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DESCRIPTION CATALOGUE

AND PRICE LIST OF

SEEDS, POTATOES, AND SMALL FRUITS,

GROWN AND FOR SALE BY

A. T. COOK. SEED-GROWER,

CLINTON HOLLOW,

DUTCHESS COUNTY,

NEW YORK.
KIND FRIENDS.

It is with much pleasure I again send out my Price List of Reliable Tested Seeds, etc. With many thanks to my old friends for their patronage and cheering words, I am happy to say I do not know that I have a single dissatisfied customer; but should there be any such, if they will write to me I will do my best to render satisfaction.

Every thing I offer, with very few exceptions, is of my own growing, and selected from the choicest specimens. My seeds are all first tested, and I know they have strong vitality. They are raised for my customers. No seeds are sent out on commission, to be returned and sold in after years. Growing and putting them up myself. I know what I am selling, and am able to sell good-sized packets at a reasonable price.

I put in extras with every order, and send every thing by mail, carefully packed, and postpaid at prices given. I guarantee satisfaction in every thing I offer, in so far that should any prove otherwise. I will refill the order gratis.

A. T. COOK.

Mr. A. T. Cook, Seedsman, is perfectly reliable. All who favor him with their orders will be honestly and fairly dealt with.

H. D. OSTROM, Postmaster, Rock City, N. Y.
G. H. GAZLEY, Postmaster, Clinton Hollow, N. Y.

PREMIUMS.

For every $3.00 order sent me for any thing in this catalogue (except on seeds at 3 cts. a packet, or the "three" or "five" Collections at a reduced price), I will send in addition, one of the following Premiums, post paid. Mention No. wanted.

No. 1.—A large sample of Ornamental Penmanship, actual pen-work 14 x 17 inches in size, executed in gold and colored inks.

No. 2.—The beautiful oil chromo, The Yosemite Valley (in California), 14 x 20 inches, and printed in seventeen oil colors.

No. 3.—One dollar's worth of excellent Magazines (miscellaneous copies of the best works). To lovers of good reading, this premium will surely please.

No. 4.—Shaylor's "Compendium of Practical Penmanship." A beautiful work of art, designed expressly for those wishing to acquire a splendid handwriting at home. This is a complete work, with full instructions, containing a great variety of copies (both gentlemen's and ladies' styles), flourishing, etc.

I send one premium for a $3.00 order; two premiums for a $6.00 order, etc. I think you would have but little trouble in getting a friend to join with you in getting seeds, plants, and potatoes, and thus get several of the premiums.

(Should you want to purchase one or more of the premiums alone, I will send them for 5 cts. each.)

I send the pictures on a roller, and pack all things nicely, and send every thing prepaid to your nearest postoffice. All orders will receive my careful and prompt attention. Please address

A. T. COOK,
CLINTON HOLLOW, DUTCHESS CO., N. Y.
HOW TO SEND MONEY.

Registering letters.—Although letters sent in the usual way very seldom get lost, it is, perhaps, best to register those containing $2.00 or over, or send a money order (when it can be procured), payable at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. I will put in extra packets of seed to pay the expense. *Fractions of a dollar may be sent in postage-stamps.

A FEW LETTERS RECEIVED FROM MY CUSTOMERS.

MEDINA, OHIO, Sept. 30, 1884.

Friend Cook:—The plants received. We give you credit for putting up strawberries to ship by mail, in the nicest way we ever saw. Please accept thanks. Respectfully, A. I. Root (per L).

FAIR HAVEN, O., May 12, 1884.

Mr. A. T. Cook:—The package of potatoes, etc., came to hand yesterday. It was the most complete package I ever received. You certainly deserve success in the seed business for the care you take to have everything perfect.

Your well-wisher, H. A. McQuiston.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, May 5, 1884.

Friend A. T. Cook:—I received the seeds all right, and am highly pleased. We think you have been too liberal. We will remember you in the future.

JOHN BLAYTT.

FAIRBANK, WYOMING TERRITORY, May 1, 1884.

Dear Sir:—The currant-bushes, seeds, and premiums, arrived yesterday. Many thanks for the premiums and extra seeds. The pictures are very pretty.

Yours truly, M. E. BARTLETT.

DILLSBORO, IND., Apr. 23, 1884.

