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INTRODUCTION.—In presenting this catalogue of the Peony, the queen of flowers, we wish to say to the reader by way of introduction, that Sinking Spring, Pa., with its surrounding territory, is famous for its Peonies. The soil and the climate are well adapted to the growth of this beautiful flower, which in delicacy of tint and fragrance more nearly approaches the rose than any other flower. If you are a lover of flowers, you are making a wise choice in selecting Peonies to grow, as they are the most satisfactory, being the easiest to raise of any and all flowers for this country, particularly the North. They are the most hardy, the most showy, the most dependable, the most reliable, the most wonderful flowers, and we might say the only flowers you can't kill with neglect. Immense quantities of the blooms are shipped to the large flower markets of the eastern cities in May and June, and thousands of Peony roots are shipped to the lovers of this flower residing in all parts of the United States, during the planting season.

EIGHT WEEKS OF PEONY BLOOM.—We have these beautiful flowers with us for two months. You can share our enjoyment with us for the same length of time, by consulting our catalogue and planting the varieties as they are classified from the earliest to the very latest bloomers.

CULTURE.—The Peony is free from insect pests and its cultivation is quite simple, presenting no serious difficulties to the amateur grower. Peonies are very effective for massing and in groups along shrubbery borders, and to produce the best results a single variety should be used for each group. In studying foliage effects, it should be remembered that while the blooms of the early May-flowering section are very fine and brilliant, the plants become dormant in the late summer and the foliage dies a great deal earlier than that of the Chinenses section.
TIME TO PLANT.—The proper time to plant Peonies is in the Fall of the year, beginning about Sept. 1, although the early May-flowering section can be planted as early as Aug. 15, and the planting of the roots can be continued until the ground freezes. To prevent heaving of the roots by frost they should be covered with a mulch of leaves or straw manure the first season. Peonies can also be planted successfully in Spring if this is done early, as soon as the frost is out and the soil is dry enough.

SOIL.—The soil should be a deep, rich, rather moist loam, but they will thrive in almost any kind of soil; a clay subsoil, if well drained, is very beneficial when blooms are desired. In preparing a bed dig to the depth of eighteen inches, removing the yellow subsoil and replacing it with good surface soil. Work in a liberal quantity of well rotted cow manure. Keep the ground well tilled and, as has already been said, give the plants a top dressing of manure in November, which should be worked into the soil the following Spring. When the plants are about to bloom they should be well supplied with water. If manure is unobtainable, bone meal or a potato fertilizer rich in potash may be used and found very beneficial to top dress the plants in early Spring or in October.

PLANTING.—It is very important to plant the roots properly. Planting too deeply is the reason why many roots fail to bloom. Set the plants so that the eyes are only two inches below the surface. If well planted the roots can remain undisturbed for a period of upwards of fifteen years. Our roots usually bloom the first summer after planting. A Peony must become thoroughly established before the full and true characteristics of the bloom are shown to perfection.

OUR ROOTS.—We offer no roots imported directly from Europe, unless they have been thoroughly tested. Experience has shown that they are frequently badly mixed and untrustworthy. The majority of our roots are descended from stock of the most reliable American growers, have been tested on our grounds, and every one is true to name. If you wish to adorn your lawn or garden with true stock correctly labeled, do not overlook this list. As to size, quality and strength of our roots they rank with the best on the market. Kindly allow us to quote from letters sent voluntarily by our customers.
TESTIMONIALS.

Below are some testimonials that have come to us unsolicited:

From Indianapolis, Ind.: "The one hundred Festiva Maxima shipped by you to me at L. received, and I want to thank you for the fine stock which you sent me. Certainly the roots were superb. I have planted them and am expecting good results. In another year I shall want to place with you quite a large order."

From Seattle, Wash.: "I received three hundred Peonies today. They arrived in perfect condition. I wish to thank you for the careful packing and promptness. The roots were far better than I expected. I hope to place a larger order this fall. I will be pleased to speak a good word for you to my friends."

From Indianapolis, Ind.: "I am much pleased to deal with you. I like your way of doing business very much."

From Haddon Heights, N. J.: "Your Peonies shipped me bloomed gorgeously, absolutely true to name. Baroness Schroeder was a perfect dream, in my estimation hard to beat. Your stock sent me could not be beat and I was certainly well pleased. ——’s Peonies are wonderful, but they will have to go some to beat the Baroness Schroeder. Another thing, they will have to step some to beat your stock. I would be willing to put your stock against any of them. The Peonies I received from you were the finest I ever got."

