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HERITAGE SEEDSMAN

A catalogue of the different sorts of esculent plants that are raised for use in the Kitchen

Together with a select list of Culinary & Physical Herbs & Cottage Garden Flowers

Mr Etty begs (most respectfully), to bring to the notice of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, & Others, this his specialist seed catalogue. In doing so he trusts that his determination to select from none but the best stocks will ensure for him the patronage which it is his anxious study to merit.

Seed Counts. Are approximate, & our packets usually exceed the number quoted. Please let us know if you have received insufficient seeds.

EEC Rules Apply! We have spent much time checking our listing against the EEC Common catalogue. As a result, some varieties previously listed separately may now grouped together. Whilst we may not agree with some of these associations, we feel constrained to comply with the rules. We may list some varieties which do not appear in these listings (some are currently being considered for inclusion), & will continue to do so, until advised otherwise.

Our Website. Our mechanicals, have prepared an electrical version of this catalogue which may be plucked from the very ether by patrons in possession of a mathematical computer. Whilst by no means a Luddite, Mr Etty has suggested the cautionary use of gloves when undertaking this to avoid any danger of electrocution!

Varieties annotated thus ** are British bred vegetables & Cottage Garden Flowers or British Wild Flowers

SEED TYPES

Standard. = open-pollinated & untreated seeds

OGS (where shown) = Organically Grown Seed. We are not registered with any organic registering organisation, however all of our suppliers of Organic seed are, and it is their accreditation which will appear on the packet.

ARTICHOKE

Green Globe. By 1791 *"The best is Green Globe, which has incurved scales. It is generally grown for the French & London Markets, being very prolific & of excellent quality."* The best for southern counties. **Standard 40 seeds £1.85p. 20 seeds £0.95p**

Imperial Star. Modern but organic. Bred for cutting in its first year. The heads are mostly green with a hint of purple, it has a compact habit, and matures and produces more heads over longer period. **OGS 20 seeds £1.85p**

Purple Globe 1835, the British cyclopaedia of natural history. *"Has a very rich purple colour with large round heads without thorns & excellent taste. The best variety for Northern regions."* **Standard 40 seeds £1.85p. 15 seeds £0.95p**

ASPARAGUS

Argenteuil Early. Produces large sweet tasting spears. Thick stalks with purple tips. A reference to *"les magnifiques asperges de M. l'Hérault d'Argenteuil"* in the Société d'horticulture du département de Seine-et-Oise of 1853, points to the early genesis of this variety. **Standard 75 seeds £1.85p**

Conover's Colossal. Takes a little longer to reach harvestable size (4 years) but lasts longer & is often more reliable than others *"From S. B. Conover, Esq., of West Washington, N.Y a box containing two hundred plants of his colossal asparagus. This is a new variety of asparagus, remarkable for the size of its shoots."* 1866-7 **Standard 100 seeds £1.75. 50 seeds £0.95p**

Mary Washington. Before 1922. Bred by the US Dept. of Agriculture with the object of eliminating Asparagus rust. *"Another new variety is Mary Washington, derived from Washington & a seedling of Reading Giant. It yields the largest seed & seedlings yet produced."* 1922 **Standard 75 seeds £1.85p**

ASPARAGUS PEA

Noted in 1596. *"The dried seeds are sometimes used as a substitute for coffee; & the pods, while young & tender, form an agreeable dish.. Due to it's attractive brick-red flowers, It is often cultivated as an ornamental plant, & for this purpose, is generally sown in patches, 4 or 5 seeds together on the border."* **Standard 50 seeds £1.65p**

AUBERGINE

Imperial Black Beauty. By 1875. Commercially introduced in 1902. *"..fruits are broad, thick, of most attractive form & finest flavour. Its rich, lustrous, purple black colour is very uniform."* **Standard 100 seeds: OGS 50 seeds £1.85p**

**A 10% discount may be applied to orders
despatched before 30th November 2011**

Early Long Purple. 1805. *Traité des végétaux.* C. Tollard. "The fruit is oblong, somewhat club shaped, from 5-8 ins. long, often straight but generally slightly bent. Deep purple, in colour but subject to some difference being sometimes pale purple, slightly striped, & often much variegated with longitudinal stripes, always more deeply coloured on the exposed side."

Standard 100 seeds, or OGS 30 seeds £1.85p

BEETROOT

Bulls Blood. Pre 1900. Outstanding dark red leaves & roots. Perhaps the Blood Red Hamburg, noted in 1878. Vilmorin mentions a *Rouge a feuillage ornamental* in 1885, saying that "This variety is distinguished by the dark red colour of its leaves which are broadly crimped & have an almost glazy lustre."

Standard 200 seeds: OGS 150 seeds.

Golden. Before 1806. Golden yellow throughout, & best harvested when small, Turnip-rooted, The distinct advantage is that it does not bleed, but has the same beetroot flavour.

Standard 150 seeds: OGS 100 seeds.

**** Cheltenham Green-top't.** By 1883. Bred by A H Cook of Cheltenham & sent out by Harrison & Sons of St James' St. Leicester.

"I wish to call attention to a variety of vegetable which, in this district is, I believe, but little known, although those who were fortunate enough to see the collection of beets sent to the Royal Horticultural conference at Chiswick will have had an opportunity of noting several good varieties there. Messr's J. Veitch & Sons & Messr's Harrison & Sons, showed on that occasion the kind called Cheltenham Green Top."

"This is a valuable variety of beet, and scarcely any other is grown in the market gardens around Cheltenham. It is a moderate sized root with a smallish top, & green leaved as its name implies. Retains a good colour when boiled."

"I should have grown it in larger quantities but the seed was rather difficult to obtain." 1889

Standard 400 or 200 seeds

Detroit Globe 1892. "Roots globular, smooth & uniform, with a small tap root. Flesh dark red & of fine quality, sweet & tender."

Standard Seed 500 or 200 seeds: OGS 250 seeds

Egyptian Turnip-rooted. 1871 "Fine deep red flesh, strongly recommended for shallow soils & cold frames. Valuable for summer salads as it comes to maturity early."

Standard Seed 500 or 200 seeds: OGS 250 seeds

Tonda di Chioggia (*Syn. Bassano*) By 1841. "Skin reddish, flesh white, with concentric rose-coloured rings. It appears to be the same as those met with in the markets in North Italy. Called "de Chioggia" in Venice, from the name of the place whence it comes from. It forms its roots chiefly on the surface, so may be grown on thinner land than that required for the deep-rooting kinds."

Standard Seed 500 or 200 seeds: OGS 250 seeds

All Beetroot varieties £1.65p per Packet (Small packs £0.90p)

LEAF BEET

Sea Beet. The ancestor of both the leaf & root beets. Does not form an edible root, but the dark green leaves (fleshier than commercial leaf beet) are as useful. Short-term perennial but we allow it to self-seed & pull up the previous years plants. Very early & very hardy. Garden sourced

Standard 50 seeds

Five-coloured or Rainbow. Use both the leaves & stems of this variety to give a colourful addition to your vegetable choices. Includes white, yellow, orange, pink & red stalked varieties, & green or red leaves.

Standard 150 or 75 seeds: OGS 100 seeds

Perpetual Spinach By 1790. An excellent and long standing alternative to Spinach. As with all Leaf Beets, it can be sown and harvested from Spring though to late Autumn.

Standard 400 or 200 seeds: OGS 200 seeds

Rhubarb or Ruby. By 1856. Grown for its bright colour, as well as its culinary uses. Perhaps the Chilean Beet of Vilmorin.

Standard 400 or 200 seeds: OGS 200 seeds

Swiss Chard (*Syn. Fordhook Giant*). 1735. "The Gardeners Dictionary". Philip Miller. Leaves used like Spinach, the very broad leaf stalks may be steamed or boiled & used as an alternative to Seakale.

Standard 400 or 200 seeds: OGS 200 seeds

All Leaf Beet varieties £1.65p per Packet (Small packs £0.90p)

BORECOLE or KALE

Dwarf Green Curled. The leaves are sweeter and more tender after having been "frosted." "...a fine winter food for cattle, no frosts can destroy it, therefore it will fupply when Cabbages & Savoys are gone." 1777

Standard 500 or 250 seeds: OGS 300 seeds

**** Hungry Gap.** "Coming in July, Hungry Gap kale is true to its name. Green vegetables are at their lowest ebb in that month. This leafy plant is an exceptionally heavy bearer." 1831.

Standard 500 or 250 seeds

Jersey Tree, or Walking-stick Cabbage. By 1771 Catalogue Raisonne de Grains &c. "I enclose a few seeds of an arborescent cabbage introduced from La Vendee which promises to be an important acquisition to agriculture. I have seen it growing to a height of 8ft. In La Vendee I am told it acquires an altitude of from 12 to 16 or even more feet." 1827. Good stock feed. In Jersey the dried stalks are used to make walking sticks.

Standard 200 or 100 seeds

Nero di Toscano. (*Syn. Cavolo Nero & Chou Palmier*). By 1792 Praelectiones in Ordines Naturales Plantarum. "Up to 6ft. in height, terminating at the top in a cluster of leaves, which are nearly entire on the borders, blistered on the surface (like those of the Savoy), & which sometimes measure 3ft in length by 4 or 5ins in width."

Standard 500 or 250 seeds

Red Russian. By 1818. Page's Prodrumus William Page. "Before the plant begins to shoot in the spring, it appears purple, the back & edges of the leaves being tinged that colour, which of course are more in view in their growing state than when expanded. It is equal in value to any variety of borecole, sweet and well-flavoured, perfectly hardy, & remains till late in the spring."

Standard 500 or 250 seeds: OGS 300 seeds

Thousand-headed. By 1801. The Cottage Gardener. G Watson. "Extolled as an article in Agriculture. May be also considered as belonging in the garden. I know from experience that it will withstand the severest frost & will survive to be useful." 1817.

Standard 500 or 250 seeds

All above Borecoles. £1.65p Per Packet (Small packs £0.90p)

BROAD BEAN

**** Bunyard's Exhibition.** 1835. Bred & distributed by Mr Bunyard of Allington, nr, Maidstone, Kent. "Newly introduced, & apparently a superior variety; its pods are long, & contain 6 to 8 beans, resembling in size & shape those of the Windsor."

**** Sutton Dwarf.** Bred & introduced, in 1923, by Sutton & Sons of Reading, Surrey. "...attaining a height of only 9-12 ins. The plants are of more or less spreading habit, & so freely branch that a very large number of pods are produced each containing 4-5 beans of superior table quality."

**** Green Windsor.** This variety is listed in the Retir'd Gardener, of 1704. I am indebted to Mr. Philip Miller, for these lines which he penned in 1735 *"In the Middle of January, if the Weather is open & good, you may plant your first crop of Windsor Beans, which will succeed the Sandwich, & every 3 weeks make a fresh plantation until the middle of May, in order to preserve a succession through the Season: Indeed there are some People who are very fond of Beans, which plant even in June, but unless the Soil is very strong & moist, or the Season proves wet or cold, they seldom succeed well."*

**** Carter's Masterpiece Green Longpod.** (*Syn. Land's Supreme or Acme*). By 1891 *"An exhibition Bean. It combines the earliness of the Seville; partakes of the length of pod of the Aqua-dulce; & posses the fine quality & flavour of the Green over the White Bean. It is most prolific, a great number of the pods hanging in pairs."* 1897

Above Broad Beans 30 seeds £1.50p; 50 seeds £2.25p, 100 seeds £4.00p

Agua-dulce Claudia By 1937. *"...perfectly hardy & withstand the most severe winter conditions. What the plants do resent are cold east winds, so for preference they should be afforded some form of shelter."* Standard 50 seed or OGS 40 seeds £2.25p

Crimson Flour'd. By 1771. *"Height about 4ft; flower bright red approaching scarlet, but varying from pale to dark red, or almost black. Pods medium size, containing, generally, 4 or 5 beans, similar in shape, but longer than the long-podded sort.. An excellent bearer, when in bloom, it is very ornamental & often grown for that purpose.* Mawe & Abercrombie. 1787.

Standard 30 seeds £2.35p

BROCCOLI

**** Nine-star Perennial.** Bred & Introduced by Charles Lewin Curtis, a seedsman of 15 London Road, Chatteris, Cambridgeshire in 1928.

"Is now within the reach of every grower. Seeds sown in April or May planted out in June, July or August (or even September), 4ft apart each way on well-manured land. By the following March & April a permanent bed of Broccoli will be produced, each plant of which will give a crop of from 5-15 heads of good saleable size & of excellent quality year after year." 1932

"A distinct form occasionally grown in gardens, with a branching stem producing several heads capable of persisting & heading for many years." Standard 50 seeds

Italian Green Sprouting. A green sprouting Broccoli is noted in *"The English Garden Displayed"* 1784. *"A distinct variety forming good-sized green heads. After these are cut a number of sprouts developing at the axis of leaves forming smaller heads."* Standard 500 or 250 seeds; OGS 300 seeds

Purple Sprouting. The Day Book of Cockmanning's Nursery. 1777. Sown in April will produce from November to February, sown in June, will produce sprouts in March & April. Heavy & long-bearing plants of excellent flavour.

Standard 500 or 250 seeds; OGS 300 seeds

Late form Standard 500 or 250 seeds;

Early White Sprouting. By 1777. Standard 500 or 250 seeds;

All Broccoli varieties - £1.65p per packet (Small packs £0.90p)

BRUSSELS SPROUT

**** Fillbasket.** Raiser unknown, Originally distributed by Sutton & Sons of Reading, & known as Bedfordshire Fillbasket. By 1922. *"Produces the largest & most solid sprouts in cultivation. Although the buttons grow to a large size they are of extremely good quality."* 300 seeds £1.65p 150 seeds £0.90p

**** Darkmar.** By 1959. *"Mid to late main crop, for the outdoor plot. Ideal for producing Brussels Sprouts which large & of a deep green in colour, over a long period."*

OGS 200 seeds £1.75p 100 seeds £0.95p

**** Evesham Special.** Distributed by H J Speed & Son of Evesham, Worcestershire. By 1926 *"a good all rounder, producing large quantities of good quality medium-size solid sprouts from September to December."*

300 seeds £1.65p 150 seeds £0.90p

**** Rubine.** Gourmet red variety, Introduced in the 1950's. Increasingly popular & unusual. Standard 100 seeds £1.95p

CABBAGE (RED)

Red Drumhead or Red Dutch. Noted as Red Dutch in the Modern Gardener or Universal Kalendar. Meader & Hitt 1771 *"The most familiar, as well as the most popular of the red varieties. The head is rather large, round, hard, & solid; the leaves composing the head are of an intense purplish-red; the outer leaves are numerous, red, but with some intermixture or shades of green."* Standard 300 seeds; OGS 150 seeds; £1.65p

CABBAGE

Varieties for Autumn Sowing

**** April.** *"For a gentleman's garden, we know of no cabbage that is likely to give more satisfaction than this new variety. It forms hearts earlier than any other sort, & its medium size & dwarf compact habit, combined with its absolute freedom from any tendency to bolt, must insure, for this cabbage, a hearty reception for those who desire to have the earliest supply"* Sutton & Sons. 1897. Standard 500 or 250 seeds

Bacalan de Rennes. (*Chou de St' Brieuc*). By 1856 *"It appears to have been raised at Saint-Brieuc, whence it was brought to Bordeaux, & is very largely grown & highly esteemed in both these localities."* Standard 250 seeds

**** Durham Early.** Raised & distributed by J. L. Clucas Ltd. Moor Street, Ormskirk. By 1934. *".. a really versatile vegetable. It can be cut for spring greens or left to form dark green heads, which have good flavour. Unlike some cabbages Durham Early can be eaten raw, & even used shredded in stir fries."*

Standard 500 or 250 seeds

**** Flower of Spring.** Another variety bred by Sutton & Sons introduced in 1885, *"Successive annual trials in our Experimental Gardens have proved this to be the best cabbage for August sowing. It not only comes very early in spring, & produces finer heads than any other August-sown cabbages but shows no disposition to run to seed. Dwarf & compact; heart firm & quality, excellent."* Standard 500 or 250 seeds

**** Wheeler's Imperial.** Raised by George Wheeler of Warminster in Wiltshire. Described as "Wheeler's new Imperial Cabbage" in 1846 *"Dark green leafy heads, compact plants with harvest time of mid-April onwards. Suitable for spring sowing for autumn use."* A selection from "Nonpariel" which was listed by W Rendle of Plymouth, among the Early Battersea varieties. The "type" of Early Battersea cabbage is even older having been first grown in 1776. Standard 500 or 250 seeds

Orders from Allotment & Gardening Societies are encouraged, and will attract favourable rates

Varieties for Spring Sowing

Brunswick (Syn *Early Drumhead* or *Early Flat Dutch*) Large but short-headed German variety, in the trade since 1800.