Kind Friend:—I must thank you for the pleasure you gave us. We received the package with the seeds, potatoes, strawberries, and premiums. We are ever so much pleased with all you sent, and more than satisfied.

Yours respectfully, SOPHIA ZEIGENBEIN.

DEXTERVILLE, WISCONSIN, May 2, 1884.

A. T. Cook:—I received the fruit-plants all right. They are growing nicely, much obliged. I will recommend you to others.

R. A. KRUGER.

MONDOWIA, WASHINGTON TERR., April 28, 1884.

Mr. A. T. Cook:—The seeds and plants arrived last week, all in good condition, and each person sending an order was well pleased. I think when they have to order seeds or plants hereafter, you can depend on them as customers. Many thanks for premiums sent. I did not expect half as much, consequently am doubly pleased.

Respectfully, MRS. MARY D. PRICE.

LEARIGHTS, FAYETTE CO., PA.

Respected Friend:—The seeds came in good condition, and sooner than I thought of looking for them. I thank you for your kindness in sending me more than I ordered. I will remember you, and will try to influence some others in your favor.

ELIZABETH ROBERTS.

KINARDS, S. C., Oct. 6, 1884.

Mr. A. T. Cook:—* * * The strawberry tomatoes are a delight to every one. They grow wild here, but not so nice as yours. Mamma made a custard of them, and also some beautiful preserves, and all liked them very much. CHARLIE LISSFORD.

ERIE, PA., Oct. 18, 1884.

Mr. A. T. Cook:—Your shipment of currant-bushes by mail came yesterday, in prime condition. I find you count 14 to the dozen. Accept my thanks and best wishes for your success.

THOS. FORRESTER.

NEWLON, MONTANA TERR., May 1, 1884.

A. T. Cook:—I received by mail the package of plants you sent; viz., currants, raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries, grapevines, and strawberries. They were all in good condition; and if there is a failure it will be the fault of the climate, and not of poor plants. Respectfully yours, AUSTIN DILTS.
A. T. COOK'S SEED CATALOGUE.

General List of Vegetable Seeds.

1 have taken much pains to include only the best varieties in this list, and I hope that no one wanting seeds will hesitate to give me a trial order, if only for a five-cent packet.

My mixed vegetable seeds have been received with much favor. They are especially desirable for small gardens, where quite an assortment is wanted. They are the choicest strains, grown separate, and carefully mixed. All my seeds are put up in improved packets which are more convenient for the customer than the old kind pasted shut.

All the following seeds are 5 cents a packet, except where otherwise noted. Where a dollar's worth of seeds in packets are ordered (and no premium wanted), I will send them for only 3 cents a packet, and the 10-cent packets for 6 cents. The Beans, Peas, and Corn are put up in full ounce packets, and all the other packets are good size.

Asparagus.
- Conover's Colossal.

Beans (Dwarf).
- Ferry's Golden Wax,
- Brown Speckled Valentine,
- Canadian Wonder,
- Crystal-white Wax.

Beans (Pole).
- Cook's Improved Lima, 10 cents,
- Deere's Improved Lima,
- Can't be Beat,
- Golden Butter.

Beet.
- New Eclipse,
- Early Egyptian,
- Yellow Turnip,
- Long Smooth Blood,
- above varieties mixed.

Cabbage.
- Early Wurzburg,
- Henderson's Early Summer,
- Fuller's Drumhead,
- Premium Flat Dutch,
- above varieties mixed.

Carrot.
- Early Short-horn,
- Danvers Orange,
- Improved Long Orange.

Cauliflower.
- Early London, 10 cents.

Celery.
- Crawford's Half-Dwarf,
- Boston Market,
- La Plume Chestnut.

Chicory.
- Large-Rooted (for coffee).

Chufas, or Earth Almonds, 10 cents.

Corn.
- Cook's Extra Early Sweet,
- Early Marblehead,
- Rose's Improved Evergreen,
- Mammoth Sugar,
- Cook's Improved Egyptian Pop Corn, 10 cents.

Cress.
- Curled, or Pepper-grass.

Cucumber.
- Early Green Cluster,
- Improved White Spine,
- Long Green,
- West-India Gherkin, or Burr.

Dock.
- Broad Leaf (for early greens), 10 cents.

Egg-Plant.
- Improved N. Y. Purple, 10 cents.

