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Nursery Catalogues and Related Publications: A Selection From Our Stock

1. BAILEY, W.H. **[No.3.]** Spring Catalogue of New, Rare and Beautiful Plants for 1875. Greenhouses and Nursery Grounds on Cornelia Street, Plattsburgh, Clinton Co., N.Y. Boston: Rand, Avery and Company, 1875. 8vo, printed blue wrappers; pp. 16. Full-page engravings on rear wrapper: "Marshal Neil Rose" outside, "Climbing Rose - Gem of the Prairie" inside. Slight staining to front wrapper, otherwise a very good copy. \$65.00

2. (Broadside catalogue.) *Robert Buist, Nurseryman and Seed-Grower,* Warehouse, No. 97 Chesnut above Third, Philadelphia. [Philadelphia]: Brown Pr. Ledger Building, [ca. 1852]. Folio broadside, 16 ½ x 10 ½ inches. Text in 4 columns, small type, printed on gray paper. Folded, few minor marginal tears; very good. \$125.00

The prominent nurseryman's offerings of deciduous trees and shrubs, evergreens, weeping trees and vines.

3. (Broadside.) (BRECK, Charles -Seedsman.) *Fresh and Genuine Garden Seeds, put up at the Seed Store of Charles H. B. Breck, 45 North Market Street, Boston, who keeps constantly on hand Grass, Field and Flower Seeds, of all kinds, wholesale and retail.* [Boston: 184-?]. Oblong broadside, 7 ¼ x 15 ³/₄ inches, untrimmed. Text within ornamental border, large wood engraved view at center, signed 'B. F. Waite.'. Folded, moderately browned; a very good copy. \$975.00



A handsome

promotional

broadside from one of the major New England seed establishments. With a fine wood engraved view of

Market Street, with Breck's warehouse and other buildings shown, the street receding to the docks. Also advertised are N. P. H. Willis' "Highest Premium Ploughs, also harrows, cultivators, straw cutters, hoes, shovels, &c. &c." Not recorded in OCLC or AAS.

4. (Broadside.) (ROBINSON, William.) *The Garden Almanack for 1881. [Supplement to "The Garden," December 25, 1880.]... Price One Penny.* Printed at "The Garden" Office. [1880]. Broadside, 27 x 20 ¹/₂ inches untrimmed. Some marginal wear and separation at folds, rather clumsily repaired with archival tape, but no loss; otherwise a clean copy. \$125.00

Rare promotional broadside almanac separately issued by Robinson's famed periodical "The Garden." Includes calendars of horticultural duties, nursery prices of forest trees and a section of "Opinions of the Press and of Distinguished Men" including Dean Hole, Alfred Wallace, O. W. Holmes, and the Queen.

5. (Broadside.) **Phoenix & Emerson. Nurserymen, Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois**. Bloomington, Ill.: Bloomington Print, nd (ca. 1886). Folio broadside, 21 x 16 inches. Moderate edge wear and soiling, creased; a very good copy. \$400.00

A handsome advertising broadside, featuring seven large cuts of grapes and tree fruits, and a text summarizing stock. The Phoenix Nursery was the largest such business in the Mid-west; following financial reversals, the firm re-organized under the present partnership. A nice display piece.

6. (California.) HICKMAN, B. 1884 B. Hickman's List of California Bulbs and Plants, San Juan, San Benito Co., CAL., U.S.A. Springfield, Ohio: Globe Printing and Publishing, 1884. Sm 8vo, printed self-wrappers, stitched; pp. 8. Fine copy. \$55.00

7. (California - Washington Nursery.) REED, C W. *Descriptive Catalogue of Fruit and Ornamental Trees and Plants, Shrubs, and Roses, Cultivated and For Sale at the Washington Nursery and Fruit Gardens, opposite the City of Sacramento, by C. W. Reed & Co.* Sacramento: Wm. B. Rochester, State Journal Steam Presses, 1857. 8vo, orig pale green printed wrappers, removed. Pp. 24. Moderately soiled and foxed, old library stamps on front wrapper and internal leaf; very good. \$2,250.00

Unrecorded. Not in Brown, which lists only a photocopy of a fragment of the firm's 1864 Catalogue.