Standard 500 or 250 seeds

**** Christmas Drumhead.** Probably raised & distributed by Barr & Sugden of Convent Garden London. By 1889. "A compact cabbage with dense blue green heads sown May-July & harvest from October to Christmas."

Standard 500 or 250 seeds

Copenhagen Market. By 1884. "A valuable early cabbage, producing a large, globe-shaped head. Stands longer in the field, than any other variety. Produces fine, large heads of light green colour, averaging 5lbs; uniform in shape & size & very solid, with few loose leaves."

Standard 250 seeds

Early Winnigstadt. By 1803, "...similar to Oxheart, but more regularly conical. Head broad at the base, & tapering symmetrically to a point, solid, & of the size of the Ox-heart; leaves of the head pale or yellowish green, with large nerves & ribs; the exterior leaves are large, short, & rounded, smooth, & of firm texture; the stalk is short."

OGS 300 or 150 seeds

Filderkraut or **Pomeranian.** By 1828. "A late variety succeeding better when sown in Spring & keeping well for some time in Winter. Most deserving of notice as it appears to be productive without being excessively late."

Standard 100 seeds

French Oxheart By 1828. "A variety, which is taking the place of many others, as it comes in after the Early York. It is tender, forms its heads readily, & is well-flavoured; a fine intermediate sort." 1899.

OGS 300 seeds

Golden Acre. By 1920. A ball-head cabbage of light green colour. It produces tightly-wrapped cabbage heads right up until December. Often used in the USA for the production of Sauerkraut. A selection of Copenhagen Market (listed above)

Standard 500 or 250 seeds

Glory of Enkhuizen. Developed from the German variety "Gluckstadter," "Introduced in 1888 by Sluis & Groot, in Enkhuizen, Holland. Has medium-large, hard round heads. An early, excellent-keeping variety that is a good producer, & excellent for the Sauer-kraut."

250 seeds or 100 seeds

Holland Late Winter. By 1866. "... is one of the largest cabbages, rather late, good for autumn use, & one of the best for winter or late keeping, as it not only remains sound, but retains its freshness & flavour till late in spring. The heads open white & crisp, &, when cooked, are tender & well flavoured."

Standard 300 or 250 seeds: OGS 200 seeds

Quintal d'Alsace. By 1673. "The most famous Sauerkraut cabbage variety is the Quintal of Alsace, harvested there from July to November, then traditionally salted & fermented in a barrel or stoneware container."

150 seeds

**** Offenham 3 or Wintergreen.** Perhaps of no great age (circa 1967), but a true Colewort nonetheless. Providing Spring Greens from December through April.

Standard 500 or 250 seeds: OGS 200 seeds

All Cabbage Seeds - £1.65p Per packet (Small packs £0.90p)

CABBAGE OF SAVOY

Chou d'Aubervilliers. 1783. Correspondence Rurale. M. De la Bretonnaire. "Early variety, easy to grow, very productive with leaves of blue green colour. The interior leaves are white-yellowish. It is a vegetable with very short stem and a flattened, very tender head."

Standard 250 or 125 seeds

January King or **De Pontoise 3.** By 1867. Sown in May, it cuts in February. Well suited to Northern counties. "Extremely cold hardy yet also grows well in the summer months. Dense, green, round to slightly flattened heads, have attractive, purple-tinged outer leaves."

Standard 300 seeds

Large Drumhead or **des Vertus.** By 1771. "Bear early frosts pretty well. It is said that "mountains" of this cabbage are sent to Market at Paris during the winter."

Standard 350 or 125 seeds

**** Ormskirke.** 1899. Raised & distributed by J. L. Clucas Ltd. Moor Street, Very cold tolerant. Well crinkled leaves. "An extra late green Savoy with crinkled leaves & firm rounded heads. Very hardy & reliable variety that you can be harvesting for Christmas dinner."

Standard 250 or 125 seeds

All above £1.65p Per packet (Small packs £0.90p)

CAPER

By 1633. Grow in a sheltered position, or give glasshouse protection. The unopened flower buds are the part pickled. Slow to germinate! "They stir up an appetite to meat. They are eaten boiled (the salt first washed off) with oile & vineger, & sometimes are boiled with meat."

Standard 20 seeds £2.25

CARDOON

Common or **Plein Blanc Inerme.** By 1750. "...has spineless leaves, leaf-stalks, solid but not so thick or tender when cooked as other varieties."

Standard 50 seeds £1.65p or 25 seeds £0.90p

CARROT

Amsterdam Forcing 3. By 1911. "The finest & sweetest for forcing. Can be grown equally well in the open. Roots are about 5ins. long, stump-ended with very small tap root." 1937

Standard 2000 or 1000 seeds

**** Autumn King 2.** (of Carter's). By 1900. Maincrop. long, cylindrical, heavy stump-ended, with a rich deep-orange flesh. Of excellent quality. Suited to shallow soils

Standard 2000 or 1000 seeds OGS 1000 seeds

Rouge Sang (Syn. *Violette*). Journal d'agriculture pratique. 1897. Dark green foliage, roots squat & conical with an interesting & unusual red & violet skin. A real "rustic carrot" from France, well suited to difficult locations. Similar in size & shape as the Chantenay red-cored.

OGS 400 seeds £1.95p

Chantenay Red Cored. (of *Vilmorin*) By 1829. "The tops are short & the foliage finely cut. The tops are not brittle & are strong enough to bunch easily. Roots are refined in appearance with small collars, evenly stumped with very small "tails". The root surface is smooth & free from large eyes & side rootlets. Exterior colour rich orange."

Standard 2000 or 1000 seeds

Early Nantes. 1867. "Root cylindrical, with a blunt point, even & clean; red, sweet & tender, coreless. One of the earliest & best. Prefers a mellow deep soil & moisture."

Standard 2000 or 1000 seeds OGS 1000 seeds

**** James' Scarlet Intermediate.** In 1824 John Loudon wrote that this variety "...had originated with a market gardener named James, of Lambeth Marsh "some years ago".

"The root is scarlet, about 6ins long, & from 2-3ins. thick, conical & sharp pointed. The top is green, flat & not hollow-crowned; the flesh scarlet & of good quality. Grows well in almost any soil & stands bad weather well."

I would like to think that the said Mr. James is the same individual who bred & introduced the Long Keeping Onion. As yet, however, I have been unable to find out any information to

support this notion, other than the fact that he had a market garden in Lambeth Marsh, & it is known that the Mr. James named in association with that Onion also worked on Lambeth Marsh.

Standard 2000 or 1000 seeds

Jaune Obtuse du Doubs (*Syn. Yellow Intermediate*). Encouragement de l'agriculture par la Confédération. 1851. An old lemon-rooted variety, "A variety well suited for feeding livestock, but also an excellent kitchen vegetable, popular in France. It combines a sweet flavour with good winter storage."

Standard 2000 or 1000 seeds

**** Long Red Surrey or Chertsey.** "There are some good gardens near Chertsey, & here the Chertsey or great Surrey carrot is better grown than anywhere else. Named Chertsey from the circumstance of great quantities of it being brought to the markets of the metropolis from there. Well worth growing. It produces long, orange roots with a distinctive yellow core, & has a quite exceptional flavour."

Standard 2000 or 1000 seeds

Paris Market. By 1875. "The smallest & earliest carrot. Chiefly used for forcing. A great favourite among market gardeners on account of its extreme earliness. From 1ins. to 2 ins. & nearly round."

Standard 500 or 750 seeds

Spanish Black or Morada. Roots thin at the end & purplish black on the surface. Interior white flamed purple. "The history of this variety is difficult to decipher, as it appears infrequently in written text. It is known that the "Mulberry Carrot" has been cultivated for over 300 years in the East, although it did not arrive in Europe until sometime later"

Standard 700 or 300 seeds

Touchon Ideal Red. By 1900. "A very refined home, garden & market carrot. Similar to Nantes but a little longer with a more intense colouring."

Standard 2000 or 1000 seeds

White Belgium "Not hardy for it becomes "disorganised" by the slightest frost. It is used mainly for stock feeding, but having a mild taste, is also deserving of a place at table!" An old Dutch type from the 1600's.

Standard 2000 or 1000 seeds

All Carrot Varieties £1.65p per packet (Small packs £0.90p)

Unless otherwise shown

CAULIFLOWER

All The Year Round. By 1933. "Can be sown any time of the year. Succeeds equally well in frames or in the open. Large milky-white heads well protected with very dark green slightly curled leaves."

Standard 500 seeds £1.85p. 125 seeds £1.10p

**** Autumn Giant 4. (of Veitch)** By 1838. "Heads are very large, beautifully white, firm & compact, & being well protected by foliage, remain a long time fit for use. The plants should be started & transplanted early in the season, to insure their full development."

Standard 250 seeds £1.85p. 125 seeds £1.10p

Di Sicilia Violetto. By 1856 "Packets of seed, first sent here from Italy, which appear to me to have produced the same variety, have been sold for two seasons by Mr Grange, in Covent Garden & Piccadilly."

Standard 250 seeds £1.85p. 125 seeds £1.10p

Dwarf Erfurt or Snowball. By 1830. "This variety promises to be one of the best for cultivation. Specimens exhibited under this name, measured fully 10ins. in diameter; the surface is very close, & the heads possess the peculiar white, curdy character so rarely attained. Plants seldom fail to form a good-sized & symmetrical head."

Standard 250 seeds, OGS 100 seeds £1.85p

Extra Hative d'Angers. Les plantes potagères Vilmorin. 1904. "Greyish blue leaves with curly margin & a long stalk, firm white heads, irregular in shape, not so deeply protected by the leaves. Good for cold districts."

Standard 100 seeds £2.25p

Purple Cape. Introduced to England around 1808 by Marmaduke Dawney. "This has a close, compact head, of a purple colour. The plants grow from 1ft-1½ft in height, with short, erect, concave leaves, regularly surrounding the head. The veins & midribs are stained with purple. The head is exposed to view in growing; & as it enlarges, the projecting parts of the flower show a greenish-white mixed with the purple colour. Becomes green when boiled."

Standard 100 seeds £2.25p

Romanesco. By 1951. "... differs from traditional cauliflower in that it is pale lime in colour rather than creamy white. It has a milder, sweeter flavour than the white variety and is best eaten when the heads are small."

Standard 200 seeds £1.85p

CELERIAC

Giant Prague. By 1871 "Gradually more gardeners are becoming acquainted with this splendid vegetable, which is much easier to grow than Celery. The leaves & stalks are bitter. The edible portion is the thick root, which is highly valued boiled, or is used in soup; stews, & other dishes."

Standard 2000 seeds £1.65p or 1000 seeds £0.90

CELERY

Giant Red or Brydon's Prize Red. By 1835. (*syns. Laing's Mammoth, Radford's Pink, Sulham's Prize Pink, True Manchester & Giant Red.*) "Plant of strong & vigorous growth, attaining an average height of 3 ft; leaflets broad green; heads compact, average girth 12ins; the outer leaf-stalks are moderately broad, slightly shaded with red; hearts very solid; the stalks broad, thick and fleshy blanching for about 12 ins; a very excellent sort, stands the winter well. This is the largest variety."

Standard 2000 seeds £1.65p or 1000 seeds £0.90p

Cutting or Soup. By 1793. "Little improved by cultivation, & probably a reversion towards the wild state. Grown for its leaves which are cut like parsley, & used in soups & for seasoning."

OGS 1500 seeds £1.65p

Giant Pascal. "Two rows were grown in each plot; the plants, large & well grown, were set 1ft apart in rows 5ft apart on July 19. Banking began September 29, & the crop was put into the cellar in good condition." Massachusetts Experimental Agricultural station. 1887

Standard 750 seeds £1.65p

Golden Self-Blanching. (*of Burpee's*) 1886. Listed as Golden Yellow Celery by Vilmorin. "This grand variety has justly become very popular. The stalks are broader & heavier than those of the White Plume, but it is nearly as early. Produces large dwarf bunches, blanching to a deep golden yellow."

Standard 2000 seeds £1.65p or 1000 seeds £0.90p

Solid White. (*Syn. Celeri Turc.*) By 1787. "Of close habit, 2ft high; leaflets broad, deeply toothed or serrated; hearts firm & solid, blanching about 12ins; the stalks broad, thick, crisp & tender".

Standard 1000 seeds £1.85p

CIME DI RAPE or TURNIP GREENS

Quarantina. By 1885. "Grown for its edible greens which are the principle ingredient of an Italian sauce. The unopened flower-heads looks like broccoli, but are actually a form of turnip. Quick maturing & can be harvested when ordinary Broccoli is not available."

Standard 500 seeds £1.85p 250 seeds £1.00p

Please see Page 22 for details of our Personalised Gift Boxes

CHICORY

Barbe de Capucin. L' Ecole Du Jardinier Fleuriste. 1767. Semi-wild ancestor of all Chicories; rarely available. *"..much esteemed by the French as a winter salad; & when blanched, is known under the name of Barbe du Capucin. For winter leaf use,*

Standard 1500 or 750 seeds

Madgeburg. By 1822. *"..much chicory is cultivated in this district: after being roasted at kilns near the town, it is largely exported as a substitute for coffee."*

Standard 1500 or 750 seeds

Wallonne. Heritage French regional variety from the 19th century, forming large tightly packed head. Self blanching.

Standard 1500 or 750 seeds

Witloof or Large Brussels. The Gardeners' Year-book & Almanack 1872. but used by the French & Belgians for time immemorial. *"Leaf growth makes one of the most delicious winter salads or it can be cooked in the same manner as Sea Kale. In autumn the roots are taken up, the leaves trimmed off about 1½ins. from the neck, & the end of the roots shortened so as to bring them to a length of 8 - 9ins. The roots are then planted in earth in a dark, cool place in the cellar or under a greenhouse bench."*

Standard 1500 or 750 seeds

All Chicories £1.65p per packet (£0.90p small packets)

RADICCHIO

Rossa di Treviso. By 1899. *"..an elegant plant with red leaves contrasting with wide white ribs. The leaves are delicious in salads, & the ribs are used as a base for risotto & soup."*

Standard 1500 or 750 seeds. OGS 750 seeds

Rossa di Verona. *"A refined type of radicchio with loose succulent heads. The firm texture & deep colouring of the leaves make them ideal for braising and cooking, as well as fresh use."*

Standard 1500 or 750 seeds

Variegata di Castelfranco. 18th Century. Radicchio. Leaves green heavily blotched with red. Forced in the same manner as Witloof.

Standard 1500 or 750 seeds

Variegata di Chioggia. *"Produces large, tightly held heads which become red-crimson when ripe, with wide white ribs & spreading veins. Similar to the smaller ball-type radicchio, but with a larger head."*

Standard 1500 or 750 seeds

All Radicchio £1.65p per packet (£0.90p small packets)

COURGETTES

Black Beauty (Syn. Black Milan). By 1927. *"Produces dark green fruits of the finest quality...has an open habit making picking the fruits so much easier."*

Standard 35 seeds £1.85p or 18 seeds £1.10p. OGS 20 seeds £1.85p

Coucourzelle (Syn. Italian Vegetable Marrow) Le Bon Jardinier pour l'année. 1826. A. Poiteau, notes that examples were *".. sent from Italy to the Duke of Orleans, in 1820."*

"..forms a dwarf bush, with short, reclining stems, & upright leaves, which are deeply lobed. The fruits are used when the flowers are about to drop from their ends. They are then from 4-5 ins. long, & 1½-2 ins. round. Pale yellow, heavily striped with green. Bears abundantly. & being a bush may be grown closer than the true Marrow."