Lettuce.
- Sugar-Loaf,
- Early Prize Head,
- Hanson,
- Green-Fringed,
- above varieties mixed.

Muskmelon.
- New Surprise,
- Nutmeg,
- Bay View,
- Netted Gem (new),
- above varieties mixed.

Watermelon.
- Ferry's Peerless,
- Phinery's Early.

Onion.
- Large Red Wethersfield,
- Yellow Danvers,
- White Globe,
- New (Early) Queen,
- above varieties mixed.
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Parsley.
Extra Fine Curled.

Parsnip.
Improved Hollow Crown.
Guernsey.
above varieties mixed.

Peas.
Bliss' American Wonder.
Bliss' Abundance, 10 cts.
Bliss' Ever-bearing, 10 cts.
Yorkshire Hero.

Mustard.
White French.

Pepper.
New Golden-Dawn Mango, 10 cts.
Large Sweet Spanish.
Cayenne.

Pumpkin.
Large Cheese.
Connecticut Field.

Radish.
Early Scarlet Turnip.
Golden Yellow Summer.
French Breakfast.
Long Scarlet Short Top.
above varieties mixed.
Chinese Rose Winter.
Cal. Mammoth White Winter.

FLOWER SEEDS.

Aster, choicest double mixed colors.
Balsam.
Calendula (Officinalis), Yellow.
Chinese Pink, double mixed.
Convolvulus (Morning-glory), finest mixed.
Flowering Bean (Purple), 10 to 12 feet, very ornamental.
Marigold.
Pansy, choicest mixed, 10 cts.
Phlox Drummondii, choicest mixed.
Poppy, choicest mixed.

Zinnia, double mixed.
"Wild Garden" flower seeds. Over 100 choice varieties, in one large package, 10 cents.

MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS.

Potato Seed.
Broom Corn.
Sage.
Lavender.

Japanese Nest-Egg Gourd.
Japanese Tree Pea.
Animated Oats.
Ricinus (Castor-Oil Bean).
Sweet Basil.

Beans, Peas, and Corn, by the Pint, Quart, etc.

Cook's Improved Egyptian Pop Corn.
Packet, 10 cts.; 1/2 pint, 25 cts.; pint, 40 cts.; quart, 75 cts.
Cook's Improved Lima Bean.
Bliss' Abundance Pea.
Packet, 10 cts.; 1/2 pint, 30 cts.; pint, 60 cts.; quart, $1.00.
Bliss' Ever-bearing Pea.
All other Beans, Peas, Corn, and Sunflowers in the list are 5 cts. a packet; 1/2 pint, 20 cts.; pint, 35 cts.; quart, 60 cts., by mail postpaid.

A. T. COOK, Seedsman.
Clinton Hollow, Dutchess Co., N. Y.
A COMPLETE COLLECTION OF
CHOICE VEGETABLE SEEDS FOR THE FAMILY GARDEN.

35 Packets, well filled with the best seeds, mailed postpaid for $1.00.

I can make this special offer only by growing and papering the 35 varieties in immense quantities, and selling only for cash. I can positively allow no changes, for the "collections" are already packed ready for mailing.

Beet, Long Smooth Blood.
Beet, Best Varieties, mixed.
Beans, Cook's Improved Lima, 10c.
Cabbage, Best Varieties, mixed.
Carrot, Early Short-Horn.
Celery, Crawford's Half-Dwarf.
Chufas, or Earth Almonds, 10c.
Corn, Cook's Extra Early.
Corn, Mammoth Sugar.
Cucumber, Early Green Cluster.
Cucumber, Improved White Spine.
Lettuce, Sugar Leaf.
Lettuce, Best Varieties, mixed.
Muskmelon, New Surprise.
Muskmelon, Best Varieties, mixed.
Watermelon, Ferry’s Peerless.
Onion, Large Red Wethersfield.
Parsley, Extra Fine Curled.
Parsnip, Improved Hollow Crown.

Peas, Bliss' American Wonder (true).
Peas, Bliss' Ever-Bearing, 10c.
Pepper, New Golden-Dawn Mango, 10c.
Pumpkin, Large Cheese.
Radish, Early Scarlet and Golden Summer.
Salsify, or Vegetable Oyster.
Spinage, Round Thick-Leaved.
Squash, Cucamint (new).
Sunflower, Mammoth Russian.
Tomato, Golden Trophy (splendid).
Tomato, Best Varieties, mixed.
Turnip, Jersey Lily.