8. (California - Washington Nursery.) REED, C. W. *Washington Nursery. Catalogue of Fruit and Ornamental Trees and Plants, Shrubs, Roses, etc. 1864*. Sacramento: Printed by A. Badlam, [1864]. 8vo, orig. yellow illustrated wrappers. Moderately soiled, old library stamps on wrappers and internal leaf; very good. Signature split off but complete. \$2,250.00

Brown records only a photocopy of pp. 27-28.

9. (California - Suscol Nurseries, Napa.) THOMPSON, Simpson. *Descriptive Catalogue of Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Grape Vines, Shrubs, Roses, House and Garden Plants, cultivated and for sale at the Suscol Nurseries situated on the Napa River.....Napa County, California.* San Francisco: Printed by Charles F. Robbins, 1861-1862. 8vo, orig. wrappers. Pp. 40, removed. Upper edge of front cover browned, old library stamps on wrappers and internal leaves; very good within. \$2,250.00

10. CHILDS, John Lewis. 1916 Catalogue of Fall Bulbs That Bloom - Plants, Shrubs, Fruits, etc. FloralPark, N.Y., [1916.] 8vo, color wrappers; pp. 48, printed on yellow stock; profusely illustrated in text.Right edge trimmed a bit close; otherwise a nice copy.\$50.00

11. CLARK, Joseph. Catalogue of Flowering Plants and Trees, Observed in the Vicinity of Cincinnati.Adopted and published by the Western Academy of Natural Sciences. Cincinnati: 1852. 12mo, printedtitle wrappers. Pp. 30. A little dusty, very good..\$125.00

Sole edition. Includes a 5 pp. list of addenda by viticultural author Robert Buchanan who was founding president of the Academy. Meisel II, 596.

 12. FERRIS, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. *1888 Ferris' Combined Seed and Nursery Catalogue. Dutchess Nurseries.* 8vo, Decorative printed wrappers; pp.32; occasional engravings in text. Full-page engraving on rear wrapper is the "Russian Apricot." Front wrapper very slightly stained and chipped at edges.
 Otherwise very good.

Standard listing of fruits, flowers and vegetables.

13. FERRY, D.M. & Co. *1894 Catalogue of Bulbs and Seeds.* Detroit, Mich., 1894. 8vo, with brightly colored front and rear wrappers. Pp. 33, profusely illus. in text. A fine copy with original envelopes included. \$75.00



14. FERRY, D.M. The same for 1895. Also a fine copy with original envelopes included. \$75.00

15. GILLETT, Edward, Southwick, Mass. *Fourth Annual Catalogue of North American Perennial Plants, Orchids, Shrubs, Climbers, Alpine, Aquatic, and Bog Plants, Rare Ferns, &c.., for 1881.* Printed self-wraps, stitched; pp. 16. Corner vignettes on cover. "Herbaceous Perennial Plants," comprise the largest portion of the catalogue, which also includes a 2-page section on ferns, and a listing of over 50 native varieties of orchids. Offerings are listed by botanical as well as common names. A nice copy of an unusual listing. \$100.00

16. GREGORY, James J.H. January 1879 annual Circular and Retail Catalogue of Warranted Vegetable and Flower Seeds. Marblehead, Ma, 1879. 4to, illustrated wrappers, printed within ornamental border. Pp. 56 with numerous full-page and textual b&w engravings. Includes an 8pp special section printed on yellow stock. Edges of wrappers slightly frayed, otherwise a very good copy. \$95.00

17. HENDERSON, Peter & Co. *1925 Henderson's Autumn Catalogue*. Small 4to, color wrappers, inside covers being full-page color plates of tulips and daffodils respectively. Pp. 24, illustrated with photos, a few of which are "colorized." Minimal soiling; a very good copy. \$50.00

18. HERRMANN, A. New York, N.Y. 1890 Haupt-Verzeichnis über Gemüse, Feld, Gras und Blumen Samen. Von A. Herrmann... No. 413 Ost 34. Strasse, New York.

New York: J. Goldmann, 1890. Lg. 8vo, decorative pink wrappers; pp. 68, profusely illus. with engravings in text, with a few full-page engravings Slight wear to spine, but a very good copy with original envelope. \$135.00

Text is entirely in German.