OGS 20 seeds £1.85p

De Nice à fruit rond (Syn. Tondo chiaro di Nizza). By 1903. *"Trailing vigorous plant with a peculiarly spherical fruit of light green, Pick when tennis ball size, & before the skin begins to darken in colour."*

Standard 35 seeds £1.85p or 18 seeds £1.10p. OGS 20 seeds £1.85p

Goldena. A beautiful, yellow fruiting, variety from the beginning of the 20th century. An excellent contrast to the darker green varieties.

Standard 20 seeds £1.95p

Long White Bush (Blanche non coureuse) Vilmorin 1883. Our chief clerk grew a fine specimen of this variety, measuring some 27 inches, which won first prize at the Horton village largest marrow competition.

Standard 10 seeds £2.25p

Petit Gris d'Alger. An early variety. It is very productive purposes with fruit and slightly bulbous light green with pale grey.

Standard 10 seeds £2.25p

Trombonchino. 19thc. Italian. Long thin fruit that curves at the end into a bell shape, reminiscent of a Trombone. Trailing or climbing variety.

Standard 10 seeds £1.95p

COUVE TRONCHUDA

Portugal, or Sturdy Cabbage. Introduced to the UK by James Warre Esq in 1821, but noted in Vocabulario Portuguez & Latino in 1721 *"Though tender, this delicious vegetable may be secured for use in summer & autumn & far on into the winter by sowing the seed in February, March & April (the first sowing assisted with heat.) They should be put out as early as possible on rich soil at from 1 to 2 ft each way, & have plenty of water,"*

Standard 100 seeds £1.95p

CUCUMBERS & GHERKINS

Crystal Apple or Lemon. Said to have originated in China. Noted in 1894. Pale creamy white fruits 3ins. long, with a circumference of 2ins. *"Messrs Hobbies of Dereham, brought Lemon Cucumbers, the fruit being small & roundish-oval, with a pale lemon-coloured skin, but exactly similar in flavour to the ordinary Cucumber."*

Standard 40 seeds or OGS 20 seeds £1.65p

**** Long Green Ridge or Bedfordshire Prize Ridge.** 1767. Every Man his own gardener. Abercrombie & Moore. (as Long Prickly). *"From 7-10ins. long, of a green colour, with few prickles. A good bearer; & upon the whole, this is accounted the best cucumber for the general summer crop, the pulp being very crisp & pleasant."* 1834

Standard 20 seeds £1.95p

National Pickling. 1924. Developed by G E Starr at Michigan College of Agriculture to specifications of the National Picklers' Association. The early maturing fruits are dark green, square ended & about 6ins. long when mature. Excellent for smaller sized pickles.

Standard. 35 seeds £1.65p: 15 seeds £0.90p

**** Perfection. (Syn. King of the Ridge.)** Raised by Mr. Thomas Lockie, of Great Malvern, A cross between Purley Park Hero and Verdant Green. First grown at Mr. Lowes Nursery in Uxbridge in 1889. & originally distributed by C. Turner of the Royal nurseries in Slough. *"It merits its name, it is not big, it is even & regular in shape, with a short neck, of good flavour & wonderfully prolific"*

Standard 35 seeds £1.65p: 15 seeds £0.90p

**** Rollisson's "Telegraph Improved."** Bred & introduced by William Rollison & Sons, of Springfield nurseries in Upper Tooting in around 1864. *"It was tried against several of the best kinds and found to be a better variety than any at Chiswick. I am confident that it is unequalled. My brother gardeners who are expected to produce cucumbers in quantity in the winter should get this kind; & when they have once grown it they will not grow any other sort. I find that there are several varieties of the same name (which are in no way equal to my pet Cucumber). It produces 2,3,4 or even 6 fruits at a joint, & will grow from 18-23ins. in length. It requires a pretty good heat, and is best adapted for a house, although it will succeed well in a frame."*

Standard 10 seeds £1.95p

Vert Long Maraîchère or Marketer. By 1887. “.. a new variety ideal for slicing. Fruits uniform, about 10ins. long, & of good colour & excellent quality. A heavy yielder & a promising variety.” **Standard 35 seeds £1.65p: 15 seeds £0.90p**

Small Green Paris (*Syn. Parisian Pickling*) 1876. Société d'horticulture et de viticulture d'Épernay. A French "Gherkin" variety. Thick-set and productive.

Standard. 35 seeds £1.65p: 15 seeds £0.90p

ENDIVE

Broad Leaved Winter of Bordeaux. By 1856. (*En Cornet de Bordeaux*). A French broad-leaved or scarole heirloom. Very hardy.

Standard 600 seeds £1.85p

Fine de Louviers. By 1857. “Leaves short, very deeply cut & lacinated; of a dull glaucous green colour. Forms close full hearts of excellent quality which blanch naturally to a good extent. This variety will not tie-up & requires covering to blanch thoroughly; very hardy.” 1878

Standard 600 seeds £1.85p

Frisée De Meaux. (*Syn. Small Green Curled*). By 1771. “Not so early as Moss Curled but is more hardy & well suited for the autumn crop.”

Standard 600 seeds £1.85p

Green Curled Ruffec. By 1863. “Leaves from 7-8ins. long, resting close to the ground with a broad fleshy midrib, the edges toothed & much curled; of a deep green colour. Forms very large full hearts which blanch readily without much tying. Crisp fleshy & excellent.” 1878

Standard 600 seeds £1.85p

Green Upright or Moss-curved. 1771. Gordon & Dormers Seed List. (as Green Curled Upright Endive). Also described in a Royal Horticultural Society report on varieties of Endives. Both the Green and White varieties of curled endive were grown by the Reverend White at Selbourne.

OGS. 400 seeds £1.95p

FLORENCE FENNEL

Sweet Florence. By 1677. “The large, finely cut, light green leaves are borne on very broad, pale green or almost whitish stalks, which overlap at their bases, somewhat like celery, but much more swelled at edible maturity, to form a sort of head or irregular ball, the “apple”, sometimes as large as a man's fist.”

Standard 300 seeds £1.65p: OGS 300 seeds £1.85p

FRENCH or KIDNEY BEANS Climbing Types

Blue Lake White Seeded, Listed before 1885, but almost certainly older. Said to have originated with the Native American Indians. High yield & early maturing string-less green pods.

Standard 100 seeds £1.85p: OGS 60 seeds £1.95p

Borlotto Lingua di Fuoco (*Syn. Coco Rouge de Prague*). By 1805. “Tall, Late, but very productive in fine autumns. Pods tender; seeds round, purplish red with variegations. Thick-skinned, mealy & of good flavour, said to resemble chestnuts in taste.”

Standard 80 seeds £1.85p: OGS 50 seeds £1.95p

Purple-podded (*Syn. Cosse Violet*) By 1856 “The Annales et résumé des travaux Société Nantaise d'horticulture.” of 1867 state (in translation) “This variety is of recent introduction. Its stems are purple-brown mottled green, reaching to a height far exceeding that attained by the runner bean. Its foliage is very ample, & its pink-purple flowers are relatively small, The pods are a beautiful uniform dark purple or mottled purple & green.”

Standard 100 seeds £1.85p

Soissons Gros Blanc a Rames. 1749. L'école du Jardin Potager. “Has been referred to as Caseknife which it resembles but from which it is separated by a larger broader seed & comparatively narrow, more constricted pod.”

Standard 40 seeds £2.50p

Lazy Housewife (*Syn. Sophie, or White Coco.*) by 1828 “Maule, in 1894 says Lazy Wife originated in Bucks County Pennsylvania, but was probably brought there by German Settlers. It was known as early as 1810 as White Cherry Pole, or White Canterbury Pole.” 1931

Standard 40 seeds £2.50p

FRENCH or KIDNEY BEANS Dwarf Types

Borlotto Lingua di Fuoco Nano. Dwarf form of the above.

OGS 60 seeds £1.95p

Brittle Wax. (*St Esprit Jaune*). By 1895 Very similar to the Spreadeagle bean (see below), except that the marking on the beans are black rather than purple. A long, slightly curved, round, fleshy bean with a high yield over a long harvest period.

Standard 60 seeds £2.00p

Rognon de Coq or Canadian Wonder “The credit for introducing this bean (to the British market) is due to Mr James Cutbush, of Highgate, who catalogued it for many years, as Giant French Bean. It is, in all probability, a selection of Red flageolet of the French.” 1886. Red Flageolet is a synonym of the Rognon de Coq or Caux which is noted in the Dictionnaire universel des plantes, arbres et arbustes de la France. Pierre Joseph Buchoz in 1771.

Standard 150 seeds £1.85p: 75 seeds £1.00p

Chevrier Vert or Groene Flageolet. “This selection from Green Flageolet originated about 1872 at Brétigny-sur-Orge, near Paris, with Gabriel Chevrier a market gardener whose name it bears. It was commercially distributed in 1880.”

OGS 100 seeds £1.75p

De Roquencourt. 1948. Revue Horticole Journal d'horticulture pratique, but probably earlier “An old variety with straight 5-6in. yellow pods; productive; good for regions where summers or night temperatures are cool.”

Standard 100 seeds £1.75p

Lazy Housewife. 1749. L'école du jardin potager. Dwarf form of the above. “Pods, borne in large clusters are 5-7 ins long, fleshy, long & entirely stringless.”

Standard 40 seeds £2.25p

Masterpiece 1907 “First placed for size, form & flavour. A strong grower. The plants are short-jointed & bear a heavy, long continued crop, of fleshy, juicy beans, 8ins. long, stringless until too old for use.”

Standard 150 seeds £1.75p

Mont d'Or or Dwarf Golden Butter. By 1874. (*Semi-climber*) Remarkably early, producing an immense quantity of wax-like pods, very tender & fleshy. Should be cooked whole, as is the custom upon the Continent

Standard 150 seeds £1.75p

Soisson Nains. L'école du jardin potager 1749. Dwarf form of the climbing form listed above.

Standard 40 seeds £2.25p

Spread-Eagle (*Syn. Nun's Bellybutton*) (*St Esprit ou a la religieuse*) By 1856. So named because of the purple marking on the seed at the hilum which, it is said, resembles an Eagle or Dove in flight, & too some “scallywags”, a certain part of a Nun's anatomy! Probably synonymous with the American Soldier, or Johnson Bean.

Standard 40 seeds £2.25p

Tendergreen. By 1922. “Meaty, smooth, dark green, round, tender pods 6-7 ins. long, straight, too slightly curved, & of the most delicious flavour. Absolutely stringless. Pods mature early & are borne profusely. Ideal for canning.”

Standard 150 seeds £1.85p: OGS 75 seeds £2.00p

The Prince or Long Tom. By 1927. A cross between Superlative & Perfection. “.. an immense cropper, fit for picking amongst the very earliest. The pods are large, fleshy, thick & stringless.”

Standard 150 seeds £1.85p

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"The present plant, whose excellence as a pot-herb seems not to be generally known as it deserves; at Bofton & probably many other places in the kingdom, they are sensible of its value, yet strange to tell, this usefull herb is unknown in Covent Garden." 1777
Standard 100 seeds £1.85p

HOP

"Independently of the great use of hops in making beer, the young shoots, called hop-tops, when boiled, are equal in flavour to asparagus, & are eagerly sought after for that purpose." 1816
Standard 100 seeds £1.85p

KOHL RABI

Purple Vienna. By 1849. Journal d'horticulture pratique de la Belgique. *"The swollen stems & leaves of this strain are a purplish colour & the flesh an attractive light green. Matures a few days later than the white. Roots of even size & form."*
Standard 500 seeds £1.65p. 250 seeds £0.90p

White or Green Vienna. By 1849 (as above). *"These varieties (purple & white) are by far the best for table use, & when taken young & properly dressed, they form an excellent substitute for Turnips. Especially noted for their delicate flavour."*
Standard 500 seeds £1.65p. 250 seeds £0.90p

LEEK

Bleu de Solaise By 1942. Editions de la Maison rustique. Blue-green leaves turn violet in cold weather. Requires a long growing season.
Standard 300 or 150 seeds

D'hiver de Saint-Victor. Very cold resistant. Similar in many ways to Bleu de Solaise, but more intense colouration.
OGS 200 seeds

Jaune Gros de Poitou. By 1853. *"A large sort, some of its leaves being more than 6ins. broad & 5ft. long; yellowish green. Stem blanches yellowish-white & its substance is more tender than that the other varieties."*
Standard 200 seeds

Long Winter (Poireau Long d'Hiver). By 1873 Société d'horticulture et de viticulture d'Épernay. *"This variety withstands the winter well & is particularly suitable for planting in Autumn."* 1885
Standard 350 or 175 seeds

**** Lyon.** Introduced by Messrs Stuart & Mein, Seedsmen & Nurserymen of Kelso in the Scottish Borders, prior to 1883. An advert placed by that company in the Gardener's Chronicle in that year states:

"The Lyon Leek is unquestionably the finest in existence, being of enormous size, splendid mild flavour, & perfectly hardy. The blanched part is firm, crisp & white as snow, 14-20 ins. in length, and 3-4 ins. in diameter. Weight of Leek 2-5lb. Splendid for exhibition as well as general use."

"A few years ago, a gentleman in Scotland was good enough to send me a few seeds of this splendid variety of leek, since that time I have grown a breadth of it each year, and I may safely venture to say, that considering its size a quality, and its merit of not running to seed so readily as other kinds which are more commonly cultivated, that it is the best kind of Leek with which I am acquainted, either for general use or for the exhibition table." G. T. Myles, Gardener's Chronicle 1885

It was suggested in 1890 that the Lyon was a selection from Henry's Prize Leek, which was, at that time, much valued for exhibition purposes.
Standard 350 or 175 seeds

Monstrueux de Carentan By 1874. *"Journal de l'Agriculture."* Vilmorin has this as a selection from Large Rouen Leek. *"The largest & hardiest variety. Leaves same length as London Flag, but much thicker & darker green. The long, thick neck is excellent for soups, stews, or creamed."*
OGS 200 seeds

**** Musselburgh** By 1824. An Encyclopaedia of Gardening. J. Loudon. Raised by Mr. James Hardcastle, Seedsman, of Fisher Row, Musselburgh, Scotland before 1830. *"A reliable old favourite that tastes excellent, produces solid white stems & is the main-stay of vegetable production through the lean winter period. A very heavy cropper."*
Standard 350 or 175 seeds

**** Prizetaker.** .. which appeared in catalogues during the 1890's is now recognised as a selection of the Lyon Leek. *"Stems have been grown 1ft long & 5ins in diameter. They are solid, pure white, with a mild agreeable flavour"*.
Standard 350 or 175 seeds

All Leek Varieties - £1.70p per Packet (Small packs £0.95p)

LETTUCE

All-The-Year-Round (Syn Blonde de Berlin) 1825 Manuel Complet du Jardinier &c. Louis Noisette. (as Blonde de Berlin). *"Popular for home & market garden. Heads are large, handsome & very solid, with broad, pale green leaves. Inner leaves beautifully blanched & of delicious quality, crisp & of the buttery character so much liked."*
Standard 1000 or 500 seeds

American Curled By 1872. *"Its habit is that of a Cabbage Lettuce, but it does not heart at all, the leaves are beautifully curled & wrinkled, the outer ones spreading, the inner ones folded together."*
Standard 1000 or 500 seeds

Attraction (Syn. White Boston). By 1885. *"Despite its small size it is a productive one. It grows rapidly, keeps the head well & may be planted very close. Especially suitable for a spring crop."*
Standard 1000 or 500 seeds. OGS 500 seeds

Balloon 1882. *"A hardy giant type, keeps in good condition for a long period on all soils & does not run to seed."*
Standard 1000 or 500 seeds. OGS 500 seeds

Black-seeded Cutting. (Frisee a couper, a graine noire) By 1885. *"Rarely forming a head this variety compensates by producing a great abundance of leaves which grow again after being cut."*
Standard 1000 or 500 seeds

Black Seeded Simpson. Noted as "New" in 1880. American Agriculturist. *"Splendid loose leaf or curled leaf lettuce of great popularity with market & home gardeners. Grows large leaves, the inner ones forming a semi-compact head, very tender, crisp, fine quality, & sweet flavour. Reliable & easily grown."*
Standard 300 seeds

Blonde de Paris (Syn. Batavia Blonde or White Silesian). By 1751. Dictionnaire universel d'agriculture et de jardinage. (as Batavia Blonde). *"Leaves undulate on the margin, slightly tinged with reddish brown on the outside. Heads large, moderately firm & of very good quality."*
Standard 500 seeds

