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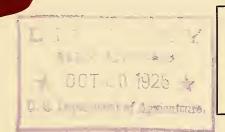
# Beckert's Bulbs

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Giant Trumpet Narcissus

# **Autumn Bulbs for House and** Garden Are Now Ready

ARLY fall is the time to buy bulbs for winter blooming in the house and for early spring flowers in the garden. All these bulbs should make good root growth before freezing weather sets in and those planted in pots particularly should be given opportunity to form a mass of fine feeding roots before they are expected to bloom indoors.

The sooner these bulbs are planted either in pots or in the open ground.

the better will be resulting bloom.

Not only that, but the bulbs are fresh now, and full of life and vigor; and in the case of Narcissus especially, the longer they are kept out of the ground the slower and feebler will be their response.

Early buyers also have the advantage of wider selection because sold-out varieties of a perishable crop like bulbs cannot be replaced. This is especially true of the daffodils, stocks of which are short because of the embargo on foreign importations.

For the same reason there are fewer varieties listed this year as American-grown stocks of Narcissus have not yet reached the point where full supplies of all sorts formerly sold can be obtained. At this time our stocks are complete; the bulbs are in fine condition; and we urge our friends to make their purchases at once.

## Giant Trumpet Daffodils

Narcissus Pseudo-Narcissus

These are among the most charming of our spring flowers, defying, in their earliness, the rough winds of April to grace our lawns and borders. Plant them in masses or have a few pans in your window-

garden, but, by all means, grow some.

Daffodils may be treated as advised for hyacinths; they are not particular as to soil and will thrive for a number of years in ordinary soil. They are, with few exceptions, suitable for naturalizing and, while preferring partial shade, will thrive in full sun exposure. They are very desirable for pot culture, three to five bulbs in a 5 or 6-inch pot producing an attractive group. By planting one or more varieties in succession, such a display may be enjoyed throughout the first three months of the year.

If wanted by parcel post, add postage at your zone rate. First-Size Bulbs weigh 2 pounds per dozen; Mammoth Double-Crown Bulbs, 3 pounds per

dozen.		_
Yellow Trumpet Daffodi	ils	
Yellow or primrose trumpets and petals of the sar	ne colors	s.
Emperor. Large, rich yellow trumpet; prim- Each		100
rose perianth; fine for cutting.		
First-size Bulbs\$0 15		
	1 65	12 00
Golden Spur. Native of the Netherlands.  Large-lobed trumpets, rich, deep self-		
yellow; perianth large and spreading;		
early. First-Size Bulbs	1 75	12 50
IMPROVED VARIETIES		
King Alfred. Uniform golden yellow; this Each	Doz.	100
variety stands unrivaled in size and beauty.		
Its round, fleshy petals, its immense,		
elegantly recurved and beautifully fluted trumpet, and its sturdy growth proclaim it		
the King of Daffodils.		
First-Size Bulbs\$0 30	\$3 00	\$25 00
Mammoth Double-Crown Bulbs 40	4 00	30 00
White Trumpet Daffodi	ls	
Each	Doz.	100
Madame de Graaff. Perianth white; trumpet		
pale primrose, passing off white.	<b>@1</b> 75	@12 F(
First-Size Bulbs\$0 20	<b>\$1</b> /5	\$12.50

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The perianth white or light-colored, with yello	w ti	rumpet.	
Ea	ch	Doz.	100
Empress. Very large and beautiful white			
perianth; rich yellow trumpet.			
First-Size Bulbs\$0	20	\$1 75	\$12 50
Mammoth Double-Crown Bulbs	25	2 25	16 00
Giant Princeps. Sulphur perianth and yel-			
low trumpet; long and showy; early and			
forces finely. First-Size Bulbs	15	1 40	10 50
Mammoth Double-Crown Rulbe	20	1 75	12.50

BICOLOR TRUMPET DAFFODILS, con	itinued	
Glory of Sassenheim. This might be de- Each	Doz.	100
scribed as a much enlarged form of the old		
favorite Bicolor Victoria. The flowers are		
remarkably large and bold with white		
perianths and rich golden yellow trum-		
pets. Glory of Sassenheim is a strong		
grower, splendid for both garden and		
forcing. Single-Nosed Bulbs\$0 15	\$1 65	
	2 00	15 00
Spring Glory. Rare grace is combined with		
unusual size in this splendid new sort.		
The petals of the perianth are long and		
substantial, pure white in color, while the		
trumpet is deep yellow, very long, fluted		
and flaring at the brim.	. ==	20.00
Single-Nosed Bulbs	2 75	
Double-Crown Bulbs	3 25	24 00
Victoria. Large, erect flowers; creamy white		
perianth and rich yellow trumpet; forces		
easily. The earliest of the Bicolors.	1 10	10 50
First-Size Bulbs		
Mammoth Double-Crown Bulbs	1 75	12 50

# **Short-Trumpet or Crown**

Narcissus Incomparabilis

These are known as the Chalice-Cup Daffodils and, like all the Short-Trumpet varieties, they possess a certain elegance and airy grace which is not to be found in the Giant-Trumpet class. Most of them naturalize readily and some are excellent for forcing.

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#### Narcissus Barrii

Varieties of the Star Narcissus class. Very useful for pots, cutting or borders. This class is one of the best for naturalizing in front of

shrubbery and will increase from year to year, making in time a very effective colony. Three to five bulbs may be planted in a 5-inch pot.				
Conspicuus. Light yellow perianth, turn- Ea	ich	Doz.	100	
ing paler with age; short yellow cup with				
orange-scarlet edge. Very popular and a				
good grower; admirably suited for plant-				
ing in mass\$0	12 \$	1 25	\$9 00	
Rosella. Creamy white perianth, orange cup				
edged scarlet; long, graceful stem	20	2 25	16 50	
Seagull. Broad, pure white perianth; pale				
lemon-yellow cup. Dainty but of good	0.5	0.55	20.00	
substance; it is excellent for all purposes	25	2 75	20 00	



Sir Watkin Narcissus

NARCISSUS I	SARRII, continued
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Southern Star. Creamy white perianth, Each	Doz.	100
turning to white with age; wide, flat,		
lemon-yellow cup, shading to golden yellow at the edge\$0 20	\$2 25	\$16 50
Winnifred. Creamy white perianth, enor-		
mous, wide golden yellow cup, shading to orange at the edge	2 25	16 50

