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DORR'S SUPPLEMENT OF New and Rare Seeds for 1886.

We must apologize to our many friends for this addition to our Catalogue, but our efforts for the past 13 years have just this season resulted in a larger list of tested Novelties than ever before, and hence we add these pages to our already crowded list. We trust none of our customers will fail to try them.

C. W. DORR SEED CO.,
DES MOINES, IOWA.



Mammoth Chili Squash.

This is the "Jumbo" of the Squash family, and all the so-called mammoth squashes of different names owe their capacity for large growth to this parent variety. We have taken pains to secure pure seeds of the Mammoth Chili Squash, and have had our seed saved from the largest specimens. The above illustration was accurately drawn and engraved from a mammoth specimen now on exhibition at our seed warehouse, which has attracted much attention. The form, as shown in the engraving, is round, flattened at both stem and blossom end. The outer color is a rich orange yellow; the skin is quite smooth, with wide fissures. The flesh is very thick and of a rich yellow color; the quality is good and very nutritious. They are most profitable to grow for stock feeding, particularly when root-crops are not largely grown. They keep well throughout the entire Winter and Spring. We will now consider the most distinctive characteristic—MAMMOTH SIZE—and will not deal in general statements, but give the actual weights attained by specimens raised from our seed. The LARGEST SQUASH ON RECORD was raised in 1883, by Charles Hewitt, Esq., of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, and attained the enormous weight of **292 lbs.**, winning first prize at the Dominion Exhibition. This year Mr. Hewitt's largest squash weighed 166 lbs., which was beaten by several others of our customers. Mr. W. W. Butterworth, of Wilton, Muscatine Co., Iowa, raised one of **192 lbs.**, which was closely followed by C. B. Longworth, Esq., of Clearwater, Minn., whose largest squash weighed **190 lbs.** Pkt., 10 cts.; oz., 30 cts.; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., \$1.00; lb., \$3.00.

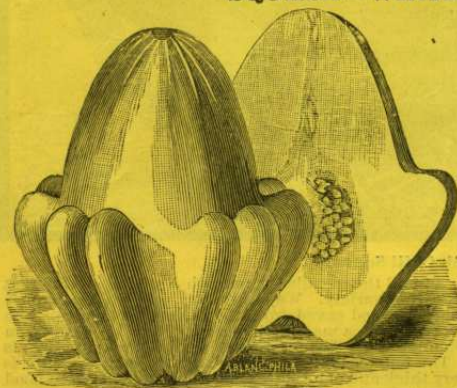
PRIDE OF GEORGIA.



Pride of Georgia.

We present to our customers a new and distinct variety of melon. This melon originated in Monroe County, Pa. We consider this melon *par excellence*, superior to all melons of which we have any knowledge. It is a dark green, mottled color, nearly oval, ridged like an orange; grows as represented, partly upon its end. Is firm, will ship well, and when cultivated in good soil, attains a large size. That which we claim for this melon above all others is, that for crispness, sweetness and flavor, it stands among the various types of melons as did Saul among the children of Israel—head and shoulders above them. Our stock of seed is limited, and we offer them to the public with a confidence that they are entitled to the position in which we have placed them. Pkt., 5 cts.; oz., 15 cts.; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., 40 cts.; lb., \$1.25.

SQUASH—WHITE PINEAPPLE.



The White Pineapple Squash is not only the most beautiful, but it is also the most productive and valuable for cooking purposes of any of the squash family. The above illustration was taken from a photograph and shows the exact shape of the genuine White Pineapple Squash. They are excellent cooked as a Summer squash, either stewed or fried in butter like egg plants. For a Winter squash for making pies or custards, it has no equal. When grated like coconuts and made into pies or cup custards, it is hard to distinguish the two apart, as the flavor of both are very much the same. The White Pineapple Squash was introduced for the first time last season, although it had been grown by an old lady in the vicinity of Philadelphia for over thirty years, and who had kept it pure and unmixed, raising no other kinds.