Brune d'Hiver By 1855. Description des plantes potagères. Vilmorin. *"This is a very hardy variety, excellent in quality & taking up but little space when growing."*
Standard 300 seeds

**** Daniel's Continuity.** Before 1893 Raised? &/or distributed by Daniels Brothers of Norwich in Norfolk. *"A variety spoken favourably of by many, has been very useful here on account of its long standing before running to seed. Its colour too, causes it to be well looked upon by those of its acquaintance as something of a novelty. Making, as it does, an agreeable change from the lighter greens of the Cos and Cabbage varieties."*
Standard 1000 or 500 seeds

Frisee de Beauregard (*Syn. Reine des Glaces*). Noted in 1883. Black-seeded. Leaves dark green, wavy & indented. Crisp with & a tight heart. **OGS 500 seeds**

Grosse Blonde Paresseuse or **Fat Lazy Blonde**. (*Syn. White Stone & Nonpareil.*) 1856. Description des Plantes Potagères, Vilmorin. (as Grosse Blonde Paresseuse) "A fine Lettuce, large-sized & productive. It grows well & keeps the head perfectly in hot weather. Plants from 7-9ins. in diameter." **Standard 1000 or 500 seeds**

Little Gem (*Syn. Sucrine.*) 1880. "Very early, coming into use at the same time as the cabbage varieties. A beautiful colour, very dwarf & compact, self-folding." **Standard: 1000 or 500 seeds. OGS 500 seeds**

**** Lobjoit's Green Cos.** By 1856. In the 1820s, W. J. Lobjoit became head gardener to the Rothschild's family and in 1828 founded the firm of W.J. Lobjoit and Son Ltd, market gardeners of Hammersmith. Thought to be the same as Vaux's Self-folding "Heads in the form of an inverted cone; green, with a greyish tone about the top; compact, & forming well without tying. Exterior leaves numerous, deep-green, erect, firm & prominently blistered." **Standard 1000 or 500 seeds**

Marvel of the Four Seasons (*Syn. Red Besson*). By 1880. "Outer leaves bright burgundy red. A justifiably popular & dependable variety holding its flavour even in hot weather." **OGS 800 seeds**

Parris Island Cos. By 1894. "Uniform heads are tall & erect. Interior pale-green to cream & the outer leaves are dark, grey-green." **Standard 1000 or 500 seeds. OGS 500 seeds**

Spotted or Bloody Cos. Rare and elusive! A truly historical variety, and one we have been after for many years. Noted in 1727. The Practical Kitchen Gardiner. Stephen Switzer. "Of medium size, leaves spotted and streaked with red. The heart blanches tender." **OGS 300 seeds**

Trocadero (*Syn. Lorthois or Big Boston*) By 1882. "A very good summer type, May be equally well grown in winter or spring. Leaves dull green; the head also, surrounding leaves tinged with russet." **Standard 1000 or 500 seeds**

Ubriconna Frastagliata or **Drunken Woman** (*Rossa di Trento*) "A somewhat unusual name! Perhaps the reddish streaks suggest the visage of an inebriated woman! Large, bi-colour Red & Green leaves. Excellent quality & flavour" **1000 seeds or 500 seeds**

Verte d'Hiver. 1805. (*Green Winter Cos Lettuce*). "A very old & excellent variety; it is very little affected by frosty weather, & yields a heavy crop for the moderate size of the plants." **Standard 1000 or 500 seeds**

Verte Maraichère. (*Green Paris Cos*) By 1771. "Very large & closes in for blanching without tying. The heart becomes white, crisp, & excellent. Some prefer this to the White Paris, & it has the advantage of being hardier." **Standard 1000 or 500 seeds**

**** Webb's Wonderful.** Raised and distributed by Messrs Webb's of Wordsley in Staffordshire. By 1856 "Immense head, closely folded. Interior beautifully blanched, creamy white, crisp, tender & delicious. A very large robust variety, resisting hot dry weather, very slow to seed & a sure header. Outer colour distinct apple green." **Standard 1000 or 500 seeds**

**** Wheeler's Tom Thumb.** Probably Bred & introduced by Wheeler's of Warminster in Wiltshire. Synonymous with Commodore Nutt, & Stone Tennis Ball. Described in The English Garden Displayed of 1784

"Leaves numerous, small, thin & wrinkled; plant dwarf, compact, & early, producing a delicate head, firm tender, &

whitish-green. One of the best of lettuces, forming a beautiful heart, with scarcely any outer leaves, & standing long before running to seed. On account of its earliness it can be used for forcing, for early sowing in the open ground, for summer & for late sowing for autumn use. Being small, it should not be planted far apart. It will grow in any soil, but will not stand the winter." Cultivated Lettuces D Guiheneuf. 1878.

Standard 1000 or 500 seeds

White Paris Cos "Self-blanching, tender, & mild flavour; useful exhibition variety. Generally esteemed as the best summer Cos, Extensively cultivated around Paris." 1813 **OGS 500 seeds**

**** Winter Density.** First offered by Messr's Toogood of Southampton in 1909. "Glossy dark green leaves, hardy, very delicious. Lovely firm, semi-cos hearts. Slow to bolt."

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(*Levisticum officinale.*) "Moft commonly used in love potions, Lovage also acts as a valuable sentry of the home; it should be freely planted around the dwelling, or place of business to keep off all evil forces, such as plague, faeries, snakes, infects etc.

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MANGOLD WURZEL

Yellow Eckendorf. By 1893. A variety much prized by wine makers, &, (we are informed), those who keep Horses, Ponies, & Goats **Standard 250 seeds £1.85p**

**** Mammoth Red.** By 1869. "A mammoth growing variety, which gives great bulk." **Standard 250 seeds £1.85p**

MARROW

**** Long Green Bush.** By 1904. "This variety is similar to Long White Bush, but the fruit is green or light green, with dark green stripes. It is also a typical summer variety and the fruit cannot be stored for long." **Standard 30 seeds £1.65p**

**** Long Green Trailing.** By 1879. Trailing version of the above. **Standard 30 seeds £1.65p**

Early White Flat Custard. 1591? The most popular early White-skinned Squash. In addition to regular Squash uses, try them shortly after the fruits set, boiled and served like Asparagus. Bush form. **Standard 30 seeds £1.65p**

MELON

Petit Gris de Rennes. "Over 400 years old, this melon has a dense 2lb. fruit with a grey-green rind & superbly sweet orange flesh that is flavorful and perfumed. This variety is early and well adapted to cool climates." **Standard 10 seeds £1.85p**

Black Rock or Noir des Carmes. 1787. "A large-fruited, late variety; form variable, but generally round, & flattened at the ends; size large, 10ins. in diameter, 8ins. deep, & weighing 8-10lbs. Skin varies in colour from greyish-green to deep-green; become yellow at maturity, flesh reddish-orange, melting, & sugary. Requires a long growing season." **OGS 8 seeds £2.25p**

Prescott Fond Blanc. By 1809. Nouveau cours complet d'agriculture théorique et pratique. "Fruits are 4-9 lbs. with deeply ribbed & warted grey green skin that turns straw coloured when ripening. Flesh salmon-orange, incredibly sweet & unbelievably fragrant." **OGS 8 seeds £2.25p**

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Discovered by a botanist accompanying Captain Cook & Introduced in 1772. "This plant, when prepared for the table, greatly resembles Spinach in appearance & flavour, so that most people will not be aware of the difference. Strong plants resisting heat & drought." **Standard 70 seeds £1.75p: 30 seeds £0.95p**

ONION

We purchase & supply fresh Onion seed each season!

**** Ailsa Craig.** Raised by D Murray, Head Gardener of Marquis of Ailsa, at Culzean Castle, Maybole in 1887, & catalogued by Sutton & Sons in 1895. "Skin pale straw colour. Flesh white. Bulbs are irregular in form, some being globe shaped, others inclined to a flat oval. Mild." **Standard 500 or 250 seeds**

**** Bedfordshire Champion.** 1869. Sutton & Sons, of Reading. "One of the best and most popular of the large globe onions. In shape it resembles James's Keeping but is paler in colour and milder in flavour. One of the most reliable, & a good keeper." **Standard 500 or 250 seeds**

Bianca di Maggiola, (Syn. Queen or La Reine) 1873. "A distinct white-skinned variety, remarkable for quick growth & excellent keeping qualities. If sown in February it will produce Onions from 1- 2ins. diameter early in the summer." **Standard 500 or 250 seeds**

Giant Zittau. Noted in 1876. "A handsome late-keeping variety, strongly recommended to those who require a sound keeping sort." 1879 **Standard 500 or 250 seeds**

Jaune Paille des Vertus. (Syn. Brown Spanish or Portugal). By 1793. Much of the winter supply of onion for Europe originally depended on this variety. **Standard 300 or OGS 200 seeds**

Paris Silver Skin. (Blanc hatif) By 1771. "Flesh pure white covered with a thin silvery skin, the shape of the bulb is perfectly globular with a thin neck". **Standard 500 or 250 seeds**

Stuttgarter Riesen (Syn. Stoccarda) German Heirloom from the 1890's "Medium large, thick-flat in shape & yellow in colour. Firm skin. Excellent variety for storage." **OGS 200 seeds.**

White Lisbon. By 1787. "Large globular, skin smooth, thin, clear & white. A late & hardy sort; if sown in August affords a good supply of young onions for spring salads, or it may be transplanted from autumn sown beds in April, to afford, large onions." 1859 **Standard 600 or 250 seeds: OGS 400 seeds**

Blood-Red Types

Dark Red Brunswick or Rouge Fonce. By 1805. Traité des végétaux. C. Tollard. (as Rouge Fonce). "Long keeping variety. Of all others this is the sort with the strongest flavour. It keeps remarkably well." **Standard 500 or 250 seeds**

Rossa di Firenze. (Long Red Florence). 19th c. "The traditional torpedo shaped red onion. Very reliable producing good sized bulbs of deep purple red." **Standard 300 seeds: OGS 200 seeds**

Other Types

Cuisse de Poulet du Poitou. "Has a large long bulb with a coppered skin with firm flesh of pink colour, The flavour is delicate, fine and very mild. Excellent for pickling & making Shallot chutney." **Standard 150 or 75 seeds**

Perennial Welsh (Syn. Hollow Leek). "When the leaves wither, the roots, very much resemble shallots. Generally planted very thick in beds, in a convenient corner of the garden; one bulb, in a season, will increase & form a cluster from 6-10 or more, as the soil & situation may suit their growth." **Standard 200 seeds**

Ramson or Wild Garlic. "The leaves may be stamped & eaten of divers, with fish for a sauce, even as we do eat green-sauce made with sorrell. The same leaves may be eaten in April & May with butter, of such, as are of a strong constitution, & labouring men." **Standard 100 seeds**

Welsch. (From the German meaning Foreign & not Welsh). By 1777, but probably much earlier. Grown chiefly as a spring salad onion. It has scarcely any bulb, but large succulent, leaves, strong in flavour. **Standard 200 seeds**

All Onions £1.65p per packet (Small pack) where offered) £0.90p)

PARSLEY

Moss Curled 2. By 1838. "Leaves finely curled, grows to a large size, & is very ornamental; this is the best sort to grow where parsley is required in large quantities." **Standard: 750 or 375 seeds: OGS 500 seed**

Gigante d'Italia or Italian Giant. By 1800. Dark green flat leaved type. Resembles celery. Strong sweet parsley flavour. Has been grown, in the past, for the blanched stems. **Standard: 750 or 375 seeds: OGS 500 seed**

Hamburg Turnip-rooted. "This is now pretty commonly sold in London Markets, the roots being 6 times as large as the common parsley. I brought the seeds of it from thence in 1727; but they refused to accept it, so that I cultivated it several years before it was known in the markets" Philip Miller. **Standard: 750 or 375 seeds**

All Parsley varieties(Standard & OGS) £1.65p per Packet (Small packets £0.90p)

PARSNIP

We purchase & supply fresh Parsnip seed each season!

Half Long Guernsey. A French variety (despite it's name). Already "improved" by 1852. "The roots of this parsnip are medium long, with a broad shoulder, gradually tapering downward. The white skin is smooth & attractive." **Standard 600 seeds: OGS 400 seeds**

**** Hollow Crown.** No records of who bred this variety but it has been in commerce since at least 1803. "It grows to a large size, and merits cultivation, being very hardy; it is tender in its flesh, and of an agreeable flavour." **Standard 750 seeds or 300 seeds**

**** Sutton's Tender & True.** 1897. In all probability a selection from Hollow Crown. "Not quite so large as Student, but more perfect in form, the quality is the very best, the skin is beautifully clear & smooth." **Standard 600 seeds: OGS 400 seeds**

All Parsnips £1.65p (small packs £0.90p): OGS £1.90p Per Packet

PEAS

First Early

Douce Provence. By 1942. A cross between Meteor & Kelvedon Wonder. A very early & reliable cropper with an excellent sweet taste. It can be sown From Mid October to the end of November & this sowing will produce one of the earliest pea crops. **Standard 300 seeds £1.75p. 2 packs £3.00p**

**** Feltham First** (Syn. Early Wonder By 1946. "Raised & introduced by Messrs. Watkins & Simpson, Ltd of Covent Garden in London. This first early, round seeded variety gives early crops of large well-filled pods of sweet tasting, fine flavoured peas. It can be autumn or spring sown as the plants are winter hardy." **Standard 300 seeds £1.75p. 2 packs £3.00p**

**** Prince Albert.** Prince Albert. Although probably introduced before 1837, the following advert (dated 1842) is the first reference to the Prince Albert Pea to appear in the press:-

"CORMACK and OLIVER SEEDSMEN and NURSERYMEN, New Cross near the Croydon railway Station and Bedford Conservatory, Covent Garden . London have the honour to offer to the notice of Noblemen, Gentlemen and others, the above NEW PEA, as one of the earliest and best sorts extant; in proof thereof, a quantity put into open earth on the 14th of March last was ready for use the 25th April following, being only "forty-two days from the period of sowing to the date of gathering for the table" it is moreover a good bearer of excellent flavour and highly advantageous for early forcing. Packets containing a quart 5s each."

Mr. William Thompson Gardener's Assistant. 1859. suggests that the Prince Albert Pea is a variety of the Early Frame form of Tall White peas. Despite the following comments by the learn'd Mr. U. P. Hedrick (The Peas of New York), many consider it to be synonymous with First & Best, Caractacus & many others

"Caractacus was advertised in 1865, by Waite, with notes "stock exhausted", so it clearly originated earlier. One commentator says it was carefully selected by Waite from Daniel O'Rourke, another that it is Dillistone Prolific type, but Denaille says it always yielded better than Daniel O'Rourke or Prince Albert"

Standard 200 seeds £2.25p

Sutton's Little Marvel By 1900. *"One of the earliest of the wrinkled seeded sorts. Remains in prime picking condition a week longer than most sorts. The vines are 15ins high, heavy, with dark green pods usually set in pairs. The pods are filled with from 7 to 8 very dark green peas of high quality."*

Standard 300 seeds £1.75p. 2 packs £3.00p

Meteor or Petit Provence By 1937. *"Dwarf but very hardy. Can be sown at any time from September in one year to June the next. To 1ft. high. Sow in late October in the North, & in November in the South."*

Standard 300 seeds £1.75p. 2 packs £3.00p. OGS 200 seeds £1.75p

Second Early

**** Carter's Daisy or Small Telephone.** 1892. Pods usually in pairs, large, straight, containing 5-9 seeds which are large, compressed, wrinkled & of fine quality and flavor. *"Vines 18-20 ins. high, bearing pods, broad, straight & about 4ins. long; pale green colour, & well filled with large Peas of excellent flavour. Ready for picking from 62-65 days from planting."* A cross between Stratagem & Telephone. **Standard 200 seeds £2.00p**

**** Kelvedon Wonder.** Hurst's & Son's of Kelvedon in Essex. By 1939. *"An early wrinkle seeded pea that has become extremely popular. Superb flavour, prolific & early. Ideal for succession sowing. To 18 ins."* May be sown in Autumn or Spring.

