—Large flowers of lilac-pink shade having perfect formation60c each
Cactus Dahlias for

GEORGE WALTERS—H. C. Bright orange flowers shading to yellow at the base of petals. This variety makes an excellent cut flower.
65c each

H. L. BROUSSON—Old rose flowers of good size; the arrangement is artistic; the petals are narrow and incurved35c each

NIBELUNGHORT—H. C.—This variety is an early and continuous bloomer. The color is rose shaded to white at the outer end of the petals; the flowers are large and attractive40c each

PIERROTT—The flowers are a deep amber tipped pure white; sometimes the petals shade to light yellow. The blooms are of good size borne on long stems60c each

TOM LUNDY—H. C.—The flowers are of gigantic size. The color is rich, dark, velvety crimson throughout. This variety does well in a warm climate\$1.00 each

ONE ROOT EACH OF THE ABOVE SIX DAHLIAS (Value \$3.60)
for \$2.50 Postpaid.

The Collection of Six **\$1.25** **COUNTESS OF LONSDALE**—A beautiful salmon pin-buff. This dahlia is always a great bloomer and an excellent cut-flower35c each
Cactus Dahlias for

HOMER—The flower is a bright rich maroon color and always blooms profusely. The plant has a vigorous growth30c each

LAWINE—White suffused blush. This variety blooms early and continuously and is an excellent cut flower25c each

LIBELLE—This attractive variety, while not a new introduction, never fails to win admiration. Its unusual color of purple makes it an excellent variety for decorative purposes25c each

MARJORIE CASTLETON—Perfectly formed flowers of the most attractive shade of pink. Early and continuous bloomer30c each

WODAN—H. C.—A beautiful shade of old gold shading to salmon at the outer edge of the petals35c each

ONE ROOT EACH OF THE ABOVE SIX DAHLIAS (Value \$1.80)
for \$1.25 Postpaid.

THE PLANTING.—The time for planting in this vicinity is from May 20 to June 15, although many dahlias planted as late as August have bloomed very successfully. In most instances this late planting is not advisable as the danger of frost is great. The rows should be four feet apart and the plants three feet apart in the row. The upper part of the tuber should be four inches below the surface. Lay the tuber flat with the eyes or sprouts up and never stand the tuber on end. It takes two to three weeks for the plant to come through the ground, and they should not be disturbed.

It pays to buy your dahlia roots from us

Decorative Dahlias

This class of dahlias is attracting the most attention today as it is continually giving many new and wonderful creations. The flowers of the decorative dahlia are mostly large and are full to the centre; the petals vary in shape and size. Many of the best varieties are in this class.

- AMUN RA**—Large reddish-bronze flower, borne on long stems. This variety has one of the most beautiful color combinations known in the dahlia field. Blooms will keep many days after being cut and when frost arrives, it finds this variety still at its best.....\$1.00 each
- AMERICAN BEAUTY**—Like the color of the American Beauty rose. A flower of good formation and one that is always admired....35c each
- BASHFUL GIANT**—Apricot shaded flowers of giant size borne on long stems which hang their heads with this giant flower.....\$1.00 each
- BLACK BEAUTY**—A flower of good size and formation. Its black flower makes a fine showing on the green background of foliage....50c each
- CHAMPAGNE**—The color is golden chamois. This is a very popular exhibition variety\$1.50 each
- CUBAN GIANT**—Very dark crimson flowers of good formation. The plant is very sturdy and blooms continually35c each
- EARLE WILLIAMS**—The very large blooms are a brilliant red color with stripes of white distributed throughout\$1.25 each
- EL DORADO**—Blooms are immense. Color is vivid gold, becoming deeper in the centre. The plants are vigorous and support the flowers well. This dahlia has exceptional merit\$3.50 each
- EDITH CAVELL**—Red shading to bronze, with a tint of gold. The large sized flowers are borne on long stems50c each
- FAITH GARIBALDI**—Deep rose flowers of great size and perfect formation. This dahlia has been a prize-winner and its keeping qualities are the best\$4.00 each
- INSULINDE**—A great favorite. Color is rich golden buff with glittering sheen of gold. The under side of the petals is rose.....85c each
- ISABEL STREET**—Rich carmine flowers, shading to pink at the outer edge of petals. A continuous bloomer75c each
- JERSEY BEAUTY**—The best pink dahlia. This variety has been very popular with dahlia fans as it is perfect in every respect. The flowers are carried well above the foliage on long wiry stems\$2.00 each
- THE CULTIVATION**.—Do not cultivate when the soil is wet. Hoe carefully to prevent a crust forming; the deeper the soil can be worked the longer it will hold the moisture. Much care must be exercised when cultivating before the plants can be seen, as they are easily broken.