#### Narcissus Leedsii

Eucharis-Flowered	or rragrant	Star Marcissi,	all naving	wnite
perianths.				
F 11 D.C	D I	. Each	Doz.	100
Evangeline. D.C.				

quisite a favor <b>Queen of</b>	large, lemon-yellow cup. Of exform and unusual substance; it is ite for cutting\$0 the North. D.C. Large, glistenowy white perianth; cup primrose-	25	\$2	65	\$20	00
yellow white. Daffod <b>White Lac</b>	with a narrow edge of creamy A conspicuous and beautiful il  y. D.C. Broad white perianth;	30	3	40	25	00

#### Poet's Narcissus (Narcissus poeticus)

Recurvus. D.C. Purest white perianth, dark Each Doz.	100
orange-red cup or eye. Splendid for mass	
planting; not a good forcer, but good	
flower variety for outside growing; very	
Iate\$0 10 \$1 00	\$8 00

## **Double-Flowered Daffodils**

If to be sent by parcel post, add postage at your zone rate. dozen bulbs weigh 4 pounds				
The Double Von Sion, or Golden Yellow Each Doz.  Daffodil. Fine for the garden and is	100			

<b>Daffodil.</b> Fine for the garden and is				
forced in great quantities for cut-flowers.				
First-Size Bulbs\$0	15	\$1.50	<b>\$11</b>	വ
THSC-Size Duids	10	Ψ1 J0	₩II	00
Double-Crown Bulbs	20	2 00	15	00

#### Poetaz Hybrid Daffodils

An altogether new race of Narcissi, crosses in			anthus
and Poeticus orantus, flowering in clusters; perfe-			
Elvira. Pure white, with yellow cup; most E	lach	Doz.	100
popular. First-Size Bulbs\$0	) 12	\$1 25	\$8 00
Double-Crown Bulbs	15	1 75	12 00
Laurens Koster. Produces more flowers to			
the bulb than any other variety, often ten			
or more flowers in a single cluster. Peri-			
anth white, cup bright yellow.			
Single-Nosed Bulbs	20	2 00	14 00
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#### Nosegay Daffodils (Narcissus polyanthus)

This class is particularly adapted to winter and early springflowering. They are not hardy unless well protected. Like the Chinese Narcissi they may be grown in bowls of water and pebbles or in baskets of sphagnum moss.

If to be sent by parcel post, add postage at your zone rate. One dozen bulls weigh 2 pounds

Grand Soleil d'Or. Early and showy golden perianth; brilliant orange cup.
French Bulbs. Extra-Early..........\$0 25 \$2 75 \$20 00

## PAPER-WHITE GRANDIFLORA

Used in enormous quantities for early cut-flowers. Large heads of fragrant flowers. Readily grown in water or moss; very durable. Crop sbort; order early. Each Doz. 100
First-Size Bulbs (13 cm. and up). \$0 10 \$1 15 \$8 00
Large Bulbs (14 cm. and up). 12 1 25 9 00

#### Jonquils (Narcissus odorus and N. Jonquilla)

## **FREESIA**

Very popular and widely cultivated early-flowering fall bulbs. They force readily and can easily be flowered by Christmas. Plant six to ten bulbs, according to size, in a 6-inch bulb-pot, covering 1 inch. Allow them to root in a cool place for about three weeks, then bring to the light. The flowers are very fragrant, gracefully branched, and last a long time.

Free by mail at catalogue price per dozen. For Monster and Mammoth bulbs, add postage at your zone rates—100 bulbs weigh one pound; First-Size bulbs, 100 bulbs weigh one-half pound.

Purity.	Pure	white.	The	largest- E	ach	Doz.	100	1,000
flowe	ring at	nd finest	varie	ety. grown).\$0	07	\$0.75	\$5.00	\$45.00
Mamm	oth Bu	albs. 5/8	to 3/1	in. diam.	06	60	4 50	40 00
Select 1	First-S	ize. $\frac{1}{2}$	to 5⁄8i:	n. diam.	05	50	3 50	30 00

## Giant-Flowering Colored Freesias

General Pershing. One of the finest Each	Doz.	100	1,000
of the new colored Freesias. Rosy			
lavender with yellow throat and			
lip. A strong grower\$0 06	\$0 60	\$4 50	\$40 00
California. Giant Golden Yellow 10	85	5 50	50 00
Carmencita. Beautiful light orange-			
salmon	85	5 50	50 00
Carrie Budan 10	85	5 50	50 00
Ilena	85	5 50	50 00
Olivette 10	85	5 50	50 00
Rainbow Mixture	70	5 00	45 00

### **CALLA**

One of the most satisfactory and easily grown flowers for pot culture and forcing. The bulbs should be planted in rich soil, with the crown or top protruding just above the surface. They require an abundance of moisture, particularly during their flowering season, but after they have bloomed they should be allowed to dry off and remain dormant for several months. They thrive best in a warm temperature and moist atmosphere, with plenty of light.

If to be sent by parcel post, add postage at your zone rate. One mammoth bulb weighs 4 ounces; one dozen, 3 pounds. First-size bulbs and other Callas weigh 3 ounces each, 2 pounds per dozen.

Æthiopica (Lily-of-the-Nile). The old fa- Each	Doz.	100
vorite large-flowering Calla Lily.		
Medium Bulbs\$0 25	\$2 50	\$20 00
Mammoth Bulbs	4 00	30 00
Monster Bulbs 50	5 00	40 00
Elliottiana (The Golden Calla). A beautiful		
variety from South Africa, with a broad,		
trumpet-like tube of a very rich pure		20.00
yellow; leaves spotted white. Large bulbs. 40	4 00	30 00
Godefroyana (The Godfrey Everblooming		
Calla). A stronger grower and more con-		
stant bloomer than Æthiopica. The		
plants are dwarf and compact with dark		
green foliage and pure white flowers.		
First-Size Bulbs. 3-in. cir. and up 30	3 00	22 50

#### Small White Pebbles

For growing Paper-White and Chinese Sacred Narcissus bulbs and French Roman Hyacinths in bowls of water. Qt. 15 cts., 4 qts. 50 cts. Postage 10 cts. per quart.