Standard 300 seeds £1.75p. 2 packs £3.00p; OGS 200 seeds £1.75p

**** Progress No.9.** Laxton Brothers of Bedford. By 1939. *"An early wrinkle seeded pea that has become extremely popular. Superb flavour, prolific and early. Ideal for succession sowing. To 18 inches."*

OGS 300 seeds £1.95p

**** Tall Telephone.** 3-4 ft, a sport from Telegraph originating about 1878 with Messrs Carter's. *"Pods very large & broad, sometimes 4 ins long, straight & slightly curved towards the end like the blade of a pruning knife, rather swollen each containing 8-10 very large green peas, squarish in shape, & when ripe, either perfectly white or more or less tinged with green."*

Standard 200 seeds £2.00p

Main Crop

**** Alderman.** (*Syn Admiral Dewey*). Introduced by Laxton's of Bedford in 1891, & believed to be a selection from the Duke of Albany Pea. *"Large podded, garden variety. 5ft tall. Producing dark green, long, well-formed pods. Peas large, sweet, & of an exceptional quality."* **Standard 300 seeds £1.75p. 2 packs £3.00p**

**** Lincoln.** 1884. Early Maincrop. *"Grows only 2 ft. high but crops very heavily. Probably the finest of all Peas for the small garden"*. Especially good for northern areas.

Standard 300 seeds £1.75p. 2 packs £3.00p

Mangetout or Sugar Pea

Carouby de Maussane. By 1935. Mangetout. Tall with Purple flowers. Almost certainly 19th century. Excellent taste. Large pods up to 4ins. long. **Standard 300 seeds £1.75p. 2 packs £3.00p**

Corne de Belier or Tall White Sugar. By 1856. *"About 6ft & rather late. Pods large, broad, flat, crooked & something like a rams head; tender when young so that they can be snapped in two."* 1859 **Standard 200 seeds £1.85p**

de Grace. By 1836. *"About 2 feet high, & of slender growth. Pods rather short, small, and crooked, containing 5 peas. Of good quality."*

Standard 200 seeds £1.75p. 2 packs £3.00p

Other

Purple-podded. By 1856. (*Ezetha's Krombek Blauschok*). *"Distinguished from all other varieties of pea by the very deep purple colour of its pods which they retain when dried."*

OGS 200 seeds £2.25p. 100 seeds £1.50p

PEPPER

Anaheim. A thick wall dark green mild chilli with a tapered end which turns to deep red when fully ripe. Grows on a vigorous 24-30 in. plant. Excellent for green chili, salsa, fresh, dried or fried. Up to 2,500 on the Scoville Scale

Californian Wonder. 1928. Large sized stuffing pepper with extremely thick, mild, sweet flesh. Fruit indistinctly 4 lobed, upright, shapely, glossy dark green, measuring 4½ins. long by 4ins. in diameter. Sweet Pepper

Caloro. A variant of the popular Hot Banana, fruits are 4" long by 2" wide, slightly milder, have thick walls, & turn from green to bright yellow when mature. Plants bear heavily & continuously. To 24-36ins Up to 5,000 on the Scoville Scale

Chiltepin. One of the oldest known varieties; it still grows wild in Mexico. The original wild chilli parenting almost all domesticated chillies. The small round ½" very hot fruits are produced in abundance maturing to a vivid red. Up to 100,000 on the Scoville Scale

De Arbol. Also known as the Bird's Beak Pepper. The name means "treelike" in Spanish & refers to the woody stems attached to the pods. They are a favourite ingredient in salsas, but are also commonly added to soups & foods which the smoky accent complements. Up to 30,000 on the Scoville Scale

Standard 15 Seeds

Fatalii. Producing extremely hot fruits which turn from dark green to golden yellow when mature. The plants produce good yields of 3" long by 1¼" wide wrinkled peppers. Out of the top 3 peppers for heat this is considered the best because of its excellent citrusy flavour & few seeds. Up to 300,000 on the Scoville Scale

Standard 10 Seeds

Golden Cayenne. Hotter than an average cayenne, but retains the wonderful flavour that chilli is known for. Fruits usually long & narrow, ripening from light green to a radiant yellow,

with a smooth skin, unlike some traditional wrinkled cayenne varieties. Up to 70,000 on the Scoville Scale

Habanero. Very hot. Originally from Cuba (hence the name) & later introduced to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. Up to 325,000 on the Scoville Scale **Standard 10 Seeds**

Hot Portugal. One of the earliest fruiting pepper varieties producing abundant harvests of 6"x 1" wrinkled dark green fruits ripening to a brilliant glossy red on vigorous, upright plants. Up to 30,000 on the Scoville Scale. **Standard 15 Seeds**

Hungarian Hot Wax. Introduced in the 1930's. Vigorous habit, with long pointed bright yellow (hot) waxy fruits (which are red when fully ripe). 3500 - 8000 on the Scoville Scale

Early Jalapeno. "One of the best-known chili peppers & used worldwide. They are usually about 2 ins. long, have a conical shape, & range from a medium to dark green in colour, turning red when fully ripe." 3500 - 8000 on the Scoville Scale

Purple Jalapeno. Usually larger than the green variety, with a medium heat. Excellent for use in salads or salsas. Plants are very productive, especially if benefiting from direct sunlight, with bright variegated leaves. 5000-7000 on the Scoville Scale

Long Red Cayenne. The standard red pepper for pickles. Slender, twisted pods about 4ins. long, deep green when young & bright red when ripe. Up to 50,000 on the Scoville scale

Long Red Marconi. By 1880. Long thin red pods with a sweet flavour. Mild & very productive. Sweet Pepper. .

Numex Big Jim. One of the world's largest chillies, fruits can grow over 1ft long. This variety is a favourite for huge fruits & great flavour. Heat levels generally fairly hot when fully ripe. Up to 1,400 on the Scoville Scale

Numex Twilight. Developed at New Mexico State University (which creates all "NuMex" breeds of plant). With peppers that start out purple, then move through yellow & orange, becoming red when fully ripe, producing a rainbow effect on the green plant. 50,000-80,000 on the Scoville Scale **Standard 15 Seeds**

Pasilla Bajio. Pasilla means 'little raisin' in Spanish, referring to its deep brown dried pods & raisin-like aroma. The pods measure 6-8 ins long by 1in. wide. Delicious either fresh or dried. The fruits are a glossy, deep forest-green colour maturing to dark chocolate brown. Forms the basis for the rich complex flavour of Mole sauces. Up to 1,500 on the Scoville Scale

Pequin. A bird type pepper close to the original wild varieties producing numerous small fiery hot fruits that change from green, to orange, to red when mature. The plants are fairly large & can reach up to 4ft. Up to 97,000 on the Scoville Scale

Ring of Fire. The plant grows to about 3ft. & has long red fruits. Pinch out the tops & it will bush up rather than grow tall. A versatile chilli which can be picked & cooked, frozen for later, or dried. Eye-catching dried in a bunch. 70,000 to 80,000 on the Scoville Scale

Satans Kiss. By 1828. Also known as Ciliogia Picante. These are small, cherry-type chillies. Pods are pretty hot when raw but unusually lose around 60% of their heat when cooked. They are quite quick to fruit, maturing at around 40,000 - 50,000 on the Scoville Scale

Scotch Bonnet, Red. Similar to & of the same species as the Habanero. One of the hottest peppers in the world. Found mainly in the Caribbean islands and the Maldives Islands Up to 325,000 on the Scoville Scale **Standard 15 Seeds**

Serrano Tampiqueno. Flavourful & pungent The glossy peppers shade through a variety of colours as they mature. The peppers are all very hot regardless of colour. Excellent for chilli sauce, salsa, hot pepper vinegar, pickling & most chilli recipes. Up to 25,000 on the Scoville Scale

Sweet Nardello. Circa 1910. A classic frying pepper which is also good eaten raw. Long & slim fruits that are thin-walled & crunchy. Can be very prolific.. **OGS 20 seeds**

Tabasco. "...has a typical bushy growth, which commercial cultivation makes stronger by trimming the plants. The tapered fruits, around 4 cm long, are initially pale yellowish-green and turn yellow and orange before ripening to bright red." 30,000 to 50,000 on the Scoville Scale

All Peppers - Packets of 20 seeds £1.85p (unless otherwise shown)

PIGNUT

Conopodium majus A Native wild food plant. "They are something hot & dry in quality; they provoke lust exceedingly, & stir up those sports she is mistress of; the seed is excellent good to provoke urine; & so also is the root, but it does not perform it so forcibly as the seed doth. The root being dried & beaten into powder, & the powder being made into an electuary, is a singular remedy for spitting of blood, as the former chestnut was for coughs." **Standard 50 seeds £1.75p**

PUMPKIN & SQUASH

Connecticut Field or Large Yellow. By 1700. Often producing fruits weighting 25lbs. or more. Grown extensively & may be used for pies, canning or stock feeding. **Standard 15 seeds**

Hundred-weight "The pulp of this pompion is never eaten raw; but boiled in milk & butter, is not only a good wholesome meat for man's body, but, being so prepared, is also a most physical medicine for such as have an hot stomacke, & the inward parts inflamed: the flesh or pulp of the same sliced, & fried in a pan with butter, is good, wholesome meat." 1831 **Standard 15 seeds**

Small Sugar. By 1860. "Weight to 8lbs. Flesh yellow-orange & string-less. Fruits are small, ribbed, about 10ins. in diameter & 8-10lbs. weight. Colour deep orange yellow, flesh is thick & very sweet. The yield of these little pumpkins is astonishing, often outweighing the large fruited varieties." **Standard 25 seeds**

Buttercup. Introduced in 1919 by Oscar H Wills & Co of Bismark, North Dakota. "Produces small, medium early fruits. Has thick, fine grained flesh, which is dry, mealy, & excellent in flavour when baked." **Standard 20 seeds**

Delicata or Sweet Potato. (of Henderson) By 1880. Stores for up to a year. Small, medium late, fruits. Smooth, sweet, moist, & less stringy flesh when baked. The fruits are orange yellow striped with dark green. **Standard 20 seeds**

Giraumon Galeux d'Eysine. By 1876 (of Benary). "Of a pink colour more or less covered with cork-like scales. Tender skin, succulent flesh. Fruit can attain 10 Kg." **Standard 15 seed**

Golden Hubbard. Introduced in 1896 by a Mr. Harrison of Painesville, Ohio. "A new & valuable sport of Hubbard. It has the shape & virtues of its parent, but is earlier & more productive. The colour of the skin is deep yellow or orange red. Flesh richer in colour than Hubbard, & of equal quality." **Standard 15 seeds**

Rouge vif d'Etampes. Grown in France since the early 1830's & as good a Cinderella's Coach pumpkin as may be found. "This variety is very distinct and remarkable for the colour and the enormous size of the fruit." **Standard 12 seeds**

Turk's Cap or Turban. By 1817. "Very much resembling its name. Most are orange or multi-coloured with a very large knob on the flower end. The flesh is moister than most squashes and is good in soups." **Standard 15 seeds**

Uchiki Kuri or Orange Hokkaido. Modern (Circa 1975). Each plant forms 3-5 small pumpkin-like fruits of intense orange red with a golden flesh, averaging 3lbs in weight. Very early to mature with excellent storage characteristics. **Standard 10 seeds**

Waltham Butternut. Raised by Dr C E Young at the Waltham Experimental station in Massachusetts and introduced in 1944 and said to arise from the variety winter Crook-necked. Large. "Known for its uniform shape and rich dry yellow-orange flesh. This one has a nutty flavour and is a high-yielding vine. Fruits are 3-6 pounds and are very good keepers." **OGS 20 seeds**

All Gourds - £1.85p Per Packet

RADISH

French Breakfast. 1865. "Considered the best for early forcing. Oval form, colour scarlet, tipped with white; noted for good flavour & appearance."

Standard 1000 or 500 seeds: OGS 500 seeds £1.75p

Gournay Large Purple. By 1858, Although probably the same as Mr Christie describes a "Radis Gros Violet d'Hiver" in his dissertation on Autumn & Winter Radishes in 1820.

Standard 500 seeds £2.25p

Long Scarlet or Rose Longue. (*Syn. Woods Early Frame?*). The EEC Common Catalogue lists a Radish variety called **Long Scarlet or Rose Longue.** Vilmorin offered **Radis Long Rose** as a synonym for **Wood's Early Frame,** & in 1859 Thompson says that "Wood's Early Frame is a sub-variety of Long Scarlet". We must leave you to decide. **Standard 700 seeds £1.85p**

Long White Icicle. "The Long White, sometimes called the White Italian & in latter years the Naples Radish appears to be the oldest inhabitant of our gardens, for its is the only true spring Radish with a long root mentioned by Gerard."

Standard 1000 or 500 seeds: OGS 500 seeds

Scarlet Globe. By 1881. "A very early forcing Radish & one which does equally well outside. Handsome in both form & colour. A beautiful oval & a rich scarlet; the roots are of fair size, with a very small amount of foliage; flesh always crisp, tender, juicy & mild." **OGS 750 seeds £1.75p**

Sparkler. By 1885. "The upper half of the root is bright scarlet & the lower portion pure white. The two colours are sharply defined & do not merge one into the other."

Standard 1000 or 500 seeds OGS 750 seeds

Black Spanish Long. Noted in 1707. "A large cylindrical root with a black skin and a crisp white flesh with a hot flavour. It is very winter hardy & can be left in the ground to be harvested as require."

Standard 1000 or 500 seeds

Black Spanish Round. By 1548. "Its bulb is oval, or rather regular pear-shaped. Grows 3 to 4" or larger in diameter with a firm, white flesh and nearly black, thin skin. Flesh is crisp & pungent."

Standard 1000 or 500 seeds

Chinese Rose. 1843. "One of the most popular autumn and winter sorts. Roots about 6 inches long. Skin smooth and of a bright rose colour."

Standard 1000 or 500 seeds

All Radish seeds £1.85p per 1000; £1.00 per 500
(Unless otherwise stated)

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RHUBARB

Mr Glaskin's Perpetual. 1920's. "Named for John Jessie Glaskin, a baker of Eastern Rd, Brighton. Born in 1875, (died 1940) He was a keen Marksman, Cyclist & Gardener, who develop this variety of Rhubarb at his orchard in Kemp Town."

Hawkes' Champagne. Raised and distributed by Mr Hawkes of Loampit Hill, Lewisham in Kent (now London). "This variety is now for the first time offered to the public. It has stood the severest test that can be applied, & has beaten everything in Covent Garden & other London markets. It has been seen by the very highest authorities, & pronounced to be a most valuable Introduction. In earliness it equals the Prince Albert, but is of a deeper colour, & a much greater bearer. It forces remarkably well, & is very hardy out-of-doors." 1854

Victoria. Raised by Myatt's of New Cross, Surrey (now London). By 1837. "J and W. MYATT having a good stock of strong roots raised by offsets from the original seedlings can supply them, at 10/- per 100. - N.B. as various spurious sorts have been sold & are now selling under the name of Myatt's Victoria purchasers would do well to require them warranted." 1841

All Rhubarbs - Standard 70 seeds £1.85p: 35 seeds £1.00p

ROCKET

Salad. "The Eruca, was held in fo great esteem heretofore, as to its efficacy in conjugal performances, that many of the antient authors both in poetry & profe, make mention of it purely for that purpose."

Standard 1250 seeds £1.65p: 500 seeds £0.80p. OGS 1250 seeds £1.85p

Turkish. "The young leaves & shoots are eaten boiled or as a salad. It commences into growth very early in spring, when other fresh green vegetables are exceedingly scarce, & it resists both cold weather & drought remarkably well."

Standard 20 Seeds £2.25p

Wild Rocket. "Very plentiful in & about London & is in general growth in moft of the old walls & Castles throughout England. With us it particularly grows on the walls around the Tower at the back of Bedlam & Near Hyde Park."

Standard 1250 seeds £1.65p: 500 seeds £0.80p: OGS 1250 seeds £1.85p

RUNNER BEAN

**** The Czar.** (*Mammoth White Runner?*). B7 1888. Raised by Laxton. "Its ripe seeds are preferred by some to those of the Scarlet Runner. Useful in areas where flowers are eaten by birds who favour the white flowers less."

Painted Lady Bi-colour. It is known that 4 varieties of Runner Beans were introduced to the UK in 1633, including the Painted Lady, making it one of the oldest named vegetable varieties still available. Also known as Yorkshire & Lancashire, due to its red & white bicolour flowers. Shorter than most varieties, but can be very prolific.

