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INTRODUCTION.—In presenting this catalog 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 nearly two months. You can share our enjoyment with us for the same length of time, by consulting our catalog 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 Chinensis 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 plants 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, and will usually bloom the first year. Kindly allow us to quote from letters sent voluntarily by our customers.
TESTIMONIALS

Below are some testimonials that have come to us unsolicited:

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." etc.

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 Shanoock, R. I.: "We have watched the plants grown from roots that you furnished, and without exception they show a stronger growth and so far are far more satisfactory than roots that we received from any other party."

From Woodbridge, Conn.: "I want to tell you that your shipments have come to hand in perfect condition. I never saw better packing in my life. The stock was big and strong. I like to get such stock. They are all planted and we hope for big results. Thank you."
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 time of introduction. 10 is the highest rating a Peony can attain; this is considered perfection.

**TREE PEONY SECTION**

**PAEONIA ARBOREA**

This species is the first to bloom in the early Spring, preceding the Officinalis and Chinensis or Herbaceous sections by two or three weeks according to variety. It is shrubby in character, while the Officinalis and Chinensis sections are Herbaceous.

Our Tree Peonies have all been propagated on their own roots, and will not be a disappointment to the purchaser like some of the grafted stock coming from the Orient, 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.

The habit of the Tree Peony is such that it positively should be on its own roots and allowed to sucker as much as it pleases, as this will increase the number of flowering stems and the circumference of the clump. No attempt should be made to confine it to a single stem.

When this happens, the shrub immediately starts to produce an increasing number of sprouts from below and in this natural way it continues to live and prolong its life, at the same time enlarging the clump. Therefore, in pruning, no living wood should be cut; but, remove only that part of the shrub that has been winter killed.

It will require several seasons for it to become thoroughly established and show the perfection of its bloom. Double varieties will sometimes bloom single and semi-double until thoroughly established. The flowers are larger than of Herbaceous varieties, with a crepe paper-like texture and ruffled and crimped on the edges of the petals. A well-established, mature bush is truly a gorgeous sight when in full bloom. A bush will grow 3 to 4 feet in height and spread and bear 25 to 100 blooms.
South and East exposures are the best locations, in open spaces and in full sunlight. If planted where they are exposed to North or West winter winds, they should have protection by mulching with dry leaves or a screen the first year.

Unlike the Herbaceous Peonies, Tree Peonies should be planted deeply. Dig a large hole, removing the yellow subsoil and refill with good surface soil only, mixing a little bonemeal with the soil, and water freely in dry weather. Cultivate and feed with bonemeal every fall.

All shipments by express or freight. Tree Peonies cannot be sent by parcel post.

We offer the following varieties, viz.:

1. MOUTAN. Large, single red-maroon flowers. The first to bloom. Each $5.00.

2. BANKSI. Large semi-rose type, flesh pink flowers. Each $4.00; doz. $40.00.

3. FLIGHT OF CRANES. “Rein Kahu.” Large semi-double white with a delightful odor and a center of golden anthers. Each


5. AMERICA. Semi-double, beautiful soft flesh pink. Each

6. RURIBAN. Large semi-double, satiny dark red. Each

7. LIGHT PINK. A fine semi-double variety of soft pink shade. Each

8. LAVENDER. A large semi-double bloom, with lavender shadings. Each $8.00.


10. OFFICINALIS RUBRA PLENA. Large bloom, color brilliant deep crimson. The old-fashioned “Piney” of our grandmothers, and is extensively used on Memorial Day. Each, $1.00; doz., $10.00.

11. OFFICINALIS MUTABILIS ALBA. Light pink changing to white. Each $1.00; doz., $10.00.
13. OFFICINALIS ALBA PLENA. Large convex, double bloom, pure white, a very scarce and valuable variety. Each $2.00.

CHINENESIS SECTION

WHITE PEONIES

EARLY

15. FESTIVA MAXIMA (Miellez, 1851). 9.3. The very largest milk white, flecked crimson, a magnificent bloom. Each, 50c.; doz., $5.00.
16. FESTIVA (Donkelaer, 1838). 8.0. A very prolific bloomer, creamy white, crimson spots, blooms not as large as Festiva Maxima. Each 45 cents; doz., $4.50.
17. MADAME DE VERNEVILLE (Crousse, 1885). 7.9. A large, very full bomb, pure white centre, blush when first open, fragrant, medium height. Each, 50 cents; doz., $5.00.
18. DUCHESS DE NEMOURS (Calot, 1856). 8.1. Cup-shaped bloom, wonderful buds, sulphur white, no crimson flakes. Each 50 cents; doz., $5.00.
19. LA TENDRESSE (Crousse, 1896). 8.1. Large, compact, flat rose type, uniform milk white, splashed guards, centre flecked crimson, strong, free bloomer. Each, $1.00; doz., $10.00.