## HARDY LILIES

We especially recommend deep planting, say, from 6 to 8 inches deep; varieties like Speciosums require at least 8 inches, with an ample amount of sand beneath the bulb to insure proper drainage. Cover the beds with leaves or litter during winter. Lilies thrive well cover the beds with leaves or litter during winter. Lilies thrive well in borders, formal gardens, or shrubbery, and usually flower at a time when the shrubbery has ceased blooming. The following varieties have proved to be sorts that may be planted in the fall or, with the exception of Lilium candidum, in the spring with excellent results. We often receive orders for Lilium candidum for spring delivery. They arrive from France in September, and must be planted by November 1. Where the ground is liable to freeze before late Lilies arrive, it

should be mulched with leaves or manure.

Lilies marked with a star (\*) will not be ready until the latter part of October or November.

If Lily bulbs are to be sent by parcel post, add postage at your zone rate. Bulbs  $11 \times 13$  and  $12 \times 14$  inches weigh 8 ounces;  $9 \times 10$  and  $9 \times 11$  inches, 6 ounces;  $7 \times 9$  inches, 4 ounces; all other varieties, 2 ounces.

## LILIUM CANDIDUM (Madonna Lily)

Choice Northern-Grown. Arrive in August or September

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The favorite Lily of the old-fashioned garden, produces strong, stiff stems, studded with pure, glistening white flowers, that enliven the perennial flower-garden and contrast beautifully with the green shrubbery of June, frequently growing 4½ feet high.

Plant some bulbs during September and October and enjoy a big crop of flowers next June; or pot up, store in coldframe, and force for early winter in the greenhouse or conservatory. Our bulbs of this splendid Lily are grown in northern France, and are of the true thick-petaled variety, which is much superior in habit and flowering qualities to that of the cheap, loose, southern-grown bulbs.

Each Doz. 100

	Each	Doz.	100
First-Size Bulbs	\$0 30	\$3 00	\$20 00
Mammoth-Size Bulbs	40	4 00	30 00
Jumbo Bulbs	50	5 00	40 00
*Auratum (Gold-banded Lily). Ivory-white,			
with central band of vellow and numerous			
purple spots. 9 x 11-in. circumference	45	4 50	35 00
11 x 13-in., Mammoth Bulbs	60	6 00	45 00
*Auratum pictum. Grand pure white, spot-			
ted crimson, without the yellow band.			
9 x 10-in. circumference	75	7 50	60 00
*Auratum platyphyllum (macranthum).			
A giant Lily. Similar in color to Auratum,			
but much larger and with fewer spots.			
9 x 10-in. circumference	65	6 50	50 00
*Speciosum album. Pure white, with green			
band in the center of each petal; ex-			
quisitely dainty and beautiful; very fra-			
grant. 8 x 10 in. circumference	60	6 00	45 00
11 x 13-in., Mammoth Bulbs	65	6 50	50 00
*Speciosum magnificum. Flowers larger			
than any of the other Speciosums. Rose,			
heavily spotted with rich crimson.			
9 x 11-in. circumference	45	4 50	35 00
11 x 13 in., Mammoth Bulbs	60	6 00	45 00
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Lilium Regale, the Regal Lily

mine flowers, heavily spotted blood-red.  9 x 11 in. circumference	*Speciosum melpomene. Large, rich car- Ea	ch	Doz.	100
9 x 11 in. circumference	mine flowers, heavily spotted blood-red.		202.	100
11 x 13-in., Mammoth Bulbs	9 x 11 in. circumference\$0	45	\$4 50	\$35.00
Speciosum rubrum or roseum. White, shaded with deep rose, and spotted red. Magnificent; freeblooming.  9 x 11-in. circumference				
shaded with deep rose, and spotted red. Magnificent; freeblooming.  9 x 11-in. circumference			0 00	12 00
Magnificent; freeblooming.  9 x 11-in. circumference				
9 x 11-in. circumference	Magnificent: freeblooming.			
11 x 13-in., Mammoth Bulbs		45	4 50	35.00
*Batemanniæ. Blooms in August and September; very handsome glowing apricotred flower				
tember; very handsome glowing apricotred flower				15 00
red flower	tember; very handsome glowing apricot-			
Hansonii. Flowers bright golden yellow, spotted purple, borne in clusters 75 7 50 60 00  *Henryi. Large panicles of orange-yellow flowers, banded with green; robust and long-lived	red flower	25	2 50	20.00
*Henryi. Large panicles of orange-yellow flowers, banded with green; robust and long-lived	Hansonii. Flowers bright golden vellow.			_0 00
*Henryi. Large panicles of orange-yellow flowers, banded with green; robust and long-lived	spotted purple, borne in clusters	75	7 50	60.00
flowers, banded with green; robust and long-lived	*Henryi. Large panicles of orange-vellow			44 00
long-lived	flowers, banded with green; robust and			
	long-lived	75	7 50	60.00
Krameri. Pure blush-pink, fragrant and	Krameri. Pure blush-pink, fragrant and			00 00
beautiful trumpet-shaped flowers; 3 feet:	beautiful trumpet-shaped flowers; 3 feet;			
blooms in August	blooms in August	40	4 00	30.00
*Tigrinum flpl. Double orange flowers,	*Tigrinum flpl. Double orange flowers.			
spotted black. Mammoth Bulbs 25 2 50 17 00	spotted black. Mammoth Bulbs	25	2 50	17 00
*Tigrinum splendens. Rich scarlet with	*Tigrinum splendens. Rich scarlet with			-, 00
dark spots. Mammoth Bulbs 25 2 50 17 00	dark spots. Mammoth Bulbs	25	2 50	17 00
Regale (The Regal Lily). Introduced from				1, 00
China. Plant very vigorous. Stems attain	China. Plant very vigorous. Stems attain			
a height of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet, bearing from	a height of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet, bearing from			
three to nine or more large trumpet-	three to nine or more large trumpet-			
shaped white flowers, flushed with yellow				
internally, and externally shaded with				
deep brown-pink, which, shining through				
the petals, gives them a soft, pearly pink	the petals, gives them a soft, pearly pink			
gleam. Entirely hardy, easily forced, and	gleam. Entirely hardy, easily forced, and			
is perfect as a pot plant. 5 to 6 in 50 5 00	is perfect as a pot plant. 5 to 6 in	50	5 00	
6 to 7 in 75 7 50	6 to 7 in	75	7 50	

## Lily Bulbs for Indoor Growing

For Greenhouse Forcing

Harrisii (Bermuda	Easter Lily).	Ready in Each	Doz.	100
August. Large shaped flowers. 9 x 11-in. circur	7 x 9-in. circui	trumpet- mference\$0 50	\$5 00 9 00	\$40 00 70 00

#### JAPANESE LILIES

We offer two varieties of Japanese Lilies which are largely grown for January to Easter flowering: L. longiflorum formosum, which usually arrives in this country late in August, and L. longiflorum giganteum, which usually arrives in October or November.