FERTILIZING.—It is a good time to apply manure on the surface in the autumn and better results are obtained if turned under, but if this has not already been accomplished, work it in with the hoe when the plants are well above the ground. When the plants are beginning to bud apply a good concentrated fertilizer containing phosphoric acid and potash; avoid rich nitrogenous fertilizers, as they make an overabundance of foliage at the expense of flowers and roots and the tubers are poor keepers. They shrivel very quickly and are always soft and inferior. An application of bone meal worked in between the rows when the flowers are beginning to bloom is of much assistance to the flowers and roots.

- JUDGE MAREAN**—A glowing shade of salmon-pink well blended with orange, yellow and gold. Strong stems support the flowers...**\$1.00 each**
- JACK ROSE**—The plants are sturdy and are sure to bear a great mass of showy crimson flowers. The blooms resemble the rose of the same name. Excellent for cutting**20c each**
- JOHN WANAMAKER**—A beautiful orchid-pink variety. A profuse bloomer. The plants make heavy growth and require much disbudding**35c each**
- LA MASCOTTE**—This unique flower is silvery white on upper side of petals, with a rich velvety shade on the reverse side of the petals.
\$1.00 each
- MARIAN CHRISTINE**—Bright salmon-pink, shading to red. The flowers are large and attractive**85c each**
- MINNIE BURGLE**—One of the best red dahlias. Even though it is an old variety, it still has many good qualities**35c each**
- MINNIE McCULLOUGH**—Beautiful shade of golden yellow, tipped with bronzy-red. A good autumn shade**25c each**
- MRS. I. DE VER WARNER**—This wonderful flower is soft rosy-mauve and is sure to be an outstanding variety of unusual merit for some time. This variety is much admired in our gardens.....**\$1.00 each**
- MRS. JOHN SHEEPERS**—Bright canary-yellow, shading to a beautiful shade of pink. Always a favorite**75c each**
- MRS. LOUISA FINGER**—This large white flower is one of the best white dahlias ever introduced**85c each**
- PORTHOS**—A large red flower that is sure to please. The plants are sturdy and produce a large quantity of flowers**75c each**
- ROSA NELL**—Bright rose, a color that is very rare in dahlias. The very large blooms are borne on long stems far above the foliage...**75c each**
- ROOKWOOD**—Ever a prize-winner. Cerise-rose flowers of great size with excellent formation**\$1.00 each**
- SAGAMORE**—Bright golden-rose, shaded orange. This dahlia has much popularity and is sure to please**\$3.50 each**
- SNOWDRIFT**—A giant white dahlia that has depth to the flower as well as size. Many prizes have been awarded to this variety and it deserves a place in your garden**\$1.00 each**
- THE GRIZZLEY**—Immense crimson flowers that have size and substance. A very admirable variety**\$1.00 each**
- TOMMY ATKINS**—The color is flaming scarlet, with a metallic lustre. The large flowers are supported on long sturdy stems.....**\$1.00 each**

WATERING.—This is not necessary until the plant is starting to develop and when watering give the plant a good soaking. Do so in the morning or evening. Once or twice each week is all that is necessary. When artificial watering cannot be resorted to, mulching will suffice, but when this is done it stops cultivation, so must not be applied until August.

A Decorative Collection of Dahlias for \$3.50

A. R. JOHNSON—Rich golden apricot flowers of good formation. A free bloomer85c each

MILLIONAIRE—The flowers are monsters in size and the formation is perfect. The color is lavender-pink, shading to white. The plant is very sturdy and supports the flower well65c each

GLORY OF ARGONNE—An excellent cut flower. The outer petals are rosy-pink and the centre is white. Does not require much disbudding and is sure to give a quantity of flowers60c each

MRS. J. HARRISON DICK—The flowers are borne on stiff upright stems. The color is bright yellow with outer petals flushed pink.....60c each

PORTHOS—A beautiful red flower that is sure to please. A good cut flower and a profuse bloomer75c each

WATER LILY—This immense lilac-pink variety is borne on sturdy stems that are well able to support the gigantic blooms.....\$1.00 each

ONE ROOT EACH OF THE ABOVE SIX DAHLIAS (Value \$4.45) for \$3.50 Postpaid.