From White River, South Dakota: "The Peonies arrived this evening in splendid condition, and many thanks for the splendid roots sent."

From Franklin, Pa.: "I opened the cases and planted some of the Peonies yesterday afternoon, and I cannot refrain from writing you at the earliest possible moment to express to you my appreciation of the stock you sent me. It is the finest I ever saw and far beyond my expectations. Such massive roots with their profusion of big, healthy eyes gave me thrills of pleasure as I untied the bundles which were so carefully packed."

From Shannock, R. I.: "We have watched the plants grow from roots that you furnished, and without exception they show a stronger growth and so far are more satisfactory than roots that we have received from any other party."
In order to assist the purchaser in making his selection easy, we have carefully classified them as to color and season of bloom in a systematic manner in the following list.

The ratings of the American Peony Society are given, following the name of the introducer and the time of introduction. 10 is the highest rating a Peony can attain; this is considered perfection.

**TREE PEONY SECTION.**

This species is the first Peony to bloom in the early Spring, preceding the Officinalis and the Chinensis sections. It is shrubby in character, while the Officinalis and Chinensis sections are herbacious.

Our Tree Peonies have all been propagated on their own roots and will not be a disappointment to the purchaser like the grafted stock which is usually offered. The latter suckers freely, and if the graft dies there will be nothing left but the wild stock on which it was grafted.

We offer the following varieties, viz.:

1. **MOUTAN.** Large, single purple-maroon flowers. The first to bloom. $2.00.
2. **BANKSI.** Large semi-double-pale lilac-rose flowers. $4.00.
3. **FLIGHT OF CRANES.** Large double white with a delightful odor and a center of golden anthers. $7.00.
4. **GOLDEN CENTER.** Semi-double, carmine petals with a central cushion of golden anthers. $5.00.
5. **AMERICA.** Beautiful soft flesh-pink. $7.00.
6. **RURIBAN.** Large satiny purple. Blooms late. $10.00.
7. **LIGHT PINK.** A fine variety of soft pink shade. $7.00.
8. **LAVENDER.** A large bloom, with lavender shadings. $8.00.

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**EARLY MAY FLOWERING SECTION.**

9. **TENUIFOLIA FL.-PL.** Double crimson-red flowers. Fernlike foliage. $2.00.
10. **OFFICINALIS RUBRA.** Large bloom, color brilliant deep crimson. The old-fashioned "Piney" of our grandmothers, and is extensively used on Memorial Day. $1.25.
11. OFFICINALIS MUTABILIS ALBA. Light pink changing to white. $1.25.
12. OFFINALIS ROSEA PLENA. Earliest rich rose. $1.25.
13. OFFINALIS ALBA PLENA. Large convex, double bloom, pure white, a very scarce and valuable variety. $2.50.

**CHINENSIS SECTION.**

**WHITE PEONIES.**

**EARLY.**

14. GRANDIFLORA NIVEA PLENISSIMA (Lemon, 1824). 8.1. Large globular rose type, milk white, very fragrant. First white Peony to bloom. $1.00.
15. FESTIVA MAXIMA (Miellez, 1851). 9.3. The very largest, milk white, flecked crimson, a magnificent bloom. 50 cents.
16. FESTIVA (Donkelaer, 1838). 8.0. A very prolific bloomer, creamy white, crimson spots, blooms not as large as Festiva Maxima. 45 cents.
17. QUEEN VICTORIA (Whitleyi, 1808). Creamy white, broad guard petals, compact centre, with red blotch on central petals. 40 cents.
18. MADAME DE VERNEVILLE (Crousse, 1885). 7.9. A large, very full bomb, pure white centre, blush when first open, fragrant, medium height. 50 cents.
19. DUCHESS DE NEMOURS (Calot, 1856). 8.1. Cup-shaped bloom, wonderful buds, sulphur white, no crimson flakes. 50 cents.
20. LA TENDRESSE (Crousse, 1896). 8.1. Large, compact, flat rose type, uniform milk white, splashed guards, centre flecked crimson, strong, free bloomer. $1.00.

**MIDSEASON.**

21. MADAME CROUSSE (Calot, 1866). 7.9. Medium size, pure white, centre flecked crimson, most fragrant, strong, stiff stem, best all round white. 75 cents.
22. MONSIEUR DUPONT (Calot, 1872). 8.5. Milk white, splashed crimson, flat bloom, erect, tall and free bloomer. 75 cents.
23. AVALANCHE (Crousse, 1886). 8.7. Very large, compact, pure white, edged with a light line of carmine, very strong and very free bloomer. 80 cents.