Longiflorum formosum. Black stems; E	ach	Doz.	100
blooms early. Often used instead of the			
Bermuda as an Easter Lily. Ready in			
September. 7 x 9-in. circumference\$0	50	\$5 00	\$40 00
9 x 10-in. circumference	75	7 50	60 00
10 x 12-in. circumference	90	9 00	70 00
Longiflorum giganteum. Stems black;			
later than the preceding; flowers of more			
substance. Ready in Spetember.			
7 x 9-in. circumference	40	4 00	30 00
8 x 9-in. circumference	45	4 50	35 00
8 x 10-in. circumference	50	5 00	40 00
9 x 10-in. circumference	55	5 50	45 00
10 x 12-in. circumference	75	7 50	60 00

### LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY

For forcing, plant twelve pips in a 6-inch pot, keeping the crowns above the soil; place in a temperature of about 80 degrees, covering the pots with moss; keep them moist continually. They should flower in three to four weeks from time of planting. Ready in No-

Mailing weight, bundle of 25 pips, 20 ounces

Perfection Brand Pips. New Crop, November delivery. \$2.00 for 25, \$7.00 per 100, \$16.00 for 250, \$30.00 for 500, \$55.00 per 1,000. Cold-Storage Pips. \$15.00 for 250, \$27.50 for 500, \$50.00 per 1,000. Large, Strong Clumps. (Mailing Weight, 2 lbs. per clump.) For planting outdoors by the middle of April. Perfectly hardy; produce a profusion of flowers in spring. Partial shade is necessary. 50 cts. each, \$5.00 per doz.

#### OXALIS

Valuable for winter flowering; elegant for pots and baskets. Six to ten bulbs may be planted in a pot.

All prices postpaid						
Bermuda Buttercup. Very good for winter Each	Doz.	100				
flowering, being free and continuous; pure						
bright yellow flowers\$0 04	\$0 30	\$2 25				
Bowiei. Brilliant carmine-rose	35	2 50				
Grand Duchess. Dwarf; of great beauty.						
Flowers large and thrown well above						
foliage. Lavender, Pink, White, and Yellow						
Each	30	2 25				
Mixed Varieties	25	2 00				

## IRIS (Fleur-de-Lis)

During May, the Irises rule supreme in the hardy border where they thrive in soil too poor to grow potatoes. They are of the greatest hardiness and easiest culture and should be freely planted. The Irises are the "Flags" of the old-fashioned gardens. They are most effective when used as edging for shrubbery or garden border. The clumps increase in size from year to year producing larger and lovelier flowers each succeeding season.

Mailing weight, 4 ounces each root

## German Iris (Iris germanica) These are the easiest to grow and most generally satisfactory of all

Irises, comprising the best of the *Iris Germanica* sorts and many other forms and hybrids. They come in all sorts of attractive colors, and, by planting a proper selection of varieties, may be had in bloom from early May to mid-June. All are perfectly hardy and robust in growth. The best time to plant them out is during late September or October. 1 50 10 50 20 00 10 50 2 50 1 50 Her Majesty. Standards rose-pink, falls bright crimson. Rare and altogether desirable. 2½ ft....... 25 2 50 20 00 15 1 50 10 50 hogany-brown. Juanita. Clear blue, fragrant flowers, tall 25 2 50 20 00 grower.

Iris King. Standards lemon-yellow; falls rich crimson, bordered with gold. Tall.

Lohengrin. The fine large flowers are a uniform, soft lavender-rose like the Cattleya orchid. 2½ ft.

Mme. Chereau. White, edge of petal fringed blue. A fine cut flower.

Pallida speciosa. Very large, deep purple...

Queen of May. Soft lilac-rose or lavenderpink. The nearest to pink in Iris. Extra fine.

Shakespeare. Standards bronzy yellow; falls 3 50 25 00 20 2 00 15 00 20 2 00 15 00 20 2 00 15 00 Shakespeare. Standards bronzy yellow; falls 1 50 10 50 15 Stormcloud. Flowers of the largest size; standards slaty lilac, shaded bronze; falls

## **Hedge Plants**

20

2 00

15 00

violet-blue, veined with white and purple at base.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ft.....

Ready for delivery September 15 to October 15. Plant out as soon as received. Hedge plants should be set close together in a single row for best results. Set about 4 inches apart for a low hedge; 8 to 10 inches apart for a high hedge; and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 feet apart for specimen bushes. Prune back top and roots before planting.

#### California Privet (Ligustrum ovalifolium)

This popular hedge plant thrives everywhere except in very dry or very shady spots. It is a rapid, vigorous grower requiring and benefiting by frequent trimming. The glossy dark green leaves remain on until midwinter and new leaves appear very early in the spring so that Privet is almost an evergreen. It can be pruned into any shape desired and may be kept as low as 12 inches or grown as high as 10 feet.

In very severe winters it will sometimes freeze down to the ground, oming up again from the roots the following season. To guard against damage from heavy snows in winter, it is best to trim Privet hedges to a pointed or rounded top which will shed the snow and, incidentally, allow a greater amount of sunlight to reach the lower

## Japanese Barberry (Berberis Thunbergii)

Where a dense barrier or hedge 4 to 5 feet high is desired there is 

expense. We make no charge for boxing or packing.