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20. MADAME CROUSSE (Calot, 1866). 7.9. Medium size, pure white, centre flecked crimson, most fragrant, strong, stiff stem, best all round white. Each, 75 cents; doz., $7.50.
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<td>LE CYGNE (Lemoine, 1907)</td>
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<td>Enormous, perfectly formed, pure milk white globe with no markings or stamens. Very fragrant, erect, strong stems.</td>
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<td>ALSACE LORAINE (Lemoine, 1906)</td>
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<td>Semi-rose form. Pointed white petals suffused with a golden light.</td>
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<td>BARONESS SCHROEDER (Kelway, 1890)</td>
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<td>Very large, rose type, flesh white bud bleaching to white, very fragrant, strong grower.</td>
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<td>COURONNE D’ OR (Calot, 1873)</td>
<td>8.1</td>
<td>Large flat, semi-rose type, ivory white, fragrant, very free bloomer and most dependable.</td>
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<td>MARIE LEMOINE (Calot, 1869)</td>
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<td>Large globular pure white, cream center, occasional Carmine tip, extra strong stem.</td>
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<td>MIREILLE (Crousse, 1894)</td>
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<td>ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING (Brand, 1907)</td>
<td>9.2</td>
<td>Very large semi-rose type. Blooms in the bud appear pure glistening white. Extra fine. Fragrant.</td>
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<td>ENCHANTRESS (Lemoine, 1903)</td>
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<td>Very large. Tall, strong, vigorous grower. Fragrant, creamy white.</td>
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PALE PINK PEONIES

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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. Each, 50 cents; doz., $5.00.

34. MADAME CALOT (Miellez, 1856). 8.1. Very large rose type, pale hydrangea pink, center shaded darker. Each 60 cents; doz., $6.00.


36. EUGENIE VERDIER (Calot, 1864). 8.6. Flat bloom, pale hydrangea pink, fragrant, very tall, erect, free bloomer. One of the showiest. Each, $1.00; doz., $10.00.

37. OCTAVIE DeMAY (Calot, 1867). 8.5. Very large, flat crown; guards and center pale hydrangea pink. Collar almost white. Fragrant. Each, $1.50; doz., $15.00.


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40. FLORAL TREASURE (Rosenfield, 1900). 7.5. Large rose type, pale lilac rose, fragrant, tall, free bloomer. One of the best commercial blooms. Each, 55 cents; doz., $5.50.

41. LA TULIPE (Calot, 1872). 7.5. Large flat bloom, lilac white, and crimson stripes on outer petals, fragrant, tall, free bloomer. Good variety. Each, 65 cents; doz., $6.50.

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

43. VENUS (Kelway). 8.3. High crown, delicate shell pink, beautiful compact bloom, extra good for cut flowers. Each, $1.00; doz., $10.00.
44. SOLANGE (Lemoine, 1907). 9.7. Extra large, with broad rounded petals, suffused with a reddish golden light. One of the very finest. Each, $5.00.

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. Each, $4.50; doz., $45.00.

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. Each, $4.00.

48. REINE HORTENSE (Calot, 1857). 8.7. Large compact flower, broad rounded petals of soft flesh color. Guard and center petals marked carmine, tall and vigorous. Each, $2.50.


50. EUGENE VERDIER (Calot, 1864). 8.3. Large compact type, pale hydrangea pink, fragrant, free bloomer. Each, $2.00; doz., $20.00.

51. FRANCES WILLARD (Brand, 1907). 9.1. Tall, strong grower, opening blush white, flowers of large size and delicate texture. Each, $4.00.

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

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53. LA PERLE (Crousse, 1885). 8.5. Very large, globular flower. White with a blush center flecked with carmine. Tall, upright grower. Each, $1.50; doz., $15.00.

54. ALBERT CROUSSE (Crousse, 1893). 8.6. Very large bomb, rose white, flecked crimson, fragrant, tall, free bloomer, like a big, fresh carnation. Each, $1.00; doz., $10.00.

56. MADAME EMILE GALLE (Crousse, 1881). 8.5. Large flat rose, deep lilac pink, changing to white in center, strong, free bloomer. Each, 75 cents; doz., $7.50.

57. SARAH BERNHARDT (Lemoine, 1906). 9.0. Flat, semi-rose type, large imbricated petals, apple-blossom pink. Each, $2.00; doz., $20.00.


59. SAMUEL HENSHAW (Richardson). 7.3. Very large blooms, cream and pink intermixed. Each, $3.00.

60. PHOEBE CAREY (Brand, 1907). 8.8. Petals large, broad and of good substance. Color a beautiful rose pink. Tall grower. Very fragrant. Each, $6.00; doz., $60.00.


