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Babcock Peony Gardens

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Jamestown, N. Y.

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Our Selection of Choice Peonies

To give our friends a chance to purchase some of the better Peonies we make the following offer. All are choice varieties and some very recently introduced for $5.00. This is a very low price. See catalog for description.

We have one the largest stocks of Peonies in the U. S. We won first prize at Des Moines, Iowa, American Peony Show on our display of Officinalis varieties and Hybrid Peonies. Our large, complete Bargain List and descriptive catalog sent free to all.

Octavie Demay. Flesh ........................................ $1.00
Floral Treasure, Flesh Pink .................................. 1.00
Couronne d’Or, White ........................................ 1.00
Delachei, Red .................................................. 1.00
Louis Van Houtte, Red ...................................... 1.00
Pres. Roosevelt. Red .......................................... 1.00
Princess Beatrice. Tricolor .................................. 1.00
Prince of Darkness. Dark red ............................... 1.50
Avalanche, Pure White, late ................................ 1.00
Festiva Maxima. White, red blotch ........................ 0.75
Glory of Somerset. Pink, very large ...................... 1.00
Gen. Custer. Very fine pink .................................. 0.75

$12.00

Any Eight .................................................... $5.00
You Pay Parcel Post or Express Charges
The Twelve .................................................. $8.00

Send cash, money order, or check with your order. We do not send C. 0. D. and if you want them sent parcel post send postage to cover. Most lots of 25 bulbs will weigh about 3 pounds, the peonies about 8 to 10 pounds for 8 roots. Bulbs must be sent by parcel post or express at your expense. If your order amounts to $5.00 we will give you one extra Peony, FREE.

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INTRODUCTION

I have loved flowers all my life. I remember distinctly, when about ten years old, of going around the small country village and collecting “slips” or cuttings from anyone who would let me have them. Then I would take these home to root and grow on. I had a fine lot of “house plants.” I was always looking for new plants, and shall never forget the first and only clump of the “Showery Lady Slipper” I found in a bog swamp. These orchids are very rare in this section now, but we still have a few of the pink and yellow ones.

Later, I began to study plants, bulbs and shrubs, and plant breeding. Starting with very little capital, we have in the last twenty odd years built up our present business, which I hope will be continued by my three sons after I am gone. Our acreage is now about twenty acres; about fifteen acres in Peonies, a very large collection of the best English and French novelties. Single bulbs of some of these novelties have cost us over $50.00. We are also growing large stocks of Darwin and Cottage Tulips, and we are having good success with the growing of the bulbs.

Our collection of Iris also is very large including a large list of the new and rare varieties, and we are making a specialty of these and Hardy Phlox.

Our location is in the foothills of the Alleghany Mountains. We are about 1200 feet above sea-level and we have heavy winters. Twenty below zero is not unusual. All our plants must be hardy with us. We do not grow plants that will not stand our winters.

Our Peonies come in bloom about June tenth to fifteenth in most seasons, and we sell large lots of blooms for the June weddings. Also always have thousands of Daffodil blooms in early spring for Mother’s Day and Decoration Day.

Visitors are always welcome at our Nursery; and when the Peonies are in bloom, we have had over 1,500 auto parties in one day. We are fitting over five acres of new virgin soil for our lining out stock to be planted, fall 1927. This should grow us very fine, large roots for our trade.

PEONIES

SIZE OF THE PLANT—Our prices are quoted on good strong standard divisions of from three to
five eyes cut from two and three year old plants. We recommend the planting of large divisions only.

**SHIPMENTS**—All Peonies will be shipped by express at customer's expense. If wanted by parcel post please remit 10c additional for each root ordered.

**SERVICE AND PRICES**—A pleased customer is our greatest asset, and we try to give service that will increase our assets yearly. We are not satisfied until our patrons are more than satisfied, as we realize that our success depends more on the service we give than on the profit we make.

We have put our prices as low as is consistent with good stock true to name. Not so much depends on what you pay as on what you get.

**Please do not send an order for less than one dollar.** Due to the expense of digging and packing they can be filled only at a loss.

**GUARANTEE**—We exercise the greatest care to keep our plants true to name and are willing at any time to replace on proper proof all stock that may prove otherwise, or refund the amount paid, but it is mutually agreed that we shall not at any time be liable for a greater amount than the original cost.