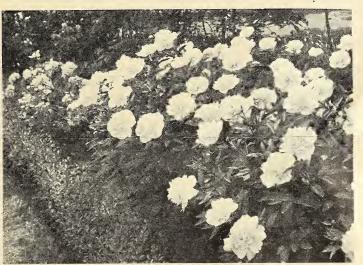
## **PEONIES**

#### READY IN OCTOBER

Those who are fond of Peonies will be delighted with these modern marvels which the skill of the hybridizer has given us. They will thrive in almost any situation, but prefer a sunny spot and medium heavy, but well-drained and fertilized soil. Plant them 3 to 4 feet apart and with the crown of the root 4 or 5 inches below the surface level. Give extra attention to cultivation the first two years after planting and, if you want the finest specimen plants, pinch off all buds which appear before the third season. Plenty of moisture is required during the blooming period. We offer twelve of the finest standard varieties in cultivation.

standard varieties in curtivation.				
Mailing weight, 16 ounces each roo	t			
Albatre. White, flecked carmine, collar waxy Each	Doz	Z.	100	0
white; very fragrant. Opens like a rose-	\$7 5	50	\$54	۸۸
bud. Late	Φ/ -	<i>)</i> 0	ゆり4	UU
prominently flecked crimson. Excellent for				t
cutting. Midseason	4 !	50	31	50
Edulis superba. Bright clear pink. The famous "Decoration Day" Peony, bloom-				
ing very early and profusely 55	5 5	50	39	00
Felix Crousse. Uniform, rich ruby-red; large,				
globular flowers. Blooms in late mid-	10	00	60	00
season	10 (	JU	69	00
Peony. Immense flowers of purest white,				,
- F	4.	50	31	50
<b>Karl Rosenfield.</b> Red, dark velvety crimson, clear and brilliant without a trace of				
purple. Immense, globular. Most ex-				
cellent bloomer. Midseason	16 (	00	114	00
Mme. Ducel. Bomb type. Both guards and				
bomb a solid color of silvery lilac-pink. Holds its form and color to the end. Mid-				
	7 .	50	54	00
Mme. Calot. Vigorous and extremely free-				
flowering. Large double flowers of the rose				
type, light pink shaded with deeper pink. The most fragrant of all Peonies. Extra-				
	4	75	35	00
Mme. de Verneville. Bomb type. One of				
the most charming varieties on the market.				
Large pure white with four red flakes on central petals. Early	5 4	50	31	50
Officinalis rubra. Earliest of all Peonies.				
Bright red 85	8	75	61	50

PEONY ASSORTMENT.—One strong division of each of the ten splendid herbaceous Peonies described above, a complete collection, for only \$6.00.



Border of Peonies

### MUSHROOM SPAWN

Pure Culture Brick Spawn. Pure and vigorous. Comes in white, cream, light brown and brown. Specify which color is wanted when ordering. One brick will spawn 8 square feet of bed. Mailing weight per brick 1½ pounds. Single brick 30 cts., 5 bricks \$1.25, 10 bricks \$2.30, 25 bricks \$5.60, 50 bricks \$10.50. Write for prices on case lots.

Bottle Spawn. Prepared in the laboratories as needed, by the direct method, in sealed quart bottles, insuring extra vigor. One bottle is equivalent to 6 to 8 bricks. Allow two to three weeks for delivery from time order is placed. Shipment by express at purchaser's expense, direct from laboratories. Specify color wanted. Per bottle \$1.25; in case lots of one dozen bottles each, \$10.00 per case.

Pamphlet on Mushroom Culture free.

## BECKERT'S SEEDS ARE FULL OF VIGOR AND VITALITY

## Flower Seeds for the Greenhouse

## Antirrhinum (Snapdragon)

Now grown as extensively under glass as in the garden. Snapdragons bloom to perfection indoors and require no more care than Geraniums. With only ordinary treatment and temperature, they will flower in from four to six months from the time the seed is sown. About 80 per cent of the seedlings come true to color.

#### NEW TALL LARGE-FLOWERING FORCING SNAPDRAGONS

2130 Philadelphia Pink. Pure light rose-pink. The result of several years' careful selection and pure-line breeding, and considered to be one of the finest pink Snapdragons in existence. Our seed comes direct from the originator. 2½ to 3 ft. Small pkt. 50 cts., large pkt. \$1.00.
2156 Beckert's Giant Oakledge Favorite. Salmon-pink; unsurpassed for cut-

ting. Pkt. 50 cts.
2158 Beckert's Giant Oakledge Queen. Deep pink with white throat and tube. Pkt. 50 cts.

#### TALL LARGE-FLOWERING SNAPDRAGONS

These grow to a height of 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet, with strong stems and well-filled spikes of large flowers. They are the standard varieties for cutting.

2125 Giant White. Pure white, 2127 Giant Silver-Pink. Clear shell-2139 Giant Scarlet. Vivid scarlet. 2143 Giant Garnet. Dark, velvety

pink. 2133 Nelrose. Coral, white throat. 2135 Giant Rose. Deep, rich rose. crimson. 2147 Giant Yellow. Golden yellow. 2151 Giant Striped. Odd colors.

Each of the above, pkt. 10 cts., ¼oz. 30 cts., oz. \$1
2153 Giant Mixed. All desirable shades. Pkt. 10 cts., ¼oz. 25 cts., oz. 80 cts.

## Asparagus TP

Graceful plants extensively grown for their dainty, emerald-green foliage, which is used in floral designs and bouquets.

2221 Plumosus nanus. The florist's "asparagus fern." Beautiful sprays of fernlike foliage. Pkt. 25 cts., 100 seeds \$1.00.
2223 Sprengeri. The best variety for pots or baskets and fine for cutting. Pkt.

15 cts., 100 seeds 50 cts.

## Cyclamen TP

A favorite pot-plant for winter and spring flowering, blooming in eight to ten months from sowing. The seed is fine and must be carefully handled, but few plants will so well repay a little extra care. Cyclamen blooms freely and for a long period, furnishing the most graceful and dainty of all cut-flowers. Our strains come from famous European Cyclamen breeders and are the finest in existence.

#### Giant English Exhibition Varieties

2921 White with Red Eye. Very large and fine.
2923 Rose. Clear, deep rose-pink; distinct.
2925 Mauve. Delicate mauve with carmine eye.
2936 Phœnix. Cherry-red; very fine.
2940 Princess May. Enormous; rose with purple base.
2946 Salmon King. Beautiful, clear salmon-pink.
2952 Vulcan. The deepest red Cyclamen; blood-red.
2954 White Swan. Pure white: of the largest size.

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Each, pkt. (25 seeds) 75 cts., 50 seeds \$1.35, 100 seeds \$2.50

The following are some of the finest of the recent introductions:

2930 Cherry Ripe. Almost a pure scarlet; the brightest red in cultivation; very

2932 Eileen Low. A lovely shade of Rose Du Barri pink. Its great attraction lies in the distinct white margin and blush-white crest on each petal.