24. JAMES KELWAY (Kelway, 1900). 8.7. Tall, large and vigorous, free bloomer, rose white showing golden stamens, changing to milk white. $1.25.

25. MADAME EMILE LEMOINE (Lemoine, 1899). 8.9. Large, globular, compact, semi-rose type, milk white. $2.00.

26. LE CYGNE (Lemoine, 1907). 9.9. Enormous, perfectly formed, pure milk white globe with no markings or stamens. Very fragrant, erect, strong stems. $15.00.

LATE.

27. BARRONESS SCHROEDER (Kelway, 1890). 9.0. Very large, rose type, flesh white bud bleaching to white, very fragrant, strong grower. $1.25.

28. CURONNE d’OR (Calot, 1873). 8.1. Large flat, semi-rose type, ivory white, fragrant, very free bloomer and most dependable. 65 cents.

29. MARIE LEMOINE (Calot, 1869). 8.5. Large globular pure white, cream center, occasional carmine tip, extra strong stem. 65 cents.

30. MIREILLE (Crousse, 1894). 7.7. Large, very full, milky white flower, very late. $1.50.


PALE PINK PEO NIES.

EARLY.

33. UMBELLATA ROSEA (unknown, reintroduced by Dessert). 7.4. One of the very earliest varieties, pink and cream, extra good for landscape and cut bloom. 75 cents.

34. MADAME CALOT (Miellez, 1856). 8.1. Very large rose type, pale hydrangea pink, center shaded darker. 60 cents.
35. EUGENIE VERDIER (Calot, 1864). 8.6. Flat bloom, pale hydrangea pink, fragrant, very tall, erect, free bloomer. One of the showiest. $1.00.

36. OCTAVIE DeMAY (Calot, 1867). 8.5. Very large, flat crown; guards and center pale hydrangea pink. Collar almost white. Fragrant. $1.50.


38. MARGUERITE GERARD (Crousse, 1892). 8.4. Large, flat bloom, blush pink, tall, strong, free bloomer. Greatly admired. 85 cents.

MIDSEASON.

39. LADY ALEXANDRA DUFF (Kelway, 1902). 9.1. Nicely formed flower and scented, with very broad petals of soft French pink. Tall and robust. $6.00.

40. FLORAL TREASURE (Rosenfield, 1900). 7.5. Large rose type pale lilac rose, fragrant, tall, free bloomer. One of the best commercial blooms. 55 cents.

41. LA TULIPE (Calot, 1872). 7.5. Large flat bloom, lilac white, and crimson stripes on outer petals, fragrant, tall, free bloomer. Good variety. 65 cents.

42. ASA GRAY (Crousse, 1886). 8.1. Lilac sprinkled with minute dots of deeper lilac; very striking. $1.25.

43. VENUS (Kelway). 8.3. High crown, delicate shell pink, beautiful compact bloom, extra good for cut flowers. $1.00.

44. SOLANGE (Lemoine, 1907). 9.7. Extra large, with broad rounded petals, suffused with a reddish golden light. One of the very finest. $7.00.

45. THERESE (Dessert, 1904). 9.8. Very large, rose type with later a high crown, violet-rose, changing to lilac-white in the center, strong, medium tall. Very desirable. $6.00.

46. L’INDISPENSABLE (Unknown). 7.3. Tall, very full, globular, rose type. Lilac-white shading to rose. 75 cents.

47. MADAME JULES DESSERT (Dessert, 1909). 9.4. The flowers are very large, well formed, with great long, broad petals. One of the finest. $6.00.
48. EUGENE VERDIER (Calot, 1864). 8.3. Large compact type, pale hydrangea pink, fragrant, free bloomer. $2.00.

49. FRANCES WILLARD (Brand, 1907). 9.1. Tall, strong grower, opening blush white. flowers of large size and delicate texture. $5.00.

50. QUEEN EMMA (unknown). Large, bright light pink, fragrant, rose type, strong erect stems, free bloomer. $1.25.

**LATE.**

51. LA PERLE (Crousse, 1885). 8.5. Very large, globular flower. White with a blush center flecked with carmine. Tall, upright grower. $2.00.

52. ALBERT CROUSSE (Crousse, 1893). 8.6. Very large bomb, rose white, flecked crimson, fragrant, tall, free bloomer, like a big, fresh carnation. $1.00.