A Decorative Collection of Dahlias for \$1.25

AUTUMN ROSE—This flower has a rose-like formation and is a continuous bloomer. Its color is a beautiful shade of amber, tinted rose..25c each

MARCEDES ST. KEYNE—A beautiful combination of yellow and carmine. The flowers are very attractive and are produced in large quantities30c each

MRS. WILLIAM HARTONG—The color is bright bronzy yellow and the plant is very sturdy25c each

PRINCE OF ORANGE—The flowers are produced in massive quantities on the low-growing plants. The orange and yellow shades are well blended25c each

MRS. C. H. BRECK—A dahlia of yellow coloring suffused with rosy carmine. The petals pointed give the blooms unusual beauty...35c each

PURPLE KING—This beautiful shade of light purple makes this a very attractive flower. Few surpass it as a cut flower.....30c each

ONE ROOT EACH OF THE ABOVE SIX DAHLIAS (Value \$1.80) for \$1.25 Postpaid.

If you do not find the dahlias listed in this selection, write us. We have many dahlias of which the stock is too limited to list.

DISBUDDING.—To get the best blooms it is necessary to disbud, otherwise they will become bushy and mature and harden up, giving only inferior flowers. By following the instructions (the process being very simple) you will have more pleasing results. First, permit only one shoot to remain (never more than two), selecting the most hearty one, removing all others. Pinch out the top when the second set of leaves appear, thus making the plant branch out and support itself on all sides. When the lateral shoots or flower branches develop flower buds, at every pair of leaves on the branch a new set of shoots appear and when they develop enough to remove with the fingers, remove all except the last one at the base of the branch and when cutting the flower cut down to the remaining shoot, when it will also develop a long flower stem and put forth a flower. In the late autumn cease this operation and let the plant grow, as this helps to mature the roots.

We send strong divisions that are sure to grow.

Pompom Dahlias

The blooms are very small and compact. This type blooms more profusely than any other type. The plants grow in neat little bushes and are adapted for borders. The small flowers are well suited for house decoration.

BACCHUS—Crimson-scarlet. This variety blooms profusely. Exceptionally showy40c each

CLARA HARSH—A very attractive crimson flower tipped with yellow. 40c each

CLARISSA—A perfectly formed flower of pale primrose color. The little flowers are always admired40c each

DR. JIM—A bright purple shade with outer petals of light purple. The flowers have perfect formation40c each

GUIDING STAR—Pure white flowers borne in great quantities almost covering the plant, giving the plant a snow-white appearance....25c each

KLEIN DOMITTEA—Golden terra-cotta flowers appearing closely over the plants35c each

LITTLE HERMAN—Little scarlet flowers tipped white, making them appear very striking25c each

MAROON—The maroon flowers appear in liberal quantities and last well when cut. The hard, compact centre gives it good form.....20c each

PETITE JOHN—Lavender-rose flowers that are very pleasing. The blooms appear in great quantities25c each

VIVID—This compact little flower is a beautiful shade of bright glowing scarlet40c each

Ball Dahlias

This is the old-fashioned ball-shaped dahlia. This type is still in demand and contains some excellent varieties.

CUBAN QUEEN—Compact flowers with lemon-yellow surface, shading to pink at point of petals25c each

GRAND DUKE ALEXIS—Large ball-shaped flowers with quilled petals perfectly formed. The color is white-edged scarlet. The plant is vigorous35c each

QUAKER LADY—The flowers are white and yellow-tipped amber and appear in large quantities25c each
All roots are sent postpaid.

INSECT PESTS.—The dahlia has few serious pests to contend with, in fact, less than most any other flower and, if at any time our customers are troubled with insects attacking the dahlias or dahlia diseases, our advice in controlling the trouble will be cheerfully given.

CUTTING THE FLOWERS.—This should be done in the morning and the stems placed in water at once. Cut long stems even if you do not want them, as this will keep the plant down and develop long stems on the following flowers. Do not let the flowers fade on the bush. The more you cut the better will be the next blooms.

Peony-Flowered Dahlias

The flowers are generally semi-double, exposing a golden-yellow centre. This type contains many wonderful colors and is increasing in popularity.

BERTH VON HEEMSTEAD—The flowers are very large. The color is yellow suffused bronze **30c each**

DREAMLIGHT—Large flowers of pale rose, shading to yellow at the base of the petals **90c each**

ROSALIA STYLES—Rosy pink, shaded white. The flowers are immense and beautiful **60c each**

SUNRAY—The beautiful flower is golden-yellow, shading to amber and rose. The blooms are borne on long stems and carried well above the foliage, and blooms early and continuously **25c each**

COLLARETTE DAHLIAS

This type of dahlia is single, with an additional row of petals which form a collar of different color. This type is a novelty.