2934 Mrs. Buckston. Bright salmon-cerise and beautifully frilled.
2938 Pink Pearl. The most free-flowering of all, with lovely pale salmon flowers

and prettily tessellated foliage.

2944 St. George. The "Silver-leaved Cyclamen." Pale salmon-pink flowers and beautifully marbled foliage.

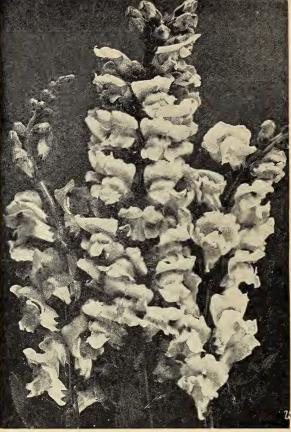
2948 Sunset. Bright orange-salmon; very distinct. 2950 Victoria. Glorious red flowers of the largest size, on unusually strong stems. Each, pkt. \$1.00, 50 seeds \$1.85, 100 seeds \$3.50

2956 Giant Superb Mixed. Including all of the best. Pkt. (25 seeds) 60 cts., 50 seeds \$1.10, 100 seeds \$2.00.
2958 Bush Hill Pioneer. A rare type with curiously feathered or crested flowers. Pkt. \$1.00, 50 seeds \$1.85, 100 seeds \$3.50.

#### Choice Free-Flowering German Strains

2960 Christmas Red. Glowing deep red.
2961 Glory of Wandsbek. Reddish salmon.
2962 Pearl of Zehlendorf. Rich salmon-pink.
2963 Rose of Marienthal. Rose-pink with carmine eye.

Each, pkt. (25 seeds) 85 cts., 50 seeds \$1.60, 100 seeds \$3.00



Beckert's Giant Oakledge Snapdragons

## Begonia TP

The Begonias are ever popular and not at all difficult to grow although the seed is fine and must be carefully handled. The Semperflorens and Erfordia varieties are excellent for bedding and make nice potplants for decorative purposes. The Gracilis varieties bloom later but make particularly fine pot-plants on account of their bushy growth.

2511 Erfordia. Handsome dark foliage and rosy carmine flowers. 1 foot high. Pkt. 35 cts.

2512 Erfordia grandiflora superba. Compact plants densely covered with delicate pink flowers. Glossy green foliage. Pkt. 35 cts.

2515 Semperflorens, Salmon Queen. A most attractive new variety with large, salmon-colored blossoms and dark foliage. Pkt. 35 cts.

2517 Semperflorens, Vernon. A grand old favorite, often grown as a Christmas-flowering pot-plant and fine for bedding. Branching habit; dark green Pkt. 15 cts.

2518 Semperflorens, Dwarf Vernon. Forms small, round, compact plants which are literally covered with brilliant red flowers; foliage deep, brownish red. Pkt. 30 cts.

2521 Gracilis luminosa. Fiery, dark scarlet flowers; satiny brown foliage; fine for winter flowering. Pkt. 35 cts.

2523 Gracilis, Prima Donna. Large, handsome plants covered with bright rose-pink flowers; shining green foliage. Pkt. 50 cts.

2525 Gracilis, White Pearl. A fine companion to Prima Donna; flowers pure snowy white; free-blooming. Pkt. 50 cts.

2528 Beckert's Superb Mixture. A special blend of all colors in bedding Begonias. Pkt. 25 cts.

Please refer to our General Spring Catalogue for a complete list of the flower and vegetable seeds which we can supply

BECKERT'S SEED STORE, 101-103 Federal Street, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

## BECKERT'S SEEDS PRODUCE VIGOROUS WINTER CROPS

FLOWER SEEDS FOR THE GREENHOUSE, continued

# **Beckert's Winter-Flowering** Spencer Sweet Peas

This recently developed class of Spencers is now grown almost exclusively by florists for winter bloom and is also useful for outdoor planting in the fall. The varieties we offer have been carefully selected from the finest sorts introduced to date. The flowers are large and gracefully waved, generally produced in threes and fours

4904 Snowflake. The most dependable pure white. White-	Pkt.	1/2 OZ.	Oz.
seeded\$		\$0 45	\$0 80
4909 Mrs. Spanolin. Large, black-seeded white	10	40	75
4915 Songbird. Dainty blush-pink	10	35	65
4918 Spring Maid. Rose-pink on cream ground	10	35	65
4923 Mrs. A. A. Skaach. Clear, lively shell-pink	10	45	80
4926 Melody. Light rose-pink	10	35	65
4932 Rose Queen. Glorious, deep rose-pink. Extra-fine	10	40	75
4935 Rose Charm. New. Bright carmine-rose	15	60	1 00
4949 Mrs. Kerr. New. The best rich salmon	25	1 10	2 00
4954 Morning Star. Standard orange; wings rosy	10	45	. 75
4958 Illumination. Glowing salmon-cerise. Fine.	10	45	80
4961 Fire King. Dazzling cerise-scarlet	10	45	80
4968 Aviator. Bright crimson. The best red	10	45	80
4973 Lavender King. Clear, deep lavender	10	45	80
4977 Blue Bird. The finest pure mid-blue	10	45	80
4979 Heatherbell. Rich mauve; extra-large	10	40	75
4984 Yarrawa. Deep rose and cream. A favorite	10	35	65
4986 Columbia. The best strain of "pink and white"	10	40	75
4995 Finest Mixed	10	20	40



## Calendula (Pot Marigold)

Very showy, quick-growing plants of the simplest requirements; easily forced and steadily increasing in popularity as a winter cutflower.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

172 1t.
2576 Lemon Queen. Of brightest sulphur-yellow. One of the most double and always very showy. Forcing strain. Pkt. 10 cts., oz. 40 cts., ¼lb. \$1.25.
2580 Orange King. Special Forcing Strain. Fine for cutting; bearing wonderful double flowers of the deepest orange-red. Pkt. 15 cts., ¼oz. 50 cts., oz. \$1.65.
2581 Prince of Orange. Large, double, yellow flowers, attractively striped with orange-brown, with dark centers. Pkt. 10 cts., oz. 25 cts

## **NEW FORCING CALENDULA**

2574 Ball's Orange. This special forcing strain of orange Calendula was bred by one of the country's foremost cut-flower growers. Large, extra-double flowers; bright orange. Originator's seed. Pkt. 50 cts., ¼oz. \$2.00, oz. \$6.00.

