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W. R. STRONG COMPANY

CALIFORNIA SEEDS

TREES  
& NURSERY  
STOCK

SACRAMENTO,  
CAL.

# CATALOGUE OF W. R. Strong Co., Sacramento, Cal. FOR 1891.

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**W**E again desire to return our thanks to our friends and customers, some of whom have been our patrons for over thirty years. To ALL who have added to our success through their patronage, we would solicit a continuance of their favors.

To ALL who may read this, we would say, that we desire to make your acquaintance and so enroll your names on our books, not only as patrons but also as friends.

Our success in the past and our constantly increasing trade is the best evidence of our success.

We shall use every effort in the future as we have in the past to give satisfaction, and with our increased facilities and knowledge of our business, we are sure our customers will find their wants most perfectly and cheaply supplied.

Our strains of seed this season are of unusual excellence, and our prices will compare favorably with those of any other house on this coast or of Eastern cities.

**WARRANTY.** No Seedsman can sell Seeds and guarantee and be responsible for the crop. Our Seeds are selected with the greatest care to secure the best, and from the most careful and reliable growers. When it is considered that there are many contingencies upon which depend the success of a crop, which are beyond our control, the propriety of this must be conceded by all.

## SUGGESTIONS.

**ORDER EARLY AS POSSIBLE**, while stock is complete, that you may be sure of getting what you send for, so you will have them to plant when wanted.

**USE OUR ORDER SHEETS** and Envelopes when you have them; it will be more convenient and there will be less danger of miscarrying or of mistakes. **FOR ORDERS FOR TREES AND NURSERY STOCK** use separate sheet, as this department is quite distinct and has a separate office and management.

**BE VERY PARTICULAR.** WRITE YOUR NAME, POST OFFICE, COUNTY AND STATE IN FULL AND PLAINLY. We often receive orders without name or address, and it is often impossible to trace them up.

**STATE HOW YOUR ORDER IS TO BE FORWARDED**, otherwise we are compelled to use our own judgment.

**SEND CASH** with your order (at our risk—if sent by Postal or Express Order, or Draft on any good Banking House). Small sums may be sent in Postage Stamps if proper care is taken to prevent adhesion together.

*MAIN PLACE OF BUSINESS—J, NEAR FRONT ST., SACRAMENTO.*

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## Nursery Department.

This is under the management of our Mr. WILLIAMSON and his son, who have had the largest practical experience of any Nurseryman in the State.

We have over four hundred acres now in cultivation on our ground in this county, and San Joaquin and Placer counties, in Nursery and Fruit Tree growth.

Our stock is absolutely true, clean, thrifty and well grown, and free from all scale and insect pests. We have also a branch in Florida for the growing of the Orange, Lemon, Magnolia, and various other evergreens that can be propagated to better advantage in that State. We sold over 100,000 of these trees last year in California, and not 2 per cent. have failed, and they are giving universal satisfaction.

Please make your orders for TREES AND ALL NURSERY STOCK separate from Seed Orders, as our Departments and Offices are entirely distinct.

*Office, Yards and Packing Houses, next to Passenger Depot on Second St., Sacramento.*

COLLECTION A. OF STRONG'S CHOICE  
FLOWER SEEDS FOR 60 CTS. VALUE 85 CTS.



GUSTAV LEUTSCH, GERA, RUSS.

No. 1. Pansies-Pensées.  
Strong's Very Large-flowering. 25 cts.

No. 2. Cheiranthus Cheiri.  
Single Wallflower. 5 cts.

No. 3. Mixed Double Hollyhocks.  
10 cts.

No. 4. Silene pendula.  
Mixed 5 cts.

No. 5. Dahlia  
Single. 10 cts.

No. 6. Primula veris (elatior).  
Polyanthus. 10 cts.

No. 7. Single Poppy.  
Papaver umbrosum. 5 cts.

No. 8. Lobelia erinus Crystal Palace compacta.  
10 cts.

No. 9. Gaillardia Lorenziana  
Double. 5 cts.

# W. R. STRONG CO'S

## GENERAL PRICE LIST OF SEEDS FOR 1890-91.

It is cheaper and of more advantage to purchase SEEDS in bulk or by weight, but to accomodate small trade our VEGETABLE and FLOWER SEEDS are also put up in small and neat lithographic descriptive packets at Five Cents each or Fifty Cents per dozen.

PEAS, BEANS and CORN in half-pound boxes at Ten Cents each, or One Dollar per dozen, and in one pound boxes at 15 cents each; \$1 75 per dozen. These packets are of full weight, and contain more Seed than those offered by Seed Houses generally.

ALL SEEDS QUOTED BY THE OUNCE AND IN SMALL PACKETS WILL BE FORWARDED BY MAIL POSTAGE PREPAID BY US.

SEEDS QUOTED AT POUND RATES (if to be sent by mail), add TEN CENTS PER POUND TO COVER COST OF POSTAGE.

### Assortments of Seeds for Family Garden.

To accommodate those not familiar with selection of the choicest varieties, we have prepared boxes of THOSE KINDS MOST DESIRABLE. Three sizes; price, one dollar, two dollars, and five dollars each, and which are at least one-fourth less than catalogue rates, and which we are sure will give satisfaction.

#### Peas.

##### EXTRA EARLY.

	Per hun.	Per lb.
Cleveland's Alaska, earliest of all, 20 inches..	\$9 00	\$0 15
Cleveland's R. N. Y., 2 feet, prolific; ripens at one time, fine flavor.....	8 00	15
Extra Early, first and best, 2 feet.....	7 00	15
Premium Tom Thumb, 8 inches.....	8 00	15
Premium Gem, wrinkled, sweet, 12 inches...	8 00	15
Carter's Stratagem.....	9 00	15
American Wonder, 10 inches.....	9 00	15
Laxton Alpha, 3 feet.....	9 00	15
Bliss Abundance, 18 inches.....	9 00	15
Bliss Everbearing, 24 inches.....	9 00	15
McLean's Advancer, 36 inches.....	8 00	15

##### GENERAL CROP.

Pride of the Market.....	\$8 00	15
Prince of Wales.....	8 00	15
Yorkshire Hero, 2 feet.....	8 00	15
Telephone, 3 feet.....	8 00	15
Champion of England, 5 feet.....	7 00	15
Royal Dwarf Marrow, 2 feet.....	6 00	10
Large White Marrowfat, 5 feet.....	5 00	10
Black Eye Marrowfat, 4 feet.....	5 00	10

##### EDIBLE PODS, SUGAR PEAS.

Tall and Dwarf White Seed.....	\$12 50	20
Tall and Dwarf Gray Seed.....	12 50	20

Field Peas in quantity and variety, at lowest market rates.

#### Beans.

##### DWARF SNAPS OR GREEN STRING.

	Per hun.	Per lb.
Early Refugee.....	\$ 8 00	\$0 15
Early Pinkeye China.....	8 00	15
Early Red Valentine.....	8 00	15
Cleveland's Round Pod, earliest, best and most prolific of all.....	9 00	15
Early White Valentine.....	9 00	15
Early Mohawk.....	8 00	15
Early Yellow Six Weeks.....	7 00	15
Green Flageolet, fine.....	10 00	15
Early Case Knife.....	9 00	15
Southern Prolific.....	9 00	15
Wax Flageolet, yellow pod, large, fine.....	10 00	15
Early Golden Wax, yellow pod.....	8 00	15

Two pounds for 25 cents of Peas, Beans and Corn, when quoted at 15 cents per single pound.

TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS AND OVER WILL BE SOLD AT 100 POUND RATES.

Per hun. Per lb.

Ivory Wax, yellow pod.....	\$10 00	\$0 15
White Seeded Wax, yellow pod.....	10 00	15
Black Seeded Wax " ".....	8 00	15
Dwarf White Kidney.....	6 00	15
Dwarf Cranberry.....	7 00	15
Broad Windsor.....	5 00	10

##### POLE OR RUNNING.

London Horticulture.....	\$ 8 00	15
Large White Lima, Hand Picked.....	10 00	15
King of the Garden Lima.....	11 00	15
Giant Wax, red seed.....	10 00	15
Dutch Case knife.....	8 00	15
Scarlet Runners.....	12 50	20
White Runners.....	12 50	20
Asparagus or Yard Long.....	15 00	25

All varieties of Field Beans in quantity at the very lowest market rates.

#### Sweet Corn, Etc.

Per hun. Per lb.

Extra Early Cory.....	\$ 9 00	\$0 15
Extra Early Marblehead.....	9 00	15
Early Pee and Kay.....	9 00	15
Early Minnesota.....	8 00	15
Early Crosby, very early.....	8 00	15
Early Moore's Concord.....	8 00	15
Early Mammoth Sugar.....	8 00	15
Black Mexican.....	8 00	15
Amber Cream.....	8 00	15
Stowell's Evergreen.....	8 00	15
Egyptian or Washington Market.....	8 00	15
Adam's Extra Early.....	7 00	15
Improved King Philip, Eastern grown.....	7 00	10
Early Canada, " ".....	6 00	10
Early White Flint " ".....	5 00	10
Large Yellow Eight-rowed " ".....	5 00	10
Pop Corn (Rice and Common.....		10

Sweet Corn for fodder and Common Yellow and White Field Corn, or any of the above in Quantity, at lowest market rates.

#### Artichoke.

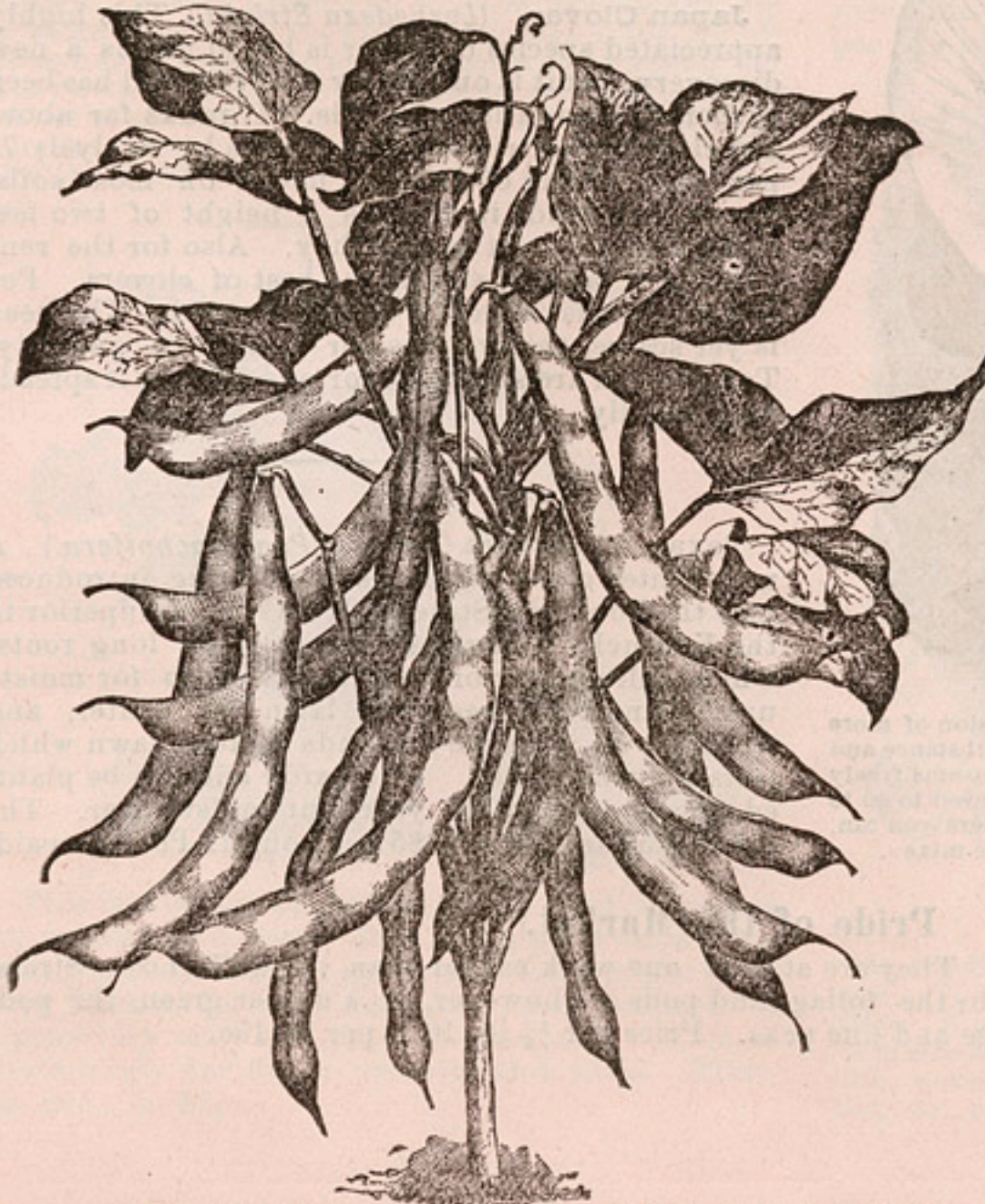
Per oz. Per lb.

Green Globe.....	\$0 30	\$3 00
Jerusalem Tubers, \$5 00 per 100 pounds.		



## THE QUICKEST-PEA ON RECORD.

Cleveland's Alaska Peas, We consider this the earliest, most prolific and finely flavored variety grown. We planted in our grounds and had peas fit for the table in 45 days. Height 2½ feet.



Cleveland's Improved Round Pod Valentine Beans.

## HENDERSON'S NEW BUSH LIMA BEAN.

Thousands have been deterred from cultivating the most delicious of Vegetables, the Lima Bean, from the great trouble and expense of procuring the unsightly poles which were required on which to grow them. This is now a thing of the past, as the HENDERSON'S NEW BUSH LIMA grows without the aid of stakes or poles, in compact bush form, about 18 inches high, and produces enormous crops of delicious Beans, which can be as easily gathered as the common garden Bush Beans. They are at least TWO WEEKS EARLIER than any of the climbing Limas. This fact alone would stamp it as the most valuable novelty of recent years, but when in addition to this, we realize that it is a true BUSH BEAN, requiring no supports, some idea of its great value can be realized. HENDERSON'S BUSH LIMA produces a continuous crop from the time it comes into bearing until frost, and being enormously productive, a very small patch will keep a family supplied all summer. ½ lb., 15c., lb. 25c.