FROGMORE—Orange scarlet with perfectly arranged color of pure yellow **25c each**

MAURICE RIVOIRE—The flowers are of deep crimson with a perfectly arranged collar of pure white **25c each**

A SELECT MIXTURE

This assortment of dahlias comprises many varieties, including several types and colors. Some are large flowered dahlias and others are of the smaller types. The mixture contains a good range of colors. The roots are all vigorous, but are not labeled, therefore we offer them to you at a bargain price **12 for \$1.00**

DAHLIA SEED

Dahlias are easily grown from seed and every plant grown from seed is an entirely new variety and is sometimes better than the original flower.

Our special strain of seed is gathered with great care from the new and best varieties. All varieties from which we save seeds have many good points. Most of the varieties are California introductions. The seeds should be planted early in the spring indoors and replanted in the open when all danger of frost is past. Many new seedlings will bloom the first year.

Each package contains fifty seeds or more **50c**

It is always a pleasure to hear of the success our friends have in growing dahlias and also a pleasure to assist them whenever possible.

DIGGING AND STORING THE ROOTS.—Lift the roots when frost has destroyed the plants, exercising great care so as not to break the necks of the tubers. The clumps should be stored upside down in a cool frost-proof cellar, carefully covered with dry sand, peat or something that will prevent them from drying out.

A COLLECTION OF YOUR OWN SELECTION

You may make a selection to your own liking from the varieties listed below.

CACTUS VARIETIES

HOMER
LAWINE
LIBELLE

MARJORIE CASTLETON
CORAL
COUNTRY GIRL

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

EDITH CAVELL
JACK ROSE
JOHN WANAMAKER
MINNIE BURGLE

AUTUMN ROSE
MARCEDES ST. KEYNE
MRS. WILLIAM HARTONG
PRINCE OF ORANGE

POMPOM DAHLIAS

GUIDING STAR
MAROON

LITTLE HERMAN
PETITE JOHN

Any Twelve of the Above-Named Varieties for \$2.00 Postpaid

A COLLECTION OF TWELVE DAHLIAS OF OUR SELECTION FOR \$2.00

Every season there are many varieties that we do not have enough stock to list or have more than is required for our planting stock, and we offer this stock to you at an exceptional bargain price that we may reduce our surplus and at the same time give you a special selection that we could not offer you otherwise. This collection does not contain any inferior varieties that would not be desired.

In making this selection we take special care in selecting a good number of different colors and the majority are large flowering varieties.

A good collection of dahlias, including all types and colors, is sure to afford much pleasure.

DIVIDING THE TUBERS.—Separate the tubers when they begin to sprout in the early spring, leaving a crown to each tuber as there are no eyes elsewhere on the tuber. A small tuber with a good crown will make as strong a plant as a larger tuber.

The Surprise Collection of Dahlias

For those who are not familiar with the different types and varieties of dahlias and prefer to leave the selection to us, we will send them a specially selected collection containing a good number of colors, types and different varieties, each variety labeled.

The varieties offered in this collection are all dahlias that will be sure to please you. This is not a collection of varieties for which there is no demand, and this disposition is made to dispose of them. The dahlias listed in this collection are varieties that are grown in large quantities and others that the stock is too limited to list in our catalogue this season.

You may state the colors and types you prefer and the number you prefer of each class and the amount you wish to expend and we will send you a collection that will be sure to please you.

We cannot offer you the Surprise Collection for less than \$3.00, but we assure you the value sent will greatly exceed that amount.

WHEN ORDERING THIS COLLECTION, JUST STATE THE QUANTITY OF ROOTS YOU DESIRE AND THE AMOUNT YOU WISH TO EXPEND

It gives us much pleasure to hear of the success our friends have had in growing dahlias.

In the back of the little catalogue you will find two pages that you may record your success, as well as your planting data, and at some future time write to us about it.

Our dahlia gardens embrace many new and interesting varieties, and a visit during the autumn months is sure to be enjoyed by all.

PLACE YOUR ORDER WITH US NOW and it will be shipped to arrive at planting time in your locality and at the same time you will be assured of receiving the varieties you most prefer.

Stock for your order is reserved upon receipt of same, and many times the varieties are sold out when you delay ordering to a later date. There is no time like the present to complete your plans for the coming planting season.

Gladioli

A flower garden is never complete without adding some bulbs of this gay flower. They can be planted in massive form in beds, or they add great attraction to the border when placed here and there among the other plants. The flowers when cut last for a long time and bloom to entirety.