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**Introducing Babcock's New Seedling Peonies**

We have been growing seedling Peonies over fifteen years, and now have one of the largest stocks of New Seedling Peonies to be found. Never have offered any of them for sale, because we wished to
make sure they were an improvement, or distinct
from any other varieties now on the market. We
are growing hundreds of thousands in our seed
beds. Last year we transplanted to blooming quar-
ters over ten thousand young seedlings which are
five years old. They will bloom good in about two
years. In our growing of seedlings we now have
some very fine Japanese varieties and shall offer
our first new ones this fall.

**Jap No. 33—(Babcock 1927)**

Very rich shade of dark maroon, darker and more brill-
iant than Fuyajo, center petaloids same shade, tipped
gold, giving the flower a more brilliant effect than Fuyajo,
with its white and cream tipped petaloids, plant medium
in season; strong, rapid grower and multiplier. **Nearly
every division will bloom the first season.** Throws two
to four side buds and it never has been frozen, going
through freezes that killed thousands of buds for us. If
you purchase one of these and are not satisfied when
your plant is three years old we will return your money,
if the entire plant is returned to us.

One lady told us, when she saw the blooms for the first
time this year, "If ever a Peony was worth $100 this one
is." This lady has Fuyajo, Ana-No-Sode and a very
fine collection of the very best.

**Price for a strong 3 to 5 eye division cut from two year
old stock** .................................................. **$50.00**

**Seedling No. 46—(Babcock 1927)**

Full, double, semi-rose type; rather flat bloom; wide
petals all through the flower; color about the same as
Mons. Jules Elie, even color throughout; fragrant;
bloom has a collar of pink petaloids, tipped with gold.
These stand out very prominent, giving the flower a
distinct and beautiful effect, different from any variety
now on the market.

**Price** .................................................. **$50.00 each**

**Seedling No. 39—(Babcock 1927)**

Very much like No. 46, but much darker rose-pink; very
fragrant; strong grower and free bloomer. The gold-
tipped petaloids give the flower a distinct and beautiful
appearance.

**Price** .................................................. **$50.00 each**

**Seedling No. 135—(Babcock)**

Late; very full double; dark red—shade of Cherry Hill;
very brilliant, can be seen away across the field, as the
tall, long stems hold the bloom up well; looks like a fine
Dahilia from a distance. Also has the gold petaloids same
as Nos. 46 and 39, but not so prominent.

**For sale Fall 1928.**

**Seedling Jap. No. 62—(Babcock)**

About the same as Fuyajo; same color; petaloids tipped
white.

**For sale Fall 1928.**

We shall offer, Fall 1928, Peonies that are im-
provements on Karl Rosenfield, Jeannot, and sev-
eral very choice new Japs. Remember, we can
show you a large list of new ones still under test.
Come and see them in 1928.
Special Bulb Bargains for Fall, 1927 and Spring 1928

Your Choice of Any of the Following Bulbs at Greatly Reduced Prices:

8 Peonies—all different, labeled, our selection, strong 3- to 5-eye divisions. This special low price for 8 Peonies is the popular Peony bargain which we have sent out for the past three years, proving to be very popular with our customers .................................................. $2.50
12 Iris—All different; extra fine varieties ........................................ 1.00
10 Columbine—Mixed—long spurred hybrids .................................. 1.00
10 Delphinium—Kelway's hybrids—fine varieties .............................. 1.00
10 Hardy Phlox—All different; choice varieties ............................. 1.25
10 Boltonia—White and pink mixed ............................................. 1.00
12 Grape Hyacinths—Blue—large bulbs ........................................ 1.00
6 Lilium Superbum—Our wild meadow lily—fine ............................ 1.00
3 Lilium Candidum—The Madonna lily ....................................... 1.00
2 Lilium Regal—New white trumpet lily ....................................... 1.00
6 Lilium Tigrinum-var. Splendens; improved Tiger lily ..................... 1.00
10 Trillium or Wood Lily—Fine for shady places ............................ 1.00
10 Lily of the Valley—New large Fortin Giant .............................. 1.00
25 Tulips—Mixed; either Early, Cottage or Darwins ......................... 1.25
25 Tulips—Named; state color wanted ......................................... 1.35
10 Hepatica—For shady places .................................................. 1.00
6 Hardy Ferns—For Shady places ............................................. 1.00

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