Cleveland's Improved Round Pod Valentine Beans is ten days earlier than the Red Valentine and much more prolific and combines all its good qualities. We recommend this as one of the very best for market gardeners and general cultivation.

**W. R. STRONG COMPANY,**  
**WHOLESALE FRUIT AND**

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**Produce**

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**Merchants**

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**Packers and Forwarders,**

**In Carload Lots, to Eastern, Southern and  
 Interior Markets.**

Having been engaged in this business for many years, and being the oldest house and largest shippers on the Pacific Coast, our advantages are unrivaled, for the disposal of California Fruits and Products in the great marts of their consumption.

Our arrangements with the leading Fruit and Produce Growers are very extensive, and we know we can be of the largest advantage to both the producer and consumer.

**WE KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND, IN THEIR SEASON,**

**A FULL STOCK OF TROPICAL FRUITS,**

**AS WELL AS OF CALIFORNIA GROWTH. ALSO**

**Canned Goods, Machine and Sun-Dried Fruits, Butter, Cheese.**

**NUTS, HONEY, ETC.**

Having business connections with the largest and best Canneries of the State, we are able to fill all orders at the lowest rates.

No effort shall be spared to give satisfaction.

By fair dealing and close attention to the wants of our customers, we are determined to merit the confidence of the public in the future, as we believe we have in the past.

**COLD STORAGE.**

We have the largest Cold Storage House or Refrigerator on the Coast. It is used to preserve consignments of butter, eggs, and other perishable products consigned to us, and we can assure shippers of butter, eggs, cheese, dressed poultry, etc., that the same will be well cared for if sent to us.

**W. R. STRONG COMPANY,**  
 SACRAMENTO, CAL.

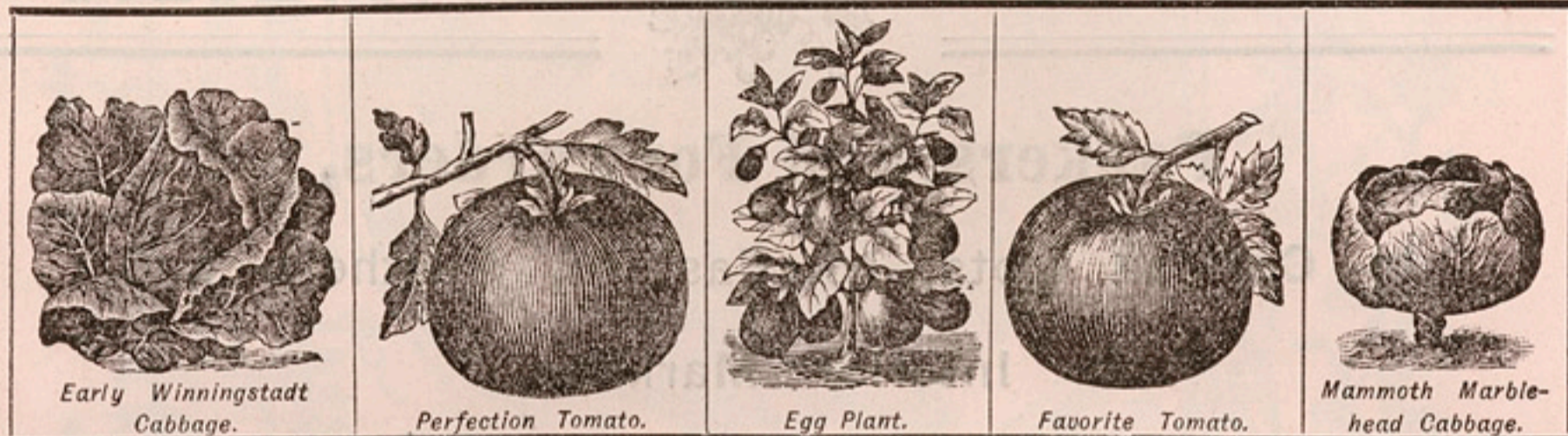
# W. R. STRONG COMPANY

## SPECIAL LIST OF

### Vegetable Plants ~~AND~~ Esculent Roots.

Several seasons ago we added to our list of specialties, the growing of vegetable plants; with each year our demand has so increased that we have been obliged to put a larger area under glass for the purpose of forwarding the plants for the benefit of our customers wishing to plant early.

On most of the varieties listed below we have grown our own seeds realizing the importance to our customers of obtaining the very best to be had, many seeds have been greatly improved by saving seed from the finest specimens of vegetables. We can safely say our plant establishment is the most complete on the Coast.



Asparagus Roots, Conovers Colossal, 2 years old.....\$1.50 per 100.  
Special prices on large lots.  
Artichokes, Jerusalem tubers.....\$5 00 per 100 lbs.  
Hop Roots.....\$1.50 per 100, \$10.00 per 1,000.

#### Cabbage Plants.

Ready about December 1st.

	Per 100.	Per 1,000.
Early Winningstadt.....	\$0 40	\$3 00
Early Summer.....	40	3 00
Early Ox Heart.....	40	3 00
Large Flat Dutch.....	40	3 00
Large Late Drumhead.....	40	3 00

#### Cauliflower Plants.

Ready about December 1st.

	Per 100.
Early Snowball.....	\$1 00
Early Paris.....	1 00
Late Dutch.....	1 00

#### Egg Plants.

Ready in March and April.

	Per doz.	Per 100.
New York Purple.....	\$0 25	\$2 00
Black Pekin.....	25	2 00

#### Pepper Plants.

Ready in March and April.

	Per doz.	Per 100.
Large Bell.....	\$0 25	\$2 00
Sweet Mountain.....	25	2 00

#### Rhubarb Roots.

2 and 3 years old.

Per doz.

Mammoth Linneaus.....	\$3 00
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Special prices on lots of 100.

#### Celery Plants.

Ready in March.

	Per doz.	Per 100.
Large White Solid.....	\$0 25	\$1 00
White Plume.....	25	1 00

#### Horse Radish Roots.

Per 100.....	\$.....
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#### Onion Sets.

Scarce. Prices on application.

#### Sweet Potato Plants.

Ready March 1st.

	Per 100.	Per 1000.
Yellow Carolina.....	\$0 50	\$4 00

We grow immense quantities of these plants and shall be prepared to supply all orders at short notice.

#### Tomato Plants. Ready about March 1st.

Put up in boxes of 50 to 100 plants each. We make a specialty of tomato plants, and can always supply in their season well grown stalky plants of the best known varieties.

All seed of Perfection, Sacramento Favorite, Livingston Beauty, Dwarf Champion, Mikado, New Boss, Etc., grown by ourselves and Seed, is of choicest selection.

#### Special New Kinds.

ACME, MIKADO, SELECTED, PERFECTION, NEW DWARF CHAMPION, NEW BOSS, LIVINGSTON BEAUTY, SACRAMENTO FAVORITE.

Per dozen, 20 cents. Per 100, \$1.00.