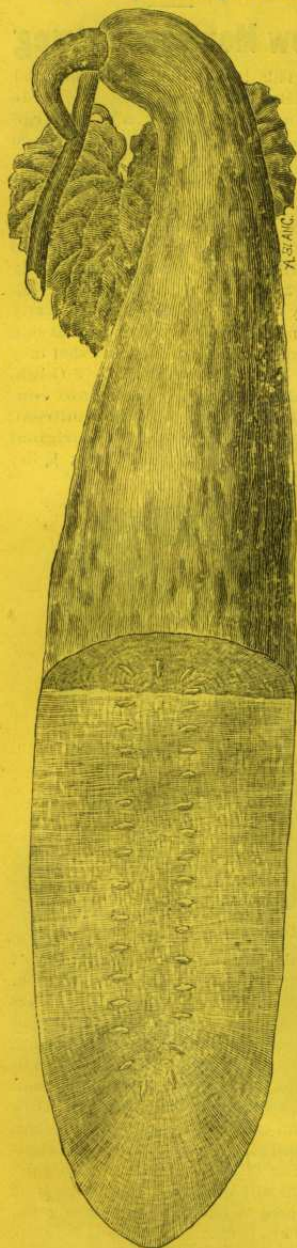
Its keeping qualities are excellent. Specimens have been known to keep all through the Winter and on into the Summer until August, although frequently handled by

scores of people, who examined it as a great curiosity.

The White Pineapple Squash grows very uniform in size and shape, weighing from three to four pounds, scarcely one varying from the shape shown above. They are enormously productive, as many as twenty-five full grown squashes have been counted on one hill. The outer skin is white, flesh nearly white, very thick meated, solid, remarkably fine grained, dry and deliciously flavored when cooked, and is undoubtedly one of the most valuable varieties as a Summer and Winter squash, both for private families and market gardeners. Our seed is extra nice and warranted pure. Pkt., 10 cts.; oz., 30 cts.; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., 75 cts.; lb., \$2.50.

Marvellous Muskmelon—The Banana Citron.

Certainly the largest and finest variety in the world. *Flesh crisp, sugary, and remarkably solid and luscious, far surpassing all others. The most profitable variety grown; from its novel shape attracting widespread attention, and bringing high prices in market. Sold last year for \$1.00 each, when other varieties brought less than 25 cents a basket. The outer color is a rich, creamy yellow, rind remarkably thin, and the flesh is very thick, and of a bright, salmon color. Grows from 22 to 32 inches in length, and weighs from 10 to 14 pounds. Pkt., 15 cts.; oz., 30 cts.; ¼ lb., 75 cts. lb., \$2.50.*



Banana Citron.

THE NEW CORY CORN.

The venerable J. J. H. Gregory, who introduced this new corn, describes it as follows, and our tests bear out every claim. (Many seedsmen are afraid to mention the name of their competitors, or to give them due credit for their discoveries or introductions. We are so confident of our ability to keep and increase our trade, that we are glad to have our catalogue, our prices and our goods compared with those of other dealers.)

"Having been told by a friend who marketed largely in Fall River and Providence, that the market men in his vicinity had found an earlier sweet corn of market size than the Early Marblehead, I took a journey to his vicinity to call around among his neighbors, and learn directly from their lips what they had to say about it. I saw several of them, and from others who were not at home when I called I received statements after I returned. As they are men of high standing, two of them members of the Legislature, and none of them knew of the direct object of my inquiry, I consider what they stated as testimony of the first-class. It appears that a Mr. Cory for years had a monopoly of the early market in early sweet corn; that in the course of time he gave a little to two or three of his friends, and it became known as the Cory Corn. Mrs. Chas. J. Talman said that he knew that Mr. Cory and the few friends he let have his corn, always carried the first sweet corn into the markets of Newport, Fall River and Providence. Mr. Charles N. Dyer said that he had raised the Early Marblehead side by side of the Cory, and found that the Cory was few days earlier; it made a larger and more presentable ear for marketing, the husk covering the tip of the ear better than was the case with the Marblehead.

Mr. Lorenzo Talman told me that aiming to get the very earliest sweet corn, he raised 4 rows of Marblehead Early side by side with the Cory, and found the latter the earlier by 3 or 4 days; "but," said he, "these 4 days made the difference with me between 35 or 40 and 20 cents per dozen." Hon. William L. Lissou stated that the Cory Corn was the earliest kind he had ever known, while the ears were the largest of any early sort. Mr. M. B. Sylvia said, "ears of my Cory Corn are larger than Marblehead Early or Minnesota, and earlier than either of them." Hon. John F. Chase said: "I planted some Early Marblehead, and after it came up a friend gave me a little of the Cory Corn; I planted this beside the Marblehead, and picked green corn from it before I could from the Marblehead. The Cory has the largest ear."