**** Streamline.** (*syn Best of all*). By 1936. An old favourite, dependable and still popular. A heavy cropping variety

**** Sutton's Prizewinner.** Bred & Introduced by Sutton's 1892. "A long, straight, handsome Bean of table quality, the seed is quite distinct from all others."

Above varieties - 20 Seeds £0.90p, 40 seeds £1.75p: 80 Seeds: £3.10p

Scarlet Emperor. Originally Mammoth Exhibition, renamed in 1906. Synonymous with Scarlet Runner, a variety introduced at the same time as Painted Lady.

OGS 30 Seeds £1.85p: 60 Seeds £3.25p

SALAD MIXTURES

Mescun. A traditional mixture of salad vegetables including cutting lettuce, corn salad, cresses, rockets, chicories and endives. Plant thinly in the row and treat as a cut and come again salad, just don't cut below the growing tip. Lots of colours and flavours. We are trialling a winter selection this year which hopefully will mean year round salad production.

Standard 1000 seeds £1.75p

Oriental Salad Mix. A salad/braising mixture sow and harvest in exactly the same way as detailed for the salad mixture. Contains Mibuna, Mizuna, Green Mustard, Red Mustard, Pak Choi & Tatsoi

Standard 1000 seeds £1.75p

SMALL SALAD LEAVES

Alexanders. (Native)	£1.75p	(25)
Corn Salad. Large-seeded(1867)	£1.65p	(300)
Verte de Cambrai (1882)	£1.65p	(300)
Orach Red	£1.65p	(100)
Green (by 1213)	£1.65p	(100)
Purslane. Golden (by 1600)	£1.65p	(200)
Green (by 1600)	£1.65p	(200)
Winter (native)	£1.65	(200)
Sorrel. Common (Native)	£1.65p	(200)
French (by 1867)	£1.65p	(200)
Watercress. (Native)	£1.65p	(1000)

All prices Per Packet (Standard seed) –
(Figure in brackets = Approx. seed count)

SALSIFY

Sandwich Island. By 1860. Slender creamy-white roots. Flavour improves after frost. Known as the Vegetable Oyster, as its flavour is said to resemble it.

Standard 150 seeds £1.85p

SCORZONERA

Duplex. Similar to Salsify but with a black skin. Perennial so may be left in the soil over winter, indeed you will get larger roots if you do.

Standard 100 seeds £1.85p

SEAKALE

** **Lily-white.** *Crambe maritima* "The *crambe maritima* was known and sent from this kingdom to the continent more than 200 years ago. Mr. William Jones saw bundles of it, in a cultivated state, in Chichester market in the year 1753."

"Sowed a large bed of sea-cale, which I brought from the South-hams of Devon." Rev. Gilbert White. April 1751

Whilst a native perennial, the actual date when Seakale was taken into cultivation is unknown, although the quotes above give some indication. It is known to have been grown & popularised in London by Dr. Litton about 1767, & was also cultivated in gardens near Dublin as early as 1764. Seakale as one of only a few vegetables which are regarded as being better flavoured when they have been forced.

Noted by the RHS in 1892. "A delicate, good flavoured Seakale, & when forced pure white in colour. It is not as hardy as the common variety & the crowns should be protected from frost where necessary." The immature flower heads may be eaten like Broccoli.

Standard 15 seeds £2.45p

SPINACH

America. 1856. De Boeren-goudmijn. "Dark green and pleasant taste, this spinach is especially recommended because of the luxuriance of growth." Standard 750 seeds or OGS 500 seeds £1.85p

Giant Winter. By 1940. A prickly-seeded variety, large-leaved and very long standing. May be sown in spring as well as in the autumn.

Standard 750 seeds or OGS 500 seeds £1.85p

Viroflay Giant. By 1866. "This variety resembles the Flanders Spinach in the shape of its leaves & the habit of its growth, but is much greater in size it is not uncommon to see tufts of it measuring 2 - 2 1/2 ft in diameter with leaves 10ins. long & 8ins. wide at the base."

Standard 750 seeds £1.85p

STRAWBERRY

Reugen or Baron Solemacher. By 1904. Wild strawberry type, with red aromatic fruits.

Standard 100 seeds £2.25p

Yellow Wonder. The cream or yellow fruits are not so much visited by, or eaten by birds.

Standard 100 seeds £2.25p

Wild. "...doth grow upon hills & vallies, likewise in woods & other such places that be somewhat shadowie; they prosper well in gardens. The ripe strawberrie quench thirst, & take away, the rednesse & heate of the face."

Standard 100 seeds £2.25p

SWEDE

** **Champion or Yellow Purple-top.** By 1852 "In Great Britain, where Swedish Turnips are grown on a very large scale, the purple-top swede is most in favour. Of these forms the most noteworthy are the Skirvings, the Fettercairn and Sutton's Champion". This variety was the recipient of two silver cups presented to His Royal Highness Prince Albert at the Smithfield show in 1855, and again in 1856.

Standard 500 Seeds £1.65p

** **Green-top'd Yellow.** By 1840 "The Green top't Yellow is of longer standing than the Purple-top't, since the introduction of which, less attention has been bestowed by cultivators in procuring improved stocks of the Green-Topped Swede, which has on that account fallen somewhat in the estimation of growers; but, where the same care is taken in selecting the roots grown for seed, the green-topped may be considered as being equal in merit to the purple."

Standard 500 Seeds £1.65p

Willhelmsburger. (of Hartmanns). By 1921. "The newest type of Green Top Swede. Extremely high resistant to Club Root. Good keeper." 1940

Standard 500 Seeds £1.65p

SWEETCORN

Golden Bantam. Rediscovered in 1898 by Mr E L Coy. Originally raised by Mr J G Pickett of Greenfield Massachusetts, who is believed to have selected the variety from an older 19th c. variety called Golden Sweet.

OGS 50 seeds £1.95p

TOMATO

** **Ailsa Craig.** By 1907. Indeterminate. Glass-house. Bred by Mr Alan Balsch of Forres in Ayrshire before 1907 "Fruit of medium size, bright red, tough skinned, rarely cracks, a great cropper under forcing treatment."

30 seeds

** **Alicante.** Bred by Suttons before 1963. "A superior, traditional variety which is a popular choice amongst gardeners. Early to mature it produces reliable crops of fleshy fruits with a smooth skin & fine flavour. It is resistant to greenback and has won an RHS Award of Garden Merit."

30 seeds

Black Russian. Mid-season Indeterminate. Glasshouse. Medium slicer with dark-maroon to (almost) black flesh with distinctive green shoulders. Very tender.

**** Carter's Golden Sunrise.** Bred? &/or distributed by James' Carter & Sons of High Holborn. *"..has all the good qualities of the best red varieties & is of a beautiful golden-yellow colour making it invaluable for slicing & mixing with the red."* **30 seeds**

Costoluto Genovese. Before 1957. Indeterminate. A slightly ribbed, scarlet tomato that grows 3 ins long & weighs about 5 oz. A northern Italian heirloom variety. **30 seeds**

German Orange Strawberry. By 1900. Beautiful & unusual variety from Germany Well laden with large deep orange "Oxheart" type, strawberry shaped, fruit of 8oz-1lb possessing a superb rich, sweet flavour with very few seeds.

Green Zebra. Indeterminate. Medium sized, these tomatoes ripen to a green colour, heavily suffused with cream-yellow spots & stripes. Excellent flavour, a mixture of the sweet & acidic

**** Harbinger.** By 1891, Bred? &/or distributed by Daniel Brothers of Nottingham. *"Very early & a prolific bearer will be found extremely valuable for growing in the open air. The fruits are round, smooth, solid & of a bright red. Although small they begin to ripen early."* **30 seeds**

**** Harrison's First in the Field.** By 1938. Determinate. Bred? &/or distributed by Harrison & Sons of St James' St. Leicester. *"Allegedly tolerant of light frosts and can be sown and grown cold instead of being raised in heat as is necessary for other Tomatoes."* **30 seeds**

Golden Queen. Indeterminate, Discovered by Seedsman Alexander Livingston during a fair, he improved it & introduced the variety commercially in 1882. *"Best Yellow tomato. Handsome fruit of good size & very smooth, solid & meaty, mild in flavour. Colour is a bright yellow, making a decidedly attractive dish when served together with red-fruited tomatoes."* **OGS 30 seeds**

Marglobe. Determinate. Developed in 1917 by Dr F J Pritchard of the Bureau of Plant Industry. A cross between "Globe" & "Marvel." *"No other Tomato ever introduced has been acclaimed as quickly as this remarkable variety. It is an all-purpose Tomato in every way, embodying all the good qualities looked for by the home gardener."*

Rouge de Marmande. By 1939. Semi-determinate. *"Developed by the Vilmorin Seed Company. The scarlet, lightly ribbed fruit, have a full rich flavour. Large size fruit are produced even in cool weather. Productive market variety."* **30 seeds**

**** Moneymaker.** Bred & distributed by F. Stonor & Son of Southampton, around 1906. A cross between Exhibition & Gradewell. Mid-season. Indeterminate. *"Can be relied upon to give a good account of itself under all circumstances."* **30 Seeds**

Mortgage Lifter. Indeterminate. *"Developed in the early 1930's in West Virginia by a radiator repairman, "Radiator Charlie" Byles. As the story goes, he selected a tomato, from a bunch of seedlings, that produced so well, he was able to sell one crop of fruit & pay off the mortgage."*

Napoli. Indeterminate. Cylindrical red fruit finishing at a point. From 5 to 6 fruits to each truss. Improved variety of the "Roma" Tomato. Ideal for sauces, ketchups, preserves, etc. Can also, of course, be eaten raw. Good disease resistance. **30 Seeds**

**** Outdoor Girl.** Bred by Mr. L J Beaven & introduced by Hurst, Gunson, Cooper, Taber Ltd of, Witham, Essex in 1959. Bush. Potato-leaved. Indeterminate.

"Bred for outdoor cultivation, sown in early May it will ripen 10 days before Amateur. Each plant yields a heavy crop of medium-sized, excellent-flavoured, rich-coloured fruit ." **30 seeds**

Oxheart Giant. Indeterminate By 1925 *"A newer variety which is positively the largest Tomato ever introduced. The skin in purplish scarlet. It is smooth & evenly coloured. The individual Tomatoes weigh as much as 1½ lb each, although not a heavy yielder – Excellent flavour."* 1933 **30 seeds**

Pantano. Indeterminate. An rare Italian heirloom with "beefsteak" sized slightly ruffled fruits. Fruit are an intense red, often with green shoulders and have a deep rich flavour. Excellent fresh or used in cookery.

Pink Brandywine. Mid-season Indeterminate. Beefsteak. Glasshouse. Large pinkish-red. Potato-leaved. An Amish variety from the America's known since before 1886.

Principe Borghese. By 1910. Indeterminate. For drying. Very productive, good keeping variety; fruits the size of a big plum, in large clusters. **30 Seeds**

Pineapple. Indeterminate Cordon. A French variety with Red & Yellow striped large fruits. The flavour is, rich, fruity & sweet. Abundant. Fruits may weigh up to 2lbs 8oz.

Prune Noire. Indeterminate. Productive & rustic, the fruit is small, oval, & very dark brown. Flesh firm & juicy.

Red Currant or Red Cherry. Indeterminate. By 1795. *"The little round fruits are borne in large clusters most abundantly, and are good both for preserving and pickling, bright red."* **30 seeds**

Red Pear. By 1861. Indeterminate *"A leading favourite for preserves and also to make tomato figs. The fruit is bright red of true pear-shape, & of rich distinct flavour."* **30 seeds**

Red Zebra. Indeterminate. Of medium size, Ripen to a red colour, heavily suffused with cream-yellow spots & stripes. Excellent flavour, a mixture of the sweet & acidic.

Roma. Determinate. Outdoor Classic Italian paste tomato, fruits ripen early and nearly all at once. **30 Seeds**

San Marzano. Indeterminate. By 1927. *"The best & most wanted Tomato for the manufacture of conserves in tins! Owing to their solid flesh & tenacious skin; the fruits are very apt to drying & the preservation of the entire fruit."* **OGS 30 Seeds**

Saint Peter or St Pierre. By 1880 Mid-season. Indeterminate. Slicing variety. Very productive, good keeping variety. Fruits the size of a big plum, in large clusters . **30 seeds**

Striped Stuffer. A unique concept in tomatoes producing 3½ ins. fruits like sweet Bell-Peppers strong-walled & nearly empty. The attractive bright red fruits have golden orange stripes & an excellent pure classic tomato taste.

**** The Amateur.** By 1952 (of Unwins). Determinate. *"A reliable bush variety we can confidently recommend for an early crop of good flavoured & high quality fruit. Does not require staking or pinching out side growths; their natural habit making this unnecessary."* **30 Seeds**

du Voyager. *"Only just received, & quite the strangest Tomato we have ever seen, At first glance, It looks like a bunch of odd shaped & sized tomatoes, but closer inspection reveals one deeply lobed & clustered fruit. It is said that individual lobes can be broken off and eaten whilst the rest of the Tomato stays good. Russian origin."* Determinate. **OGS 10 seeds**

Tigrella. Indeterminate. Large crops of medium-sized red fruits with clearly defined yellow & orange stripes, on tall-growing

plants. It crops reliably & heavily & grows well outdoors or in a greenhouse in all areas.

Yellow Currant, or Yellow Cherry. By 1795. Indeterminate. The small yellow fruit are borne in clusters, each averaging ½ in. diameter. "A productive variety of strong growth. The sweet fruits make excellent Marmalade." **30 seeds**

Yellow Pear. Indeterminate. 1600's ? Tall & vigorous. This very thin-skinned variety will tolerate heavier soil than some varieties. "An attractive small-fruited tomato. Enormously productive, and the fruits make excellent salad, or may be used for Marmalade. They are sweet and delicious." **OGS 30 Seeds**

**** Yellow Perfection.** Bred & introduced by W J Unwin's of Histon in Cambridgeshire by 1890. Indeterminate. "Early & heavy cropping, this variety performs well outdoors or under glass. Bright yellow fruits of outstanding quality." **OGS 15 Seeds**

All Tomatoes 20 Seeds per packet (unless otherwise shown)
£1.85p per packet

TURNIP

**** Aberdeen Green Top Yellow.** By 1823. When well grown the root is 6ins. in diameter & 5ins in length. "In the size and shape of its roots this old and deservedly esteemed sort resembles the Purple Top Yellow Bullock, but differs in the colour of its top, which is bright green." **Standard 1500 or 750 seeds**

**** Golden Ball (Syn. Orange Jelly)** By 1838 "This variety was raised by Mr. Chivas, of Chester, & it is a Turnip of most excellent quality, the skin being thin & smooth, & the pulp solid, sweet, & good. As to its growth, it was stated that Mr. Chapman sowed some seed on the 27th of May, & had Turnips in high order for table by the 7th of July. Tested in the kitchen, it was found to be everything that the best kind of Turnip should be." RHS Journal 1853 **Standard 1500 or 750 seeds**

**** Manchester Market (Syn. Green Topped Stone)** By 1821. One of the most useful varieties for late sowing, being very hardy will stand well into the Winter. **Standard 1500 or 750 seeds**

Demi-long de Croissy. By 1867 (Vilmorin). "Skin white, smooth; flesh very white, tender sugary, & very agreeably flavoured. A very good variety & a great favourite with Parisian market gardeners. Good for forcing." **Standard 1000 or 500 seeds**

Long White Vertus (Syn. Jersey Navet) By 1856. "This new English variety has given me great satisfaction when tested side by side with 26 different stocks, most of them different varieties. It makes a small neck, is pure white in colour, & oblong in shape." 1885 **Standard 7500 or 750 seeds**

**** Red Top't Norfolk** by 1802 "The white & red-topped Norfolk seemed nearly equal as to their tops and size, covering the ground completely: but I thought the red-topped turnip was of a more open texture, & did not stand frost so well as the white turnip." 1802 **Standard 500 seeds**

**** Veitch's Red Globe.** By 1838 "This excellent variety should be grown in every garden. It is far superior to Red American Stone, both in flavour and shape, and has the additional very real advantage of remaining a long time fit for use. per oz. 6d; per pint 3s 6d." Messrs James Veitch and Sons. 1871 **Standard 1500 or 750 seeds**

All above Turnip Varieties £1.75p Per Packet (Small packs £1.00p)