#### Special Prices.

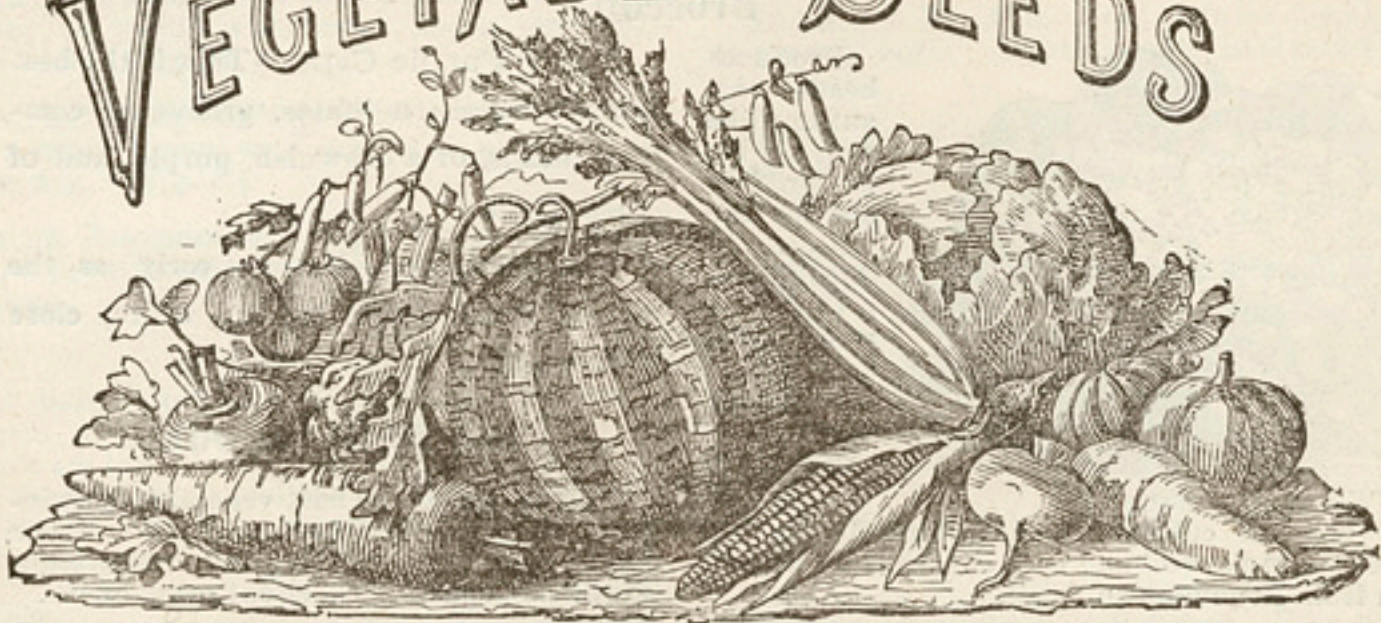
On all kinds of plants furnished on application on all orders aggregating from 1,000 to 10,000 plants. In all cases we will ship plants by express in small quantities, unless otherwise ordered.

**W. R. STRONG COMPANY.**

# W. R. STRONG COMPANY'S

DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF

## VEGETABLE SEEDS



We examine all new varieties of vegetables, etc., but do not include them in our list unless they are proved, after thorough test, to be of superior excellence. We have no hesitation in saying that our Seeds cannot be excelled in quality and freshness by any other collection.

The following list will cover all varieties needed for successful gardening:

### Artichoke.

**Culture**—Sow in seed bed early in spring, in drills twelve inches apart. When one-year-old transplant to permanent bed spaded deep, and dressed with rotten manure, ashes and a little salt, then plant them about two feet apart. The edible portion is the undeveloped flower heads, which should be used before they begin to open, and then cut to the ground, for if the flowers expand they weaken the plants. In the fall cover with manure which should be spaded in the following spring, taking care not to injure the plants. The crop is the largest and best the second year, after which the bed should be renewed by seed or suckers.



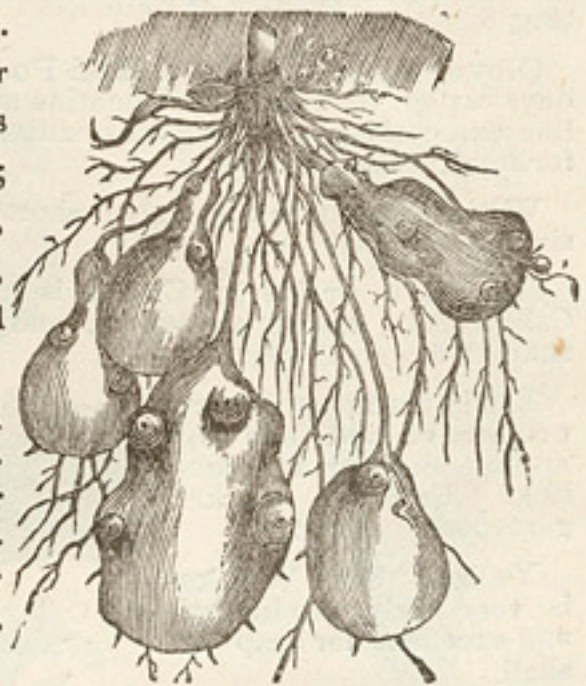
Globe Artichoke.

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### Large Globe.

—the best sort for general use. Buds large nearly round; scales deep green, shading to purple, very thick and fleshy.

**Jerusalem.**—A hardy and productive plant, used for pickling and feeding stock. Strong tubers. Per 100 lbs. \$5 00.



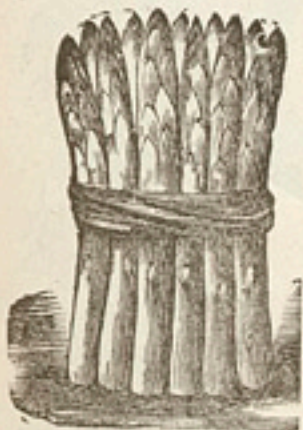
Jerusalem.

### Asparagus.

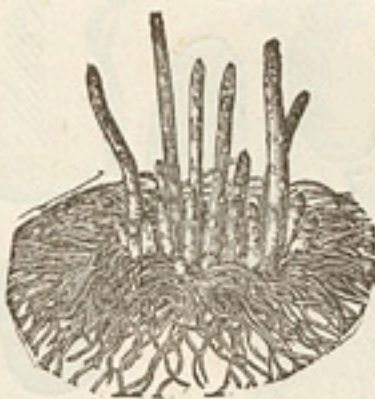
Asparagus is one of the earliest spring vegetables and would be in universal use were it not for the prevalent idea that it is difficult to grow it. There is no vegetable on our list that can be produced so cheaply and easily. It delights in a moist, sandy soil, but can be grown in any garden by following the directions. A bed 12x40 feet requiring 75 to 100 plants, give an abundant supply for an ordinary family.

**Culture.**—Beds are usually formed by setting plants one or two years old, which can be procured of us. If you wish to grow them yourself, prepare a light, rich spot early in the spring, and after soaking the seed twenty-four hours in warm water, sow in drills one foot apart.

When the plants are well up, thin two or three inches in the row, and give frequent and thorough cultivation during the summer. The plants will be fit to set the next spring. The permanent beds should be prepared by deep spading, working in a large quantity of rotted manure. Dig trenches four feet apart and twelve to eighteen inches deep, and spade in at least four inches of well rotted manure in the bottom. Set the plants two feet apart in this trench and cover with two inches of fine soil. After the plants are well started give frequent and thorough cultivation, and draw a little earth in the trenches at each hoeing until they are filled. Early the next spring spade in a dressing of manure, and one quart of salt to



Giant Colossal Asparagus.