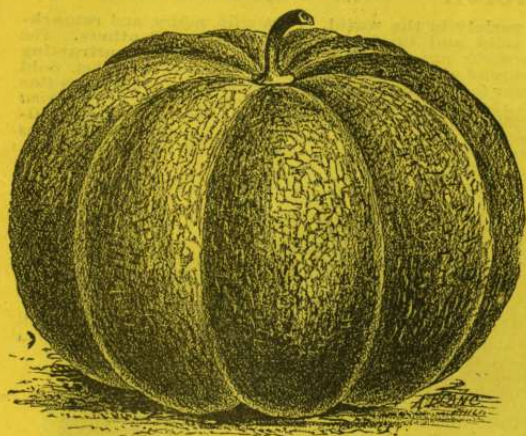
Mr. Anthony said: "I find it a decided improvement on the Marblehead, in earliness, size of kernels and general presentableness of the ear." From these statements of the little cluster of marketmen who have actually raised it, it appears evident that any of its customers by planting the Cory Corn can



New Cory Corn.

have a complete monopoly of the market for early corn in his vicinity with all the pecuniary advantages that that would give him.

In general appearance it closely resembles the Marblehead, and I have no doubt this seed originally came from the same parent stock. Pkt., 15 cts.; ½ pt., 35 cts.; pt., 60 cts.; qt., \$1.00, postpaid.



THE LARGEST IN CULTIVATION.

New Montreal Nutmeg

This is a large, finely flavored variety, with very thick flesh. It grows uniformly to a very large size, has often weighed as high as 20 to 25 lbs., and in 1883, three melons were raised, one of which weighed 39½ lbs., another 38½ lbs., and the third, 38¼ lbs. When it is considered that in addition to growing to such an enormous size, flesh is remarkably thick, of delicious melting flavor, that they are of regular shape, nearly round, flattened at the ends, that skin is green, densely netted and that they are also very productive. I think, taking all these points into con-

sideration, you will want to plant Montreal. I offer the direct headquarters seeds, the original 39½ lb. stock. Pkt., 10 cts.; oz., 20 cts.; ¼ lb., 50 cts.; lb., \$1.50.



Improved Chartier.

IMPROVED CHARTIER. This is said by the introducer (a market gardener) to be the handsomest and most valuable of all the radishes. In form, it is not quite so long as the Long Scarlet and not so tapering, holding its size well down its full length. Not strong, but crisp and tender. Its great value lies in its being in fine market condition when quite small and continuing so until grown to large size, even when grown in hot weather. Market gardeners should try this. In packets only, 25 cts.; 5 for \$1.00.



Ruby King Pepper.

Largest of all; most productive of all; best of all. 16 to 20 peppers 6 to 8 in. long and 4 in thick, on a single plant at one time. Everyone who has ever grown peppers will want Ruby King, and you need it. This new pepper attains a larger size than the Spanish Monstrous, and is of different shape. They are remarkably mild and pleasant in flavor. Unequalled by any other variety. They can be sliced and eaten with pepper and vinegar, like tomatoes, and make a very pleasant and appetizing salad. The Ruby King will prove a great acquisition, and will occupy a similar position among red peppers to Golden Dawn among the yellow sorts. Pkt., 15 cts.; oz., 50 cts.; ¼ lb., \$1.25.

A single early or fine variety from our Novelties may make you many dollars at harvest time. Do not be behind the times but keep up with your neighbors.



Oak-Leaved Lettuce.

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Your attention is invited to our Oak-Leaved Lettuce, a most valuable, distinct, and entirely new variety, now offered for the first time. The oak-shaped leaves give it a most attractive, beautiful and handsome appearance, and in tenderness, fine flavor (almost devoid of bitterness), it excels all others now in cultivation. Its quick growth places it among the earliest, and, with sufficient room, it will prove not only superior for heading, but also of long duration. Try it, and see how it will beautify and grace your flower gardens. Price, pkt., 25 cts.



TOMATO—LIVINGSTON'S FAVORITE.