Listings are divided about equally between vegetable and flower seeds.

Not in OCLC.



19. HOVEY & Co. 1852. A Descriptive Catalogue of Green-House and Hot-House Plants, embracing choice collections of camellias, azaleas, pelargoniums, fuchsias, verbenas, chrysanthemums, cinerarias, etc. Also of hardy herbaceous flowering plants... cultivated and for sale by Hovey & Co. at their Cambridge Nurseries. Boston: Hovey & Co., 1852.. 8vo, stitched self-wraps, as issued. Pp. 19, (1). Minor spots and soiling, a fine copy. \$225.00

Interesting offering from a major firm, most listings with brief descriptions. Charles Hovey's nursery was on 35 acres located 2 miles west of Harvard Square. His catalogue introduction gives a schedule of seasonal displays there, inside and out. An attractive copy; loosely laid in are a slip offering the latest volume of *Hovey's Magazine of Horticulture*, and a portion of a prospectus for the first volume of his notable color plate work, *The Fruits of America*.

20. HOVEY & COMPANY. *Autumn Catalogue of Specially Selected Bulbs, Flower Roots, Plants, Seeds, Etc. 1893.* Boston:, 1893. 8vo, printed decorative wrappers; pp. 30, illus with engravings in text. Edges of wrappers browned, sl tear to one leaf with no loss; otherwise a nice copy. \$60.00

21. HUNTINGTON SEED CO. *Catalogue of Dutch and French Bulbs, Bermuda and Japanese Lilies, Florists Supplies and Flower Seeds*. Indianapolis, Ind.: [1895.] 8vo, printed decorative wrappers; pp. 34, 38, illus in text. Wrappers soiled, but a nice copy. \$150.00

Includes a 38-pp. illustrated listing from the Falls City Wire Works of Louisville, Kentucky.

22. KENRICK, William. 1844. Descriptive Catalogue. Nursery of William Kenrick, Nonantum Hill, in Newton, (near Boston.) The Abridged Descriptive Catalogue of Fruit and Hardy Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Roses, Herbaceous Plants, etc. Np [Boston?]: nd [1844]. Royal 8vo, title wrappers, stitched. Pp.16; text in double columns. Browned at edges, very good. \$500.00

Rare catalogue from this prominent nursery, in a larger than usual format. Kenrick was a dominant force in New England horticulture, and he gained wider fame as the author of the popular *New American Orchardist* (1833). This copy has the signature of "H. Putnam - Agent, Salem."

23. KNOX, W.W. *Knox's Descriptive Catalogue of Garden and Flower Seeds, Seed Novelties and Seed Potatoes...* Pittsburgh, PA: Bakewell & Marthens, Printers, 1869. Sm 8vo, printed wrappers; pp. 64.

Wrappers soiled; chips and repairs to wrappers and first few leaves; otherwise internally a good copy. \$150.00

24. (Landscape.) WAGNER, Bernard P. *Landscape Gardening for Amateurs. With plans for the laying out in an artistic way - home, school, sanitarium, factory and small park grounds*. Sidney, Ohio: Wagner Park Conservatories, (1905). Oblong 8vo, original printed wrappers, tied with cord. Pp.62, illus., frontis. \$225.00

A very scarce guide, profusely illustrated with half-tone photos, elevations and plans. The Wagner Park Nursery was a nationally known firm which popularized landscape gardening during the period of suburban expansion. Minor wear, a very nice copy. OCLC locates a single copy, at the University of Guelph.

25. LYNE & MARKEY, Fort Wayne, Ind. 1873 Annual Catalogue of Hothouse, Greenhouse and Bedding Plants, New Double Geraniums, Verbenas, Roses, &c, &c. [Fort Wayne: 1873.]
8vo, yellow decorative printed wrappers; pp. 16. A very nice copy. \$95.00

Straightforward listing of the various plants, with the rear wrappers advertizing "Wreaths, Crosses, Bouquets... Rustic work, Wire Baskets...&c. Not in OCLC.