54. MADAME EMILE GALLE (Crousse, 1881). 8.5. Large flat rose, deep lilac pink, changing to white in center, strong, free bloomer. 75 cents.

55. SARAH BERNHARDT (Lemoine, 1906). 9.0. Flat, semi-rose type, large imbricated petals, apple-blossom pink. $4.00.

56. HARRIET FAENSLEY (Brand, 1916). 8.2. Beautiful shell pink. A gem among the very late Peonies. $2.00.

57. SAMUEL HENSHAW (Richardson). 7.3. Very large blooms, cream and pink intermixed. $5.00.


60. MILTON HILL (Richardson). 9.0. Very large, globular, compact, rose type. Pale lilac-rose. A very fine variety. $3.00.

61. GRANDIFLORA (Richardson, 1883). 8.8. Very large flat rose, rose white, very fragrant, the last Peony to bloom, a gem in a class by itself. $1.25.

**DEEP PINK PEONIES.**

**EARLY.**

63. MULTIFLORA (Pleas, 1900). Rose type, very early, glossy as satin. Blooms in clusters. $3.00.

64. EDULIS SUPERBA (Lemoine, 1824). 7.6. Large, bright mauve pink, collar mixed with lilac, very fragrant, strong, free bloomer. 50 cents.

65. BEAUTE DE VILLECANTE (Gombault, 1856). Large white crown, violet rose and lilac white, vigorous grower and prolific bloomer. 40 cents.

66. ALEXANDRIANA (Calot, 1856). 7.1. Very large, light violet-rose, very fragrant, strong, upright grower, free bloomer, a superior cut flower. 50 cents.

67. M. JULES ELIE (Crousse, 1888). 9.2. Very large bomb, pale lilac rose, very fragrant, free bloomer, one of the largest and finest of the pinks. $1.00.

68. LAMARTINE (Calot, 1860). 8.3. Very large rose type, pale lilac rose, very fragrant, tall, free bloomer, also known as "Giganthea." $1.00.

69. RUTH BRAND (Brand, 1907). 8.1. Large, compact bomb type. A soft lavender pink, strong stems, fragrant. $2.50.

**MIDSEASON.**

70. MADAME DUCEL (Mechin, 1880). 7.9. Large globular bomb. Light mauve rose, with silvery reflex. Strong grower. 65 cents.

71. MONSIEUR BOUCHARLATINE (Calot, 1868). 7.1. Large, full, semi-rose type, uniform light, violet-rose, with silvery reflex. Strong grower. 75 cents.

72. WALTER FAXON (Richardson). 9.3. Semi-rose type, uniform pure, bright rose deep in the center. Tall, free bloomer, scarce. $7.00.

73. MADAME GEISSLER (Crousse, 1880). 7.9. Gigantic rose type. Violet glossy pink. One of the largest Peonies in existence. $1.50.

74. DOCTEUR BRETONNEAU (Verdier, 1854). 6.4. Medium bomb, pale lilac rose, fragrant, splendid keeper, free bloomer, also known as "Lady Leonora Bramwell." 50 cents.
75. DUCHESS DE ORLEANS (Guerin, 1846). Large bomb, clear violet rose, center shaded lilac and salmon, profuse bloomer, a delightful bud. 40 cents.

LATE.

76. MADAME FOREL (Crousse, 1881). 7.7. One of the largest imbricated rose type, glossy deep pink, with a silvery reflex, fragrant, tall, free bloomer. 65 cents.

77. LIVINGSTONE (Crousse, 1879). 8.1. Large perfect rose type, pale lilac rose, free bloomer. remarkable buds. $1.00.


82. DORCHESTER (Richardson, 1870). 7.7. Delicate pale hydrangea pink, large fragrant bloom on strong rather dwarf upright stems, very late. 65 cents.

RED PEONIES.

EARLY.

83. LORD KITCHENER (Renault, 1915). 7.6. Rose type. Dazzling, brilliant cherry-red color. One of the earlies Chinensis Peonies to bloom. $2.00.

84. RICHARD CARVEL (Brand, 1913). 8.8. Bomb type. The globular flower one shade of bright crimson. Tall and profuse bloomer. $5.00.

85. ADOLPHE ROSSEAU (Dessert & Mechin, 1890). 8.5. Very large semi-double flowers of deep garnet. Very tall, strong grower. $1.50.