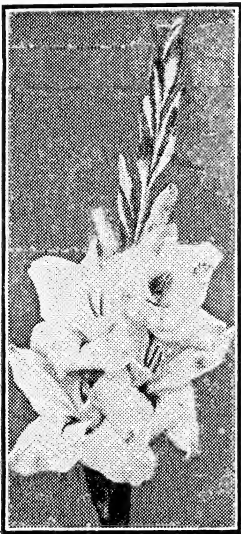
Niagara

- AMERICA**—The ever popular variety is lavender-pink, and the blooms have great size; they appear closely on long spikes.
10c each; 3 for 25c
- BARON HULOT**—Rich deep indigo shade; long spikes, with flowers closely set.
15c each; 3 for 40c
- BLACK BEAUTY**—Very dark red flowers stained with black; the form is excellent.
15c each; 3 for 40c
- COWEE'S SCARLET**—This is one of the largest varieties introduced. The color is glowing-scarlet, and the brilliant shade attracts much attention. .40c each; 3 for \$1.00
- CRACKER JACK**—A dark red flower spotted with yellow and maroon. A very attractive combination10c each; 3 for 25c
- HALLEY**—Delicate rose with white blotch. The variety is a very early bloomer.
10c each; 3 for 25c
- GRETCHEN ZANG**—Massive pink flowers, with scarlet blendings on the lower petals. Arrangement very pleasing15c each; 3 for 40c
- HERADA**—The color is clear mauve, and the large flowers are closely set on the long spikes. An outstanding variety10c each; 3 for 25c
- LE MARECHAL FOCH**—Deep salmon rose flowers grown on long, vigorous spikes. An excellent cut flower10c each; 3 for 25c
- MRS. DR. NORTON**—This variety has been awarded high honors in all displays. The color is white with suffusion of yellow, and the tips of petals are pink10c each; 3 for 25c
- MRS. FRANCIS KING**—The flowers are light scarlet borne on long spikes. The variety is very showy10c each; 3 for 25c
- MRS. FRANK PENDLETON, JR.**—Large flowers flushed salmon-pink with blood-red blotch in the throat10c each; 3 for 25c
- NIAGARA**—Flowers are a creamy yellow shade, with the lower petals shaded darker. The throat is blended carmine. The vigorous growth makes this variety fine for cutting10c each; 3 for 25c
- PEACE**—Large white flowers with pale-lilac blotch on lower petals. Blooms appear close together on heavy spikes10c each; 3 for 25c
- PRINCEPINE**—Rich carmine red flowers, with large white blotch on lower petals. The spikes grow very tall10c each; 3 for 25c
- ROSE ASH**—A very distinct color, old rose blended pink, red and gray combination. This unusual flower is an excellent variety and makes an effective display for house decoration 20c each; 3 for 50c
- WAR**—Deep blood-red flower shaded to black. This is a tall, graceful flower that is always admired10c each; 3 for 25c

A SPECIAL COLLECTION OF GLADIOLI FOR \$1.00

Two bulbs each of the following varieties each labeled (value)

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| America (pink) | Halley (rose) |
| Baron Hulot (blue) | Mrs. Francis King (salmon) |
| Herada (mauve) | Peace (white) |
| Niagara (yellow) | Princepine (red) |



Souvenir

PRIMULINUS GLADIOLI

This form of flower never fails to please, and the delicate shades are not found in other types. Each flower appears artistically arranged on a long graceful spike.

- ALICE TIPLADY**—Large flowers of orange-saffron color. The spikes are very tall and effective.....10c each; 3 for 25c
- FIRE QUEEN**—A beautiful orange scarlet flower with yellow throat.....10c each; 3 for 25c
- MAIDENS BLUSH**—Delicate blush-pink flowers of good formation10c each; 3 for 25c
- ORANGE BEAUTY**—Beautiful orange flowers borne on long spikes10c each; 3 for 25c
- SOUVENIR**—(See illustration). This beautiful golden-yellow is one of the best yellow varieties ever introduced15c each; 3 for 40c

A COLLECTION OF TWO EACH OF THE ABOVE-NAMED GLADIOLI, EACH LABELED, FOR \$1.00

A SUPERB MIXTURE OF GLADIOLI

(First Size Bulbs)

This mixture is composed of a careful selection of bulbs taken from a great variety of seedlings and good-named varieties. The selection contains several types and a wide range of colors.

6 for 30c; 12 for 50c; 25 for 80c; 50 for \$1.50 Postpaid

SECOND SIZE MIXTURE—A mixture of good varieties and a variation of colors. The bulbs are second size and are large enough to bloom the first season12 for 35c; 25 for 65c; 50 for \$1.15 Postpaid

WHY NOT MAKE SUCCESSION PLANTING OF GLADIOLI?

If you make the first planting of gladioli when the trees begin to leaf and plant every two weeks until the first of July, you will have flowers all summer. No garden can afford to be without a liberal planting of this beautiful flower.