#### Chrysanthemum

2819 Frutescens grandiflora (Marguerite, or Paris Daisy). GP. White or lemon-yellow with yellow eye. May be had in bloom the year around but is especially grown for winter flowers. 3 feet. Pkt. 10 cts., 140z. 30 cts., oz. \$1.

#### Cineraria TP

Very distinct and ornamental house plants, bearing magnificent heads of velvety flowers, in white, all shades of blue from very pale to dark blue, pink, carmine, and crimson, with bicolors of crimson and white, and blue and white.

2830 Hybrida grandiflora. A prize strain; large-flowering and unsurpassed for richness of color. 1½ feet tall. Pkt. 50 cts. 2832 Hybrida grandiflora, Semi-dwarf. Plants about 1 foot tall; 2830 Hybrida grandiflora.

compact in growth and bearing large, superbly colored flowers in profusion. Pkt. 50 cts.

2834 Hybrida grandiflora, Matador. A marvelous, new French variety, bearing large, bright scarlet flowers. Pkt. 50 cts.

2837 Hybrida stellata (Star Cineraria). Star-shaped flowers with narrow petals, in many pleasing colors. Highly decorative. 1½ feet high. Pkt. 50 cts.

#### Grevillea

3397 Robusta (Silk Oak). TP. A very handsome pot-plant of upright growth, with graceful, fernlike foliage. Young plants, from 2 to 5 feet high, are much prized as table and window decorations. Culture same as geraniums. Pkt. 10 cts., ½0z. 25 cts.

## Mignonette HA

A general favorite, now extensively grown in greenhouses from seed sown early in the fall. Mignonette prefers a medium light, loamy soil, with only moderate temperature and watering. As it does not transplant well, the seed should be sown in the pots or benches where it is wanted to bloom.

3806 Defiance. Long spikes of grayish white florets; one of the best for cutting. Pkt. 10 cts., ¼oz. 30 cts.
3808 Giant Machet. An extra-select, mammoth-flowering strain. Florets reddish green. Pkt. 15 cts., ¼oz. 40 cts.
3812 Giant Crimson, or Goliath. Large, uniform trusses of deep red flowers; fine for forcing. Pkt. 15 cts., ¼oz. 40 cts.
3814 Golden Machet. Massive spikes of golden yellow blossoms.

Pkt. 15 cts., ¼oz. 40 cts.

3816 Giant White Pearl. Long, broad trusses of white blossoms.
The finest white variety. Pkt. 20 cts.

3818 Giant Mixed. A fine blend. Pkt. 10 cts., ¼oz. 30 cts.

## Schizanthus (Butterfly Flower) HHA

A plant of rare beauty and elegance; ideal for pots or cutting. Buds will open in water and the sprays last for a week. Plants from September-sown seed bloom in February or March. Make succession plantings; use ordinary soil; treatment same as for Cineraria.

4536 Monarch. The finest large-flowering strain in existence, with a wide range of marvelous colors—from almost pure white through a wide range of marvelous colors—from almost pure white through delicate shades of pink to bright rose and crimson, exquisite mauve and lavender tints, and many beautifully blotched and penciled with darker shades, including bronze and chocolate. Pkt. 50 cts. 4534 Excelsior. Mammoth flowers with attractive markings on a white, rose, or buff ground-color. Fine for greenhouse culture. Pkt. 50 cts. 4539 Large-flowered Hybrids. Dainty flowers in a good variety of colors; easy to grow. Pkt. 15 cts.

## Giant Winter-Flowering Stocks HHA

The Giant Winter-flowering or Nice Stocks are splendid subjects for greenhouse or pot-culture, producing their large, fragrant blossoms even more abundantly indoors than in the garden. Vigorous and rapid grower, flowering in three to four months from fall-sown seed.

4632 Mont Blanc. Snowy white. 4633 Monte Carlo. Clear can-

ary yellow. 4634 Almond Blossom. White, suffused carmine

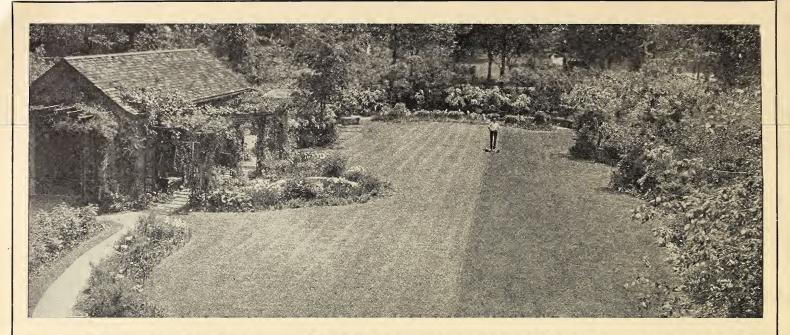
4636 Beauty of Nice. Exquisite

4638 Abundance. Brilliant carmine-rose. 4641 Queen Alexandra. Clear

rosy lilac. 4643 Cote d'Azure. Light violet-blue. 4645 Summer Night. Violet.

Each, pkt. 15 cts., ½0z. 75 cts., ¼0z. \$1.35, oz. \$5.00

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# YOUR LAWN—SOME PRACTICAL ADVICE

The best two times to start a lawn or pasture are early spring and early autumn—the seasons of abundant moisture, warm days, and cool nights. Spring sowings should be made as soon as the ground can be prepared to receive the seed, while fall sowings should be made during September.

Good Soil and Proper Drainage are absolutely necessary to produce a fine lawn. For best results, there should be no less than a foot of good surface soil—preferably a heavy loam. Where it is necessary to grade the surface, all subsoil should be removed and replaced with good earth. Unless the soil is sufficiently rich, the use of fertilizer is important. Apply sheep manure, or some other concentrated, weedless soil-builder, and rake it well into the smoothed and firmed surface. A heavy application of manure is particularly advisable on light or sandy soils where, otherwise, the grass is liable to burn out in hot, dry weather.