Petrowski. By 1878. "The Petrowski Early Round Yellow is an excellent variety introduced from Germany. In shape it is similar to the Egyptian Turnip-rooted Beet. Flesh close-grained, & of remarkably fine flavour. Live-stock Journal Almanac. 1878 **Standard 500 seeds £1.95p**

OF CULINARY HERBS

ANGELICA. See *Physical & Economic Herbs*

BASILS (*Ocimum ssp.*)

Bush. "...is a dwarf plant with tiny fine, glossy leaves. Very compact and sturdy, bush basil has an almost bonsai-like appearance and it's aroma has hints of cinnamon, clove and anise **Standard 300 seeds. £1.65p**

Lemon. "A variety much used in the cuisine of north-eastern Africa & southern Asia, for its strong fragrant lemon scent." **OGS 200 seeds. £1.85p**

Lettuce-leaved. "...broad, crimped, undulating leaves, from 2-4 ins long, & of a low thick-set habit. The leaves are much larger than those of any other kind." **Standard 300 Seeds £1.65p: OGS 250 seeds. £1.75p**

Red. "The red, or perhaps, more accurately, purple, form of this popular pot herb, is at once both decorative & exceeding good for culinary use, especially in salads! . **OGS 250 seeds. £1.75p**

Sweet Genovese. "The aromatic leaves are used in seasoning. Its agreeable perfume & flavour being much admired in Kitchen Gardens." **Standard 300 Seeds £1.65p: OGS 250 seeds. £1.75p**

BORAGE. See *Physical & Economic Herbs*

CARAWAY. (*Carum carvi*). "Hath a moderate sharp quality, whereby it breaketh wind & provoketh urine, which also the herb doth. The root is better food than the parsnips; it is pleasant & comfortable to the stomach & helpeth digestion." **Standard 300 Seeds £1.65p: OGS 250 seeds. £1.85p**

CHERVIL. (*Anthriscus cerefolium*) "...is pleasant to the stomacke & taste... It is used very much among the Dutch people in a kinde of hotch-pot which they do eate, called Warmus. The leaves of sweet Chervill are exceeding good, wholesome, and pleasant, among other sallad herbs, giving the taste of Anise seed unto the rest." **Flat leaved. Standard 250 seeds £1.65**

Curled Leaved. OGS 250 seeds. £1.75p

CHIVES. (*Allium schoenoprasum*). "In its wild state its foliage is scanty, but under cultivation becomes very abundant. In which state it is a favourite cottage pot-herb." **Standard 200 Seeds £1.75p: OGS 150 seeds. £1.85p**

Garlic Chives. (*Allium tuberosum*) **Standard 150 seeds £1.85p**

CORIANDER. (*Coriandrum sativum*) "The seed prepared & covered with sugar, as comfits, taken after meat closes up the mouth of the stomach, staideth vomiting, & helps digestion." **Standard 750 Seeds £1.65p: OGS 500 seeds. £1.85p**

DILL. See *Physical & Economic Herbs*

FENNEL. (*Foeniculum vulgare*) "Boil Fennel with Fish, for it consumes that Flegmatick humor which Fish most plentifully afford & annoy the body by, therefore it is a most fit Herb for that purpose though few that use it know why or wherefore they do it." **Standard 200 Seeds £1.65p: OGS 100 seeds. £1.85p**

Bronze Fennel. (*Foeniculum vulgare Purpurescens*) **Standard 100 seeds. £1.95p**

LAVENDER. (*Lavandula vera*) "The floures picked from the knaps, I mean the blew part & not the husk, mixed with Cinnamon, Nutmeg & Cloves, made into a powder, & given to drinke in the distilled water therof doth helpe the panting and passion of the heart, Prevaieth against giddinesse, turning or swimming of the braine, and members subject to the palsie." **Standard 200 seeds. £1.95p**

Lavandula angustifolia. **Standard 200 seeds. £1.95p**

LEMON BALM. See *Physical & Economic Herbs*

MARJEROMS or ORIGANUMS

Pot Marjoram. (*Origanum onites*) "It strengthens the stomach & head much. The whole plant is an aromatic & an infusion of the dried leaves is extremely grateful." **Standard 500 seeds. £1.65p**

Greek Oregano. (*Origanum vulgare*) "Hath many threddy roots; from which rise up weake & feeble branches trailing upon the ground, set with fair greene leaves, but broader & shorter; at the top of those branches stand scalie or chaffie eares of a purple colour." **Standard 500 seeds. £1.65p**

Sweet Marjoram. (*Origanum hortensis*) "Our common Sweet Marjoram is warming and comfortable in cold Diseases of the Head, Stomach, Sinews, and other parts, taken inwardly, or outwardly applied. The Decoction thereof being drunk helpeth all the Diseases of the Chest which hinder the freeness of breathing." **Standard 500 Seeds £1.65p; OGS 500 seeds. £1.95p**

MINTS. See *Physical & Economic Herbs*

ROSEMARY. (*Rosmarinus officinalis*). "The distilled water of the floures being drunke at morning & evening first taketh away the stench of the mouth & breath & maketh it very sweet, if there be added thereto, too steep a few Cloves, Mace, Cinnamin & Annise seed." **Standard 100 seeds. £1.85p**

SAGE. (*Salvia officinalis*) "... well known to have long, rough, wrinkled leaves sometimes of a hoary green & sometimes of a reddish- purple colour of pretty strong smell; the floures grow on a long stalke, of a blueish purple colour." **Standard 200 Seeds £1.65p; OGS 50 seeds. £1.75p**

SUMMER SAVOURY. (*Satureja hortensis*) "Neither is there a better remedy against the Chollick & Illiack passions than this, keep it dry by you all the yeer if you love yourselves, & your ease, as 'tis an hundred pound to a penny if you do not." **Standard 300 Seeds £1.65p; OGS 100 seeds. £1.75p**

WINTER SAVOURY. (*Satureja montana*). "This is more woody & shrubby than the former, having the Leaves more like Hyssop, stiffer & harder, & seemingly pierc'd full of Holes, & ending in Spinulæ the Flowers are of the Colour of the former, & the Seed much alike. This is likewise cultivated in Gardens, & flowers at the fame time." **Standard 300 Seeds £1.65p**

SWEET CICELY. (*Myrrhis odorata*) "Myrrhis is also called myrrha, taken from his pleasant savor of Myrrh. In English it is sometimes called sweete Chervill." **Standard 20 Seeds £1.85p**

THYME

Wild or creeping. (*Thymus serpyllum*) "Sometimes, especially in country places the Wild Thyme is used for seasoning. This is a small native perennial plant with

a very slender creeping stem, bearing small oval-rounded leaves & erect terminal clusters of pink or violet-coloured flowers."

Standard 750 Seeds £1.85p

Common. (*T. vulgare*)

Standard 750 seeds £1.65p. OGS 300 seeds £1.85p

OF PHYSICAL & ECONOMIC PLANTS

POLITE WARNING. Mr Ety can take no responsibility for any adverse effects from the use of plants listed in our catalogue. Always seek advice from a medical professional before using any part of a plant medicinally.

ANGELICA. (*Angelica archangelica*). "In all epidemical diseases caused by Saturn, that is as good a preservative as grows: It resists poison, by defending and comforting the heart, blood, and spirits; it doth the like against the plague and all epidemical diseases." **Standard 100 Seeds £1.95p**

ARNICA. (*Arnica montana*) "...has been used medicinally for centuries, however there are no scientific studies that prove the medical effectiveness. The roots contain derivatives of thymol, which are used as fungicides & preservatives. Currently used in liniment & ointment preparations used for strains, sprains, & bruises." **Standard 100 Seeds £1.95p**

ANISE. (*Pimpinella anisum*). "... is a seed which has an aromatic smell and a pleasant, warm, sweetish taste; it has been used as a carminative, a cordial, and stomachic, and for strengthening the viscera: the essential oil is amongst the mildest of this kind we have." **Standard 300 Seeds £1.75p**

BLESSED THISTLE. (*Cnicus benedictus*). "The blessed thistle was widely cultivated in the middle ages, when it was seen as a cure-all for all manner of diseases including the plague. Although less widely used nowadays, it is still seen to have a wide range of applications though it is mainly employed as an ingredient in herbal tonics." **Standard 30 seeds £2.00p**

BORAGE. (*Borago officinalis*). "The leaves & roots are to very good purpose used in fevers, to defend the heart, & help to resist & expel the poison, or the venom of other creatures: the seed is of the like effect; & the seed & leaves are good to increase milk in women's breasts; the leaves, flowers, & seed, all or any of them, are good to expel pensiveness & melancholy; it helps to clarify the blood, & mitigate heat in fevers." **Standard 60 Seeds £1.95p**

Blue Form: **Standard 60 Seeds £1.65p; OGS 30 seeds. £1.85p**

CATNEP. (*Nepeta cataria*) "The whole plante has a stronge aromatic odoure, resembling pennie-royale, & particularly grateful to Cats, whence it derives its name." **Standard 150 Seeds £1.65p; OGS 100 seeds. £1.85p**

CHAMOMILES

Lawn. (*Chamaemelum nobile*) "Camomile flower are highly esteemed for their agreeable tonic properties. They are mainly relaxant, & only moderately stimulant; expend their influence somewhat promptly; manifest a decided action upon the circulation, nerves, & stomach." **Standard 750 seeds £1.65p**

Dyer's. (*Anthemis tinctoria*) by 1561 "...is used by the dyers for the sake of a brilliant yellow tint, which is obtained from it." **Standard 500 seeds £1.65p**

CLARY. (*Salvia pratensis*) "The seed is used to be put into the eyes to clear them from Moats, or other such like things gotten within the lids to offend them, as also to clear them from white or red spots in them." **Standard 100 seeds £1.65p**

DILL. (*Anethum graveolens*) "The Seed is of more use than the Leavs & more effectual to digest raw & viscuous humors, & is used in Medicines that serve to expel wind & the pains proceeding therfrom. The seed are toasted or fried & used in Oyls or Plaisters." **Standard 750 seeds: OGS 500 seeds. £1.65p**

DYER'S WELD. (*Reseda luteola*) "Some do highly commend it against the bitings of Venemous Creatures, to be taken inwardly & applyed outwardly to the hurt place; as also for the Plague or Pestilence." It yields an especially brilliant pure and fast yellow. **Standard 450 seeds £1.65p**

DYER'S WOAD. (*Isatis tinctoria*) "in his 5th book of the French wars mentions that the British stained themselves blue with woad. & British women & girls colouring themselves with it went naked to some of their sacrifices." **Standard 50 seeds £1.95p**

ECHINACEA. (*Echinacea angustifolia*) By 1799. Historically well considered by the Native Americans for its efficacious effect upon wounds of the flesh & especially against the bite of the

serpent. Still considered an highly effective herbal remedy for many complaints and conditions.” **Standard 40 seeds £2.25p**

Echinacea purpurea. **Standard 100 seeds £1.85p**

ELECAMPANE. (*Inula helenium*) “..fresh roots preserved with Sugar, or made into a syrup or conserve, are very effectual to warm a cold & windy stomach, or the pricking therein, & stiches in the sides caused by the spleen; & to help the cough, shortness of breath, & wheesings.” **Standard 30 seeds £1.95p**

EVENING PRIMROSE. (*Enothera biennis*) “It’s oil has been thought to help ease many symptoms familiar to women such as pre-menstrual problems, those associated with the menopause & also may help ease arthritic pain & eczema.”

Standard 500 seeds £1.65p

FETHERFEWE. (*Tanacetum parthenium*) “Dried & made into powder, & 2 drams of it taken with honey or sweet wine, purgeth melancholy & flegme; wherefore it is very good for them that are giddie of the head, or which have verrtigo.”

Standard 500 seeds £1.85p: OGS 300 seeds £2.25p

LADIES BEDSTRAW. “The yellow dye that can be obtained from the stems, leaves & flowering tips has been used as a hair dye. A red dye can also be produced from the roots & has been used for dyeing wool & other fabrics.” **Standard 500 seeds £1.65p**

LADYS MANTLE. (*Alchemilla xanthochlora*) By 1548. “Is a good wound-herb for bathing & fomenting, for it dries up the humidity of sores, & heals inflammation. It draws the corruption from, & heals green wounds; it cures all old sores.”

Standard 100 seeds £1.95p

LEMON BALM. (*Melissa officinalis*). “It causes the mind & heart to become merry, & revives the heart, faintings & swoonings, especially of such who are overtaken in sleep, & drives away all troublesome cares & thoughts out of the mind, arising from melancholy It is very good to help digestion, & open obstructions of the brain, & hath so much purging quality in it as to expel melancholy vapours from the spirits & blood.”

Standard: 700 seeds £1.75p. OGS 400 seeds £1.85p

LIQUORICE. (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*) “..its predominant constituents being saccharine & mucilaginous matter, its only action is that of a mild demulcent, & as such it is frequently used in catarrh, & in some stomach complaints, which seem to arise from a deficiency of the natural mucus, which should defend the stomach against the acrimony of the food, & the fluids secreted into it.” **Standard 50 seeds £2.25p: 30 seeds £1.50**

MARSH-MALLOW. (*Althea officinale*) “The dry roots of this plant, boiled in water, give out half their weight of a gummy matter like starch, & on evaporating the fluid, form a flavourless yellowish mucilage. The leaves afford scarcely one-fourth of their weight, & the flowers & seeds still less. Decoctions of this plant have been found exceedingly useful.”

Standard 50 seeds £1.95p

MEXICAN MARIGOLD. (*Tagetes minuta*). Before 1761. “The dried leaves are used as an aromatic seasoning for soups & vegetable, they give an apple-like flavour, Also widely used in companion planting schemes. Secretions from the roots of growing plants have an insecticidal effect on the soil, effective against nematodes and to some extent against keeled slugs.

Standard 300 seeds £1.85p

MILK THISTLE. (*Silybum marianum*). “.. thought to be effectual for agues, & to prevent & cure the infection of the plague: as also to open the obstructions of the liver & spleen, & thereby is good against the jaundice. It provokes urine, breaks & expels the stone, & is good for the dropsy.” **Standard 30 seeds £2.25p**

PENNYROYAL (*Mentha pulegium*) “Groweth naturally wild in moist & overflown places, about the holes & ponds thereof in sundry places, from whence poore women bring plenty to sell in London markets; & it groweth in sundry other Commons neere London likewise.” **Standard 500 seeds £1.75p**

PEPPERMINT. (*Mentha piperita*) “A safe medicine for the biting of a Mad Dog, being bruised with salt & laid thereon. The Powder of it being dried & taken after Meat helpeth digestion, & those that are Splenetick.” **Standard 500 seeds £1.75p**

⌘ **PYRETHRUM.** (*Tanacetum cinerariifolium*) “The dried flower heads are used as an insecticide, they are a source of the commercially available insecticide 'pyrethrum', which is non-toxic to mammals. Only the yellow disk rays contain pyrethrins. Once dried, the flowers or the powder retain their insecticidal properties almost indefinitely.” **Standard 40 seeds £2.25p**

SEA HOLLY. “The Distilled Water of the Herb when young, helpeth the melancholly of the Heart, as also for them that have their Necks drawn awry, & cannot turn them, without turning their whol Body.” **Standard 30 seeds £2.25p**

SOAPWORT. (*Saponaria officinalis*) “The name of sopewort has been given to this plant, from its anfwering, the purposes of foap, forming like it, a lather with water, and taking out fspots of grease &tc from cloth in the fame manner; whence it has also been called fullers-herb.” **Standard 200 seeds £1.75p**

ST JOHN, His worte. (*Hypericum perforatum*) “..is as singular a wound herb as any other, either for inward wounds, hurts, or bruises, to be boyled in wine & drunk, or prepared into oyl or oyntment, bath or lotion outwardly. It opens obstructions, dissolve swellings, & closes up the lips of wounds, & strengthen parts that are weak & feeble.” **Standard 500 seeds £2.75p**

TANSAY. (*Tanacetum vulgare*) “Surely our Physitians are beholding to none so much as they are to Monks. For want of eating this Herb in Spring, make people sickly in Summer, & that makes work for the Physitian. If it be against anyones conscience to eat a Tansie in the Spring, they may boyl it in Wine and drink the Decoction.” **Standard 500 seeds £1.75p**