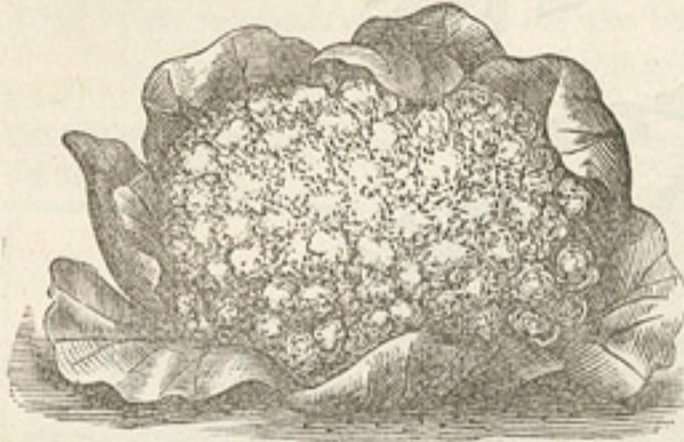


each square rod, and cultivate well until the plants begin to die down. The bed may be cut one two or three times, all the short shoots above the surface should be cut, and after final cutting, give a good dressing of manure, ashes and salt. Ever after that, the bed should give a full crop if annually dressed with manure, ashes and salt. As soon as the tops are ripe and yellow they should be cut and burned.

**Conover's Colossal.**—A mammoth sort frequently sending up fifteen to thirty sprouts from one to one and a half inches in diameter from a single plant, and spreading less than most sorts. Color deep green; quality good.

**Palmetto.**—It is of very large size, even and regular in growth and appearance. It is a very early sort and highly recommended by Southern market men.

**Broccoli.**



White Cape Broccoli.

sow in a hot-bed and cultivate as early Cauliflower. It succeeds best in a moist soil and cool climate; can be had in perfection from November to April.

Produces heads in autumnlike a Cauliflower. Sow about the middle of April; transplant in rich soil and manage as winter Cabbage.

For an early crop

**Early Purple Cape.**—This is the best for the Northern States, producing compact heads, of a brownish purple, and of good flavor.

**White Cape.**—Not as early as the above; heads large, creamy white; close and certain to head.

**Brussels Sprouts.**

This is one of the best vegetables for winter use, producing from the axils of the leaves an abundance of sprouts resembling small cabbages, of excellent mild flavor.



Brussels Sprouts.

**Beans.**

One pound will plant 50 feet of drill; 80 pounds one acre in drill.

DWARF SNAPS OR STRINGLESS.

All varieties of this class are tender, and do best in rather dry, light soil, and should not be planted till the ground is warm and can continue at intervals throughout the season. Plant 3 inches deep, in rows 2 feet apart. Keep well hoed, drawing the earth up to the stems while dry.

**Early Improved Red Valentine** is one of the very best leading sorts. Pods are round, fleshy and tender, and remain longer in a green state than most varieties. (Fig 8.)

**Cleveland's Improved Red Pod Valentine** is ten days earlier than the Red Valentine and much more prolific and combines all its good qualities. One of the best for market and gardeners.

**White Valentine** is a good short snap, and also desirable as a shell bean.

**Red Eye, or Early China** is largely cultivated in California by market gardeners, and is good either as a snap or dry shell bean.

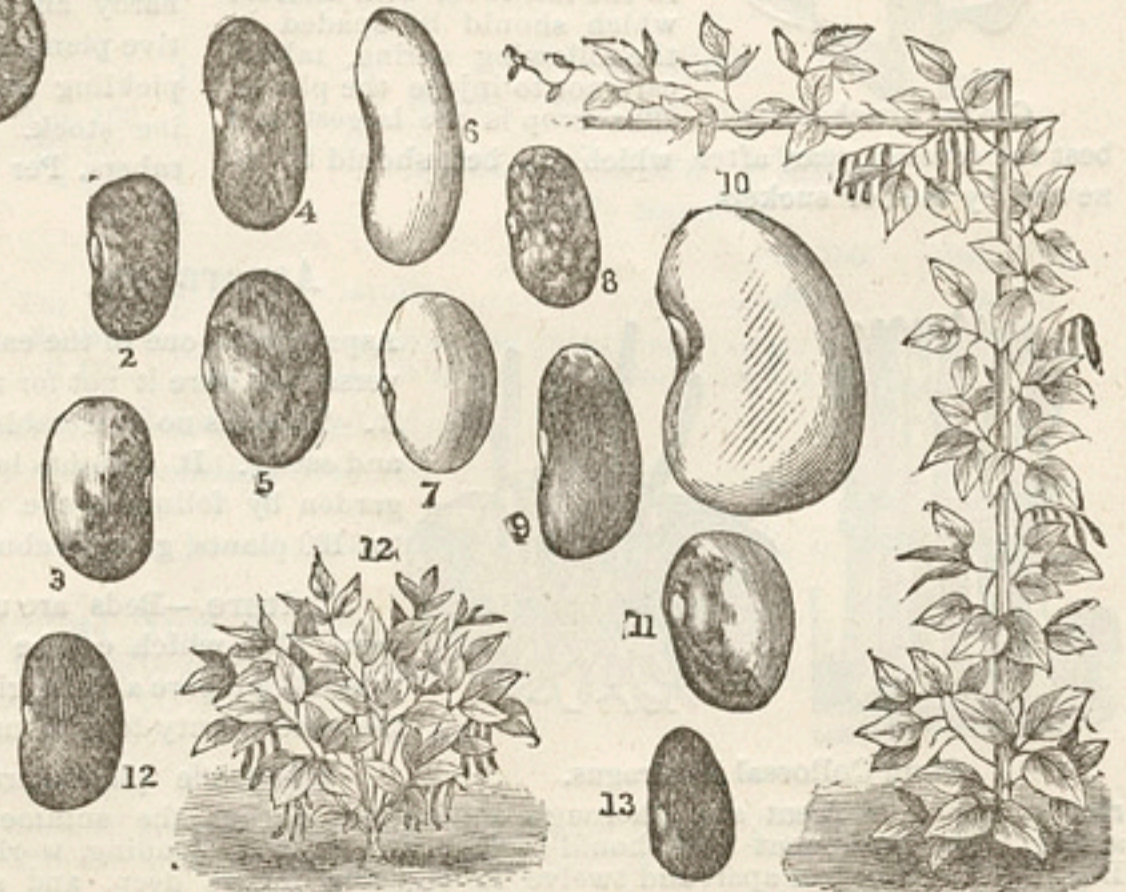
**Early Refugee** is very productive and fine for spring snaps or for pickling. Used by market gardeners. (Fig. 2.)

**Yellow Six Weeks** is very early, productive and excellent for snap or shell.

**White Kidney, or Royal Dwarf** is an excellent green shell bean, and one of the best for baking. (Fig. 6.)

**Golden Wax.** This variety is quite early. Pods are long, brittle and entirely stringless, and of rich buttery flavor, and one of the very best for our Market Gardeners. (Fig. 3.)