26. MEEHAN, Thomas and Son. *Descriptive Catalogue of Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Vines, Fruits. Twenty-First Edition*. Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, n.d. [1889?]. 8vo, decorative wrappers; pp. 38, 3; numerous engravings in text. A very good, bright copy of an attractive catalogue. \$85.00

Meehan established his nursery in 1853, specializing in ornamentals such as the Japanese maple. He authored one book, *The American Handbook of Ornamental Trees*, and was the editor of the *Gardener's Monthly* for several decades before founding *Meehan's Monthly* in 1891.

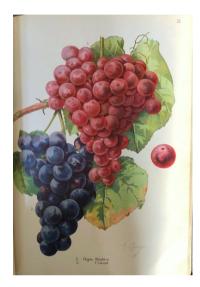
27. MICHEL, H. & Bro. *Gravois Nursery and Garden. Autumn, 1869. H. Michel & Bro.'s Catalogue of Choice Imported and Home Grown Flower Bulbs, Grape Vines, Small Fruits...* St. Louis, Mo.: 1869. Sm. 8vo, wrappers printed within ornamental border; pp. 14. Some soiling to wrappers, unobtrusive tape repair to stitched spine, a good copy. \$125.00

28. MICHEL, Henry. [Cover title:] *1869 Henry Michel's Descriptive Catalogues Nos.1, 2,3 Combined.* St. Louis, Mo.: 1869. Sm 8vo, 3 vols. in 1. Printed outer wrapper (rear wrapper lacking, front cover

somewhat frayed). Pp. 27, 12, 14, illustrated with engravings in text. Penciled math problems on front wrapper; internally a nice copy of an unusual grouping. \$225.00

The three catalogues included are: *No.1 Descriptive Catalogue of Greenhouse, Bedding and Hardy Herbaceous Plants, Paeonias, Roses, Shrubs....Grown at the Gravois Garden; No 2. Fourth Annual Edition. Catalogue No.2. Flower Seeds; and No.3. Fifteenth Annual Edition...Descriptive Price List of Dahlias, Gladiolus, Tigridias, Double Tuberoses, &c.*

29. (Nursery Plates) PERRY Nursery Company. *The Perry Handbook of Choice Fruits, Ornamentals, Roses, Shrubs, Hardy Perennials, Bulbs, etc.* Rochester: Perry Nursery Company, nd. (ca. 1890-1900.)
4to (10 x 7 ¹/₂ inches), original cloth. Pp. [iv], 100 numbered chromolith plates, (both sides of 50 leaves),
[4]. Cloth rubbed at extremities, hinges tender, moderate soiling within, a few minor abrasions to the plates.
\$650.00





Vivid collection of chromo plates from the final period of Rochester nursery illustration. "Every plate has been drawn from nature by the noted artist, Mr. A. Lunzer, of New York, who for fifty years has been at the head of his profession in this country... Much credit reflects upon the Stecher Lithographing Co...who designed and printed this beautiful work."-- intro. Includes table fruits, nuts, shade and ornamental trees and shrubs, perennials, vines, bulbs, grasses, and 11 plates of roses, illustrating 36 varieties. Also with half-tones of nursery grounds and operations.

30. (Parmentier, André - Ms. Invoice.) Horticultural Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, New York [March 8]
183/ Corner of Jamaica and Flat Bush Turnpike, two miles from the city of New-York. Mr. [H. W. Livingston] Bought of Andrew Parmentier. Printed invoice, 6 ¼ x 7 ½, accomplished in manuscript.
\$275.00

Interesting survival from the renowned nursery of Belgian-born André Parmentier, generally recognized as America's first true landscape designer. He came to America in 1824 and died in November of 1830. In that short time he built a famous collection of fruits and ornamental plants at his Brooklyn nursery, and received numerous commissions from prominent estate owners, where his naturalistic adaptations of the picturesque style were put to grand effect, and influenced succeeding generations of landscape designers, including Andrew Jackson Downing, who openly acknowledged his debt to Parmentier.

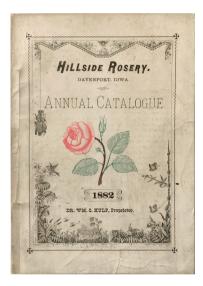
The present invoice was issued the year after Parmentier's death and records the purchase of grapes, apples and pears by named variety. It is of further interest in confirming that following his death, the nursery was continued by his wife Sylvie. This invoice is signed "S. Parmentier" following the final entry for a variety

described as "raised by my good husband's father," and is docketed "Mrs. Parmentier, March 1831." The plants were sold to Henry Walter Livingston (b. 1798), at 368 Broadway. His family estate was "The Hill" in Livingston Manor upstate, and these fruits were possibly ordered for there. For Parmentier, see Hedrick pp. 225-227, etc.