WYLDRESYL OR FULLER'S TEASEL. (*Dipsacus sativus fullonum*) “This is the teasing plant of the clothier. In the Fuller's teasel the bracts turn back and are used to raise the nap of newly woven cloth.” **Standard 100 seeds £1.95**

YARROW. (*Alchemilla vulgare*). “Esteemed a vulnerary; & an infusion taken inwardly, together with an outward application of its leaves, has very well and speedily succeeded, from a want of the arnica, in dissipating dreadful bruises arising from a fall from a tree.” **Standard 650 seeds £1.65p**

YSOPE OR HYSSOP. (*Hyssopus officinalis*) “Being bruised & Salt, Honey & Cummin Seed put to it, helpeth those that are stung by Serpents. The Oyl thereof killeth Lice, & taketh away Itching of the Head. It helpeth those that have Falling-sickness which way soever it be applied.” **Standard 450 seeds £1.75p**

SEEDS OF FLOWERING PLANTS

(All Standard seeds)

ANTIRRHINUM. 1597. “The floures grow at the top of the stalkes of a purple or yet a white colour, fashioned like a frogs mouth, or rather a dragons mouth, from whence we have taken the name Snapdragon.” **200 seeds £1.85p (Mix't)**

BLEW-BOTTLE OR CORN-FLOUR. The floures grow at the top of the stalkes, of a blew colour, consisting of many small floures set in a scaly head; the seed is smooth, bright shining, and wrapped in a woolly or flocky matter.” **Seed 200 seeds £1.85p**

✂ **BLUEBELL.** "It hath long narrow leaves leaning towards the ground, among which spring up naked or bare stalkes loden with many hollow blew floures of a strong sweet smell somewhat stuffing the head. It is said that the roots, being beaten and applied with white wine, hinder or keepe backe the growth of haire!" 80 seeds £1.95p

CANDYTUFT. Originally from Crete (The old name of which was Candy). Known to both Parkinson and Gerard (Hence 1596). Gerard knew many colours but Parkinson only white and purple. "One of the most popular annuals for furnishing beds and borders with masses of colours during the summer months." 100 seeds £1.85p (Mix't)

CAMPANULAS

CANTERBURY BELLS. "There is a kinde of floure growing about Canterbury, which is called Canterbury Bells, because they grow there more plentifully than in any other countrey. These pleasant floures wee have in our gardens especially for the beauty of their floure." 500 seeds £1.85p

Harebell. "The Scottish bluebell (also known as the harebell) was in parts of Buchan called 'the aul' man's [Devil's] bell', regarded with a sort of dread, and commonly left unpulled!" 500 seeds £2.25p

✂ COLUMBINES

✂ **Wild.** "The stalke is a cubit and a halfe high, slender, reddish & sleightly haired. the slender sprigs whereof bring forth everie one; one floure with five little hollow hornes, as it were hanging forth, with small leaves standing upright, of the shape of little birds." 100 seeds £2.25p

✂ **Nora Barlow.** Named after the grand-daughter of Charles Darwin, but is in fact a 16th c. variety called Rose Columbine which was renamed in the Victorian era. Spurless & double flowered with pink & green petals 100 seeds £2.25p

✂ **CORN-COCKLE.** "Increasingly rare. The Cuckole hath a longe small lefe, & wyl beare fyve or vi floures of purple colour, as brode as a grote." 70 seeds £1.85p

FORGET-ME-NOT. "The floures doe growe upon weake, feeble, & rough branches, as is all the rest of the plant. They likewise groe for the most part an one side of the stalke, blew of colour, with a like little spot of yellow, as the others, turning themselves backe." 500 seeds £1.85p

✂ **FOXES-GLOVES.** Wild. "How fingularly & regularly do the blöffoms hang one over the other; How delicate are the little spots which ornament the inside of the flower! like the wings of fmall butterflies; how pleafing it is to behold the neftling bee hide itself in its pendulouf blöffoms! While extracting the fweets which furnish our tables with Honey & our manufacturers with wax." 700 seeds £1.85p

HOLLYHOCKES

"This is a tall plant, 6-8ft high, with thick round stalks & hairy round leaves; the floures grow upon the stalk, coming forth with the leaves, being very large, of one leave cut into five segments, of various colours."

Chater's Double (Mixed). (By 1840) 50 seeds £2.25p

Single Mixed. 50 seeds £2.25p

Black. (*Althaea rosea* "Nigra") Before 1911 50 seeds £2.25p

HONESTIE. Before 1548. "The stalkes are loden with many floures of a purple colour; which being fallen, the seed comes forth, contained in a flat thin cod, with a sharp point or pricke at one end in the fashion of the moon." 70 seeds £1.85p (Mix't)

✂ **LARKSPUR.** 17th Century. "The floures grow along the stalks towards the tops of the branches, of a blew colour, consisting of five little leaves which grow together & make a hollow floure, having a taile or spur at the end."

Dwarf or Tall Form. (please specify) 300 seeds £1.85p

NIGELLA

* **LOVE-IN-A-MIST.** By 1659. "Nigella muft be fowne in a ground that is fat or well tilled. The fume of the feed taken doth ftay the rheume, drie the braine & causeth the fmelling that was loft to come againe; boyled with water & vinegar, & holden in the mouth it affuageth tooth-ache." 750 seeds £1.85p

LOVE-LIES-BLEEDING OR HERBE GENTLE. Long red (or green) tassel like flowers, are the signature of this plant which has been in our gardens since the 16th century, **Red Form or Green forms** (Please specify) 200 seeds £1.95p

✂ **RUSSELL LUPIN.** Bred & introduced in 1937 "A unique train of perennial Lupines with exceptionally bold spikes of blooms often 3 ½ feet in length and showing a wide range of colours." **Mix't** 50 seeds £2.25p

POT MARYEGOLDE. "The herbe & flowers are of great use with us among other pot-herbes & the flowers eyther greene or dried, are often used in possets, broths, & drinks, as a comforter of the heart & spirits, & to expel any malignant or pestilential quality, gathered neere thereunto." 50 seeds £1.95p

✂ **MORNING GLORY.** By 1677. **Clark's Heavenly Blue.** Climber, 25 seeds £1.95p

NASTURTIUM OR INDIAN CRESSES

1597. The flours are disperesed throughout the whole plant, of colour yellow with a crossed star overthwart the inside of a deepe orange colour. unto the backe-part of the same doth hang a taile or spure, such as hath the larks-heel.

Empress of India. 1881. Crimson flowers, variegated leaves. 30 seeds £1.95p

Tom Thumb. (Watkin & Simpson) By 1838. **Mix't.** Variegated leaves. Dwarf 30 seeds £1.95p

Tall Climbing. 1686. **Mix't** 30 seeds £1.95p

✂ NICOTIANA

Nicotiana affinis. By 1880. "...affords some welcome sweet-scented plants for greenhouse & conservatory, & as the flowers open best in subdued light they are particularly valuable as pot plants for indoor decoration." 500 seeds £1.85p

Nicotiana sylvestris. "... of pyramidal habit, with long tubular pure white flowers borne in dense panicles, remains fully expanded during the days & in the evening." 500 seeds £1.85p

PINKS & CARNATIONS

Carnation "Enfant de Nice" mix't. By 1927. "Vigorous plants & strong supporting stems display large fully double flowers. They will add an intense spicy scent to your garden." 75 seeds £2.25p

Carnation "Giant Chaubaud" mix't. By 1931. "Extremely fragrant mix of double fringed blooms in shades of red, rose, violet, white, yellow, orange and showy bicolours." 75 seeds £2.25p

Clove Pink. (*Dianthus caryophyllus*) "The conserve made of the floures, & sugar is exceeding cordiall & wonderfully above measure doth comfort the heart." 100 seeds £1.85p

Deptford Pink. "There is a wilde creeping Pinke, which groweth neere about London, but especially in the field next to Detford; which hath many small stalekes; whereupon doth growe little reddish flowers." 1591 100 seeds. £1.85p

SWEET WILLIAM

Auricula-eyed. *"Dean's Auricula-eyed Sweet William, Most exquisite in form and colour. WILLIAM DEAN, Bradford Nursery, Shipley, Yorkshire". 1865* 300 seeds £1.85p (Mix't)

Single Form. *Walking last Friday morning in my garden, Where stands a house that I have grunted hard in: And finding there Sweet William by my bower, 1640* 300 seeds £1.85p (Mix't)

POACHED EGG PLANT. By 1842 (*The Gardener's Magazine*). Yellow saucer-like flower edged with white. for edging the border, & for attracting bees and hover-flies. 50 seeds £1.85p

POPPIES

Wild or Corn Poppy. *"The flowers of Cornerofe, either in decoction, distilled water, fyrup or powder, the weight of halfe a crowne, is a fingular meanes to provoke ffitting in Pleurifies & to cure the fame."* 1000 seeds £2.00p

Shirley Poppy. (mix't) *"The Shirley poppy was created from 1880 onwards by the Reverend William Wilks, vicar of the parish of Shirley in England. Wilks found in a corner of his garden where it adjoined arable fields, a variant of the field poppy that had a narrow white border around the petals. By careful selection and hybridization over many years he obtained a strain of poppies ranging in colour from white and pale lilac to pink and red, and unlike the wild poppies these had no dark blotches at the base of the petals."* 750 seeds £1.85p

Opium Poppy Mix't *"This seed, is good to season bread with; but the white is better than the black. It is often used in comfits, served at the table with other junketting dishes."* Noted in 1659 500 seeds £1.85p

PRIMROSES

Auricula. 1596. *"This beautifull & brave plant hath thicke greene, & fat leaves, somewhat finely snipt about the edges; among which riseth up a stem a hand high, bearing a tuft of floures at the top of divers colours, not unlike to the floures of Oxe-lips, but more open."* 50 seeds £2.25p

Wild Primrose. One of the most welcome of Spring flowers, & too well known to need any description. The colour of the flower so peculiar as to have a name of its own! 50 seeds £2.55p

Cowslyp. *"The flowers have a pleasant sweet smell, & a bitterish, taste. An infusion of them, used as tea, is recommended as a mild corroborant in nervous complaints. A strong infusion of them, with a proper quantity of sugar, forms an agreeable syrurp."* 100 seeds £2.25p

SCARLET PIMPERNEL. *"The husbandmen, having occasion to go unto their harvest work, will first behold the floures of pimpernell, whereby they know the weather that shall follow the next day; as for example, if the floures be shut close up, it betokeneth raine & foule weather; contraiwise, if they be spread abroad, faire weather"* 50 seeds £1.85p

STOCKS

Brompton. Raised by London & Wise in the early 18thc & noted in *"The Retir'd Gardener"* in 1706. *"Of these there are several fine examples exhibiting various shades of red, purple, violet, brown and white and flowering from April till August or September."* 200 seeds £1.95p (Mix't)

Ten-Week. The "Botanist's Companion" of 1816 lists three colours *"Of these there are many highly ornamental varieties presenting various shades of purple, blue, lilac, red, brown & white, and flowering according to the time of sowing from May till October, or later."* 300 seeds £1.95p (Mix't)

Virginian. Dwarf annual, or Virginian Stock-gilliflower. Noted in the *"Catalogus Horti Botanici Cantabrigiensis"* of Thomas Martyn of 1771. 300 seeds £1.85p (Mix't)

SUNFLOWER. Giant Yellow Single. Introduced from the Americas in the 16th century. This is the largest form we have found and may attain a height of 10 feet in ideal conditions. 50 seeds £1.85p

SWEET PEAS

20 seeds for £1.85p per packets (Unless otherwise shown)

America. Morse-Vaughan 1896. An eye catching combination of bright red and white make this heirloom sweet pea a great favourite. It is believed to be a selection from the very similar Queen of the Isles, which was an early Eckford sweet pea. Strongly scented

Black Knight, Eckford 1898. Deep Purple/violet bi-colour sweet pea. One of the best of the grandiflora varieties. Strongly scented. One of 115 varieties Mr Henry Eckford exhibited at the Crystal Palace Exhibition in 1900.

Captain of the Blues. Eckford 1890, a bright purple blue erect standard with paler wings. As with many grandiflora sweet peas this one is strongly scented

Cupani *..is the oldest known sweet pea and is thought to have been sent to England in 1699 by Sicilan monk Francisco Cupani. Whilst the strain has certainly been re-selected and improved, Cupani still bears it's original characteristics of delicate bicolour maroon upper petals with violet 'wings' blooms and intense perfume*

Dorothy Eckford. Grandiflora. 1901. A fine free flowering pure white grandiflora sweet pea with flowers carried in threes. White seed.

Flora Norton. Morse 1905, this lovely clear light blue sweet pea has wings large in proportion to the standard. Strongly scented

Henry Eckford. Named by and for the "Father of the Sweet Pea", this stunningly unusual heirloom grandiflora orange-red is a truly beautiful flower. Fragrant

King Edward VII. Eckford 1903. A rich crimson grandiflora sweet pea, the best of its colour. Taller and stronger growing than most grandiflora sweet peas. Strongly scented.

Lady Grissel Hamilton. Grandiflora. Bred by Henry Eckford in 1895. Pale heliotrope or lavender heirloom sweet pea with a hooded standard, a reliable performer Very strong and pleasant scent. Smaller seeds than usually expected

Leamington. A well known and widely grown deep lavender-blue, Spencer type sweet pea with wavy petals and sweet fragrance. It is an excellent exhibition variety and perfect for the cutting garden. Sweet fragrance

Lord Nelson. House. 1907. *"this is a rich, dark blue self. In America it was sold by Burpee under the name 'Brilliant Blue'. One of the finest heirloom sweet peas."* Very strongly scented

Miss Wilmott. Eckford 1900. Deep Orange pink. "A showy sweet pea with deep salmon pink flowers." Strongly scented

Mrs Collier. *"Bred by Dobbie & Son of Edinburgh, in 1906. This superb creamy-white sweet pea was given an Award of Merit the same year."* Richly perfumed

Painted Lady. *"..the very first named sweet pea cultivar and dates back to 1737, the result of a mutation that arose spontaneously from the original purple Sicilian species. It has a beautiful rose standard petal with pastel pink or cream wing petal."* Strongly scented

Princess Elizabeth. Bolton's 1950. Lovely salmon pink petals on a cream background, there are 3 to 5 flowers per stem. The flowers are large, frilly and have a beautiful fragrance.

Senator Introduced by Eckford in 1891, this has a bold, chocolate maroon flake standard and purple flake wings. A vigorous sweet pea with an average 4 flowers on a stem. Highly scented
15 seeds £2.00

Queen Alexandria. Eckford, 1905. This fine scarlet sweet pea with its bold standard was one of his finest achievements, far excelling other varieties of similar colouring. Heavily scented

Violet Queen. This strikingly coloured heirloom sweetpea with deep mauve standard and violet purple wings appears to have been introduced in 1877. A very vigorous tall growing variety. Fragrance unknown. 15 seeds £2.00

Wiltshire Ripple. A well known and popular variety whose white flowers, borne on long stems, are splashed and streaked deep claret. Scented

Mixed Heirloom Selection. A mixture of varieties, selected from the grandiflora types listed above

THRIFTE. Native *"Their use in Physicke as yet is not known. Neither do any seeke into the Nature thereof, but esteem them only for their beautie and pleasure. Used in the garden for the bordering up of beds and bankes, for the which it serveth very fitly."*
100 seeds £1.85p

VIOLAS

Sawyers Black Viola. *"A striking & unusual flower resembling the Heartsease in all but the colour of the flower, which is deep purple."*
150 seeds £2.25p

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150 seeds £1.95p

Pansy. Swiss Giant Mixed. *"Open-pollinated selection with large flowers in a selection of striking individual colours."*
150 seeds £2.25p

Sweet Violet. *"Violets of the garden have a great prerogative above others, not only because the mind conceiveth a certain pleasure and recreation by smelling and handling these most odoriferous floures, but also for that very many of these Violets receive ornament and comely grace."*

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WALL-FLOURES.

"In the garden there are many varieties of all shades of colour, from pale yellow to deepest blood-red, the last being most odoriferous." 1828

**Blood Red ; Cloth of Gold ; Ivory White ; Primrose Monarch ;
RUBY GEM ; Scarlet Emperor ; Wild (Yellow) ; Old-fashioned
Mixed**

All Wallflowers - 300 Seeds £1.85p

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