**German, or Black Wax** is one of the best. Pods are of rich, waxy yellow when fit for use, and very tender and delicious. (Fig. 13.)



**Beans. POLE, OR RUNNING.** 1 pound to 75 hills.

These are generally more tender than dwarf kinds, and should not be planted till the ground becomes warm. Set poles about 4 feet apart, and pinch off the tops when they grow higher than the poles. They succeed best in sandy loam mixed with well rotted compost to each hill.

## Spinach.

One ounce will sow 100 feet of drill; ten pounds required for one acre.

Spinach is very hardy, extremely wholesome, and makes most delicious greens, and is of the easiest culture. Sow in drills one foot apart, and commence thinning out the plants as soon as the leaves are an inch wide. Cut before hot weather, or it will become tough and stringy. For early Spring use, the seed should be sown early in the Autumn; and the plants protected through the winter by a slight covering of leaves or straw.

**Round Thick Leaved** Leaves large, thick and fleshy; the variety generally grown for market, and equally good for Spring or Fall sowing.



Round Thick Leaved Spinach.

**Round Leaved Viroflay.**

A splendid variety, with leaves long and broad, round, thick and fleshy, dark green. Young plants transplanted into a rich soil will grow to an enormous size.



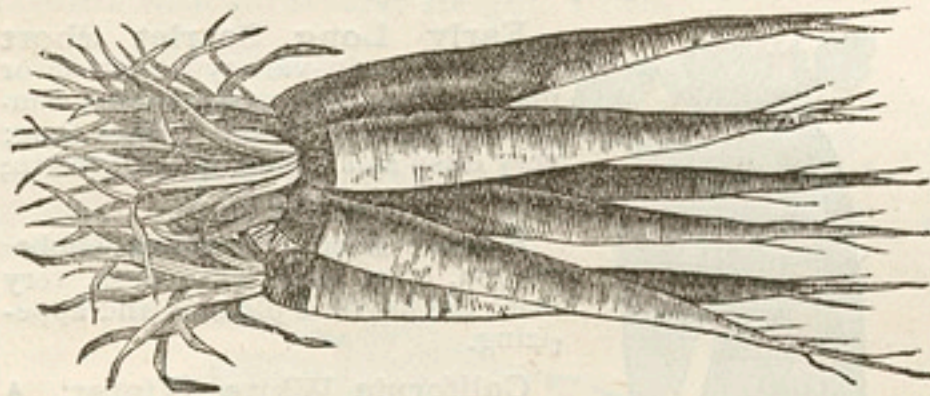
Long Standing Spinach.

**Long Standing.** An improved strain; stands three weeks longer without going to seed than any variety we know of. This valuable property will be appreciated by market gardeners.

**Prickly, or Fall.** Best suited for Fall planting, as it is the hardiest variety and will withstand the severest weather with only a slight protection of leaves or straw. The seed is prickly, leaves triangular, oblong or arrow-shaped.

**Savoy Leaved.** A very hardy and productive sort; leaves handsomely curled; a valuable variety for market or family use.

## Salsify or Vegetable Oyster.



Salsify.

Long, white, tapering roots, resembling somewhat the small white parsnip, and when cooked, have a flavor similar to oysters. Cultivate same as Parsnips.

**Large White.** The standard variety; tender and very fine.

**Scorzonera, or Black Oyster Plant.** Similar to the White Salsify, save in color.

## Squashes.

Squashes should be planted in a warm, light, rich soil, after the weather has become settled and warm. Plant in well-manured hills, in the same manner as Cucumbers and Melons—the bush varieties three or four feet apart each way, and the running kinds six to eight feet. Eight to ten seeds should be sown in each hill, thinning out, after they have attained their rough leaves and danger from bugs is over leaving three or four of the strongest plants per hill.

**Early Yellow Bush Scallop.** An early, flat, scallop-shaped variety; color yellow; flesh pale yellow and well flavored; very productive; used when young and tender.

**Early White Bush Scallop.** Similar to the preceding, except in color, which is white.

**Summer Crookneck.** One of the best; very early and productive. It is small, crooked neck, covered with warty excrescences; color bright yellow; shell very hard when ripe.



Boston Marrow.

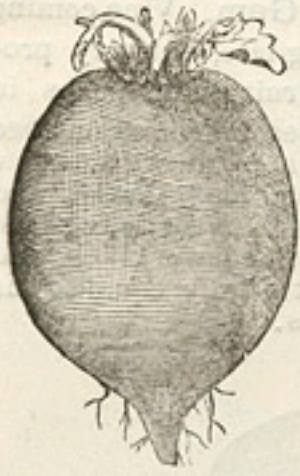
**Boston Marrow.** A fall and winter variety, very popular. Of oval form; skin thin; when ripe, bright orange mottled with light cream color; flesh rich salmon yellow, dry, fine grained, and for sweetness and excellence, unsurpassed.

**Cocoanut.** Very prolific, producing six to twelve on a vine. Outer color light yellow, the bottom of the fruit being of a rich green hue. Quality first-class.



Hubbard Squash.

**Hubbard.** This is a superior variety, and the best winter squash known; flesh bright orange yellow, fine grained, very dry, sweet and rich flavored; keeps perfectly good throughout the winter; boils or bakes exceedingly dry, and is esteemed by many to be as good baked as the sweet potato.



Early White Egg.



Long White, or Cow Horn.

**Early Snowball.** Small, solid, sweet and crisp, and also of remarkably quick growth.

**Early White Stone.** An English garden variety; round in shape; firm, of quick growth, medium size; very desirable.

**Improved Purple Top Yellow Ruta Baga.** The best variety of Swedish Turnip in cultivation; hardy and productive; flesh yellow, of solid texture; sweet and well flavored; shape slightly oblong, terminating abruptly, with no side or bottom roots; color, deep purple above, and bright yellow under the ground; leaves small, light green, with little or no neck, the most perfect in form, the richest in flavor, and the best in every respect.

**Laing's Improved.** One of the large sorts; productive and good size, sweet, firm, very hardy; excellent for table or stock feeding.

**Sweet German.** This variety is very popular in many sections. It partakes largely of the nature of the Ruta Baga, and should be sown a month earlier than the flat turnips. The flesh is white, hard, firm and sweet, and it keeps nearly as well as the Ruta Baga. Highly recommended for winter and spring use.

## Tomatoes.

One ounce for 1,500 plants;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. (to transplant) for an acre.

This vegetable is now one of the most important of garden and market products. The seed may be sown in a hot-bed, greenhouse, or where a temperature of not less than 60 degrees is kept. When the plants are about two inches high they should be set out in boxes three inches deep. When safe from frost, plants may be set in the open ground. They are planted for early crops on light, sandy soil, at a distance of 4 feet apart, in hills. Water freely at the time of transplanting, and shelter from the sun a few days until the plants are established. Tomatoes will always produce greater crops and be of better flavor when staked up or when trained against walls or fences.

**General Grant.** A very early sort; fair sized, but not as smooth as the later sorts.

**Hathaway's Excelsior.** Vines large and vigorous, fruit medium size, smooth, apple-shaped; dark, rich color when ripe; quite early, a favorite Southern sort.