31. RAMSDELL, H. S., Thompson, Conn. *Abridged Descriptive Catalogue of Select Fruit Trees, Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Herbaceous Perennial Plants, Cultivated and For Sale at the Nursery.*1853-4. 4to, 4 pp. folded, 9 3/4 inches square. Fine.
\$200.00

125 large and small fruits, plus flowering trees and shrubs, peonies, iris and lilies, and 36 rose varieties, all with brief descriptions. The last half of the final page is given to "Hints for Transplanting" by A. J. Downing.

32. (Roses.) KULP, Dr. William O., prop. Hillside Rosery. *Annual Catalogue of Choice Roses, Verbenas, and Bedding Plants, for the Spring and Summer of 1882.* Davenport, Iowa : Gazette Co., printers: [1882]. 12mo, orig. glazed illustrated wrappers, printed in pink, green and black; stitched. Pp. 44; order blank and envelope laid in. Some soiling and marginal defects; small piece missing from edge of rear wrapper; otherwise a very good copy. \$185.00



A rare and attractive catalogue listing more than two hundred varieties, self- described as "largely a descriptive manual, including the synopsis of an essay recently prepared on the Rose...We also give such instruction in its cultivation and care, based on experience, that will enable anyone to enjoy its full beauty.." Includes a long list of verbenas, claiming to be the best in the country, and a variety of annuals and perennials. Not in OCLC.

33. (Virginia.) WENGER. Abraham B. Descriptive Catalogue of Fruit Trees cultivated and for sale by Abraham B. Wenger, Dayton, Virginia. [Dale Enterprise: Printed by A. Blosser, 188-?. 24mo, stitched title wrappers. Pp. 16.

Unrecorded. Full descriptions of apple and peaches, many unusual, including southern regional varieties. The printer Abraham Blosser of the small community of Dale Enterprise, was active from 1880-1888. See the *Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online*. An appealingly crude provincial imprint. OCLC lists two copies of an 18 page catalogue of Wenger's nursery (Duke, UVa) but not this.

34. (Viticulture - Bushberg.) BUSH & Son & MEISSNER. *Illustrated Descriptive Catalogue of American Grape Vines. A Grape Grower's Manual. Fourth Edition*. St. Louis, R. P. Studley & Co., printers, 1895. 8vo, orig. illustrated wrappers. Pp. [vi], 208. Frontis., illus. Considerable chipping and tears to wrappers and outer leaves, just touching the frontis. Early owner's signature on front wrapper, with his scattered pencil notes. Internally a good copy. \$125.00

Fourth and last edition, the firm's most substantial publication to date, with descriptions of 353 varieties, and much cultural information. Beginning in 1869, the catalogues of the Bushberg Vineyards are perhaps

the most important American works of their kind, regarded in their time as the best available guide to viticulture, with contributions by leading experts. This 25th anniversary edition includes a continuation of Engelmann's classification of American grapes by T. V. Munson, a section on diseases by B. T. Galloway and a treatise on grafting after Aimé Champin. See Gabler 14910, though this edition not catalogued; Amerine & Borg 625.

35. (Viticulture.) JOCELYN, Geo S. [. *Catalogue for 1896*]. Large 8vo, 10 x 7 inches. Original title wrappers, pp. 16. Illus. With extras laid in, see below. Minor wear, a very good copy. \$95.00

Descriptive list of over 80 grape varieties, followed by small fruits in variety. Illustrated with a full page port. of Geo. W. Campbell, Delaware County, Ohio, originator of "Campbell's Early" grape, pictured in a full-page color photograph on the rear wrapper, and described in detail with testimonials. Laid in are Josselyn's eight-panel foldout "Wholesale Catalogue of American Grape Vines" (1884), and a 4 pp illustrated leaflet "The Unrivalled Red Jacket Gooseberry".