FLOWER SEEDS.

Aster, finest double-mixed colors.
Convolvulus (morning-glory), finest mixed.
Flowering Bean (climber), brilliant blossoms.
Petunia, fine mixed colors.

I send all the above 35 packets of seeds, carefully packed in a box, by mail to any address, postpaid, for $1.00. Three complete Collections, and one of the premiums mentioned on second page, all sent for $3.00. Or if no premium is wanted, I will send three Collections for $2.50, or five Collections for $4.00.

Order early, and please show the Collection to your friends, as they will then want to order one.

Can you not get up a club, and thus get your Collection free?

Any of the above seeds mailed for 5 cents a packet, except Cook's Improved Lima, Chufas, Pepper, and Ever-bearing Peas, which are 10 cents; or I will send the 5-cent packets (either in above collection or in the general list) for 3 cents, and 10-cent pkts. for 6 cents, if a dollar's worth in all is ordered, or a Collection taken.

BAY CITY, MICH., MARCH 28, 1884.

Mr. Cook:—I received the two Collections of seeds in good condition. I am well satisfied, and think it the best collection of seeds I ever saw. I will try to send another order next week. OTIS HANSBECK.

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, MAY 8, 1884.

Dear Sir:—The strawberries, raspberries, and seeds received. All came in good order, for which I am much obliged.

Respectfully yours, A. A. FISHER.

WHITEFIELD, KANSAS, APRIL 24, 1884.

Mr. A. T. Cook:—The plants, seed Collections and premium, all received in good condition. Thanks for so many extras.

DELLA G. PARK.

FAIRVIEW, WASHINGTON TERR., APR. 25, 1884.

Mr. Cook:—The fruit-plants you sent me arrived in good condition, with which I am well pleased, as there were more than I expected. Also John R. Davidson's seeds came in good condition, with which he is well pleased.

Yours, MRS. H. M. DAVIDSON.
SMALL-FRUIT PLANTS.

I have had the very best success sending plants by mail to distant sections (and have never yet received a complaint of plants received in poor condition). This I attribute to my superior way of packing. I hope every one desiring plants will favor me with at least a small order. I have now the best lot of plants I have ever raised, and will mail the following, prepaid, at prices given:

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<th>Currant-Bushes, Cherry</th>
<th>4 plants for 25 cents; 10 for 50 cents; 25 for $1.00.</th>
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<td>&quot; White Grape</td>
<td>25 cents; 10 for 50 cents; 25 for $1.00.</td>
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<td>&quot; Black Naples</td>
<td>25 cents; 6 for 50 cents; 15 for $1.00.</td>
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<td>Raspberries, Cuthbert (Red)</td>
<td>25 cents; 10 for 50 cents; 25 for $1.00.</td>
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<td>&quot; Mammoth Cluster (Black)</td>
<td>25 cents; 6 for 50 cents; 15 for $1.00.</td>
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<td>&quot; Golden Cluster (Yellow)</td>
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<td>Blackberries, Kittatinny</td>
<td>25 cents; 10 for 50 cents; 25 for $1.00.</td>
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<td>Gooseberries, Haughton's Seedling</td>
<td>25 cents; 5 for 50 cents; 10 for $1.00.</td>
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<td>Grapevines, Concord</td>
<td>25 cents; 5 for 50 cents; 10 for $1.00.</td>
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<td>Strawberries, Crescent (very early)</td>
<td>25 cents; 25 for 50 cents; 50 for $1.00.</td>
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<td>&quot; Capt. Jack (early)</td>
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<td>&quot; Seth Boyden (med.)</td>
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<td>&quot; Kentucky (late)</td>
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While all the above are excellent varieties, I wish to call especial attention to the following; viz., White-Grape Currant. It is much superior to the well-known cherry; sweeter, better flavored, and twice as productive.

The Golden-Cluster Raspberry.—A cap variety; fruit, the largest size, handsome, golden-yellow color, immensely productive, and bush very hardy.

Crescent Strawberry.—The earliest on the list, of good quality and size, and very productive, outyielding any other variety grown. I have the best reports of this from all sections of the country. It is a pistillate variety, and requires, every fifth or sixth row, one of the above kinds (or any strawberry having perfect blossoms) planted among them as a fertilizer.