Prepare the Seed-Bed Thoroughly. Rake or harrow the surface fine and even. After sowing the seed, rake again lightly and firm the soil with a lawn roller. Do not attempt to dig, rake, or roll a lawn when the ground is wet. On Banks and Terraces, where the seed is liable to be washed off by rains before it has sprouted, a quick catch can be secured by mixing the seed with moist earth about one week before sowing; then, at the expiration of that time, when the seed (with the earth) is sown, much of it is ready to sprout.

The First Cutting should not be made until the young grass is 3 to 4 inches high and even then it should not be cut too short as close cropping is injurious to a new lawn. Mow the lawn, thereafter, at intervals of about ten days and rake off the clippings. Grass sown during September will, under favorable conditions, grow sufficiently to necessitate one cutting before frost, in which case the clippings should be left on the lawn to serve as a mulch.

Frequent Rollings are beneficial after a lawn is once well established, especially in early spring after the winter frosts have

drawn up the roots of the grass.

Sow Good Seed. There are many grades of lawn seed sold. Needless to say, it pays to use nothing but the best obtainable. No one kind of grass will make a good lawn. The changeable moods of our climate, the widely varying conditions of soil and moisture-supply require a combination of many different grasses adapted to many different conditions. The subject of lawns has been a long and thorough study with us. Beckert's Lawn Grass Mixtures are carefully composed of the finest domestic and imported turf grasses, free from chaff and weed seeds, and strong in vitality. You can depend on them to produce lasting lawns of the finest texture and most attractive appearance.

#### BECKERT'S EVERGREEN LAWN SEED

We offer in our Evergreen Mixture a well-balanced blend of the finest and most enduring grasses we know—the result of years of study and trial. It is our masterpiece. Tested and proved, we can recommend it with the highest confidence for permanent and satisfactory results under even the most trying conditions. Its ingredients are the highest grade of recleaned seeds only. This lawn seed is now sold only by weight. Use one pound to 350 square feet, 125 pounds to the acre. Package 30 cts., lb. 60 cts., 2 lbs. \$1.10, 5 lbs. \$2.50, 10 lbs. \$4.85, 25 lbs. \$11.50, 50 lbs. \$22.00, 100 lbs. \$42.00.

(Parcel post or express prepaid in the United States within a radius of 1,500 miles from Pittsburgh.)

#### SHADY-NOOK LAWN MIXTURE

A mixture of grasses particularly adapted for sowing in shady places where the ordinary lawn grasses do not thrive. It will produce a bright, green lawn under trees and in the shade of buildings and shrubbery where bare, unsightly spots so often appear. Package 35 cts., lb. 65 cts., 2 lbs. \$1.20, 5 lbs. \$2.75, 10 lbs. \$5.25, 25 lbs. \$12.50, 50 lbs. \$23.50, 100 lbs. \$45.00.

#### PUTTING-GREEN MIXTURE

The finest, hardy, low-growing grasses are contained in this mixture, which will produce a close and lasting putting-green turf. Lb. 90 cts., 5 lbs. \$4.25, 10 lbs. \$8.00, 25 lbs. \$19.25, 50 lbs. \$36.75, 100 lbs. \$70.00, postage extra. (Prices subject to change.)

#### FAIR-GREEN MIXTURE

The best selection of grasses for an even, tough, permanent turf. Gives general satisfaction but, where a lot of seeding is to be done, we prefer to supply a special formula, according to the particular requirements of the soil. Lb. 50 cts., 5 lbs. \$2.25, 10 lbs. \$4.25, 25 lbs. \$10.00, 50 lbs. \$19.00, 100 lbs. \$36.00, postage extra.

NOTE: ALL LAWN SEED PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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## **Pot-Grown Strawberry Plants**

Summer and Fall, 1926

Fifty or more of a variety will be supplied at the hundred rate. Plant our Pot-Grown Strawberries during the summer or early fall months and "save a year."

Following will be found brief descriptions of the various varieties

that we are in position to supply.

The following prices are for strong pot-grown plants.		
-	Ooz.	100
Barrymore. Midseason to late\$		\$7 00
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Chesapeake. Midseason to late	L 25	8 00
Collins. Long season variety, ripening with the mid-		0.00
	L 25	8 00
Delicious. Medium late to late		10 00
Edmund Wilson. Midseason		10 00
Early Jersey Giant. Earliest		8 00
Eaton. Midseason		8 00
Gandy. Late		7 00
Glen Mary. Midseason		7 00
Howard No. 17. Second early		7 00
Hundred Dollar. Midseason		7 00
Joe		7 00
John H. Cook. Second early	50	10 00
Judith (De Lue's). Midseason	25	3 0
Jumbo. Midseason	50	10 C
Lupton. Late	00	7 0'
Marshall. Midseason		7 Gu
McKinley. Midseason		7 00
New York. Midseason		7 00
Nick Ohmer. Midseason to late		7 00
	50	10 00
	1 00	7 00
Royal Sovereign. For forcing under glass	2 00	12 00
Senator Dunlap. Early to midseason	1 00	7 00
Sharpless. Late	00	7 00
Stevens' Late Champion. Late	00	7 00
Success. Early	1 00	7 00
William Belt. All-season	00	7 00

#### Collection of Van Fleet Hybrids

We will send a dozen each (36 in all) of the three wonderful Van Fleet Hybrids, Early Jersey Giant, John H. Cook and Edmund Wilson (all pot-grown) for \$4.00, or twenty-five of each for \$7.50.

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Here is a collection of five sorts, bearing from very early to very late. Every one a quantity bearer of quality fruit:

20 Premier. One of the best of all the earlies. 20 William Belt. A dandy to follow Premier.

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20 Champion Everbearing. For continuous crops till frost.

Special: A total of 100 pot-grown plants, a retail catalogue value of \$9.16, for only \$7.50. This is absolutely the greatest value we have ever offered.

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Upon moist, fertile land our pot-grown plants of the fall-bearing varieties produce sweet ripe berries in a few weeks from the time they are planted. All Season. Bears all the time from early June in this \$25 00 Champion Everbearing. This is one of the newer varieties that promises to be decidedly prolific . . . . . 1 50 10 00 Mastodon. Bears continuously from June until freezing weather large, decidedly attractive berries 25 00 Progressive. Bears two large crops a year; the first in June, and a second crop throughout the fall. 8 00 Superb. Produces very attractive flame colored 8 00

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