This is the latest seedling sent out by Mr. Livingston, who has already given us such standard and valuable sorts as Acme, Paragon and Perfection. It is one of the largest and most perfect shaped varieties in cultivation. Ripens evenly and early, and holds its size to the end of the season. It is very prolific, has few seeds, solid flesh, and bears shipping long distances. Pkt., 10 cts.; oz., 40 cts.; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., \$1.25; lb., \$4.00.



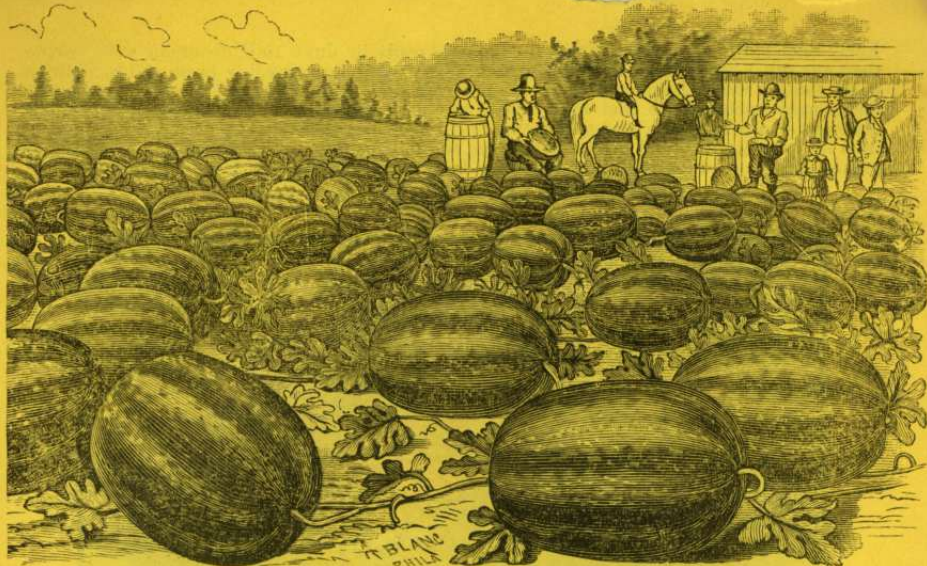
NEW MAMMOTH SILVER KING—THE LARGEST OF ALL WHITE ONIONS.

NEW MAMMOTH SILVER KING ONION.

This immense, large, beautiful and excellent onion, which was introduced last year for the first time is rightly named, and is the King of all Onions. It is without doubt the largest onion in cultivation in this or any other country. It frequently attains the weight of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 pounds the first year from seed, and will measure from 18 to 20 inches around. The bulbs are of a beautiful and attractive form, flattened, but thick through as shown in the illustration above. The average diameter of this beautiful onion is from 6 to 7 inches. No other onion attains such mammoth size, nor will any other variety grow uniformly so large. The skin is a beautiful silvery white, the flesh is snow white, of a particular mild and pleasant flavor. So sweet and tender is the flesh, that it can be eaten raw like an apple. The Silver King, being an Italian onion, will mature as early as the large white Italian, or the large Mexican, and attains a much larger size than any other variety, either foreign or home grown.

Before offering this New Onion to our customers, we had it fairly tested on our own grounds, and also in the various parts of the United States and Canada, and found it to do uniformly well in almost every climate, both warm and cold. It cannot be too highly recommended, either for family use, for exhibition purposes, at fairs, or in restaurants. Onions of a larger size can be grown from seed of the Silver King, quite as easily and with much less trouble than from sets of other varieties. One package will contain seed enough to supply onions enough for an ordinary family. The seed should be sown as early in the Spring as possible, in rich ground, rows 12 to 16 inches apart. The plants should be at least 1 foot apart in the row, hoed frequently and kept clear of weeds.

Package, 10 Cts.; Ounce, 50 Cts.



KOLB'S "GEM."

This new variety first introduced last year, originated with Major R. F. Kolb, of Alabama. It is a Hybrid of the Sealy Bark and Rattlesnake, and is an excellent shipping variety. It has a very tough rind, and carries in good condition without breakage. The accompanying illustration which we have had engraved from a specimen of our own growing, well represents the shape. They grow uniformly round, of about equal diameter each way. The stripes of light green are generally narrow and of a dull color. The flesh is bright red and of good flavor, but we do not consider it equal in flavor to either the Cuban Queen or Mammoth Iron-clad. The melons grow to a fair market size, from 30 to 50 pounds each in weight.