Roses For Every Place

ROSES are loved so much by every one that a catalogue is not complete without them. So many of our friends have written to us about roses that we have decided to offer a small collection this season.

Roses are very easy to grow and are sure to give a good reward for very little effort. There is always room in every garden to add another rose.

HYBRID TEA ROSES

This class is commonly called Everblooming or Monthly Roses.

COLUMBIA—A pink, deepening as it matures to a glowing tint. The rich, pink blooms have excellent formation. The plant has very few thorns.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY—Bright red bloom and a very attractive flower. A profuse bloomer.

KAISERIN AUGUSTA VICTORIA—Creamy white flowers borne on long stems. The buds are pointed and fragrant.

MRS. AARON WARD—Deep golden orange flowers that are very attractively shaded to creamy yellow.

HYBRID PERPETUAL ROSES

This class is not as free bloomers as the Hybrid Tea Roses.

FRAU KARL DRUSCHKI—This pure white variety is one of the most beautiful roses. It is one of the largest and most hardy of the white varieties.

GENERAL JACQUEMINOT—Brilliant crimson flowers that are large and exceptionally fine. A universal favorite.

MAGNA CHARTA—Pink shaded carmine. The flowers are large and the variety is a profuse bloomer. Very fragrant.

CLIMBING ROSES

(Ever Blooming)

CRIMSON RAMBLER—Beautiful crimson blooms borne in clusters. The variety is very hardy.

DOROTHY PARKINS—The shell-pink rambler that is ever popular. The blooms are double and borne in great clusters.

VEITCHENBLAU (Blue Rambler)—Double flowers of light lilac shading to light purple and blue.

YELLOW RAMBLER—Yellow buds which shade to white when the flower opens. The variety is strong and hardy.

CULTURE

Plant in rich soil, making holes deep enough to set the plant two inches below where the plant was budded. Pack the earth firmly around the roots and do not let any composite come in contact with the roots. Keep the soil worked around the plants. In the autumn cover the crowns with soil by heaping it around the plant.

PRICES FOR ALL ROSES

Strong field-grown bushes, 2 years old, 80c. each; 6 for \$4.00, Postpaid.

We cannot ship Roses after May 15th

Cannas

This beautiful free-blooming flower always gives much delight with its gorgeous colorings and massive formation. The plants when planted in bed formation makes a wonderful display with their glossy foliage and great range of colors.

The roots should be planted when danger of frost is over and they will bloom over a period of five to six weeks.

DRAGON—Blood-red color that makes a vivid showing over the dark-green foliage. The plant grows 3 feet in height.

EUREKA—This flower is creamy-white, petals are very heavy and the flower is very massive. The foliage is green and the plant grows 4 feet high.

HUNGARIA—The long flowers are pink and this variety is unusually attractive with its tropical effect. Height, 3½ feet.

KING HUMBERT—The flowers are orange-scarlet streaked red and this orchid-flowering variety still holds a very high place among the best introductions, although it is not a new variety. The foliage is a beautiful bronze. Height, 4 feet.

ORANGE BEDDER—A bright orange canna of excellent formation that is sure to please. The foliage is green. Height, 4 feet.

THE PRESIDENT—A massive red canna of brilliant effect. The strong petals closely connected gives it a heavy appearance, but the strong stems support the flower well. Green foliage. Height, 4 feet.

**ONE ROOT EACH OF THE SIX BEAUTIFUL CANNAS FOR \$1.00
POSTPAID**

or if purchased separately, 25c each; 3 for 70c, Postpaid.

Our Sunshine Mixture

This special mixture of cannas contains most colors and varieties. The quality is excellent, but the roots are not labeled.

2 for 25c; 6 for 50c; 12 for 90c

LARGE FLOWERING CANNAS

This tropical plant gives a very desired effect when planted in beds. We offer all cannas in dormant roots which are easily started in a warm place in the house or hotbed. The roots are very easy to grow, and in the warmer parts of the country can be set in their permanent places.

Your garden is our trial ground

Bulbs For the House

The bulbs listed below may be used for pot-planting and are sure to make a gorgeous display of bloom in the house during the winter months.

AMARYLLIS

The bulbs should be planted in pots, covering the bulb with three inches of soil. Place the pot in the window of a cool room.

AMARYLLIS—Mixed. This mixture contains a good assortment of colors and shades **60c each**

BEGONIAS

Begonias are very easily grown; they prefer moisture and do well in semi-shade. When planting cover the top of the bulb with a thin covering of soil, not leaving the bulb visible.