86. RAPHAEL (Mechin, 1882). Semi-rose type, dark purple-garnet. Large globular bloom. $1.50.
Mr. D. Lumsden,
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sir:-

We have your letter of March 3rd, 1926 in reference to Tree Peonies.

We are enclosing our catalogue and price list.

We have a very large stock of No. 2, Banksi and are offering these by the hundred; of No. 4, Golden Center (Japanese name, "Ukaregi - Chi") we also have a large stock and are offering these by the dozen.

Of the other varieties in the Tree Peony section, the stock is limited and we cannot offer any of these before next fall. The plants which we offer are all on their own roots, well developed bushes.

The Japanese name of No. 3, Flight of Cranes is "Rein Kahu", a large and beautiful white flower.

As you have requested, we are quoting the dozen price on two of the varieties that we can furnish this spring, viz:

No. 2 - Banksi per doz. -------------- $ 33.00
No. 4 - Golden Center per doz. ------- 44.00

We shall be glad to have your order which will receive our careful attention.

Very truly yours,

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For: Oberlin Peony Gardens.
88. M. MARTIN CAHUZAC (Dessert, 1899). 8.8. Very dark garnet or maroon, globular flowers on strong stems. The darkest of the Peonies. $4.00.

MIDSEASON.

89. FRANCOIS ORTEGAT (Parmentier, 1850). 6.7. Large semi-rose type, dark amaranth red, yellow stamens, medium height. 45 cts.
90. FELIX CROUSSE (Crousse, 1881). 8.4. Large globular bomb, brilliant rose red, fragrant strong grower and a free bloomer. Finest of all midseason reds. 65 cents.
91. MEISSONIER (Crousse, 1886. 6.5. A brilliant purple amaranth on tall, slender stems, called the American Beauty red. 65 cents.
92. RED CROSS (Hollis, 1904). Large, cup-shaped, deep, brilliant red, on strong, stiff stems, free bloomer. Very odd. 75 cents.
93. LONGFELLOW (Brand, 1907. 9.0. A bright, brilliant crimson and cherry. The brightest red Peony in existence. $8.00.
95. PURPUREA SUPERBA (Delache, 1855). 6.8. Large bomb, bright crimson, strong, free bloomer, very tall red variety, no stamens. 60 cents.
96. MADAME BUCQUET (Dessert, 1888). 7.3. Large semi-rose type, deep crimson amaranth, fragrant, strong, upright, free bloomer. 50 cents.

LATE.

98. DIRECTEUR AUBRY (Crousse, 1897). Large, flat, rose type, rose carmine, without stamens, strong grower, free bloomer. 75c.
99. LOUIS VAN HOUTE (Calot, 1867). 6.9. Semi-rose type, deep rich satiny crimson, very brilliant coloring, fragrant, one of the best red. 75 cents.
100. MARECHAL VAILLANT (Calot, 1864). 7.5. Very large globular rose type, blood red, tall coarse stem, a good variety, very late. 75 cents.
101. DELACHEI (Delache, 1856). 7.1. Large, compact, semi-rose type, violet crimson, strong, erect, very fine. The largest dark red Peony. 70 cents.

102. RUBRA SUPERBA (Richardson, 1871). 7.2. Large, brilliant red, the best and the very latest red. 80 cents.

**YELLOW PEONIES.**

**EARLY.**

103. CANDIDISSIMA (Calot, 1856). 7.1. Rose type. Pure white with a sulphur yellow center. Chaste and refined. $1.00.

104. COMTE DE JUSSIER. Bomb shape, guard petals blush, inner sulphur yellow, a profuse bloomer, fine for cutting. 40 cents.


**MIDSEASON.**

106. PRINCESS NICOLAS BIBESCO (Guerin, 1863). Globular low crown, guards light pink, center charming delicate yellow. 50c.


108. TRITOMA PFITZERI (Red Hot Poker or Flame Flower or Torch Lily). This variety is the best of the Tritoma family. Hardy south of Philadelphia, but needs protection north of Philadelphia. 25 cents.

**TERMS.**—We can furnish extra large clumps of some of the varieties. Prices on application. Terms cash. Goods forwarded at purchaser’s risk.

The prices quoted are for stock packed for shipment f. o. b. Sinking Spring, Pa., and are offered subject to being unsold upon receipt of order. Purchasers must state whether goods shall be shipped by express or by freight and name the route desired.

If nothing is said, we will ship by express. We advise express.

**OBERLIN PEONY GARDENS**

**SINKING SPRING, BERKS CO., PA.**