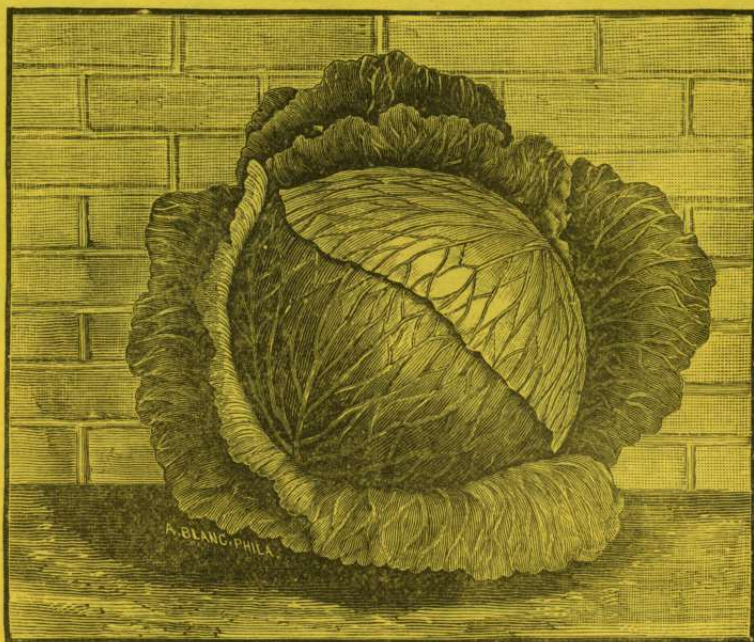
Package, 5 cts.; ounce, 10 cts.; 1-4 lb., 30 cts.; 1 lb., \$1.00.



EARLY SNOWBALL CAULIFLOWER. The intrinsic merit of this variety, for not only is it the earliest of all Cauliflowers, but it is more certain to make a head than any other sort; and since we introduced the Snowball variety hundreds have grown Cauliflower successfully by using this sort, where before they had utterly failed. Sown March 1st, year after year, at the time and under the same conditions with other kinds, we have had heads of Henderson's

Early Snowball, measuring 9 inches in diameter ready by June 10th, about one week earlier than any other sort. Besides, of this variety every plant formed a fine head, and in addition to all this, its dwarf habit and short outer leaves allow it to be planted as close as 18 or 20 inches apart each way, so that from 12,000 to 14,000 can be set out on an acre. For forcing under glass during winter and spring this Early Snowball variety is peculiarly well adapted, from its dwarf growth and short outer leaves, and for this purpose no other Cauliflower is now so largely grown. Finally, it may be settled that it does equally well for late planting.

50 cts. per pkt.; 5 pkts. for \$2.00; \$6.00 per oz.



DORR'S SHORT-STEM SURE-HEAD CABBAGE.

The New Short-Stem Surehead combines, to a wonderful degree, all desirable requisites. It has a very short stem and grows very compactly—the leaves all turning in to form the head, with very few loose leaves—thus allowing the plants to be set close together. The heads are very large, EXTRA HARD, SOLID, round, flattened on the top; they grow very uniform in size and shape, and present the handsome appearance well depicted in the above illustration. The heads frequently attain twenty or thirty pounds in weight, and are always of the finest quality. For reliability of heading, this variety is, from long-continued selection, also remarkable. From each 100 plants set out, at least 98 large, solid heads may confidently be expected.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; oz. 45 cts.; 2 oz. 80 cts.; ¼ lb. \$1.25; per lb. \$4.50.

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OUR UNEQUALED OFFER.

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This supplement contains 14 new and remarkable varieties—namely—DORR'S SHORT-STEM SURE-HEAD CABBAGE, NEW MAMMOTH SILVER KING ONION, NEW MONTREAL NUTMEG, IMPROVED CHARTIER RADISH, RUBY KING PEPPER, OAK-LEAVED LETTUCE, LIVINGSTON'S FAVORITE TOMATO, BANANA CITRON MUSKMELON, NEW CORY CORN, PRIDE OF GEORGIA WATERMELON, WHITE PINEAPPLE SQUASH, KOLB'S GEM WATERMELON, EARLY SNOWBALL CAULIFLOWER and MAMMOTH CHILE SQUASH.

These seeds are valued at \$2.20, but we will put them in a collection for \$1.50.

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