SINGLE—MIXED—We offer these in a good selection of colors, all first-class bulbs **35c each; 3 for 90c**

DOUBLE—MIXED—This mixture contains most all shades and the bulbs are of excellent quality **35c each; 3 for 90c**

GLOXINIAS

Gloxinias grow under the same condition as the Begonia and must be protected from the strong rays of the sun.

MIXED—This selection includes most colors found in the Gloxinia. The bulbs are good size **50c each; 3 for \$1.25**

OXALIS

This little flower is excellent for pot culture or for the hanging basket. The bulbs are small and six to twelve are required for a pot. We list these in white and pink **12 for 25c**

ISMENE

ISMENE CALTHENA—(Peruvian Daffodil). Plant in pots and grow similar to the Amaryllis. The flowers are very fragrant and are borne on long stems, each stem bearing a number of blooms. The foliage is green and very glossy and the flowers are white. The bulb is also good for outdoor planting and must be planted when danger of frost is past **25c each; 3 for 70c**

CALLAS

ETHIOPICA—(Lily of the Nile). The old favorite white calla that has been very popular for many years is so very easily grown that everyone should have it that cares for this beautiful house plant.
35c each; 3 for 90c

Liliums

- LILIUM AURATUM**—(Golden Banded Lily of Japan). This is one of the best of the hardy lilies, growing about six feet tall. Each stem bears six to twelve flowers. The blooms are very fragrant. The petals white and the yellow band running down the centre of each petal. 40c each
- LILIUM LONGIFLORUM**—(Easter Lily). The flowers are pure white with anthers of yellow. The blooms are fragrant; the flower stock is from two to three feet tall 40c each
- LILIUM REGALE**—(Royal Lily). The flowers are white suffused pink, slightly shading to yellow at the centre. They are very fragrant. The blooming season is July 60c each
- LILIUM RUBRUM**—(Show Lily). The large flowers are white suffused pink, spotted red. Blooms during September. The variety grows about four feet in height 35c each
- LILIUM TIGRINUM FORTUNEI GIGANTEUM**—(Tiger Lily). This is probably the best known of the hardy lilies. The flowers are borne in clusters of a dozen or more. They are salmon-red spotted brown. The blooming season is August and September 35c each
- CULTURE**—Plant bulbs in Spring or Fall about three to four inches deep, in well-drained soil, avoiding manure and rich fertilizer. Water frequently during the dry season.

Peonies

Peonies may be planted in the Fall or the Spring season. They do best in well-drained garden soil.

Place the roots in their natural position from two to four feet apart; the new eyes should be about four inches below the surface of the ground. The soil should be well cultivated to a depth of eight inches or more before planting the roots; work in an application of bone meal. A light covering of stable manure for the winter will prevent the new roots from freezing and thawing during the winter months.

- DUCHESSE DE NEMOURS**—Pure white crown with centre tinted a beautiful sulphur-yellow which later fades to white. A vigorous grower and an excellent bloomer, being a midseason variety 60c each
- EDULIS SUPERBA**—Bright rose pink and generally in bloom at Memorial Day. A prolific bloomer and very fragrant 60c each
- FELIX CROUSSE**—A bright red flower of vigorous growth, making an excellent cut flower. The most satisfactory of the red peonies. An early midseason variety \$1.00 each
- FESTIVA MAXIMA**—Pure white with prominent crimson markings; very fragrant, sturdy and tall. The blooms are borne on strong stems and is excellent for cutting. A very early variety 65c each
- RUBRA SUPERBA**—Dark velvety crimson flowers of great size. An excellent bloomer. Very fragrant 75c each
- OUR PEONY OFFER**—One each of the five-named varieties of peonies, all named and labeled (Value \$3.60) for \$3.00 Postpaid.

Bearded Iris

The Bearded Iris are about the first of the perennials to bloom and the colors have a wide range. They are very easy to grow and make a most delightful showing. They are perfectly hardy and are sure to bloom. The Iris makes an excellent cut flower.

- DR. BERNICE**—Beautiful olive-shaded red with falls of dark brownish-red30c each
- HER MAJESTY**—Bright rose pink. The falls are dark crimson. This variety is exceptionally fine30c each
- SHERWIN WRIGHT**—Golden yellow blooms of large size vigorous growth, height 24 inches30c each
- DARIUS**—The standards are golden yellow with falls of light brown; not a tall variety25c each
- EL DORADO**—Yellowish bronze-shaded heliotrope. The falls are violet-purple. An open flower30c each
- FLAVSCENS**—The standards are canary yellow with falls of brown-veined white25c each
- FLORENTINA ALBA**—Pure white flowers of good size. Very fragrant. Height about two feet25c each
- MADAME CHEREAU**—White standards with violet penciling. Falls lavender. A vigorous growth. Height three feet25c each
- MITHRAS**—This is a very imposing variety. The standards are sulphur yellow with falls that are dark brown. Height about three feet.
25c each

OUR IRIS OFFER—One each of the nine-named varieties of Bearded Iris (Value \$2.45) for \$2.00 Postpaid.