**Early Conqueror.** A well-known standard sort, medium in size, irregular in shape, flattened and slightly corrugated; color scarlet-crimson.

**Livingston's Perfection.** Very large and early; blood-red; perfectly smooth; thick meat; few seeds; a good shipping sort; really one of the best of all the Livingston tomatoes of which we now have so many strains.



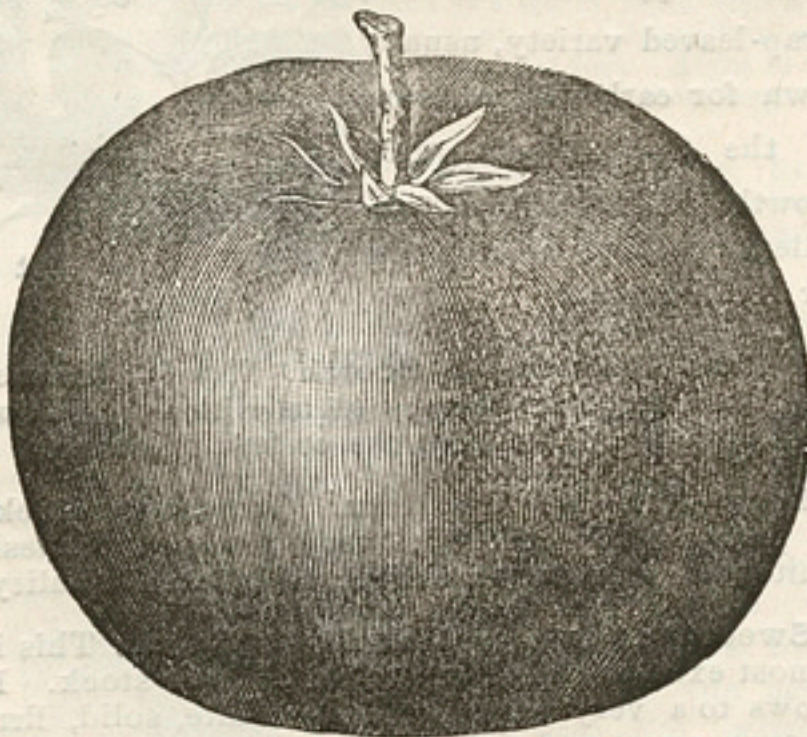
**Optimus Tomato.** A variety that should be placed in the front rank among early Tomatoes. In all trials it is found remarkably early, in that respect being fully the equal of or superior to the "Mikado." Optimus is a very smooth variety, uniform in size, and shape, ripens evenly, and is of a bright red color. The flesh is scarlet crimson, very solid, of good flavor and entirely free from core. The fruit is usually produced in clusters of five.

**Mayflower.** Very early and productive; very large; splendid shape; perfectly smooth; bright red; and ripens uniformly to the stem.

**The Mikado.** One of the earliest and of the largest size. Perfectly solid and of unsurpassed quality. The Mikado differs from all tomatoes in its immense size. They are produced in great clusters and are perfectly solid, generally smooth, but occasionally irregular. The color, is purplish red, like that of the Acme; while it has all the solidity that characterizes the Trophy. It is not unusual for single fruit to weigh from one pound to one and a half pounds each. Its earliness is a remarkable feature in so large a tomato, and adds to its value. Whether for slicing or for cooking purposes the quality is excellent. The foliage of Mikado Tomato will show the distinctiveness of the variety.



Mikado.



Sacramento Favorite.

**Sacramento Favorite.** Is one of the very best; large size, smooth as an apple, firm and handsome; dark red and fine for market and shipping.

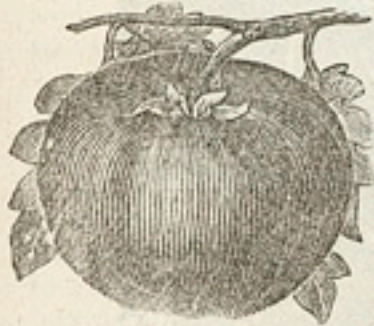
**Livingston's Favorite.** One of the most perfect shaped tomatoes grown; very smooth; darker than the perfection; ripens evenly and quite early; is noted for its shipping qualities.



Acme.

Acme. Very productive; form round; very smooth and uniform; delicious in flavor; possesses good shipping qualities.

Paragon. Medium size; color dark red; ripens evenly; very solid; largely used for canning.



Cardinal.

Cardinal. This is a beautiful tomato, being of a brilliant cardinal red, very glossy looking when ripe; the flesh of the same brilliant color; ripens evenly through, having no hard, green core, like many others; in shape it is round and smooth and solid.

Early, Large, Smooth Red. Standard market variety; skin bright scarlet; good size, good quality, ripens early.

Yellow Plum. Bright yellow in color; round and regular in shape; useful for preserves.

Livingston's Beauty. It is extra early, growing in clusters of four or five; glossy crimson, partaking of some of the characteristics of the Acme; solid; retains its color and size until late in the season. See Specialties.



Trophy, selected.

Trophy, Selected. One of the best standard varieties; fruit large, smooth, bright red, solid and good flavor; unsurpassed for all purposes.

Strawberry also called Ground Cherry. Small fruit used for preserves. We can recommend this little favorite.

## POT, SWEET, AND MEDICAL HERBS.

Herbs, in general, delight in rich, mellow soil. Sow the seeds early in the spring in shallow drills, 1 foot apart; when up a few inches, thin out at proper distances, or transplant. No garden is complete without a few sweet, aromatic or medical herbs for flavoring soups, meats, etc., and care should be taken to harvest them properly. This should be done on a dry day just before they come into full blossom; then dry quickly in the shade, pack close in dry boxes or vessels, so as to exclude the air.

Anise. Used for garnishing and flavoring.  
 Angelica, Garden. Supposed to have medical virtues.  
 Arnica. Has medical qualities.  
 Balm. Used for tea or balm wine; height, 1 foot.  
 Belladonna. Used in medicine.  
 Boneset. Has medical qualities.  
 Basil, Sweet. Used for soups, stews and sauces; 1 foot.  
 Bene. Used medicinally; 18 inches.  
 Borage. Excellent for bees, etc., 3 feet.  
 Caraway. For confectionery and medicine, also flavoring; 2 feet.  
 Catnip. Has medical qualities.  
 Coriander. Grown for its seed, also for garnishing; 2 feet.  
 Cumin. Good for pigeons, etc.  
 Dill. The leaves are used in soups, sauces and pickles; also the seed for flavoring; 3 feet.  
 Elecampane. Has tonic expectorant qualities.  
 Fennel Sweet. The leaves are ornamental; when boiled they are used in fish sauces; 6 feet.

Hoarhound. Used medicinally; 2 feet.  
 Lavender. An aromatic medicinal herb; 2 feet.  
 Marigold, Pot. For flavoring and medicine; 1 foot.  
 Opium Poppy. (White Seeded.) Used medicinally; 3 feet.  
 Pennyroyal. Has medicinal qualities.  
 Rosemary. Yields an aromatic oil and water, and largely in use.  
 Rue. Said to have medicinal qualities.  
 Saffron. Used in medicine and also in dyeing.  
 Sage. The tender leaves and tops are used in sausages, stuffing and sauces; 18 inches.  
 Savory, Summer. For seasoning purposes; 1 foot.  
 Savory, Winter. For same use as the above.  
 Tansy. For medicinal use; 3 feet.  
 Thyme, Broad-leaved English. Used as a seasoning.  
 Wormwood. Used medicinally, beneficial for poultry, and should be planted in poultry yards.