63. 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. Each, $1.00; doz., $10.00.


**DEEP PINK PEONIES**

**EARLY**

65. MULTIFLORA (Pleas, 1900). Rose type, very early, glossy as satin. Blooms in clusters. Each, $2.00; doz., $20.00.

66. EDULIS SUPERBA (Lemoine, 1824). 7.6. Large, bright mauve pink, collar mixed with lilac, very fragrant, strong, free bloomer. Each, 50 cents; doz., $5.00.

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. Each, $1.00; doz., $10.00.
68. LAMARTINE (Calot, 1860). 8.3. Very large rose type, pale lilac rose, very fragrant, tall, free bloomer, also known as "Giganthea." Each, $1.00; doz., $10.00.


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71. MONSIEUR BOUCHARLATAIN (Calot, 1868). 7.1. Large, full, semi-rose type, uniform light, violet-rose, with silvery reflex. Strong grower. Each, 75 cents; doz., $7.50.

72. WALTER FAXON (Richardson). 9.3. Semi-rose type, uniform pure bright rose, deep in center. Tall, free bloomer, scarce. Each, $5.00; doz., $50.00.


74. DOCTEUR BRETONNEAU (Verdier, 1854). 6.4. Medium bomb, pale lilac rose, fragrant, splendid keeper, free bloomer, also known as "Lady Leonora Bramwell." Each, 65 cents; doz., $6.50.

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75. PIERRE DUCHARTRE (Crousse, 1895). 8.2. Rose type. Deep shell pink, broad rounded petals, strong upright stems. Each, $2.00.

76. MADAME FOREL (Crousse, 1881). 8.1. One of the largest imbricated rose type. Glossy deep pink, with a silvery reflex, fragrant, tall, free bloomer. Each, 65 cents; doz., $6.50.

77. LIVINGSTONE (Crousse, 1879). 8.1. Large perfect rose type, pale lilac rose, free bloomer, remarkable buds. Each, $1.00; doz., $10.00.


81. MARTHA BULLOCH (Brand, 1907). 9.1. Brand's best production. Tall, strong grower. Immense blooms of soft rose pink, well formed, good substance, fragrant. Each, $10.00; doz., $100.00.

82. DORCHESTER (Richardson, 1870). 7.7. Delicate pale hydrangea pink, large fragrant bloom on strong rather dwarf upright stems, very late. Each, 65 cents; doz., $6.50.

RED PEONIES

83. LORD KITCHENER (Renault, 1915). 7.6. Rose type. Dazzling, brilliant cherry-red color. One of the earliest Chinensis Peonies to bloom. Each, $1.00; doz., $10.00.

84. RICHARD CARVEL (Brand, 1913). 8.8. Bomb type. The globular flower one shade of bright crimson. Tall and profuse bloomer. Each, $5.00; doz., $55.00.


89. FRANCOIS ORTEGAT (Parmentier, 1850). 6.7. Large semi-rose type, dark amaranth red yellow stamens, medium height. Each, 55 cents; doz., $5.50.
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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. Each, 65 cents; doz., $6.50.

91. MEISSONIER (Crousse, 1886). 6.5. A brilliant purple amaranth on tall, slender stems, called the American Beauty red. Each, 69 cents; doz., $6.00.


95. PURPUREA SUPERBA (Delache, 1855). 6.8. Large bomb, bright crimson, strong, free bloomer, very tall red variety, no stamens. Each, 1.00; doz., $10.00.

96. MADAME BUCQUET (Dessert, 1888). 7.3. Large semi-rose type, deep crimson amaranth, fragrant, strong, upright, free bloomer. Each, 65 cents; doz., $6.50.


LATE

98. THE INDIAN (Brand). Very late, a good cut flower variety. Each, $2.00.


100. MARECHAL VAILLANT (Calot, 1864). 7.5. Very large globular rose type, blood red, tall coarse stem, a good variety, very late. Each, 65 cents; doz., 6.50.

101. DELACHEI (Delache, 1856). 7.1. Large, compact, semi-rose type, violet crimson, strong, erect, very fine. The largest dark red Peony. Each 70 cents; doz., $7.00.

102. RUBRA SUPERBA (Richardson, 1871). 7.2. Large, brilliant red, the best and the very latest red. Each, 70 cents; doz., $7.00.
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103. SHENANDOAH (Brand). Very late, fragrant variety, large and very double. Blooms profusely with Rubra Superba. Each, $2.50.

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108. PRIMEVERE (Lemoine, 1907). 8.6. Guard petals deep creamy-yellow and center petals sulphur-yellow, the yellowest of the herbaceous Peonies. Each, $4.00.

109. TRITOMA PFRITZERI (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. Each, 25 cents; doz., $2.50.

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.

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