Orders for plants and potatoes booked as received, and sent as soon as the weather permits.

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SPECIALTIES.

FOR PRICES SEE PRECEDING PAGES.

STRAWBERRY TOMATO.—I am headquarters for the genuine Strawberry Tomato (Winter, or Ground Cherry) seed. This remarkable husk tomato is unequaled for canning, preserving, pies, etc. They are very handsome, bright golden color, enormously productive, and will keep (if left in the husk) till mid-winter. They should be in every garden, and are indispensable where fruit is scarce, or likely to fail. The seed is slow to germinate, but then grows very rapidly.

POPPING CORN, Cook's Improved Egyptian.—This splendid corn pops nicely, is very productive, 3 to 6 ears on a stalk. I have raised two and a half bushels of ears on 50 hills. It is nice for feeding young chickens. Boys can get a nice income growing this corn to sell. It has sold readily at wholesale, the past four years, at from $1.50 to $3.00 per bushel of ears.

COOK'S IMPROVED LIMA.—Best Lima grown; very productive; 20 days to two weeks earlier than Dray's Improved.

SWEET CORN.—Cook's Extra Early. A splendid corn; ears 6 to 8 inches; very early, productive, and sweet. The very best early sweet corn grown.

GARDEN DOCK.—Unrivaled for very early greens. Grows large enough to cook, before asparagus shows itself above ground, and is, to my taste, much better.


PEAS.—Bliss' American Wonder (true). Best in quality, very productive. I have counted 28 large pods on one vine. Height, 10 to 12 inches. Earliest and sweetest wrinkled pea in cultivation.
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PEAS.—Bliss' Abundance, New. Ten days later than the above; height, 20 inches; very productive, and extra quality. I have counted 67 pods on one vine.

PEAS.—Bliss' Ever-bearing, New. Season medium to very late; quality unsurpassed in sweetness and flavor. After repeated pickings, the vines continue to bear large pods well filled with fine peas, until cut down by frost. Height about two feet. The above three varieties will form a succession all through the season, and should be in every garden.

COCOANUT SQUASH.—A magnificent little squash. Very prolific, yielding from six to a dozen to the vine. Very handsome, flesh sweet, solid, and excellent; it is a splendid keeper. This fact is worthy the attention of all who have trouble raising squashes; viz., the cocoanut will give a crop when all standard sorts fail.

CHUFAS, or Earth Almonds. These very closely resemble, in sweetness and richness of flavor, a cocoanut. Very prolific; a single one yielding from four to six hundred.

POTATOES.

I make a specialty of growing new and choice varieties of Potatoes; and of the twenty varieties I have raised, I select the following as the best:

EARLY MAINE.—New. In earliness, quality, and yield this new variety surely takes the lead of all the list. It deserves a trial in every garden.

EARLY SUNRISE.—Very early. Tubers oblong, solid, uniform, and handsome. Desirable for its extreme earliness, excellent quality, and great productiveness.

BELLE.—Second early. The Belle has given excellent satisfaction wherever introduced. Extra large size (scarcely any small ones), fine cooking qualities, and a great cropper. I have raised 450 pounds from four pounds (8 tubers), planted with only ordinary care.

DAKOTA RED.—New. A large, very handsome, long potato. Thrives well on both sand and clay soils. Flesh white, of fine flavor; tastes much like the old good Peachblow; will be very popular as soon as known.

WALL'S ORANGE.—Second early. Fine quality; in many cases has yielded 500 bushels per acre. I have raised 218 pounds from one pound planted.

WHITE STAR.—Medium early. Whether baked or boiled, its purity of color, fine floury texture, and delicate flavor, are very attractive. Tubers large and very handsome, remarkably prolific; has everywhere given the best satisfaction.

Any of the above kinds sent by mail, prepaid, correctly labeled, and safely packed in a box, for 50 cents a pound, or 2½ pounds for $1.00. If preferred (and I think this much the best way), I will mail 40 strong eyes (sufficient for 40 hills) for 50 cents; 100 eyes for $1.00, or 40 eyes of each of the above six varieties, correctly labeled and boxed, for $2.00. This will be a very easy and economical way of testing the new varieties. Orders for potatoes and plants, booked as received, and sent as soon as the weather will permit.

A. T. COOK,
Clinton Hollow, Dutchess Co., N. Y.