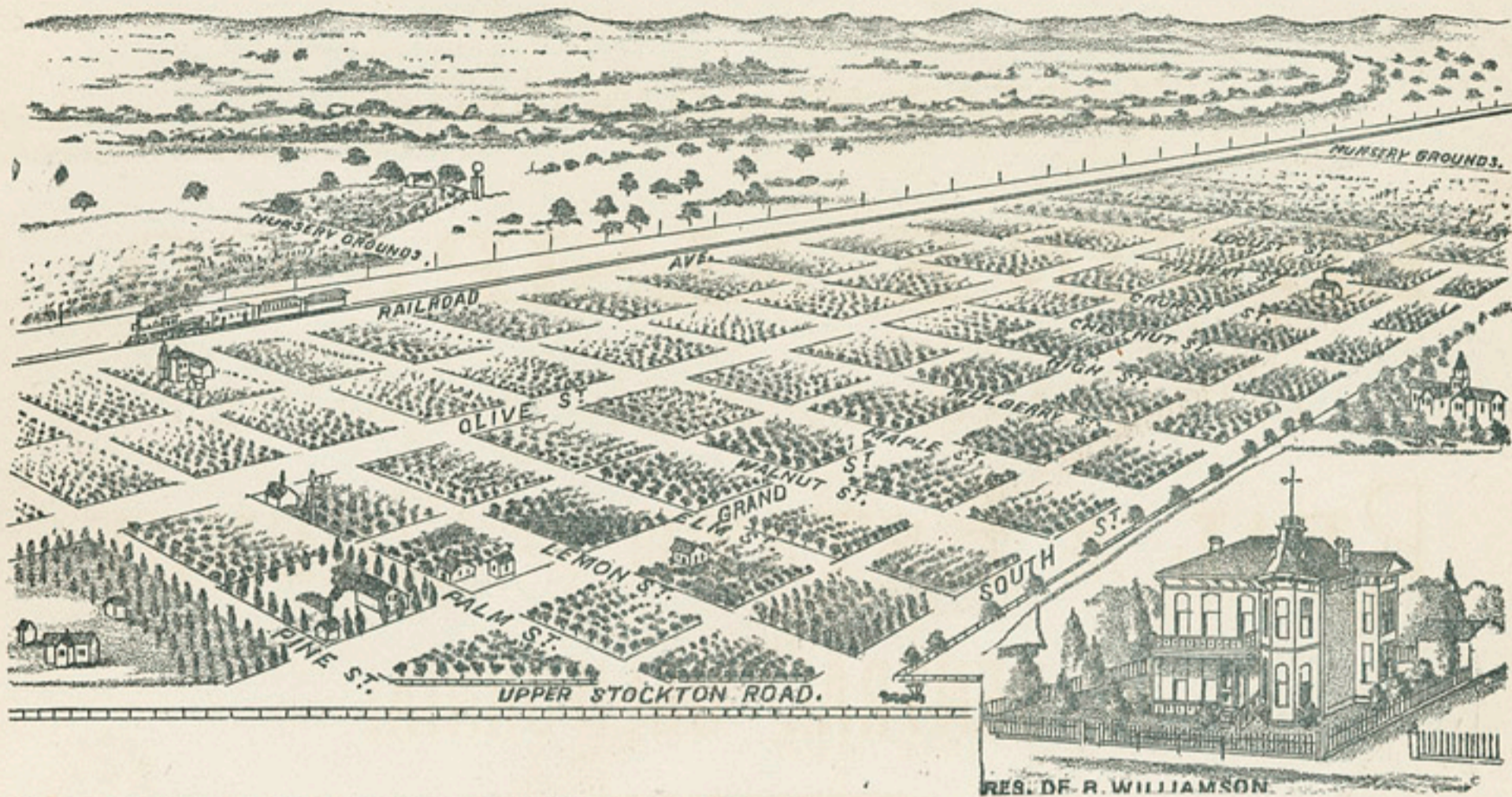
## SEEDS FOR FAMILY GARDENS.

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2 " Lettuce.	1 " Muskmelon.
1 " Onions.	1 " Watermelon.
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1 " Parsnip.	1 " Squash.
2 " Peas.	3 " Radish.
1 " Tomatoes.	2 " Turnips.

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W. R. STRONG COMPANY TRACT, EAST SACRAMENTO.

The above is a cut of 130 acres of land we own and have been using in our Nursery Department for the growing of Fruit and Nursery Stock.

It has been planted in orchard trees, etc., most of which will be in full bearing the coming season, and are of the best and most marketable varieties. The soil is superior, and water for irrigation and domestic use abundant, and of best quality. The yield of fruit for market the coming season on some of the blocks, will nearly, if not quite, equal the valuation of the land. No property in the vicinity of Sacramento is more desirable for pleasant and healthy suburban homes, or that will grow into value faster.

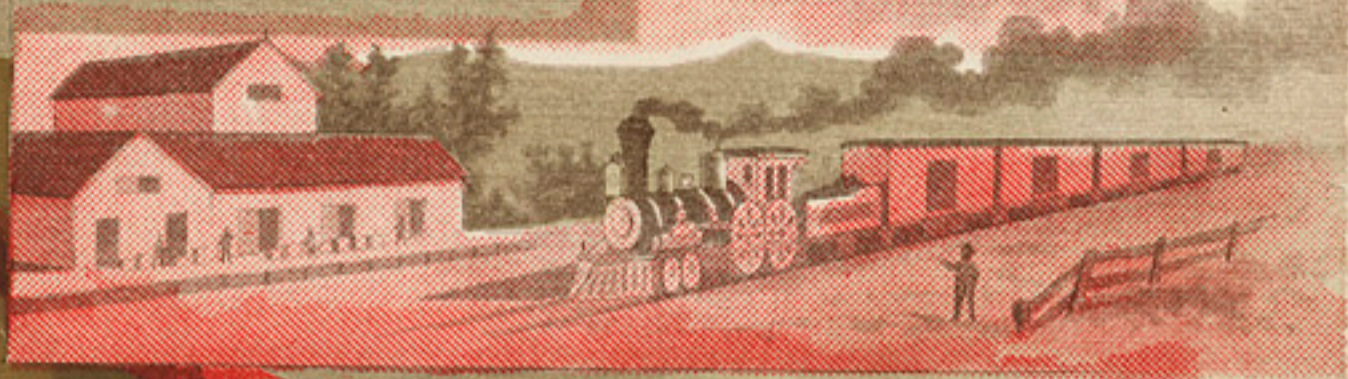
This property is now surveyed and made into blocks corresponding with the streets of the city, containing from three and one-third to four and one-half acres, and will thus be sold in quantities to suit. Being just outside of Sacramento, it is free from City taxation, while enjoying all of its advantages. The S. P. and S. V. R. R. passes its whole length, with an R. R. Station within two minutes walk, and the Electric City Cars, are within ten minutes walk, and will doubtless, as population increases, be extended through its grand avenue.

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