A New Bearded Iris

MOTHER OF PEARL—This variety is one of the best that has ever been introduced. It has the soft iridescent colors of Mother of Pearl. Large flowers of great substance and perfect formation. The standards and falls are pale bluish lavender with a tint of cream. \$1.00 each

BEARDED IRIS—MIXED—We have a special mixture of bearded iris comprising a large number of colors. We believe this fine mixture will be sure to please you6 for 50c; 12 for 75c

JAPANESE IRIS, MIXED—This mixture contains a number of named varieties and seedlings and includes a good range of colors.
6 for 60c; 12 for \$1.00

Prices given on Iris are for strong rhizomes

Hardy Plants

- ACHILLEA PTARMICA PEARL**—The white flowers are borne on in great clusters, the plants growing about one foot tall and branching vigorously. This perennial is useful for the border and makes an attractive little cut flower25c each
- ANEMONE, MIXED**—These valuable plants are suitable for massing or single specimens. They grow rapidly and bloom profusely. The blooming period is late autumn. The assortment contains white, carmine, pink and red colors3 for 85c; 6 for \$1.50
- AQUILEGIA (Columbine)—New Long-Spurred Hybrids, Mixed**—This plant is easily grown in most any soil or location that is well drained. They are well adapted for the hardy border. They bloom in the late spring and early summer months. The colors are blue, white and shades of yellow and pink3 for 85c; 6 for \$1.50
- DELPHINIUM (Larkspur)**—The delphinium is one of the tall varieties of perennials for the border as well as the most beautiful in cultivation. Most any garden soil suits their cultivation.
- BELLADONA**—This is the light sky blue variety3 for 85c; 6 for \$1.50
- BELLAMOSA**—The dark blue type3 for 85c; 6 for \$1.50
- HEMEROCALLIS, FLAVA (Lemon Lily)**—Deep lemon-yellow flowers. Blooming season June and July25c each
- KWANSO, fl., pl.**—This is the double orange lily. Blooms somewhat later than the other varieties of hemerocallis25c each
- HYACINTHS, CANDICANS**—This is the summer hyacinth. It grows about four feet tall and produces pure white flowers. These are grown from bulbs25c each
- HIBICUS (New Giant Mallow Marvels)**—The plants grow upright and produce an abundance of flowers of great size and of the richest shades of crimson pink and white3 for 50c
- YUCCA FILAMENTOSA (Adam's Need'e)**—This plant is very striking for isolated positions on the lawn and will do well in places that are very dry. The foliage is sword-like and dark green. The spikes rise high above the foliage and bear many creamy white flowers3 for 75c

Colonial Farms has a large collection of perennial plants. Most of these are offered for fall planting. The fall planting list will be mailed to you if you request it.

Hardy plants are shipped when the ground is open

Montbretias

MONTBRETIAS—MIXED—Are quite hardy and should be planted in the spring in a sunny location with good drainage. The little flowers are borne on slender spikes and resemble the gladioli very much, although very much smaller in size. As a cut flower they will last a long time in the house. The shades are very beautiful and they include orange, yellow, salmon and scarlet. We offer these in mixture only.

2 for 25c; 3 for 35c; 6 for 50c

TUBEROSES

EXCELSIOR PEARL—The tuberose is always an old favorite. They make excellent cut flowers. The creamy white blooms are very attractive 6 for 40c

LABELS, WOOD

For labeling dahlia roots, plants, trees, etc. Painted on one side and wired. Per hundred, 50c

SHEARS

We have a special made pair of shears for dividing dahlia tubers, made of good steel, and can be used for many other purposes. Many tubers are destroyed in the dividing of the roots and this handy double cut tool is curved and pointed for this rugged work, and is sure to save its value the first season. The tool is also excellent for use in cutting the blooms.

9-inch, per pair \$4.50



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The Record of My Dahlia Garden

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If you write the names and addresses of your friends who grow dahlias on the lines below when sending us your order a catalogue will be mailed to them and an extra tuber will be added to your order for the favor conferred.

NOTICE—We use the greatest care to avoid mistakes, but despite our best efforts an error may sometimes occur and we are always ready to make adjustment. We guarantee all stock we sell true to name and to reach you in good condition. We stand ready to replace or refund the purchase price on anything listed in our catalogue that does not give entire satisfaction. This is the limit of our liability.

